

3M™ Attest™ Biological Indicators and Test Packs for 250°F/121°C Gravity and 270°F/132°C Vacuum Assisted Steam Sterilizers

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

How long can you delay incubation of the 3M Attest biological indicator?

Answer:

We recommend a biological indicator be incubated as soon as possible so the results can be obtained sooner. 3M has not done testing to determine how long incubation can be delayed. However, there is some data on other self contained biological indicators that suggest incubation can be delayed for up to 5 days (Graham, G.S., and C.A. Boris, Chemical and Biological Indicators, Chapter 3, Sterilization Technology. Edited by Morrissey and Phillips, 1993:36-39.)

Question:

Why do we have a positive Attest biological indicator from a 132 Degrees Celsius (270 Degrees Fahrenheit) vacuum-assisted sterilizer?

Answer:

This could be due to residual air, inadequate vacuum, a steam quality problem, overloading, too dense of a load of packages, incorrect time and temperature.

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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