

CLEAN CAB



Apparatus Features

1. Metal, vinyl, or other non-polar (e.g. smooth, seamless, and non-porous) surfaces should be used on all high touch areas. This includes eliminating, in particular, the use of cloth seat covers and other cloth surfaces to the maximum extent practicable.
2. External compartments for storage of contaminated/soiled PPE. This can include bags designed for contaminated PPE transport and storage; recognizing the challenge of doing this on wildland fires versus structure/urban firefighting, this may be a practice best implemented at the end of the shift when PPE are no longer required.
3. Include and use In-cab air filtration that removes particulate matter and volatile organic compounds and A/C systems that go into circulation mode to prevent contaminants from being pulled into the cab.
4. Develop a policy on rolling down windows and running the air conditioning of the apparatus when needed to reduce in-cab air contaminants and improve in-cabin air quality.
5. When working in a heavy smoke environment, it is clear that the cab interior regularly exceeds safe levels of various compounds. Use A/C and other in-cab filtration (that recirculates air and removes particulates) whenever possible. An alternative approach may be the installation of clean air breathers that can be worn while inside the vehicle and supplied from tanks located within the apparatus
6. Apparatus could be outfitted with washing/cleaning stations for personal use and hand washing and gross decontamination.

Apparatus Cleaning Practices

1. Conduct intermittent cleaning of high-touch/high-risk surfaces when possible during extended shifts.
2. Cleaning of all high touch surfaces with a cleaning solution and/or wipes prior to departing an incident may help reduce overall exposures.
3. Develop a cleaning schedule that includes cleaning, testing, and changing filtration for in-cab air filters.
4. When possible, vehicles should be stored with the windows open, and additional ventilation using blowers or fans should be considered.

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