

TEST MASKS ANNUALLY UNLESS...

NORMALLY, CBRN SPECIALISTS NEED TO TEST THE M40/M42 MASKS IN THEIR UNIT **JUST ONCE A YEAR** WITH THE M41 PATS TO ENSURE THE MASKS WILL PROTECT SOLDIERS.

BUT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS.



IF YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THE NEW M50-SERIES MASK, YOU SHOULD TEST THE MASK IF...

...THE HEAD HARNESS IS REPLACED OR DRASTICALLY READJUSTED,...

...THE OUTLET VALVE COVER AND DISK ARE REPLACED,...

...OR THE SOLDIER GAINS OR LOSES TEN OR MORE POUNDS.



Test Tip

WHEN YOU PERFORM THE PATS TEST, DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES YOURSELF TO SHOW THE SOLDIER WHAT TO DO...

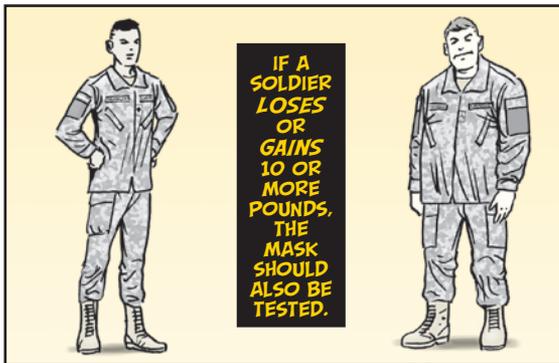


ANY TIME THERE ARE PARTS REPLACED OR MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO THE MASK, YOU SHOULD DO A PATS TEST JUST TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS OK. FOR EXAMPLE...

- Changing the canister from right to left or vice versa
- Replacing or re-seating the side voicemitter
- Replacing or drastically readjusting the head harness
- Replacing the outlet valve cover and disk
- Replacing the internal drink tube nipple



1. Breathe normally, keeping your head motionless.
2. Breathe deeply and slowly, inhaling through your nose and exhaling through your mouth.
3. Move your head side to side, looking over each shoulder in one-second intervals. Make sure the canister doesn't touch either shoulder. That throws off the test.
4. Move your head up and down, looking at the floor and then the ceiling in one-second intervals. Make sure the canister doesn't touch your chest.
5. Rotate your chin, moving your jaw in a circular pattern with your mouth slightly open.



IF A SOLDIER LOSES OR GAINS 10 OR MORE POUNDS, THE MASK SHOULD ALSO BE TESTED.

IN FACT, ANY TIME YOU HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT A MASK, DO A PATS TEST. WHY TAKE A CHANCE?



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YOU SHOULD HEAR A SERIES OF THREE BEEPS. THEY MEAN MY OVERALL TEST RESULT WILL BE DISPLAYED!