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# Avoid OSHA Citations

## Bullard NIOSH Compliance

This notice is provided to assist in raising the awareness of regulatory requirements related to the use of unapproved components and after-market replacement parts on any Bullard NIOSH-certified respirator. By following the guidelines set forth in this bulletin, your company can avoid OSHA citations as well as job site shutdowns and/or heavy fines.

### ACCORDING TO OSHA:

“The employer shall select a NIOSH-certified respirator. The respirator shall be used in compliance with the conditions of that certification.” [29 CFR 1910.134 (d)(1)(ii)] Additionally, NIOSH regulations state that NIOSH will approve only complete respirator assemblies, and the NIOSH will not approve component parts [942 CFR 84.30 (a) and (b)]. According to NIOSH, this is interpreted to mean that an “approved respirator” is “one that has been maintained in an approved condition and is the same in all respects as that for which an approval has been issued.”

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AS A USER?

It means only Bullard components and replacement parts should be used in any Bullard respirator. Use of non-approved or after-market replacement parts voids the NIOSH approval and constitutes an OSHA violation for which a citation may be issued.

Use of Bullard components and replacement parts ensures that you are receiving the best protection that a Bullard respirator offers. Unapproved, non-Bullard parts have undergone the benefit of Bullard’s quality assurance program, nor the NIOSH certification process. The effect on the performance of a respirator with unauthorized parts cannot be determined.

If there is any question about the origin or manufacturer of any components of your Bullard respirator, immediately contact Marco at 800-BLAST-IT (252-7848). Refer to your respirator’s User Manual for additional information.