SAMPLE PRODUCT PROCEDURE -- M3398EN
VERIFY® All Clean™ Test Washer Indicator

Product Numbers:
LCC012  Verify All Clean Test Washer Indicator Strips
LCC010  Verify All Clean Test Washer Indicator Holder

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Title:
Monitoring and verifying automated instrument washer/disinfector cycles with the use of the Verify All Clean Test Washer Indicator.

Purpose:
Health care personnel should perform verification testing on all mechanical cleaning equipment as part of the overall quality assurance program. Methods of verification include: directly testing individual instruments for residual soils, employing a test device that is a consistent and repeatable challenge to the cleaning effectiveness of the equipment; and monitoring critical parameters to evaluate the performance of the mechanical cleaning equipment. Mechanical cleaning equipment should be tested upon installation, each day that it is used, and after major repairs.
(ANSI/AAMI – ST79:2017, 13.2)
Procedures:
NOTE: The washer/disinfector loads will be monitored with the Verify All Clean Test Washer Indicator.

Equipment Inspection:
1) Follow manufacturer’s guidelines concerning inspection of the automated washer/disinfector. This can include, but is not limited to, spray arm rotation, spray arm clogging, screen maintenance, and chemistry supply lines leading from the source to the washing equipment.
2) Ensure cycle parameters are set to desired levels.

Initiating the Cycle:
1) Ensure the All Clean Test Indicator strip is within expiration date.
2) Ensure the All Clean Test Holder is clean and dry.
3) Place one All Clean Test indicator into the holder ensuring it is centrally placed and not protruding from either side.
4) At the beginning of each day, the device should be run in a complete EMPTY load to establish a control.
5) Place the device (indicator inside holder) into a wire basket.
6) Device can be placed on every level of the rack being processed.
7) Orientation of the device should be with one of the soil stains flat on the wire basket and the other soil stain orientated vertically. See Verify All Clean Test Indicator Wall Chart for Illustration.
8) Load the rack into the automated washer chamber.
9) Close the chamber door, and start the cycle.
10) Select the standard Instrument Cycle from the washer control.

Upon Completion of the Cycle:
1) Review the cycle print out to ensure all the processing parameters were met (i.e. time, temperature).
2) Once the chamber door opens, ensure the rack exits the chamber.
3) Carefully remove the device from the basket and carefully remove the All Clean Test Indicator from the holder.
4) Caution should be used, as the device may be hot.
5) Inspect the indicator for evidence of soil by placing the plastic film against a white background (e.g. the background of the All Clean Test Indicator Wall Chart).
6) Compare the results against the sample outcomes provided on the All Clean Wall Test Indicator Chart.
7) If evidence of soil remains on the indicator, the result is a FAIL.
8) If no evidence of soil remains on the indicator, the result is a PASS.
9) Consult the All Clean Test Indicator Wall Chart for troubleshooting and diagnosis of the failure.
10) Record results on a log sheet.
11) File the cycle print out and All Clean Test Indicator Strip in accordance with departmental procedures.