## Merit: Runaway Winner.

## MERIT low tar/good taste combination earns convincing 3 to 1 victory over high tar leaders.

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Menthol

LOW TAR-ENRICHED FLAVOR

There's a low tar cigarette that's challenging high tar smoking—and winning. The cigarette: MERIT.

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## High Tars Suffer Setback.

Nationwide smoker research documents that smokers *prefer* MERIT.

Blind Taste Tests: In tests where brand identity was concealed, a significant majority of smokers rated the taste of low tar MERIT as good as—or better than leading high tar brands. Even cigarettes having twice the tar!

**Smoker Preference:** Among the 95% of smokers stating a preference, the MERIT

Warning: The Surgeon General+Has Determined That Cigarette Smoking Is Dangerous to Your Health. low tar/good taste combination was favored 3 to 1 over high tar leaders when tar levels were revealed!

Long-Term Satisfaction: In the latest survey of former high tar smokers who

have switched to MERIT, 9 out of 10 reported they continue to *enjoy* smoking, are *glad* they switched, and reported MERIT is the besttasting low tar they've *ever*. tried!

MERIT is the proven alternative to high tar smoking. And you can taste it.



Kings: 8 mg ''tar,'' 0.6 mg nicotine—100's Reg: 10 mg ''tar,'' 0.7 mg nicotine 100's Men: 11 mg ''tar,'' 0.8 mg nicotine av. per cigarette, FTC Report Dec'79

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Filter

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