

## N95 vs. KN95 Comparison Chart

N95s and KN95s are both rated to capture 95% of particles, although only KN95 masks are required to pass fit tests. N95 masks have slightly stronger requirements for breathability. KN95 has equivalent or better filtration efficiency to N95 in North America. Also KN95 is premium 5 Ply quality CE certified and tested. Non-Medical.

Based on this comparison, it is reasonable to consider China KN95, AS/NZ P2, Korea 1st Class, and Japan DS FFRs as “equivalent” to US NIOSH N95 and European FFP2 respirators, for filtering non-oil-based particles such as those resulting from wildfires, PM 2.5 air pollution, volcanic eruptions, or bioaerosols (e.g. viruses). However, prior to selecting a respirator, users should consult their local respiratory protection regulations and requirements or check with their local public health authorities for selection guidance.

Certification/ Class (Standard)	N95 (NIOSH-42C FR84)	FFP2 (EN 149-2001)	KN95 (GB2626-2006)	P2 (AS/NZ 1716:2012)	Korea 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (KMOEL - 2017-64)	DS (Japan JMHLW-Notification 214, 2018)
Filter performance – (must be ≥ X% efficient)	≥ 95%	≥ 94%	≥ 95%	≥ 94%	≥ 94%	≥ 95%
Test agent	NaCl	NaCl and paraffin oil	NaCl	NaCl	NaCl and paraffin oil	NaCl
Flow rate	85 L/min	95 L/min	85 L/min	95 L/min	95 L/min	85 L/min
Total inward leakage (TIL)* – tested on human subjects each performing exercises	N/A	≤ 8% leakage (arithmetic mean)	≤ 8% leakage (arithmetic mean)	≤ 8% leakage (individual and arithmetic mean)	≤ 8% leakage (arithmetic mean)	Inward Leakage measured and included in User Instructions
Inhalation resistance – max pressure drop	≤ 343 Pa	≤ 70 Pa (at 30 L/min) ≤ 240 Pa (at 95 L/min) ≤ 500 Pa (clogging)	≤ 350 Pa	≤ 70 Pa (at 30 L/min) ≤ 240 Pa (at 95 L/min)	≤ 70 Pa (at 30 L/min) ≤ 240 Pa (at 95 L/min)	≤ 70 Pa (w/valve) ≤ 50 Pa (no valve)
Flow rate	85 L/min	Varied – see above	85 L/min	Varied – see above	Varied – see above	40 L/min
Exhalation resistance - max pressure drop	≤ 245 Pa	≤ 300 Pa	≤ 250 Pa	≤ 120 Pa	≤ 300 Pa	≤ 70 Pa (w/valve) ≤ 50 Pa (no valve)
Flow rate	85 L/min	160 L/min	85 L/min	85 L/min	160 L/min	40 L/min
Exhalation valve leakage requirement	Leak rate ≤ 30 mL/min	N/A	Depressurization to 0 Pa ≥ 20 sec	Leak rate ≤ 30 mL/min	visual inspection after 300 L /min for 30 sec	Depressurization to 0 Pa ≥ 15 sec
Force applied	-245 Pa	N/A	-1180 Pa	-250 Pa	N/A	-1,470 Pa
CO <sub>2</sub> clearance requirement	N/A	≤ 1%	≤ 1%	≤ 1%	≤ 1%	≤ 1%

\*Japan JMHLW-Notification 214 requires an Inward Leakage test rather than a TIL test.

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