

masks-barrieres.afnor.org: the solidarity platform for offer or find barrier masks

AFNOR provides a platform to encourage connections between makers or manufacturers who undertake to offer their barrier masks and all employers wishing to equip their employees or agents.

Faced with the growing demand for masks to equip the healthy population in order to prepare when the time comes for the easing of containment measures, AFNOR opens the solidarity platform

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It aims to promote meetings between potential suppliers of barrier masks (industrialists, social and solidarity enterprises, craftsmen, even individuals) and potential applicants such as priority companies, public bodies, companies in general, as well as employees. , on a territorial scale.

Only masks deemed to have been made based on the recommendations of the document "[AFNOR Spec – Barrier masks](#) », made available on March 27. Suppliers of masks will also undertake to offer them, depending on the case, either free of charge or at cost price.

“Our objective is to promote useful contacts throughout the territory. We encourage all manufacturers of barrier masks, regardless of their status (industrial or craftsman, or even individual), to register on the platform to contribute to the national solidarity effort and report it to all those who are looking for masks to improve the protection of their employees, their agents or their administered. »

Olivier Peyrat, general director of AFNOR.

Barrier masks, in brief

With a less ambitious level of requirements than surgical or FFP2 masks, which are intended as an absolute priority for health professionals or people affected by the virus, barrier masks are developed, under the responsibility of the producer, from specifications developed at the initiative of AFNOR and thanks to the unprecedented involvement of 150 experts (textile manufacturers, health professionals, control bodies, public bodies, user representatives, etc.). These specifications have already been downloaded more than 300,000 times since their publication on March 27. It is also referenced by an interministerial note of March 29 for the manufacture of so-called category 2 masks, for non-sanitary use.

Made by textile industries, social and solidarity businesses, craftsmen and even individuals, barrier masks aim to complete the range of barrier gestures, and in no case to replace them. Barrier masks can contribute to the maintenance and resumption of activities of public services (excluding health) and priority businesses, by improving the protection of employee health. They can also be offered to the population by cities that wish to make them available. NB: the proper maintenance of barrier masks is the subject of an entire section of the AFNOR Spec specifications.

Tutorials to get started

AFNOR has published a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to answer the first questions shared by users of the AFNOR Spec model. Many tutorials also exist on the Internet, including the following five. May their authors be warmly thanked: individuals and sewing enthusiasts, they help everyone take the plunge to make barrier masks:

- Creation workshop: <https://www.atelierdelacreation.com/blog/42-tuto-couture-coudre-unmasque-de-protection>
- Bottle workshop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krXe8PGMLok>
- Bibicraft: <https://www.bibicraft.com/tuto-masque-de-protection/>
- Couture academy pleated mask <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j34s8DlfB7k>
- Couture academy beaked mask https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPf4nxQ_u8

To find out more, consult the dedicated page on the afnor.org website. <https://www.afnor.org/actualites/masque-barriere-france-international/>

The AFNOR group

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