3M™ Steri-Drape™ Cardiovascular Sheets with Ioban™ 2 Incise Film

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:
Do any of the Steri-Drape cardiovascular drapes contain latex in the drape or packaging?

Answer:
3M Steri-Drape Cardiovascular Drapes and the 6678CV pack do not contain either natural rubber latex or dry natural rubber as components in the product or its packaging.

Question:
Do Steri-Drape cardiovascular drapes come sterile and non-sterile?

Answer:
Steri-Drape cardiovascular drapes are packaged sterile for single use. Sterile packaged drapes are also sold to custom tray assemblers for "piggy-backing" on top of cardiovascular custom trays.

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:
Can an opened but unused drape be resterilized?

Answer:
3M does not recommend resterilization of any of our specialty drapes. However, 3M provides a drape replacement program that will exchange opened and unused 3M drapes for sterile drape product. Please contact your 3M Sales Representative for additional information on the drape replacement program.

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.

Question:
Can 3M Cardiovascular Sheets with Ioban 2 incise drapes be EO sterilized in my Custom Procedure Packs?

Answer:
No, Ioban incise specialty fabric drapes in non-barrier film packaging must be piggy-backed on the outside of a Custom Procedure Pack. Only Ioban incise drapes in barrier film packaging (6640EZ, 6648EZ, 6650EZ, 6651EZ, 6661EZ) can be included in Custom Procedure Packs that undergo EO sterilization. The active ingredient in Ioban 2 incise film is molecular iodine, I_2. It is well documented that when products containing iodine, like Ioban film, come in contact with ethylene oxide, ethylene iodohydrin can be produced. Ethylene iodohydrin can be a skin irritant at sufficient concentrations. For that reason, 3M does not recommend or condone ethylene oxide sterilization of drapes containing Ioban film once the drapes have been removed from their barrier film packaging (Ioban EZ incise drapes), or Ioban incise specialty fabric drapes in non-barrier film packaging. Another antimicrobial drape containing iodine cannot be the same as a 3M Ioban incise film if a product claim is made that the drape can be EO sterilized.

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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