



**Standard Operating Procedures
for the Control of Asbestos Fibres
Respirator Selection Chart**

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Column 1 - Work Category	Column 2 - Required Respirator
<i>Type 1 Operations - All</i>	
Worker requests that the employer provide a respirator to be used by the worker;	Air purifying half-mask respirator with P-100 particulate filter
<i>Type 2 Operations – Ceiling Entry</i>	
1. Removing all or part of a false ceiling to obtain access to a work area, if asbestos-containing material is likely to be lying on the surface of the false ceiling.	One of the following:
	• <i>Air purifying full-facepiece respirator with P-100 particulate filter</i>
	• Powered air purifying respirator equipped with a tight-fitting facepiece (half or full-facepiece) and a high efficiency filter or P-100 particulate filter
	• Negative pressure (demand) supplied air respirator equipped with a full-facepiece
	• Continuous flow supplied air respirator equipped with a tight fitting facepiece (half or full-facepiece)



Column 1 - Work Category		Column 2 - Required Respirator
Type 2 Operations – Removal, Repair, Enclosing, Ceiling tiles, Dry Type 2, Drywall Joint Compound, Glove Bag, AHU Filter Changing		
2. The removal or disturbance of one square metre or less of friable asbestos-containing material during the repair, alteration, maintenance or demolition of all or part of machinery or equipment or a building, aircraft, locomotive, railway car, vehicle or ship. 3. Enclosing friable asbestos-containing material. 4. Applying tape or a sealant or other covering to pipe or boiler insulation that is asbestos-containing material. 5. Installing or removing ceiling tiles that are asbestos-containing material, if the tiles cover an area of 7.5 square metres or more and are installed or removed without being broken, cut, drilled, abraded, ground, sanded or vibrated. 6. Breaking, cutting, drilling, abrading, grinding, sanding or vibrating non-friable asbestos-containing material if, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the material is not wetted to control the spread of dust or fibres, and the work is done only by means of non-powered hand-held tools. 7. Removing one square metre or more of drywall in which joint filling compounds that are asbestos-containing material have been used. 8. Removing insulation that is asbestos-containing material from a pipe, duct or similar structure using a glove bag. 9. Cleaning or removing filters used in air handling equipment in a building that has sprayed fireproofing that is asbestos-containing material. 10. An operation that, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> is not mentioned in any of 1 to 10 above, may expose a worker to asbestos, and is not classified as a Type 1 or Type 3 operation.) 	Air purifying half-mask respirator with P-100 particulate filter	
Type 2 Operations – Power Tools with HEPA Filter		
11. Breaking, cutting, drilling, abrading, grinding, sanding or vibrating non-friable material containing asbestos by means of power tools, if the tool is attached to a dust collecting device equipped with a HEPA filter	Material is not wetted	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air purifying full-facepiece respirator with P-100 particulate filter • Powered air purifying respirator equipped with a tight-fitting facepiece (half or full-facepiece) and a high efficiency filter or P-100 particulate filter • Negative pressure (demand) supplied air respirator equipped with a full-facepiece • Continuous flow supplied air respirator equipped with a tight fitting facepiece (half or full-facepiece)
	Material is wetted to control spread of fibre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air purifying half-mask respirator with P-100 particulate filter