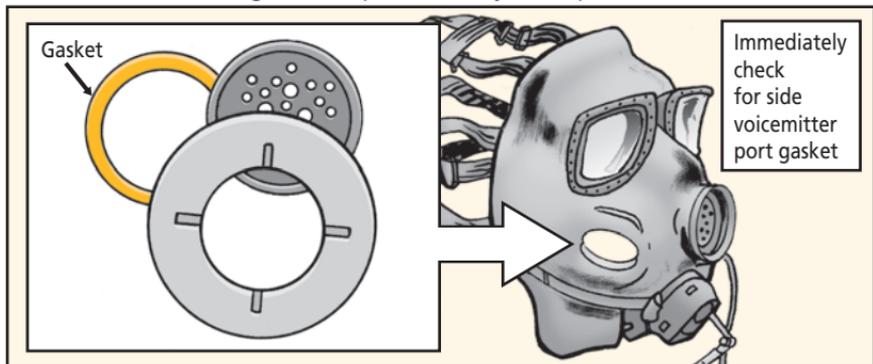


# CHECK FOR MISSING GASKET



A number of M40A1/M42A2 masks have gone to the field with the side voicemitter port gasket missing. Without the gasket, unfiltered air could enter the mask, providing no protection against chemical/biological agents.

All Soldiers should immediately check their masks for the side voicemitter port gasket. If it's missing or damaged, tell your CBRN specialist. He can replace the gasket, NSN 5330-01-260-8702. Also check the gasket for splits and sticky or compressed areas.



All masks in storage should also be inspected for a missing side voicemitter port gasket. If you find new masks or facepiece assemblies still in their unopened original packaging that are missing the gasket, file an SF 368, *Product Quality Deficiency Report (PQDR)*, and email the mask configuration manager:

[bobbiejo.witherspoon@us.army.mil](mailto:bobbiejo.witherspoon@us.army.mil)

and the item manager:

[douglas.e.vanatta@us.army.mil](mailto:douglas.e.vanatta@us.army.mil)

If the mask was part of lot number PBA08M002-165, you don't need to file an SF 368 or notify the configuration and item managers. They are already aware some masks are missing the gasket.

The mask lot number is on the lower right cheek strap and on the mask's shipping box label.

For more information, see TACOM LCMC safety of use message 09-024:

[https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/Soum/Tacom\\_WN/soum09-024a.html](https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/Soum/Tacom_WN/soum09-024a.html)