







**Facial hair tips to ensure a proper mask fit where the respirator seals to the skin:**

- An individual must be free from any facial hair that restricts the seal of the mask to the skin or interferes with the respirator function.
- Examples below of acceptable and unacceptable facial hair when assessing a proper respirator mask seal.

<p><b>A.</b> Clean-shaven, ideal for a good seal</p>	
<p><b>B.</b> Amount of facial hair that will typically allow a good seal</p>	
<p><b>C.</b> Moustache that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function</p>	
<p><b>D.</b> Soul patch that does not interfere with the sealing surface, valves, or respirator function</p>	



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<p><b>E.</b> Soul patch that will interfere with the respirator seal in the chin area on elastomeric facepieces Facial hair and sideburns that will interfere with the sealing surface</p>	
<p><b>F.</b> This facial "shadow" (not clean-shaven) will interfere with the sealing surface of a half or full facepiece. It will also compromise a secondary seal inside a tight-fitting hood-style respirator. Degradation of fit can occur during cumulative work hours when an individual grows this amount of facial hair.</p>	
<p><b>G.</b> Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve. Sideburns and/or heavy hair under the chin will prevent a good seal.</p>	
<p><b>H.</b> Moustache is too thick and too long (down around edge of mouth); will contact a sealing surface and could get stuck in an exhalation valve. The hair on the rest of the face will interfere with a sealing surface.</p>	
<p><b>I.</b> Hair is in sealing region and under the chin. Hair is in chin cup sealing region and on the side of the face.</p>	
<p><b>J.</b> Moustache is too thick and too long; will contact a sealing surface and interfere with exhalation valve.</p>	