

3M™ Comply™ Ethylene Oxide Indicator Tapes

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

Can I use indicator tape inside my packs as an internal chemical indicator?

Answer:

Indicator tape is a process indicator; an internal chemical indicator needs to be a Class 4 multi-parameter (i.e., measures 2 or more sterilization parameters) or a Class 5 integrating chemical indicator (i.e., measures all parameters) in order to detect the majority of problems associated with sterilization process failures. A small piece of indicator tape may not detect incorrect sterilization conditions inside the pack.

Question:

How much indicator tape do I need to use on the outside of my packages to detect sterilization process problems?

Answer:

The indicator tape on the top of the pack is the easiest for the sterilant to contact. Create a challenge for the process by placing indicator tape down both sides of the pack. With this technique, you will detect more sterilant penetration problems before the pack is open and the internal chemical indicator is read. This is especially important if internal chemical indicators are not used. With this technique, you will know that the sterilant has contacted both the top and sides of the package during the sterilization cycle.

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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