

## Facial Protection

### KIMBERLY-CLARK\* Facial Protection Products

## Procedure: What and Where

Selecting an appropriate face mask requires careful examination of the types of procedures that will be routinely conducted and where they will be performed.

- How long are the procedures?
- Does the procedure require an impervious gown?
- Is it an aerosol generating procedure?
- Does your facility or professional organization have policies or standards associated with the procedures?

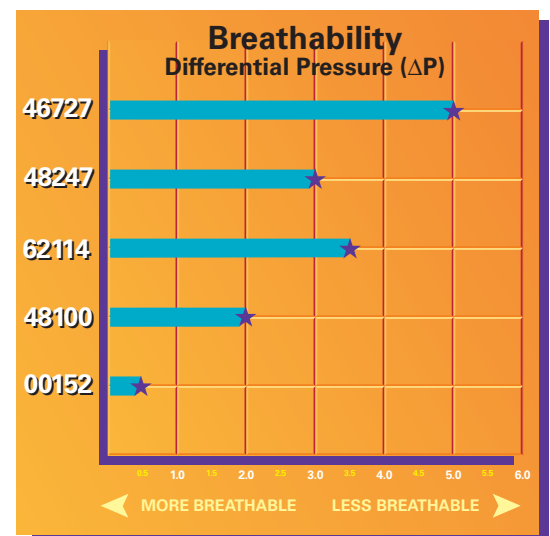
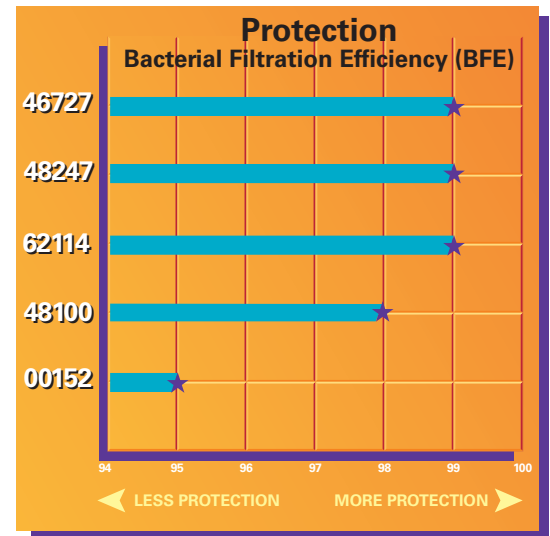
## Personal Comfort: Encouraging Compliance

“Breathability” is measured by differential pressure, or  $\Delta P$  (the difference in air pressure on the inside of the mask vs. the outside of the mask during air exchange). The lower the  $\Delta P$ , the more “breathable” the mask. Cool, easy breathing comfort encourages healthcare worker compliance – a key component in personal protection.

- How “breathable” is a mask?
- From what materials is the mask constructed?

## Personal Preference

Just as procedures and environments vary, so do individual needs and preferences. The single most important factor in determining whether a mask is comfortable to a wearer is whether the mask’s features place the wearer at ease. We all have our own styles, likes and dislikes, and a face mask is one of the most personal products a healthcare professional wears.



These charts illustrate the protection and breathability of several of our face masks and show the correlation between protection and breathability. Generally, the more protection offered, the lower the breathability.

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A full line of  
protection to  
meet your needs.

