

# Know your hazard:

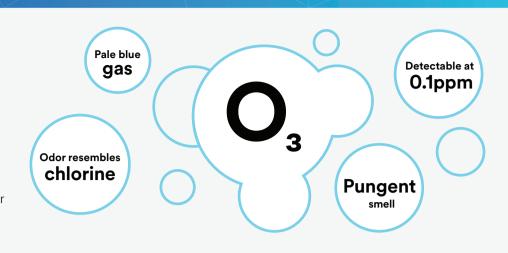
# Ozone

## What is Ozone?

Ozone, or trioxygen, is an inorganic molecule with the chemical formula O<sub>3</sub>.

It is a pale blue gas with a distinctively pungent smell resembling chlorine.

Many people can detect ozone in the air at concentrations as low as 0.1 ppm.



## Where is Ozone used?

Ozone plays an important role in various industrial processes. According to the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health<sup>^</sup> (NIOSH), ozone is utilised in:







**Drinking water** purification treatment



Industrial wastewater treatment



**Bleaching** 



Oils



Produce other chemicals

### Harmful effects of Ozone exposure

Exposure to ozone can lead to several health observations, including:

Irritation in:

can lead to:



Headache

Asthma





Upset stomach



**Shortness** 



of breath damage

### How can one protect against it?

To reduce exposure and risks to workers, you can:

Waxes



**Ensure proper ventilation** in workspaces.

Use personal protective equipment (PPE) as needed.





Monitor ozone levels regularly.

Follow safety guidelines and protocols for handling ozone.

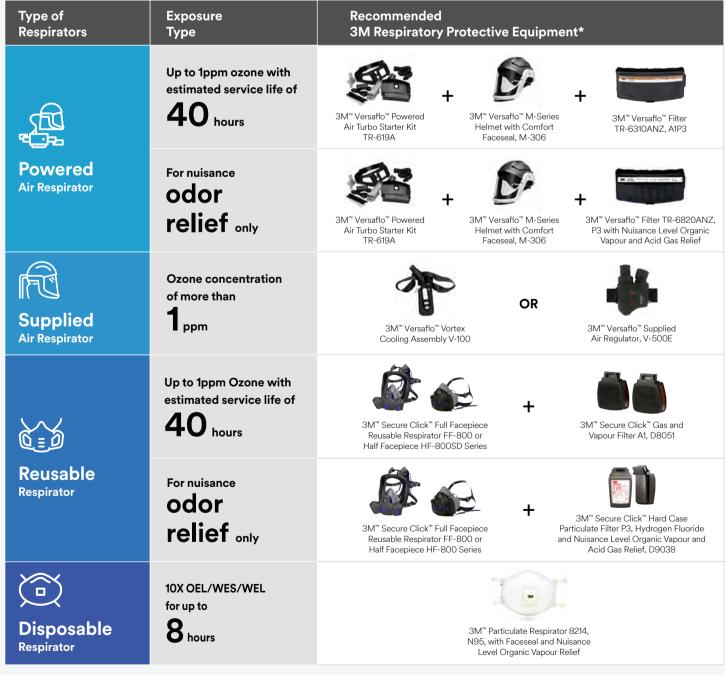


#### Chronic exposure can cause:

Higher concentrations

# What RPE does 3M recommend for Ozone protection?

3M provides a comprehensive range of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) designed to safeguard your team from ozone exposure. Explore our selection of RPEs to identify the best fit for your specific work environment.



\*If using these filters or cartridges for ozone and additional gas/vapour/particulate hazards, consult appropriate product User Instructions for additional guidance on time use limitations. This is only a recommendation for minimum PPE required. Each work application must be evaluated by a competent person as required by local laws and regulations for the hazard and risk before selection of the right PPE. Workplace rules and regulations must take precedence, if more stringent. ^https://www.cdc.gov/niosh



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