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URGENT Field Safety Notice

Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, Trilogy EV300
Flow Sensor Nebulized Aerosol Deposition

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This document contains important information for the continued safe and proper use of your equipment

Please review the following information with all members of your staff who need to be aware of the contents of this communication. It is important to understand the implications of this communication.

Please retain this letter for your records.

Dear Customer,

Philips Respironics has become aware of a potential issue when using in-line nebulizers in certain configurations with Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, and Trilogy EV300 devices. The use of in-line nebulizers placed in certain locations can result in aerosol deposits accumulating over time on the device's internal flow sensor. Impacted flow sensors may result in inaccurate flow measurements in circumstances outlined below.

While Philips Respironics has not received any specific complaints of device malfunctions resulting from in-line nebulizer use, we have performed a retrospective complaint review from product launch through 31 July 2024 and identified 928 complaints that, based on the symptoms reported in the complaint, may indicate the flow sensors were not performing as expected. Three (3) reports included allegations of serious injury. This is a reported incidence rate of less than 0.001%. No deaths have been reported.

This URGENT Field Safety Notice is intended to inform you about:

1. What the problem is and under what circumstances it can occur

Nebulized aerosols that accumulate over time have the potential to permanently impact the internal flow sensor. Any Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, and Trilogy EV300 devices that have historically been used with an in-line nebulizer in certain configurations may be impacted. If your device has never been used with an in-line nebulizer, it is not affected by this issue and can continue to be used. If using an in-line nebulizer, continue to use in accordance with the guidance in this notice.

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Circumstances that may result in aerosol deposition:

- When the in-line nebulizer is used with passive circuits for tidal volumes greater than or equal to 700 mL, or
- When the in-line nebulizer is placed at the dry side of the heated humidifier, or
- When the in-line nebulizer is placed at the "inspiratory port (to patient)" (device outlet), or
- When the in-line nebulizer is placed in any location *other than* those identified in the images in Section 4

Effects on the ventilator:

Modes	**Impact to therapy**	**Description**
Volume control modes (A/C-VC, SIMV-VC, MPV-VC) or AVAPS-AE mode or when AVAPS is enabled (with A/C-PC, S/T, PSV)	Therapy may be impacted	The device may deliver higher tidal volume than what is displayed onscreen despite the reported tidal volume onscreen aligning with the set value; Monitored pressures displayed on the screen are not impacted.
Use of Trilogy Evo O2 or Trilogy EV300 with a set FiO2 in all modes	Therapy may be impacted	The amount of oxygen delivered is calculated based on the flow measured by the flow sensor. The aerosol deposits can cause the flow sensor to under-measure flow, thus resulting in impacted devices under-delivering oxygen. Note: If using an optional external oxygen analyzer, the alarms and monitored delivery will alert users to the under delivery of oxygen.
Device is turned off or put into standby status	Therapy is impacted	Impacted devices may display a Ventilator Inoperative error message. If this occurs, the error will prevent the device from turning therapy back on.
Pressure control (A/C-PC, ST/T, PSV, SIMV-PC, CPAP, MPV-PC)	No impact to therapy	In pressure control modes, therapy is not impacted. Pressure provided will be consistent with settings. Note: Monitored tidal volume displayed on the screen may be lower than what is being delivered to the patient. Delivered therapy is not impacted.

Those most vulnerable to this issue include ventilator dependent patients, infants and pediatric patients who are being ventilated in a volume control mode.

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2. Hazard/harm associated with the issue

Aerosol deposits that accumulate over time on the flow sensor may cause over-delivery of tidal volume. If using a Trilogy Evo O2, or Trilogy EV300 device with a set FiO_2, under delivery of oxygen that is not recognized by the device may also occur. In certain cases, when the internal flow sensor is impacted and the ventilator is placed in standby or powered off, it may result in a ventilator inoperative condition.

Potential harms associated with the over-delivery of tidal volume may include volutrauma/barotrauma and/or respiratory discomfort. Potential harms associated with a delay in therapy or under delivery of oxygen may include respiratory discomfort, low oxygen saturation, and/or dyspnea.

3. Affected products and how to identify them

According to our records, you have received at least one Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, or Trilogy EV300 device. Any devices historically used with an in-line nebulizer in certain configurations are susceptible to this problem.

If your device has never been used with an in-line nebulizer, it is not affected by this issue and can continue to be used in accordance with the guidance in this notice.

Please note that the internal flow sensor is inside the device and cannot be inspected by customers for accumulation of aerosol deposits. The guidance provided in Section 4 below must be followed to determine the appropriate steps to take for your device(s).

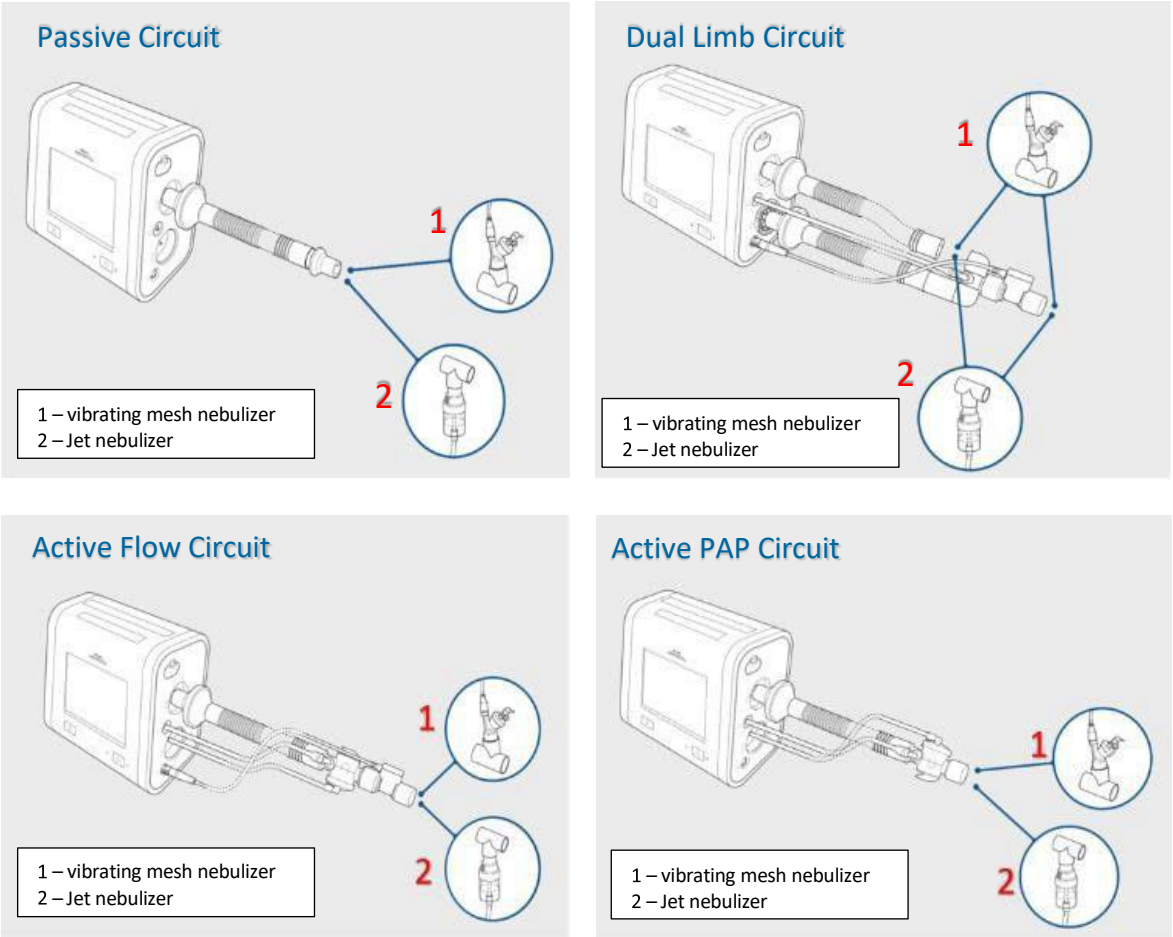
4. Immediate actions that should be taken by the customer / user in order to prevent risks for patients

- <u>For all Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, and Trilogy EV300 users, regardless of in-line nebulizer use:</u>
  - As indicated in the Instructions for Use (IFU), in volume control mode, ensure that the High Inspiratory Pressure (HIP) alarm is set appropriately and is compatible with your patient's condition
  - As indicated in the IFU, if Ventilator Inoperative error occurs, ensure alternate source of ventilation is available

- <u>If using a Trilogy Evo O2 or Trilogy EV300 device with a set FiO_2</u>
  - Continuously monitor oximetry (SpO_2) of the patient and follow your institution's protocol for monitoring of arterial blood gas measurements to ensure that the patient is receiving adequate oxygenation.
  - Use an external FiO2 analyzer to identify under delivery of oxygen for any patient where the oxygen blending module is used. Switch to an alternative ventilator if an external FiO_2 analyzer is not available.
  - As indicated in the IFU, maintain an immediately available back-up device that will allow rapid transition to a different oxygen delivery method or alternative ventilator if monitoring suggests FiO_2 is not being sufficiently delivered.

- <u>If using in-line nebulizer treatments:</u>
  - The circuit must be configured as pictured in the images in **Figure 1** below
  - For prescriptions needing tidal volumes greater than 700 mL with a passive circuit, transition patient to alternate circuit (Active PAP, Active Flow, or Dual Limb).

Figure 1: Acceptable In-Line Nebulizer Placement.



The above images are also located separately in Appendix A for reference.

This notice must be distributed to all members of your organization responsible for setting up and supervising patients who use these devices. This notice must also be distributed to any organizations to which you have further distributed Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, and/or Trilogy EV300 devices.

5. Actions planned by Philips Respironics to correct the problem

At this time, this communication is intended to provide awareness and understanding of the issue and immediate actions to be taken by the customer when using an in-line nebulizer.

Philips Respironics understands that use of in-line nebulizers is common amongst ventilator patients and is working diligently to further understand the interaction between in-line nebulizers and the flow sensor within the Trilogy Evo devices. Philips Respironics is continuing to investigate this issue and will follow-up with customers to provide additional guidance and solutions as it becomes available during the next few months.

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If you need any further information or support concerning this issue, please contact your local Philips representative at the Philips Customer Care Service Centre by:

Telephone: UKI : +448000260086
NI: +448000260430
ROI: +3531800832340

Email: UKFCO@philips.com

This notice has been reported to the appropriate Regulatory Agencies.

Philips Respironics regrets any inconvenience caused by this problem.

Sincerely,

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Sr. Director, Head of Quality Therapy Platforms
Sleep and Respiratory Care

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Instructions: Please complete and return this form to Philips Respironics promptly and no later than 30 days after receipt. Completing this form confirms receipt of the Urgent Field Safety Notice, understanding of the issue, and management of the necessary steps to avoid the issue. This form can be completed by filling out the required fields, scanning, and emailing to **safetynoticeuki@philips.com**

Customer/Consignee/Facility Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/ZIP/Country: _____

We acknowledge receipt and understanding of the accompanying Field Safety Notice and confirm that the information from this Letter has been properly distributed to all users that handle the Trilogy Evo, Trilogy Evo O2, or Trilogy EV300 device.

Name of person completing this form:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Date (DD / MMM / YYYY): _____

Please return the completed and signed reply form to **safetynoticeuki@philips.com**

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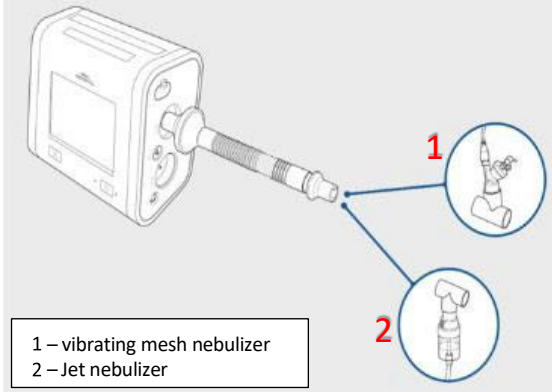
APPENDIX A
Appropriate Circuit Configurations for Use With In-Line Nebulizers

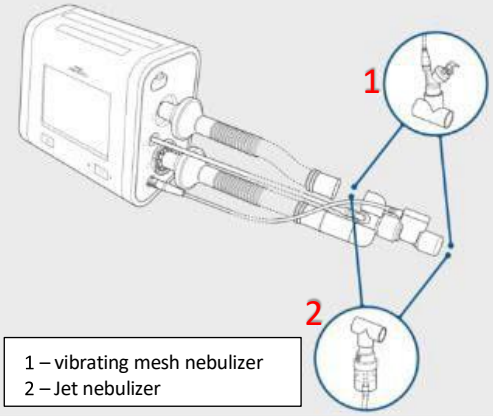
If using in-line nebulizer treatments, ensure the circuit is configured as shown in the images below.

Passive Circuit



1 – vibrating mesh nebulizer
2 – Jet nebulizer

Dual Limb Circuit



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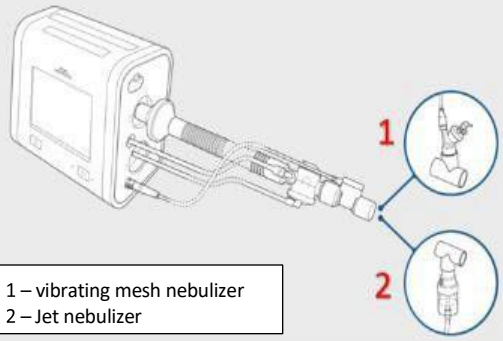
Active Flow Circuit



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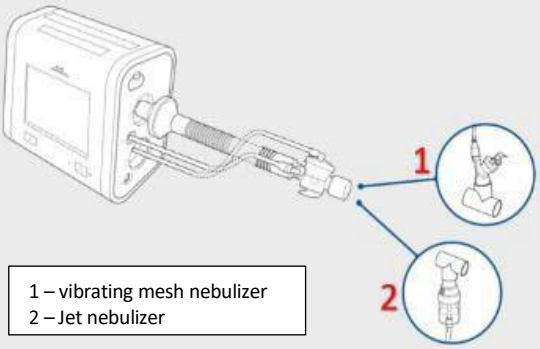
Active PAP Circuit



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