

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

~~A1~~1. A respiratory mask, comprising:

a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall having a vent and a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar surrounding the vent and the gas inlet opening;

a cushion module comprising a housing and a cushion, wherein the housing is made of a material more rigid than the cushion, the housing forming at least a portion of a breathing chamber of the respiratory mask, the housing defining a connection opening;

a friction coupling configured to selectively couple the connection opening of the cushion module to the collar of the frame such that a flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module, the friction coupling comprising an elastomeric friction member coupled to a portion of the housing that defines the connection opening.

~~A2~~2. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A1~~1, further comprising a divider wall within an interior of the collar, the divider wall having a first end and a second end, each connected to the collar, wherein the divider wall separates the vent and the gas inlet opening.

~~A3~~3. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A2~~2, wherein a surface of the divider wall adjacent the vent extends substantially in a direction of gas flow through the vent.

~~A4~~4. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A3~~1-3, wherein the collar and the divider wall cooperate to define a socket configured to receive an elbow.

~~A5~~5. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A4~~4, further comprising an elbow received by the socket, wherein the elbow has a swivel connection with the frame.

~~A6~~6. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A5~~1-5, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from the front wall of the frame to a rearward edge, wherein a rearward edge of the divider wall is positioned between the front wall of the frame and the rearward edge of the collar.

~~A7~~7. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A6~~1-6, wherein the frame forms at least a portion of the breathing chamber.

~~A88~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A61-6~~, wherein a space defined by an interior surface of the collar, an upper surface of the dividing wall and an interior surface of a vent wall portion of the front wall form at least a portion of the breathing chamber.

~~A99~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A81-8~~, wherein the collar comprises an internal surface and an engagement surface, wherein the engagement surface engages with the friction member.

~~A1010~~. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A99~~, wherein the collar further comprises a rim.

~~A1111~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A101-10~~, wherein the friction member comprises an internal engagement surface and a peripheral surface.

~~A1212~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A111-11~~, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member and the housing extends through the peripheral surface of the friction member.

~~A1313~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A1-A111-11~~, wherein the cushion module further comprises a support flange that extends along a length of and supports the friction member.

~~A1414~~. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A1313~~, wherein the support flange is embedded within the friction member.

~~A1515~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A12-A1412-14~~, wherein a portion of the housing disposed within the friction member comprises a plurality of apertures.

~~A1616~~. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A1515~~, wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures.

~~A1717~~. The respiratory mask of Claim ~~A1212~~, wherein a portion of the housing disposed within the friction member comprises a plurality of apertures, wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures, and wherein at least a portion of the apertures are located between the support wall and the peripheral surface.

~~A1818~~. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims ~~A13-13~~ or ~~A1414~~, wherein at least a portion of the apertures are located on the support flange.

~~A1919~~. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~A9-A189-18~~, wherein the friction member defines an abutment surface that contacts the front wall of the frame when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

~~A20.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A13, A14 and A18, wherein the friction member defines a first length, the support flange defines a second length, an unsupported portion of the friction member that extends beyond the support flange defines a third length, and the collar defines a fourth length.~~

~~A21.—The respiratory mask of Claim A20, wherein the first length is equal to the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~A22.—The respiratory mask of Claim A20, wherein the first length is greater than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~A23.—The respiratory mask of Claim A20, wherein the first length is less than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~A24.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A13, A14, A18 and A20 A23, wherein the friction member defines a first thickness, the support flange defines a second thickness, a portion of the friction member located outside of the support flange defines a third thickness, a portion of the friction member located inside of the support flange defines a fourth thickness, and the collar defines a fifth thickness.~~

~~A25.—The respiratory mask of Claim A24, wherein the first thickness equals the sum of the second thickness, the third thickness, and the fourth thickness.~~

~~A26.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims A24 or A25, wherein the third thickness and the fourth thickness are equal.~~

~~A27.—The respiratory mask of Claim A26, wherein the second thickness is equal to each of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~A28.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims A24 or A25, wherein the fourth thickness is greater than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~A29.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims A24 or A25, wherein the fourth thickness is less than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~A30.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24 A29, wherein the second thickness and the fifth thickness are equal.~~

~~A31.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24 A29, wherein the second thickness is greater than the fifth thickness.~~

~~A32.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24 A29, wherein the second thickness is less than the fifth thickness.~~

~~A33.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24–A26 or A28–A32, wherein the second thickness is less than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~A34.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24–A26 or A28–A32, wherein the second thickness is greater than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~A35.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24–A34, wherein the first thickness is greater than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~A36.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24–A29 or A31–A34, wherein the first thickness is less than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~A37.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A24–A36, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member.~~

~~A38.—The respiratory mask of Claim A37, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a minimum near a proximal end of the friction member to a maximum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~A39.—The respiratory mask of Claim A37, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a maximum near a proximal end of the friction member to a minimum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~A40.—The respiratory mask of Claim A24, wherein the third thickness is zero.~~

~~A41.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A20–A40, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length.~~

~~A42.—The respiratory mask of Claim A41, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the third length.~~

~~A43.—The respiratory mask of Claim A41, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~A44.—The respiratory mask of Claim A41, wherein the overlap length is less than the third length.~~

~~A45.—The respiratory mask of Claim A41, wherein the overlap length is less than a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~A46.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A41–A45, wherein the overlap length equals the fourth length.~~

~~A47.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A41-A45, wherein the overlap length is less than the fourth length.~~

~~A48.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A41-A45, wherein the overlap length is greater than the fourth length.~~

~~A49.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A41-A48, wherein a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and wherein a portion of the front wall adjacent the support flange defines a first front wall thickness.~~

~~A50.—The respiratory mask of Claim A49, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~A51.—The respiratory mask of Claim A49, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is greater than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~A52.—The respiratory mask of Claim A49, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is less than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~A53.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A49-A52, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures, wherein a distance between the portion of the front wall and a point on the plurality of apertures furthest from the portion of the front wall defines an aperture offset distance.~~

~~A54.—The respiratory mask of Claim A53, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~A55.—The respiratory mask of Claim A53, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~A56.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A53-A55, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is greater than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~A57.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A53-A55, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is less than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~A58.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A53-A55, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is less than or equal to first length.~~

~~A59.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A53–A55, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is greater than or equal to first length.~~

~~A60.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A13, A14, A18 and A20–A59, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and at least one of the support flange and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~A61.—The respiratory mask of Claim A60, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~A62.—The respiratory mask of Claim A60, wherein at least one of the support flange and the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~A63.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A11, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~A64.—The respiratory mask of Claim A63, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~A65.—The respiratory mask of Claim A63, wherein the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~A66.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A65, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is equal along a length of the collar.~~

~~A67.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A65, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is unequal along a length of the collar.~~

~~A68.—The respiratory mask of Claim A67, wherein the force is larger at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~A69.—The respiratory mask of Claim A67, wherein the force is smaller at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~A70.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A69, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is at or forward of the front wall.~~

~~A71.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A69, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is rearward of the front wall such that a portion of the friction member is located adjacent each of a forward surface and a rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~A72.—The respiratory mask of Claim A71, wherein the portion of the friction member adjacent the forward surface of the front wall has a surface that is aligned with a surface of the portion of the friction member adjacent the rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~A73.—The respiratory mask of Claim A1, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member such that the friction member is coupled to the cushion module.~~

~~A74.—The respiratory mask of Claim A73, wherein the collar defines a collar length, the support wall defines a support wall thickness, and the friction member defines a total friction member length, a forward length forward of the support wall and a rearward length rearward of the support wall.~~

~~A75.—The respiratory mask of Claim A74, wherein the total friction member length is equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A76.—The respiratory mask of Claim A74, wherein the total friction member length is greater than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A77.—The respiratory mask of Claim A74, wherein the total friction member length is less than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A78.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A74–A77, wherein the collar defines a collar thickness and the friction member defines a total thickness, a supported thickness along the support wall and an unsupported thickness inwardly of the support wall.~~

~~A79.—The respiratory mask of Claim A78, wherein the total thickness equals a sum of the supported thickness and the unsupported thickness.~~

~~A80.—The respiratory mask of Claim A78, wherein the total thickness equals twice the supported thickness.~~

~~A81.—The respiratory mask of Claim A78, wherein the total thickness equals twice the unsupported thickness.~~

~~A82.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A78–A81, wherein the supported thickness is equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~A83.—The respiratory mask of Claim A78, wherein the supported thickness is greater than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~A84.—The respiratory mask of Claim A78, wherein the supported thickness is less than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~A85.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A78 A84, wherein the total thickness is greater than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~A86.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A78 A84, wherein the total thickness is less than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~A87.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A74 A86, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length, a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and a distance between a rearward end of the collar and the support wall along the direction of assembly defines a support wall offset distance.~~

~~A88.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the support wall offset distance.~~

~~A89.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is less than the support wall offset distance.~~

~~A90.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A87 A89, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the non-overlap length.~~

~~A91.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A87 A89, wherein the overlap length is less than the non-overlap length.~~

~~A92.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A87 A91, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A93.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A87 A91, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A94.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length equals the collar length.~~

~~A95.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is less than the collar length.~~

~~A96.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is greater than the collar length.~~

~~A97.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the total friction member length equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~A98.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is less than the forward length.~~

~~A99.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the forward length.~~

~~A100.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A101.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~A102.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the support wall thickness is less than or equal to the rearward length.~~

~~A103.—The respiratory mask of Claim A87, wherein the support wall thickness is greater than the rearward length.~~

~~A104.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims A1–A103, wherein the housing comprises a wall portion external of the friction member and extending between the friction member and the cushion.~~

~~A105.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims A1–A104, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~A106.—The respiratory mask of claim A105, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~A107.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims A1–A106, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~A108.—The respiratory mask of claim A107, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~A109. The respiratory mask of claim A107, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~A110. The respiratory mask of any one of claims A107-A109, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

B120. A respiratory mask, comprising:

a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;

a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing defining a connection opening, wherein a portion of the housing defining the connection opening is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the friction member to the housing, wherein the housing is made of a material more rigid than the cushion and forms at least a portion of a breathing chamber of the respiratory mask, the friction member configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the collar of the frame with a friction fit so that the flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module;

wherein the friction member engages an outer surface of the collar and wherein an outer surface of the friction member is exposed when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

B221. The respiratory mask of Claim B120, wherein the housing comprises a wall portion external of the friction member and extending between the friction member and the cushion.

B322. The respiratory mask of Claim B120, wherein the front wall of the frame further comprises a vent, and wherein the collar surrounds the vent in addition to the gas inlet.

B423. The respiratory mask of Claim B322, further comprising a divider wall within an interior of the collar, the divider wall having a first end and a second end, each connected to the collar, wherein the divider wall separates the vent and the gas inlet opening.

B524. The respiratory mask of Claim B423, wherein a surface of the divider wall adjacent the vent extends substantially in a direction of gas flow through the vent.

B625. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1-B520-24, further comprising an elbow supported by the frame and configured to deliver a flow of breathing gas through the gas inlet opening.

B726. The respiratory mask of Claim B625, wherein the collar and the divider wall cooperate to define a socket that receives the elbow.

B827. The respiratory mask of Claim B726, wherein the elbow has a swivel connection with the frame.

B928. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B4-B823-27, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from the front wall of the frame to a rearward edge, wherein a rearward edge of the divider wall is positioned between the front wall of the frame and the rearward edge of the collar.

B1029. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1-B920-28, wherein the housing of the cushion module further comprises a support flange, wherein the support flange defines the connection opening and extends within the friction member substantially in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

B1130. The respiratory mask of Claim B1029, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures.

B1231. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1-B1120-30, wherein the friction member defines an abutment surface that contacts the front wall of the frame when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

B13. ~~The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B10-B12, wherein the friction member defines a first length, the support flange defines a second length, an unsupported portion of the friction member that extends beyond the support flange defines a third length, and the collar defines a fourth length.~~

B14. ~~The respiratory mask of Claim B13, wherein the first length is equal to the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

B15. ~~The respiratory mask of Claim B13, wherein the first length is greater than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~B16.—The respiratory mask of Claim B13, wherein the first length is less than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~B17.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B10-B16, wherein the friction member defines a first thickness, the support flange defines a second thickness, a portion of the friction member located outside of the support flange defines a third thickness, a portion of the friction member located inside of the support flange defines a fourth thickness, and the collar defines a fifth thickness.~~

~~B18.—The respiratory mask of Claim B17, wherein the first thickness equals the sum of the second thickness, the third thickness, and the fourth thickness.~~

~~B19.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims B17 or B18, wherein the third thickness and the fourth thickness are equal.~~

~~B20.—The respiratory mask of Claim B19, wherein the second thickness is equal to each of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~B21.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims B17 or B18, wherein the fourth thickness is greater than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~B22.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims B17 or B18, wherein the fourth thickness is less than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~B23.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B22, wherein the second thickness and the fifth thickness are equal.~~

~~B24.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B22, wherein the second thickness is greater than the fifth thickness.~~

~~B25.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B22, wherein the second thickness is less than the fifth thickness.~~

~~B26.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B19 or B21-B25, wherein the second thickness is less than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~B27.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B19 or B21-B25, wherein the second thickness is greater than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~B28.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B27, wherein the first thickness is greater than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~B29.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B22 or B24-B27, wherein the first thickness is less than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~B30.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B17-B29, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member.~~

~~B31.—The respiratory mask of Claim B30, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a minimum near a proximal end of the friction member to a maximum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~B32.—The respiratory mask of Claim B30, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a maximum near a proximal end of the friction member to a minimum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~B33.—The respiratory mask of Claim B17, wherein the third thickness is zero.~~

~~B34.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B13-B33, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length.~~

~~B35.—The respiratory mask of Claim B34, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the third length.~~

~~B36.—The respiratory mask of Claim B34, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~B37.—The respiratory mask of Claim B34, wherein the overlap length is less than the third length.~~

~~B38.—The respiratory mask of Claim B34, wherein the overlap length is less than a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~B39.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B34-B38, wherein the overlap length equals the fourth length.~~

~~B40.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B34-B38, wherein the overlap length is less than the fourth length.~~

~~B41.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B34-B38, wherein the overlap length is greater than the fourth length.~~

~~B42.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B34-B41, wherein a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and wherein a portion of the front wall adjacent the support flange defines a first front wall thickness.~~

~~B43.—The respiratory mask of Claim B42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~B44.—The respiratory mask of Claim B42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is greater than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~B45.—The respiratory mask of Claim B42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is less than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~B46.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B42-B45, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures, wherein a distance between the portion of the front wall and a point on the plurality of apertures furthest from the portion of the front wall defines an aperture offset distance.~~

~~B47.—The respiratory mask of Claim B46, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~B48.—The respiratory mask of Claim B46, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~B49.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B46-B48, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is greater than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~B50.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B46-B48, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is less than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~B51.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B46-B48, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is less than or equal to first length.~~

~~B52.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B46-B48, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is greater than or equal to first length.~~

~~B53.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B10-B52, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and at least one of the support flange and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~B54.—The respiratory mask of Claim B53, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~B55.—The respiratory mask of Claim B53, wherein at least one of the support flange and the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~B56.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1–B9, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~B57.—The respiratory mask of Claim B56, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~B58.—The respiratory mask of Claim B56, wherein the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~B59.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1–B58, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is equal along a length of the collar.~~

~~B60.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1–B58, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is unequal along a length of the collar.~~

~~B61.—The respiratory mask of Claim B60, wherein the force is larger at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~B62.—The respiratory mask of Claim B60, wherein the force is smaller at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~B63.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1–B62, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is at or forward of the front wall.~~

~~B64.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1–B62, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is rearward of the front wall such that a portion of the friction member is located adjacent each of a forward surface and a rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~B65.—The respiratory mask of Claim B64, wherein the portion of the friction member adjacent the forward surface of the front wall has a surface that is aligned with a surface of the portion of the friction member adjacent the rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~B66.—The respiratory mask of Claim B1, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member such that the friction member is coupled to the cushion module.~~

~~B67.—The respiratory mask of Claim B66, wherein the collar defines a collar length, the support wall defines a support wall thickness, and the friction member defines a total friction member length, a forward length forward of the support wall and a rearward length rearward of the support wall.~~

~~B68.—The respiratory mask of Claim B67, wherein the total friction member length is equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B69.—The respiratory mask of Claim B67, wherein the total friction member length is greater than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B70.—The respiratory mask of Claim B67, wherein the total friction member length is less than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B71.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B67-B70, wherein the collar defines a collar thickness and the friction member defines a total thickness, a supported thickness along the support wall and an unsupported thickness inwardly of the support wall.~~

~~B72.—The respiratory mask of Claim B71, wherein the total thickness equals a sum of the supported thickness and the unsupported thickness.~~

~~B73.—The respiratory mask of Claim B71, wherein the total thickness equals twice the supported thickness.~~

~~B74.—The respiratory mask of Claim B71, wherein the total thickness equals twice the unsupported thickness.~~

~~B75.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B71-B74, wherein the supported thickness is equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~B76.—The respiratory mask of Claim B71, wherein the supported thickness is greater than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~B77.—The respiratory mask of Claim B71, wherein the supported thickness is less than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~B78.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B71-B77, wherein the total thickness is greater than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~B79.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B71-B77, wherein the total thickness is less than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~B80.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B67-B79, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length, a portion of the friction~~

~~member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and a distance between a rearward end of the collar and the support wall along the direction of assembly defines a support wall offset distance.~~

~~B81.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the support wall offset distance.~~

~~B82.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is less than the support wall offset distance.~~

~~B83.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B80–B82, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the non-overlap length.~~

~~B84.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B80–B82, wherein the overlap length is less than the non-overlap length.~~

~~B85.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B80–B84, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B86.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B80–B84, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B87.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length equals the collar length.~~

~~B88.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is less than the collar length.~~

~~B89.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is greater than the collar length.~~

~~B90.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the total friction member length equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~B91.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is less than the forward length.~~

~~B92.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the forward length.~~

~~B93.— The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B94.—The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~B95.—The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the support wall thickness is less than or equal to the rearward length.~~

~~B96.—The respiratory mask of Claim B80, wherein the support wall thickness is greater than the rearward length.~~

~~B97.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims B1 or B2, wherein the frame further comprises a conduit connector that is unitarily formed with one or both of the front wall and the collar.~~

~~B98.—The respiratory mask of Claim B97, wherein the housing of the cushion module defines an inlet recess positioned below the connection opening, and wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~B99.—The respiratory mask of Claim B98, wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a rearward-facing portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~B100.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1, B2 or B97-B99, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that surrounds the connection opening.~~

~~B101.—The respiratory mask of Claim B100, wherein the embedded portion is displaced rearward from a main wall of the housing along an axis of the connection opening by a connecting portion.~~

~~B102.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1, B2 or B97-B99, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~B103.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1, B2 or B97-B99, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only an upper portion of the connection opening.~~

~~B104.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B1, B2 or B97-B99, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a lower portion of the connection opening.~~

~~B105.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B104, wherein at least a portion of the friction member is located within the recess.~~

~~B106. The respiratory mask of Claim B105, wherein the portion of the friction member defines a portion of the recess.~~

~~B107. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B106, wherein at least a portion of the friction member protrudes in front of the recess.~~

~~B108. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B107, wherein the recess defines a depth that is less than a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~B109. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B108, wherein the recess defines a depth that is greater than or equal to a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~B110. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B109, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein the support wall is connected to the front wall by a connecting portion.~~

~~B111. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims B1 or B2, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein a radially inward end of the support wall is connected to a support flange having a support flange length that is greater than a thickness of the support wall.~~

~~B112. The respiratory mask of Claim B111, wherein the support flange defines a longitudinal axis that is offset from an axis defined by a surface of the friction member that engages the collar.~~

~~B113. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B97-B112, wherein an opening of the friction member defines a non-circular shape.~~

~~B114. The respiratory mask of Claim B113, wherein the opening of the friction member comprises a first axis and a second axis, wherein the first axis extends in a lateral direction across a widest part of the opening and the second axis extends in a vertical direction.~~

~~B115. The respiratory mask of Claim B114, wherein the friction member is symmetric about the second axis.~~

~~B116. The respiratory mask of Claim B114, wherein the friction member is asymmetric about the first axis.~~

~~B117. The respiratory mask of Claim B114, wherein the first axis is a major axis and the second axis is a minor axis.~~

~~B118. The respiratory mask of Claim B117, wherein the seal is configured to seal below the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~B119. The respiratory mask of Claim B114, wherein the first axis is a minor axis and the second axis is a major axis.~~

~~B120. The respiratory mask of Claim B119, wherein the seal is configured to seal on the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~B121. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims B114-B120, wherein a ratio of the first axis to the second axis is between about 1.2-1.4:1, is about 1.3:1, or is about 1.27:1.~~

~~B122. The respiratory mask of any one of claims B1-B121, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~B123. The respiratory mask of claim B122, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~B124. The respiratory mask of any one of claims B1-B123, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~B125. The respiratory mask of claim B124, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~B126. The respiratory mask of claim B124, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~B127. The respiratory mask of any one of claims B124-B126, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

€132. A respiratory mask, comprising:

a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;

a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing defining a connection opening, wherein the housing is made of a material more rigid than the cushion and forms at least a portion of a breathing chamber of the respiratory mask, the elastomeric friction member configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the collar of the frame with a friction fit so that the flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module;

wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises an internal engagement surface and a peripheral surface, the internal engagement surface configured to engage an outer surface of the collar when the cushion module is coupled to the frame;

wherein an embedded portion of the housing is disposed within the elastomeric friction member and the housing extends through the peripheral surface.

€233. The respiratory mask of Claim €132, wherein the embedded portion comprises a forward or rearward-extending flange.

€334. The respiratory mask of Claims €132, wherein the housing comprises a wall portion external of the friction member and extending between the friction member and the cushion.

€435. The respiratory mask of Claim €132, wherein the front wall of the frame further comprises a vent, and wherein the collar surrounds the vent in addition to the gas inlet.

€536. The respiratory mask of Claim €435, further comprising a divider wall within an interior of the collar, the divider wall having a first end and a second end, each connected to the collar, wherein the divider wall separates the vent and the gas inlet opening.

€637. The respiratory mask of Claim €536, wherein a surface of the divider wall adjacent the vent extends substantially in a direction of gas flow through the vent.

€738. The respiratory mask of Claim €637, wherein the collar and the divider wall cooperate to define a socket configured to receive an elbow.

€839. The respiratory mask of Claim €738, further comprising an elbow received in the socket, wherein the elbow has a swivel connection with the frame.

€940. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims €6-€837-39, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from the front wall of the frame to a rearward edge, wherein a rearward edge of the divider wall is positioned between the front wall of the frame and the rearward edge of the collar.

€1041. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims €1-€932-40, wherein the housing of the cushion module further comprises a support flange, wherein the support flange defines the connection opening and extends within the friction member substantially in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

€1142. The respiratory mask of Claim €1041, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures.

€1243. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims €1-€1132-42, wherein the friction member defines an abutment surface that contacts the front wall of the frame when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

~~€13. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C10-C12, wherein the friction member defines a first length, the support flange defines a second length, an unsupported portion of the friction member that extends beyond the support flange defines a third length, and the collar defines a fourth length.~~

~~€14. The respiratory mask of Claim C13, wherein the first thickness equals the sum of the second thickness, the third thickness, and the fourth thickness.~~

~~€15. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C13 or C14, wherein the third thickness and the fourth thickness are equal.~~

~~€16. The respiratory mask of Claim C15, wherein the second thickness is equal to each of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~€17. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C13 or C14, wherein the fourth thickness is greater than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~C18.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C13 or C14, wherein the fourth thickness is less than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~C19.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C18, wherein the second thickness and the fifth thickness are equal.~~

~~C20.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C18, wherein the second thickness is greater than the fifth thickness.~~

~~C21.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C18, wherein the second thickness is less than the fifth thickness.~~

~~C22.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C15 or C17–C21, wherein the second thickness is less than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~C23.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C15 or C17–C21, wherein the second thickness is greater than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~C24.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C23, wherein the first thickness is greater than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~C25.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C23, wherein the first thickness is less than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~C26.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C13–C25, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member.~~

~~C27.—The respiratory mask of Claim C26, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a minimum near a proximal end of the friction member to a maximum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~C28.—The respiratory mask of Claim C26, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a maximum near a proximal end of the friction member to a minimum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~C29.—The respiratory mask of Claim C13, wherein the third thickness is zero.~~

~~C30.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C9–C29, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length.~~

~~C31.—The respiratory mask of Claim C30, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the third length.~~

~~C32.—The respiratory mask of Claim C30, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~C33.—The respiratory mask of Claim C30, wherein the overlap length is less than the third length.~~

~~C34.—The respiratory mask of Claim C30, wherein the overlap length is less than a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~C35.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C30–C34, wherein the overlap length equals the fourth length.~~

~~C36.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C30–C34, wherein the overlap length is less than the fourth length.~~

~~C37.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C30–C34, wherein the overlap length is greater than the fourth length.~~

~~C38.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C30–C37, wherein a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and wherein a portion of the front wall adjacent the support flange defines a first front wall thickness.~~

~~C39.—The respiratory mask of Claim C38, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~C40.—The respiratory mask of Claim C38, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is greater than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~C41.—The respiratory mask of Claim C38, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is less than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~C42.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C38–C41, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures, wherein a distance between the portion of the front wall and a point on the plurality of apertures furthest from the portion of the front wall defines an aperture offset distance.~~

~~C43.—The respiratory mask of Claim C42, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~C44.—The respiratory mask of Claim C42, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

~~C45.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C42-C44, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is greater than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~C46.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C42-C44, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is less than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.~~

~~C47.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C42-C44, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is less than or equal to first length.~~

~~C48.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C42-C44, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is greater than or equal to first length.~~

~~C49.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C10-C48, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and at least one of the support flange and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~C50.—The respiratory mask of Claim C49, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~C51.—The respiratory mask of Claim C49, wherein at least one of the support flange and the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~C52.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C9, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~C53.—The respiratory mask of Claim C52, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~C54.—The respiratory mask of Claim C52, wherein the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.~~

~~C55.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C54, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is equal along a length of the collar.~~

~~C56.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C54, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is unequal along a length of the collar.~~

~~C57.—The respiratory mask of Claim C56, wherein the force is larger at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~C58.—The respiratory mask of Claim C56, wherein the force is smaller at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~C59.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1–C58, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is at or forward of the front wall.~~

~~C60.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1–C58, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is rearward of the front wall such that a portion of the friction member is located adjacent each of a forward surface and a rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~C61.—The respiratory mask of Claim C60, wherein the portion of the friction member adjacent the forward surface of the front wall has a surface that is aligned with a surface of the portion of the friction member adjacent the rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~C62.—The respiratory mask of Claim C1, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member such that the friction member is coupled to the cushion module.~~

~~C63.—The respiratory mask of Claim C62, wherein the collar defines a collar length, the support wall defines a support wall thickness, and the friction member defines a total friction member length, a forward length forward of the support wall and a rearward length rearward of the support wall.~~

~~C64.—The respiratory mask of Claim C63, wherein the total friction member length is equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C65.—The respiratory mask of Claim C63, wherein the total friction member length is greater than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C66.—The respiratory mask of Claim C63, wherein the total friction member length is less than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C67.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C63–C66, wherein the collar defines a collar thickness and the friction member defines a total thickness, a supported thickness along the support wall and an unsupported thickness inwardly of the support wall.~~

~~C68.—The respiratory mask of Claim C67, wherein the total thickness equals a sum of the supported thickness and the unsupported thickness.~~

~~C69.—The respiratory mask of Claim C67, wherein the total thickness equals twice the supported thickness.~~

~~C70.—The respiratory mask of Claim C67, wherein the total thickness equals twice the unsupported thickness.~~

~~C71.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C67-C70, wherein the supported thickness is equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~C72.—The respiratory mask of Claim C67, wherein the supported thickness is greater than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~C73.—The respiratory mask of Claim C67, wherein the supported thickness is less than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~C74.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C67-C73, wherein the total thickness is greater than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~C75.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C67-C73, wherein the total thickness is less than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~C76.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C63-C75, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length, a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and a distance between a rearward end of the collar and the support wall along the direction of assembly defines a support wall offset distance.~~

~~C77.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the support wall offset distance.~~

~~C78.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is less than the support wall offset distance.~~

~~C79.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C76-C78, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the non-overlap length.~~

~~C80.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C76-C78, wherein the overlap length is less than the non-overlap length.~~

~~C81.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C76-C80, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C82.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C76–C80, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C83.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length equals the collar length.~~

~~C84.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is less than the collar length.~~

~~C85.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is greater than the collar length.~~

~~C86.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the total friction member length equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~C87.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is less than the forward length.~~

~~C88.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the forward length.~~

~~C89.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C90.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~C91.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the support wall thickness is less than or equal to the rearward length.~~

~~C92.—The respiratory mask of Claim C76, wherein the support wall thickness is greater than the rearward length.~~

~~C93.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1–C3, wherein the internal engagement surface comprises a first engagement surface portion and a second engagement surface portion, wherein a retention force between the internal engagement surface and the outer surface of the collar varies between the first engagement surface portion and the second engagement surface portion.~~

~~C94.—The respiratory mask of Claim C93, wherein the first engagement surface portion and the second engagement surface portion define an angle relative to another.~~

~~C95. The respiratory mask of Claim C93, wherein at least one of the first engagement surface portion and the second engagement surface portion define an angle relative to the outer surface of the collar.~~

~~C96. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C93-C95, wherein the second engagement surface portion does not contact the outer surface of the collar.~~

~~C97. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C93-C96, wherein the retention force varies over a length of the first engagement surface.~~

~~C98. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C93-C97, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends in a rearward direction from the housing and into the breathing chamber.~~

~~C99. The respiratory mask of Claim C98, wherein an entirety of the second engagement surface portion is located within the breathing chamber.~~

~~C100. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C98 or C99, wherein the elastomeric friction member also extends in a forward direction from the housing away from the breathing chamber.~~

~~C101. The respiratory mask of Claim C100, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends in the rearward direction further than it extends in the forward direction.~~

~~C102. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends in a rearward direction from the housing and into the breathing chamber.~~

~~C103. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3, wherein the outer surface of the collar has a first perimeter portion and a second perimeter portion.~~

~~C104. The respiratory mask of Claim C103, wherein the first perimeter portion has a first perimeter, the second perimeter portion has a second perimeter, and the first perimeter is greater than the second perimeter.~~

~~C105. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C103 or C104, wherein the first perimeter portion is more proximal to the front wall than the second perimeter portion.~~

~~C106. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C103-C105, wherein the embedded portion is adjacent the first perimeter portion when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.~~

~~C107. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C103-C105, wherein the embedded portion is adjacent the second perimeter portion when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.~~

~~C108. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3, wherein one or both of the elastomeric friction member and the outer surface of the collar define a circular shape, and wherein the respiratory mask further comprises structures to indicate a correct assembly orientation, inhibit or prevent incorrect assembly, or guide the cushion module and the frame towards or into the correct assembly orientation.~~

~~C109. The respiratory mask of Claim C108, wherein the structures inhibit or prevent relative rotational movement of the cushion module and the frame when the cushion module is properly assembled to the frame.~~

~~C110. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C108 or C109, wherein the structures comprise one or more sets of cooperating protrusions and recesses.~~

~~C111. The respiratory mask of Claim C110, wherein the collar comprises at least one of the recesses and the elastomeric friction member comprises at least one of the protrusions.~~

~~C112. The respiratory mask of Claim C111, wherein the protrusion is configured to occupy an entirety of a corresponding recess.~~

~~C113. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims C111 or C112, wherein the recess comprises an angled surface relative to a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.~~

~~C114. The respiratory mask of Claim C113, wherein the recess comprises a straight surface that is aligned with the direction of assembly.~~

~~C115. The respiratory mask of Claim C114, wherein the angled surface and the straight surface cooperate to form a generally triangular shape.~~

~~C116. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C113-C115, wherein the angled surface is configured to contact the corresponding protrusion to guide the cushion module towards or to the correct assembly orientation.~~

~~C117. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C114-C116, wherein the one or more sets of cooperating recesses comprises a first set and a second set, wherein both the first set and the second set are located within an upper half of the collar and the elastomeric friction~~

member, and wherein the angled surfaces are located further from a vertical centerline of the frame than the straight surfaces.

~~C118. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C110-C113, wherein the one or more sets of cooperating recesses comprises a first set and a second set.~~

~~C119. The respiratory mask of Claim C118, wherein both the first set and the second set are located within an upper half of the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C120. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C119, wherein the embedded portion provides radial support to the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C121. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3, wherein the frame further comprises a conduit connector that is unitarily formed with one or both of the front wall and the collar.~~

~~C122. The respiratory mask of Claim C121, wherein the housing of the cushion module defines an inlet recess positioned below the connection opening, and wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~C123. The respiratory mask of Claim C122, wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a rearward-facing portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~C124. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3 or C121-C123, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that surrounds the connection opening.~~

~~C125. The respiratory mask of Claim C124, wherein the embedded portion is displaced rearward from a main wall of the housing along an axis of the connection opening by a connecting portion.~~

~~C126. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3 or C121-C123, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~C127. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3 or C121-C123, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only an upper portion of the connection opening.~~

~~C128. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3 or C121-C123, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a lower portion of the connection opening.~~

~~C129. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C124-C128, wherein at least a portion of the friction member is located within the recess.~~

~~C130. The respiratory mask of Claim C129, wherein the portion of the friction member defines a portion of the recess.~~

~~C131. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C124-C130, wherein at least a portion of the friction member protrudes in front of the recess.~~

~~C132. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C124-C131, wherein the recess defines a depth that is less than a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~C133. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C124-C132, wherein the recess defines a depth that is greater than or equal to a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~C134. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C124-C133, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein the support wall is connected to the front wall by a connecting portion.~~

~~C135. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C1-C3, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein a radially inward end of the support wall is connected to a support flange having a support flange length that is greater than a thickness of the support wall.~~

~~C136. The respiratory mask of Claim C135, wherein the support flange defines a longitudinal axis that is offset from an axis defined by a surface of the friction member that engages the collar.~~

~~C137. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C121-C136, wherein an opening of the friction member defines a non-circular shape.~~

~~C138. The respiratory mask of Claim C137, wherein the opening of the friction member comprises a first axis and a second axis, wherein the first axis extends in a lateral direction across a widest part of the opening and the second axis extends in a vertical direction.~~

~~C139. The respiratory mask of Claim C138, wherein the friction member is symmetric about the second axis.~~

~~C140. The respiratory mask of Claim C138, wherein the friction member is asymmetric about the first axis.~~

~~C141. The respiratory mask of Claim C138, wherein the first axis is a major axis and the second axis is a minor axis.~~

~~C142. The respiratory mask of Claim C141, wherein the seal is configured to seal below the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~C143. The respiratory mask of Claim C138, wherein the first axis is a minor axis and the second axis is a major axis.~~

~~C144. The respiratory mask of Claim C143, wherein the seal is configured to seal on the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~C145. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims C138-C144, wherein a ratio of the first axis to the second axis is between about 1.2-1.4:1, is about 1.3:1, or is about 1.27:1.~~

~~C146. The respiratory mask of any one of claims C1-C145, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C147. The respiratory mask of claim C146, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C148. The respiratory mask of any one of claims C1-C147, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~C149. The respiratory mask of claim C148, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C150. The respiratory mask of claim C148, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~C151. The respiratory mask of any one of claims C148-C150, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~D144.~~ A respiratory mask, comprising:

a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar

extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;

a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing defining a connection opening, wherein a portion of the housing defining the connection opening is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the friction member to the housing;

wherein the friction member engages the collar when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

Ð245. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð144, wherein the housing comprises a wall portion external of the friction member and extending between the friction member and the cushion.

Ð346. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð144, wherein the front wall of the frame further comprises a vent, and wherein the collar surrounds the vent in addition to the gas inlet.

Ð447. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð346, further comprising a divider wall within an interior of the collar, the divider wall having a first end and a second end, each connected to the collar, wherein the divider wall separates the vent and the gas inlet opening.

Ð548. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð447, wherein a surface of the divider wall adjacent the vent extends substantially in a direction of gas flow through the vent.

Ð649. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims Ð1-Ð544-48, further comprising an elbow supported by the frame and configured to deliver a flow of breathing gas through the gas inlet opening.

Ð750. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð649, wherein the collar and the divider wall cooperate to define a socket that receives the elbow.

Ð851. The respiratory mask of Claim Ð750, wherein the elbow has a swivel connection with the frame.

Ð952. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims Ð4-Ð847-51, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from the front wall of the frame to a rearward edge, wherein a rearward edge of the divider wall is positioned between the front wall of the frame and the rearward edge of the collar.

~~D1053.~~ The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~D1-D944-52~~, wherein the housing of the cushion module further comprises a support flange, wherein the support flange defines the connection opening and extends within the friction member substantially in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

~~D1154.~~ The respiratory mask of Claim ~~D1053~~, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures.

~~D1255.~~ The respiratory mask of any one of Claims ~~D1-D1144-54~~, wherein the friction member defines an abutment surface that contacts the front wall of the frame when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

~~D13.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D10-D12, wherein the friction member defines a first length, the support flange defines a second length, an unsupported portion of the friction member that extends beyond the support flange defines a third length, and the collar defines a fourth length.~~

~~D14.— The respiratory mask of Claim D13, wherein the first length is equal to the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~D15.— The respiratory mask of Claim D13, wherein the first length is greater than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~D16.— The respiratory mask of Claim D13, wherein the first length is less than the sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~D17.— The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D10-D16, wherein the friction member defines a first thickness, the support flange defines a second thickness, a portion of the friction member located outside of the support flange defines a third thickness, a portion of the friction member located inside of the support flange defines a fourth thickness, and the collar defines a fifth thickness.~~

~~D18.— The respiratory mask of Claim D17, wherein the first thickness equals the sum of the second thickness, the third thickness, and the fourth thickness.~~

~~D19.— The respiratory mask of either one of Claims D17 or D18, wherein the third thickness and the fourth thickness are equal.~~

~~D20.— The respiratory mask of Claim D19, wherein the second thickness is equal to each of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~D21.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims D17 or D18, wherein the fourth thickness is greater than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~D22.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims D17 or D18, wherein the fourth thickness is less than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~D23.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D22, wherein the second thickness and the fifth thickness are equal.~~

~~D24.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D22, wherein the second thickness is greater than the fifth thickness.~~

~~D25.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D22, wherein the second thickness is less than the fifth thickness.~~

~~D26.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D19 or D21-D25, wherein the second thickness is less than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~D27.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D19 or D21-D25, wherein the second thickness is greater than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~D28.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D27, wherein the first thickness is greater than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~D29.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D22 or D24-D27, wherein the first thickness is less than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~D30.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D17-D29, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member.~~

~~D31.—The respiratory mask of Claim D30, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a minimum near a proximal end of the friction member to a maximum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~D32.—The respiratory mask of Claim D30, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a maximum near a proximal end of the friction member to a minimum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~D33.—The respiratory mask of Claim D17, wherein the third thickness is zero.~~

~~D34.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D13-D33, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length.~~

~~D35.—The respiratory mask of Claim D34, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the third length.~~

~~D36.—The respiratory mask of Claim D34, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~D37.—The respiratory mask of Claim D34, wherein the overlap length is less than the third length.~~

~~D38.—The respiratory mask of Claim D34, wherein the overlap length is less than a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~D39.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D34-D38, wherein the overlap length equals the fourth length.~~

~~D40.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D34-D38, wherein the overlap length is less than the fourth length.~~

~~D41.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D34-D38, wherein the overlap length is greater than the fourth length.~~

~~D42.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D34-D41, wherein a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and wherein a portion of the front wall adjacent the support flange defines a first front wall thickness.~~

~~D43.—The respiratory mask of Claim D42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~D44.—The respiratory mask of Claim D42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is greater than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~D45.—The respiratory mask of Claim D42, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is less than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~D46.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D42-D45, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures, wherein a distance between the portion of the front wall and a point on the plurality of apertures furthest from the portion of the front wall defines an aperture offset distance.~~

~~D47.—The respiratory mask of Claim D46, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.~~

D48.—The respiratory mask of Claim D46, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.

D49.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D46-D48, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is greater than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.

D50.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D46-D48, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is less than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.

D51.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D46-D48, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is less than or equal to first length.

D52.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D46-D48, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is greater than or equal to first length.

D53.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D10-D52, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and at least one of the support flange and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

D54.—The respiratory mask of Claim D53, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

D55.—The respiratory mask of Claim D53, wherein at least one of the support flange and the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

D56.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D9, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

D57.—The respiratory mask of Claim D56, wherein the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

D58.—The respiratory mask of Claim D56, wherein the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

D59.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D58, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is equal along a length of the collar.

~~D60.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D58, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is unequal along a length of the collar.~~

~~D61.—The respiratory mask of Claim D60, wherein the force is larger at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~D62.—The respiratory mask of Claim D60, wherein the force is smaller at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~D63.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D62, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is at or forward of the front wall.~~

~~D64.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D62, wherein a rearward-most extent of the friction member is rearward of the front wall such that a portion of the friction member is located adjacent each of a forward surface and a rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~D65.—The respiratory mask of Claim D64, wherein the portion of the friction member adjacent the forward surface of the front wall has a surface that is aligned with a surface of the portion of the friction member adjacent the rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~D66.—The respiratory mask of Claim D1, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member such that the friction member is coupled to the cushion module.~~

~~D67.—The respiratory mask of Claim D66, wherein the collar defines a collar length, the support wall defines a support wall thickness, and the friction member defines a total friction member length, a forward length forward of the support wall and a rearward length rearward of the support wall.~~

~~D68.—The respiratory mask of Claim D67, wherein the total friction member length is equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~D69.—The respiratory mask of Claim D67, wherein the total friction member length is greater than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~D70.—The respiratory mask of Claim D67, wherein the total friction member length is less than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~D71.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D67-D70, wherein the collar defines a collar thickness and the friction member defines a total thickness, a supported thickness along the support wall and an unsupported thickness inwardly of the support wall.~~

~~D72.—The respiratory mask of Claim D71, wherein the total thickness equals a sum of the supported thickness and the unsupported thickness.~~

~~D73.—The respiratory mask of Claim D71, wherein the total thickness equals twice the supported thickness.~~

~~D74.—The respiratory mask of Claim D71, wherein the total thickness equals twice the unsupported thickness.~~

~~D75.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D71-D74, wherein the supported thickness is equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~D76.—The respiratory mask of Claim D71, wherein the supported thickness is greater than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~D77.—The respiratory mask of Claim D71, wherein the supported thickness is less than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~D78.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D71-D77, wherein the total thickness is greater than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~D79.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D71-D77, wherein the total thickness is less than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~D80.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D67-D79, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length, a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and a distance between a rearward end of the collar and the support wall along the direction of assembly defines a support wall offset distance.~~

~~D81.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the support wall offset distance.~~

~~D82.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is less than the support wall offset distance.~~

~~D83.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D80-D82, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the non-overlap length.~~

~~D84.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D80-D82, wherein the overlap length is less than the non-overlap length.~~

D85.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D80-D84, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.

D86.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D80-D84, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.

D87.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length equals the collar length.

D88.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is less than the collar length.

D89.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is greater than the collar length.

D90.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the total friction member length equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.

D91.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is less than the forward length.

D92.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the forward length.

D93.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.

D94.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.

D95.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the support wall thickness is less than or equal to the rearward length.

D96.—The respiratory mask of Claim D80, wherein the support wall thickness is greater than the rearward length.

D97.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D96, wherein the embedded portion provides radial support to the elastomeric friction member.

D98.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1-D97, wherein the collar is inboard of an outer perimeter of the frame.

~~D99.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1–D98, wherein a perimeter of the connection opening is smaller than a perimeter of a rearward opening at a rearward end of the housing to which the cushion is connected.~~

~~D100.—The respiratory mask of either one of Claims D1 or D2, wherein the frame further comprises a conduit connector that is unitarily formed with one or both of the front wall and the collar.~~

~~D101.—The respiratory mask of Claim D100, wherein the housing of the cushion module defines an inlet recess positioned below the connection opening, and wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~D102.—The respiratory mask of Claim D101, wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a rearward-facing portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~D103.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1, D2 or D100–D102, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that surrounds the connection opening.~~

~~D104.—The respiratory mask of Claim D103, wherein the embedded portion is displaced rearward from a main wall of the housing along an axis of the connection opening by a connecting portion.~~

~~D105.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1, D2 or D100–D102, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~D106.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1, D2 or D100–D102, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only an upper portion of the connection opening.~~

~~D107.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D1, D2 or D100–D102, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a lower portion of the connection opening.~~

~~D108.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100–D107, wherein at least a portion of the friction member is located within the recess.~~

~~D109.—The respiratory mask of Claim D108, wherein the portion of the friction member defines a portion of the recess.~~

~~D110.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100–D109, wherein at least a portion of the friction member protrudes in front of the recess.~~

~~D110. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100-D110, wherein the recess defines a depth that is less than a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~D112. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100-D111, wherein the recess defines a depth that is greater than or equal to a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~D113. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100-D112, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein the support wall is connected to the front wall by a connecting portion.~~

~~D114. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims D1 or D2, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein a radially inward end of the support wall is connected to a support flange having a support flange length that is greater than a thickness of the support wall.~~

~~D115. The respiratory mask of Claim D114, wherein the support flange defines a longitudinal axis that is offset from an axis defined by a surface of the friction member that engages the collar.~~

~~D116. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D100-D115, wherein an opening of the friction member defines a non-circular shape.~~

~~D117. The respiratory mask of Claim D116, wherein the opening of the friction member comprises a first axis and a second axis, wherein the first axis extends in a lateral direction across a widest part of the opening and the second axis extends in a vertical direction.~~

~~D118. The respiratory mask of Claim D117, wherein the friction member is symmetric about the second axis.~~

~~D119. The respiratory mask of Claim D117, wherein the friction member is asymmetric about the first axis.~~

~~D120. The respiratory mask of Claim D117, wherein the first axis is a major axis and the second axis is a minor axis.~~

~~D121. The respiratory mask of Claim D120, wherein the seal is configured to seal below the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~D122. The respiratory mask of Claim D117, wherein the first axis is a minor axis and the second axis is a major axis.~~

~~D123. The respiratory mask of Claim D122, wherein the seal is configured to seal on the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~D124. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims D117-D123, wherein a ratio of the first axis to the second axis is between about 1.2-1.4:1, is about 1.3:1, or is about 1.27:1.~~

~~D125. The respiratory mask of any one of claims D1-D124, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~D126. The respiratory mask of claim D125, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~D127. The respiratory mask of any one of claims D1-D126, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~D128. The respiratory mask of claim D127, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~D129. The respiratory mask of claim D127, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~D130. The respiratory mask of any one of claims D127-D129, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~E1.—A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured for attachment to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame having a front wall and a collar extending from the front wall, the cushion module comprising:~~

~~a housing;~~

~~a cushion; and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member;~~

~~wherein the cushion defines a face contacting surface and the housing defines a connection opening, wherein a portion of the housing defining the connection opening~~

is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the friction member to the housing;

wherein the friction member is configured to engage the collar when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

E2.—The cushion module of Claim E1, wherein the housing comprises a wall portion external of the friction member and extending between the friction member and the cushion.

E3.—The cushion module of either one of Claims E1 or E2, wherein the housing of the cushion module further comprises a support flange, wherein the support flange defines the connection opening and extends within the friction member substantially in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

E4.—The cushion module of Claim E3, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and wherein the friction member extends through each of the plurality of apertures.

E5.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E4, wherein the friction member defines an abutment surface that is configured to contact the front wall of the frame when the cushion module is coupled to the frame.

E6.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E3–E5, wherein the friction member defines a first length, the support flange defines a second length, an unsupported portion of the friction member that extends beyond the support flange defines a third length, and the collar defines a fourth length.

E7.—The cushion module of Claim E6, wherein the first length is equal to the sum of the second length and the third length.

E8.—The cushion module of Claim E6, wherein the first length is greater than the sum of the second length and the third length.

E9.—The cushion module of Claim E6, wherein the first length is less than the sum of the second length and the third length.

E10.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E3–E9, wherein the friction member defines a first thickness, the support flange defines a second thickness, a portion of the friction member located outside of the support flange defines a third thickness, a portion of the friction member located inside of the support flange defines a fourth thickness, and the collar defines a fifth thickness.

~~E11. — The cushion module of Claim E10, wherein the first thickness equals the sum of the second thickness, the third thickness, and the fourth thickness.~~

~~E12. — The cushion module of either one of Claims E10 or E11, wherein the third thickness and the fourth thickness are equal.~~

~~E13. — The cushion module of Claim E12, wherein the second thickness is equal to each of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~E14. — The cushion module of either one of Claims E10 or E11, wherein the fourth thickness is greater than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~E15. — The cushion module of either one of Claims E10 or E11, wherein the fourth thickness is less than or equal to the third thickness.~~

~~E16. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E15, wherein the second thickness and the fifth thickness are equal.~~

~~E17. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E15, wherein the second thickness is greater than the fifth thickness.~~

~~E18. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E15, wherein the second thickness is less than the fifth thickness.~~

~~E19. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E12 or E14-E18, wherein the second thickness is less than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~E20. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E12 or E14-E18, wherein the second thickness is greater than or equal to either one of the third thickness and the fourth thickness.~~

~~E21. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E20, wherein the first thickness is greater than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~E22. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E15 or E17-E20, wherein the first thickness is less than or equal to the fifth thickness.~~

~~E23. — The cushion module of any one of Claims E10-E22, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member.~~

~~E24. — The cushion module of Claim E23, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a minimum near a proximal end of the friction member to a maximum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~E25.—The cushion module of Claim E23, wherein the fourth thickness varies along the length of the friction member from a maximum near a proximal end of the friction member to a minimum near a distal end of the friction member.~~

~~E26.—The cushion module of Claim E10, wherein the third thickness is zero.~~

~~E27.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E6–E26, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length.~~

~~E28.—The cushion module of Claim E27, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the third length.~~

~~E29.—The cushion module of Claim E27, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~E30.—The cushion module of Claim E27, wherein the overlap length is less than the third length.~~

~~E31.—The cushion module of Claim E27, wherein the overlap length is less than a sum of the second length and the third length.~~

~~E32.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E27–E31, wherein the overlap length equals the fourth length.~~

~~E33.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E27–E31, wherein the overlap length is less than the fourth length.~~

~~E34.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E27–E31, wherein the overlap length is greater than the fourth length.~~

~~E35.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E27–E34, wherein a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and wherein a portion of the front wall adjacent the support flange defines a first front wall thickness.~~

~~E36.—The cushion module of Claim E35, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~E37.—The cushion module of Claim E35, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is greater than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~E38.—The cushion module of Claim E35, wherein a sum of the first length and the first front wall thickness is less than a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~E39.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E35–E38, wherein the support flange comprises a plurality of apertures and the friction member extends through each of the plurality~~

of apertures, wherein a distance between the portion of the front wall and a point on the plurality of apertures furthest from the portion of the front wall defines an aperture offset distance.

E40.— The cushion module of Claim E39, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.

E41.— The cushion module of Claim E39, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the aperture offset distance and the first front wall thickness.

E42.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E39–E41, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is greater than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.

E43.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E39–E41, wherein a sum of the second length and the third length is less than or equal to a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance.

E44.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E39–E41, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is less than or equal to first length.

E45.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E39–E41, wherein a sum of the overlap length and the aperture offset distance is greater than or equal to the first length.

E46.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E3–E45, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and at least one of the support flange and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

E47.— The cushion module of Claim E46, wherein at least one of the support flange and the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

E48.— The cushion module of Claim E1, wherein a relative angle is defined between the collar and a surface of the friction member that engages the collar in a direction of assembly of the cushion module to the frame.

E49.— The cushion module of Claim E48, wherein the surface of the friction member that engages the collar is angled relative to the direction of assembly.

E50.— The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E49, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is equal along a length of the collar.

~~E51.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E49, wherein the friction coupling is configured such that a force acting to compress the friction member is unequal along a length of the collar.~~

~~E52.—The cushion module of Claim E51, wherein the force is larger at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~E53.—The cushion module of Claim E51, wherein the force is smaller at a location closer to the front wall relative to a location further from the front wall.~~

~~E54.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E53, wherein a rearward most extent of the friction member is at or forward of the front wall.~~

~~E55.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E53, wherein a rearward most extent of the friction member is rearward of the front wall such that a portion of the friction member is located adjacent each of a forward surface and a rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~E56.—The cushion module of Claim E55, wherein the portion of the friction member adjacent the forward surface of the front wall has a surface that is aligned with a surface of the portion of the friction member adjacent the rearward surface of the front wall.~~

~~E57.—The cushion module of Claim E1, wherein the connection opening is defined by a support wall, wherein the support wall is disposed within the friction member such that the friction member is coupled to the cushion module.~~

~~E58.—The cushion module of Claim E57, wherein the collar defines a collar length, the support wall defines a support wall thickness, and the friction member defines a total friction member length, a forward length forward of the support wall and a rearward length rearward of the support wall.~~

~~E59.—The cushion module of Claim E58, wherein the total friction member length is equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E60.—The cushion module of Claim E58, wherein the total friction member length is greater than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E61.—The cushion module of Claim E58, wherein the total friction member length is less than a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E62.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E58–E61, wherein the collar defines a collar thickness and the friction member defines a total thickness, a supported thickness along the support wall and an unsupported thickness inwardly of the support wall.~~

~~E63.—The cushion module of Claim E62, wherein the total thickness equals a sum of the supported thickness and the unsupported thickness.~~

~~E64.—The cushion module of Claim E62, wherein the total thickness equals twice the supported thickness.~~

~~E65.—The cushion module of Claim E62, wherein the total thickness equals twice the unsupported thickness.~~

~~E66.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E62–E65, wherein the supported thickness is equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~E67.—The cushion module of Claim E62, wherein the supported thickness is greater than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~E68.—The cushion module of Claim E62, wherein the supported thickness is less than or equal to the unsupported thickness.~~

~~E69.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E62–E68, wherein the total thickness is greater than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~E70.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E62–E68, wherein the total thickness is less than or equal to the collar thickness.~~

~~E71.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E58–E70, wherein a portion of the friction member that overlaps with the collar defines an overlap length, a portion of the friction member that does not overlap with the collar defines a non-overlap length and a distance between a rearward end of the collar and the support wall along the direction of assembly defines a support wall offset distance.~~

~~E72.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the support wall offset distance.~~

~~E73.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is less than the support wall offset distance.~~

~~E74.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E71–E73, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the non-overlap length.~~

~~E75.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E71–E73, wherein the overlap length is less than the non-overlap length.~~

~~E76.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E71-E75, wherein the non-overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E77.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E71-E75, wherein the non-overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the support wall offset distance and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E78.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length equals the collar length.~~

~~E79.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is less than the collar length.~~

~~E80.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is greater than the collar length.~~

~~E81.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the total friction member length equals a sum of the overlap length and the non-overlap length.~~

~~E82.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is less than the forward length.~~

~~E83.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to the forward length.~~

~~E84.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is greater than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E85.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the overlap length is less than or equal to a sum of the forward length, the rearward length and the support wall thickness.~~

~~E86.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the support wall thickness is less than or equal to the rearward length.~~

~~E87.—The cushion module of Claim E71, wherein the support wall thickness is greater than the rearward length.~~

~~E88.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1-E87, wherein the embedded portion provides radial support to the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~E89.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1-E88, wherein a perimeter of the connection opening is smaller than a perimeter of a rearward opening at a rearward end of the housing to which the cushion is connected.~~

~~E90.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E89, wherein the housing of the cushion module defines an inlet recess positioned below the connection opening, and wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a portion of a conduit connector portion of the frame.~~

~~E91.—The cushion module of Claim E90, wherein the inlet recess is configured to accommodate a rearward-facing portion of the conduit connector.~~

~~E92.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E91, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that surrounds the connection opening.~~

~~E93.—The cushion module of Claim E92, wherein the embedded portion is displaced rearward from a main wall of the housing along an axis of the connection opening by a connecting portion.~~

~~E94.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E93, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~E95.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E93, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only an upper portion of the connection opening.~~

~~E96.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E1–E93, wherein the housing of the cushion module comprises a recess that extends around only a lower portion of the connection opening.~~

~~E97.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E92–E96, wherein at least a portion of the friction member is located within the recess.~~

~~E98.—The cushion module of Claim E97, wherein the portion of the friction member defines a portion of the recess.~~

~~E99.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E92–E98, wherein at least a portion of the friction member protrudes in front of the recess.~~

~~E100.—The cushion module of any one of Claims E92–E99, wherein the recess defines a depth that is less than a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~E101. The cushion module of any one of Claims E92-E100, wherein the recess defines a depth that is greater than or equal to a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~E102. The cushion module of any one of Claims E92-E101, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein the support wall is connected to the front wall by a connecting portion.~~

~~E103. The cushion module of any one of Claims E1-E102, wherein the housing further comprises a support wall that supports the friction member and defines a portion or an entirety of the embedded portion, wherein a radially inward end of the support wall is connected to a support flange having a support flange length that is greater than a thickness of the support wall.~~

~~E104. The cushion module of Claim E103, wherein the support flange defines a longitudinal axis that is offset from an axis defined by a surface of the friction member that engages the collar.~~

~~E105. The cushion module of any one of Claims E1-E104, wherein an opening of the friction member defines a non-circular shape.~~

~~E106. The cushion module of Claim E105, wherein the opening of the friction member comprises a first axis and a second axis, wherein the first axis extends in a lateral direction across a widest part of the opening and the second axis extends in a vertical direction.~~

~~E107. The cushion module of Claim E106, wherein the friction member is symmetric about the second axis.~~

~~E108. The cushion module of Claim E106, wherein the friction member is asymmetric about the first axis.~~

~~E109. The cushion module of Claim E106, wherein the first axis is a major axis and the second axis is a minor axis.~~

~~E110. The cushion module of Claim E109, wherein the seal is configured to seal below the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~E111. The cushion module of Claim E106, wherein the first axis is a minor axis and the second axis is a major axis.~~

~~E112. The cushion module of Claim E111, wherein the seal is configured to seal on the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~E113. The cushion module any one of Claims E105-E112, wherein a ratio of the first axis to the second axis is between about 1.2-1.4:1, is about 1.3:1, or is about 1.27:1.~~

~~E114. The cushion module of any one of claims E1-E113, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~E115. The cushion module of claim E114, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~E116. The cushion module of any one of claims E1-E115, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~E117. The cushion module of claim E116, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~E118. The cushion module of claim E116, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~E119. The cushion module of any one of claims E116-E118, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~F1. — A respiratory mask, comprising:~~

~~a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;~~

~~a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing comprising a main wall that supports the cushion, the housing further comprising a support wall that defines a connection opening, wherein at least a portion of the support wall is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the elastomeric friction member to~~

~~the housing, wherein the support wall is offset from the main wall to define a recess of the housing;~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the collar of the frame with a friction fit so that a flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module.~~

~~F2. — The respiratory mask of Claim F1, wherein the support wall is offset rearward from the main wall along an axis of the connection opening to define the recess.~~

~~F3. — The respiratory mask of either one of Claims F1 or F2, wherein the support wall is connected to the main wall by a connecting portion, and wherein a surface of the connecting portion and a surface of the support wall define at least a portion of the recess.~~

~~F4. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F3, wherein the recess surrounds the connection opening.~~

~~F5. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F3, wherein the recess extends around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~F6. — The respiratory mask of Claim F5, wherein the recess extends around only an upper portion of the connection opening.~~

~~F7. — The respiratory mask of Claim F5, wherein the recess extends around only a lower portion of the connection opening.~~

~~F8. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F7, wherein at least a portion of the friction member is located within the recess.~~

~~F9. — The respiratory mask of Claim F8, wherein the portion of the friction member defines a portion of the recess.~~

~~F10. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F9, wherein at least a portion of the friction member protrudes in front of the recess.~~

~~F11. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F9, wherein the recess defines a depth that is less than a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the support wall.~~

~~F12. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1–F9, wherein the recess defines a depth that is greater than or equal to a total length of the friction member or a length of the friction member forward of the embedded portion of the housing.~~

~~F13. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1-F12, wherein a radially inward end of the support wall is connected to a support flange having a support flange length that is greater than a thickness of the support wall.~~

~~F14. — The respiratory mask of Claim F13, wherein the support flange defines a longitudinal axis that is offset from an axis defined by a surface of the friction member that engages the collar.~~

~~F15. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1-F14, wherein an opening of the friction member defines a non-circular shape.~~

~~F16. — The respiratory mask of Claim F15, wherein the opening of the friction member comprises a first axis and a second axis, wherein the first axis extends in a lateral direction across a widest part of the opening and the second axis extends in a vertical direction.~~

~~F17. — The respiratory mask of Claim F16, wherein the friction member is symmetric about the second axis.~~

~~F18. — The respiratory mask of Claim F16, wherein the friction member is asymmetric about the first axis.~~

~~F19. — The respiratory mask of Claim F16, wherein the first axis is a major axis and the second axis is a minor axis.~~

~~F20. — The respiratory mask of Claim F19, wherein the seal is configured to seal below the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~F21. — The respiratory mask of Claim F16, wherein the first axis is a minor axis and the second axis is a major axis.~~

~~F22. — The respiratory mask of Claim F21, wherein the seal is configured to seal on the bridge of the nose of the user.~~

~~F23. — The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F16-F22, wherein a ratio of the first axis to the second axis is between about 1.2-1.4:1, is about 1.3:1, or is about 1.27:1.~~

~~F24. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims F1-F23, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F25. — The respiratory mask of claim F24, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F26.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims F1-F25, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~F27.—The respiratory mask of claim F26, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F28.—The respiratory mask of claim F26, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F29.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims F26-F28, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~F1.1.—A respiratory mask, comprising:~~

~~a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;~~

~~a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing comprising a main wall that supports the cushion, the housing further comprising a support wall that defines a connection opening, wherein the support wall is offset from the main wall;~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the collar of the frame with a friction fit so that a flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module.~~

~~F1.2.—The respiratory mask of Claim F1.1, wherein the support wall is connected to the main wall by a connecting portion.~~

~~F1.3.—The respiratory mask of Claim F1.2, wherein the support wall is offset from the main wall by the connecting portion to define a recess of the housing.~~

~~F1.4.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1.1-F1.3, wherein at least a portion of the support wall is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the elastomeric friction member to the housing.~~

~~F1.5.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1.1–F1.4, wherein the support wall is offset rearward from the main wall along an axis of the connection opening.~~

~~F1.6.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1.1–F1.5, wherein the support wall is offset from the main wall around an entirety of the connection opening.~~

~~F1.7.—The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F1.1–F1.5, wherein the support wall is offset from the main wall around only a portion of the connection opening.~~

~~F1.8.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims F1.1–F1.7, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F1.9.—The respiratory mask of claim F1.8, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F1.10.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims F1–F1.9, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~F1.11.—The respiratory mask of claim F1.10, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F1.12.—The respiratory mask of claim F1.10, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F1.13.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims F1.10–F1.12, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~F2.1.—A respiratory mask, comprising:~~

~~a frame configured to connect to headgear, the frame comprising a front wall at least partially defining a gas inlet opening, the frame further comprising a collar extending away from the front wall, the collar at least partially surrounding the gas inlet opening;~~

~~a cushion module comprising a housing, a cushion and an elastomeric friction member, the cushion defining a face-contacting surface, the housing comprising a main wall that supports the cushion, the housing further comprising a support wall connected to the main wall by a connecting portion, wherein the support wall defines a connection~~

opening, wherein the connecting portion and the support wall at least partially define a recess of the housing;

wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the collar of the frame with a friction fit so that a flow of gas can be delivered to the breathing chamber through the gas inlet opening of the frame and the connection opening of the cushion module.

F2.2. The respiratory mask of Claim F2.1, wherein at least a portion of the support wall is embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the elastomeric friction member to the housing.

F2.3. The respiratory mask of either one of Claims F2.1 or F2.2, wherein the recess extends rearward from the main wall along an axis of the connection opening.

F2.4. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F2.1 F2.3, wherein the recess extends around an entirety of the connection opening.

F2.5. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F2.1 F2.3, wherein the recess extends around only a portion of the connection opening.

F2.6. The respiratory mask of any one of Claims F2.1 F2.5, wherein at least a portion of the recess is defined by a peripheral surface of the elastomeric friction member.

F2.7. The respiratory mask of any one Claims F2.1 F2.5, wherein at least a portion of the elastomeric friction member is disposed in the recess.

F2.8. The respiratory mask of any one of claims F2.1 F2.7, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.

F2.9. The respiratory mask of claim F2.8, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.

F2.10. The respiratory mask of any one of claims F2.1 F2.9, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.

F2.11. The respiratory mask of claim F2.10, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.

~~F2.12. The respiratory mask of claim F2.10, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~F2.13. The respiratory mask of any one of claims F2.10-F2.12, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~G1.1. A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured for attachment to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;~~

~~a housing;~~

~~a cushion defining a face-contacting surface and a cushion outlet opening; and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame;~~

~~wherein the housing comprises a main wall and a support flange extending from the main wall, at least a portion of the support flange being embedded within the elastomeric friction member to couple the elastomeric friction member to the housing;~~

~~wherein the cushion module defines a connection opening;~~

~~wherein the support flange comprises:~~

~~a first flange portion surrounding a first perimeter portion of the connection opening and defining a first front edge portion of the support flange; and~~

~~a second flange portion surrounding a second perimeter portion of the connection opening and defining a second front edge portion of the support flange; and~~

~~wherein the second flange portion is offset from the first flange portion.~~

~~G1.2. The cushion module of claim G1.1, wherein the second front edge portion of the support flange is offset from the first front edge portion of the support flange.~~

~~G1.3. The cushion module of claim G1.1 or G1.2, wherein the second front edge portion of the support flange is rearwardly offset from the first front edge portion of the support flange.~~

~~G1.4. The cushion module of any of claims G1.1-G1.3, wherein the second flange portion comprises lateral portions of the support flange.~~

~~G1.5—The cushion module of any of claims G1.1-G1.4, wherein the first flange portion comprises top and bottom portions of the support flange.~~

~~G1.6—The cushion module of any of claims G1.1-G1.5, wherein a length of the support flange is constant around an entire perimeter of the connection opening.~~

~~——G1.7—A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims G1-G1.6, the frame, and headgear.~~

~~G1.8—The respiratory mask of claim G1.7, wherein the frame comprises a front wall and a collar extending away from the front wall.~~

~~G1.9—The respiratory mask of claim G1.8, wherein the collar extends rearwardly relative to the front wall.~~

~~G1.10. The cushion module of any one of claims G1.1-G1.9, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~G1.11. The cushion module of claim G1.10, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~G1.12. The cushion module of any one of claims G1.1-G1.11, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~G1.13. The cushion module of claim G1.12, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~G1.14. The cushion module of claim G1.12, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~G1.15. The cushion module of any one of claims G1.12-G1.14, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~H1.—A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured to couple to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;~~

~~a cushion defining a face contacting surface and a cushion outlet opening; and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame, the elastomeric friction member defining a cushion module opening; and~~

~~a housing comprising:~~

~~—— a main wall comprising a support wall, the support wall being embedded within the elastomeric friction member and comprising a front surface,~~

~~—— a support flange extending from the support wall and surrounding the cushion module opening, the support flange comprising an inward facing surface, the support flange being at least partially embedded within the elastomeric friction member and configured to support the elastomeric friction member, and~~

~~—— a curved transition region between the front surface and the inward facing surface,~~

~~wherein the front surface is forward of the support flange.~~

~~H2. The cushion module of claim H1, wherein the housing is disposed between the cushion and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~H3. The cushion module of claim H1 or claim H2, wherein the support wall comprises a plurality of apertures, and the elastomeric friction member extends through the plurality of apertures.~~

~~H4. The cushion module of any one of claims H1 to H3, wherein a compressive force on the elastomeric friction member during assembly with the frame compresses the elastomeric friction member against the support wall and the transition region.~~

~~H5. The cushion module of any one of claims H1 H4, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~H6. The cushion module of claim H5, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~H7. The cushion module of any one of claims H1 H6, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~H8. The cushion module of claim H7, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~H9. The cushion module of claim H7, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~H10.—The cushion module of any one of claims H7-H9, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~H11.—A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims H1 to H10, the frame and headgear.~~

~~H12.—The respiratory mask of claim H11, wherein the frame is configured to couple to the cushion module by movement of the frame relative to the cushion module.~~

~~H13.—The respiratory mask of claim H11 or claim H12, wherein the frame is configured to couple to the cushion module by movement of the frame relative to the cushion module in a coupling direction.~~

~~I1.—A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured for coupling to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising:~~

~~a cushion configured to seal against a patient in use,~~

~~a housing having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to the cushion, and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member connected to the second end of the housing, the elastomeric friction member comprising an inner perimeter that defines a cushion module opening,~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to form a friction coupling with the frame, and~~

~~wherein the inner perimeter comprises a major dimension along a major axis and a minor dimension along a minor axis.~~

~~I2.—The cushion module of claim I1, wherein the major axis is perpendicular to the minor axis.~~

~~I3.—The cushion module of claim I1 or I2, wherein the major axis and the minor axis intersect in a lower portion of the cushion module opening.~~

~~I4.—The cushion module of any of claims I1-I3, wherein the major axis and the minor axis intersect within a lower third of the cushion module opening.~~

~~I5.—The cushion module of any of claims I1-I3, wherein the major axis and the minor axis intersect above a lower third of the cushion module opening.~~

~~I6.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I5, wherein the major axis and the minor axis intersect below the midpoint of a vertical dimension of the cushion module opening.~~

~~I7.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I6, wherein the major axis and the minor axis intersect below the midpoint of a vertical dimension of the cushion module opening, and above a lower quartile of the vertical dimension.~~

~~I8.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I7, wherein the cushion module opening is symmetric about the major axis.~~

~~I9.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I8, wherein the cushion module opening is asymmetric about the minor axis.~~

~~I10.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I9, wherein the major axis corresponds with a vertical axis of the cushion module.~~

~~I11.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I10, wherein the minor axis corresponds with a horizontal axis of the cushion module.~~

~~I12.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I11, the housing further comprising an inner surface exposed to therapeutic pressure, and an outer surface exposed to ambient pressure.~~

~~I13.—The cushion module of any of claims I1–I12, wherein the housing comprises a support flange, the support flange being disposed at or adjacent the second end.~~

~~I14.—The cushion module of claim I13, wherein the elastomeric friction member is connected to the support flange.~~

~~I15.—The cushion module of claim I13 or I14, wherein the housing comprises a support wall, and the support flange extends away from the support wall.~~

~~I16.—The cushion module of any of claims I13–I15, wherein the support flange extends away from the second end of the housing towards the first end.~~

~~I17.—The cushion module of any of claims I13–I15, wherein the support flange extends away from the first end of the housing.~~

~~I18.—The cushion module of any of claims I13–I17, wherein the support wall and the support flange are embedded within the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~I19.—The cushion module of any one of claims I1–I18, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~I20.—The cushion module of claim I19, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~I21.—The cushion module of any one of claims I1–I20, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~I22.—The cushion module of claim I21, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~I23.—The cushion module of claim I21, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~I24.—The cushion module of any one of claims I21–I23, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~I25.—A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims I1–I24, the frame and headgear.~~

~~J1.—A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured for coupling to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;~~

~~a housing having a first end and a second end,~~

~~a cushion connected to the first end of the housing, the cushion configured to seal against a patient in use,~~

~~—— an elastomeric friction member connected to the second end of the housing, the elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame,~~

~~—— the first end of the housing having a first end perimeter defining a first opening, the first opening having a first opening major dimension along a first opening major axis and a first opening minor dimension along a first opening minor axis, the first opening having a generally triangular shape when the cushion module is viewed from the rear.~~

~~—— the second end of the housing having a second end perimeter defining a second opening, the second opening having a second opening major dimension along a second opening major axis and a second opening minor dimension along a second opening~~

minor axis, the second opening having a generally triangular shape when the cushion module is viewed from the front;

—wherein at least one of the first opening major dimension and the first opening minor dimension is greater than at least one of the second opening major dimension and the second opening minor dimension.

J2.—The cushion module of claim J1, wherein the second opening has a generally triangular shape when viewed through the first opening when the cushion module is viewed from the rear.

J3.—The cushion module of claim J1 or J2, wherein the housing separates the cushion from the elastomeric friction member.

J4.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J3, wherein the first opening major dimension is greater than the second opening major dimension.

J5.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J4, wherein the first opening minor dimension is greater than the second opening minor dimension.

J6.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J5, wherein the first opening major dimension is greater than twice the second opening major dimension.

J7.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J5, wherein the first opening major dimension is greater than the second opening major dimension, and less than twice the second opening major dimension.

J8.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J7, wherein the first opening minor dimension is greater than twice the second opening minor dimension.

J9.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J7, wherein the first opening minor dimension is greater than the second opening minor dimension, and less than twice the second opening minor dimension.

J10.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J9, wherein the first end perimeter is greater than the second end perimeter.

J11.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J10, wherein the first opening major axis and the second opening major axis and/or the first opening minor axis and the second opening minor axis are parallel.

~~J12.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J11, wherein the housing comprises a main wall and a support flange extending from the main wall, the support flange at least partially surrounding the second opening.~~

~~J13.—The cushion module of claim 12, wherein the main wall comprises a support wall adjacent the support flange.~~

~~J14.—The cushion module of claim 13, wherein the support wall and the support flange are embedded within the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J15.—The cushion module of claim J13 or J14, wherein the support wall comprises a plurality of apertures, the elastomeric friction member extending through the plurality of apertures.~~

~~J16.—The cushion module of any of claims J1-J15, wherein the housing comprises a first material, and the elastomeric friction member comprises a second material, the first material being harder than the second material.~~

~~J17.—The cushion module of claim J16, wherein the cushion comprises the second material.~~

~~J18.—The cushion module of any one of claims J1-J17, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J19.—The cushion module of claim J18, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J20.—The cushion module of any one of claims J1-J19, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~J21.—The cushion module of claim J20, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J22.—The cushion module of claim J20, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J23.—The cushion module of any one of claims J20-J22, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

J24.— A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims J1-J23, the frame and headgear.

J1.1.— A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured for coupling to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;

a housing having a first end and a second end,

a cushion connected to the first end of the housing, the cushion configured to seal against a patient in use,

—— an elastomeric friction member connected to the second end of the housing, the elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame,

—— the first end of the housing having a first end perimeter defining a first opening,

—— the second end of the housing having a second end perimeter defining a second opening, the second opening having a second opening major dimension along a second opening major axis and a second opening minor dimension along a second opening minor axis,

—— wherein the second opening minor dimension is offset from a midpoint of the second opening major dimension.

J1.2.— The cushion module of claim J1.1, wherein the first opening has a first opening vertical dimension along a first opening vertical axis and a first opening horizontal dimension along a first opening horizontal axis.

J1.3.— The cushion module of claim J1.1 or J1.2, wherein the first opening has a generally triangular shape when the cushion module is viewed from the rear.

J1.4.— The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.3, wherein the second opening minor dimension is offset below the midpoint of the second opening major dimension.

J1.5.— The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.4, wherein the second opening has a generally triangular shape when the cushion module is viewed from the front.

J1.6.— The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.5, wherein the second opening has a generally triangular shape when viewed through the first opening.

J1.7.— The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.6, wherein the housing separates the cushion from the elastomeric friction member.

J1.8.— The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.7, wherein the first opening vertical dimension is greater than the second opening major dimension.

~~J1.9. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.8, wherein the first opening horizontal dimension is greater than the second opening minor dimension.~~

~~J1.10. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.9, wherein the first opening vertical dimension is greater than twice the second opening major dimension.~~

~~J1.11. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.9, wherein the first opening vertical dimension is greater than the second opening major dimension, and less than twice the second opening major dimension.~~

~~J1.12. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.11, wherein the first opening horizontal dimension is greater than twice the second opening minor dimension.~~

~~J1.13. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.11, wherein the first opening horizontal dimension is greater than the second opening minor dimension, and less than twice the second opening minor dimension.~~

~~J1.14. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.13, wherein the first end perimeter is greater than the second end perimeter.~~

~~J1.15. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.14, wherein the first opening major axis and the second opening major axis and/or the first opening minor axis and the second opening minor axis are parallel.~~

~~J1.16. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.15, wherein the housing comprises a main wall and a support flange extending from the main wall, the support flange at least partially surrounding the second opening.~~

~~J1.17. The cushion module of claim J1.16, wherein the main wall comprises a support wall adjacent the support flange.~~

~~J1.18. The cushion module of claim J1.17, wherein the support wall and the support flange are embedded within the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.19. The cushion module of claim J1.17 or J1.18, wherein the support wall comprises a plurality of apertures, the elastomeric friction member extending through the plurality of apertures.~~

~~J1.20. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.19, wherein the housing comprises a first material, and the elastomeric friction member comprises a second material, the first material being harder than the second material.~~

~~J1.21. The cushion module of claim J1.20, wherein the cushion comprises the second material.~~

~~J1.22. The cushion module of any of claims J1.1-J1.21, wherein the housing separates the cushion and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.23. The cushion module of any one of claims J1.1-J1.22, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.24. The cushion module of claim J1.23, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.25. The cushion module of any one of claims J1.1-J1.24, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~J1.26. The cushion module of claim J1.25, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.27. The cushion module of claim J1.25, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~J1.28. The cushion module of any one of claims J1.25-J1.27, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~J1.29. A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims J1.1-J1.28, the frame and headgear.~~

~~K1. — A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured to couple to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;~~
~~a housing having a first end, a second end and a main wall,~~
~~a cushion having a face contacting surface and a cushion outlet opening, the cushion being connected to the first end of the housing, and~~
~~an elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame, the elastomeric friction member being connected to the second end of the housing and defining a cushion module opening, the elastomeric friction member having a lower portion and an upper portion,~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member extends away from the main wall to define an elastomeric friction member length configured to contact the frame to form the friction coupling,~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member length is greater at the lower portion than at the upper portion, and~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to couple to the frame such that a frame retention force is greater at the lower portion of the elastomeric friction member than at the upper portion of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K2.—The cushion module of claim K1, wherein the second end of the housing comprises a support flange extending from the main wall and surrounding the cushion module opening, the support flange being at least partially embedded within the elastomeric friction member and configured to support the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K3.—The cushion module of claim K2, wherein the support flange extends away from the main wall to define a support flange length.~~

~~K4.—The cushion module of claim K3, wherein the support flange comprises an upper support flange portion corresponding to the upper portion of the elastomeric friction member, and a lower support flange portion corresponding to the lower portion of the elastomeric friction member, the support flange length being greater at the lower support flange portion than at the upper support flange portion.~~

~~K5.—The cushion module of any of claims K1-K4, wherein the housing comprises a first material, and the elastomeric friction member comprises a second material, the first material being harder than the second material.~~

~~K6.—The cushion module of claim K5, wherein the cushion comprises the second material.~~

~~K7.—The cushion module of any of claims K1-K6, wherein the housing separates the cushion and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K8.—The cushion module of any one of claims K1-K7, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K9.—The cushion module of claim K8, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K10.—The cushion module of any one of claims K1-K9, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~K11.—The cushion module of claim K10, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K12.—The cushion module of claim K10, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~K13.—The cushion module of any one of claims K10-K12, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~K14.—A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims K1-K13, the frame and headgear.~~

~~L1.—A cushion module for a respiratory mask, the cushion module configured to couple to a frame configured to connect to headgear, the cushion module comprising;~~

~~a housing having a first end, a second end and a main wall,~~

~~a cushion having a face contacting surface and a cushion outlet opening, the cushion being connected to the first end of the housing, and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member configured to form a friction coupling with the frame, the elastomeric friction member being connected to the second end of the housing and defining a cushion module opening, the elastomeric friction member having a lower portion and an upper portion,~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member extends away from the main wall to define an elastomeric friction member length configured to contact the frame, and~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member length is greater at the lower portion than at the upper portion.~~

~~L2.—The cushion module of claim L1, wherein the second end of the housing comprises~~

~~a support flange extending from the main wall and surrounding the cushion module opening, the support flange being at least partially embedded within the elastomeric friction member and configured to support the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L3. — The cushion module of claim L2, wherein the support flange extends away from the main wall to define a support flange length.~~

~~L4. — The cushion module of claim L2 or L3, wherein the support flange comprises an upper support flange portion corresponding to the upper portion of the elastomeric friction member, and a lower support flange portion corresponding to the lower portion of the elastomeric friction member, the support flange length being greater at the lower support flange portion than at the upper support flange portion.~~

~~L5. — The cushion module of any of claims L1-L4, wherein the housing comprises a first material, and the elastomeric friction member comprises a second material, the first material being harder than the second material.~~

~~L6. — The cushion module of claim L5, wherein the cushion comprises the second material.~~

~~L7. — The cushion module of any of claims L1-L6, wherein the housing separates the cushion and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L8. — The cushion module of any one of claims L1-L7, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L9. — The cushion module of claim L8, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L10. — The cushion module of any one of claims L1-L9, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~L11. — The cushion module of claim L10, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L12. — The cushion module of claim L10, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~L13. — The cushion module of any one of claims L10-L12, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~L14. — A respiratory mask comprising the cushion module of any one of claims L1-L13, the frame and headgear.~~

~~M1. — A respiratory mask, comprising: —~~

~~a cushion module comprising:~~

~~a housing;~~

~~a cushion; and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member;~~

~~a frame comprising:~~

~~a main body configured to connect to headgear; and~~

~~a frame insert, the frame insert comprising a vent arrangement, a vent wall and an insert wall, the insert wall at least partially surrounding a gas inlet opening, wherein one or both of the vent wall and the insert wall form at least a portion of an insert collar;~~

~~wherein the frame insert is configured to couple to the main body; and~~

~~wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to selectively connect the cushion module to the insert collar with a friction fit.~~

~~M2. — The respiratory mask of claim M1, wherein the elastomeric friction member engages an outer surface of the insert collar.~~

~~M3. — The respiratory mask of either one of claims M1 or M2, wherein the vent wall at least partially surrounds the vent arrangement.~~

~~M4. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M3, wherein the frame insert is configured to couple to a diffusing element such that the diffusing element diffuses gas flow through the vent arrangement.~~

~~M5. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M4, wherein each of the vent wall and the insert wall forms at least a portion of the insert collar.~~

~~M6. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M4, wherein the vent wall and the insert wall form an entirety of the insert collar.~~

~~M7. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M6, wherein the insert wall completely surrounds the gas inlet opening.~~

~~M8. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M7, wherein the insert wall comprises a recess.~~

~~M9.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M8, wherein the insert wall defines a socket configured to receive a conduit connector.~~

~~M10.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M9, wherein the vent arrangement is disposed in a projecting surface relative to a remainder of the frame insert.~~

~~M11.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M10, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact the collar to enhance a seal between the collar and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~M12.—The respiratory mask of claim M11, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~M13.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims M1-M12, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the collar to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the frame and the cushion module.~~

~~M14.—The respiratory mask of claim M13, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~M15.—The respiratory mask of claim M13, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~M16.—The respiratory mask of any one of claims M13-M15, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~N1.—A frame for a respiratory mask, comprising:~~

~~a main body configured to connect to headgear;~~

~~a frame insert comprising a vent wall and an insert wall, the insert wall at least partially surrounding and/or defining an elbow socket, wherein one or both of the vent wall and the insert wall form at least a portion of an insert collar;~~

~~an elbow configured to engage the elbow socket such that the elbow has at least two rotational degrees of freedom with respect to the elbow socket;~~

~~wherein the frame insert further comprises a projecting surface that projects forward relative to the elbow socket, the projecting surface comprising a vent arrangement;~~

~~wherein the projecting surface is configured to restrict rotation of the elbow such that a minimum distance is maintained between the vent arrangement and the elbow.~~

~~N2.—The respiratory mask frame of claim N1, wherein contact between the elbow and the projecting surface maintains the minimum distance between the vent arrangement and the elbow.~~

~~N3.—The respiratory mask frame of either one of claims N1 or N2, wherein the elbow engages the elbow socket such that the elbow has three rotational degrees of freedom with respect to the elbow socket.~~

~~N4.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N3, wherein a bottom edge of the projecting surface contacts the elbow when the elbow is positioned to route an associated breathing tube over a user's head.~~

~~N5.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N4, wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to engage an outer surface of the insert collar.~~

~~N6.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N5, wherein the vent wall at least partially surrounds the vent arrangement.~~

~~N7.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N6, wherein each of the vent wall and the insert wall forms at least a portion of the insert collar.~~

~~N8.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N7, wherein the vent wall and the insert wall form an entirety of the insert collar.~~

~~N9.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims N1-N8, wherein the insert wall completely surrounds the gas inlet opening.~~

~~Ø1.—A respiratory mask frame configured to support a cushion, the respiratory mask frame comprising:~~

~~a main body configured to connect to headgear, the main body comprising an opening and a main body flange, at least a portion of the opening being bound by the main body flange, the main body flange comprising a first sealing engagement surface;~~

~~a frame insert configured to be inserted into the opening of the main body, the frame insert comprising an insert flange, the insert flange comprising a second sealing engagement surface;~~

~~wherein the first sealing engagement surface and the second sealing engagement surface cooperate to form a cushion sealing engagement surface.~~

~~Q2.—The respiratory mask frame of claim Q1, wherein the frame insert comprises a vent arrangement.~~

~~Q3.—The respiratory mask frame of claim Q1, wherein the main body comprises a vent arrangement.~~

~~Q4.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of Claims Q1-Q3, wherein the frame insert comprises an elbow socket.~~

~~Q5.—The respiratory mask frame of claim Q4, wherein the elbow socket is a ball joint.~~

~~Q6.—The respiratory mask frame of claim Q1, wherein the frame insert comprises a vent arrangement and an elbow socket.~~

~~Q7.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q4-Q6, wherein the insert flange at least partially defines the elbow socket.~~

~~Q8.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q1-Q7, wherein the main body flange spans an apex of the opening.~~

~~Q9.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q1-Q3 or Q8, wherein the main body flange at least partially defines an elbow socket.~~

~~Q10.—The respiratory mask frame of claim Q1, wherein the frame insert is a vent insert.~~

~~Q11.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q1, Q2 or Q4-Q9, wherein the vent arrangement is removably connected to the frame insert.~~

~~Q12.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q1-Q11, wherein the frame insert is inserted into the main body from the front of the main body.~~

~~Q13.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims Q1-Q12, wherein the cushion is a portion of a cushion module comprising a housing and an elastomeric friction member, wherein the cushion sealing engagement surface is configured to directly engage the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~P1.—A respiratory mask frame configured to connect to a cushion module, the respiratory mask frame comprising:~~

~~a main body configured to connect to headgear, the main body comprising an opening and a main body flange;~~

~~a frame insert configured to be inserted into the opening of the main body, the frame insert comprising an insert opening and an insert flange, the insert opening defining a socket configured to receive a conduit;~~

~~a vent arrangement;~~

~~wherein the main body flange at least partially surrounds the vent arrangement and comprises a cushion engagement surface configured to engage with the cushion module.~~

~~P2. — The respiratory mask frame of claim P1, wherein the main body comprises the vent arrangement.~~

~~P3. — The respiratory mask frame of claim P1, wherein the frame insert comprises the vent arrangement.~~

~~P4. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P3, wherein the main body flange entirely surrounds the vent arrangement.~~

~~P5. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P4, wherein the main body flange entirely surrounds the insert opening.~~

~~P6. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P5, wherein the frame insert is permanently connected to the main body.~~

~~P7. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P6, wherein the socket is a ball joint.~~

~~P8. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P7, wherein the insert flange at least partially defines the socket.~~

~~P9. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P8, wherein the main body flange spans an apex of the opening.~~

~~P10. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1 or P3-P9, wherein the vent arrangement is removably connected to the frame insert.~~

~~P11. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P10, wherein the frame insert is inserted into the main body from the front of the main body.~~

P12. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims P1-P11, wherein the cushion module further comprises a housing and an elastomeric friction member, wherein the cushion sealing engagement surface is configured to directly engage the elastomeric friction member.~~

R1. — ~~A respiratory mask frame configured to connect to a cushion module, the respiratory mask frame comprising:~~

~~a main body configured to connect to headgear, the main body comprising an opening and a vent arrangement;~~

~~a frame insert configured to be inserted into the opening of the main body, the frame insert comprising an insert opening and an insert flange, the insert opening defining a socket configured to receive a conduit;~~

~~wherein the insert flange at least partially defines the socket, and further comprises a cushion engagement surface configured to engage with the cushion module.~~

R2. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of claim R1, wherein the frame insert is permanently connected to the main body.~~

R3. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of either of claims R1 or R2, wherein the socket is a ball joint.~~

R4. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims R1-R3, wherein the frame insert is inserted into the main body from the front of the main body.~~

R5. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims R1-R3, wherein the frame insert is inserted into the main body from the rear of the main body.~~

R6. — ~~A respiratory mask, comprising:~~

~~the respiratory mask frame of any one of claims R1-R5; and~~

~~a cushion module comprising a cushion, a housing and an elastomeric friction member, wherein the elastomeric friction member directly engages the cushion sealing engagement surface when the cushion module is connected to the respiratory mask frame.~~

R7. — ~~The respiratory mask of claim R6, wherein the housing comprises a vent portion that cooperates with the vent arrangement of the respiratory mask frame.~~

~~R8.— The respiratory mask of claim R7, wherein the vent portion of the housing comprises an opening and the vent arrangement of the respiratory mask frame comprises a plurality of vent openings.~~

~~R9.— The respiratory mask of claim R8, wherein the vent arrangement of the respiratory mask frame further comprises a vent flange surrounding the plurality of openings and that engages the opening of the vent portion of the housing when the cushion module is connected to the respiratory mask frame.~~

~~R10.— The respiratory mask of claim R8, wherein the vent portion of the housing comprises a vent flange surrounding the opening, wherein the vent flange contacts a surface of the respiratory mask frame and surrounds the plurality of openings.~~

~~R11.— The respiratory mask of claim R10, wherein the vent flange and the elastomeric friction member are formed as an integrated or unitary structure.~~

~~R12.— The respiratory mask of claim R7, wherein the vent portion of the housing comprises a plurality of vent openings and the vent arrangement of the respiratory mask frame comprises an opening that is aligned with the plurality of vent openings of the housing.~~

~~R13.— The respiratory mask of any one of claims R6 R12, wherein the insert flange surrounds the socket and the vent arrangement.~~

~~S1.— A respiratory mask frame configured to connect to a cushion module, the respiratory mask frame comprising:~~

~~a main body comprising one or more headgear mounts configured to connect to headgear;~~

~~a gas inlet opening; and~~

~~an elastomeric friction member configured to engage the cushion module.~~

~~S2.— The respiratory mask frame of claim S1, further comprising a rim surrounding the gas inlet opening, wherein the rim is embedded in the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S3.— The respiratory mask frame of either one of claims S1 and S2, further comprising a support flange embedded within the elastomeric friction member, a free end of the support flange defining the rim.~~

~~S4.— The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1 S3, wherein the elastomeric friction member is configured to engage an outer surface of a collar of the cushion module.~~

S5. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of claim S4, wherein an outer surface of the elastomeric friction member is exposed when the respiratory mask frame is connected to the cushion module.~~

S6. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1-S3, wherein the friction member is configured to engage an inner surface of a collar of the cushion module.~~

S7. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of claim S6, wherein an inner surface of the elastomeric friction member is exposed when the respiratory mask frame is connected to the cushion module.~~

S8. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1-S7, wherein the elastomeric friction member encircles a vent on the respiratory mask frame.~~

S9. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1-S8, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends rearwardly from the main body toward the cushion module.~~

S10. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S3-S8, the main body having a support wall extending from the support flange, at least a portion of the support wall embedded within the elastomeric friction member, and a curved transition region between the support wall and the support flange.~~

S11. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of either one of claims S9 or S10, wherein the support flange surrounds the gas inlet opening and a vent on the respiratory mask frame, wherein the elastomeric friction member covers an entirety of the support flange along a top portion adjacent the vent, and wherein the elastomeric friction member is located only on an outer surface of the support flange on a bottom portion adjacent the gas inlet opening.~~

S12. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of claim S11, wherein the bottom portion of the support flange at least partially defines a socket configured to receive a conduit.~~

S13. — ~~The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S9-S12, further comprising a vent arrangement formed as a unitary or integral structure with the elastomeric friction member.~~

S14. — ~~A respiratory mask comprising the respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1-S13, and a cushion module comprising a cushion and a housing, the housing comprising a collar, wherein the collar engages the elastomeric friction member when the cushion module is connected to the respiratory mask frame.~~

S15. — The respiratory mask frame of claim S14, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from an adjacent portion of the housing.

S16. — The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S15, wherein the cushion is configured to surround a nose and a mouth of a user.

S17. — The respiratory mask frame of claim S3–S7, wherein the elastomeric friction member is located only on an outside of the support flange.

S18. — The respiratory mask frame of claim S17, wherein the support flange defines a socket configured to receive a conduit.

S19. — A respiratory mask comprising the respiratory mask frame of either one of claims S17 or S18, and a cushion module comprising a cushion and a housing, the housing configured to engage the elastomeric friction member when the cushion module is connected to the respiratory mask frame.

S20. — The respiratory mask of claim S19, wherein the housing further comprises a collar that engages the elastomeric friction member when the cushion module is connected to the respiratory mask frame.

S21. — The respiratory mask of claim S20, wherein the collar extends rearwardly from an adjacent portion of the housing.

S22. — The respiratory mask of any one of claims S17–S21, wherein the cushion is configured to surround a nose and a mouth of a user.

S23. — The respiratory mask of either one of claims S20 or S21, wherein the housing includes a recess surrounding the collar.

S24. — The respiratory mask of claim S23, wherein the elastomeric friction member engages an outer surface of the collar and an outer surface of the elastomeric friction member is exposed within the recess.

S25. — The respiratory mask of claim S24, wherein the cushion is configured to surround a nose and a mouth of a user.

S26. — The respiratory mask of claim S25, wherein the cushion is configured to engage an underside of the nose of the user.

S27. — A respiratory mask comprising the respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7, and a cushion module comprising a cushion and a housing, the cushion configured to surround the nares of user.

~~S28.—The respiratory mask of claim S27, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises at least one protrusion configured to engage the respiratory mask frame to inhibit relative rotational movement between the elastomeric friction member and the respiratory mask frame.~~

~~S29.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends in a forward direction from the main body.~~

~~S30.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7, wherein the elastomeric friction member extends in a rearward direction from the main body.~~

~~S31.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7, S29 or S30, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a lip configured to contact a cooperating portion of the cushion module to enhance a seal between the cushion module and the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S32.—The respiratory mask frame of claim S32, wherein the lip is oriented at an oblique rearward angle relative to a longitudinal axis of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S33.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7 or S29–S32, wherein the elastomeric friction member comprises a projection configured to engage a cooperating recess in the cushion module to provide feedback to a user indicating proper connection of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~S34.—The respiratory mask frame of claim S33, wherein the projection is a discrete structure extending around only a portion of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S35.—The respiratory mask frame of claim S33, wherein the projection extends around an entirety of a closed loop of the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S36.—The respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S33–S35, wherein the projection is located on a rearward portion of the elastomeric friction member relative to a direction of assembly of the respiratory mask frame and the cushion module.~~

~~S37.—A respiratory mask comprising the respiratory mask frame of any one of claims S1–S7 or S29–S37, and a cushion module having a support flange configured to engage the elastomeric friction member.~~

~~S38.—The respiratory mask of claim S37, wherein the support flange extends in a forward direction away from a breathing chamber of the cushion module.~~

S39. —The respiratory mask of claim S37, wherein the support flange extends in a rearward direction toward or into a breathing chamber of the cushion module.