

# 3M™ Steri-Drape™ Surgical Packs

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

Are 3M™ Absorbent Prevention Fabric Drapes resistant to fluid strike-through?

**Answer:**

3M Absorbent Prevention Fabric Drapes are resistant to fluid strike-through throughout the entire drape, versus being resistant to strike-through only in the critical zone like many other fabric drapes. 3M Absorbent Prevention Fabric meets the criteria for ANSI/AAMI PB70 barrier performance for protective apparel and surgical drapes as defined in the AAMI Technical Information Report, TIR11:2005 *Selection and use of protective apparel and surgical drape in health care facilities*. In addition, 3M Absorbent Prevention Fabric Drapes meet all of the AORN 2006 Recommended Practices regarding materials, selection and use of surgical drapes. These recommendations represent what are considered to be an optimal level of practice. *2006 Standards, Recommended Practices and Guidelines*, pg. 531-35.

Surgical drape fabrics which are not resistant to fluids have a risk of fluid strike-through and bacterial contamination.

**Question:**

What is the shelf life? or What is the expiration date?

**Answer:**

The shelf life of the product can be determined by the expiration date which is included on the product's labeling. The word LOT in a box and the hourglass are symbols that represent the lot number and expiration date.

The hourglass is followed by a year and month which represent the expiration date (year and month: 2005-10). When the alpha digits are added, the entire line after the hourglass represents the lot number (2005-10 AZ).

**Question:**

What is the flammability rating of 3M surgical drapes?

**For More Information**

Contact your 3M Health Care Sales Representative, or call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at **1-800-228-3957**. These products can be ordered from your local distributor. Outside the United States, contact the local 3M subsidiary.



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**Answer:**

Steri-Drape surgical drapes classify as having normal flammability (Class 1) using the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard CFR 1610 for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles. The test is the current industry standard and is used to differentiate materials having normal flammability from those materials which exhibit rapid and intense burning.



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