# What mask do you need?

## Your guide between respiratory, medical and fabric masks.

User instructions must be followed at all times when using and wearing any type of face covering or mask. Wearing a mask does not replace good hand hygiene and social distancing as protection.

# Respiratory

### Recommended for **DIY & professional use**

- Protects the wearer
- Designed to reduce the user's exposure to airborne particles\*
- Particularly suitable for home improvement & professional building tasks
- Respiratory masks are Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- User is recommended to do a fit test and be clean shaven
- Not washable
- Single or limited use
- CE marked



\*Dependent on level of protection selected: FFP1, FFP2 or FFP3

FFP1: Protects against general dust or water based mist

FFP2: Protects against medium levels of dust from home repair or water based mist

FFP3: Protects against higher levels of dust from home repair, woodworking, construction or water based mist

# **Medical**

### Recommended for general public & medical use

- Reduces the risk to others\*\*
- Designed to reduce the spread of infections\*\*
- Suitable for general public and health care staff
- No protection for DIY or building tasks
- Not necessarily designed to seal tightly to the face
- Not washable
- Single use
- CE marked



\*\*Dependent on level of protection selected: Type 1, Type 2 or Type 2R

Type 1: Used by patients and other persons to reduce the risk of spread of infection, outside of operating rooms or similar medical settings

Type 2: Higher level of protection for health care workers

Type 2R: As type 2 with added splash resistance

# **Fabric**

## Recommended for general public use

- Reduces the risk to others, not certified for PPE or medical use
- Designed to prevent particles being expelled by the wearer into the environment
- Particularly suitable for healthy or asymptomatic people and to complement social distancing rules and good hygiene practices
- No protection for DIY or building tasks
- Not necessarily designed to seal tightly to the face
- Can be washed\*\*\*
- Can be reused\*\*\* Not CE marked



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\*\*\*Refer to packaging for