

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED



Concerning SCOTT® Model 631 Series Chemical Canisters and Model 631 P100 Filters Manufactured Between the Dates Specified in this Notice

DATE: December 8, 2006

TO: All Users of SCOTT Air Purifying Respirators with 631 Series Canisters or Filters

WARNING

READ AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS NOTICE. Some SCOTT 631 Canisters and 631 P100 Filters have been found to allow more particulate or aerosol droplets to pass through the filter than permitted by the NIOSH approval. Do not use these canisters. Failure to follow the instructions cited here may result in exposing the users to the atmosphere the canister was intended to protect against which could cause serious injury or death.

During recent audit testing, SCOTT Health and Safety has learned of potential issues with the Model 631 Chemical Canisters with P100 Filters and with the Model 631 P100 Filters. Analytical test results have shown that some of these canisters and filters may not protect the user from particulates and oil containing particulate aerosols as required by the NIOSH certification. The affected date ranges for the canisters are: Model 631 P100 filters manufactured between October 1, 2001 (date code 10011) and October 1, 2006 (date code 10016) and Model 631 Chemical Canisters with P100 Filter manufactured between October, 2003 (date code 10013) and October, 2006 (date code 10016). SCOTT is unaware of any instances where anyone has been injured as a result of this condition.

These canisters and filters are only offered for use in conjunction with an organized respiratory protection program that complies with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 or other pertinent nationally recognized standards. These canisters and filters are intended for use as a part of a complete Model 63 respirator assembly which includes a SCOTT full facepiece, used with the chin canister adapter P/N 804058-01. The Model 63 may also include a harness, hose, and manifold to connect the canister or filter to the SCOTT full facepiece.

The following SCOTT Model 631 P100 Filters and Model 631 Canisters with P100 Filters are affected by this notice:

SCOTT Part No.	Identifier	Used For
805036-01	P100 Filter	Particulate - Aerosol
805037-01	631-CL-P100	Chlorine – Particulate - Aerosol
805038-01	631-OV-P100	Organic Vapor - Particulate - Aerosol
805039-01	631-TEDA-P100	Radioiodine Vapor – Chlorine - Particulate - Aerosol

The Part Numbers shown are the individual part numbers as they appear on the canister or filter label. These items are usually packaged in quantities of six or ten when -02 follows the part number. See FIGURE 1 for a photograph of these canisters in their individual packaging.



FIGURE 1
SCOTT Model 631 Style Canisters and Filter
 (The smaller 631 P100 filter is usually provided in boxes of 10, not shown here.)

The affected canisters can be identified through careful inspection of their labels, both for the item Part Number and the affected Date Codes. FIGURE 2 shows a detail of the labels for the affected canisters and filter showing the location of the Part Numbers.

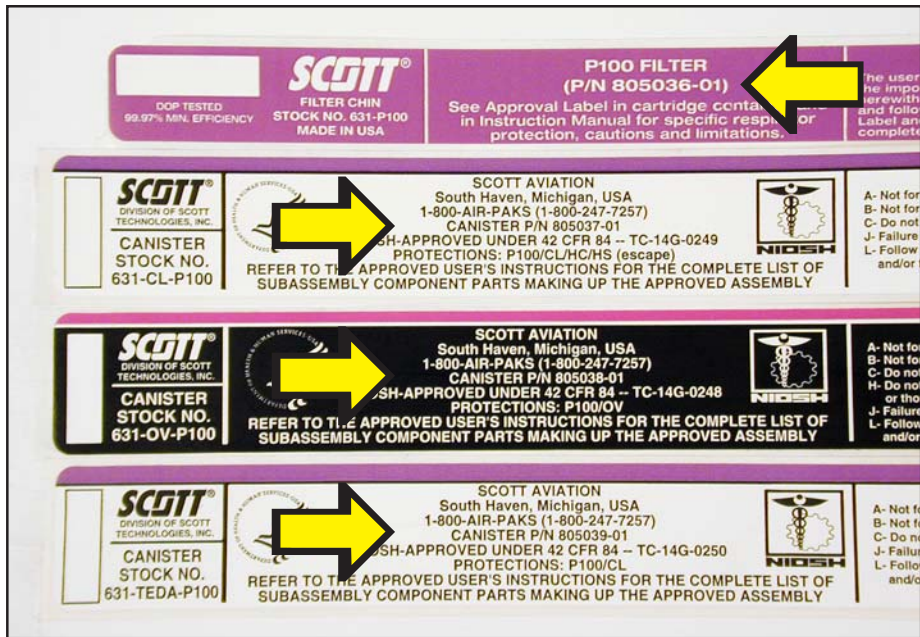


FIGURE 2
Labels for Canisters and Filter showing the Part Number Locations

The date code is a five digit number ink stamped on the canister or filter label. The first two digits are the MONTH of manufacture, the second two digits are the DAY of that month, and the last digit is the last number of the YEAR of manufacture. For example, the date code 05096, the first two digits (05) signify the month (May), the middle two digits signify the day (09) and the last digit (6) signifies the year (2006). Refer to FIGURES 3 and 4 for locations of the date codes.



FIGURE 3
SCOTT Model 631 P100 Filter showing the Manufacture Date Code

Model 631 P100 filters manufactured between October 1, 2001 (date code 10011) and October 1, 2006 (date code 10016) are affected by this notice. None of the affected Model 631 series P100 canisters shall be used; they must all be returned to SCOTT.



FIGURE 4
SCOTT Model 631 TEDA P100 showing the Manufacture Date Code

Model 631 Chemical Canisters with P100 Filter manufactured between October, 2003 (date code 10013) and October, 2006 (date code 10016) are affected by this notice. None of the affected Model 631 Chemical Canisters with P100 Filter shall be used; they must all be returned to SCOTT.

The inventory of Model 631 canisters and filters currently at SCOTT is being thoroughly re-tested for filter efficiency. Canisters and filters that meet NIOSH requirements are marked with an Orange Dot as shown in FIGURES 5 and 6. Some of these canisters and filters may bear the affected date codes listed above. If you have any canisters or filters with the affected date code AND the Orange Dot, they are NOT affected by this notice. The location of the Orange Dot is approximate and may vary slightly. See FIGURES 5 and 6.



FIGURE 5
SCOTT Model 631 Canister
with Orange Dot



FIGURE 6
SCOTT Model 631 P100 Filter
with Orange Dot

ACTION FOR YOU TO TAKE

Users are requested to inspect their inventory and isolate any filters and canisters that meet the criteria above. DO NOT include any canisters or filters with an Orange Dot. Once the affected canisters are isolated, complete the User Response Form attached to this Important Safety Notice and advise SCOTT directly of the number of Model 631 Chemical Canisters and /or Filters in your possession. Upon receipt of the User Response Form, SCOTT will immediately ship replacement canisters and arrange for pickup of your existing inventory. If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact SCOTT Health & Safety at 800-247-7257.