

# DRINK TUBES: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

**F**or several years, the M40/M42-series masks have had two totally different internal drink tubes. And the difference makes a difference. One drink tube coupling can be replaced by CBRN specialists, while the other requires a whole new facepiece.

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

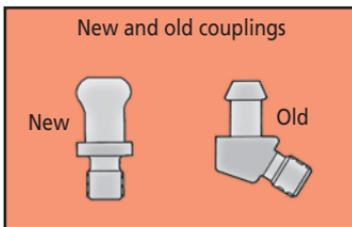
The old coupling has a squared base and points upward toward the front voicemitter and nosecup ridge. The new coupling is straight and points out of the facepiece.

The new drink tube can be used only with the new drink tube coupling. If the new tube disappears or the coupling is damaged, no problem. Just replace them like it says in the procedure in TM 3-4240-346-23&P. See WP 0012 for the internal drink tube and WP 0021 for the coupling.

But if the old drink tube coupling is damaged, your only solution is to get a new facepiece.

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

Here's a chart to help you identify and replace drink tubes and their couplings:



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  <b>Note:</b> 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