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EN 136:1998 clause 7.12.3 Connector for class 2 and class 3 full face masks

Article: Annex: Clause:

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Question:

Does a full-face mask with EN 148-x series multiple filter ports fulfil clause §7.12.3 of EN 136:1998 if the ports are designed to be used only one at a time (i.e. by blanking off the other ports)?

Answer:

No, because such mask does not fulfil EN 136 requirement § 7.12.3
Requirement § 7.12.3 states that "Full face masks shall have only one threaded connector defined in EN 148-1, EN 148-2, EN 148-3".
A manufacturer requiring through user information that only one port at a time is used along with the method of blanking-off the others could be considered acceptable under a Technical Specification by the Notified Body in order to fulfil the EHSR (Annex II) of regulation EU 2016/425, but the mask could not be considered fully in compliance with EN 136:1998 standard and it should not be marked with the reference to the standard.
In case of two / three ports the tests should cover all the possible configurations.