



REUSABLE LARYNGOSCOPE HANDLES AND BLADES

INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR REPROCESSING FLEXICARE REUSABLE LARYNGOSCOPE HANDLES & BLADES:

Reprocessing should be undertaken by specialists with the necessary training and understanding of the process and equipment. These instructions are intended for use by these specialists and should be read in conjunction with all other relevant manufacturer's instructions, hospital policies, local guidelines/regulations.

Immediately after use and before cleaning, remove the batteries and light source from the laryngoscope.

To remove from a conventional blade, unscrew the bulb from the fitting.

To remove the light source from a fibre optic handle, unscrew the knurled housing from the underside of the blade block.

Remove the blade from the handle and immerse both soiled components in a holding solution of disinfectant/enzyme solution.

Precautions

- Use pre-approved packaging designed for use with your sterilisation equipment.
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions.
- Prior to sterilisation, ensure the handle and blade is completely dry and visually clean. If contaminants are visible, repeat the decontamination/cleaning procedure.
- Always wear appropriate PPE and handle devices and materials with care.
- If the device will be unused for prolonged periods, remove the batteries prior to storing.
- Always check the condition of the batteries by switching on the light source before commencing clinical procedure.

Warnings and Cautions

- Avoid using mineral acids and abrasive agents.
- DO NOT use sterilants with caustic ingredients, such as surgical scrub solutions, peroxide solutions, bleaches, or povidone-iodine solutions.
- DO NOT sterilise along with sub-standard stainless steel instruments as this may cause severe damage.
- No part of the process should exceed 138°C.
- Ultrasonic cleaning and flash autoclaving is not recommended.

Decontamination/Cleaning

Clean the removed light source using a cloth dampened with 70% isopropyl alcohol.

Disassembled handles and blades should be decontaminated as soon as possible after use by either:

A. Automated washer/disinfector:

Use only validated washer/disinfectors and cleaning agents. Follow the washer/disinfector manufacturer's instructions for use, warning and recommended cycles.

B. Manual processing:

Use dedicated equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Fully submerge the laryngoscope handle/blade in a compatible dilute detergent solution. Brush/scrub/wipe all surfaces to remove all visual contamination.

Remove from the solution and allow to drain.

Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow to drain before drying.

Sterilisation

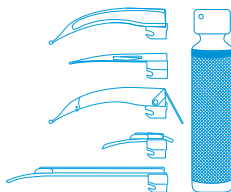
Flexicare recommends reprocessing laryngoscopes blades and handles through sterilisation. Follow instructions and warnings as issued by manufacturers of any decontaminates, disinfectants and cleaning agents used.

Please adhere to the following laryngoscope autoclave parameters:

Temp: 134 -138°C, Pressure: 2.25bar, Cycle time: 3 minutes

Other forms of sterilisation may be available such as an Orthophthalaldehyde (OPA) soak and Ethylene Oxide (≤65°C). These are suitable only if used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If in doubt, consult the manufacturer.

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SYMBOLS GLOSSARY



Catalogue
Number



Batch Code



Product
conforms with
Directive
93/42/EEC



Consult
Instructions
for Use



Caution



Non-sterile



Product not
made with
Phthalate
DEHP



Product not
made with
natural rubber
latex



Manufactured
by



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Before Next Use

After reprocessing, refit the light source and reassemble the fibre optic handle/ refit the bulb into a conventional blade. To test function, fit the batteries and connect blade to the handle. Pull blade to open position. If unit fails to illuminate or light flickers, check the security of the bulb and batteries.

Batteries

Refer to the battery manufacturer's guidelines on use and disposal of batteries.

The following batteries are recommended:

PART NUMBER BATTERY TYPE

040-021U/011U 2x C

040-022U/012U 2x AA

040-023U/013U 2x AA

040-813U 2x C

040-814U 2x AA

040-815U 1x CR 123 (Li-on)

040-811U/821U 2x C

040-812U/822U 2x AA

040-823U/824U 2x AA

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