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SURVIVAIR HEPA FILTER CARTRIDGES – P/N'S 109000, 109100, 109200 & 109300

This SURVIVAIR Technical Bulletin is to inform all SURVIVAIR distributors and end users of the temperature limitations of use and storage of the above referenced SURVIVAIR HEPA filter cartridges.

Exposure of these HEPA Filter Cartridges to temperatures higher than 155°F (68°C) can cause leaks which render the filter element unfit for respiratory protection.

*******WARNING*******

Damage to the HEPA Filter Cartridges caused by exposure to temperatures above 155°F (68°C) CAN NOT be detected by visual inspection. In addition, DO NOT use any filter showing any physical distortion at any time. Use of such damaged cartridges may not provide respiratory protection and may lead to disease, injury or death.

SURVIVAIR HEPA Filter Cartridges must not be stored or used in areas where temperatures exceed 155°F (68°C). SURVIVAIR recommends storage below 120°F.

End users with facilities for retesting HEPA filters may retest SURVIVAIR HEPA filter cartridges and return to service those filter cartridges which meet penetration and resistance requirements. End users without retest facilities must remove from service and destroy any SURVIVAIR HEPA filter cartridge which has been stored or used in an area where temperatures exceed 155°F (68°C).

American National Standard ANSI Z88.2 (1980) "Practices for Respiratory Protection" requires that respirators be stored "in a manner that will protect them against dust, sunlight, heat, extreme cold, excessive moisture, or damaging chemicals." These precautions should also be applied to the storage of respirator components, including cartridges and filters.