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Dear Valued STERIS Customer :

STERIS is very excited to announce the latest development for **V-PRO® Sterilizers**.

Effective today, 13 new materials and coatings were added to the list of materials compatible with VAPROX® HC Sterilant. This is the first time in history these materials can be sterilized using hydrogen peroxide gas.

The following have been added to the list of materials compatible with VAPROX HC Sterilant:

- Ceramic
- Cobalt-chrome
- Copper
- Diamond
- Gold
- Nitinol
- Platinum
- Ruby
- Santoprene
- Sapphire
- Silver
- Tungsten and Tungsten carbide

Examples of devices made of these materials which can now be sterilized in the V-PRO Sterilizers:

- Surgical instruments such as forceps, clamps, and scissors and electroplating on surgical devices
- ENT and Ophthalmology probes; cataract instruments
- Cardiology and vascular devices such as vascular dilators, defibrillators and heart pumps
- Orthopedic devices arthroscopic instruments and attachments
- Ophthalmic, neurology and certain surgical laser systems
- Surgical knife blades

This exciting claim extension requires no hardware or software changes, and is immediately applicable to your existing V-PRO Sterilizers; no additional purchase is required.

Attached, for your records, is an updated list of materials compatible with VAPROX HC Sterilant including the claims extension from K172319.



STERIS made this improvement in response to Customer feedback and ongoing evaluation of current V-PRO Sterilizer Customers' use of these systems. STERIS identified devices made of these materials were frequently requested by Customers to be sterilized in V-PRO Sterilizers as they transitioned away from other device reprocessing methods. As a result, STERIS recognized that extending the list of materials compatible with VAPROX HC Sterilant would benefit a significant number of our Customers. We are always seeking to continuously improve our reprocessing solutions for you, and believe you will find this product improvement helpful in increasing the productivity and return on investment of your V-PRO Sterilizers.

No action is required on your part to take advantage of these expanded claim. Please keep the attached list of materials compatible with VAPROX HC Sterilant in your records to use as a reference when determining the suitability of V-PRO Sterilizers for reprocessing devices. If necessary, update your quality management system to reference this new list.

In addition to this new claim, STERIS is also excited to announce the Celerity™ 20 HP Biological Indicator is now able to be used in the STERRAD® 100NX, 100S, and NX Sterilizers. For more information about the Celerity™ 20 HP Biological Indicator, visit steris.com/celerity.

In the event you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact STERIS Customer Service or your local account manager. Thank you for your continued support of the V-PRO Sterilizers product family and of STERIS!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Lazzara".

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