

Instructions for use Propper OK[®] and Short OK[®] steam sterilization indicators

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After processing, when sterile presentation is made, examine the strip. The “K” letter and arrow on short OK[®] indicator, and “K” letter, arrow and the indicator dot on the OK[®] strip must be black. If any part of the indicator is any shade of brown or yellow, it is indication of under-processing: do not use the pack. Return for reprocessing and determine the case of the failure. Gray color or silverish streaks may be indication of over-processing or wet steam. It is best to correct those conditions

Propper 4” (10 cm) Short OK[®] and 8” (20 cm) OK[®] steam sterilization indicator strips have been designed for use in all types of hospital-size and table-top steam autoclaves. The Short OK[®] indicator is designed for use in small packages or pouches. In large packages or trays use 8” OK[®] indicator strips. When used as directed, Short OK[®] and OK[®] indicators give visible proof that saturated steam has fully penetrated the package within which the strip was placed. After exposure, “K” letter printed on both types of strips in white indicator ink turns black and matches black reference color of “O”. Together they form “OK” after processing. OK[®] indicator strip also has same type indicator arrow pointing toward “OK” and dot on the opposite side of the strip. It adds flexibility in the strip positioning and evaluation of the steam penetration in different parts of the sterilized pack, tray or pouch. Short OK[®] strip has arrow printed with the same indicator ink pointing toward “OK”. The Indicator ink changes color to black when all sterilization conditions - temperature, exposure time, and saturated steam are present on the sufficient level.

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Typical “Pass”(Top), “Fail (Middle), and unprocessed OK[®] and Short OK[®] indicator strips (Bottom).

Propper OK[®] and Short OK[®] steam sterilization indicators meet Type 4 requirements of ISO 11140-1:2014.

Sterilization temperature range: 121°C-134°C

Recordkeeping: The ink remains stable and does not revert back after processing in pass or fail cycles. The strips are suitable for recordkeeping for up to 25 years under recommended storage conditions.

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