

SCBA Facepiece Maintenance

Many firefighters neglect this most important part of equipment maintenance. Your facepiece separates your lungs, eyes, and respiratory tract from injury. It must be kept and maintained in good order. Review department procedures for routine care and maintenance as well as after use care.



Follow your department procedures and complete a routine cleaning of your SCBA facepiece.

- Inspect for damage
- Check all components
 - Hang to dry

REPORT ANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR SCBA FACEPIECE IMMEDIATELY!

WHAT ARE THE AFTER USE CARE PROCEDURES?



Cleaning

Tools required

- Sponge or soft cloth
- Medium bristle brush
- Cleaning solution
 - Mild soap or detergent
 - Manufacturers product
- Disinfectant
 - Manufactures products or suggestions
 - MSA: Any germicide solution that doesn't contain alcohol
 - Scott: 70% solution Isopropyl alcohol
 - Survivair: 2 tablespoons bleach per gallon of warm water

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Cleaning Warnings

- Do not use agents that contain ammonium chloride
 - Will accelerate deterioration of rubber & parts
- Do not use paper towels on lenses
 - Abrasive and may scratch surfaces

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Cleaning of Mask

- Remove mask from regulator
- Place mask in cleaning solution
- Scrub with sponge/soft cloth or scrub brush
- Rinse with warm, clean running water
 - MSA: Flush exhalation valve by manually opening
 - Survivair: Direct running water into valve
- Place in disinfectant using manuf. recommendations
- Rinse & hang to dry
 - Do not force dry
 - Heater
 - Compressed shop air
 - Dried sunlight
- MSA BMR low pressure hose hang to dry
 - Do not centrifuge hose

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