

3M Health Care Launches New High-Performance Surgical Mask

New surgical mask incorporates proprietary 3M filtration media

3M Health Care today announced the launch of the 3M™ Filtron™ 1900 tie-on duckbill surgical mask to meet the needs of clinicians seeking a premium surgical mask. The new 3M Filtron 1900 surgical mask incorporates proprietary filtration media and a rayon outerlayer to deliver increased breathability and comfort, traits highly preferred by clinicians.

Featuring a popular “duckbill” design, the 3M Filtron 1900 surgical mask provides off-the-face comfort and unmuffled speech. The unique filter combination reduces fogging that results from breathing into a surgical mask, and has a lower delta P, a measurement sought by clinicians performing longer surgical procedures.

“In response to customers seeking a higher-performing surgical mask, we are pleased to be able to offer the 3M Filtron 1900,” said DeAnn Hammer, marketing manager, 3M Health Care. “We understand our customers’ need for a premium-quality mask that can be quickly ordered and received, so we’ve decided to have the 3M Filtron 1900 manufactured exclusively in the United States.” The 3M Filtron 1900 surgical mask is manufactured in the United States of 89 percent U.S. components, 11 percent Austrian components and is latex-free.

The 3M Filtron 1900 surgical mask is supplied by Prestige Ameritech, run by Dan Reese and Mike Bowen, long-time experts in manufacturing high quality surgical masks. Prestige Ameritech operations are solely based in the United States.

“Manufacturing surgical masks in the United States is an important strategy to pursue, not only for the convenience of hospitals and clinicians, but to enable a quick ramp-up on production and delivery should unplanned events require it,” said Mike Bowen, executive vice president of Prestige Ameritech. “We are pleased to manufacture this product exclusively for 3M and to help them deliver high quality, high performance, surgical masks to clinicians.”

The 3M Filtron 1900 surgical mask is one of many 3M Health Care infection prevention products. Other products include 3M™ Avagard™ (Chlorhexidine Gluconate 1% Solution and Ethyl Alcohol 61% w/w) Surgical and Healthcare Personnel Hand Antiseptic with Moisturizers, and 3M™ Duraprep™ Surgical Solution (Iodine Povacrylex [0.7% available iodine] and Isopropyl Alcohol, 74% w/w) Patient Preoperative Skin Preparation.

About 3M Health Care

3M Health Care, one of 3M’s six major business segments, provides world-class innovative products and services to help health care professionals improve the practice, delivery and outcome of patient care in medical, oral care, drug delivery and health information markets.

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