What is claimed is:

1. A respirator comprising:

a mask body comprising a perimeter;

a harness attached to the mask body; and

a face seal disposed adjacent at least a portion of the perimeter of the mask body, wherein the face seal comprises a polymeric netting comprising polymeric ribbons and polymeric strands, each of the polymeric ribbons and strands having a length, width, and height, wherein the length is the longest dimension, the width is the shortest dimension, and the height is the dimension transverse to the length and the width, wherein the polymeric ribbons have a height-to-width aspect ratio of at least 5 to 1, a major surface that is intermittently bonded to only one polymeric strand, and a height that is at least two times greater than a height of the one polymeric strand.

2. A respirator comprising:

a mask body; and

a harness comprising one or more straps that are joined to the mask body on opposing sides of the mask body, wherein the one or more straps comprise a polymeric netting comprising polymeric ribbons and polymeric strands, each of the polymeric ribbons and strands having a length, width, and height, wherein the length is the longest dimension, the width is the shortest dimension, and the height is the dimension transverse to the length and the width, wherein the polymeric ribbons have a height-to-width aspect ratio of at least 5 to 1, a major surface that is intermittently bonded to only one polymeric strand, and a height that is at least two times greater than a height of the one polymeric strand.

3. A hearing protector comprising:

two ear cups shaped to cover ears of a wearer; and

a sealing ring secured along a periphery of each ear cup, the sealing ring comprising a polymeric netting comprising polymeric ribbons and polymeric strands, each of the polymeric ribbons and strands having a length, width, and height, wherein the length is the longest dimension, the width is the shortest dimension, and the height is the dimension transverse to the length and the width, wherein the polymeric ribbons have a height-to-width aspect ratio of at least 5 to 1, a major surface that is intermittently bonded to only one polymeric strand, and a height that is at least two times greater than a height of the one polymeric strand.

~~4. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric ribbons each have a center line bisecting the major surface and first and second edges symmetrically disposed on opposite sides of the center line, wherein the major surface is intermittently bonded to only one polymeric strand at a location closer to the first edge than the second edge.~~

5. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric ribbons each have a center line bisecting the major surface, and wherein the major surface is intermittently bonded to only one polymeric strand at a location including the center line.

6. The respirator or hearing protector of claim 5, wherein the first edges of the polymeric ribbons comprise a different composition than the second edges of the polymeric ribbons.

7. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric ribbons and polymeric strands alternate in at least a portion of the polymeric netting.

8. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the face seal is disposed adjacent an upper perimeter segment of the mask body and is configured to contact a nose of a wearer.

9. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the face seal is disposed adjacent the entire perimeter of the mask body.

10. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric netting comprises a percent recovery of at least 90%.

11. The respirator or hearing protector of claim 10, wherein the polymeric netting comprises percent recovery of at least 98%.

12. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric netting comprises a deformation recovery time of less than 60 seconds.

13. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the respirator comprises a filtering face-piece respirator.

14. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the respirator comprises a flat-fold respirator.

15. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric ribbons of the polymeric netting comprise a first polymer and the polymeric strands of the polymeric netting comprise a second polymer different from the first polymer.

16. The respirator of claim 1 or claim 2 or the hearing protector of claim 3, wherein the polymeric ribbons comprise an average height and the polymeric strands comprise an average height, and wherein a

ratio of the average height of the polymeric ribbons to the average height of the polymeric strands is at least 2 to 1.

17. The respirator or hearing protector of claim 16, wherein the ratio of the average height of the polymeric ribbons to the average height of the polymeric strands is at least 3 to 1.