

Process Challenge Device

For a rapid and easy monitoring of Steam sterilization processes

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Dispositivo de Desafio de Processo

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Composition

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Product description

PCD is a device designed to simulate a load to be sterilized, and to pose a challenge to the sterilization process. These devices are used to evaluate the effective performance of the process. The steam Process Challenge Device has been designed for a rapid and easy monitoring of Steam sterilization processes at 132/135 °C > 4 minutes and processes at 121 °C > 30 minutes. It detects the inadequate air removal and Steam penetration in Steam sterilizers. This device allows release of routine loads, specially implants. Furthermore, it allows to perform the routine monitoring and periodic validation of the sterilizers (after repair, installation, relocation).

The device consists of a disposable pre-assembled package as outlined in ANSI/AAMI ST79 and contains a Self-contained Biological Indicator (SCBI) and a Class 5 moving front Integrator and a self-adhesive Record Card. The chemical Integrator indicates that sterilizing conditions were met.

Warning!

Do not use the PCD for monitoring Ethylene Oxide, Dry Heat, Chemical Vapors, Radiation or any sterilization process other than Steam.

Do not reuse the SCBI.

Storage

Store in a dark place, at 10-30 °C temperature, 30-80 % Relative Humidity.

Do not freeze.

Do not store biological indicators near sterilizing agents or other chemical products.

Directions for use

1- Place the pack inside a normally loaded steam autoclave. Place it in areas that you consider a prior most inaccessible for the sterilizing agent (high temperature steam). Generally, the center of the load and areas on the bottom shelf near the door and over the drain are problematic.

2- Run the sterilization cycle:

• 132/135 °C > 4 minutes

• 121 °C > 30 minutes

3- After the sterilization process has finished, open the sterilizer door, wait for 5 minutes and remove the test pack. **NOTE:** The color of the box design may vary from the original color after undergoing the sterilization cycle. This does not represent a problem regarding the operation or quality of the product.

4- Check that the external process indicator color on the outside of the test pack has changed. Open the test pack, wait 5 minutes and remove the SCBI. Allow it to cool down to room temperature.

PRECAUTION! Wear safety glasses and gloves when removing the biological indicator from the sterilized test pack. **WARNING!** Do not crush or handle the biological indicator excessively, since this might cause the glass ampoule to burst.

5- Check IT26-C moving front Integrator for correct exposure. If the dark bar has reached the ACCEPT zone, this confirms that the inside of the pack has been exposed to sufficient sterilization conditions. Otherwise, check the sterilization process.

6- Check the chemical indicator on the label of the biological indicator. A color change to brown confirms that the biological indicator has been exposed to steam. **IMPORTANT:** This color change does not indicate that the process was sufficient to achieve sterility.

7- Identify the Bionova® BT222 SCBI by writing the sterilizer number (in case of having more than one), load number, and processing date on the label. Fill out the required information on the Record Card.

8- Crush the glass ampoule contained in the SCBI. Then shake the tube down vigorously, with movements similar to those performed to lower the temperature in a mercury thermometer, until the medium reaches the base of the tube and soaks the spores carrier entirely. Incubate at 60±2 °C in a compatible incubator. **IMPORTANT:** Use a non-sterilized biological indicator as a positive control whenever a processed biological indicator is incubated. The positive control ensures that appropriate incubation conditions are met. Both the positive control indicator and the processed indicator should belong to the same batch. The indicator used as positive control must yield a positive result.

9- Incubate the processed biological indicator and the indicator used as positive control for 1 hour at 60 °C to get the final fluorescence result.

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10- Wait for the final results. Fill out the SCBI and the IT26-C Integrator results and adhere the self-adhesive Record Card. **WARNING!** Do not use the sterilizer until the biological indicator test results are negative.

11- Discard the test pack and the SCBI immediately.

Disposal

Discard biological indicators after use according to your country's healthcare and safety regulations.

The positive biological indicator can be autoclaved at 121 °C for at least 20 minutes, or at 132 °C for 15 minutes in a gravity displacement steam sterilizer, or at 134 °C for 10 minutes in a vacuum-assisted steam sterilizer.

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Cada pacote é composto por uma pilha de cartões porosos que contém um tubo indicador biológico autocontido (SCBI) com uma população de esporos *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* ATCC 7953 inoculadas em um portador assim como uma ampola de vidro com meio indicador de crescimento. O pacote também contém um indicador Integrador Classe 5 com frente móvel, um Cartão de Registro de autoadesivo e, do lado de fora, um indicador de processo Classe 1.

Descrição do produto

O PCD é um dispositivo projetado para simular uma carga a esterilizar e para constituir um desafio ao processo de esterilização.

Estes dispositivos são utilizados para avaliar a performance eficiente do processo. O dispositivo de Desafio de Processo foi desenvolvido para o monitoramento rápido e fácil dos processos de esterilização a Vapor a 132/135 °C > 4 minutos e processos a 121 °C > 30 minutos. Detecta a remoção de ar inadequada e a penetração do Vapor em esterilizadores. O dispositivo permite a liberação de cargas de rutina, especialmente de implantes. Além, permite fazer o monitoramento de rutina e validação periódica do esterilizador (após reparação, instalação, relocalização).

O sistema consiste em um pacote pré-montado conforme com a ANSI/AAMI ST79, dotado de um indicador biológico autocontido e um indicador químico Integrador Classe 5 com frente móvel e um Cartão de Registro autoadesivo. O Integrador químico dá uma indicação visível instantânea quando as condições de esterilização são atingidas.

Atenção!

Não usar o teste PCD para controlar ciclos de esterilização por Óxido de Etíleno, Calor Seco, Vapores Químicos, radiação ou outros processos de esterilização que não sejam vapor saturado.

Não reutilizar os indicadores biológicos.

Armazenagem

Armazenar em um lugar escuro, em temperatura de 10-30 °C, 30-80 % Umidade Relativa.

Não congelar.

Não armazenar os indicadores biológicos perto de agentes esterilizantes ou outros produtos químicos.

Instruções de uso

1- Inserir o pacote no interior da autoclave com a carga habitual. Colocar o pacote em aquelas áreas que considere a priori mais inacessíveis para o agente esterilizante (vapor a alta temperatura). Geralmente uma área problemática é o centro da carga, perto da porta e junto ao dreno da autoclave.

2- Executar o ciclo de esterilização:

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11- Descartar o pacote e o SCBI imediatamente.

Tratamento dos resíduos

Descartar os indicadores biológicos de acordo com os regulamentos sanitários do seu país. Os indicadores biológicos positivos podem ser esterilizados por vapor em autoclave com remoção de ar por gravidade a 121 °C durante 15 minutos ou a 132 °C por 10 minutos em um esterilizador de vapor assistido por vácuo.

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