

Which facial hair styles may be suitable with my half face or disposable respirator?




CLEAN SHAVEN



Being clean shaven is important to achieve respiratory protection, but there are some hair styles that may be suitable.

Respirator sealing surface

If workers have any facial hair that interferes with any sealing surface area of a respirator, or long facial hair that also interferes with any valves or function of the facepiece, then a loose fitting head-top on a PAPR unit may need to be considered as a suitable alternative to the wearer removing interfering facial hair.

								
STUBBLE	LONG STUBBLE	FULL BEARD	FRENCH FORK	DUCKTAIL	VERDI	GARIBALDI	BANDHOLZ	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
								
SOUL PATCH	GOATEE	CHIN CURTAIN	EXTENDED GOATEE	CIRCLE BEARD	ANCHOR	BALBO	VAN DYKE	IMPERIAL
✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
								
SIDE WHISKERS	MUTTON CHOPS	HULIHEE	HORSESHOE	ZAPPA	WALRUS	PAINTERS BRUCH	CHEVRON	HANDLEBAR
✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
								
PENCIL		TOOTHBRUSH	LAMP SHADE	ZORRO	VILLAIN	FU MANCHU	ENGLISH	DALI
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X