

NFPA-compliant Bourke Eye Shield

Traditional Look. Modern Protection.



	P/N	Description
ORDERING INFORMATION	10186311	Kit, Eyeshield & Hardware, NFPA Bourkes (available for MSA Cairns 1010, 1044, and 880 Tradition Fire Helmet Models)
	10189839	Kit, Eyeshield & Hardware, NFPA Bourkes, 5-pack

In the 50+ years the Bourke Eye Shield has been in service, it has undoubtedly contributed to helping save the vision of firefighters. Standards requirements for eye protection (e.g. coverage, heat/flame resistance and impact protection) have changed over the years, and an update to the Bourke Eye Shield was needed.

MSA now offers an NFPA-compliant Bourke Eye Shield eye protection option. The NFPA-compliant Bourke Eye Shield is:

- Available for MSA Cairns 1010, 1044 and 880 Fire Helmets on the Traditional Fire Helmet ATO
- NFPA 1971 compliant
- Side wrapping, with improved coverage compared to traditional flat lenses
- Fireground-proven, anti-scratch coated, polyarylate lenses
- Lenses are quickly stowable when not in use; easily deployed when needed
- Sturdy metal hardware with rubber capped screws offers durability under severe fire conditions
- Works with Defender visor or goggles, if additional eye protection is desired
- Available also as a replacement kit, complete with lens and hardware (PN 10186311)
- Easy to install—uses the same holes as non-compliant Bourke or shell dimples*

NFPA-compliant Bourkes lenses satisfy NFPA-1971 requirements for eye/face protection and do not require the addition of other eye/face protection.

The History of the Bourke Eye Shield

In the early 1960s, eye protection was not widely used among firefighters. That changed after a New York City firefighter, Lester (Les) Bourke, was hit in the face with a piece of angle iron during a fire. Les was working the hose line inside a burning auto repair garage, when the hose spray hit a piece of angle iron that was attached to the ceiling with a single bolt. The angle iron started swinging, and the end of it hit Les in the forehead—right under the brim of his MSA Cairns® New Yorker NSA® leather fire helmet. The force knocked Les to the ground and left him momentarily blinded. Although the cut healed over time, Les was determined to find a way to protect his eyes from dangerous objects encountered while firefighting. The original Bourke Eye Shield was the result of his efforts.

*1010/1044 fire helmets only

Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
PROPRIETARY HIGH-TEMP PLASTIC	Withstands the heat of everyday structural firefighting environments without lenses melting to each other
LARGE LENSES	Ensures appropriate coverage for each MSA Cairns® Traditional-style Fire Helmet
ANSI Z87.1 MARKING	Satisfies requirements of NFPA-1971:2018 and NFPA-1500:2018 for eye/face protection needed for various structural firefighting activities
NFPA COMPLIANCE	Simple means of attaining compliance without adding other eye/face protection
REPLACEMENT KITS	Retrofit onto MSA 1010/1044 or 880 Tradition Fire Helmets
AVAILABLE FOR ALL MSA CAIRNS TRADITIONAL-STYLE FIRE HELMETS	The Fire Service's most trusted brand of Fire Helmets has the most options for compliant eye/face protection, including the industry-leading Cairns 1044, Cairns 1010, and Cairns 880 Tradition



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