
Why use protective apparel?

Hazards and effects



Chemicals are one of the biggest hazards to the skin.



They can cause a variety of skin conditions.

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Protection types

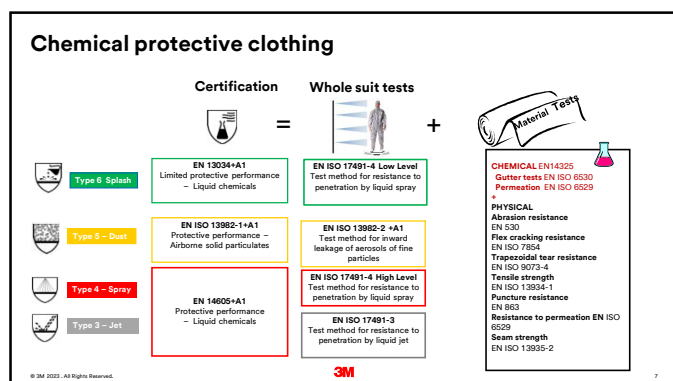
Category	Protection Type	3M Products
Protection Levels 	Gas Tight – Type 1 suits offer a high level of protection against gases, liquids and solid particles.	
	Non-Gas Tight – Type 2 suits offer some protection against gases, but unlike Type 1, they are not completely "gas-tight".	
	Jet Tight – Type 3 suits are used where there is exposure to liquids under pressure.	 3M 4570
Chemical Protection CE Category III	Spray Tight – Type 4 suits offer protection against liquid sprays and are used for higher volume, longer duration or more hazardous liquid exposures than Type 6.	 3M 4565
	Particle Protection – As the name suggests, products certified to Type 5 are generally suitable for dust applications.	 3M 4510, 4515, 4520, 4530, 4532+, 4535, 4540+, 4545, 4565, 4570, 50198 (AAD)
	Limited Splash – Type 6 certified products offer low-level protection against small splashes and light mists.	
CE Category I	CE Simple – non-certified.	 3M 4500 & 4505, coats & accessories 50425 (AAD)

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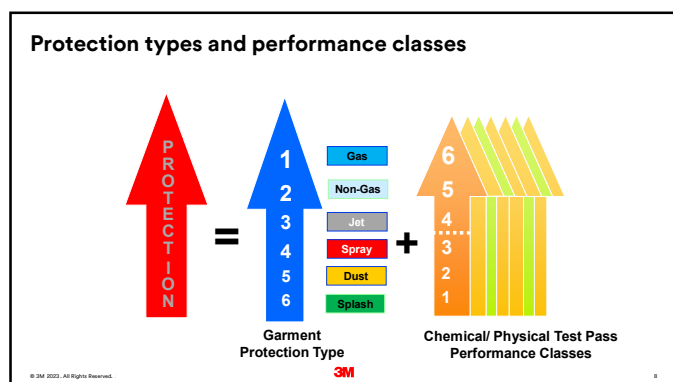
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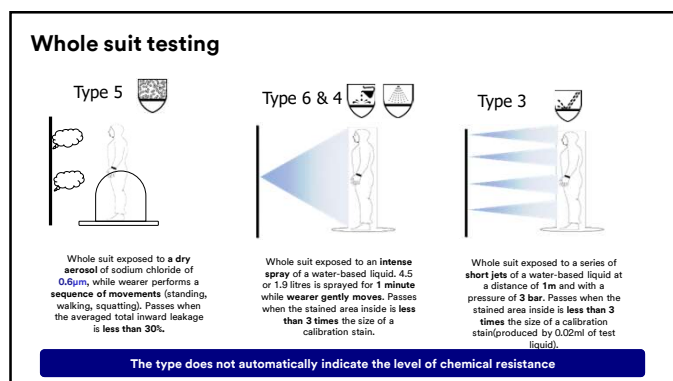
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Chemical test library

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3M Chemical Test Library

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Mercury

TEST RESULTS

TEST TYPE: ALLTEST METHOD: ALLCHEMICAL DETAILSEND BY EMAIL

PRODUCT MATERIALCHEMICAL NAMEEN NUMBERTEST METHODBREAK THROUGH TIME (BT)CLASS/RESULTCOMPARE

6370Mercury7429-07-6EN 974-3:2003Permeation< 480 minsClass 6/6ADD

6370Mercury7429-07-6ISO 8528:2001Permeation @ 0.1 µg/cm2/min< 480 minsClass 6/6ADD

6370Mercury7429-07-6ISO 8528:2001Permeation @ 1.0 µg/cm2/min< 480 minsClass 6/6ADD

The results listed are based on the lowest performing component's results and may not be reflective of the performance of the whole garment or other components. Breakthrough times do not indicate a safe-wear time – this depends on the application, toxicity & exposure condition. Consult 3M or a safety professional for further information.

COMPARER

Comparator | 3M Chemical Test Library (3m-chemical-test-library.com)

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Testing results on our TDS

Below shows a typical Technical Data Sheet and how the tests, standards and results are displayed

3M Technical Data Sheet

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Test	Standard/Test Method	Class/Result
Abrasion resistance (visual assessment)	EN 530:2010	Class 1
Flex cracking (visual assessment)	ISO 7854:1995	Class 5
Tear resistance	ISO 9073-4:1997	Class 1
Tensile strength	EN ISO 13934-1:1999	Class 1
Puncture resistance	EN 863:1995	Class 1
Resistance to ignition	EN 13274-4:2001	Pass
Seam strength	EN ISO 13935-2:1999	Class 2
Repellency to liquids – 30% H ₂ SO ₄	EN ISO 6530:2005	Class 3 of 3


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Optional standards

Protection against micro-organism hazards


EN 14126
Protective Performance – Infective Agents

Protection against Nuclear Particles

EN 1073-2
Protective Clothing – Particulate Radioactive Contamination

Anti-static

EN 1149
Protective Clothing – Electrostatic Properties – Surface Resistivity

Protection against Heat and Flame

ISO 14116
Protective Clothing – Heat and Flame

Section 6.4 of standard states –
8.4.1 Garments conforming to this International Standard, which do not conform to any other standard for heat and flame protection shall not be marked with a graphical symbol or pictogram to depict heat and / or flame protection

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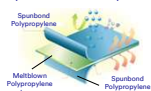
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Technical overview – materials & construction

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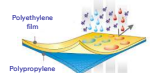
Common coverall materials

SMS Fabrics – Spunbond Meltblown Spunbond



- The Spunbond layers are non-woven **cloth-like** polypropylene and help **improve robustness**.
- The Meltblown layer(s) are an intricate non-woven **web of microfibers** that **filter out** many water-based chemicals and dry particulates.
- Typical SMS fabrics offer high levels of breathability and comfort.
- SMS fabrics do not offer a very good barrier to chemicals, but treatment can be added to improve splash protection (e.g 3M 4532+).
- SMS fabrics are sometimes used in combination with Microporous materials to enhance comfort (e.g 3M 4540+).

Microporous fabrics



- Microporous materials consist of a **polyethylene film** laminated onto a non-woven **polypropylene base**. They offer tensile strength, low lint and an effective liquid and particle barrier.
- Pores allow water vapour transmission out but lower levels of breathability vs SMS.
- The size of the pores can be altered on the film to create higher or lower breathability. The weight of the base fabric can vary a lot from one product to another.

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N.B. Nonwoven fabrics are made from long fibers, bonded together by chemical, mechanical, heat or solvent treatment (as opposed to woven fabrics made from woven or knitted threads).

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Protective Apparel portfolio

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What is a Respirator?

Equipment worn by an individual in the workplace to help protect them from breathing airborne hazards.



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What is **NOT** a Respirator



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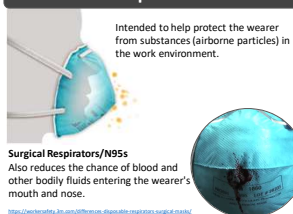
Surgical Mask vs. Respirator

Masks



Surgical Masks
Reduce the chance of blood/ other fluids entering the wearer's mouth and nose.

Respirators

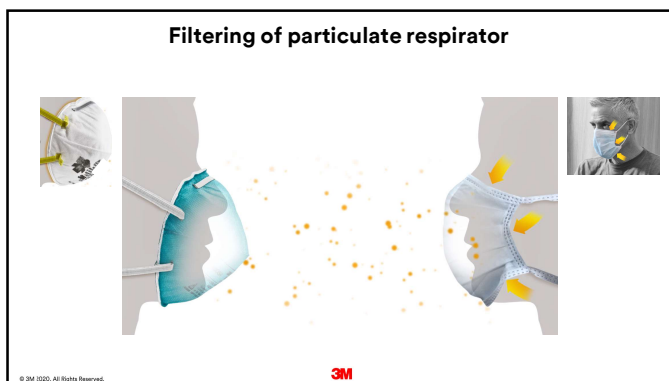


Surgical Respirators/N95s
Also reduces the chance of blood and other bodily fluids entering the wearer's mouth and nose.

<https://www.3m.com/US/en/Products/Respiratory/Disposable/Respirators/Surgical-Masks/>

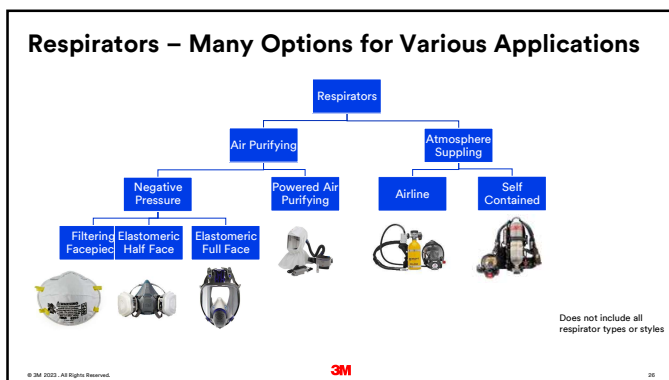
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Filtering of particulate respirator



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Respirators – Many Options for Various Applications



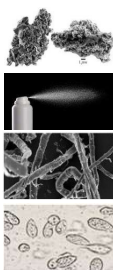
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Respiratory Hazards – Types

- Oxygen Deficiency
- Gaseous
- Gases
- Vapors



- Particulates
- Dusts
- Mists
- Fumes
- Fibers
- Micro-organisms
- Smoke



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Particle Filtration

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Particulate Hazards

Dust

- Mechanical breakage from grinding, sanding, sawing, etc.



Mist

- Airborne droplets of a substance that is a liquid at room temperature and pressure



Fumes

- Liquid metal evaporates, cools in air & forms small, solid particles



Fibers

- Solid particles with length several times as great as their diameter



Biologicals

- Bacteria, protozoa, fungi, algae and viruses



Smoke

- Solid or liquid particles due to incomplete combustion



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Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR)

- Filter fibers are randomly oriented
- Multiple layers of fibers
- Respirator is designed to form a seal on the wearer's face
- Air passes through the filter
- Particles impact the filter fibers
- Very small particles are captured by diffusion



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Non-Powered Air-Purifying Particulate Respirators (42 CFR 84 Subpart K) : TC-84A-XXX approvals

Minimum Filter Efficiency	Resistance to Oil		
	N (No Oil)	R (Oil Resistant)	P (Oil Proof)
95%	N95	R95	P95
99%	N99	R99	P99
100% (99.97%)	N100	R100	P100



N = **N**ot Resistant to Oil Mist

R = **R**esistant to Oil Mist

P = Oil Mist **P**roof

HEPA or 100 level filters required by OSHA for lead, asbestos, cadmium, 4,4'-Methylene dianiline (MDA), arsenic

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OUS Particulate Filters

Europe (both solids and liquids) Australia (warn if oil degradation)	China KN (solids) KP (oils) Eg. KN90, KP100	Japan (Solids/Liquids) e.g. RS1, RL3	Korea
P1 (80%)	90 (90%)	1 (80%)	1 (80%)
P2 (94%)	95 (95%)	2 (95%)	2 (94%)
P3 (99.95%)	100 (99.97%)	3 (99.9%)	Special (99.95 %)

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Gas and Vapors Filtration

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Gas & Vapor

Gas



- Fluids that have neither independent shape nor volume and tend to expand indefinitely
- Exposures: Nitrogen, chlorine, carbon monoxide
- Operations: Inerting, water treatment, engine exhaust

Vapor



- Gaseous form of materials which are liquids or solids at room temperature and pressure
- Exposures: Toluene, MEK, mercury
- Operations: Vapor degreasing, painting

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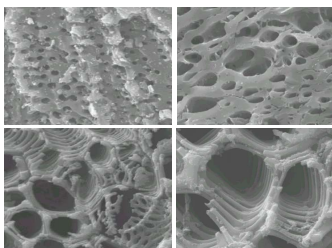
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Activated Carbon

- Carbon derived from coconut shells or coal
- Crushed and conditioned at high temperatures, low oxygen levels
- Creates extensive network of internal pores and large internal surface areas
- Not for filtering particles



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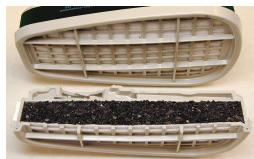
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Organic Vapor (OV) Cartridges

- Organic liquids (e.g. solvents, gasoline) evaporate to give off organic vapors
- Vapors adsorb (condense) inside carbon pores and held by weak forces (Van der Waals)



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Other Chemical Cartridges

- Cartridges other than OV have chemically "treated" carbon to react with specific gases vapors
- Approved for specific chemicals only as listed on cartridge label
 - "Acid gas" or "Multigas" not always the same chemicals
- Color coding of label required by NIOSH same for all manufacturers

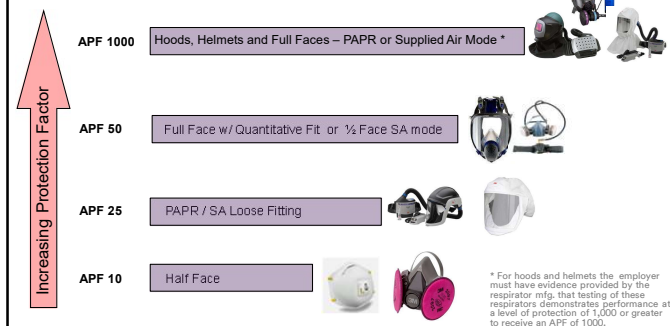


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US OSHA Assigned Protection Factors




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Respirator Selection Guide

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Respirator Selection



3M Can Help

We have respirators that can help protect against chemicals as well as particulate hazards, including oily mists. We can also help you with your selection process:

The 3M Respirator Selection Guide provides respirator selection criteria for particulate hazards and a wide range of chemical compounds.

Our free 3M™ Select and Service Life Software can help make selecting the appropriate respirators faster and easier. Just enter contaminants and their concentrations and the software analyzes the data and profiles a record of your choices. The software can also help you estimate the service life of 3M™ Respirator Cartridges, which aid in maintaining your OSHA-required cartridge change schedule for gas and vapor cartridges.

For more information about respirator selection, go to our website or call 3M Technical Service at 1-800-843-4636.

[3M RESPIRATOR SELECTION GUIDE \(PDF, 439K\)](#)

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Contaminant	CAS #	Synonym	Skin?	Respirator	Comments
Sodium borate, decahydrate	1303-96-4	Borascu; Borates, tetrasodium salts, decahydrate; Borac; Borocin; Disodium diborate decahydrate; Disodium tetraborate decahydrate; Sodium pyroborate decahydrate; Sodium tetraborate, decahydrate		N95	
Sodium borate, pentahydrate	12179-04-3	Borates, tetrasodium salts, pentahydrate; Boric acid, pentahydrate; Boron sodium oxide, pentahydrate; Mule team borascu; Sodium tetraborate pentahydrate		N95	
Sodium chloroacetate	3926-62-3	Chloroacetic acid, sodium salt; Monoxene; Sodium monochloroacetate		N95	
Sodium fluoroacetate	62-74-8	1080, SFA, Sodium monofluoroacetate	Y	N95	
Sodium hydroxide	1310-73-2	Caustic soda, Lye, Soda lye		N95	
Sodium hypochlorite	7681-52-9	Hypochlorous acid, sodium salt; Sodium oxychloride		N95	Chlorine may also be present
Sodium metabisulfite	7681-57-4	Sodium pyrosulfite		AG/N95	N95 alone may be suitable if irritation eliminated
Starch	9005-25-8	Corn starch		N95	

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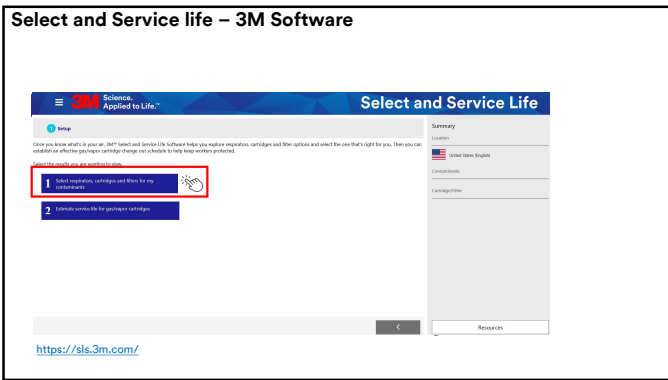
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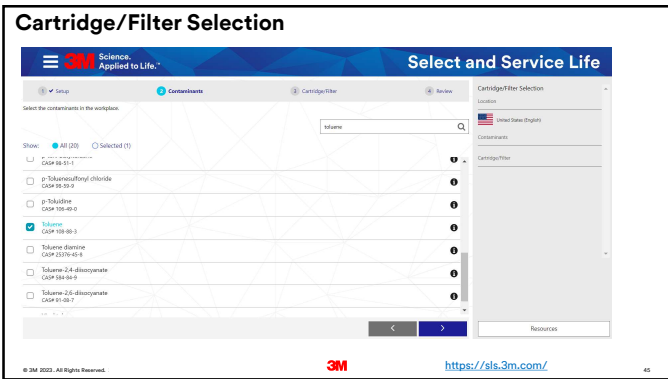
Respirator Codes and Descriptions			
(F)	Full Facepiece (with appropriate cartridges and filters)	P100	P100 Particulate Respirator
AG	Acid Gas Respirator	P95	P95 Particulate Respirator
AM	Ammonia/Methylamine Respirator	R95	R95 Particulate Respirator
FORM	Formaldehyde Respirator	SA	Supplied Air Respirator
HF	Hydrogen Fluoride Respirator	SA(F)	Supplied air respirator with full facepiece, helmet, hood or loose fitting facepiece
Hg	Mercury Vapor Respirator	Note: Respirator abbreviations may be combined. For example, (F)OV/AG/P95 is a full facepiece respirator with an organic vapor/acid gas cartridge and a P95 particulate filter.	
MG	Multi-gas/Vapor Respirator		
N100	N100 Particulate Respirator	3M also offers 3M™ Select Software and 3M™ Service Life Software. Select Software helps you select the most appropriate respirator. Service Life Software estimates service life of 3M gas/vapor cartridges. Both programs are simple, accurate and give printable reports. 3M.com/sls	
N95	N95 Particulate Respirator		
OV	Organic Vapor Respirator		
OZ	Ozone Respirator		

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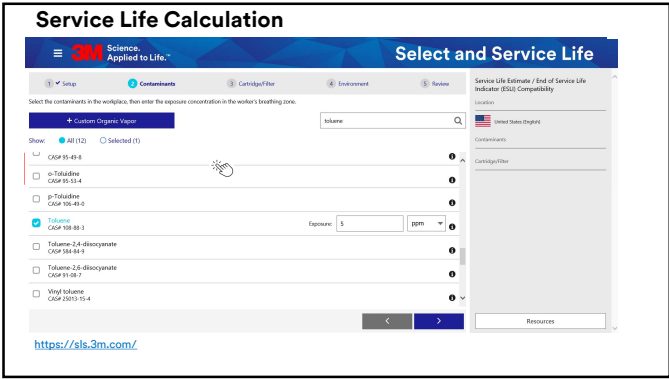
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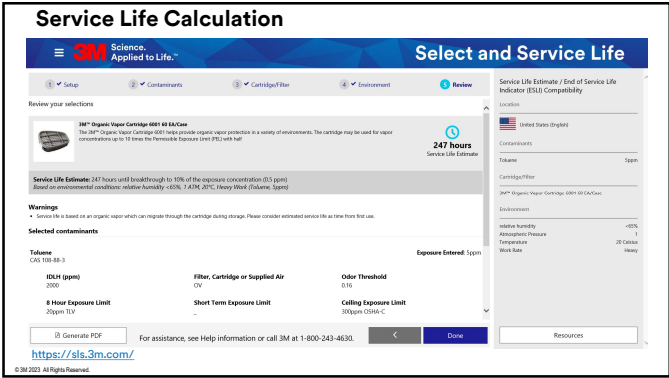
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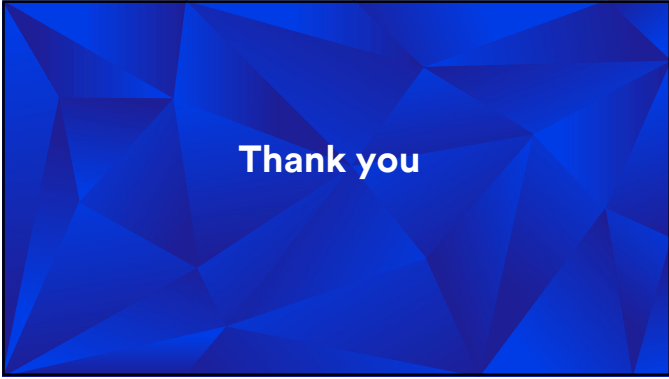
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