



The Safety Company

1100 Cranberry Woods Drive  
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**RE: OptimAir TL Hood White Version Shortage**

May 20, 2020

**To Whom It May Concern:**

We were recently informed by our supplier of OptimAir TL PAPR hood that the supply of white Tyvek materials from DuPont, such as the Tychem QC used on most of our PAPR hoods won't be available until sometime in early 2021. Fortunately, MSA does have some inbound stock of white hoods to support short term needs.

Since there are no alternative white materials available in the market at this time, we anticipate that we will experience shortages of white PAPR hoods in the coming months. Given the current high levels of demand for APR and PAPR during this unprecedented time, MSA is committed to continue to supply our customers as best as we can. Therefore, MSA has made provisions and given permission to our supplier to substitute yellow Tychem material as needed in order to meet demand. The performance characteristics of the yellow material is identical to that of the current white material.

We understand that certain industries may have specific standard operation procedures relating to color requirements for their PPE. Keeping the workers safe is paramount and we are committed to providing the protection. Therefore, please be advised that in the coming months, MSA may fulfill orders with the yellow material as we deem necessary to support customer needs. We will not mix box quantities, however, we cannot guarantee that individual orders will not be mixed. A "yellow" marking will be attached on the outside of cartons for easy identification as shown below:





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Here are the impacted part numbers:

Single Bib –

10083329, 10095739, 10083383, 10095740, 10083381, 10095741, 10083385, and 10095742

Double Bib –

10083330, 10095743, 10083384, 10095744, 10083382, 10095745, 10083386, and 10095746

We apologize for all the inconvenience that may cause to your business as a result of this change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our local sales representatives on this matter.

Thank you for your understanding and patience while we go through this process! As always, MSA values your business, and will make an effort to meet your expectation!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lillian Blazina'.

Lillian Blazina  
Global Product Line Manager  
Air Purifying Respiratory Protection