

OLD VS NEW DRINK TUBES

Some CBRN specialists still haven't gotten the word that there are now two totally different internal drink tubes for the M40/M42 masks. You need to know what's what because the newer drink tube coupling can be replaced by you, but the other coupling requires a whole new face piece.

The new drink tube looks like a stretched Z—it has two bends. The old tube has only one bend.

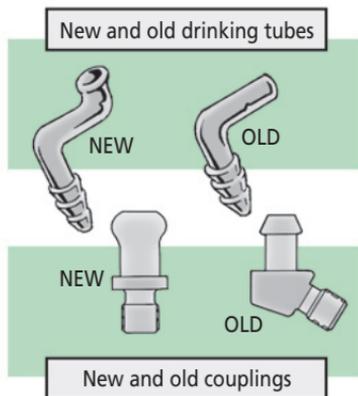
The old coupling has a squared base and points upward toward the front voicemitter and nosecup ridge. The new coupling is straight and points out of the facepiece.

The new drink tube, NSN 4240-01-441-0557, can be used only with the new drink tube coupling, NSN 4240-01-462-0045. If the new tube disappears or the coupling is damaged, no problem. Just replace them like it says in the procedure beginning on Page 2-54 of TM 3-4240-346-20&P.

But if the old drink tube coupling is damaged, your only solution is to turn in the face piece for replacement.

Don't use the new drink tube with the old coupling or visa versa. That puts the drink tube in the wrong position for drinking.

Here's a handy chart you can use to help keep track of what's what:



Characteristic	Old Internal Drinking System	New Internal Drinking System
Drinking Tube	L-shaped, one bend	Z-shaped, double bend
Tube Coupling	Angled	Straight
Repair Parts	Internal Drink Tube, NSN 4240-01-260-8711 Facepiece Assembly (used to replace damaged internal drink tube coupling), NSN 4240-01-415-4517 Small NSN 4240-01-415-4518 Medium NSN 4240-01-416-0430 Large Note: Tube coupling is permanently mounted and cannot be directly replaced	Internal Drink Tube, NSN 4240-01-441-0557 Internal Drink Tube Coupling, NSN 4240-01-462-0045