

Important Information: Field Safety Corrective Action

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To Blackwoods customers of who have received
Rd 40 Combination Filter

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During our continuous production surveillance activities, we have unfortunately discovered that a very small number of Dräger particle filters that are also used in our combination respiratory protection filters in the batches listed below do not fully achieve the required particle filtration efficiency.

The following article numbers that were shipped in 2022 in the batches listed below could be affected by this issue:

Material	Description	Batch
6738797	Combi filter 1140 A2B2E2K2HgP3 R D	ARRF-F001 & ARRE-F001
6738797	Combi filter 1140 A2B2E2K2HgP3 R D	ARRF-F001 & ARRE-F001
6738797	Combi filter 1140 A2B2E2K2HgP3 R D	ARRF-F001 & ARRE-F001
6738801	1140 A1B2E2K1HgNO P3 R D/CO 20 P3 R	ARRD-F004

It is essential that you stop using any of the Dräger combination respiratory protection filters listed above in real-life operations with immediate effect.



The reduced filtration performance of the respiratory protection filters can result in more particles than usual being inhaled. This does not affect the toxic gas filtration efficiency of the activated carbon. As the user may not notice any change in particle filtration efficiency, increased inhalation of particles is possible. This can lead to irritation of the airways, and in the longer term to respiratory diseases.

The risk to a user has to be assessed individually depending on particle and duration of use.

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Two examples:

(1) If the Combi Gas Filter is used in the presence of dust:

Dust can cause obstructive airway disease.

However you need repeated exposure of some years for developing the disease.

Conclusion: no long term risk for persons who used a listed filter for some months.

(2) If the Combi Gas Filter is used in the presence of asbestos fibres:

In most cases of asbestosis, the patients were exposed for several years. For the induction of a bronchial carcinoma in Germany, 25 "fibre years" are considered to be necessary.

However it is possible to get asbestosis after repeated exposure periods of less than one year.

Conclusion: if the listed filters are used in such an application, the risk of the mentioned disease is low, but not zero.

We would further ask you to return the products to us without delay.

Please have them delivered to:

Draeger Australia Pty Ltd

Attn. Verena Withers

2 Redwood Drive

Notting Hill VIC 3168

Naturally, you will be sent replacements free of charge for the affected products once you have sent them back to us.

If the filter was consumed, please provide the following information:

1. determine what kind of particle contaminants were present in the environment in which the filters were being used
2. details of the persons using the filters
3. duration of use of filters

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



Verena Withers

Quality Officer