



NOVA 3® UI R17

GVS-RPB.COM

Instruction Manual Nova 3® Blasting Respirator

Employers: Read this manual and the flow control device instruction manual and carry out the employer responsibilities (page 8).

Product users: Read this manual and the flow control device instruction manual and follow the product user safety instructions (page 10).

Manuals are regularly updated. Make sure this manual is available to all users for reference.

Current version of manual and other languages: gvs-rpb.com/resources



NIOSH
APPROVED

CONTENTS

■ EXPLANATION OF SIGNAL WORDS AND SYMBOLS	2
■ INTRODUCTION	3
■ IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION	
□ PROTECTION PROVIDED AND LIMITATIONS	4
□ RESPIRATORY COMPONENT DIAGRAM - NIOSH CAUTIONS & LIMITATIONS	6
□ AIR SOURCE, FITTINGS, AND PRESSURE	7
□ EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES	8
□ PRODUCT USER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS	10
□ BREATHING AIR PRESSURE TABLE	13
■ RESPIRATOR SETUP AND CARE	16
■ DONNING AND DOFFING	22
■ STORAGE	24
■ PARTS AND ACCESSORIES	25
■ WARRANTY AND LIABILITY STATEMENT	30

EXPLANATION OF SIGNAL WORDS AND SYMBOLS

The following signal word and safety symbols are used in this manual and product labeling:

⚠ WARNING **WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠ DANGER **DANGER** Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



Read the Instruction Manual.

Additional copies of GVS® manuals can be found at gvs-rpb.com.

GVS® Safety LLC is an ISO9001 certified company.

INTRODUCTION

The NOVA 3® is an advanced heavy industry respirator designed for abrasive blasting and other industrial applications. Additionally, the L4™ light attachment is available to provide light to the work area and the NOVA TALK™ in-helmet communication system allows for hands free radio communication. The NOVA 3® can increase productivity with the advanced tear-off lens system and other innovative features. The NOVA 3 is a NIOSH approved Type CE respirator when used with Supplied Air. The NOVA 3 is a NIOSH approved Type C when used with the PX5® PAPR.

This product must be inspected and maintained in accordance with this instruction manual at all times.

See PROTECTION PROVIDED AND LIMITATIONS (page 4) for details.

GVS SAFETY

Caton Road, Lancaster, Lancashire, UK, LA1 3PE

T: +44 (0)1524 847600 E: gvsuk@gvs.com W: www.gvs.com

GVS SAFETY - USA HEADQUARTERS

2807 Samoset Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073, USA

T: 1-866-494-4599 F: 1-866-494-4509 E: respirators@gvs.com W: www.gvs-rpb.com

Copyright ©2026 GVS Safety, LLC. All rights reserved. All materials contained on this website are protected by United States copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, published or broadcast without the prior written permission of GVS Safety, LLC. You may not alter or remove any trademark, copyright or other notice from copies of the content.

All trademarks, service marks, and logos used in this publication, both registered and unregistered, are the trademarks, service marks, or logos of their respective owners. All rights in the GVS Intellectual Property contained in this publication, including copyright, trademarks, service marks, trade secret, and patent rights are reserved. GVS Intellectual Property means any patent, patented articles, patent applications, designs, industrial designs, copyrights, software, source code, database rights, moral rights, inventions, techniques, technical data, trade secrets, know-how, brands, trademarks, trade names, slogans, logos, and any other common law and proprietary rights, whether registered or unregistered anywhere in the world, that are owned by, developed in whole or in part by, or licensed by GVS Safety, LLC. For technical assistance contact our Customer Service Department at 1-866-494-4599 or email: respirators@gvs.com

Form #: RPB 155

Rev: 17



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

Improper selection, fit, use, or maintenance of this product can result in injury; life threatening delayed lung, skin or eye disease; or death.

This product is intended for occupational use in accordance with applicable standards or regulations for your location, industry, and activity (see Employer Responsibilities, page 8). Familiarity with standards and regulations related to the use of this protective equipment is recommended, even if they do not directly apply to you. If self-employed or if used in a non-occupational setting, refer to Employer Responsibilities and Product User Safety Instructions. Go to gvs-rpb.com/important-safety-information for helpful links to OSHA and other content.

Employers: Read this manual and the air supply device Instruction Manual and carry out the Employer Responsibilities (page 8).

Product users: Read this manual and the air supply device Instruction Manual and follow the Product User Safety Instructions (page 10).

Check website for updates. Product manuals are regularly updated.

Visit gvs-rpb.com/resources for the most recent version of this manual before using the product.

PROTECTION PROVIDED AND LIMITATIONS

RESPIRATION

The GVS NOVA 3 is approved by NIOSH in the categories as follows:

Powered Air

The GVS NOVA 3 Respirator, when properly fitted and used with all required components, including the Breathing Tube Assembly and the GVS PX5 Powered Air Purifying Respirator, is a NIOSH approved Type C powered air purifying respirator with an assigned protection factor of 1000. As such, it significantly reduces, but does not completely eliminate, the breathing of contaminants by the respirator wearer. Specific protection depends on the filter selected for use in the GVS PX5 PAPR (see the PX5 Instruction Manual).

Supplied Air

The GVS NOVA 3 respirator, when properly fitted and used with all required components, including the Breathing Tube Assembly, Flow Control Device, and GVS Breathing Air Line is a NIOSH approved Type CE supplied air respirator with an assigned protection factor of 1000. As such, it significantly reduces, but does not completely eliminate, the breathing of contaminants by the respirator wearer. Use with an airline filter, such as the 04-900 GVS RADEX® Airline Filter. Specific protection depends on the setup of the airline filter (see the GVS RADEX Instruction Manual). The approved Flow Control Devices for this respirator are: NV2016 Flow Control Valve, 4000-01 Cold Air Tube, 4000-20 Hot Air Tube, or the 03-500 C40™ Climate Control Device.



WARNING

OSHA STATES THAT ABRASIVE BLASTING MUST BE DONE WITH A TYPE CE AIRLINE RESPIRATOR. TYPE C RESPIRATORS MUST NOT BE USED FOR ABRASIVE BLASTING.

HAZARD LIMITATIONS

The GVS NOVA 3 Respirator is **NOT FOR USE** if:

- In atmospheres immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH).
- Wearer cannot escape without the aid of the respirator.
- Atmosphere contains less than 19.5% oxygen.
- For protection against hazardous gases (e.g., carbon monoxide).
- Contaminants are in excess of regulations or recommendations.
- Contaminants or contaminant concentrations are unknown.
- Work area is poorly ventilated.
- The temperature is outside the range of 14°F to 140°F (-10°C to +60°C).
- A flammable or explosive atmosphere is present when used with systems including electrical parts that are not intrinsically safe, PX5 PAPR, 09-502 L4 Light, 09-903 NOVA TALK.

FACE AND EYES:

- The NOVA 3 respirator with Inner Lens meets ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 requirements and designed for abrasive blasting, grinding, and other industrial applications.
- The NOVA 3 is not designed or tested to provide protection against molten metals or corrosive liquids.
- **Note:** Safety glasses may be required to be worn depending on the job hazard analysis. The NOVA 3 does not protect against the potential transfer of impact to glasses worn underneath the Visor. It does not provide complete eye and face protection against severe impact and penetration and is not a substitute for good safety practices and engineering controls.

HEAD:

- The NOVA 3 meets the ANSI/ISEA Z89.1 Type 1C requirements for physical head protection as a hard hat. The helmet is design to provide limited head protection by reducing the force of falling objects striking the top of the head. Ensure the helmet is adjusted to properly fit the user by adjusting the head harness and side pads.

HEARING:

- Hearing protection must be worn and properly fitted when exposed to noise levels that exceed the OSHA permissible exposure levels.

RESPIRATOR COMPONENT DIAGRAM - PAPR

The GVS NOVA 3 Type C Powered Air Purifying Respirator consists of 3 main components. All 3 components must be present and properly assembled to constitute a complete NIOSH approved respirator.

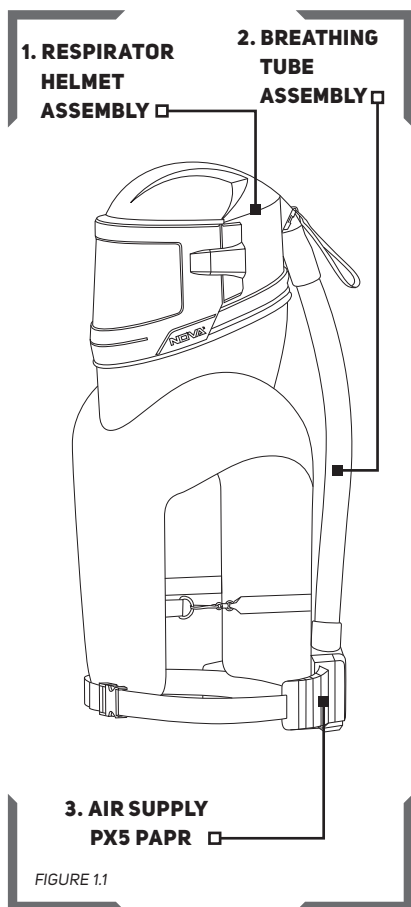


FIGURE 1.1

NIOSH - CAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Powered Air

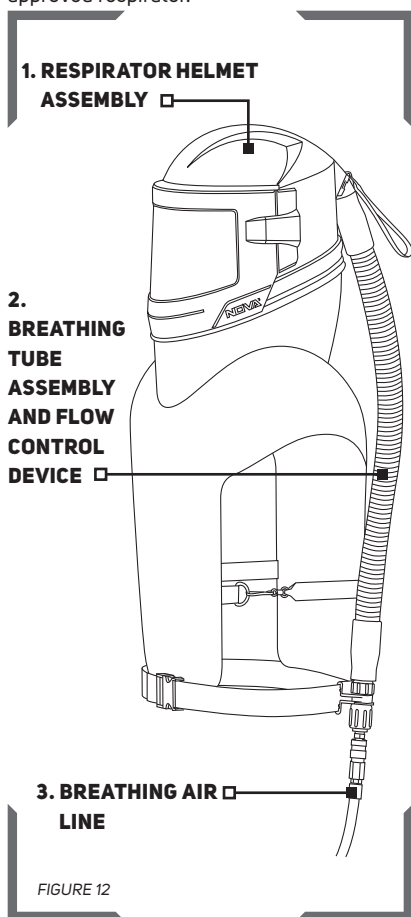
- A. Not for use in atmospheres containing less than 19.5 percent oxygen.
- B. Not for use in atmospheres immediately dangerous to life or health.

- C. Do not exceed maximum use concentrations established by regulatory standards.
- F. Do not use Powered Air-Purifying Respirators if airflow is less than four cfm (115 lpm) for tight fitting face pieces or six cfm (170 lpm) for hoods and/or helmets.
- H. Follow established cartridge and canister change schedules or observe ESLI to ensure that cartridge and canisters are replaced before breakthrough occurs.
- I. Contains electrical parts that may cause an ignition in flammable or explosive atmospheres.
- J. Failure to properly use and maintain this product could result in injury or death.
- L. Follow the manufacturer's User's Instructions for changing cartridges, canister and/or filters.
- M. All approved respirators shall be selected, fitted, used and maintained in accordance with MSHA, OSHA, and other applicable regulations.
- N. Never substitute, modify, add or omit parts. Use only exact replacement parts in the configuration as specified by the manufacturer.
- O. Refer to User Instructions, and/or maintenance manuals for information on use and maintenance of these respirators.
- P. NIOSH does not evaluate respirators for use as surgical masks.

PLACE NIOSH APPROVAL LABEL HERE.

RESPIRATOR COMPONENT DIAGRAM - SAR

The GVS NOVA 3 Type CE Supplied Air Respirator consists of 3 main components. All 3 components must be present and properly assembled to constitute a complete NIOSH approved respirator.



NIOSH - CAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Supplied Air

- A Not for use in atmospheres containing less than 19.5 percent oxygen.
- B Not for use in atmospheres immediately dangerous to life or health.
- C Do not exceed maximum use concentrations established by regulatory standards
- D Air-line respirators can be used only when the respirators are supplied with respirable air meeting the requirements of CGA G-7.1 Grade D or higher quality.
- E Use only the pressure ranges and hose lengths specified in the user's instructions
- J Failure to properly use and maintain this product could result in injury or death.
- M All approved respirators shall be selected, fitted, used and maintained in accordance with MSHA, OSHA, and other applicable regulations.
- N Never substitute, modify, add or omit parts. Use only exact replacement parts in the configuration as specified by the manufacturer.
- O Refer to user's instructions, and/or maintenance manuals for information on use and maintenance of these respirators.
- S Special or critical user's instructions and/or specific limitations apply. Refer to page 14 (Breathing Air Pressure Table) before donning.



AIR SOURCE, FITTINGS, AND PRESSURE

AIR SOURCE

Powered Air

Check that the contaminated area is within the limits of use for a Powered Air Purifying Respirator and determine the type of contamination. Once the contamination level has been confirmed you can then determine the filter cartridge to be used for the application, to make sure that you are sufficiently protected. Make sure that the area is well ventilated and that regular air samples are taken to confirm the atmosphere stays within the levels recommended by OSHA and other governing bodies. Follow the PX5 PAPR Instruction Manual for more details.

Supplied Air

Locate the air source in a clean air environment, always use a filter on the inlet of your air source. Make sure the air source is somewhere that vehicles, forklifts, and other machinery are not running near the air inlet, as this will cause carbon monoxide to be drawn into your air supply. Always use suitable after coolers/dryers with filters and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure clean breathable air is supplied at all times. A Radex Airline Filter (04-900) and a GX4® Gas Monitor (08-400) are recommended. The air should be regularly sampled to ensure that it meets Grade D requirements.

AIR QUALITY

This respirator must be supplied with clean breathable air at all times. Breathable air must at least meet the requirements for Type 1 gaseous air described in the Compressed Gas Association Commodity Specifications G-7.1 (Grade D or higher) and as specified by Federal Law 42 CFR 84, subpart J.84.141(b) and 29 CFR 1910.134 (i) the GVS NOVA 3 does not purify air or filter contaminants. A carbon monoxide monitor must be used at all times.



DANGER

Do not connect the respirator's air supply hose to nitrogen, toxic gases, inert gases or other non-breathable air sources. Check the air source before using the respirator. This apparatus is not designed for use with mobile air supply systems i.e. cylinders. Connecting the supply hose to a non-breathable air source will result in serious injury or death.

BREATHING AIR SUPPLY HOSES AND FITTINGS

GVS breathing air supply hoses and fittings must be used between the point of attachment and the respirator breathing air connection at the wearer's belt. The hose sections must be within the correct length and the amount of sections must be within the number specified in the breathing air pressure table on page 13.

BREATHING AIR PRESSURE

The air pressure must be continually monitored at the point of attachment. Air pressure must be read from a reliable pressure gauge whilst the respirator has air flowing through it.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Your specific responsibilities may vary by location and industry, but in general GVS expects that employers will:

■ Follow all applicable standards and regulations for your location, industry, and activity.

Depending on your location and industry, a number of standards and regulations may apply to your selection and use of respirators and other personal protective equipment. These may include such things as federal (e.g., OSHA, MSHA, Canadian Occupational Health and Safety), local (e.g., state, provincial), or military standards and regulations and consensus standards such as ANSI and CSA. There are also requirements specific to particular contaminants, e.g. silica (see gvs-rpb.com/important-safety-information for more information), asbestos, organic pathogens, etc. Know which requirements apply to your location and industry.

■ Have appropriate safety programs in place.

Have and follow:

- ☐ A workplace safety program.
- ☐ A written respiratory protection program in accordance with applicable standards and regulations (e.g., OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134; ANSI/ASSE Z88.2; CSA Z94.4, etc.).

■ In accordance with the above,

- ☐ **Perform a hazard analysis and select appropriate equipment for each activity.** A hazard analysis should be performed by a qualified person. Controls should be in place as appropriate and a qualified person should determine what kind of respiratory, face and eye, head, and hearing protection is appropriate for the intended activities and environments of use. (For example, select a respirator appropriate to the specific airborne hazards, with consideration of workplace and user factors and with an Assigned Protection Factor (APF) that meets or exceeds the required level for employee protection, select welding face and eye protection appropriate to the type of welding to be done, etc.)

As applicable, check your workplace safety program, respiratory protection program, and standards and regulations for your activity or industry for related protection requirements, and see this manual (Protection Provided and Limitations, page 4) and the flow control device Instruction Manual for product specifications.

- ☐ **Be sure employees are medically qualified to use a respirator.**

Have a qualified physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP) perform medical evaluations using a medical questionnaire or an initial medical examination per OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134.

- ☐ **Train employees in the NOVA 3's use, maintenance, and limitations.**

Appoint a qualified individual who is knowledgeable about the GVS NOVA 3 per ANSI/ASSE Z88.2 guidelines to provide training:

Section 8.1 Qualifications of the Respirator Trainer. Anyone providing respirator training shall:

- a) be knowledgeable in the application and use of the respirator(s);
- b) have practical knowledge in the selection and use of respirator(s) and work practices at the site;



EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES CONTINUED

- c) have an understanding of the site's respirator program; and
- d) be knowledgeable of applicable regulations.

Train each NOVA 3 user in the product's use, application, inspection, maintenance, storage, fitting, and limitations in accordance with the content of this Instruction Manual and the approved flow control device instruction manual and standard or regulatory requirements. Ensure that each intended user reads both these manuals.

☐ **Ensure that equipment is properly set up, used, and maintained.**

Make sure that equipment is properly set up, inspected, fitted, used, and maintained, including selection of the appropriate air filter cartridge and, when applicable, welding filter shade adjustments, for the application.

☐ **Measure and monitor airborne contaminants in the work area.**

Measure and monitor airborne contaminant levels in the work area in accordance with applicable requirements. Make sure work area is well ventilated.

☐ **Ensure that abrasive used is suitable for abrasive blasting.**

Check the material safety data sheets for manufacturers warnings and recommendations and verify the blasting media conforms with applicable standards/regulations (e.g. regarding respirable silica). Refer to gvs-rpb.com/important-safety-information for links to websites that can provide regulatory guidance.

☐ **If you have any questions, contact GVS.**

■ Call Customer Service Department:

Tel: 1-866-494-4599

Email: respirators@gvs.com

Web: gvs-rpb.com

PRODUCT USER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE INITIAL USE - BE TRAINED AND MEDICALLY QUALIFIED

Do not use this respirator until you have read this manual and the flow control device or the PX5 PAPR Instruction Manual (additional copies available at gvs-rpb.com) and have been trained in the respirator's use, maintenance, and limitations by a qualified individual (appointed by your employer) who is knowledgeable about the GVS NOVA 3 respirator.

Do not wear this respirator until you have passed a medical evaluation using a medical questionnaire or an initial medical examination by a qualified physician or other licensed health care professional (PLHCP).

Allergens: No known common allergens are used in this product.

Some materials could cause an allergic reaction in susceptible individuals. If you have a known allergy or develop irritation, inform your employer. Irritation may occur from lack of cleaning. Following all cleaning and care instructions provided in the instruction manuals for this and any other GVS products you are using.

MAKE SURE THE SYSTEM IS READY FOR USE

Make sure you have a complete system. Verify that you have all required components for the NOVA 3 to serve as a complete NIOSH approved respirator:

- Respirator Helmet Assembly (NOVA 3)
- Breathing Tube Assembly
- Flow Control Device (Flow Control Valve, Cold Air Tube, Hot Air Tube, or C40 Climate Control Device, PX5)
- Breathing Air Line

See Respirator Component Diagram (page 6). The GVS NOVA 3 is only approved to be used with the GVS Flow Control Valve, GVS Cold Air Tube, GVS Hot Air Tube, or GVS C40 Climate Control Device, GVS PX5. Use only authentic GVS brand parts and components that are part of the NIOSH approved respirator assembly. Using incomplete or inappropriate equipment, including the use of counterfeit or non-GVS parts, can result in inadequate protection and will void the NIOSH approval of the entire respirator. Do not modify or alter any part of this product.

Inspect all components daily for signs of damage or wear and tear that may reduce the level of protection originally provided. Remove any damaged component or product, including any helmet or visor that has been subject to impact, from service until repaired or replaced. Scratched or damaged safety lenses or other components should be replaced with genuine GVS brand replacement parts. When safety and impact lenses are replaced, make sure to remove any additional protective film from both sides of the lens. If the film is left in place, it could affect the optical clarity of the lens and cause eye strain. Inspect the inside of the respirator for respirable dust or other foreign objects. Keep the inside of the respirator clean at all times.

- NOVA 3 has a shelf life of 5 years from the date of manufacture.
- NOVA 3 has an in service life of 3 years from when first put into use.

Make sure that the helmet is correctly assembled in the configuration that suits your application.



PRODUCT USER SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED

Never use the respirator without all lenses in place. This includes the Inner and Outer Lenses. These lenses, when installed properly, are part of the respiratory seal to prevent toxic or hazardous gases, liquids or dust from entering the helmet. An incomplete or improperly installed lens system could provide inadequate impact and respiratory protection. *See Respirator Setup and Care (page 16). See Donning (page 22) for fit information.*

VERIFY THAT YOU HAVE THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR ACTIVITY

Verify that the NOVA 3 provides appropriate protection for your activity. As applicable, check your workplace safety program, respiratory protection program, and standards and regulations for your activity or industry. (See PROTECTION PROVIDED AND LIMITATIONS, page 4.)

BEFORE DONNING THE NOVA 3:

Verify airborne contaminants are within recommended limits for respirator use:

- Determine the type and level of contamination. Verify that airborne contaminant concentrations do not exceed those allowed by applicable OSHA, EPA, or NIOSH regulations and recommendations for powered air purifying respirators or supplied air respirators.

Filtering the breathing air:

- **PAPR:** Once the contamination level has been confirmed, determine the correct filter cartridge to be used for the application, to make sure that you are sufficiently protected. Follow the PX5 PAPR Instruction Manual.
- **SAR:** Once the contamination levels have been confirmed, check to make sure the airline filter is working correctly. Follow the Radex Airline Filter Instruction Manual.

Make sure the area is ventilated and monitored:

- Make sure that the area is well ventilated and that regular air samples are taken to confirm the atmosphere stays within the levels recommended by OSHA and other governing bodies. For Supplied Air, it is recommended to use a GX4 Gas Monitor. Follow the GX4 Gas Monitor Instruction Manual.

If you have any questions, ask your employer.

DO NOT ENTER THE WORK AREA if any of the following conditions exist:

- Atmosphere is immediately dangerous to life or health.
- You cannot escape without the aid of the respirator.
- Atmosphere contains less than 19.5% oxygen.
- A flammable or explosive atmosphere is present when used with systems including electrical parts that are not intrinsically safe, PX5 PAPR, 09-502 L4 Light, 09-903 NOVA TALK.
- Contaminants are in excess of regulations or recommendations.
- Contaminants or contaminant concentrations are unknown.
- Work area is poorly ventilated.

- The temperature is outside the range of 14°F to 140°F (-10°C to +60°C).

LEAVE THE WORK AREA IMMEDIATELY IF:

- Any product component becomes damaged.
- Vision is impaired.
- Airflow stops or slows down.
- Breathing becomes difficult.
- You become dizzy, nauseous, too hot, too cold, or ill.
- Your eyes, nose, or skin become irritated.
- The work area is a confined space (unless proper measures are taken for confined spaces).
- You taste, smell, or see contaminants inside the helmet.
- You have any other reason to suspect that the respirator is not providing adequate protection.

PRODUCT CARE

Never place the helmet on hot surfaces. Do not apply paints, solvents, adhesives or self-adhesive labels except as instructed by GVS. This product may be adversely affected by certain chemicals.

Clean with mild detergent and a soft cloth or a disinfectant wipe. See the "Respirator Setup and Care" section for more specific cleaning instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ENVIRONMENTS

Confined Spaces

If this respirator is used in confined spaces, ensure the area is well ventilated and that all contaminant concentrations are below those recommended for this respirator. Follow all procedures for confined space entry, operation, and exit as defined in applicable regulations and standards.

Abrasive Blasting

Do not use hazardous abrasives (e.g. those that violate applicable standards/regulations, such as abrasives containing more than trace amounts of silica, lead, arsenic, etc.) - these could result in serious injury or death. Consult your abrasive supplier and read the material safety data sheets for the abrasives to be used to determine suitability for blasting applications.

Grinding and Sparks

For grinding and other applications that produce sparks, be sure to use the FR (Fire Retardant) specific model of the PX5 with the FR belt and spark arrestor in place, see the PX5 Instruction Manual. The C40 comes with a FR belt standard. Make sure all skin, such as the neck, is covered to prevent UV radiation and burns.



NOVA 3®

BREATHING AIR PRESSURE TABLE

S - SPECIAL OR CRITICAL USERS INSTRUCTIONS - SAR TABLE 1.1

This table lists air pressure ranges needed to provide the GVS NOVA 3 with the volume of air that falls within the required range of 6-15cfm or 170-425 lts/min according to U.S. government regulations. Maximum hose pressure is 300 psi.

1. AIR SOURCE	2. AIR SUPPLY HOSE	3. NV2021B BREATHING TUBE ASSEMBLY AND FLOW CONTROL DEVICES	4. SUPPLY HOSE LENGTH (FT)	5. MAX NUMBER OF SECTIONS	6. PRESSURE RANGE (PSIG AIR)
Portable or Stationary Compressor	NV2028 (25ft) NV2029 (50ft) NV2027 (100ft) 04-352-25-RZ (25ft) 04-352-50-RZ (50ft) 04-352-100-RZ (100ft)	NV2016 Flow Control Valve Assembly	25	1	27-28
			50	1	28-29
			100	2	30-31
			150	3	33-34
			200	4	36-37
			250	5	38-39
			300	6	41-43
		4000-01 Cold Air Tube Assembly	25	1	55-56
			50	1	56-57
			100	2	60-62
			150	3	65-67
			200	4	70-72
			250	5	77-78
			300	6	80-82
		4000-20 Hot Air Tube Assembly	25	1	67-68
			50	1	69-70
			100	2	73-74
			150	3	77-78
			200	4	81-82
			250	5	86-87
			300	6	91-92
		03-500 C40 Climate Control Assembly	25	1	55-80
			50	1	60-85
			100	2	65-95
			150	3	70-95
			200	4	75-100
			250	5	80-100
			300	6	90-100



WARNING

Make sure you understand the Breathing Air Pressure table before using this respirator.

1. Use the correct air source. Do not use an ambient air pump, as it does not supply enough pressure (column 1).
2. Confirm the part number of the air supply hose you are using (column 2) and the flow control device (column 3) you are using.
3. Check your GVS Safety Air Supply Hose is within the correct length (column 4) and the correct number of hose sections (column 5).
4. Set the air pressure at the point of attachment within the range specified (column 6). Make sure air is flowing through your respirator when setting the air pressure.

1. AIR SOURCE	2. AIR SUPPLY HOSE	3. NV2021B BREATHING TUBE ASSEMBLY AND FLOW CONTROL DEVICES	4. SUPPLY HOSE LENGTH (FT)	5. MAX NUMBER OF SECTIONS	6. PRESSURE RANGE (PSIG)
Portable or Stationary Compressor	04-342-25 (25ft) 04-342-50 (50ft) 04-342-100 (100ft)	NV2016 Flow Control Valve Assembly with Schrader Fitting	25	1	30-32
			50	1	32-34
			100	2	34-36
			150	3	38-40
			200	4	44-46
			250	5	46-48
			300	6	50-52
		4000-01 Climate Control Tube Assembly with Schrader Fitting	25	1	60-65
			50	1	60-65
			100	2	65-70
			150	3	70-75
			200	4	75-80
			250	5	80-85
			300	6	85-90
		4000-20 Climate Control Tube Assembly with Schrader Fitting	25	1	70-75
			50	1	70-75
			100	2	75-80
			150	3	80-85
			200	4	85-90
			250	5	90-95
			300	6	95-100
		03-500 C40 Climate Control Tube Assembly with Schrader Fitting	25	1	65-80
			50	1	70-85
			100	2	75-95
			150	3	80-95
			200	4	85-100
			250	5	90-100
			300	6	95-100

WARNING

Failure to supply the minimum required air pressure at the point of attachment for the length of air supply hose will decrease the level of protection provided. In addition, could result in contaminants being inhaled as the pressure in the helmet may become negative due to peak inhalation flow when working at very high work rates. Low airflow will decrease the level of protection provided.

If the Breathing Air Lines and Flow Control Device have RZ™ fittings, they will only attach to other RZ™ fittings. They will not work with Universal Couplers. Do not modify air line fittings. RZ™ fittings prevent connection to unsafe air sources.



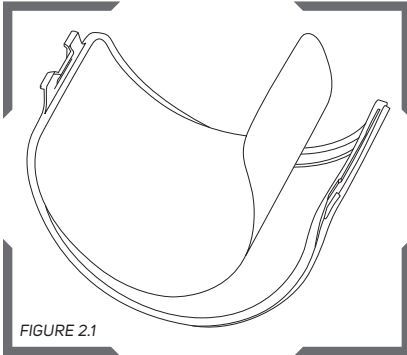
NOVA 3®

BREATHING AIR PRESSURE TABLE CONTINUED

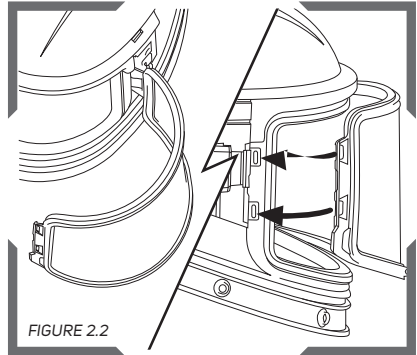
1. AIR SOURCE	2. AIR SUPPLY HOSE	3. NV2021B BREATHING TUBE ASSEMBLY AND FLOW CONTROL DEVICES	4. SUPPLY HOSE LENGTH (FT)	5. MAX NUMBER OF SECTIONS	6. PRESSURE RANGE (PSIG AIR)
Portable or Stationary Compressor	04-412-15 (15ft) 04-412-25 (25ft)	NV2016 Flow Control Valve Assembly	15 25	1 1	28-30 32-34
		4000-01 Cold Air Tube Assembly	15 25	1 1	55-56 55-56
		4000-20 Hot Air Tube Assembly	15 25	1 1	67-68 67-68
		03-500 C40 Climate Control Assembly	15 25	1 1	55-80 55-80
	04-442-15 (15ft) 04-442-25 (25ft)	NV2016 Flow Control Valve Assembly with Schrader Fitting	15 25	1 1	32-40 34-42
		4000-01 Cold Air Tube Assembly with Schrader Fitting	15 25	1 1	60-65 60-65
		4000-20 Hot Air Tube Assembly with Schrader Fitting	15 25	1 1	70-75 70-75
		03-500 C40 Climate Control Assembly with Schrader Fitting	15 25	1 1	65-80 65-80

RESPIRATOR SETUP AND CARE

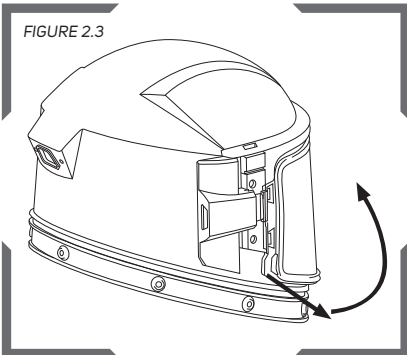
INNER LENS



Place GVS Inner lens (NV3-722) into the left of the Inner lens frame (NV3-723) and work it round locating it into the frame and finally clipping it into place on the right.

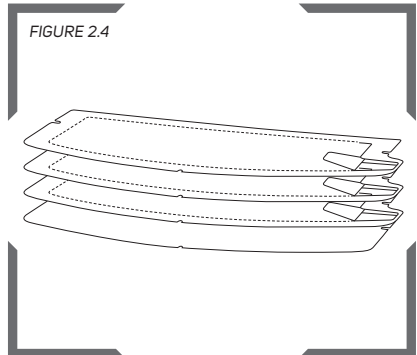


Secure locating Inner lens frame pins into visor latch mount rolling the frame round the inner lens seal and securing it onto the clips at the visor hinge mount.



To remove the Inner lens frame pull frame from the visor hinge mount rolling it round and then dislocate the locating pins from the Visor latch mount.

TEAR OFF AND OUTER LENSES

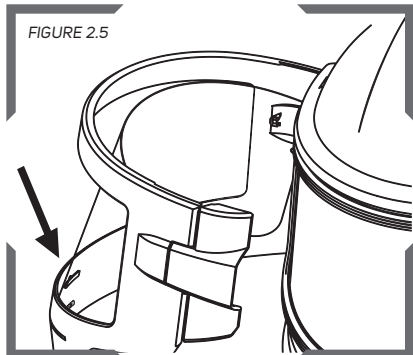


Place 3 Tear Off Lenses (NV3-725) and 1 Outer Lens (NV3-724) on top of each other, make sure the tabs are folded the same way.

RESPIRATOR SETUP AND CARE CONTINUED

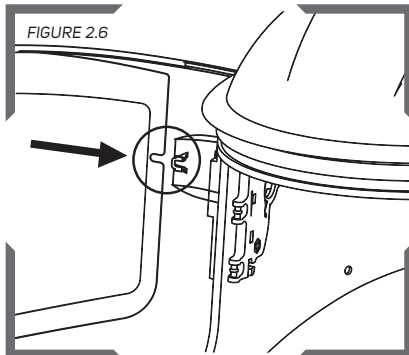
TEAROFF AND OUTER LENSES CONTINUED

FIGURE 2.5



Place the lenses onto the Lens Locator at the centre of the visor (N3-726).

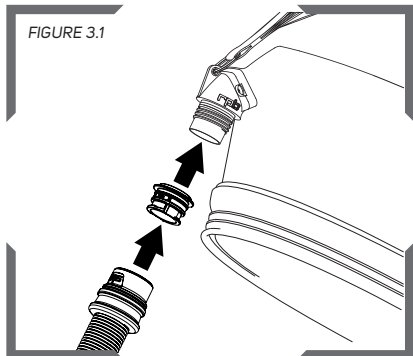
FIGURE 2.6



Slide the lenses under the lens locators that are positioned at the sides of the visor.

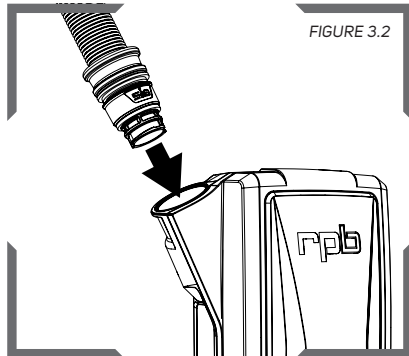
CONNECTING THE AIR SUPPLY - POWERED AIR

FIGURE 3.1



Screw on the breathing tube adaptor onto the inlet of the Nova 3 by threading it on until tight. Be careful not to over tighten and crack the inlet of the Nova 3. Twist the breathing tube onto the adaptor once it is installed on the Nova 3.

FIGURE 3.2



For PAPR, insert the bayonet end of the breathing tube into the outlet of the PAPR and twist it in until it is secure.

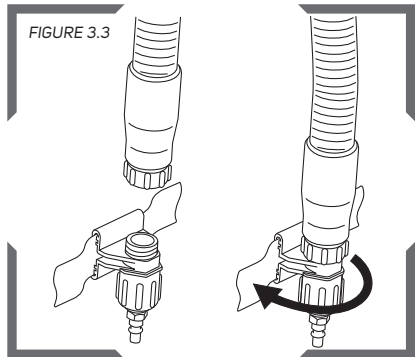
FOR USE WITH GVS PX5 - SEE THE PAPR USER MANUAL

When the NOVA 3 Respirator is being used in conjunction with the GVS PX5 PAPR, please refer to the PX5 PAPR Instruction Manual for set up and use of the assembly.

Note: The PX5 is a Powered Air Purifying Respirator, therefore care must be taken when selecting the correct filter for the application the respirator will be used in.

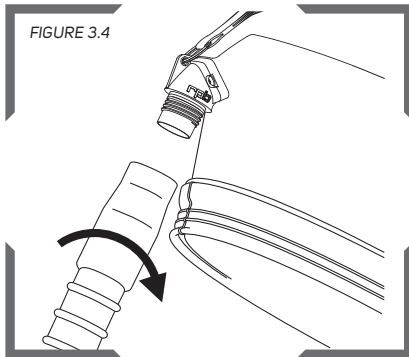
CONNECTING THE AIR SUPPLY - SUPPLIED AIR

FIGURE 3.3



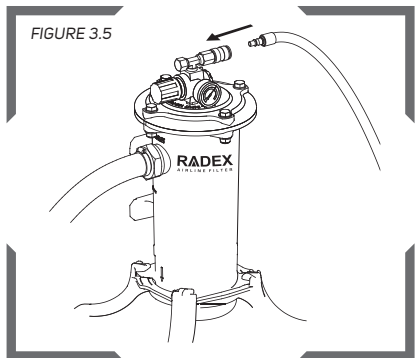
Thread the loose running nut of the Breathing Tube (NV2021B) on to the Flow Control Device (e.g NV2016). Screw the running nut clockwise until tight.

FIGURE 3.4



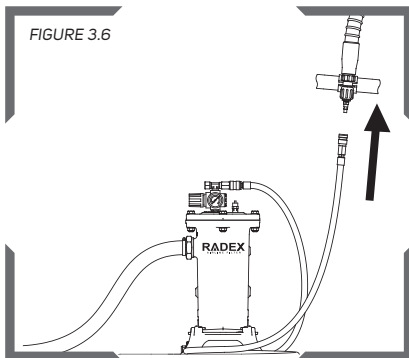
Connect the Breathing Tube (NV2021B) to the Helmet. This end is labelled "Attach this end to helmet". Turn clockwise until tight.

FIGURE 3.5



Connect the Breathing Air Supply Hose to the point of attachment (04-900 Radex Airline Filter) shown.

FIGURE 3.6



Now connect the Breathing Air Supply Hose to the Flow Control Device. Air should be now flowing through the Respirator.

Check the air pressure at the point of attachment is within the range specified in column 5 of the Breathing Air Pressure Table on page 14 for the hose length and amount of hose sections. Make sure air is flowing through your respirator when setting the air pressure.



WARNING

The NOVA 3 Supplied Air Respirator must be supplied with respirable air meeting the requirements of CGA G-7.1 Grade D or higher quality and meeting OSHA or other governing body requirements.

RESPIRATOR SETUP AND CARE CONTINUED

INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND CLEANING

Lenses and Lens Gaskets

Check Inner Lens Gasket (NV3-721) and the Inner Lens Frame (NV3-723) for splits, cracks or wear and tear. Replace any damaged or worn parts immediately with GVS genuine parts. The Inner Gasket and Inner Lens frame can be cleaned with warm water and a mild detergent, rinsed and air dried.

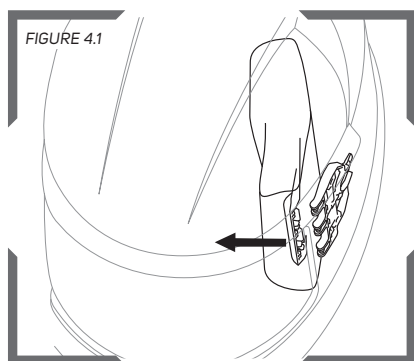
Breathing Tube Assembly

Inspect the Breathing Tube for splits or excessive wear. Check that the fittings are secured into the tube and are not allowing any air to escape. Replace the tube as soon as signs of damage or excessive wear become evident. Do not remove the foam that is inside the Breathing Tube as it reduces the noise level of the incoming air. The outside Breathing Tube can be cleaned with warm water and a mild detergent, rinsed and air dried. Do not run water through the Breathing Tube.

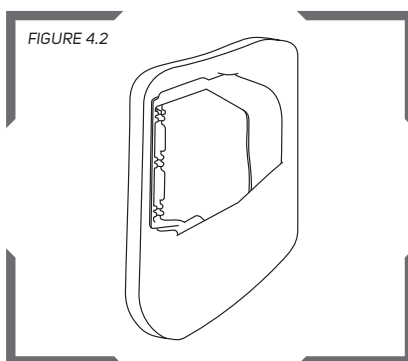
Breathing Air Line

The air supply hose should be inspected for cuts, cracks, blisters and signs of abrasion. Make sure the fittings are firmly crimped to the hose and air cannot escape. Make sure the hose has not been crushed or kinked. Replace the hose immediately if there are any signs of damage. Do not run water through the inside of the hose. Clean the Quick Disconnect Couplings with an air blow down gun to remove any media or dirt that may jam the coupler.

Helmet and Lining



The side padding is mounted on a hinge and can be removed by pulling away from the helmet.



The covers can be removed from the padding and washed in a conventional washing machine or with light detergent and water, lay flat to dry.

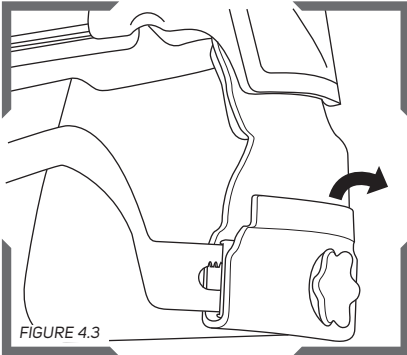


FIGURE 4.3

Remove rear Pad

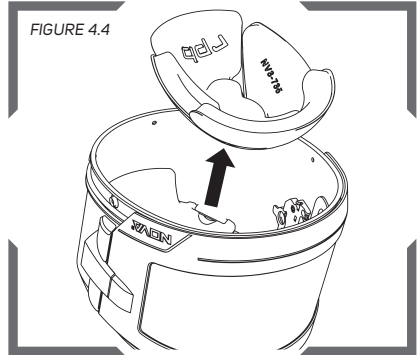


FIGURE 4.4

Remove Head Liner padding from the head liner, the padding can be washed or disposed. The padding is secured with hook fasteners.

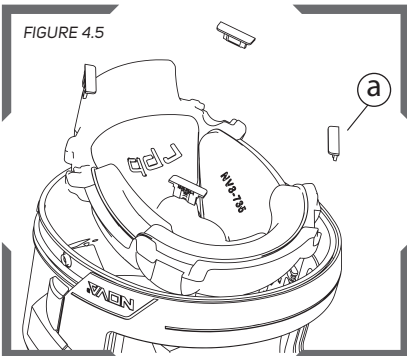


FIGURE 4.5

To remove the Head Liner, first remove the 4 clips (a) then lift out. To clean, rinse in a light detergent and water, or place in a conventional washing machine. Do not clean with volatile chemicals. Lay flat to dry.

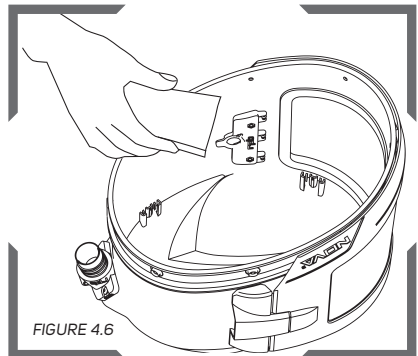


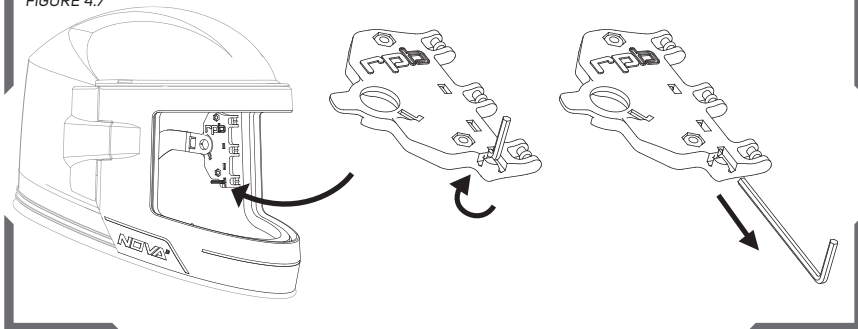
FIGURE 4.6

The inside of the helmet can be wiped clean with a liquid detergent.

RESPIRATOR SETUP AND CARE CONTINUED

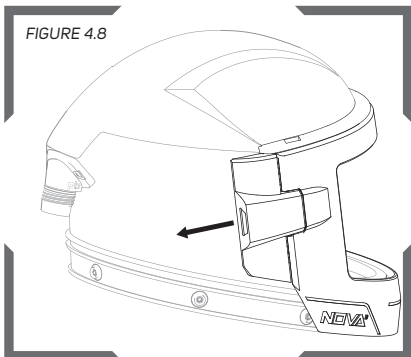
VISOR ASSEMBLY REMOVAL FOR REPLACEMENT

FIGURE 4.7



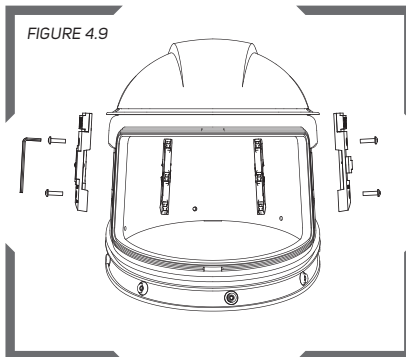
There is an Allen Key mounted in the padding connector. Rotate the Allen Key out of the holder then pull down to remove.

FIGURE 4.8



To remove the Visor, undo the hinge lock (NV3-727-2) and slide back, this will expose the hinge pin to remove the Visor.

FIGURE 4.9



The Hinge Mount (NV3-727) and Latch Mount (NV3-728) can be removed using the Allen Key.

DONNING AND DOFFING



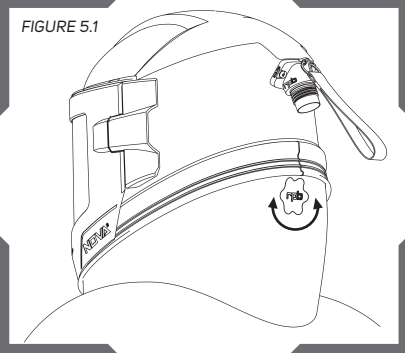
WARNING

Always check the interior of the respirator for contaminants before donning. Always don and doff the helmet while outside the work area, keeping the interior of the helmet clean and free of contaminants. Not doing these steps could expose you to hazardous materials and contaminants that could impair the function of the respirator.

DONNING YOUR HELMET

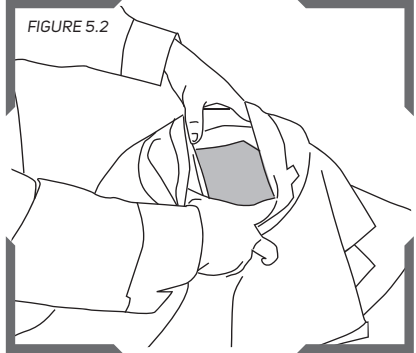
Once you have completed the set up, you are ready to fit your GVS NOVA 3 respirator. Firstly check inside the helmet to ensure that it is free of dust, dirt or contaminants. Always don the helmet with air flowing into the respirator.

FIGURE 5.1



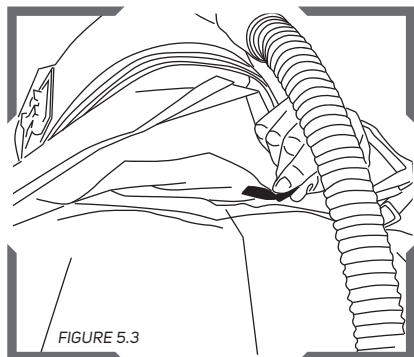
Adjust the Respirator padding size by turning the ratchet knob located under the cape collar at the back of the respirator padding.

FIGURE 5.2

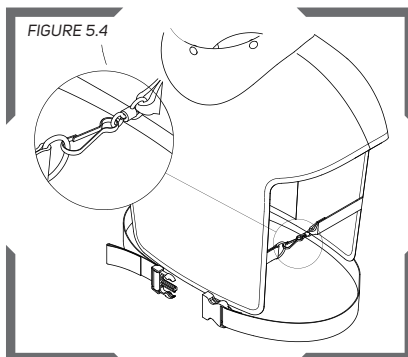


Fold back cape, open the Inner Bib and place your fingers on the Inner Bib and the side of helmet at approximately ear position. Lift the helmet and place onto your head. Make sure air is flowing into the respirator prior to fitting.

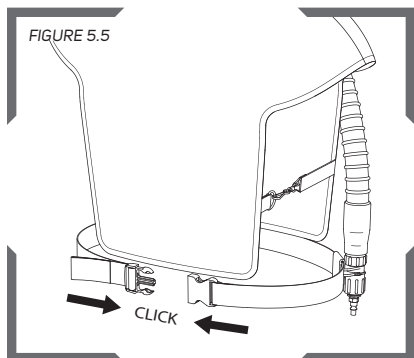
DONNING AND DOFFING CONTINUED



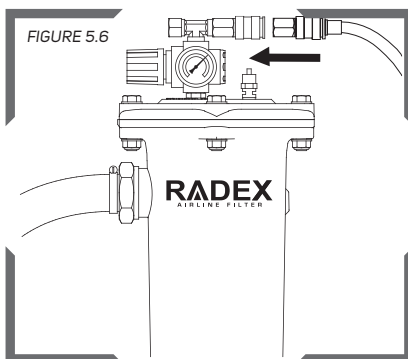
Pull the Inner Bib around your neck and adjust the elastic cord to ensure a snug fit. This helps provide a barrier to airborne contaminants.



Adjust the Respirator Cape around your body and fasten the snap hooks on each side of the cape.



Fasten the NV2022 belt at waist or hip level and adjust for comfort. Move the Flow Control Device away from spine.



Re check the air pressure and adjust if necessary. With air flow into your respirator you are now ready to enter the work area.

DOFFING YOUR HELMET

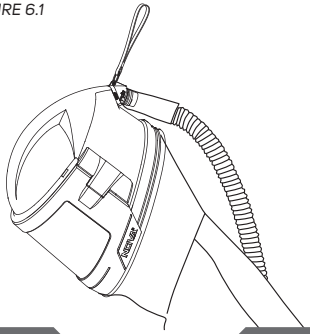
When you have finished working, keep the respirator on with air flowing into the helmet until you have left the contaminated area. Depending on the contaminants, it may be advisable to clean the exterior of the helmet and your work garments before removing the respirator. A workplace cleaning program may be necessary.

STORAGE

After use, clean the respirator according to your company's cleaning program or the directions in this manual. Then let it dry, and store the respirator by hanging it up in a clean, dry place, away from the work area. Do not tuck the cape into the helmet if it has not been thoroughly cleaned. Before storing the respirator for an extended period of time, clean the unit following the cleaning instructions in this instruction manual. It is recommended to store the respirator in a container or storage bag. Store in a cool dry place between -10°C to +45°C (14°F to 113°F) <90%rh.

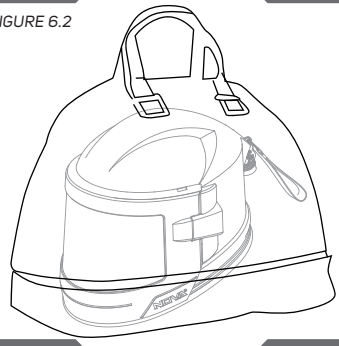
After use:

FIGURE 6.1



Long term storage:

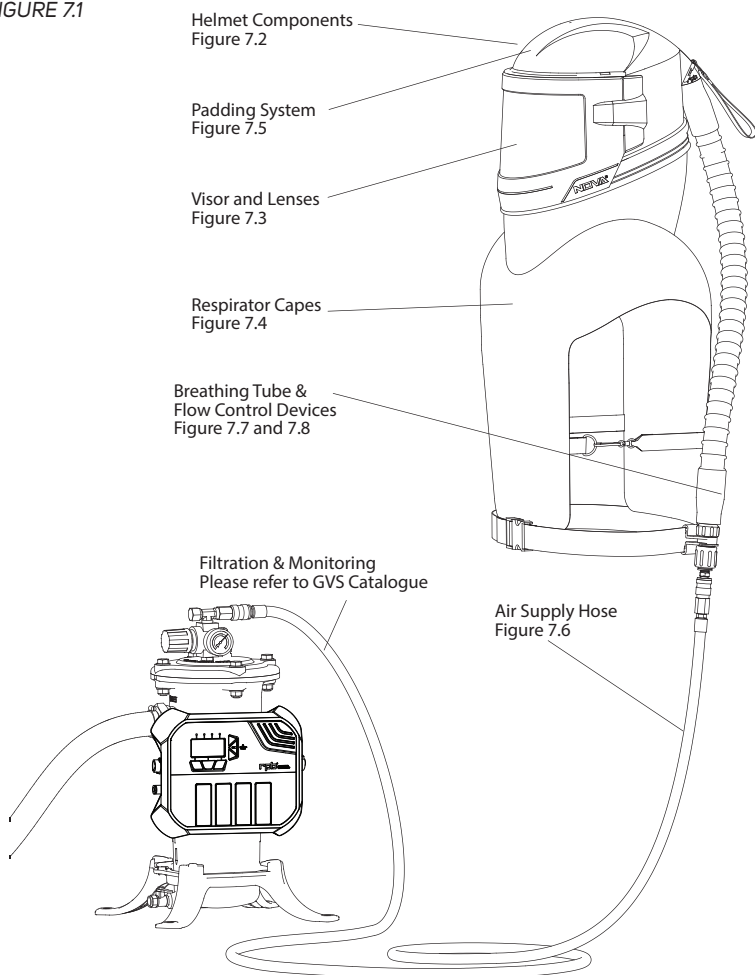
FIGURE 6.2



PX5 may need to be stored separately, refer to the PX5 Instruction manual for specific storage instructions.

PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

FIGURE 7.1



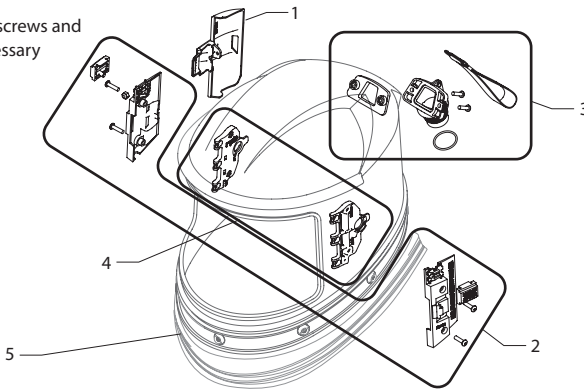
⚠ WARNING

Use only exact, authentic GVS replacement parts (marked with the GVS logo and part number), and only in the specified configuration. Using incomplete or inappropriate equipment, including the use of counterfeit or non-GVS parts, can result in inadequate protection and will void the NIOSH approval of the entire respirator assembly.

PARTS AND ACCESSORIES CONTINUED

HELMET COMPONENTS *FIGURE 7.2*

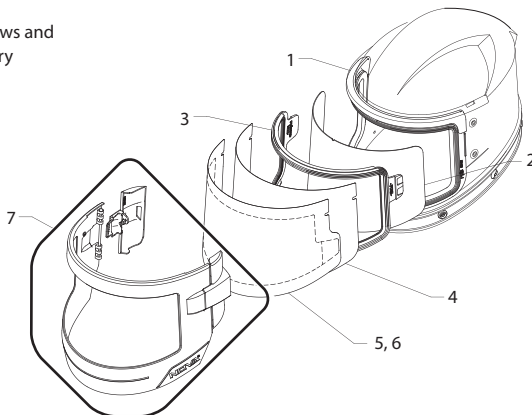
All kits contain screws and nuts when necessary



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	Visor Hinge Lock	NV3-727-2
2	Visor Latch Mount Kit - Latch Mount, Hinge Mount, Covers	NV3-727/8
3	Air Inlet Kit - Air Inlet, O-Ring, Back Plate, Hanging Strap	NV3-729
4	Padding Connectors (left & right)	NV3-730
5	Cape Coverband	NV3-759

VISOR AND LENSES *FIGURE 7.3*

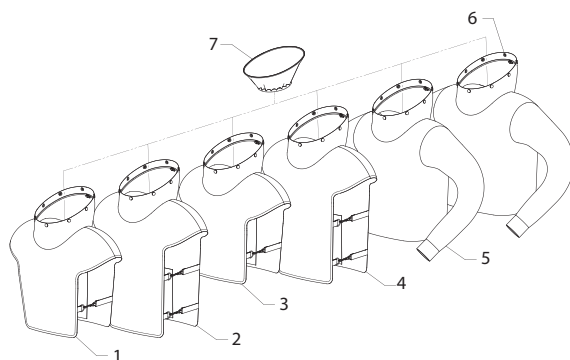
All kits contain screws and nuts when necessary



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	Inner Gasket	NV3-721
2	Inner Lens pk 10	NV3-722
3	Inner Lens Frame	NV3-723
4	Outer Lens pk 50	NV3-724
5	Tear Off Lens pk 50	NV3-725
6	Tear Off Cassette Lens	NV3-745
7	Visor Kit - Visor with Hinge Pin and Latch, Hinge Lock	NV3-726

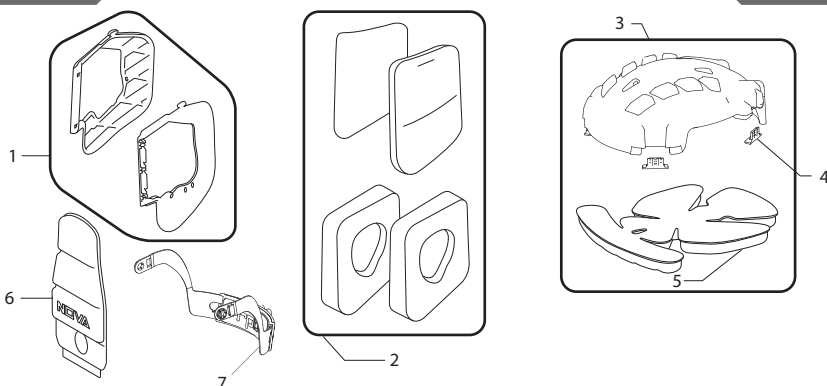
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES CONTINUED

RESPIRATOR CAPES FIGURE 7.4



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	28" Nylon Cape	NV3-750
2	38" Nylon Cape	NV3-751
3	28" Leather Cape	NV3-752
4	38" Leather Cape - HD	NV3-753
5	Blast Jacket Size XL	NV3-754
6	Blast Jacket Size XXL	NV3-755
7	Inner Bib	NV2012

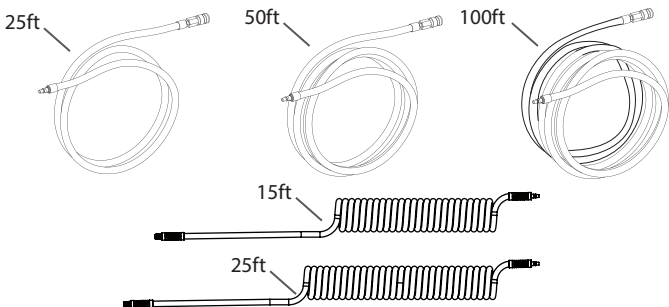
PADDING SYSTEMS FIGURE 7.5



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	Side Padding Frames (left & right)	NV3-731
2	Side Padding Foam Pads (A10 Thin, A15 Medium, A20 Thick)** w/ covers	NV3-732-XXX
3	Head Liner Kit - Head Liner, Head Liner Foam Padding, Head Liner Clips x4	NV3-734
4	Head Liner Clips, pack of 4	NV3-734-1
5	Head Liner Padding	NV3-735
6	Neck Pad	NV3-735-1
7	Adjustable Head Support	07-900

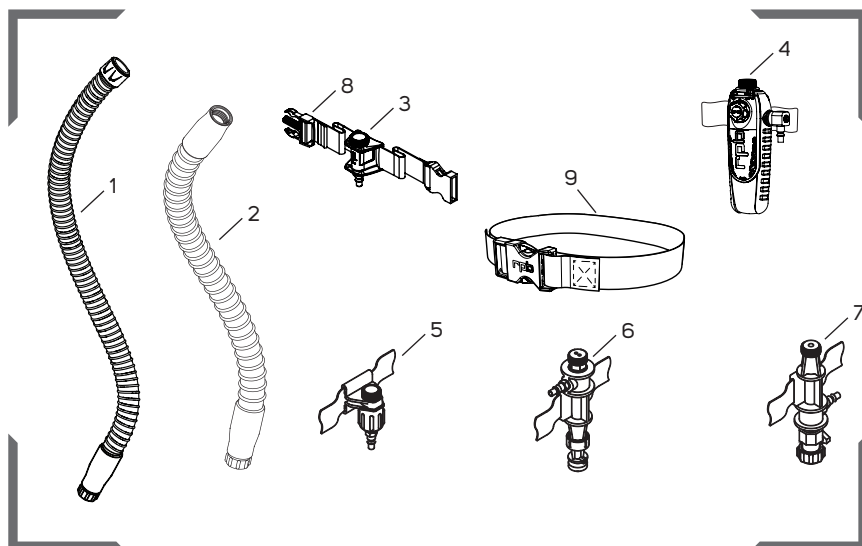
AIR SUPPLY HOSES *FIGURE 7.6*

Series	1. Couplers	2. Plugs	3. Breathing Air Line Assemblies
GVS Quick Disconnect	NV2025 1/4" FM NPT 	03-012-PM 1/4" M NPT 03-012-PMS 1/4" M NPT Swivel  	NV2028 GVS 25ft NV2029 GVS 50ft NV2027 GVS 100ft 04-412-15 GVS 15ft 04-412-25 GVS 25ft
GVS RZ Quick Connect		03-052-PM-RZ RZ Plug 1/4" Male Thread 03-052-PMS-RZ RZ Swivel Plug  	04-352-25-RZ 25ft 04-352-50-RZ 50ft 04-352-100-RZ 100ft
Schrader Twist Lock	03-042-CF 1/4" FM NPT 	03-042-PM 1/4" M NPT 03-042-PMS 1/4" M NPT SWIVEL  	04-342-25 Schrader 25ft 04-342-50 Schrader 50ft 04-342-100 Schrader 100ft 04-442-15 Schrader 15ft 04-442-25 Schrader 25ft



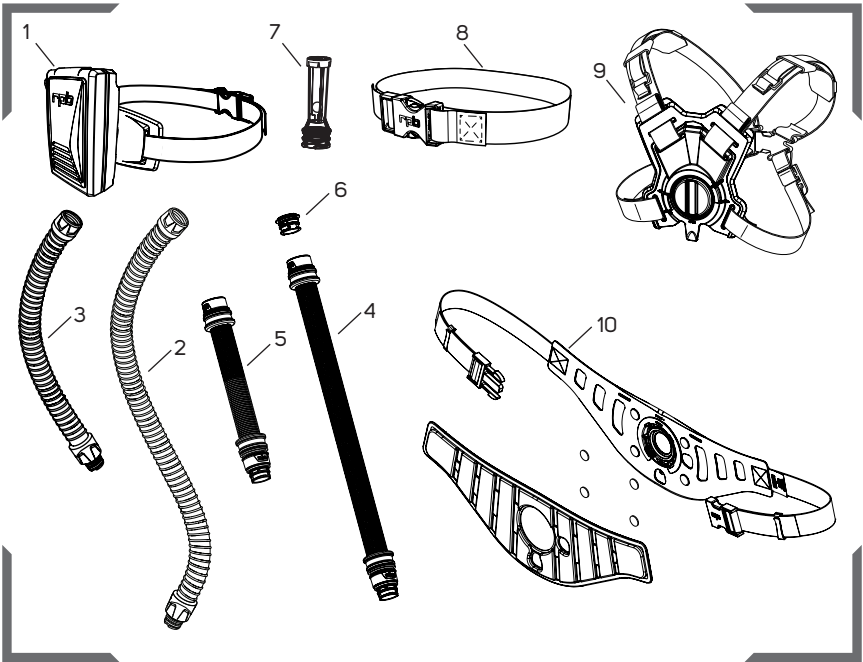
PARTS AND ACCESSORIES CONTINUED

FLOW CONTROL DEVICES FIGURE 7.7



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	Breathing Tube for Supplied Air (Non-Blasting)	04-833
2	Breathing Tube for Supplied Air (Blasting)	NV2021B
3	Constant Flow Valve Assembly and Belt	03-101
4	C40 Climate Control Assembly and Belt	03-500
5	Flow Control Valve Assembly and Belt	NV2016
6	Cool Air Tube Assembly and Belt	4000-01
7	Hot Air Tube Assembly and Belt	4000-20
8	Belt for Flow Control Devices except C40	NV2022
9	2" Belt for C40	07-765
	2" Belt for C40 - Fire Retardant	07-765-FR

PAPR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES *FIGURE 7.8*



Item Number	Description	Part Number
1	PX5 PAPR and Belt	03-801
2	Breathing Tube for PX5 PAPR	04-831
3	Short Breathing Tube for Backpack Assembly	04-841
4	GVS PAPR Quick Connect Breathing Tube - Long (New)	04-831-S
5	GVS PAPR Quick Connect Breathing Tube - Short (New)	04-841-S
6	GVS Breathing Tube Bayonet Adaptor (New)	221-317
7	Flow Meter PX5 PAPR	03-819
8	2" Belt for PX5 - Easy Clean	07-765-DC
	2" Belt for PX5 - Fire Retardant	07-765-FR
9	FR Backpack Assembly	03-822-FR
	Easy Clean Backpack Assembly	03-822-DC
10	Multibelt FR - Fire Retardant	03-825-FR
	Multibelt DC - Easy Clean	03-825-DC
	Multibelt Comfort Pad with hook dots	03-825-CP
	Multibelt FR with Comfort Pad	03-826-FR



LIMITED WARRANTY

GVS® warrants that its Products will be free from defects in materials and workmanship for one (1) year, subject to the terms of this limited warranty. The Products are sold only for commercial use, and no consumer warranties apply to the Products. This limited warranty is for the benefit of the original Product purchaser, and cannot be transferred or assigned. This is the sole and exclusive warranty provided by GVS®, and ALL CONDITIONS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED FROM WARRANTY COVERAGE. GVS's® limited warranty coverage does not apply to damage resulting from accident, improper use or misuse of the Products, wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the Products, or the failure to properly maintain the Products.

GVS's® limited warranty coverage runs from the original date of purchase of the Products, and applies only to warranted defects which first manifest themselves and are reported to GVS® within the warranty period. GVS® retains the right to determine to its reasonable satisfaction whether any claimed defect is covered by this limited warranty.

If a warranted defect occurs, GVS® will repair or replace the defective Product (or a component of the Product), in its sole discretion. This "repair or replacement" remedy is the sole and exclusive remedy under this limited warranty, and under no circumstances shall GVS's® liability under this limited warranty exceed the original purchase price for the Products (or the applicable component). GVS® has no responsibility for incidental or consequential damages, including loss of use, maintenance and other costs, and ALL INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED from this limited warranty. Contact GVS® to obtain warranty service. Proof of purchase must be provided to obtain warranty service. All costs of returning the Products to GVS® for warranty service must be paid by the purchaser.

GVS® reserves the right to improve its Products through changes in design or materials without being obligated to purchasers of previously manufactured Products.

LIABILITY

GVS® Safety cannot accept any liability of whatsoever nature arising directly or indirectly from the use or misuse of GVS® Safety products, including purposes that the products are not designed for. GVS® Safety is not liable for damage, loss or expense resulting from the failure to give advice or information or the giving of incorrect advice or information, whether or not due to GVS® Safety's negligence or that of its employees, agents or subcontractors.

NOTES



NOTES

OTHER PRODUCTS

ISO9001
CERTIFIED COMPANY

GVS® C40™ CLIMATE CONTROL

Looking for an advanced climate control device that can heat and cool your supplied air just by the slide of a lever? Look no further than the GVS C40. From the searing heat of an Arizona summer to a severe Scandinavian winter the GVS C40 will keep you comfortable.



AIRLINE FILTRATION

The GVS® RADEX® AIRLINE FILTER offers increased capacity, versatility and filtration. This optional equipment combines the versatility of either floor or wall mounting with increased filtration capacity, enabling customization to meet worker's needs and working environments.



AIR QUALITY MONITORING

Do you need an intelligent gas monitor that can give you complete confidence in the air you and your employees are breathing? The GVS® GX4® Gas Monitor has the ability to detect up to 4 gases simultaneously, giving you total peace of mind.



MAN-15

gvs.com | gvs-rpb.com | 1-866-494-4599

