

# **OHD Respirator Fit Testing User Guide**

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**OHD Respirator Fit Testing** 



#### **Breathe Easy**

A Comprehensive Guide to Respirator Fit Testing

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- Hunter Strickler
- October 2024

#### What is a Respirator Fit Test?

The use of a protocol to evaluate the fit of a respirator on an individual

Verifies training and identifies the specific make, model, style, and size of respirator best suited for each employee

### Why Fit Test?

- · Protect the health of employees
- Ensure employees are trained on their mask and their risk
- · Provide employees peace of mind
- · Required by:
  - o OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134
  - ANSI Z88.10 2010
  - · ISO 16975-2017

- HSE INDG479
- INRS ED 6273
- AS/NZS 1715



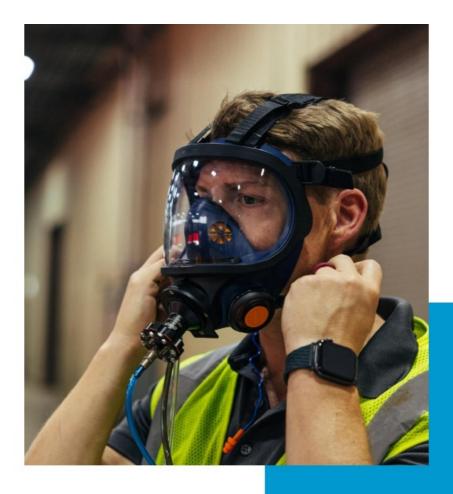






#### **Who Can Fit Test?**

- Competent Individual?
- Qualified Individual?
- Program Administrator?
- Anyone?



#### **Accreditation Schemes**





## How About a Repeat Test? When the wearer

- Loses or gains significant weight (+/- 20lbs or 9kg)
- Undergoes any substantial dental work
- Develops any facial changes (scars, moles, etc.) around the face seal area
- At the regulated time interval (typically annually)



# **Qualitative Fit Testing (QLFT)**

- Relies on the wearer to detect leakage
- Pass/Fail Test
- Typically limited to half mask respirators
- Uses a machine to measure leakage
- Provides a fit factor
- Can be used on any respirator

#### **Two Most Common Methods of QNFT**

# **CNP**

- OHD Quantifit & QuantiFit2
- Air is the challenge agent
- Carried out by replacing filters with fit test adapters
- Uses a Controlled Negative Pressure to directly measure respirator leakage

# **Ambient Aerosol CNC**

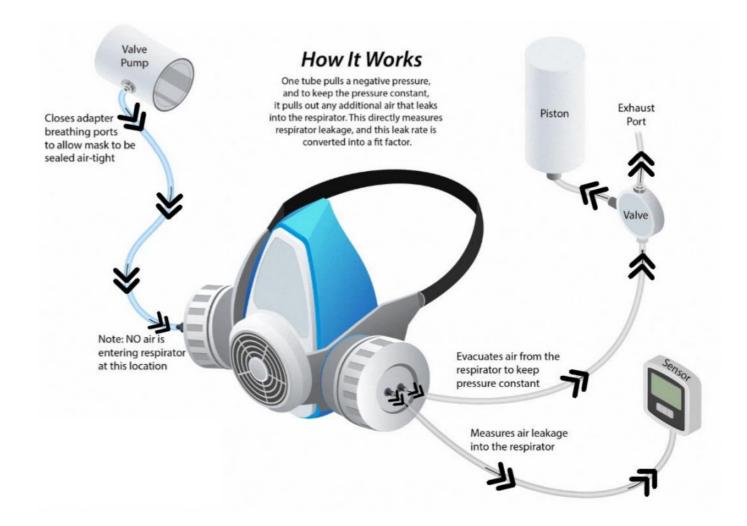
- OHD AeroFit
- Aerosol is the challenge agent
- Carried out by probing the respirator
- Calculates the ratio of external particles to the particles in the mask



#### **Controlled Negative Pressure**

- Uses Controlled Negative Pressure technology directly related to a scientifically validated modelled breathing rate to measure respirator leakage.
- Respirator must be equipped with fit test adapters.
- The idea is that once a controlled pressure is achieved within the respirator facepiece, any air that is removed is the result of leakage.
- CNP precisely measures leak rate in cc/min after a series of exercises.
- The ratio of this leak rate to the modelled breathing rate is the Fit Factor.





#### **CNP**

#### **Benefits**

- No Environmental Requirements
- Highly Portable
- Battery power

#### Limitations

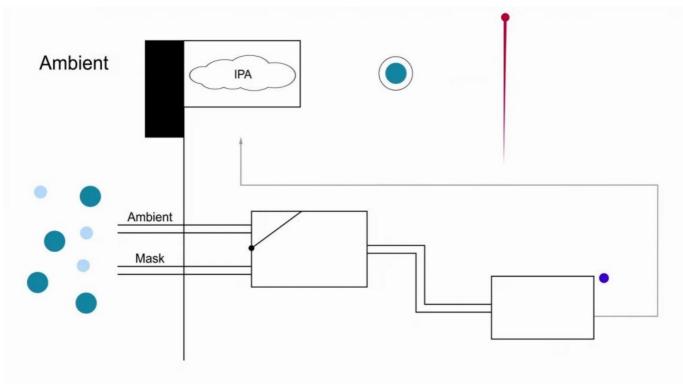
Cannot fit test Filtering Facepiece Respirators



#### **Condensation Nuclei Counting**

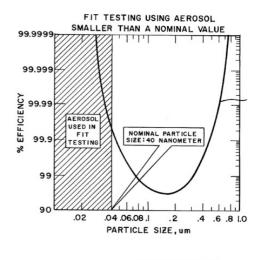
- Uses laser technology to measure aerosol concentrations inside and outside the respirator.
- Respirator must be equipped with high efficiency filters.
- The idea is that because few particles penetrate a high efficiency filter, any found inside the respirator can be attributed to face seal leakage.
- Measures the concentration of particular particulates in the respirator while the test subject is performing a series of exercises.
- The ratio of this concentration in the breathing zone to the ambient particulate concentration is the Fit Factor.





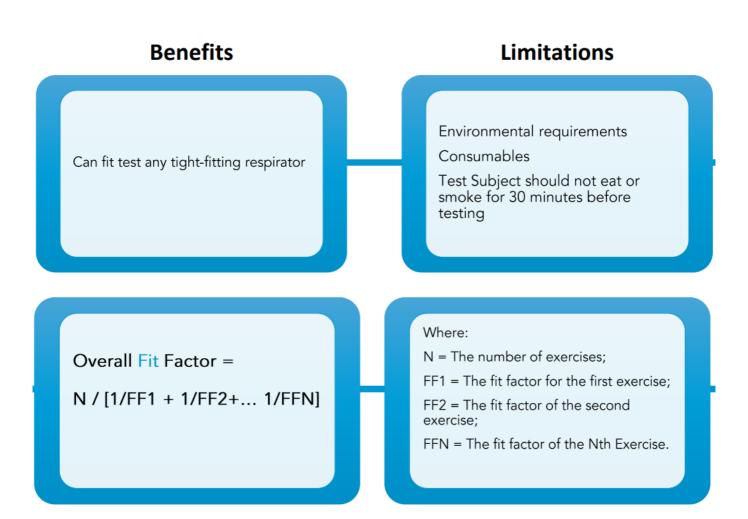
N95/DMA Explanation

Minimum filter efficiency	N series	R series	P series
	Not resistant to oil	Somewhat resistant to oil	Strongly resistant to oil
95%	N95	R95	P95
99%	N99	R99	P99
100% (99.97%)	N100	R100	P100





#### CNC/APC



**Latest Advancements in Respirator Fit Testing** 

**AeroFit Built in Zero Port** 





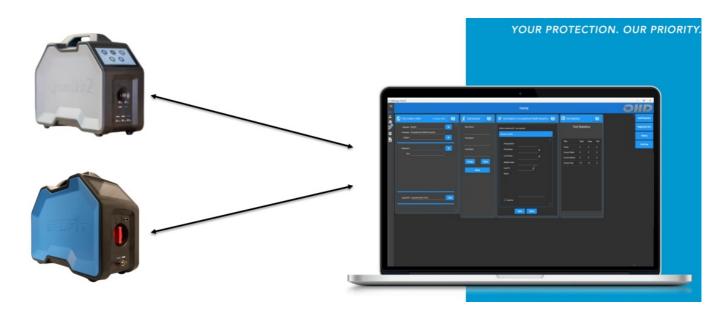
#### **QuantiFit2 – Integrated Valve Prop Adapters**

- Convenience: Eliminates the need to use and keep track of separate, small valve props
- Speed & Efficiency: Reduces setup time for fit testing
- Consistency: Ensures consistent, repeatable results in fit testing by standardizing the valve propping process

#### **QuantiFit2 and AeroFit**

- Can operate in stand-alone mode with virtually unlimited data storage or can operate through OHD Logic software.
- OHD Logic software can operate both the QuantiFit2 (CNP) and AeroFit (CNC) simultaneously out of one fit testing database.

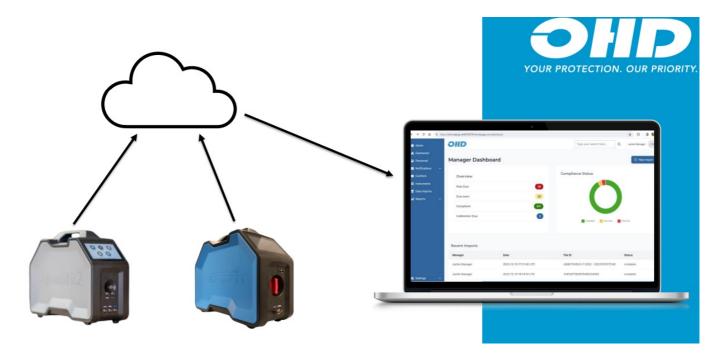
#### One Software, Two Instruments

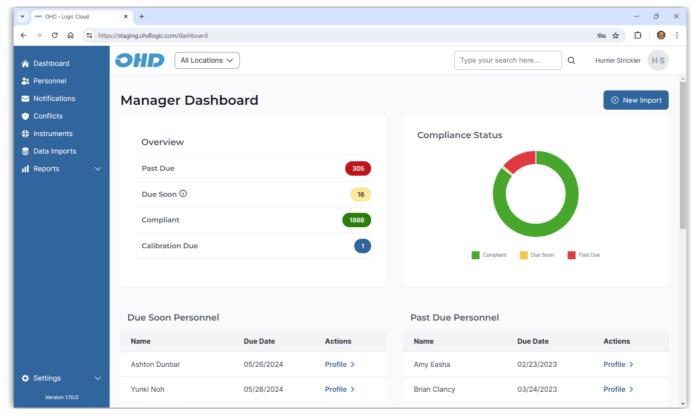


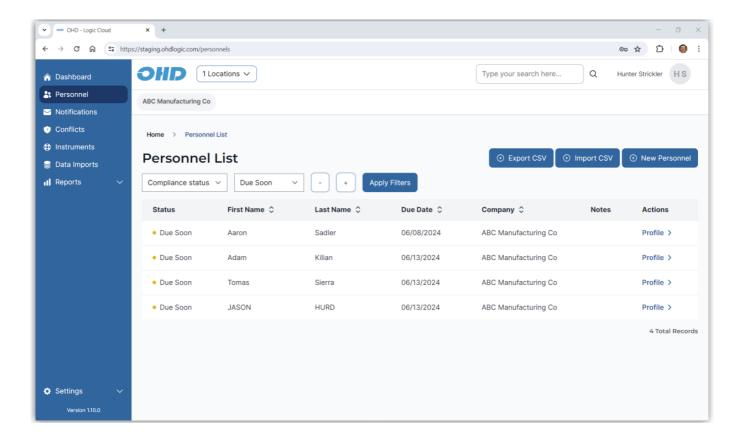
#### **Software Innovations**

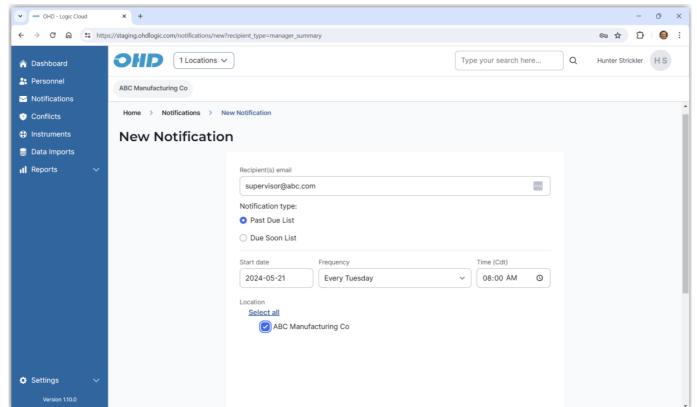


**Logic Cloud Data Flow** 









**Training Innovations** 





#### Introducing: OHD Academy

- How to Use the QuantiFit2 course has received early 5-star reviews
- Designed for individual (not group) training for new Q2 operators
- OHD registers each participant in the platform
- · Certificate is issued upon completion

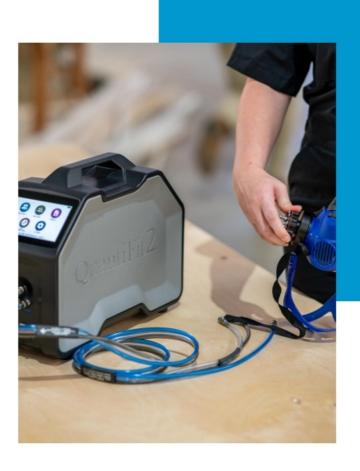


# Which instrument is right for you?



# **Breathe Easy**

With the launch of AeroFit, OHD will be the only respirator fit testing manufacturer with both CNC and CNP technologies.



#### Q&A

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