DONNING THE AIRHAWK® AIR MASK

1. **Remove facepiece from case.** Check that cylinder is fully pressurized.

2. **Grasp mask-mounted regulator and push top release buttons.** Check that red bypass knob is fully closed (clockwise).

3. **Reach behind and open cylinder valve fully.** Listen for the whistle to sound briefly. As the pressure rises, the alarm sounds automatically, indicating the alarm is functional.

4. **Extend facepiece straps fully.** Check that no air flows from regulator. If it does, repeat steps 1 and 2. Check pressure and cylinder gauges. Gauges must be within 220 psig for 2216 Air Masks and 450 psig for 4500 Air Masks. Check for bypass operation. Turn red knob counter-clockwise. Listen for air flow, then turn it off.

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**As you straighten up, pull shoulder strap tabs out.** Hike unit up for a comfortable fit. Shoulder straps and waist-strap ends must be buckled in and lay flat across the body.

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**Don facepiece by inserting your chin first.** Pull head harness completely over your head and tighten lower (neck) straps.

**Tighten lower head harness straps first, by pulling them straight back, not out.** Tighten temple straps the same way. Tuck in ends of the straps so that they lie flat across the head.

**Push head harness pad towards neck, retighten straps if necessary for best visibility and fit.** Tuck in the ends of the straps so that they lie flat across the head.

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**To remove the facepiece, fully loosen the harness straps and pull the facepiece up and away from your face.** To remove the canister harness, press the belt buckle release buttons IN. Disconnect chest strap (if used). To loosen the shoulder straps, grasp the release tabs. Push them out and away from your body. Slip your right arm out of the shoulder strap first, then remove the harness.

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