

Qualitative Fit Testing Option Guidance

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The decision to perform a qualitative fit test (QLFT) may be based on the Acceptable Fit-Testing Methods table of this (Table 1) below.

Table 1
Acceptable Fit-Testing Methods

RESPIRATOR TYPE	QLFT	QNFT
Half Face, Negative Pressure, APR (< 100 fit factor)	Yes	Yes
Full Face, Negative Pressure, APR (< 100 fit factor) used in atmospheres up to 10 times the PEL	Yes	Yes
Full Face, Negative Pressure, APR (> 100 fit factor)	No	Yes
Positive Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR)	Yes	Yes
Supplied-Air Respirators (SAR), or SCBA used in Positive Pressure (Pressure Demand Mode)	Yes	Yes
Loose-fitting Respirators, e.g., hoods, helmets	Fit-testing not required	