

Guidance on Obtaining Respirators, Fit Testing, and Employee Training

The following provides an alphabetical list of major companies that manufacture or sell respiratory protection products, their web site addresses, and their toll-free telephone numbers. These companies offer both free and fee-based respirator fit testing and/or training to their customers directly through their company, their distributors, and electronically (e-training).

This list is illustrative, not exhaustive. This list is provided for information only. Listing does not constitute an endorsement on behalf of RCFC or its member companies. Failure to include a company in this list does not mean that RCFC or its members believe that the products or services offered by a nonlisted company are unsatisfactory. RCFC will periodically update this list and respirator manufacturers/distributors are encouraged to provide contact information.

In preparing this list, RCFC gathered information on the geographic distribution of vendors that provide fit testing and training. RCFC found that the most effective means to identify a local provider of the fit testing and training services is through contacting companies directly through their respective toll free phone numbers or web sites. For instance, several of the companies utilize an easy-to-use zip code database to determine whom to contact locally for these services, including on-line maps.

Geographic grouping is complicated by the fact that at least one of the manufacturers services specialty industries and the government separately from other users and employs up to ten local representatives in over ten regions or sectors. In our experience, it is more efficient to contact manufacturers/distributors directly for local contact information.

RCFC has posted this list on its web site <www.RCFC.net> to facilitate customer access. RCFC anticipates that this list will be mailed to customers by its member companies and/or reference to this list may be included in future communications to customers from RCFC member companies.

There is a wealth of respiratory protection information available from many of these companies' web sites. Examples of such information include product catalogs, operating and maintenance instruction manuals, general guidance for establishing respirator programs, OSHA and NIOSH publications, reprints of articles in professional journals, lists of training courses and locations,

frequently asked questions, and links to other useful web sites (e.g., AIHA, ANSI, CDC, NIOSH, and OSHA).

References to the respiratory protection sections of the OSHA and NIOSH websites may also be included with customer communications from RCFC member companies.

Web site addresses change over time and this list will be updated periodically. Customers who experience any difficulty in contacting individual manufacturers are encouraged to inform RCFC or any of its members.

<i>Respirator Manufacturer</i>	<i>Web Site Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
3M	http://www.3m.com/occsafety	1-800-896-4223
AO Safety	http://www.aearo.com/industrial.htm	1-800-444-4774
Gerson	http://www.gersonco.com/	1-800-225-8623
Moldex	http://www.moldex.com/	1-800-421-0668
MSA	http://www.msanet.com/	1-800-MSA-2222
North	http://www.northsafety.com/	1-800-430-4110
Scott	http://www.scottaviation.com/	1-800-247-7257
Survivair	http://www.survivair.com/	1-800-821-7236
Willson	http://www.christiandalloz.com/	1-800-345-4112

A comprehensive list of NIOSH certified respiratory products may be obtained from the NIOSH *National Personal Protection Technology Laboratory* (NPPTL).

NPPTL contact information — mail address:

- National Personal Protection Technology Laboratory, P.O. Box 18070, 626, Cochrans Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Phone: 1-800-356-4674

Web: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/celintro.html>