

Test Sponge Instructions

Step 1



Swab

1. Follow proper bedside cleaning and cleaning protocols established by the individual endoscope's product number and SOP's.
2. On the SafeStep hand held device press the power switch and let it calibrate for 60 seconds, a countdown on the screen will inform you when it has finished.
3. Choose the appropriate size Test Sponge to match the diameter of the scope channel.
4. Dip the Test Sponge in sterile water for easier maneuverability through channel.
5. Pass Test Sponge through the scope channel or instrument cannula.

Step 2



Swab, Snap and Shake

1. Remove the Test Sponge from channel being careful that the tip does not come into contact with anything.
2. Remove the Test Swab from the tube and place the tip of the Test Sponge into the tube.
3. Cut the tip off using clean/sterile scissors. (Note: it's not required to have the scissors be sterile, however they must be cleaned daily or there's a potential to negatively affect readings.)
4. Use the Test Swab to swab the ports and outside sheathing of the flexible instrument or scope.
5. Replace the Test Swab into the tube with the tip of the Test Sponge and snap the top to release the reagent.
6. Squeeze the bulb several times to get the reagent to the bottom, and gently shake for 3 seconds.
7. After snapping the top of the Test Swab place the Test Swab into the SafeStep hand held device within 60 seconds to insure proper reading.

Step 3



Verify

1. Insert the Test Swab tube into the hand held device, close and press the OK button.
2. Allow the unit to countdown 15 seconds, there-by displaying the amount of ATP that is present in the test sample.
3. Readings at or below 45 indicate that the surface is considered clean for surgical instruments and scopes.
4. If the reading is greater than 45, the surface is considered dirty and should be recleaned and tested again until it passes.

Application	Recommended Pass/Fail Criteria	
	Pass (RLU)	Fail (RLU)
Scopes and Surgical Instruments	0-45	46 and over
Sterile Processing - General (packing tables, counter tops, etc.)	0-45	46 and over
Washer Disinfectant	0-45	46 and over
Hand Hygiene	0-200	201 and over

Step 4



Download

1. At the end of each day/shift, the hand held device will need to be synced to a pc where the readings are downloaded to the SafeStep Monitoring Software.
2. The downloaded data can then be used to produce detailed reports to monitor cleaning history and determine the effectiveness of the cleaning procedures.
3. After the information has been uploaded into the computer, you may now power down the hand held device and unhook it. (The hand held device automatically stores readings and can be turned off when not in use)