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Surgical N95	Industrial N95	KN95
PARTICLE PROTECTION		
Filters at least 95% of airborne particles including viruses and bacteria.	Filters at least 95% of airborne particles including viruses and bacteria.	May not provide the wearer with reliable respiratory protection due to looser fit.*
FLUID PROTECTION		
Yes	No	No
REGULATORY APPROVAL		
FDA, NIOSH	NIOSH	Chinese National Medical Products Administration
USED IN		
Medical settings where fluid exposure is possible (e.g., some surgeries)	Medical settings where fluid resistance is not required	Not approved for use in U.S. medical settings
FACE SEAL		
Head straps, adjustable noseclip help provide a tight face seal	Head straps, adjustable noseclip help provide a tight face seal	Ear loops, looser fitting
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