

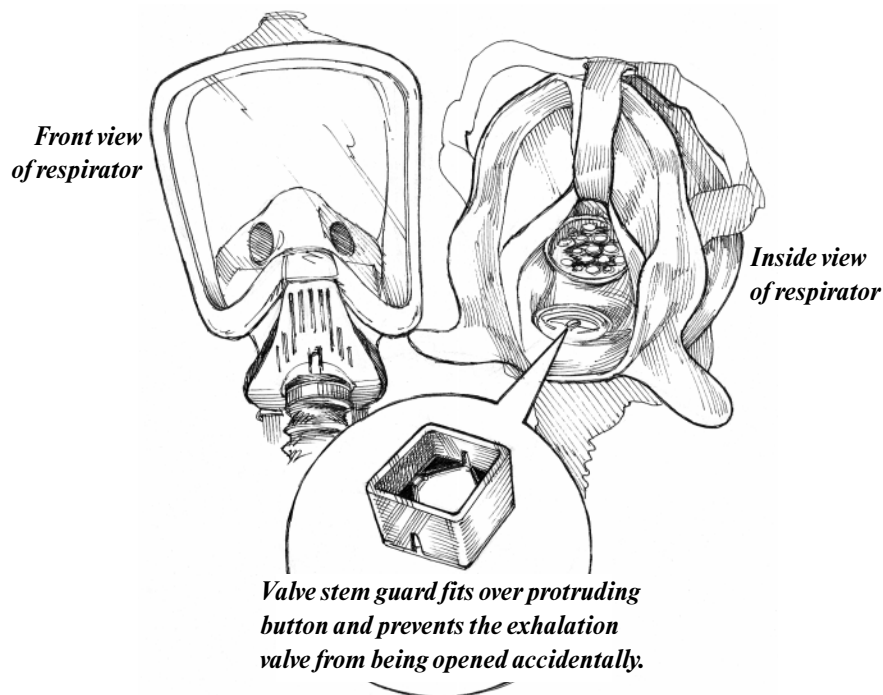
HAZARD ALERT

MSA Ultra Elite[®] SCBA facepiece Install corrective valve stem guard

A safety design defect has been found with the exhalation valve on the MSA (Mine Safety Appliances Company) Ultra Elite[®] SCBA facepiece. The exhalation valve can be opened for cleaning. The button that opens it protrudes above the surrounding facepiece. As a result, the button can accidentally contact the user's chin, push the exhalation valve open, and permit outside air to enter, possibly causing injury or death.

The protruding button may contact the user's chin when the user looks up, the user leans forward and looks directly down, or the user opens his or her mouth wide to breathe.

MSA has developed a guard that prevents the button from being accidentally depressed. The guard and installation instructions have been sent to all customers who purchased this facepiece. Employers should ensure that the guard is installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. If you have not received your guard, contact MSA at 416 667-9400 or toll-free at 1 800 267-0672.



Language shouldn't be a barrier to safety

This poster was prepared for you and your workers. It is important that your workers receive the safety message that is contained in this poster. If your workers are unable to read English, we would appreciate it if you would translate, or have translated, this important message into a language they can understand. Thank you.