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## TEST REPORT

Sample Description : Medical Face mask  
Sample Quantity : 30 pieces  
Lot Number/Batch Code : 20200323  
Specification : FM301  
Size : /  
Type of Mask : /  
Brand Name : /

Remark: The above information was provided by applicant.

### Summary of Test Results

No.	Test Item	Test Standard	Test Standard Type IIR	Judgement
1	Bacterial Filtration Efficiency Test (BFE), %	EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex B	$\geq 98$	Pass
2	Differential Pressure Test (Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> )	EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex C	$< 60$	Pass
3	Synthetic Blood Penetration Test (kPa)	ISO 22609:2004	$\geq 16.0$	Pass
4	Microbial Cleanliness Test (CFU/g)	EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex D	$\leq 30$	Pass

Note: Pass = Meet customer requirements;

Fail = Fail customer requirements;

# = No comment;

N.D. = Not detected.

### Photo of Samples





### Results

No.	Test Item	Test Result
1	Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE) Test	Specimen 1#: 99.9% Specimen 2#: 99.8% Specimen 3#: 99.8% Specimen 4#: 99.8% Specimen 5#: 99.8%
2	Differential Pressure Test	36.5 Pa/cm <sup>2</sup>
3	Synthetic Blood Penetration Test	Specimen 1#~13#: None seen
4	Microbial Cleanliness Test	Specimen 1#: 5 CFU/g Specimen 2#: 9 CFU/g Specimen 3#: 3 CFU/g Specimen 4#: 12 CFU/g Specimen 5#: 18 CFU/g

### Bacterial Filtration Efficiency (BFE) Test

#### 1. Purpose

For evaluating the bacterial filtration efficiency (BFE) of mask.

#### 2. Sample description was given by client

Sample description : Medical Face mask  
Specification : FM301  
Lot Number : 20200323  
Sample Receiving Date : 2020-04-10

#### 3. Test Method

EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex B

#### 4. Apparatus and materials

- 4.1 *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 6538.
- 4.2 Peptone water.
- 4.3 Tryptic Soy Broth(TSB).
- 4.4 Tryptic Soy Agar(TSA).
- 4.5 Bacterial filtration efficiency test apparatus.
- 4.6 Six-stage viable particle Anderson sampler.
- 4.7 Flow meters.

#### 5. Test specimen

- 5.1 As requested by client, take a total of 5 test specimens.
- 5.2 Prior to testing, condition all test specimens for a minimum of 4 h at (21±5)°C and (85±5)% relative humidity.





## 6. Procedure

- 6.1 Preparation of the bacterial challenge: Dilute the culture in peptone water to achieve a concentration of approximately  $5 \times 10^5$  CFU/mL.
- 6.2 Adjust the flow rate through the Anderson sampler to 28.3 L/min.
- 6.3 Deliver the challenge to the nebulizer using a syringe pump. Purge tubing and nebulizer of air bubbles.
- 6.4 Perform a positive control run without a test specimen to determine the number of viable aerosol particles being generated. The mean particle size (MPS) of the aerosol will also be calculated from the results of these positive control plates.
  - 6.4.1 Initiate the aerosol challenge by turning on the air pressure and pump connected to the nebulizer. Immediately begin sampling the aerosol using the Anderson sampler.
  - 6.4.2 Time the challenge suspension to be delivered to the nebulizer for 1 min.
  - 6.4.3 Time the air pressure and Anderson sampler to run for 2 min.
  - 6.4.4 At the conclusion of the positive control run, remove plates from the Anderson sampler.
- 6.5 Place new agar plates into Anderson sampler and clamp the test specimen into the top of the Anderson sampler, with the inside of the specimen facing towards the bacterial challenge (test area:  $77\text{cm}^2$ ).
- 6.6 Repeat the challenge procedure for each test specimen.
- 6.7 Repeat a positive control after completion of the sample set.
- 6.8 Perform a negative control run by collecting a 2 min sample of air from the aerosol chamber. No bacterial challenge should be pumped into the nebulizer during the collection of the negative control.
- 6.9 Incubate agar plates at  $(37 \pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$  for (20 to 52) h.
- 6.10 Count each of the six-stage plates of the Anderson sampler.

## 7. Calculation

Total the count from each of the six plates for the test specimens and positive controls, as specified by the manufacture of Anderson sampler. The filtration efficiency percentages are calculated as follows:

$$\text{BFE} = (C - T) / C \times 100$$

T is the total plate count for the test specimen.

C is the mean of the total plate counts for the two positive controls.



# 8. Test results\*

Stage Number	P Value	Positive Control (A)	Positive Control (B)	Negative Control	Specimen 1#	Specimen 2#	Specimen 3#	Specimen 4#	Specimen 5#
1		50	234	0	0	0	0	0	0
2		82	116	0	1	0	0	0	0
3		151	406	0	0	0	0	1	0
4		277	644	0	0	0	0	4	5
5		1241	547	0	3	4	3	0	1
6		513	721	0	0	2	1	0	0
Total (T), CFU		2314	2668	<1	3	6	4	5	6
Average (C), CFU	$2.5 \times 10^3 = (P_A + P_B) / 2$								
BFE, %	99.9 99.8 99.8 99.8 99.8								
Requirements	≥ 98								
Remarks	<p>P is the value of corresponding corrected particle counts as specified by the manufacturer of the cascade impactor.</p> <p>T is the total of P value for the test specimen.</p> <p>C is the mean of the total of P value of the two positive controls.</p>								



## Differential pressure Test

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the test was to measure the differential pressure of masks.

### 2. Sample description was given by client

Sample description : Medical Face mask  
Specification : FM301  
Lot Number : 20200323  
Sample Receiving Date : 2020-04-10

### 3. Test Method

EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex C

### 4. Apparatus and materials

Differential pressure testing instrument

### 5. Test specimen

5.1 Test specimen are complete masks or shall be cut from masks. Each specimen shall be able to provide 5 different circular test areas of 2.5 cm in diameter.

5.2 Prior to testing, condition all test specimens for a minimum of 4 h at  $(21 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$  and  $(85 \pm 5)\%$  relative humidity.

### 6. Procedure

6.1 Without a specimen in place, the holder is closed and the differential manometer is zeroed. The pump is started and the flow of air adjusted to 8 L/min.

6.2 The pretreated specimen is placed across the orifice (total area  $4.9\text{cm}^2$ , test area diameter 25mm) and clamped into place so as to minimize air leaks.

6.3 Due to the presence of an alignment system the tested area of the specimen should be perfectly in line and across the flow of air.

6.4 The differential pressure is read directly.

6.5 The procedure described in steps 6.1-6.4 is carried out on 5 different areas of the mask and readings averaged.

Results:

Specimen	Test Results* (Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Average (Pa/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Requirements	Judgement
1#	34.9	36.5	< 60	Pass
2#	35.7			
3#	38.4			
4#	33.3			
5#	40.4			





## Synthetic Blood Penetration Test

### 1. Purpose

For evaluation of resistance of masks to penetration by a fixed volume of synthetic blood at a high velocity.

### 2. Sample description was given by client

Sample description : Medical Face mask  
Specification : FM301  
Lot Number : 20200323  
Sample Receiving Date : 2020-04-10

### 3. Test Method

ISO 22609:2004

### 4. Apparatus and materials

- 4.1 Synthetic blood.
- 4.2 Tensiometer.
- 4.3 Synthetic blood penetration test apparatus;
- 4.4 Targeting plate.
- 4.5 Air pressure source.
- 4.6 Ruler.
- 4.7 Balance.
- 4.8 Controlled temperature and humidity chamber.

### 5. Test specimen

- 5.1 As requested by client, take a total of 13 test specimens.
- 5.2 Prior to testing, condition all test specimens for a minimum of 4h at  $(21 \pm 5)^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $(85 \pm 5)\%$  relative humidity.

### 6. Procedure

- 6.1 Prepare the synthetic blood (40~44 mN/m) for the test.
- 6.2 Determine the density of the synthetic blood.
- 6.3 Fill the reservoir with new synthetic blood.
- 6.4 Position the test specimen 30.5 cm (12 in.) from the exit of the canula.
- 6.5 Set the reservoir pressure to the approximate pressure.
- 6.6 Place the targeting plate approximately 1 cm away from the mask.
- 6.7 Set the valve timer to 0.5 s. Collect and weigh the amount of fluid delivered (before the targeting hole).

- 6.8 Set the valve timer to 1.5 s. Collect and weigh the amount of fluid delivered (before the targeting hole).
- 6.9 Calculate the difference in weight of the two spurts. For a test fluid with a density of 1.003, Table 1 gives the target difference in weight plus lower and upper limits for a velocity range within 2% of the target.

Table 1 Target weight difference

Fluid Pressure (mmHg)	Weight difference for 1 s difference in spurt duration (g)		
	Min.	Target	Max.
120	3.002	3.063	3.124

- 6.10 Adjust the reservoir pressure and repeat steps 6.7 to 6.9 until the weight difference is within the target range.
- 6.11 Record the weight difference for the spurts exiting the nozzle.
- 6.12 Record the pressure in the reservoir.
- 6.13 Set the valve time to 0.5 s. Collect and weigh the amount of fluid passing through the targeting hole.
- 6.14 Set the valve time to 1.5 s. Collect and weigh the amount of fluid passing through the targeting hole.
- 6.15 The difference in weight between the 0.5 s and 1.5 s spurts through the targeting plate shall be within +2 % ~ -5 % of the difference in weight from the nozzle.
- 6.16 If the differential weight is less than 95 % of the weight difference exiting the nozzle, check the aim of the stream to make sure it is passing cleanly through the targeting hole.
- 6.17 If the differential weight is more than 102 % of the weight difference exiting the nozzle, repeat the weight measurements exiting the nozzle (steps 6.7 to 6.11).
- 6.18 For standard synthetic blood, the timer duration can be estimated using the formula:  
( $p$  is the density of the test fluid.)  $t = 0.5 + (2 \times p - g \text{ at } 0.5 \text{ s}) / (g \text{ at } 1.5 \text{ s} - g \text{ at } 0.5 \text{ s})$ .
- 6.19 Record the timer setting to use as the starting point for subsequent testing.
- 6.20 Mount a test specimen on the specimen holding fixture. If the mask contains pleats, spread the pleats out when mounting the mask onto the fixture to present a single layer of material as the target area.
- 6.21 Squirt the synthetic blood onto the test specimen for the calculated time. Ensure that the synthetic blood hits the target area of mask.
- 6.22 Inspect the inside surface for synthetic blood penetration within 10 s of squirting the synthetic blood against the target area.
- 6.23 Report the results (none / penetration) for each test specimen at the test pressure.





Results:

Specimen	Test Results*	Requirements	Judgement
1#	None Seen	Pass Pressure at 16.0 kPa (120mmHg)	Pass
2#	None Seen		Pass
3#	None Seen		Pass
4#	None Seen		Pass
5#	None Seen		Pass
6#	None Seen		Pass
7#	None Seen		Pass
8#	None Seen		Pass
9#	None Seen		Pass
10#	None Seen		Pass
11#	None Seen		Pass
12#	None Seen		Pass
13#	None Seen		Pass



## Microbial Cleanliness Test

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the test was to measure microbial cleanliness of mask.

### 2. Sample description was given by client

Sample description : Medical Face mask  
Specification : FM301  
Lot Number : 20200323  
Sample Receiving Date : 2020-04-10

### 3. Test Method

According to EN ISO 11737-1:2018 to determine the microbial cleanliness of mask material, and refer to the procedure as described in EN 14683:2019+AC:2019(E) Annex D

### 4. Apparatus and materials

- 4.1 Orbital shaker.
- 4.2 0.45 um filter.
- 4.3 Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA).
- 4.4 Sabouraud Dextrose Agar (SDA) with chloramphenicol.
- 4.5 Formula of Extraction Liquid: 1g/L peptone, 5g/L NaCl and 2g/L Tween 20.
- 4.6 Extraction apparatus.

### 5. Test specimen

- 5.1 As requested by client, take a total of 5 mask samples.
- 5.2 Mask samples for testing are provided in the original primary packaging.
- 5.3 Condition at (18 to 26)°C and (45 to 65)% relative humidity during testing.

### 6. Procedure

- 6.1 Five test specimens are selected from the top, bottom and 3 randomly chosen marks.
- 6.2 The mask is aseptically removed from the packaging and placed in a sterile 500 mL bottle containing 300 mL of extraction liquid.
- 6.3 The bottle is laid down on an orbital shaker and shaken for 5 min at 250 rpm.
- 6.4 After extracting, 100mL of the extraction liquid is filtered through a 0.45 um filter and laid down on a TSA plate for the total viable aerobic microbial count. Another 100 mL aliquot of the same extraction liquid is filtered in the same way and the filter plated on SDA for fungi enumeration.
- 6.5 The plates are incubated for 3 days at 30°C and 7 days at (20 to 25)°C for TSA and SDA plates respectively.
- 6.6 Calculate the colonies of each agar plate.

### 7. Calculation

For each test specimen calculate the microbial cleanliness as follows by counting the total colonies of the TSA and SDA plates.



Results\*:

Specimen	Colonies of the TSA Plate	Colonies of the SDA Plate	Microbial Cleanliness, (CFU/g)	Requirements	Judgement
1#	2	3	5	According to EN ISO 11737-1:2018 the microbial cleanliness of the mask shall be $\leq 30$ CFU/g tested.	Pass
2#	7	2	9		
3#	0	3	3		
4#	10	2	12		
5#	15	3	18		

Note:

- 1.\*denotes this test was carried out by external laboratory assessed as competent.
- 2.This report is for internal use only such as internal scientific research ,education, quality control, product R&D.

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