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Dear Valued 3M Customer;

Re: Shelf life of 3M Fit Test Solutions

Thank you for your inquire regarding the 3M FT-10 or FT-30 Qualitative Fit Test Apparatus. In response to your question, there is no published shelf life for the sensitivity and fit test solutions used in these products.

During the manufacturing process, the bottles with solution are autoclaved. However, no preservatives that may inhibit microbial growth are added to the solutions. Addition of a preservative could change the characteristics of the aerosolized particles and influence the fit test results.

Any solution left in the nebulizers at the end of the fit test session should not be poured back into the bottles, but should be discarded to avoid contamination of the solution remaining in the bottle.

If you require additional information regarding the use of fit test apparatus at your facility, please feel free to contact your local 3M representative or myself.

Sincerely,

3M Canada Company

Personal Safety Division

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