SCBA FACEPIECE INSPECTION

Every shift or duty assignment requires inspection of your PPE, including your SCBA facepiece; it is a critical part of your equipment. Use the checklist below to inspect your equipment. Share this list with your crew. For more information about research regarding facepiece lenses, visit www.fireresearchpolicy.org.

☐ Review the vital components of a facepiece and perform the inspection.

☐ Inspect the facepiece seal and other rubber components for deformation, wear, damage or cracks.

☐ Inspect the lens for cracks, gouges, scratches or any condition that could impair the operation of the facepiece or the user’s vision.

☐ Inspect the lens frame for damage such as cracks or distortion.

☐ Check that all lens frame retainers are present and installed correctly.

☐ Check that all harness anchors are present and pivot freely.

☐ Inspect the head harness for correct installation with all straps oriented correctly.

☐ Inspect the head harness for damage or worn components.

☐ Inspect the nosecup.

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