

NPPTL COVID-19 Response: International Respirator Assessment

Manufacturer: UNKNOWN

Model Tested: KN95

Date Tested: November 23, 2020

This finding pertains to the respirators that were submitted for assessment. The manufacturer is unknown. The packaging and labeling indicate the models tested are KN95. However, the information submitted with this product does not identify a recognized standard.

Ten respirators were submitted for evaluation. The samples were tested using a modified version of NIOSH Standard Test Procedure (STP) TEB-APR-STP-0059. This modified assessment plan can be found [here](#).

No certificate of approval was provided with the samples received; therefore, the authenticity of the claims cannot be validated.

The maximum and minimum filter efficiency was 85.10% and 76.40%, respectively. All ten respirators measured less than 95%.

NIOSH does not have knowledge about the sustained manufacturer quality system and product quality control for this product. NIOSH also does not have knowledge about the product's handling and exposures after leaving its manufacturer's control.

In addition, this product is an ear loop design. Currently, there are no NIOSH-approved products with ear loops; NIOSH-approved N95s have head bands. Furthermore, limited assessment of ear loop designs, indicate difficulty achieving a proper fit. While filter efficiency shows how well the filter media performs, users must ensure a proper fit is achieved.

This assessment is not a part of the NIOSH respirator approval process and will in no way lead to or preclude NIOSH approval through the official approval process. This assessment was developed as an assessment of the filter efficiency for those respirators represented as certified by an international certification authority, other than NIOSH, to support the availability of respiratory protection to US healthcare workers due to the respirator shortage associated with COVID-19. Only particulate filter efficiency was assessed.

The results provided in this letter are specific to the subset of samples that were provided to NPPTL for evaluation.

These results will be used to update the CDC guidance for [Crisis Capacity Strategies \(during known shortages\)](#).

Evaluation of International Respirators

Test: Modified TEB-APR-STP-0059

Date Tested: November 23, 2020

Report Prepared: November 24, 2020

Manufacturer: UNKNOWN

Item Tested: KN95

Country of Certification: UNKNOWN

Pictures have been added to the end of this report.

Filter	Flow Rate (LPM)	Initial Filter Resistance (mmH ₂ O)	Initial Percent Leakage (%)	Maximum Percent Leakage (%)	Filter Efficiency (%)
1	85	6.6	18.2	18.2	81.80
2	85	7.7	19.0	19.0	81.00
3	85	5.4	22.0	22.0	78.00
4	85	7.9	19.2	19.2	80.80
5	85	6.8	14.9	14.9	85.10
6	85	7.2	16.4	16.4	83.60
7	85	7.4	17.0	17.0	83.00
8	85	9.1	17.6	17.6	82.40
9	85	6.2	19.0	19.0	81.00
10	85	7.5	23.6	23.6	76.40
Minimum Filter Efficiency: 76.40%			Maximum Filter Efficiency: 85.10%		

- The test method utilized in this assessment is not the NIOSH standard test procedure that is used for certification of respirators. Respirators assessed to this modified test plan do not meet the requirements of STP-0059, and therefore cannot be considered equivalent to N95 respirators that were tested to STP-0059.
- Respirators tested may not be representative of all respirators with the same certification mark. NIOSH has no control over suppliers and distributors of respirators certified by other national or international parties.
- This assessment is not a confirmation that it conforms with any or all of its specifications in accordance with its certification mark.
- This assessment was not a part of the NIOSH approval program. These results do not imply nor preclude a future approval through the NIOSH respirator approval program.

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