



KN95 / N95 DISPOSABLE FACE MASK

- KN95 is considered an equivalent to the N95 standard in terms of filtration and being a respirator. There are several styles of KN95 mask with the folding being the most common.
- Due to 4/5ply layer design and a tighter fit, it provides a stronger barrier to filter particles, bacteria, dust, pollen, viruses, etc.
- Filtration on KN95 & N95 is rated at 95% and higher
- KN95 are allowed to be imported into the US as civil mask respirators and not medical devices
- KN95 are not NIOSH-Approved but are allowed to be imported as a substitute to N95 during this pandemic
- KN95 come as 4-ply & 5-ply of premium non woven fabric
- KN95 have a much better and tighter fit to the face compared to the 3-ply disposable “surgical-style” face masks
- They are made to be single use but due to shortages people wear them longer and they are a lot more durable compared to 3-ply due to their construction

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are NIOSH N95 masks available?

A: Yes, it is possible to buy NIOSH N95 and import; however, their price is much higher than KN95 and currently the US Government is controlling a lot of the incoming supply due to the massive shortages and are intended to go to medical personnel and FEMA.

2. Why does my KN95 look different?

A. Besides different styles of KN95, each manufacturer has their own way of branding their KN95 either with their logo or the standards; however, they are qualified as KN95 to meet the standard for this particular mask. Counterfeits are not likely to exist in US anymore due to current strict import/export quality controls implemented by Chinese & US governments at all ports of entry. Products between the manufacturers may vary slightly but all are certified to meet the requirements.

3. Are these masks made in China?

A. Majority of mask production in the world is in China. The main component of the mask is the melt blown filter material which is mainly produced in China. Made in China does not mean the quality is bad. Many NIOSH N95 are manufactured in China. Currently the same factories that manufacture NIOSH N95 are also manufacturing KN95 to help meet the global demand.

4. Why are these masks more expensive than before?

A. The worldwide demand in the last few months has gone up 100 times. Production of different kinds of masks has increased but the demand is still greater than production capability at the time being. As a result, raw material costs have been going up weekly. Due to reduction of flights, air cargo freight prices are at an all time high. Due to all these factors, people around the world are paying more for masks than they were paying at the beginning of the year.