**3M® Attest Monitoring Starter Kit**

- **Ordering Information**

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  - Contains one roll of Comply™ 1322-18MM Indicator Tape, one box of Attest 1262P Biological Indicators, one 3M Attest Incubator 116, one box of Comply 1243B Chemical Integrators, one Attest 1266-A Log Book, and one wall chart.

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- **3M® Attest Biological Indicators**

  - Designed to determine if steam sterilizers are operating effectively. When moist heat penetrates the indicator, the indicator changes color to brown.

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- **3M® Attest Incubator 116**

  - For use with 1262/1262P Attest biological indicators (56°C).

- **3M™ Comply™ Lead Free Indicator Tape for Steam Sterilization**


- **3M™ Attest™ Biological Indicators**

  - For use with steam sterilizers — Geobacillus stearothermophilus.

- **3M™ Attest™ Monitoring Starter Kit**

  - 3M Sterilization Assurance Program — a comprehensive and practical approach to sterilization process monitoring in health care facilities. The 3M Sterilization Assurance Program consists of five separate, but interrelated steps: Load Control, Pack Control, Equipment Control, and Record Keeping.

- **3M Sterilization Assurance Program**

  - The 3M Sterilization Assurance Program helps you control and monitor sterilization procedures.

- **Load Control**

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- **Pack Control**

  - 3M™ Comply™ Lead Free Indicator Tape for Steam Sterilization — a tape that closes packages securely and allows quick, on-site monitoring by health care facilities. The incubator and the enclosed sterilant penetrate the pack or tray. Accept or Reject readout in 48 hours.

- **Equipment Control**


- **Record Keeping**

  - 3M™ Attest™ Log Book — your kit includes the booklet “The Fundamentals of Sterilization Process Monitoring”, detailing the steps of the sterilization process, and the enclosed tray. Accept or Reject readout in 48 hours.

- **Purpose**

  - Monitoring with the Attest system is healthy for your patients. Sterilization process monitoring impacts sterility throughout your facility. The 3M Sterilization Assurance Program helps you control and monitor sterilization procedures.

- **Benefits**

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  - Infection Prevention Division
  - 3M Health Care
  - 3M Center, Building 273-40-81
  - St. Paul, MN 55144-1080
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  - www.3M.com/infectionprevention

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3M™ Attest™ 1262 and 1262P Biological Indicators for steam sterilization

For best results, use an Attest biological indicator in every load of steam sterilized supplies. Instructions below are for steam sterilization only.

Processing

1. Identify the Attest biological indicator by noting the sterilizer number, load number and processing date on the label of the vial.

2. Place the Attest steam biological indicator and the Comply chemical integrator in the center of a suitable test pack or tray which is representative of the load and is the greatest challenge to the steam sterilization process. Close the test pack with Comply Lead-Free Indicator Tape. **NOTE:** Do not use 3M steam monitoring products with dry heat, chemical vapor, ethylene oxide or other low temperature sterilization processes.

3. Place the test pack or tray in a full load in the most difficult area for steam to reach in the sterilizer. Process the load as usual.

4. After completion of the cycle and while wearing safety glasses and gloves, fully open the sterilizer door for a minimum of 5 minutes prior to removing the Attest biological indicator.

5. If the biological indicator is not contained in a test pack or any other heat absorbing packaging material, remove the biological indicator from the sterilizer and allow to cool for an additional 10 minutes prior to crushing.

6. If the biological indicator is contained in a test pack or other heat absorbing packaging material, the test pack or any other heat absorbing packaging material should be removed from the sterilizer and opened up for 5 minutes to dissipate heat prior to removing the biological indicator. Then allow the biological indicator to cool outside the test pack for an additional 10 minutes prior to crushing.

7. Check the indicator tape on the outside of the test pack for color change to dark brown/black.

8. Check the biological indicator label for a change from rose to brown. Check the chemical integrator for an ACCEPT result. An incomplete color change on the biological indicator label or a REJECT result. On the chemical integrator may indicate an inadequate sterilization process.

9. Incubate the biological indicator as soon as possible. For optimal performance, leave the incubator plugged in at all times.

Interpretation

1. Examine the biological indicator at regular intervals (8, 12, 24 and 48 hours) for any color change. Appearance of a yellow color (a positive readout) indicates bacterial growth and an inadequate sterilization process. A final determination of sterility can be made at 48 hours of incubation for 3M Attest 1262 and 1262P biological indicators.

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3. Record results in the record keeping log book.

Use of Positive Controls

The use of positive controls is required to ensure correct incubation conditions, viability of spores and capability of the medium to promote growth. A non-sterilized 3M Attest 1262 or 1262P biological indicator from the same lot should be used in each incubator each day biological indicators are used as a positive growth control.

Successful Sterilization Process

1. Place a non-sterilized Attest biological indicator in the incubator each day you put in an activated sterilized biological indicator.

2. Examine the positive control indicator at regular intervals such as 8, 12, 24 and 48 hours. Appearance of a yellow color is evidence of bacterial growth. A yellow color in the control vial demonstrates correct incubulation, viability of spores and capability of the medium to promote rapid growth.

3. Record results in the record keeping log book.

4. Dispose of used indicators in accordance with facility policy. You may wish to sterilize any positive indicators at 250°F (121°C) for at least 15 minutes or at 270°F (132°C) for 10 minutes in a gravity displacement steam sterilizer.