



# Instrument Cleaning Guide



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## Spaulding's Classification of Medical Equipment/Devices and Required Level of Processing/Reprocessing

Classification	Definition	Level of Processing/Reprocessing
Critical Equipment/Device	Equipment/Device that enters sterile tissues, including the vascular system	Cleaning followed by Sterilization
Semi-critical Equipment/Device	Equipment/Device that comes in contact with non-intact skin or mucous membranes but does not penetrate them	Cleaning followed by High Level Disinfectant (as a minimum requirement). Sterilization is preferred
Noncritical Equipment/Device	Equipment/Device that touches only intact skin and not mucous membranes, or does not directly touch the client/patient/resident	Cleaning followed by Low Level Disinfectant (in some cases, cleaning alone is acceptable)

## Cleaning

Never keep used/dirty instruments in a dry container. Make sure BLOOD and DEBRIS don't have a chance to dry. If you are unable to process them right away use:

## An Enzymatic Cleaner to help to remove organic material

042-EBL1 Enzyclean® instrument cleaner, pre-soak single, 3.8L

## Or a neutral pH detergent:

042-B1 Low suds instrument cleaner, 1 gallon

## Always rinse off any chemicals with distilled water.

ULTRASONIC CLEANING is usually recommended as the best way to clean surgical instruments.

144-M150-001 Ultrasonic cleaner, 1.5 gallon, 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 6" x 6"

## **MANUAL CLEANING**

Use stiff brushes to make sure all visible dirt is removed.

444-10-1651-X Nylon bristles instrument brush

#### Use a surgical instrument cleaner

042-AW1B Low foaming alkaline instrument cleaner, 1 gallon 067-002900 Organisol instrument cleaner, 4lb container, with scoop

## Make sure everything looks sharp and all moving parts are working correctly.

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## Sterilization

#### It is recommended that all surgical instruments be autoclaved, if possible.

144-M11-022 Midmark M11 autoclave, 11" x 18" chamber

#### Always use distilled water in your autoclave.

320-100400902 Distilled water, 4L, case of 4

Lubricate all moving parts.

042-T2 Instrument lubricant, 1 gallon

Use self-seal pouches to autoclave and store your instruments.

164-SS1Self-seal clear pouch, 3.5" x 8", box of 200164-SS2Self-seal clear pouch, 3.6" x 10", box of 200164-SS4Self-seal clear pouch, 5" x 10", box of 200(Other sizes available)

## Use chemical or biological indicators regularly to ensure your autoclave is working properly.

800-1243B	Steam sterilization integrator, bag of 100
800-1262P	Attest <sup>®</sup> biological indicators, box of 25
800-116	Attest <sup>®</sup> biological indicator incubator
800-115C	Biological indicator monitoring starter kit. Consists of indicat
	tape, biological indicators, incubator, chemical integrators,
	log book, inservice video and wall chart.



For instruments that can't be autoclaved or only require High Level Disinfection (HLD), use a chemosterilant soak.

Check with your Territory Manager to see what cold soak is right for you.

Keep in mind safety, efficacy, compatibility, and the environment.

## Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide

Not recommended for instruments with brass, copper, or tungsten carbine.

Prevention—5-minute HLD for respiratory and plastics. 6-hour chemosterilant 909-HLD54L 4L bottle

CS20—20-minute chemosterilant 909-CS204L 4L bottle









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## Aldehydes

- 917-GRB38L Glutacide 2% high level disinfectant, 3.8L bottle HLD 10 minutes at 20°C / sterilization 10 hours at 20°C
- 917-PDC38L D-CIDE 2% high level disinfectant, 3.8L HLD 20 minutes at 20°C / sterilization 10 hours at 20°C

421-20394 Cidex OPA, 3.8L HLD 10 minutes at 20°C

## **Environmental Infection Control**

## Wipe down all surfaces regularly.

907-ACCWIP-TB10X10 917-BOE1LS 507-PO10-IP70 TB Accel 0.5% hydrogen peroxide, tub of 60 wipes Odour eliminator and stain remover, 1L spray Isopropyl alcohol, clear, 500mL

Don't forget to clean your stethoscope and blood pressure cuffs.

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