

STATEMENT TO BENCH CONTESTANT

The bench participant will be provided with two BG-4 apparatus (one disassembled, one assembled), an RZ-25 or Test-It 6100 tester, a stopwatch, defogging solution, leak detector fluid, test kit, and tool kit. Only the tools and fluid provided will be used for testing and assembly of the apparatus. The work at the bench 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 will be done as a part of the visual examination. This visual examination, correcting predetermined problem(s), and proper assembly can be done at any time allowed for the working of the problem.
2. Test the assembled BG-4 apparatus with a tester, and correct the predetermined problem(s) so that the apparatus is in proper working condition. Except for removing the sealing cap from the coupling on the breathing hoses, and removing the cover shell, the assembled BG-4 apparatus cannot be disassembled to look for problems, 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.

When an unplanned deficiency is encountered in the apparatus, the participant will be notified by the judge(s) 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.

A maximum of 30 minutes will be allowed to complete the problem. The judge will tell you when 25 minutes has passed. 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.