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Bench Rules - BG-4



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RULES GOVERNING 2026 BENCH BG-4 CONTEST AND INTERPRETATIONS OF DISCOUNT CARDS

1. Each participant must be under guard before the start of the Contest in a location assigned by the Chief Judge and must remain continuously under guard until time to work the problem. Information for bench problem design is available on the MSHA website (<https://www.msha.gov>) in the Mine Rescue section under BG4 Designers Resources. Participants under guard must be in a location where they will be unable to obtain any information concerning the problem to be worked. Any participant receiving information concerning a Contest problem prior to starting to work the problem will be disqualified by the Chief Judge and the Assistant Chief Judge (no cell phones, iPad, smart watches, etc.). No person, except guards and Contest officials assigned to give the written examination, will be allowed to communicate with any participant under guard. Those who have performed will not be permitted to communicate with any participant awaiting their turn to perform.
2. Any indication of receiving unauthorized information during the working of the problem may result in disqualification as determined by the Chief Judge and the Assistant Chief Judge (no cell phones, iPad, smart watches, etc.). No one except judges, Contest officials, and working participants will be permitted in the bench station, unless special approval is given by the Chief Judge. Communication with bench participants, except for the judges, is prohibited. News media and photographers who wish to be in the working area must receive permission from the Director(s) and be accompanied by a Contest Official.
3. Any bench participant not in place and ready at the time specified will be disqualified from the Contest.
4. The bench participant will be provided with two BG-4 apparatus (one disassembled, one assembled), an RZ-25 tester, RZ-7000 tester, a stopwatch, defogging solution, leak detector fluid, test kit, and tool kit, bench record (optional and included in the 30-minute working time) and writing device. Only the tools and fluid provided will be used for testing and assembly of the apparatus. The problem at the bench station will consist of (1) a visual examination of a disassembled BG-4 and the proper assembly and preparation for use in rescue work. This will include correcting any predetermined problem(s) so that the apparatus is in proper working order. Simulating defogging of the facepiece lens and simulating adding Dragorsorb to the refillable cartridge and ice to the cooler will be done as part of the visual examination. This visual examination, correcting predetermined problem(s),

and proper assembly can be done at any time allowed for working of the problem. (2) Test the assembled BG-4 apparatus with a tester and correct the predetermined/functional problem(s) so that the apparatus is in proper working condition. Except for removing the sealing cap from the coupling and removing the Cover shell, the assembled BG-4 apparatus cannot be disassembled to look for problems/deficiencies, until the hoses are attached to the tester and the apparatus fails a test. When testing is completed on the assembled BG-4 apparatus, the hoses shall be removed from the tester, connected to the facepiece, and the back cover installed. This shall be done before the clock is stopped.

5. Spare parts to correct the predetermined problem(s)/deficiencies will be provided once the bench participant has specifically identified the problem/deficiency. This will require the participant to point out the exact location of the problem/deficiency. (Example: Positive pressure leak in the breathing bag. Participant will identify the location of the hole.)
6. When an unplanned problem/deficiency is encountered with the apparatus, the participant will be notified by the judges that the deficiency is not part of the problem. The judge will stop the clock, and any time used to correct the deficiency will not be charged to the working time. However, the process of verbal elimination shall not be used by the bench participant to find the predetermined problem(s). If it becomes obvious to the judges that this is occurring, the first offense will result in a warning, the second offense a discount, and the third offense could result in disqualification as determined by the Chief Judge. (Example: Participant verbally identifies a deficiency with every part of the facepiece when only one predetermined problem/deficiency exists.)
7. The bench participant will not be allowed to bring any materials, written information, or records to the bench station.
8. Tests will be performed in sequence on the assembled BG-4 apparatus using the standard functional test procedures with a tester as outlined in the Draeger Instruction for Use manual for PSS BG-4 AP/CP (Dräger User's Manual Revision 1, November 2016. This revision can be found on the Holme's Association website <https://www.holmessafety.org/holmes-mine-rescue-association-rules-and-contest-resources/>. In addition to this guidance, the alternative relief valve test may be performed).
A maximum of 30 minutes will be allowed to complete the problem. The bench judge will inform the participant when he/she has Five minutes

remaining to work the problem. At the completion of the problem, the judge(s) and the participant will note the working time of the problem with the official timekeeper. Work done after the clock is stopped will not be recognized.

9. Any bench contestant who intentionally disturbs, breaks or destroys any tester, apparatus or component of the aforementioned items on a bench problem will receive a warning. Manually abusing or intentionally over or under pressurizing the tester substantially will be considered abusing the equipment. The first offense will result in a warning. The judge will stop the clock and inform the contestant that this is their first warning. Judge must state what the warning is for (the keyword is **intentionally**). The second offense will result in a warning, the clock will not be stopped, and a 100-point discount will be given. The third offense will result in the judge stopping the clock, locating the Chief Judge of the bench and determine if the contestant will be disqualified.

A. **Written Examination of Bench Participant**

1. The written examination shall consist of 20 questions. Ten questions for the written examination will be taken from the Statements of Fact which will be multiple choice with three choices and each blank shall represent a key word with no more than two consecutive blanks per statement. Ten questions will be taken verbatim from identification of parts. Intentional misspelling of words by the test developer will not be allowed. Multiple choice answers with numbers will either be in the form of numbers written out or numerical. Either version is acceptable. "None of the above" is not acceptable as one of the answers. Twenty minutes will be allowed for the written examination.
2. In special circumstances, individual bench participants may be given oral instead of written examinations by at least two judges. Requests for consideration shall be presented to the Director(s) of the Contest at the time of registration.
3. Bench participants will be separated to the extent possible, and every effort will be made to prohibit discussion of questions and answers among the bench participants.

B. **Miscellaneous**

1. In the event of ties in the Bench Contest, the number of discounts at bench will be the first tie breaker; the number of discounts on written examination will be the second tie breaker; and the official working time at bench in minutes and seconds will be the third tiebreaker.
2. The bench participant and trainer will report to a designated location to review and prepare protests within one hour of notification. Twenty minutes will be given to review and prepare written protests. All protests will be considered by the Chief Judge and his/her Assistant, and their decision will be binding.
3. If a wireless internet connection is available, the Contest Director(s) may approve an option where the bench participant can review their results electronically. In those cases, the bench participant must provide an email address that will be used for the review on the form provided at registration. The form must be completed and submitted at registration. Contest officials will email the scorecards, written examination, etc. to the email address on record when they are ready for review. The bench participant will have 45 minutes to review the material starting upon the "read receipt" of the email, but no more than two hours from the time it was posted outside the appeals area and email any protests back to the Contest Officials.
4. Disputes with regard to the Bench Contest (except discounts), shall be immediately filed with the Director(s). Disputes filed shall be in writing and set forth incidents, times, names, source of information and act complained against. Complainant shall remain accessible to the Director(s) until the complaint is resolved. A decision by the Director(s) shall be final.
5. During the bench, any similar terminology used to describe a part is acceptable such as: cylinder or bottle, etc.
6. Bench participants must be bona fide employees of the mining industry or members of mine rescue teams designated to fulfill the requirements of 30 CFR Part 49. This does not exclude bench participants whose team is not participating at the National Contest or a member of a college mine rescue team.
7. All parts must correspond with the individual units that are being used for contest purposes only. (Drain valve, cooler, mask, anti-vibe, CO₂ absorber, hoses, coupler, etc.)

Interpretations of Discount Sheet

A. Written Examination

1. For each incorrect statement____1

B. Time

The time will be recorded in minutes and seconds.

C. Competition at Bench

1. Failure to verbally identify each test being conducted____2

Verbally identify each test being performed.

2. Failure to verbally identify each problem/ deficiency____5

Failure to verbally identify is also interpreted as failure to find the problem/ deficiency.

Failure to find the problem/ deficiency is interpreted as failure to correct the problem.

3. Failure to correct each problem/ deficiency____5

4. Continuing without correcting the predetermined problem/ deficiency____ 40

Once a bench participant finds a predetermined problem and does not correct it before continuing with the remaining tests, he/she shall receive a 40-point discount for continuing without correcting the problem and a pending five-point discount for failing to correct the problem. If all of the remaining tests are properly conducted and passed and the participant returns to the uncorrected problem and corrects it, the pending five-point discount will not be assessed. Should the participant continue on from this point and properly conduct all of the remaining tests again, he/she would also have the original 40-point discount for continuing tests removed.

5. Failure to conduct any visual examination or test on the BG-4, each test ____5

6. Failure to tighten connections properly during assembly, each connection ____1

All connections must be tightened on the apparatus and verbally identified as connected or good at the time the connection is made. Failure to verbally identify at the time the connection is being made will result in a one-point discount for each. Zero adjustments shall be made on the tester prior to connecting the breathing hoses to the tester.

This includes:

- ☐ Cap on drain valve - connected or good
 - ☐ Drain valve to breathing bag - connected or good
 - ☐ Minimum valve to breathing bag - connected or good
 - ☐ Minimum valve to O₂ supply hose - connected or good
 - ☐ Cylinder connection - connected or good
 - ☐ Factory/Refillable Cartridge connections - connected or good
 - ☐ Relief valve connection - connected or good
 - ☐ Cooler to bag connection - connected or good
 - ☐ Distribution hose connection - connected or good
 - ☐ Breathing hoses during the visual examination on the disassembled apparatus) - connected or good
 - ☐ Hose adapter on the tester - connected or good
 - ☐ Cross over Hose to Switchbox and Relief valve - connected or good
- Once the zero adjustment on the tester has been made, do not readjust setting for balance of tests.

7. Failure to zero the tester ____10

8. Failure to comply with rules not covered in discount sheet, each infraction ____2

If the discount is not listed on the discount sheet, and if it is not covered under one of the approved rules of the Contest, do not improvise a discount to cover the suspected violation.

D. **Visuals/Disassembled**

1. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the 9 components, all components, subcomponents, component parts, assembly, sub-assemblies retest dates are subject to problems/deficiencies. Contestant is required to verbally identify what is in capital bold print letters. The examples listed below for visual examination of the 9 components are a minimum starting point for training purposes.
2. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **FRAME/HARNESS** ____2

The visual examination will include an examination of the harness assembly, frame, back cover, visible sealing rings, Sentinel, O₂ regulator, Anti-vibe and switch box.
3. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **BREATHING BAG** ____2

The participant will verbally identify that the breathing bag is being examined for pliability and signs of deterioration. Stretching or manipulating the breathing bag with a massaging action will be part of this examination. The participant will verbally identify that the sealing surfaces are being examined for signs of deterioration or damage. Also, the minimum valve, drain valve, lever, and springs will be examined for damage.
4. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **O2 CYLINDER** ____2

A proper cylinder examination includes a visual inspection of the cylinder. The participant will verbally identify the cylinder pressure on the gauge, the pressure rating on cylinder, the latest hydrostatic test date, the manufactured date, and identify if the cylinder is plus rated, if steel. Participant will inform the judge if the cylinder pressure is less than 2,600 PSI for the Sentinel.
5. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **FACTORY/REFILLABLE CARTRIDGE** ____2

A proper examination includes a visual inspection for defects. If a Factory packed cartridge is used, verbally identify that the sealing surfaces are not damaged, and identify the expiration date with month and year. If a refillable cartridge is used, a visual inspection for defects, strap with tension spring hook, seal, Refillable scrubber screens and filter mats are required. Adding Dragorsorb to the refillable cartridge shall be simulated as part of the visual refillable cartridge examination.

6. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **RELIEF VALVE**___2
A proper examination includes a visual inspection for defects. Verbally identify that the valve and O-ring are not damaged.
7. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **COOLER**___2
A proper examination includes a visual inspection for defects. Verbally identify that the sealing surfaces are not damaged. Adding ice to the cooler shall be simulated as part of the visual cooler examination.
8. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **HOSES**___2
The participant will verbally identify that the hoses are being inspected for pliability and signs of deterioration. Stretching or manipulating the hoses with a massaging action will be part of this examination. The participant will verbally identify that the sealing edges/surfaces, including bayonet rings and Anti-crush rings are being examined for signs of deterioration.
9. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **COUPLING, INHALATION AND EXHALATION VALVES**___2
A proper examination includes a visual inspection for defects, sealing surfaces and valve discs. Verbally identify that the sealing edges/surfaces and valve discs are not damaged.
10. Failure to conduct a visual examination of the **FACE PIECE**___2
The visual examination will include an examination of the head strap assembly, mask body (including sealing surfaces), the visor, speaking diaphragm, and wiper. Defogging the visor shall be simulated as part of the visual facepiece examination.
11. Failure to have Visual Apparatus fully assembled. (Ready for use)___5
NOTE: Breathing hoses do not need to be in straps on visual apparatus.

E. **RZ-25 Tester**

1. Failure to conduct a proper low pressure warning test___2
Connect breathing hoses to test unit. Set RZ-25 tester on positive pressure pumping, gently activate bellows, and watch the pressure gauge. If the

low-pressure warning is operating properly, warning should be activated when the pressure is less than 1.4 mbar for the Sentinel.

2. Failure to conduct a proper inhalation valve test___2

The RZ-25 tester is set on positive pressure pumping. Tightly pinch the exhalation hose with your hand. Gently activate bellows until 10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.

3. Failure to conduct a proper exhalation valve test___2

Set the RZ-25 tester on negative pressure pumping. Tightly pinch the inhalation hose with your hand. Gently activate bellows until -10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.

4. Failure to conduct a proper drain valve test___2

Set RZ-25 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump bellows until 10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge. While pumping, fit the open side of the sealing cap over the tappet of the relief valve and hold it tightly until it is pressed into place by the inflated breathing bag. The drain valve must not open at 10 mbar.

5. Failure to conduct a proper leak test with positive pressure___2

Set RZ-25 tester on leak test. Bleed needle to 7 mbar and start stopwatch. Needle should not change more than 10 mm H₂O or 1 mbar in 60 seconds. Set RZ-25 tester on negative pressure pumping, the breathing bag is vented. Remove the sealing cap.

6. Failure to conduct a proper relief valve test___2

Set RZ-25 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump the bellows until the relief valve opens, it should open between 2 and 5 mbar. Participant will verbally state reading of valve opening.

NOTE: An alternate relief valve test may be conducted by observing the reading on the RZ-25 tester (with the tester set on leak test). Flow of oxygen from the constant dosage will cause relief valve to open between 2 and 5 mbar. If this alternate test is used, it must be conducted after the completion of the bypass valve test.

7. Failure to conduct a proper high pressure leak test ___2

Set RZ-25 tester on leak test. Open cylinder valve. Watch the Sentinel unit, the cylinder pressure is indicated here. If it is lower than 2600 psi,

change the oxygen cylinder. If it is greater than 2600 psi, alarm beeps two times. Sentinel indicates "close cylinder" icon, as soon as the icon appears, close cylinder valve.

Result of the tests is output after approximately 15 seconds.

If the PSS BG-4 is okay, "open cylinder valve" icon, as soon as the icon appears open cylinder valve.

8. Failure to conduct a proper constant metering valve test___2

Set RZ-25 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump bellows until the breathing bag is inflated. While pumping, fit the open side of the sealing cap over the tappet of the relief valve and hold it tightly until it is pressed into position by the inflated bag. Set the RZ-25 tester on Red Dosage 0.5 - 2 L/min. The constant metering quantity should lie between 1.5 and 1.9 L/min. Participant will verbally state dosage value on the red scale as soon as the pointer has stopped moving.

9. Failure to conduct a proper minimum valve test___2

Set RZ-25 tester on negative pressure pumping. The breathing bag is vented automatically, remove sealing cap, pump bellows until minimum valve is heard to open in breathing bag and there is a hissing sound. Watch the pressure gauge, the minimum valve should open at a value between 0.1 and 2.5 mbar. Participant will verbally identify reading of opening of valve.

10. Failure to conduct a proper bypass valve test___2

Set RZ-25 tester on leak test. Press red button for bypass valve. Oxygen must be heard to flow into the circuit, the breathing bag inflates.

11. Failure to conduct a proper low/residual pressure warning test___2

Close cylinder valve. Watch the display or sentinel unit. The warning should be generated at approx. 700 psi. Alarm sounds intermittently, red indicator flashes. Unplug coupling from RZ-25 tester. Participant will verbally state reading.

12. Failure to conduct a proper battery test___2

On activation and deactivation, the Sentinel automatically checks and displays the battery capacity. To switch off the Sentinel, simultaneously press the right- and left-hand button until the single sharp audible bleep sounds. Release the buttons. For three seconds, Sentinel shows the

battery status. Sentinel switches off.

13. Failure to follow proper sequence when conducting the tests as prescribed in the instruction for use per Drager BG 4.
(each occurrence, or 15 pt. max.) ____5
14. Failure to have Test Apparatus fully assembled. (Ready for use)____5

NOTE: Breathing hoses do not need to be in straps on test apparatus.

F. **RZ-7000 Tester**

1. Failure to conduct a proper low pressure warning test____2

Connect breathing hoses to test unit. Set RZ-7000 tester on positive pressure pumping, gently pump, and watch the pressure gauge. If the low-pressure warning is operating properly, warning should be activated when the pressure is less than 1.4 mbar for the Sentinel.

2. Failure to conduct a proper inhalation valve test____2

The RZ-7000 tester is set on positive pressure pumping. Tightly pinch the exhalation hose with your hand. Pump until 10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.

3. Failure to conduct a proper exhalation valve test____2

Set the RZ-7000 tester on negative pressure pumping. Tightly pinch the inhalation hose with your hand. Pump until -10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.

4. Failure to conduct a proper drain valve test____2

Set RZ-7000 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump until 15 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge. While pumping, fit the open side of the sealing cap over the tappet of the relief valve and hold it tightly until it is pressed into place by the inflated breathing bag. The drain valve should not open before 15mbar.

5. Failure to conduct a proper leak test with positive pressure____2

Set RZ-7000 tester on leak test. Bleed needle to 7.5 mbar and start stopwatch. Needle should not change more than 10 mm H₂O or 1 mbar in 60 seconds. Set RZ-7000 tester on negative pressure pumping, the breathing bag is vented. Remove the sealing cap.

6. Failure to conduct a proper relief valve test___2

Set RZ-7000 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump until the relief valve opens, it should open between 2 and 5 mbar. Participant will verbally state reading of valve opening.

NOTE: An alternate relief valve test may be conducted by observing the reading on the RZ-7000 tester (with the tester set on leak test). Flow of oxygen from the constant dosage will cause relief valve to open between 2 and 5 mbar. If this alternate test is used, it must be conducted after the completion of the bypass valve test.

7. Failure to conduct a proper high pressure leak test___2

Set RZ-7000 tester on leak test. Open cylinder valve. Watch the Sentinel unit, the cylinder pressure is indicated here. If it is lower than 2600 psi, change the oxygen cylinder. If it is greater than 2600 psi, alarm beeps two times. Sentinel indicates “close cylinder” icon, as soon as the icon appears, close cylinder valve.

Result of the tests is output after approximately 15 seconds. If the PSS BG-4 is okay, “open cylinder valve” icon, as soon as the icon appears open cylinder valve.

8. Failure to conduct a proper constant metering valve test___2

Set RZ-7000 tester on positive pressure pumping. Pump until the breathing bag is inflated. While pumping, fit the open side of the sealing cap over the tappet of the relief valve and hold it tightly until it is pressed into position by the inflated bag. Set the RZ-7000 tester on. The constant metering quantity should lie between 1.5 and 1.9 L/min. Participant will verbally state dosage value on the display.

9. Failure to conduct a proper minimum valve test___2

Set RZ-7000 tester on negative pressure pumping. The breathing bag is vented automatically, remove sealing cap, pump until minimum valve is heard to open in breathing bag and there is a hissing sound. Watch the pressure gauge, the minimum valve should open at a value between 0.1 and 2.5 mbar. Participant will verbally identify reading of opening of valve.

10. Failure to conduct a proper bypass valve test___2

Set RZ-7000 tester on leak test. Press red button for bypass valve.

Oxygen must be heard to flow into the circuit, the breathing bag inflates.

11. Failure to conduct a proper low/residual pressure warning test___2

Close cylinder valve. Watch the display or sentinel unit. The warning should be generated at approx. 700 psi. Alarm sounds intermittently, red indicator flashes. Unplug coupling from RZ-7000 tester. Participant will verbally state reading.

12. Failure to conduct a proper battery test___2

On activation and deactivation, the Sentinel automatically checks and displays the battery capacity. To switch off the Sentinel, simultaneously press the right- and left-hand button until the single sharp audible bleep sounds. Release the buttons. For three seconds, Sentinel shows the battery status. Sentinel switches off.

13. Failure to follow proper sequence when conducting the tests as prescribed in the instruction for use per Drager BG 4.
(each occurrence, or 15 pt. max.) ___5

14. Failure to have Test Apparatus fully assembled. (Ready for use)___5

NOTE: Breathing hoses do not need to be in straps on test apparatus.

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BG-4 BENCH STATEMENTS OF FACT

1. A positive pressure leak could be caused by a leakage in or at device components.
2. The battery in the Sentinel should be replaced every 6 months.
3. Dow Corning 111 is to be used to lubricate O-rings.
4. The pressure relief valve is designed to open when the pressure within the breathing circuit is between +20 and +50 millimeters (+2 mbar and +5 mbar) of pressure measured on the water gage.
5. To prepare for testing adjust zero point of the RZ-25 tester.
6. Test adapter is used to connect the BG-4 apparatus to the RZ-25 tester.
7. A leaky exhalation or inhalation valve could be caused by a defective valve seat or valve disc.
8. During the exhalation valve test, if valve is operating properly, -10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.
9. The EPDM breathing hoses use Bayonet Rings.
10. During testing of the inhalation valve, if valve is operating properly, +10 mbar is indicated on the pressure gauge.
11. During the positive pressure leak test, the pressure change within 1 minute must be lower than 1 mbar.
12. Only DRAGERSORB 400 is to be used to fill the refillable cartridge.
13. The factory packed cartridge is good for 4 years from the manufacture date.
14. A positive pressure in the breathing circuit prevents ambient air from entering the system.
15. The BG-4 is approved with a factory/refillable cartridge.
16. The Sentinel monitoring system comprises a sensor unit, switchbox, and Sentinel.
17. A steel cylinder is full at 3135 psi when a + is stamped at hydro test.
18. The BG-4 constant dosage must be 1.5 to 1.9 L/min.
19. The drain valve should not open at less than 10 mbar.

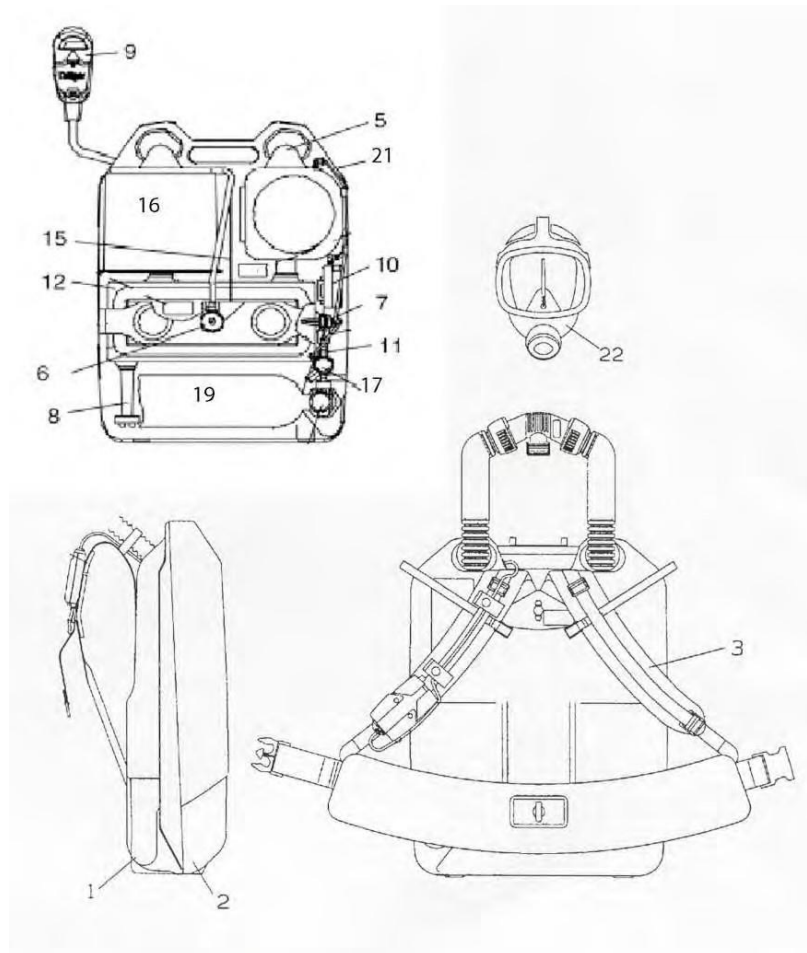
20. A fully filled oxygen cylinder holds 440 liters of medical oxygen.
21. The accuracy of the Sentinel pressure measurement is +or- 2% of the final value.
22. Never replace the battery in potentially explosive areas.
23. The weight of a fully charged BG-4 apparatus is 15kg (33 lbs.).
24. Check the supply of oxygen gas on the Sentinel at intervals of approximately 15 minutes.
25. During the constant dosage test, the breathing bag is inflated, the RZ-25 tester is set to red dosage, and the pressure relief valve is capped.
26. During the constant dosage test, the needle of the RZ-25 tester should automatically settle between 1.5 and 1.9 LPM.
27. The minimum valve provides greater than 80 L/min flow.
28. The breathing bag has a 5.5-liter volume.
29. Insert speech diaphragm, install retainer ring and tighten with spanner.
30. The belt and harness must be dried prior to storage, to prevent growth of mold and fungus.
31. The pressure reducer must be replaced every 6 years.
32. Symbol X with error code indicates a failed self-check.
33. The pressure sensor converts pressure into digital signal.
34. The cylinder connector and cylinder valve must not be contaminated with oil or grease.
35. Three hexagon socket head screws are used in the battery cover of the Sentinel.
36. Rubber parts must be particularly protected from direct exposure to radiation.
37. Do not use any solvents, such as acetone, alcohol, benzene, white spirit, trichloroethylene, etc. for cleaning rubber and silicone parts.
38. The first low pressure warning occurs when the pressure drops to approximately 700 psi.

39. At the first low pressure warning approximately 75% of the oxygen has been used up.
40. The last low-pressure warning occurs when the pressure drops to approximately 145 psi.
41. During the low-pressure warning test, the alarm should activate at approximately 700 psi for a 4-hour apparatus.
42. At the last low-pressure warning approximately 95% of the oxygen has been used up.
43. To start the main alarm, press the Yellow panic button in center of the Sentinel.
44. When the first low pressure warning occurs, the alarm sounds intermittently for approximately 30 seconds and the red LED flashes constantly.
45. When the last low-pressure warning occurs, the alarm sounds intermittently without stopping and the red LED flashes constantly.
46. Medium pressure in the BG-4 is between 58 psi and 64 psi.
47. Medium pressure is delivered to the minimum valve.
48. The drain valve opens at more than 10 mbar.
49. The BG-4 breathing circuit is designed with an air cooler that can be filled with ice to reduce the temperature of the inhaled breath.
50. Remove the Tally Key to activate the motion sensor.
51. All parts which come in contact with the exhaled air must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after use.
52. Disinfect parts by immersing them in a disinfectant bath using an approved disinfectant.
53. Before washing the minimum valve, it is necessary to isolate the minimum valve with plug.
54. Attach minimum valve to breathing bag so that the pin of the minimum valve and the mark on the breathing bag line up.
55. All parts which have been disinfected should be rinsed thoroughly under running water.
56. CO₂ absorber is not approved for use after indicated expiration date.

57. The maximum temperature of the air used to dry parts should not go above 60 degree C (140-degree F).
58. Replace the high-pressure O-ring located on the pressure reducer yearly for units which are in constant use.
59. U.S. Department of Transportation requires hydro tests on composite cylinders every 5 years.
60. Replace the O-ring at the plug-in coupling at least once every year for units which are in constant use.
61. The inhalation/exhalation valve should be replaced every 3 years for units which are in constant use.
62. The O-ring under the speech diaphragm should be lubricated with Dow Corning 111.
63. A steel oxygen cylinder must be retested by a certified testing facility every 5 years.
64. The BG-4 is approved for use at temperatures above -5 degree C (23-degree F)
65. A defective pressure reducer should be replaced as needed.
66. Only oxygen (medical grade or better) with > 99.5% purity is to be used to fill the BG-4 oxygen cylinders.
67. The use of ice in the cooling system is only required at ambient temperature above 0 degree C (32-degree F).
68. Pressurized oxygen in contact with oil, grease, or other contamination can result in fire or explosion.
69. It is safe to use the BG 4 for up to 4 hours with a battery warning 1 Icon.
70. The battery must be replaced if battery warning 2 Icon is indicated.
71. A defective pressure reducer is the probable cause if the manual by-pass valve does not blow-off.
72. The green LED flashes to indicate that the Sentinel is operating normally.
73. Bypass output is > 50 L/min.
74. Relief valve activation is 6 bar or (87 psi).

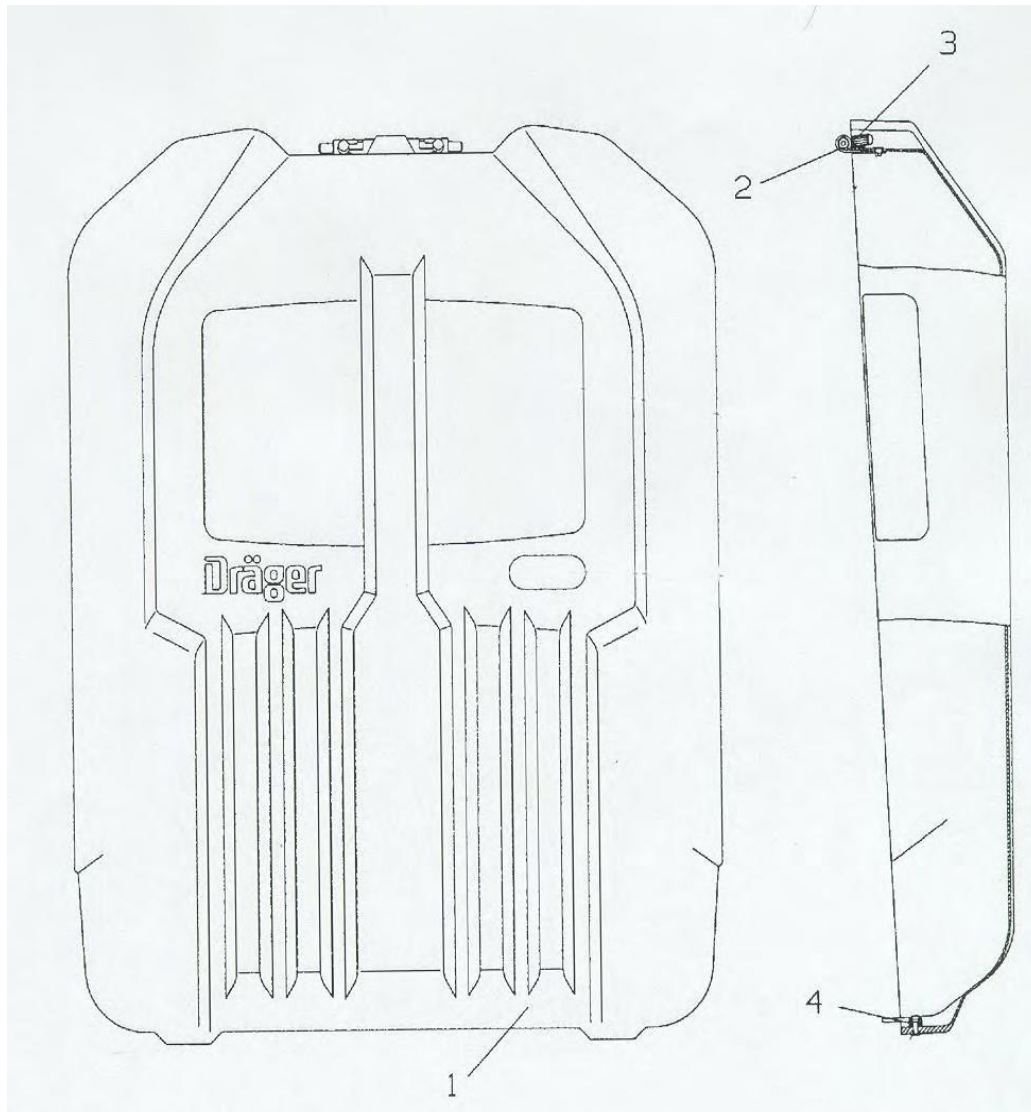
75. The oxygen cylinder burst disc ruptures at 4,450 psi (307 bar).
76. Refillable cartridge concerns are over packing and under packing.
77. The FPS 7000 masks allow 90% peripheral vision.
78. Polycarbonate or Plexiglas lenses can be used in the mask.
79. A minimum of 2600 psi is needed for a Sentinel to perform a proper high pressure leak test.
80. The drain valve opens at approximately 15 mbar and is therefore out of the RZ reading range.
81. To prepare the ice pack:
Fill the ice receptacle with water up to 2 inches from rim
Freeze at least 16 hours @ -15 degree C (5-degree F)
Fill to rim with water
Freeze again for another 8 hours
82. If the speech diaphragm is deformed or shows signs of damage, it must be replaced.
83. The BG-4 Sentinel lights up when the button is briefly pressed.
84. Press then release the right-hand button to display temperature.
85. Do not re-use Factory cartridges.
86. The breathing hoses are equipped with anti-crush rings.
87. When conducting component checks use a test pressure between +7 mbar and +10 mbar with a max pressure loss of 1 mbar/min.
88. Only the following batteries are approved for use in the Sentinel:
Rayovac
Eveready
Panasonic
Ultra-life Lithium

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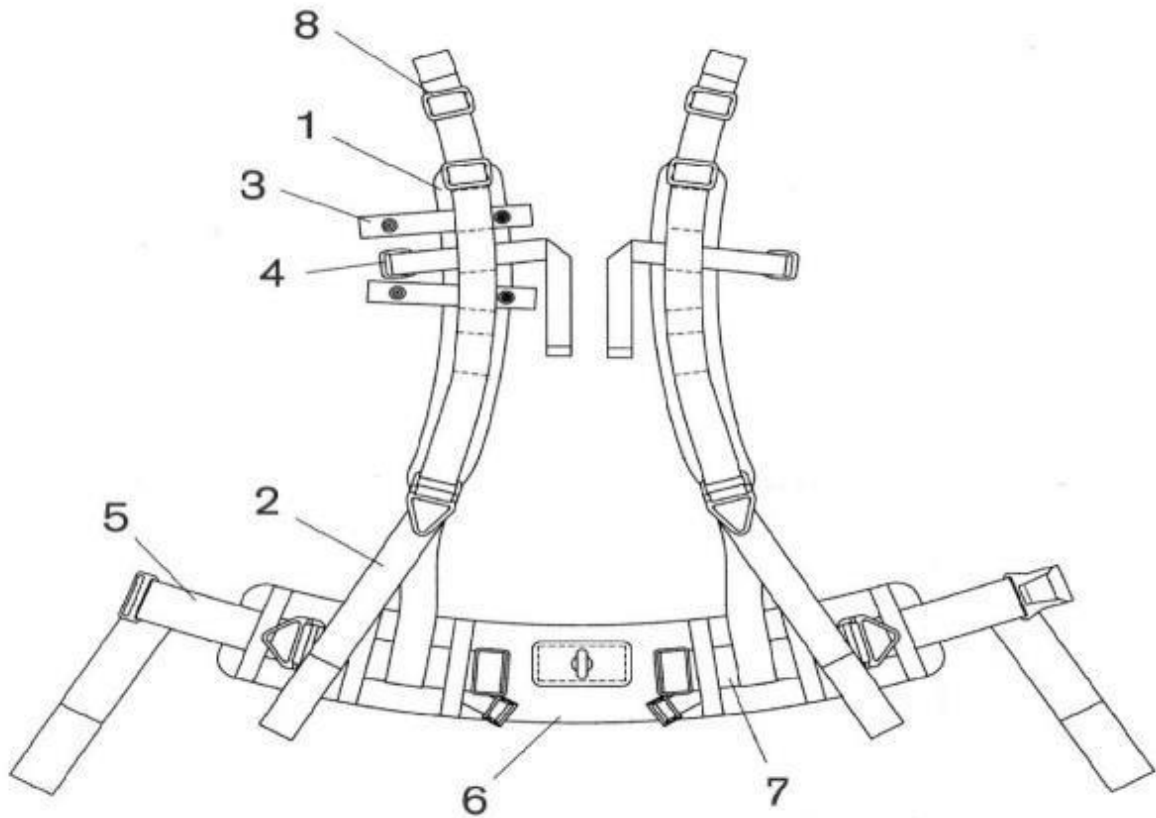
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1	Carrying Housing	12	Breathing Bag
2	Cover Shell, complete	15	Lever, Complete
3	Shoulder Pad Assembly	16	Factory/refillable cartridge
5	Cooler	17	Pressure Reducer BG4
6	Relief valve, Complete	19	Oxygen Cylinder
7	Minimum Valve	21	Distribution Hose
8	Drain Valve	22	FPS 7000 Mask
9	Sentinel		
10	Switch Box		
11	Pressure Sensor		

Cover



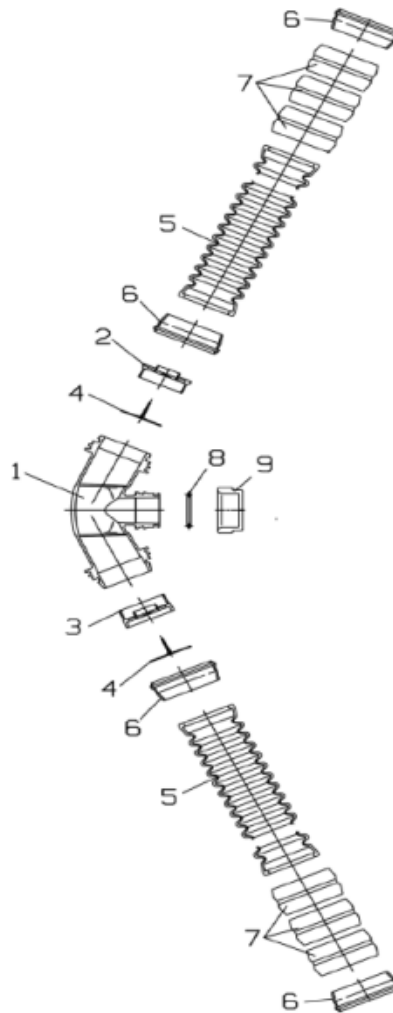
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1	Cover Shell	3	Grip Cap
2	Hinge	4	Button

Harness Assembly



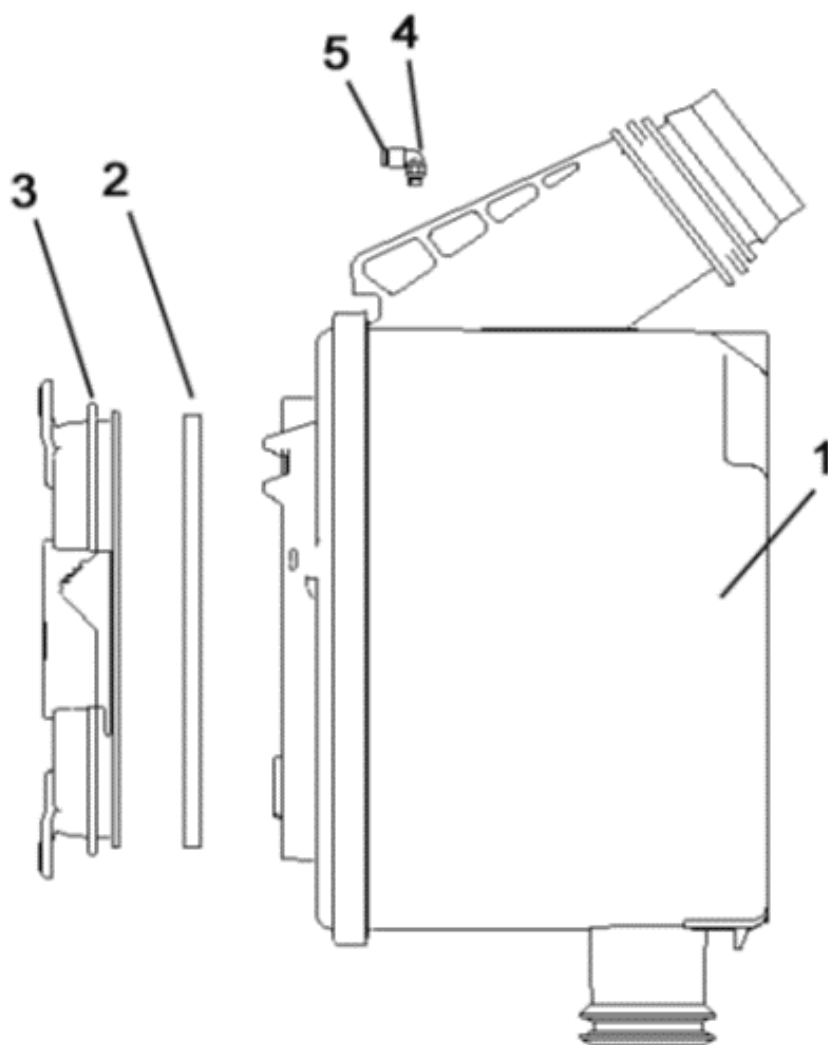
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1	Shoulder Pad Assembly	5	Adjusting Belt Assembly
2	Shoulder Adjusting Strap	6	Waist belt
3	Hose Clip	7	Belt Assembly
4	Hose Strap Harness	8	Buckle

Breathing Hose Assembly



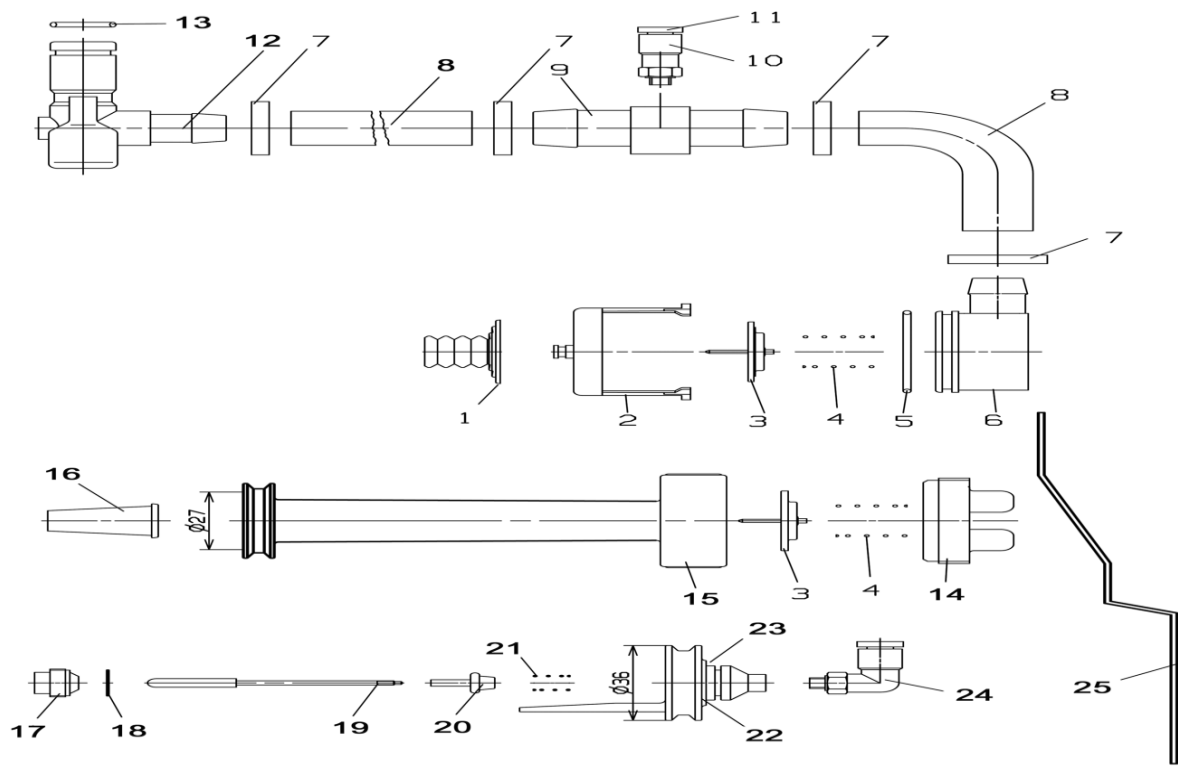
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1	Coupling	6	Bayonet Ring
2	Inhalation Valve Seat	7	Anti-Crush rings
3	Exhalation Valve Seat	8	Toroidal Sealing Ring
4	Valve Disc	9	Sealing Cap
5	Corrugated Hose		

Cooling Canister (Revised Drawing)



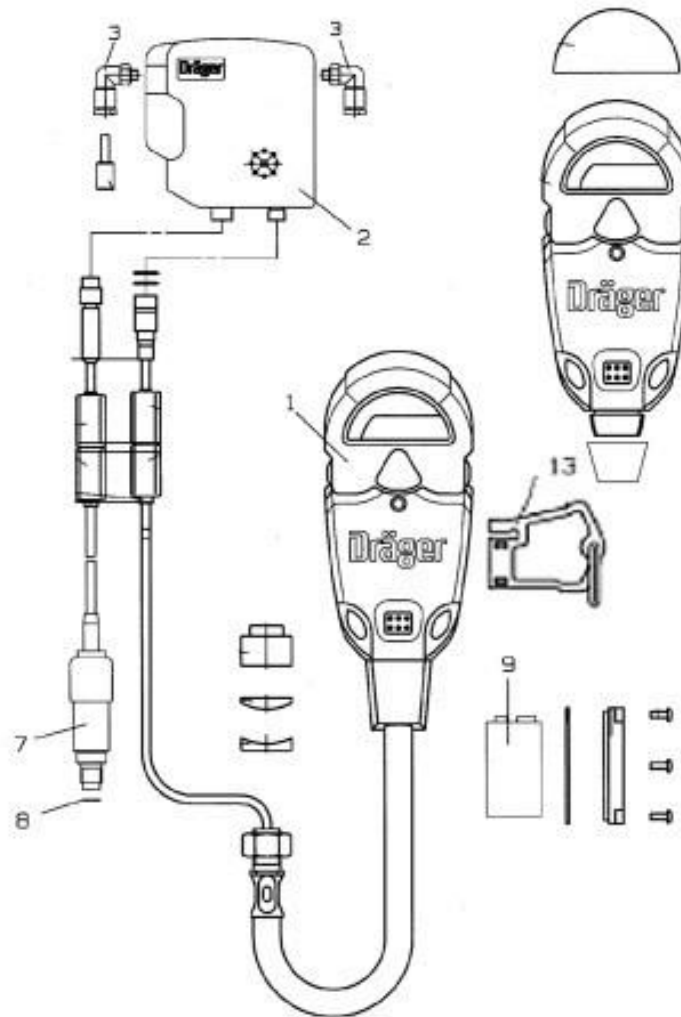
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1	Cooler	4	Angle Connector
2	O-Ring, Cooler	5	Reaction Ring
3	Cover		

Drain/Relief/Minimum Valve Assembly (Revised Drawing)



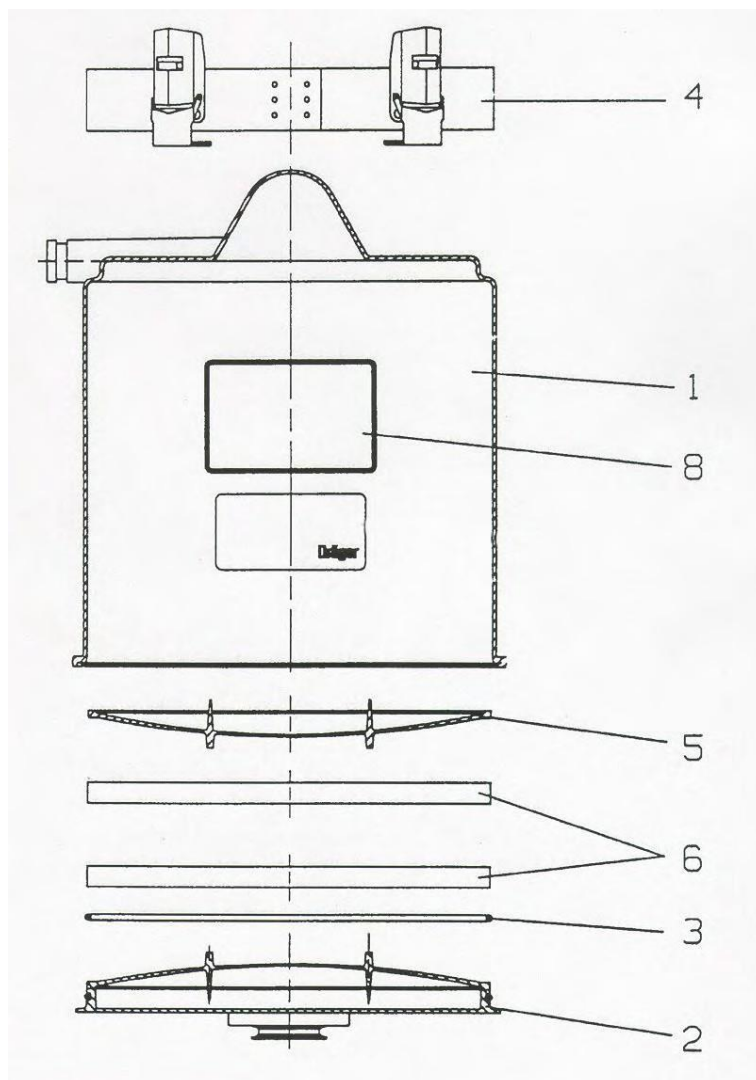
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1	Valve Disc	14	Cap, Drain Valve
2	Crater Housing	15-16	Drain Valve & Filter
3	Valve Disc	17-24	Minimum Valve
4	Spring	17	Crater
5	O-Ring	18	Washer
6	Cap	19-20	Rocker Arm
11	Compression Reaction Ring	21	Spring
12	Coupling	24	Angle Connector
13	O-Ring	25	Holding Clamp
14-16, 3-4	Drainage Valve		

Sentinel



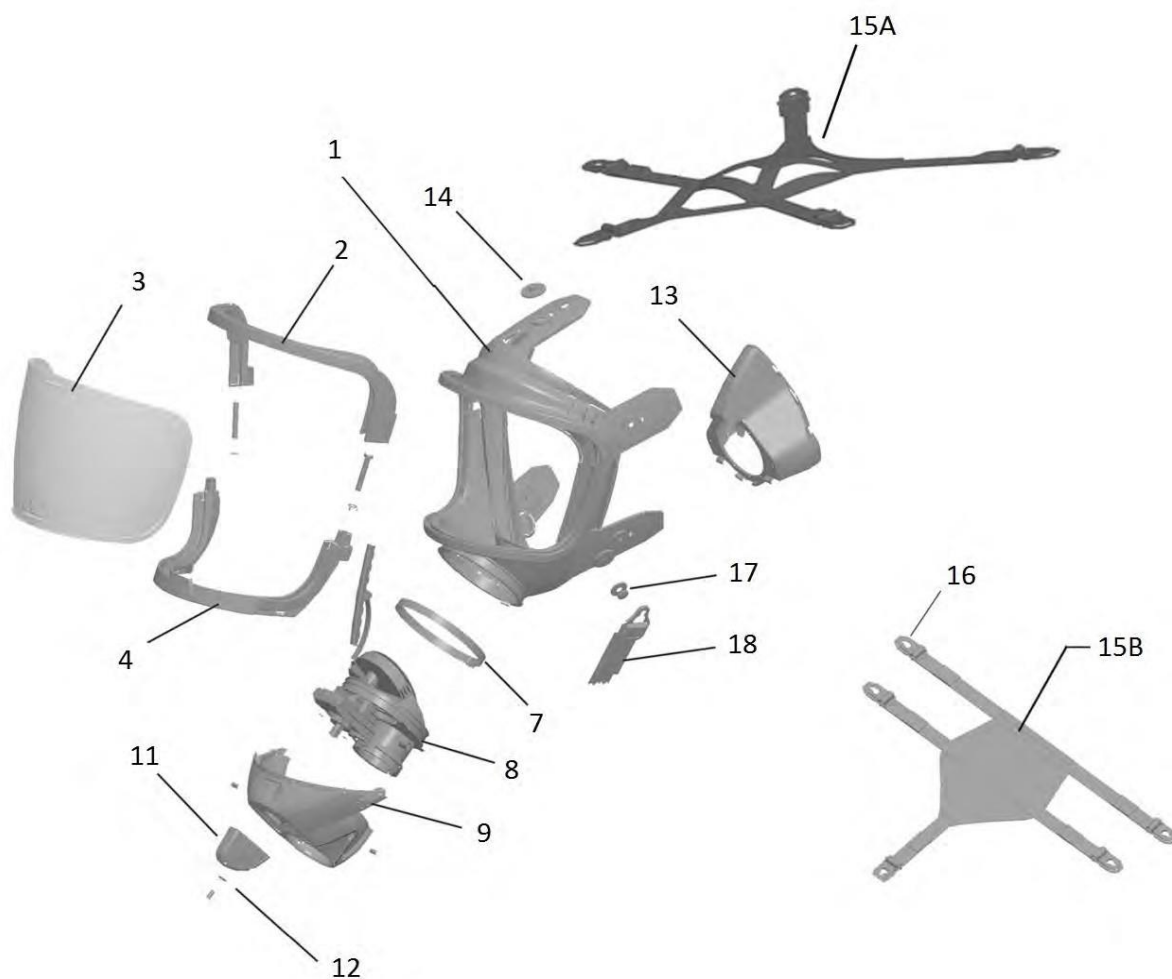
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1	Sentinel	8	Copper Ring
2	Switch Box	9	9-volt battery
3	Angle Connector	13	Tally Key
7	Pressure Sensor		

Refillable Cartridge



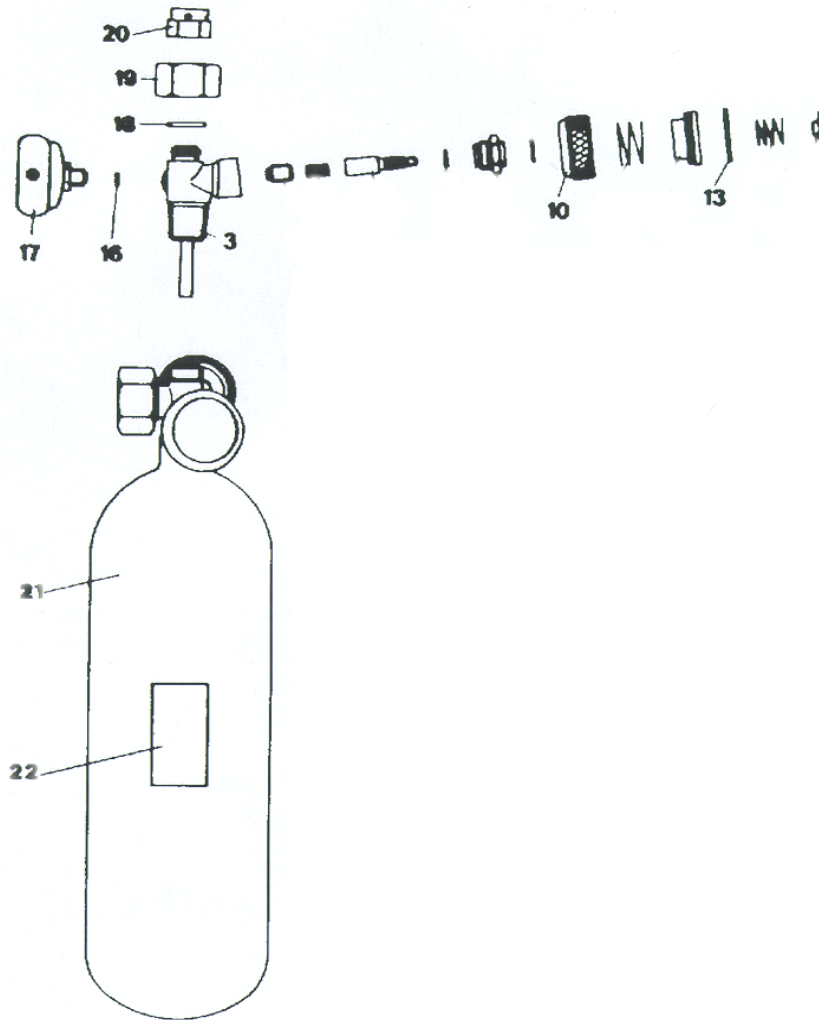
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1-8	Refillable Cartridge	5	Refillable Scrubber Screen
2	Lid	6	Filter Mats
3	Seal, Refillable Cartridge	8	NIOSH Approval Label
4	Strap with Tension Spring Hook		

FPS 7000 Mask



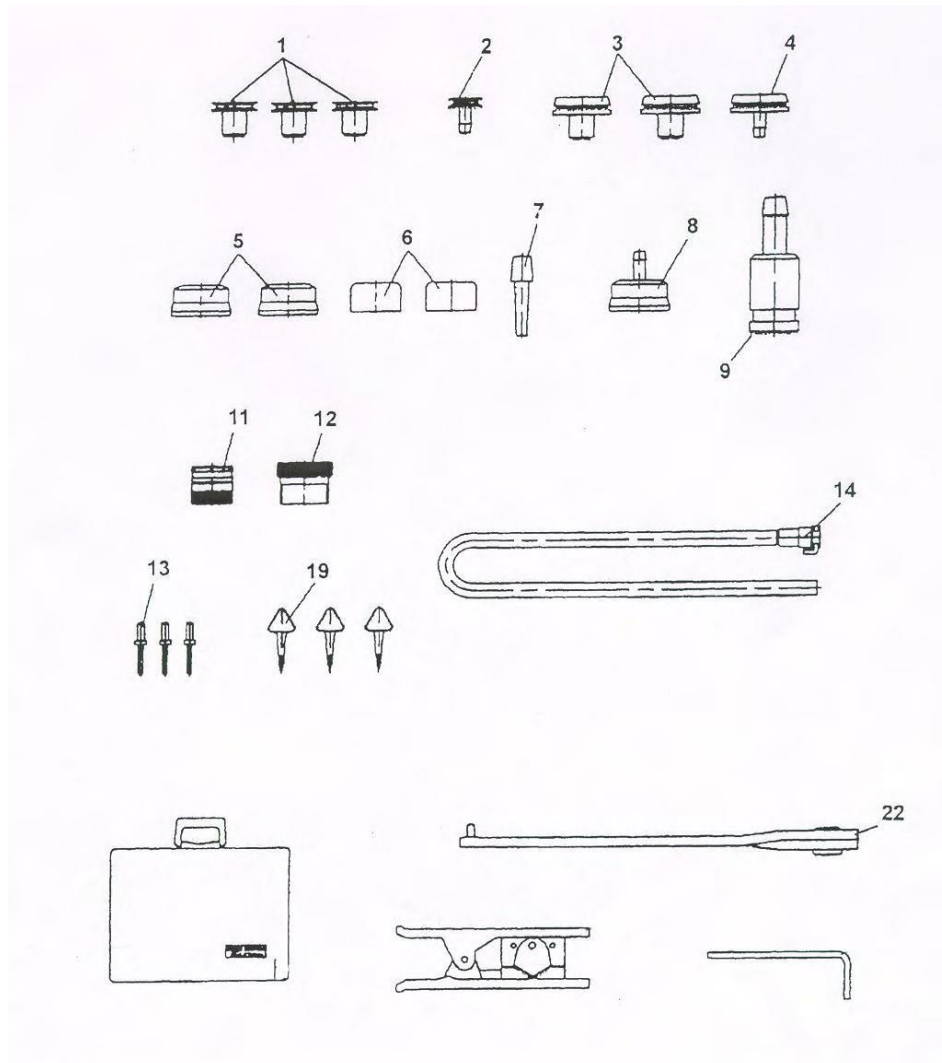
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1	Mask Body FPS 7000	13	Inner Mask
2	Upper Visor Frame	14	Button
3	Visor	15A	Head Strap
4	Lower Visor Frame	15B	Hairnet
7	Clamp	16	Sliding Buckle
8	Connector Piece	17	Double Button
9	Cover	18	Neck Strap
11	Turning Knob		
12	Disc		

Oxygen Cylinder



1 Cons. No.	2 Designation	1 Cons. No.	2 Designation
3	Valve Housing	18	Lock Washer
10	Hand-wheel	19	Lock Nut
13	Safety Ring	20	Bursting Disc
16	Sealing Ring	21	Oxygen Cylinder
17	Manometer	22	Label

Test Kit



1 Cons. No.	2 Designation	1 Cons. No.	2 Designation
1	Plug For Breathing Bag	11	Sealing Plug for Mask
2	Nozzle For Breathing Bag	12	Test Adaptor
3	Sealing Plug (Corrugated Hose)	13	Sealing Plug for Plug in Conn.
4	Test Socket for Corrugated Hose	14	Test Hose/Metering Control
5	Sealing Cap for Corrugated Hose	19	Sealing Ring Lifters
6	Sealing Cap	22	Spanner
7	Testing Plug		
8	Test Cap for Corrugated Hose		
9	Test Connection for Control Valve		

BG-4 Bench Contestant: _____ Working Time: _____ Min: ____ Sec: ____

VISUAL APPARATUS CHECKS			TEST APPARATUS WRITTEN RECORD		
✓	<i>Check if ok</i>				
	FRAME/HARNESS ASSEMBLY		✓	<i>Check if ok</i>	
	BREATHING BAG			LOW PRESSURE WARNING TEST	1.4 MBAR MAX.
	CYLINDER TEST			INHALATION VALVE TEST	10 MBAR +
	REGENERATIVE CANISTER			EXHALATION VALVE TEST	10 MBAR -
	SIMULATE ADDING DRAGERSORB			DRAIN VALVE TEST	10 MBAR
	RELIEF VALVE			LEAK TEST with POSITIVE PRESSURE	1 MBAR IN 60 SEC.
	COOLER			RELIEF VALVE TEST	
	SIMULATE ADDING ICE			State Opening Pressure	2 TO 5 MBAR
	HOSES			HIGH PRESSURE LEAK TEST	OPEN CYL. ICON
	COUPLING			CONSTANT METERING VALVE TEST	
	FACE PIECE TEST			State Final Reading	1.5 TO 1.9 L/MIN
	SIMULATE DEFOGGING MASK			MINIMUM VALVE TEST	
				State Opening Pressure	0.1 TO 2.5 MBAR
	CONNECTIONS CONNECTED OR GOOD			BYPASS VALVE TEST	
	Cap on Drain Valve			ALTERNATE RELIEF VALVE TEST	2 TO 5 MBAR
	Drain Valve to Breathing Bag			LOW PRESSURE WARNING TEST	
	Minimum Valve to Breathing Bag			State Warning Reading	APPROX. 700 PSI
	Minimum Valve to O2 Supply Line			BATTERY TEST	BATT FULL/ ICON
	Cylinder Connection			READY FOR USE	
	Regenerative Canister Connections			DATE	
	Relief Valve to Regenerative Canister			SERIAL NUMBER	
	Crossover Hose Switchbox and Relief Valve			SIGNATURE	
	Cooler to Breathing Bag			CYLINDER READING	
	Distribution Hose				
	Breathing Hoses				
	Hose Adapter on RZ-25 or Test-It 6100				
				ZERO TESTER PRIOR TO TESTING	
VISUAL APPARATUS BUGS			TEST APPARATUS BUGS		
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