

## Counterfeit Masks Are Putting Lives at Risk; Choose Trusted U.S. Suppliers for PPE Equipment

*“Counterfeit Masks Reaching Frontline Healthcare Workers in U.S.: An Associated Press investigation has found millions of medical masks, gloves, gowns and other supplies being used in hospitals across the country are counterfeits, putting lives at risk.”—*  
PBS.org, May, 2020

*“Hospitals across Washington state were alerted Friday to pull select N95 masks off their shelves and send them for analysis after an investigation uncovered knockoffs, said the state’s hospital association. ... WSHA estimates there are over 2 million fake N95s that were likely acquired by the state’s hospitals, 300,000 of which were bought by WSHA and distributed to dozens of hospitals.”—*Fox News, Feb. 8, 2021

Counterfeit PPE products have been flooding the American market since last spring. It is such a threat that the office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations created Operation Stolen Promise in April 2020 to combat counterfeit PPE equipment and other types of pandemic-related fraud. They have discovered fake N95 respirators and masks in healthcare facilities and other locations across the country, putting lives at risk.

The possibility that shoddily made or even purposely faked masks could cause unsuspecting people to get sick while thinking they are doing everything right is just plain wrong. Americans must be protected with quality equipment, and the only way to ensure that is to purchase PPE and PPE materials directly from reliable sources.

The key to highly effective masks and gowns is the inner layer of melt blown polypropylene. This material filters out very small particles and organisms efficiently while allowing enough porosity to breathe easily. US Meltblown established our factory in Florida last fall to meet the dire need for dependable, American-made melt blown polypropylene. We manufacture to tight specifications so our customers know that they are getting the protection they need. And with that, we are dedicated to ensuring that our country has a reliable, sustained source of material supply for the most effective personal protective equipment.

You can trust our melt blown polypropylene. Quality is ensured at every step. We manufacture it in our Florida facility using raw materials sourced from U.S. manufacturers on equipment that has been designed, manufactured, and machined in the United States. The end product undergoes rigorous lab testing; a Certificate of Quality and Conformance comes with each roll.

US Meltblown polypropylene:

- can be used in masks rated N95 and higher
- is static charged for enhanced filtering
- is made in the U.S.A.
- is locally available and supported

“We established US Meltblown to be able to provide a trusted source of American-made products for the PPE that our frontline healthcare providers and citizens are so dependent upon,” said US Meltblown Founder and CEO Robert Sires. “We are dedicated to restoring the faith in PPE products during these dangerous times. Our production lines are staffed by Americans who are committed to manufacturing the highest quality filter material for U.S. mask-making and other medical and personal protective needs. We believe that during this crisis, it’s vital for the U.S. to secure a reliable, sustainable source of PPE material supply for critical healthcare needs, and for Americans to buy from U.S. businesses to support our economy and our workers. We are proud to step up to this challenge and do our part to help combat the danger of ineffective or counterfeit PPE.”

US Meltblown is America’s trusted manufacturing source for critical filter material, setting the standard for this vital material used in personal protective equipment such as medical grade masks. The company’s vision is to protect families, healthcare workers, first responders, and workers in industry with its American-made melt blown nonwoven polypropylene. US Meltblown is proud to provide this top quality critical filtering medium made in Florida from raw materials produced in the United States and processed on equipment that is built in the U.S. and operated by American workers. USMB polypropylene meets criteria for use in masks rated N95 and higher and is static charged to provide additional protection. Quality is assured through rigorous in-house testing. We sell by the master roll or slitted (175mm or 260mm). For more information, contact Ty Whitacre at 1-260-438-4491 / [TWhitacre@usmeltblown.com](mailto:TWhitacre@usmeltblown.com) or visit [www.usmeltblown.com](http://www.usmeltblown.com).