

## Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE) and Differential Pressure (Delta P) Final Report

Test Article: 4 Ply Disposable Medical Mask  
Colour: White  
Fiber Content: Curie Biohazard Filter + SS Non-Woven  
Purchase Order: R904838210  
Study Number: 1334934-S01  
Study Received Date: 25 Aug 2020  
Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
6280 S. Redwood Rd.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84123 U.S.A.  
Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0004 Rev 18  
Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** The BFE test is performed to determine the filtration efficiency of test articles by comparing the bacterial control counts upstream of the test article to the bacterial counts downstream. A suspension of *Staphylococcus aureus* was aerosolized using a nebulizer and delivered to the test article at a constant flow rate and fixed air pressure. The challenge delivery was maintained at  $1.7 - 3.0 \times 10^3$  colony forming units (CFU) with a mean particle size (MPS) of  $3.0 \pm 0.3 \mu\text{m}$ . The aerosols were drawn through a six-stage, viable particle, Andersen sampler for collection. This test method complies with ASTM F2101-19 and EN 14683:2019, Annex B.

The Delta P test is performed to determine the breathability of test articles by measuring the differential air pressure on either side of the test article using a manometer, at a constant flow rate. The Delta P test complies with EN 14683:2019, Annex C and ASTM F2100-19.

All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Test Side: Inside  
BFE Test Area:  $\sim 40 \text{ cm}^2$   
BFE Flow Rate: 28.3 Liters per minute (L/min)  
Delta P Flow Rate: 8 L/min  
Conditioning Parameters:  $85 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity (RH) and  $21 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  for a minimum of 4 hours  
Test Article Dimensions:  $\sim 175 \text{ mm} \times \sim 165 \text{ mm}$   
Positive Control Average:  $2.0 \times 10^3$  CFU  
Negative Monitor Count:  $<1$  CFU  
MPS:  $3.0 \mu\text{m}$



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**Results:**

Test Article Number	Percent BFE (%)
1	>99.9
2	99.9
3	>99.9 <sup>a</sup>
4	>99.9
5	99.8

<sup>a</sup> There were no detected colonies on any of the Andersen sampler plates for this test article.

Test Article Number	Delta P (mm H <sub>2</sub> O/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Delta P (Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> )
1	5.2	50.6
2	5.2	50.5
3	5.4	52.6
4	5.3	51.5
5	4.8	47.5

The filtration efficiency percentages were calculated using the following equation:

$$\% BFE = \frac{C - T}{C} \times 100$$

C = Positive control average  
T = Plate count total recovered downstream of the test article  
Note: The plate count total is available upon request

## Microbial Cleanliness (Bioburden) of Medical Masks Final Report

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Test Article: 4 Ply Disposable Medical Mask  
Colour: White  
Fiber Content: Curie Biohazard Filter + SS Non-Woven  
Purchase Order: R904838210  
Study Number: 1334930-S01  
Study Received Date: 25 Aug 2020  
Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
6280 S. Redwood Rd.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84123 U.S.A.  
Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0036 Rev 15  
Customer Specification Sheet (CSS) Number: 202002096 Rev 01  
Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** The testing was conducted in accordance with EN 14683:2019, with the exception of approximate volumes of eluent used when performing the extraction procedure and a temperature range of 30-35°C used for aerobic incubation.

When bioburden results are calculated using a software program, manual calculations may differ slightly due to rounding. The counts determined on products are colony forming units and may not always reflect individual microorganisms. The sponsor performs any statistical analysis and determines the acceptable limits. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.



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**Results:**

Unit Number	Weight (g)	Aerobic	Fungal	Total Bioburden (CFU/mask)	Total Bioburden (CFU/g)
1	4.3	<3	<3	<5.7	<1.3
2	4.3	6	<3	<8.9	<2.1
3	4.2	<3	<3	<5.8	<1.4
4	4.2	3	<3	<6.0	<1.4
5	4.2	<3	<3	<6.0	<1.4
Recovery Efficiency	UTD <sup>a</sup>				

< = No Organisms Detected

UTD = Unable to Determine

Note: The results are reported as colony forming units per test article.

<sup>a</sup> UTD due to zero count on the first rinse. An alternative method or inoculated product recovery efficiency is recommended.

**Method Suitability:**

Organism	Percentage
<i>Bacillus atrophaeus</i>	0%

**Test Method Acceptance Criteria:** If applicable, anaerobic controls are acceptable for the bioburden test results. The number of masks to be tested shall be a minimum of 5 or more to meet an acceptable quality level of 4%. The bioburden of the medical mask shall be < 30 CFU/g tested.

**Procedure:**

Positive Controls/Monitors: *Bacillus atrophaeus*  
 Extract Fluid: Peptone Tween<sup>®</sup>  
 Extract Fluid Volume: ~300 mL  
 Extract Method: Orbital Shaking for 15 minutes at 250 rpm  
 Plating Method: Membrane Filtration  
 Agar Medium: Tryptic Soy Agar  
 Potato Dextrose Agar  
 Recovery Efficiency: Exhaustive Rinse Method  
 Aerobic Bacteria: Plates were incubated 3-7 days at 30-35°C, then enumerated.  
 Fungal: Plates were incubated 5-7 days at 20-25°C, then enumerated.

## Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Final Report

Test Article: 4 Ply Disposable Medical Mask  
 Colour: White  
 Fiber Content: Curie Biohazard Filter + SS Non-Woven  
 Purchase Order: R904838210  
 Study Number: 1334931-S01  
 Study Received Date: 25 Aug 2020  
 Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
 6280 S. Redwood Rd.  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84123 U.S.A.  
 Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0012 Rev 09  
 Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** This procedure was performed to evaluate surgical facemasks and other types of protective clothing materials designed to protect against fluid penetration. The purpose of this procedure is to simulate an arterial spray and evaluate the effectiveness of the test article in protecting the user from possible exposure to blood and other body fluids. The distance from the target area surface to the tip of the cannula is 30.5 cm. A test volume of 2 mL of synthetic blood was employed using the targeting plate method.

This test method was designed to comply with ASTM F1862 and ISO 22609 (as referenced in EN 14683:2019 and AS4381:2015) with the following exception: ISO 22609 requires testing to be performed in an environment with a temperature of  $21 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  and a relative humidity of  $85 \pm 10\%$ . Instead, testing was performed at ambient conditions within one minute of removal from the environmental chamber held at those parameters.

All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Number of Test Articles Tested: 32  
 Number of Test Articles Passed: 32  
 Test Side: Outside  
 Pre-Conditioning: Minimum of 4 hours at  $21 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  and  $85 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity (RH)  
 Test Conditions:  $23.2^\circ\text{C}$  and 22% RH

**Results:** Per ASTM F1862 and ISO 22609, an acceptable quality limit of 4.0% is met for a normal single sampling plan when  $\geq 29$  of 32 test articles show passing results.

Test Pressure: 160 mmHg (21.3 kPa)

Test Article Number	Synthetic Blood Penetration
1-32	None Seen



  
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## Latex Particle Challenge Final Report

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Test Article: 4 Ply Disposable Medical Mask  
Colour: White  
Fiber Content: Curie Biohazard Filter + SS Non-Woven  
Purchase Order: R904838210  
Study Number: 1334932-S01  
Study Received Date: 25 Aug 2020  
Testing Facility: Nelson Laboratories, LLC  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84123 U.S.A.  
Test Procedure(s): Standard Test Protocol (STP) Number: STP0005 Rev 08  
Deviation(s): None

**Summary:** This procedure was performed to evaluate the non-viable particle filtration efficiency (PFE) of the test article. Monodispersed polystyrene latex spheres (PSL) were nebulized (atomized), dried, and passed through the test article. The particles that passed through the test article were enumerated using a laser particle counter.

A one-minute count was performed, with the test article in the system. A one-minute control count was performed, without a test article in the system, before and after each test article. Control counts were performed to determine the average number of particles delivered to the test article. The filtration efficiency was calculated using the number of particles penetrating the test article compared to the average of the control values. During testing and controls, the air flow rate is maintained at 1 cubic foot per minute (CFM)  $\pm$  5%.

The procedure employed the basic particle filtration method described in ASTM F2299, with some exceptions; notably the procedure incorporated a non-neutralized challenge. In real use, particles carry a charge, thus this challenge represents a more natural state. The non-neutralized aerosol is also specified in the FDA guidance document on surgical face masks. All test method acceptance criteria were met. Testing was performed in compliance with US FDA good manufacturing practice (GMP) regulations 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 and 820.

Test Side: Inside  
Area Tested: 91.5 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Particle Size: 0.1  $\mu$ m  
Laboratory Conditions: 21°C, 28% relative humidity (RH) at 1813; 21°C, 28% RH at 1911  
Average Filtration Efficiency: 99.86%  
Standard Deviation: 0.038



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**Results:**

Test Article Number	Test Article Counts	Average Control Counts	Filtration Efficiency (%)
1	9	10,448	99.914
2	17	11,356	99.85
3	22	12,202	99.82
4	19	12,264	99.85
5	13	12,067	99.89