

# 3M™ Steri-Drape™ Extremity Drapes

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

What is the difference between 3M™ Steri-Drape™ Absorbent Prevention Fabric and competitive drape fabric?

**Answer:**

Steri-Drape absorbent prevention fabric is the only drape fabric on the market that is impervious to fluid strikethrough throughout the fabric. Drape fabric that is not totally impervious has a risk of fluid strikethrough 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?

**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.

**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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