

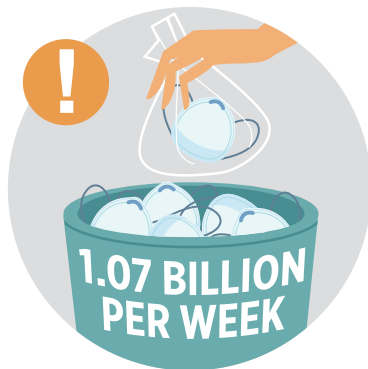
# REUSABLE HALF-MASK RESPIRATORS

## A SAFE SOLUTION TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES WITH DISPOSABLE RESPIRATORS

While disposable masks serve an important role across many industries and various settings to help keep workers safe, they can also present several challenges, especially when it comes to sustainability. While this has long been the case, the COVID-19 pandemic only accelerated the trend to create more waste.

**In fact, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States generated an entire year's worth of medical waste in only two months.<sup>1</sup>**

## CHALLENGES WITH USING DISPOSABLE RESPIRATORS



An estimated **1.07 billion** maximum number of disposable face masks were **thrown away per week** in the U.S. at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>2</sup>



The CDC recommends **reusing one N95** a maximum number of **5 times**.<sup>3</sup>



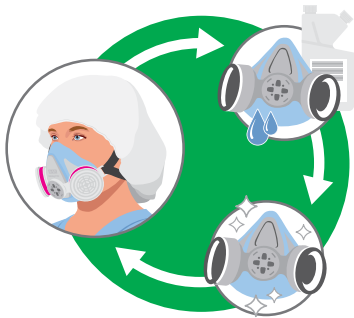
The **average shelf life** for disposable N95 respirators is **3-5 years**.<sup>4</sup>



There is a **23.3% loss of speech intelligibility** while wearing disposable face masks in noisy environments.<sup>5</sup>

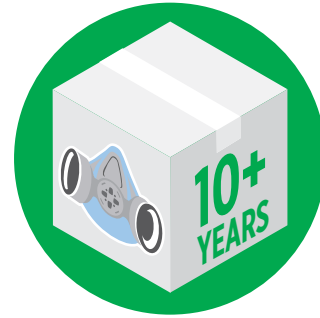
## THE MSA ADVANTAGE® 900 HALF-MASK RESPIRATOR CAN HELP

The Advantage 900 Half-Mask Respirator is an effective solution that provides healthcare professionals and other essential workers with secure respiratory protection. With the elimination of the exhalation valve and addition of the speaking diaphragm, it allows for clearer communication between the wearer and others and is suitable for use when sterile environments are needed.



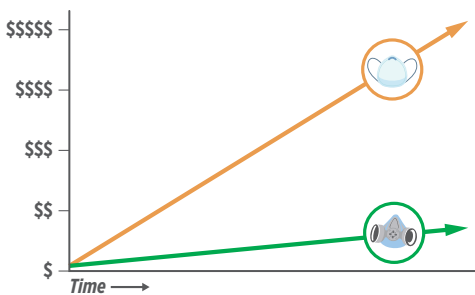
### SUSTAINABLE

Designed to be repeatedly cleaned, disinfected, and placed back into service, helping to eliminate unnecessary waste.



### EXTENDED STORAGE LIFE

Respirators can be stored indefinitely for stockpile purposes. Respirator filters have proven storage time of 10 years.



### COST-EFFECTIVE

A comparative cost analysis found reusable elastomeric respirators to be less costly to stockpile than disposable masks.<sup>6</sup>



[Click here to view our cost calculator](#)



### CLEAR COMMUNICATION

Mechanical speaking diaphragm helps to improve communication among patient and providers. On average, speaking diaphragm provides a 15% increase in speech transmission index (STI) performance compared to other respirators.



# THE MSA ADVANTAGE® 900 HALF-MASK RESPIRATOR

## COMFORT

Available in 3 sizes with straps and head cradle that can be adjusted to individuals for a comfortable fit throughout the day. The AnthroCurve™ face seal helps to provide a pressure-free fit, and rear clasp and drop-down head harness keeps straps away from the user's face.

## P100 LEVEL PROTECTION

Provides more efficient filtration compared to N95 respirators.

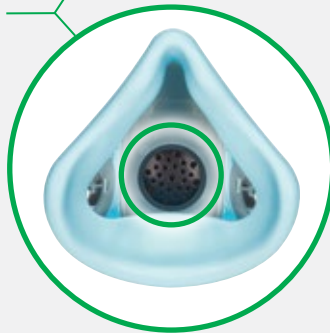


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The addition of the mechanical speaking diaphragm helps to clarify and amplify speech.

## SOURCE CONTROL

The elimination of an exhalation valve achieves source control by filtering exhaled breath to help reduce the likelihood of contaminating the surrounding area.



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