

# 3M™ Sterilization Assurance Quick Reference Guide

For 3M™ Attest™ Auto-reader 390\* and 3M™ Attest™ Rapid Readout Biological Indicators (BIs)\*\*

1	Cool		Allow test BI to cool at least 10 minutes.
2	Close		While wearing safety glasses, close the cap of the cooled BI by pushing the cap down.
3	Crush		Hold BI by cap and use “crusher well” to crush the media ampoule.
4	Tap		Holding BI by cap, tap the bottom of the vial on the counter until media wets spore strip.
5	Place		Place the activated BI in color-coded incubation well.
6	Interpret Result		Observe LCD panel under incubating BIs for negative (–) or positive (+) result. The positive control should read positive (+). A positive result for a test (processed) BI, which indicates a sterilization process failure, should be acted upon immediately.
7	Record		Record result for both test BI (processed) and positive control BI (unprocessed).

## Optional Visual pH Color Change Result



### Negative

- Media remains purple.
- A negative pH color change result can be assessed at 24 hours for Attest™ biological indicators 1291 and at 48 hours for Attest™ biological indicators 1292.



### Positive

- A media color change from purple to yellow indicates a positive result.
- The biological indicator may be discarded as soon as the positive result has been observed and documented.



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