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**Technical Data Monograph  
S40® Sterilant Concentrate and  
SYSTEM 1® endo Liquid Chemical  
Sterilant Processing System**

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**SYSTEM 1 endo LIQUID CHEMICAL STERILANT PROCESSING SYSTEM  
TECHNICAL DATA EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:  
MICROBIAL EFFICACY AND WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM VALIDATION**

**MICROBIAL EFFICACY VALIDATION**

The technical data generated demonstrate effective and reproducible liquid chemical sterilization through a three tier testing system, including standardized potency tests, laboratory simulated-use tests, and clinical in-use tests for the SYSTEM 1® endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System.<sup>1</sup>

**Potency Tests**

The standard potency test battery listed in the January 2000 FDA Guidance for Liquid Chemical Sterilants/High Level Disinfectants under worst case conditions as summarized in **(Table 1)**, passed when using S40® Sterilant Concentrate.

**Table 1: Summary of Potency Tests conducted for S40 Sterilant Concentrate**

Test	Replicates	Test Result
AOAC Sporocidal Test Official Method 966.04	960	Free of Viable Microorganisms
Quantitative Suspension Test against Mycobacterium	8	Average Kill Rate for a 1 log Reduction in Population = 2 Seconds
Fungicidal Activity of Disinfectants AOAC Method 955.17	10	Free of Viable Microorganisms
Bactericidal Activity, Use-Dilution AOAC Methods 955.14, 955.15, 964.02	180	Free of Viable Microorganisms
Virucidal Tests DIS/T55-7	12	Complete Inactivation

**Simulated-Use Tests**

Laboratory simulated-use tests were conducted for S40 Sterilant Concentrate in a manual soak application as well as in a Processor. Medical devices were contaminated with the most resistant organism, *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores, at greater than a 10<sup>6</sup> challenge level. The medical devices were processed under worst case use conditions and then harvested to determine if there were any surviving organisms. **(Table 2)** lists the seven evaluated devices which were reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized after exposure to sterilant use dilution\* either during manual soak or in a Processor, i.e., no viable organisms were recovered after exposure to use dilution.

*\* Throughout this publication sterilant use dilution refers to the dilution created when the Processor dilutes the S40 Sterilant Concentrate within the processing chamber.*

**In-Use Test**

Clinical in-use tests were conducted at various healthcare facilities to show that patient soiled devices were successfully processed in the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System. **(Table 2)** lists the evaluated device types which were reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized after the completion of a processing cycle in the Processor.

<sup>1</sup> References to **SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System** refer to the **SYSTEM 1 endo Processor** and the **S40 Sterilant Concentrate**. References to the **SYSTEM 1 endo Processor** refer to the Processor alone and not to the Sterilant Concentrate.

**Table 2. Summary of Simulated-Use and Clinical In-Use Tests for  
S40 Sterilant Concentrate**

Device Type	# Free of Viable Microorganisms /# Conducted		
	Simulated-Use		In Use
	Manual Soak	In Processor	
Colonoscope	6/6	6/6	3/3
Bronchoscope	6/6	6/6	3/3
Duodenoscope/Gastroscope	6/6	6/6	3/3
Choledochofiberscope/Cystoscope/ Hysteroscope	6/6	6/6	3/3
Ureteroscope/Telescope	6/6	6/6	6/6
Camera	6/6	6/6	3/3
Light Cord	6/6	6/6	3/3

*Conclusion*

S40 Sterilant Concentrate is microbially effective against a wide variety of organisms and under worst case conditions achieves a 6 log reduction of the most resistant organism. Under clinical conditions the devices evaluated were liquid chemically sterilized.

**WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM VALIDATION**

The water treatment system of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor prepares the rinse water by treating US EPA potable water through two stages: (1) Pre-filtration through two pre-filters that remove particles/contaminants > 0.1 micron (2) 0.2 micron filtration that is achieved by redundant, 0.2-micron [absolute rated] membranes to remove bacteria, fungi and protozoa > 0.2 micron through the MaxLife® Water Filter. The filtration efficacy was validated under worst case conditions of operation.

## WATER FILTRATION

After pre-filtration, the potable water is filtered through two pharmaceutical sterilizing-grade 0.2 micron filter membranes to remove bacteria, fungi and protozoa > 0.2 micron from the rinse water. The effectiveness of the filter membranes was validated following ASTM F838-05 using the *Brevundimonas diminuta* challenge organism identified in the test method. Prior to the challenge to validate a filter life of 180 days, the MaxLife Water Filters had been exposed to > 940 liquid chemical sterilization cycles in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. The filters were able to remove all of the challenge bacteria at a challenge level >  $1 \times 10^7$  colony forming units (CFU) per  $\text{cm}^2$  of effective filtration area, see (Table 3).

**Table 3. Validation Challenge of the MaxLife Water Filter**

Challenge Organism	Filter Number	Challenge Level (CFU*/ $\text{cm}^2$ )	Organism Recovered
<i>Brevundimonas diminuta</i>	1	$1.4 \times 10^7$	0
	2	$1.7 \times 10^7$	0
	3	$1.1 \times 10^7$	0

\* CFU = Colony Forming Units

### Conclusion

All bacteria, fungi and protozoa > 0.2 micron are retained at the end of filter use life by the MaxLife Water Filter.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Technical Data Monograph illustrates the principles of operation, outlines the processor cycle, and provides data to support performance claims of the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System. Performance data are presented supporting microbial efficacy, material compatibility, non-toxicity, and safe residue levels achieved with the Processor.

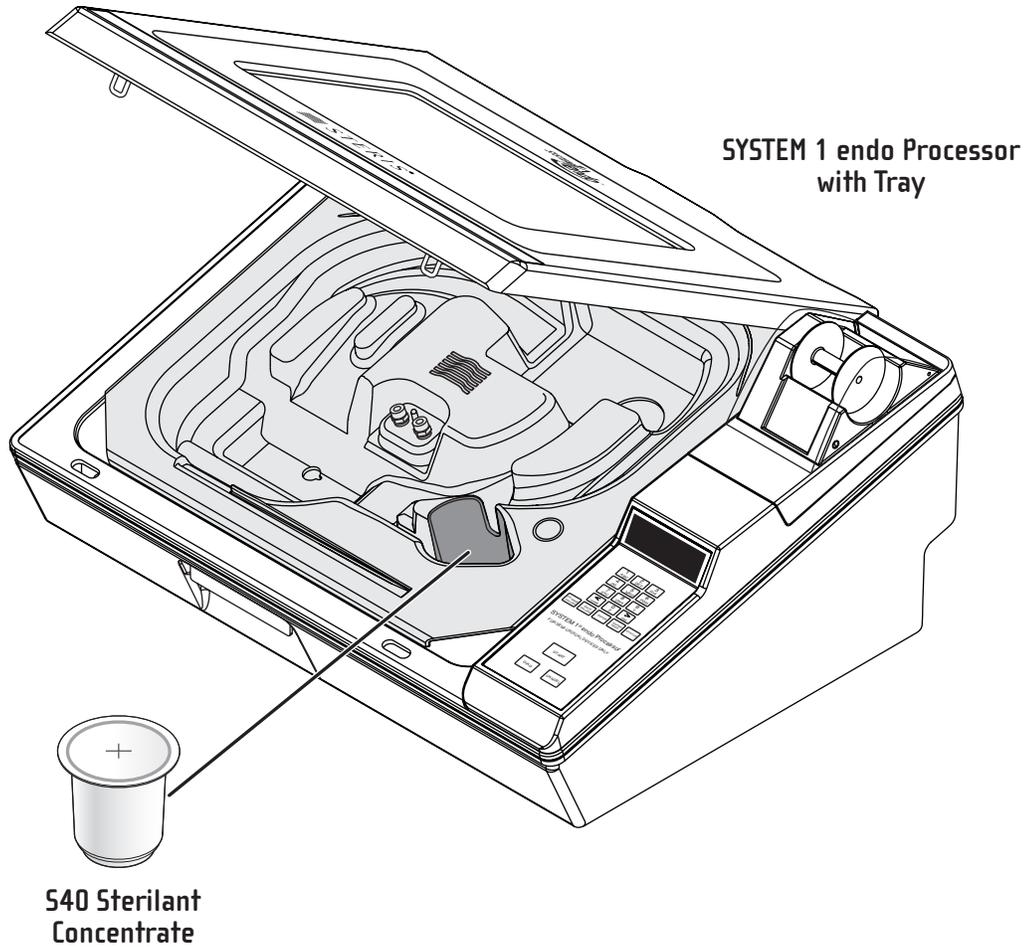
The SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System is intended for liquid chemical sterilization of cleaned, immersible, and reusable semi-critical heat-sensitive medical devices and their accessories in healthcare facilities.

The principal features of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor include:

- Automated, easy-to-use, microprocessor control panel with unalterable, standardized processing and diagnostic cycles
- Liquid chemical sterilization using low temperature, liquid immersion
- Proprietary, single use, chemical formulation of germicide sealed in its own delivery system
- Automated delivery and dilution of the sterilant concentrate
- Two rinses, following liquid chemical sterilization, with water that has been treated by:
  - ◆ Filtration through 3/2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and 0.6/0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  layered filters to remove particulates
  - ◆ Filtration through a 0.2/0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  layered filter to remove bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron in size
- Air entering the processor chamber during draining of the liquid is passed through a 0.2 micron membrane filter to remove air-borne contaminants
- Process monitoring and load documentation
- Technology to accommodate a broad spectrum of heat-sensitive endoscopes and their accessories
- System features and functions designed for the safety of patients, healthcare workers, medical devices, and the environment
- System designed for ease of maintenance

The **(Figure A)** shows components of the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System. These components include the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor (including a tray inside of the chamber) and S40 Sterilant Concentrate.

**Figure A: S40 Sterilant Concentrate and Processor Tray used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Sterilant Processing System**

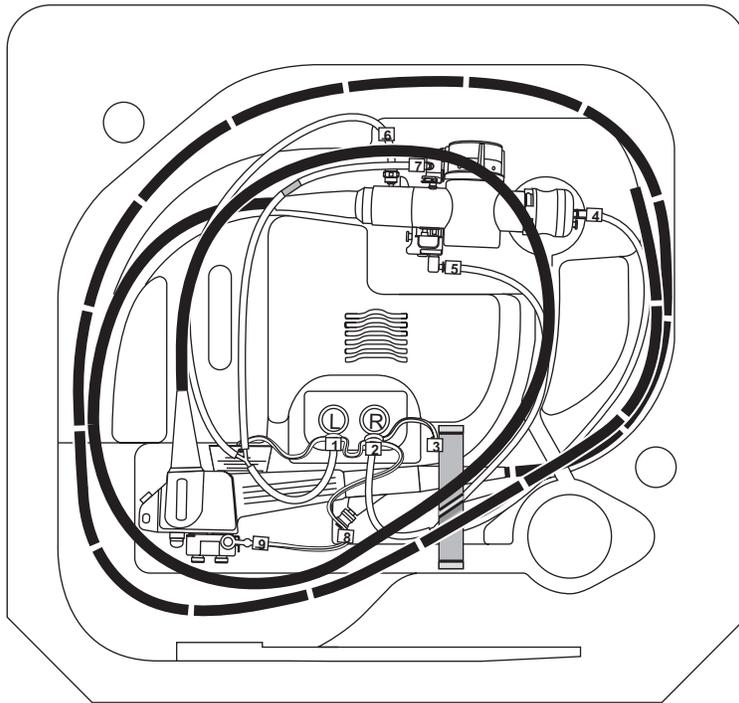


## PRINCIPLES OF OPERATION

When used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor, the interchangeable processor trays and associated Quick Connects (QCs) (see **Figure B** for example) provide for effective delivery of the sterilant use dilution. The 0.2 micron filtered rinse water removes bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron from endoscopes and their accessories.

Cleaned, semi-critical heat-sensitive endoscopes are loaded into the appropriate processing tray. There are five different processor tray configurations for use in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. Each tray has unique features that are designed to maintain devices in the appropriate positions for optimal liquid chemical sterilization of the different manufacturer's endoscope design features or for procedure-specific sets of devices. Assistance in selecting the specific tray to use can be found by consulting the STERIS device matrix (available online at [www.steris.com](http://www.steris.com)). This online device matrix also identifies the appropriate Quick Connect to attach the lumens of the specified device to the tray/container ports.

**Figure B: Drawing of Tray with a Loaded Endoscope, Attached QC, and Container Well for S40 Sterilant Concentrate**



The container well of the processor tray is the insertion location for S40 Sterilant Concentrate. An aspirator probe, attached to the tray, is inserted into the container at the + mark located on the lid of the container.

Once the lid is closed, the [START] button is pressed. When the Processor is filled with water, the pump activates, dissolving the dry powder Builders and mixing the peracetic acid. The endoscopes are completely submerged in liquid during the processor cycle. The Quick Connects direct fluid flow through all lumens of the endoscope (see detailed discussion of the Quick Connects). The sterilant use dilution is circulated throughout the chamber, liquid chemically sterilizing the load.

At the conclusion of the Exposure Phase, the processor contents and chamber are drained and then rinsed two times with filtered potable hot water.

The Processor can be opened and the liquid chemically sterilized device is ready for immediate use or can be prepared for storage according to the endoscope manufacturer's written instructions for drying and storage following a liquid chemical disinfection or sterilization process. Commonly recommended practices may include, for example, drying with a soft cloth, flushing with instrument air, and/or hanging in a ventilated cabinet.

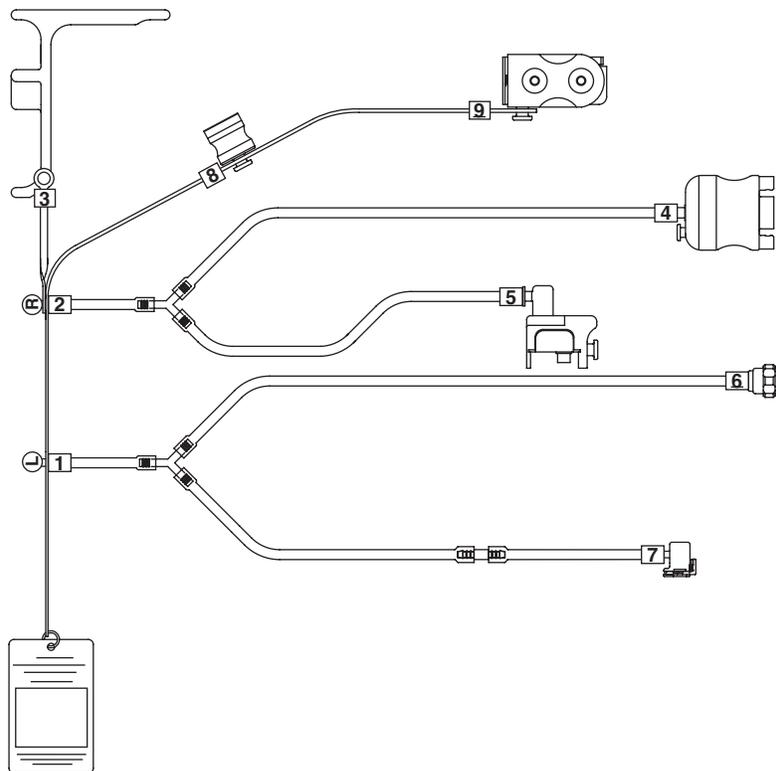
Filtered water used for dissolution and dilution of 540 Sterilant Concentrate and for effective rinsing of the processed endoscopes and accessories is delivered by the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

- EPA potable water is pre-filtered through a dual filter set to remove particulates as small as 2.5 microns in size with the A pre-filter, and as small as 0.1 micron with the B pre-filter
- The treated water is then passed through a pharmaceutical sterilizing-grade dual-layered filter (0.2/0.2 microns) to remove bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron in size before being used to fill the Processor

## QUICK CONNECTS

The unique design of the processor trays permits a wide variety of heat-sensitive devices to be loaded into the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. Quick Connects (see **(Figure C)**) are available and have been validated by STERIS for those devices identified in the STERIS device matrix available online at [www.steris.com](http://www.steris.com). Each Quick Connect includes processing instructions for the devices included in the STERIS device matrix. When properly attached, the sterilant use dilution is flowed through all channels simultaneously. Some devices can be processed through the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System without the use of Quick Connects. Before using the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System, check the STERIS device matrix (available online at [www.steris.com](http://www.steris.com)) to determine whether or not a Quick Connect is required for processing in the system, and if so, determine the appropriate Quick Connect model.

**Figure C: Example of a Quick Connect Flow Unit Showing Endoscope Connections, Tubing, Device Support, and Quick Reference Card**



## CONSUMABLES

### 540 Sterilant Concentrate

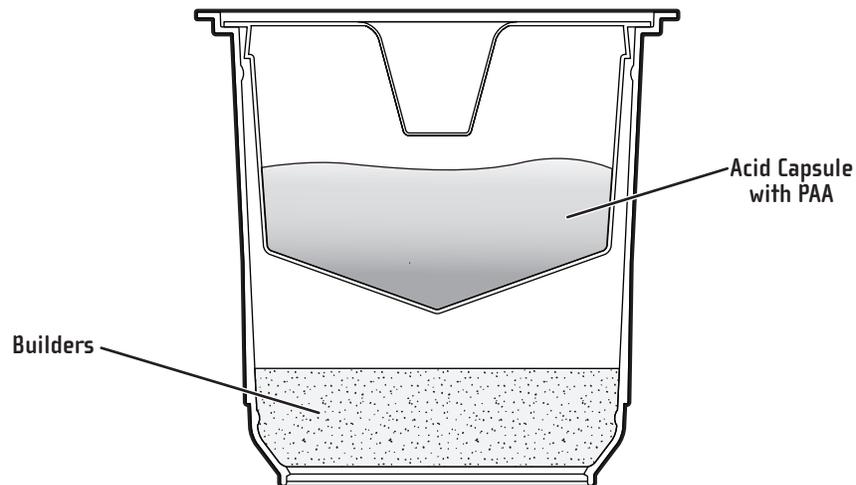
540 Sterilant Concentrate is a proprietary, two-part formulation labeled for use in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. It delivers the pre-measured components from a single-use container. A proprietary formulation of dry powder Builders, the inert ingredients, is in the lower compartment of the container. When packaged, the upper compartment contains the active ingredient, a nominally 35.5% solution of peracetic acid (PAA). The two components are mixed with water during the automated cycle providing a sterilant use dilution capable of:

- Liquid chemical sterilization of processed endoscopes
- Buffering the sterilant use dilution
- Inhibiting corrosion of metals, polymers, and other materials

The container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate (**Figure D**) has been engineered to provide a safe and easy-to-use product for healthcare workers. The single use carton allows for convenient storage of the liquid chemical sterilant container. It can only be loaded into the tray container well in one orientation. The concentration and volume of the PAA in the container is sufficient to provide a 6-month shelf life from date of manufacture of 540 Sterilant Concentrate, when stored according to labeling.

The liquid compartment of the container allows gases generated from the normal degradation of the PAA to escape and not build-up pressure during transportation and storage of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. A room with standard ventilation and temperature control are the only requirements needed for storage of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. An empty container is safe for disposal without special treatment by the healthcare worker when removed from the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

**Figure D: Cut Away Figure Showing Labeled Components and Orientation for the Assembled Container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate**



## PROCESSING CYCLE

The SYSTEM 1 endo Processor provides a fully automated and validated processing cycle. It is a self-contained system that creates and maintains the conditions necessary for liquid chemical sterilization. The processing cycle of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor consists of:

1. Fill Phase
2. Warm/Mix Phase
3. Exposure Phase
4. Two Rinse Phases
5. Air Purge Phase

The critical process parameters are:

- Contact Time
- Use Dilution Temperature
- Peracetic Acid Concentration
- Dual-layered 0.2 micron filter integrity and use life time remaining

Prior to the start of each new cycle, a new container of S40 Sterilant Concentrate is placed into the sterilant well of the installed interchangeable tray.

In the Fill Phase, when the supply water reaches a minimum of 43°C (109°F), it enters the processing chamber to dissolve and mix the dry powder components. During the Warm/Mix Phase, the pump activates and siphons the concentrated PAA solution into the processing chamber. To ensure a suitable sterilant use dilution temperature and uniform concentration of the active ingredient, the components are mixed for the next 1.6 to 5 minutes (depending on in-coming water temperature) within the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

The liquid chemical sterilization occurs during the 6 minute Exposure Phase. The PAA concentration will be  $\geq 1820$  mg/L. The use dilution is continuously circulated throughout the processing chamber, including circulation over every surface and through the lumens of the endoscopes. The water is heated to a controlled temperature and will be between 46-55°C (115-131°F) during the Exposure Phase.

After the liquid chemical sterilization, at the end of the Exposure Phase, the use dilution drains and the tray empties while 0.2 micron filtered air enters the chamber. Two Rinse Phases follow using 0.2 micron filtered potable hot water that is filtered through two pre-filters and filtered again through a 0.2/0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  multi-laminate bacteria retentive MaxLife Water Filter. After rinsing, an Air Purge Phase follows in which air is pulled through a 0.2 micron HEPA filter and circulated through the endoscope channels to help remove excess water.

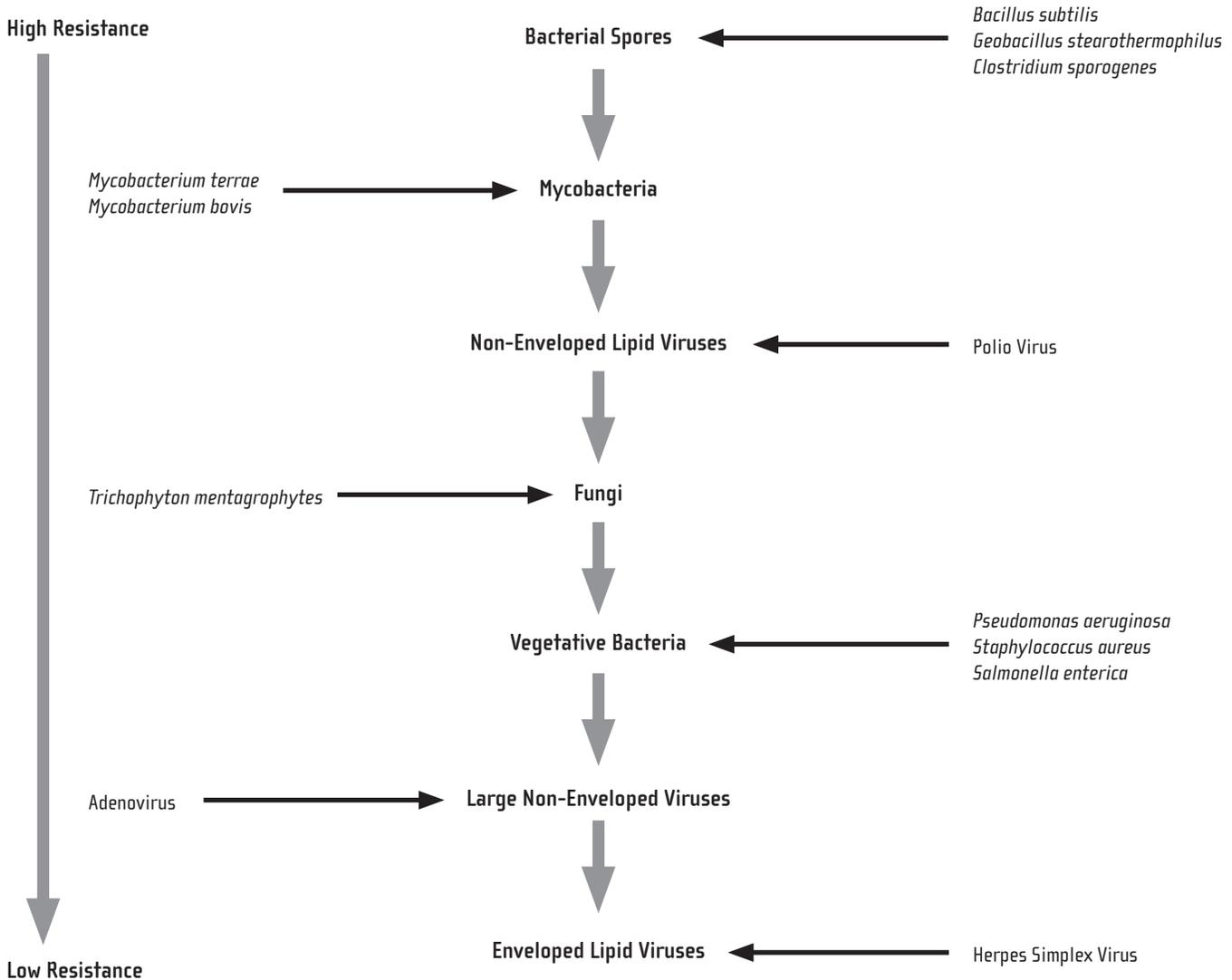
The processor cycle time is approximately 19 minutes.

# PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

## Microbial Efficacy Testing

Microbial efficacy testing was conducted using standard *in vitro* methods with various organisms to confirm the efficacy of the liquid chemical sterilization solution provided by S40 Sterilant Concentrate. As depicted in (Figure E), an assortment of organisms, from those with low resistance to most germicides (vegetative bacteria), to those with the highest known resistance to most germicides (bacterial spores), were tested after exposure to sterilant use dilution.

**Figure E: Classes of Microorganism Ranked from Least to Most Susceptible to Chemical Disinfectants (S. Block, 4th Edition, 1991)**



## Potency Testing:

Potency testing was performed with a variety of organisms to challenge 540 Sterilant Concentrate. Testing was conducted using the following parameters:

- PAA concentration of < 1820 mg/L (minimum recommended concentration)
- Temperature of  $\leq 43^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Exposure time of six minutes or less (for testing purposes)
- Hard water concentration of  $\sim 140$  ppm
- All testing was performed *in vitro*
- All testing was performed with End of Shelf Life (EOSL) 540 Sterilant Concentrate
- Methods allowing organic (5% serum) and inorganic (hard water) challenge present in the inocula (Tuberculocidal, Virucidal, and Fungicidal) incorporated these challenges

Test methodologies, number of product lots tested, and replicates performed were compliant with the document "Guidance for Industry and FDA Reviewers: Content and Format of Premarket Notification [510(k)] Submissions for Liquid Chemical Sterilants/High Level Disinfectants", 01/03/00. Results are summarized in **(Table 1)**.

**Table 1: Summary of Potency Testing**

Testing	Method(s)	Test Organism	Lots Tested	Replicates	Outcome Following Exposure	Result
Bacterial Spores	AOAC 966.04	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	3	720	No Growth	Pass
		<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i>				
	AOAC 966.04 Confirmatory Test	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1	240	No Growth	Pass
		<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i>				
Mycobacteria	Tuberculocidal Activity Ascenzi Quantitative Suspension Test	<i>Mycobacterium terrae</i>	2	8	Average Kill Rate = 2.0 seconds	Pass
Virus	EPS Virucidal Testing (DIS/T55-7, 11/81)	Poliovirus Type 1	1	4	Complete Inactivation	Pass
		Adenovirus Type 5	1	4	Complete Inactivation	Pass
		Herpes simplex virus Type 1	1	4	Complete Inactivation	Pass
Fungus	AOAC 955.17	<i>Trichophyton mentagrophytes</i>	1	10	No Growth	Pass
Vegetative Bacteria	AOAC 955.14	<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	1	60	No Growth	Pass
	AOAC 955.15	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1	60	No Growth	Pass
	AOAC 962.02	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	1	60	No Growth	Pass

### Conclusion for Potency Testing

All potency requirements for a liquid chemical sterilant are met by 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

## Microbial Lethality Kinetics:

Kill kinetics testing was performed to identify the most resistant organism to PAA, as well as to characterize the kill rate for the sterilant use dilution.

Previous unpublished data compared the kill rates of various organisms exposed to PAA with a focus on bacterial spores. Results from this testing determined that *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* was identified to be the most resistant organism (MRO) to PAA.

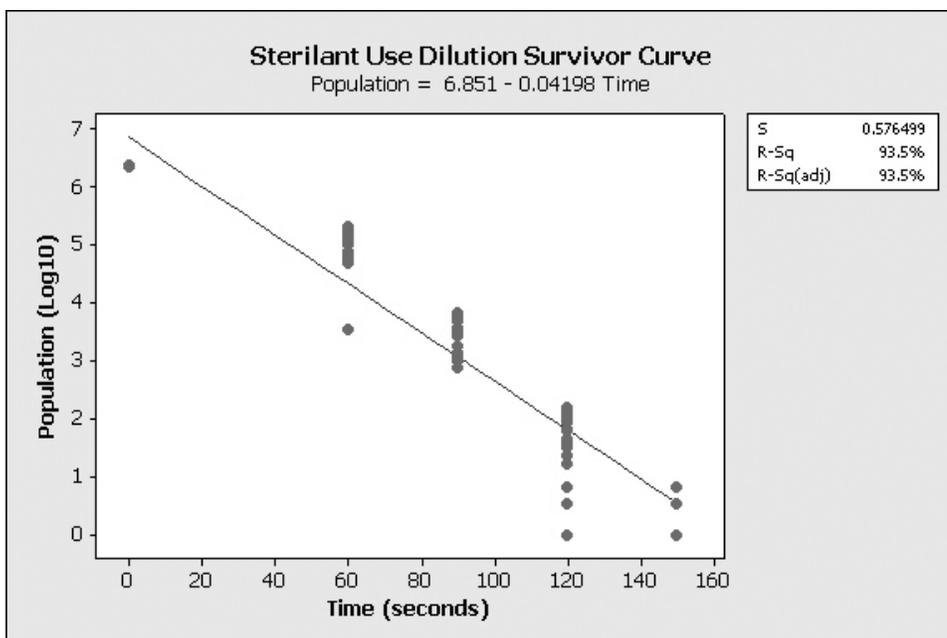
Kill kinetics testing was then performed using the most resistant organism to characterize the efficacy for the use dilution. Testing was performed using the following parameters:

- PAA concentration was  $\leq 1820$  mg/L
- Temperature was  $\leq 43^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Inorganic burden amongst the trials was equally distributed to include:
  - ♦ DI water
  - ♦ 140 ppm hard water
  - ♦ 140 ppm hard water with heavy metals
- Organic burden amongst the trials was equally distributed to include:
  - ♦ With 1% serum
  - ♦ Without 1% serum
- Each inorganic/organic burden combination was performed in triplicate (18 total trials)

Testing was performed by preparing a volume of use dilution using specified amounts of the 540 Sterilant Concentrate. The use dilution was inoculated with *G. stearothermophilus* at  $\sim 10^6$  CFU/mL. Aliquots of the inoculated use dilution were sampled at designated time intervals, neutralized, serially diluted, plated on growth media, and incubated to determine the resulting population present at a given time point.

A statistical analysis of the data from all 18 trials determined that the kill kinetics did not vary significantly between trials. Therefore, results from all 18 trials were pooled together and a survivor curve was plotted (**Figure F**). Linear regression analysis of the data was performed. The resulting analysis determined that the kill kinetics, time to kill one log of the MRO, under the test conditions was  $\sim 24$  seconds with an adjusted R-squared value of 93.5%. The high R-squared value indicates good linearity in the data. All controls (positive, negative, neutralization) performed as required.

**Figure F: Survivor Curve for Sterilant Use Dilution**



### Conclusion for Microbial Lethality Kinetics

Under the test conditions and time range evaluated, kill kinetics of  $\sim 24$  seconds has been measured for 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

## Medical Device Testing

### Manual Soak Testing:

To demonstrate the effectiveness for liquid chemical sterilization of medical devices with the sterilant use dilution, STERIS conducted manual static soak testing of representative challenging medical devices with respect to size and features that are difficult to liquid chemically sterilize.

*[Manual soak testing was performed for validation purposes only and is not a recommended practice, nor is it practical, for the end use of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. This product is intended for use in an integrated, software controlled SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.]*

Four flexible endoscopes and a device set were used to verify that liquid chemical sterilization was reproducibly achieved with sterilant use dilution. The device set consisted of a GyruS ACMI Semi-Rigid Ureteroscope, a Karl Storz or Dyonics Camera and a Karl Storz Light Cord.

Testing was performed using the following parameters:

- Spores of the most resistant organism, *Geobacillus stearothermophilus*, were suspended in an organic (5% serum) and inorganic (400 ppm hard water) challenge
- Devices were air dried for  $\geq 30$  minutes prior to processing
- PAA concentration of  $< 1820$  mg/L
- Temperature of  $\leq 43^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Exposure time was six minutes
- Hard water concentration was  $\sim 140$  ppm

The test organism was inoculated into all internal channels. Selected external sites were also inoculated. Three replicate trials were performed for each endoscope or device set. Three additional trials were also performed with use dilution of End of Shelf Life (EOSL) 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

Exposure of the devices was performed in a basin filled with use dilution, at a concentration less than the minimum recommended concentration of PAA (1820 mg/L). Following exposure, devices were sequentially rinsed twice with sterile water. Selected external surface sites and all internal channels were harvested following sterile rinsing.

Acceptable performance was demonstrated when each trial resulted in complete elimination of viable test organism. Results from this testing are presented in **(Table 2)**. All controls (positive, negative, recovery and neutralization) performed as required.

**Table 2: Manual Soak Testing with Sterilant Use Dilution**

Medical Device		Recoverable Challenge (CFU/device)	Test Organism Recovered					
			Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5	Trial 6
Olympus Colonoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fujinon Bronchoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olympus Duodenoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pentax Peroral Choledochofiberscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Device Set	Gyrus ACMI Semi-Rigid Ureteroscope	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dyonics Camera	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0			
	Karl Storz Camera	> 10 <sup>6</sup>				0	0	0
	Karl Storz Light Cord	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Shaded portions of Table 2 indicate that a specific device was not used in the test performed.

Conclusion for Manual Soak Testing

Reproducible liquid chemical sterilization of medical devices has been demonstrated by the ability to eliminate > 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/device of the most resistant organism, *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores, with sterilant use dilution.

**Simulated-Use Testing:**

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the Processor for liquid chemical sterilization of medical devices with 540 Sterilant Concentrate, STERIS conducted simulated-use testing with the same devices used for manual soak testing.

Testing was performed using the same parameters as in Manual Soak:

- The most resistant organism, *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores, were suspended in an organic (5% serum) and inorganic (400 ppm hard water) challenge
- Devices were air dried for ≥ 30 minutes prior to processing
- PAA concentration of < 1820 mg/L
- Exposure time of six minutes
- Hard water concentration of ~140 ppm

Additional parameters instituted included:

- Exposure temperature of ≥ 45.5°C
- Setting of the high pressure pump to the worst case fluid flow rate
- Use of aged water filters in the Processor

The test organism was inoculated into all internal channels. Selected external sites were also inoculated. Three replicate test trials were performed for each endoscope or device set. Three additional trials were also performed with EOSL 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

Exposure of the device(s) was performed by placing the inoculated and dried device(s) in the Processor. PAA concentrations at less than the minimum recommended concentration of 1820 mg/L were prepared in special containers of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. A processing cycle was initiated consisting of a 6-minute Exposure Phase and two rinses. All internal channels and selected external surface sites were harvested following completion of the cycle.

Acceptable test performance required that each trial resulted in complete elimination of viable test organism. Results from this testing are presented in **(Table 3)**. All controls (positive, negative, recovery, and neutralization) performed as expected.

**Table 3: Simulated-Use Testing**

Medical Device		Recoverable Challenge (CFU/device)	Test Organism Recovered					
			Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5	Trial 6
Olympus Colonoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fujinon Bronchoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olympus Duodenoscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pentax Peroral Choledochofiberscope		> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Device Set	Gyrus ACMI Semi-Rigid Ureteroscope	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dyonics Camera	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0			
	Karl Storz Camera	> 10 <sup>6</sup>				0	0	0
	Karl Storz Light Cord	> 10 <sup>6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Shaded portions of Table 3 indicate that a specific device was not used in the test performed.

Conclusion for Simulated-Use Testing

The 540 Sterilant Concentrate reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized medical devices as demonstrated by the ability to eliminate > 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/device of the most resistant organism, *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores when used in the Processor.

**In-Use Testing:**

In a hospital setting, clinically used medical devices with patient soil were evaluated using the Processor. Devices were selected to represent the range of device designs likely to be encountered in a clinical setting.

- Bronchoscope (pulmonary, bronchial)
- Duodenoscope/Gastroscope (upper GI, esophageal)
- Colonoscope (lower GI, bowel)
- Cystoscope/Hysteroscope/Ureteroscope (urology/gynecological)
- Device Set (rigid endoscope, light cord, camera and telescope)

After patient use, clinical personnel manually cleaned each device per the manufacturer's instructions. The cleaned devices and a container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate were placed in the Processor and the processor cycle was initiated. After processing, each device's external surfaces and internal channels were harvested. Three trials were performed for each device type.

Positive control recovery sampling was performed before and after manual cleaning, demonstrating that some reduction (but not elimination) of clinical microbiological loads by manual cleaning occurred, as expected.

No remaining clinical isolates were recovered from any of the devices after all trials in the clinical setting as shown in (Table 4) and (Table 5). (Table 4) identifies both external and internal test sites of the individual devices that were cycled in the Processor. (Table 5) presents data for a device set, or a group of devices processed together and having only external test sites.

**Table 4: In-Use Testing of Endoscopes**

Test Site		Post Processing Recovery (CFU)											
		Bronchoscope			Duodenoscope/ Gastroscope			Colonoscope			Cystoscope/ Hysteroscope/ Ureteroscope		
		Trials			Trials			Trials			Trials		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
External	Bending Rubber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internal	Biopsy/Suction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Air/Water				0	0	0	0	0	0			
	Auxiliary Water				0	0	0	0	0	0			

Shaded portions of Table 4 indicate that a specific test site was not present on the device tested.

**Table 5: In-Use Testing of Device Set**

Test Site		Post Processing Recovery (CFU)											
		Rigid Endoscope			Light Cord			Camera			Telescope		
		Trials			Trials			Trials			Trials		
		1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
External (7 per device)		0	0	0									
External (2 per device)					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Shaded portions of Table 5 indicate that a specific test site was not present on the device tested.

Conclusion for In-Use Testing

In-use testing confirmed the effectiveness observed in simulated-use testing by demonstrating that all devices were reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized since no organisms were recovered from device surfaces or channels following a standard cycle of the Processor using 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

## Water Treatment System

Public water treatment facilities are required by the EPA to treat source water to a level that achieves at least a 4 log (10,000 fold) reduction or removal of virus before the water leaves their facility. This potable (drinking) water is the input water source for the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. That water is then further treated by the Processor's water treatment system prior to its use for all water fills including the Rinse Phases.

The additional steps provided by the water treatment system of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor consist of the following:

1. Pre-filtration through two pre-filters:

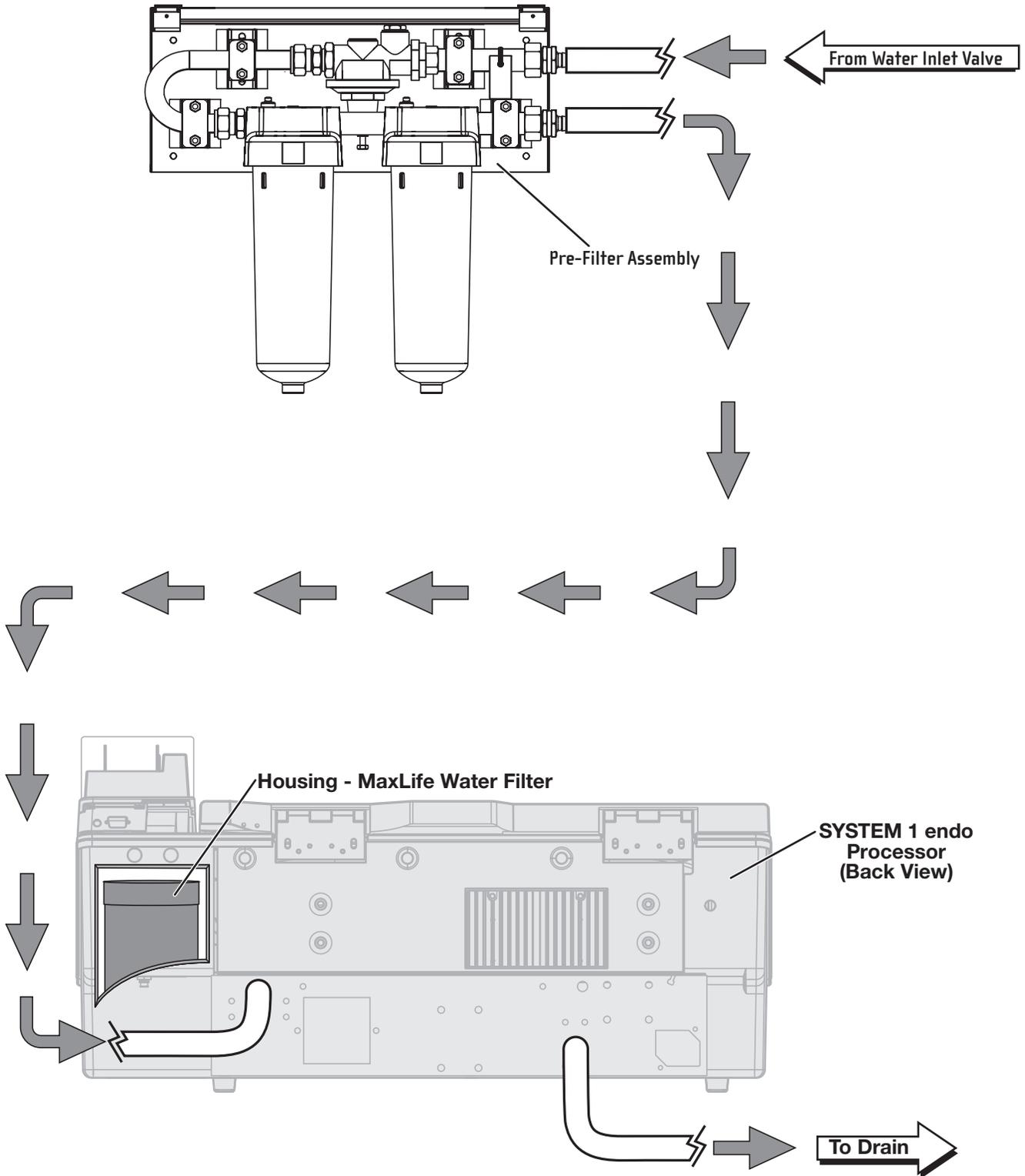
- Pre-filter A is a gross depth filter that removes approximately 2.5 micron or larger particles/contaminants
- Pre-filter B is a surface filter that removes particles/contaminants > 0.1 micron

2. 0.2 micron filtration:

- The water prepared by pre-filtration is filtered through redundant, 0.2 micron (absolute rated) membranes to remove bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron

After this validated, controlled and monitored treatment, the water is used to rinse the liquid chemically sterilized devices. All water passes through this treatment process before entering the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

**Figure G: Components of the Water Treatment System used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor**



**Pre-filtration:**

The pre-filters are designed to remove the particulates that are released and carried in the potable water between the supply source and the demand location, i.e. from the supply plumbing, heater systems, water softeners.

## Filtration:

The filtration system is a 0.2/0.2 µm dual-layered pharmaceutical sterilizing-grade filter that removes bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron in size. It is identified as the MaxLife Water Filter. To validate the effectiveness of this filter, testing was performed per test method ASTM F838-05, "Standard Test Method for Determining Bacterial Retention of Membrane Filters Utilized for Liquid Filtration."

Using the test organism specifically identified in ASTM F838-05, *Brevundimonas diminuta*, validation was performed on the MaxLife Water Filters. *B. diminuta* is also recommended in the FDA guidance document "Guidance for Industry, Sterile Drug Products Produced by Aseptic Processing – Current Good Manufacturing Process", 09/04. *B. diminuta* is a gram-negative, environmental organism that, when grown as outlined in ASTM F838-05, is > 0.2 µm in size, but smaller than 0.45 µm. Testing was performed as follows:

- Three MaxLife Water Filters were cycled for  $\geq 940$  standard, full cycles in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor with 540 Sterilant Concentrate
- A forward flow diffusion test was used to confirm filter integrity prior to bacterial challenge of the three cycled MaxLife Water Filters
- Filters and the test apparatus were sterilized via steam
- Prior to testing, the ability of the challenge organism to pass through a 0.45 µm filter, but be retained by a 0.2 µm filter was confirmed
- Challenge solution was passed through each filter and the downstream effluent was passed through a 0.2 µm filter. Filters were incubated and scored to confirm the absence of viable microorganisms in the test system prior to microbial challenge.
- Each individual cycled filter was challenged with *B. diminuta*. The *B. diminuta* was at a concentration of  $\geq 10^7$  CFU/cm<sup>2</sup> of effective filter area as stipulated in ASTM F838-05.
- Downstream effluent from each challenge test was passed through a 0.2 µm filter. Filters were transferred to growth media and incubated to determine if organism was present in the effluent.

The bacterial challenge was carried out with a system free of viable microorganisms and an appropriate challenge level. All cycled filters were fully retentive of *B. diminuta*. Nondestructive integrity tests (diffusional flow tests) confirmed that cycled filters were integral prior to testing. All controls performed as expected. Results from the *B. diminuta* challenged filters are presented in **(Table 6)**.

**Table 6: Challenge with *B. diminuta* of the MaxLife Water Filters**

Filter	Negative Microbial Control	Challenge Organism Concentration (CFU/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Organisms Recovered	Microbial Challenge Test Result (Pass/Fail)
Cycled Filter #1	Yes	$1.4 \times 10^7$	0	Pass
Cycled Filter #2	Yes	$1.7 \times 10^7$	0	Pass
Cycled Filter #3	Yes	$1.1 \times 10^7$	0	Pass

### Conclusion for *B. diminuta* filter challenge testing

This testing validates the ability of the MaxLife Water Filter to deliver an effluent that is free of viable organisms, including fungi, protozoa and bacteria > 0.2 microns even after being cycled through a minimum of 940 cycles in the SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System.

## Materials Compatibility

Extensive device materials compatibility evaluations were performed to ensure that exposure to 540 Sterilant use dilution in the Processor is safe for representative medical devices, accessories, and components. Original equipment manufactured (OEM) devices and accessories were used in this evaluation. Prior to being processed, the test articles were examined visually and for functionality, and again after 100, 200, and 300 processor cycles, for evidence of the following:

- Corrosion of metal components
- Degradation in light transmission of optics
- Degradation in device performance
- Changes in mechanical resistance
- Cosmetic changes (i.e. discoloration)
- Loss of tubing and o-ring flexibility (where appropriate)
- Degradation in lens adhesive

The appropriate endoscope Quick Connects (needed to flow sterilant use dilution through the lumens) and the processor trays (used to provide optimal placement of the device in the processor chamber) were examined at the same time points to evaluate for physical or performance changes such as:

- Corrosion of metal components or cracking of polymeric components
- Changes in mechanical resistance
- Cosmetic changes (i.e. discoloration)
- Loss of tubing and o-ring flexibility (where appropriate)

Five representative endoscopes, their associated Quick Connects, and two accessories (see **(Table 7)**) were evaluated after multiple exposure cycles to 540 Sterilant use dilution. The complete cycle consisted of the following phases: fill, warm/mix, the 6-minute exposure, two rinses, and an air purge phase. The test articles were manually cleaned with a neutral enzymatic cleaner prior to each day of testing.

At intervals of 100 cycles, the devices were evaluated for evidence of changes in functionality or cosmetic appearance, as listed above. A change in device performance or physical appearance could act as an indicator of material incompatibility. An acceptable result (Pass) was determined when device functionality or appearance was not adversely affected by repeated exposure to use dilution.

At the evaluation intervals, some cosmetic changes, (i.e. color changes and normal wear) were observed in the devices, Quick Connects, and trays, but these changes did not affect the functionality of the endoscopes, connectors, or trays.

**Table 7: Materials Compatibility Testing with S40 Sterilant Use Dilution**

Filter	Number of Cycles Processed	Result
Pentax FI-10P2	300	Pass
Fujinon EC-450 HL5	300	Pass
GYRUS/ACMI MR-6LA	300	Pass
Karl Storz Camera 22220150-3	300	Pass
Richard Wolf 8708.518	300	Pass
Karl Storz Telescope 27005AA	300	Pass
Karl Storz Light Guide Cable 495NE	300	Pass

The seven test articles selected had critical design features found in all flexible or rigid endoscopes and accessories:

- Insertion Tube
- Bending Section or Bending Rubber
- Control Body
- Control Knobs
- Umbilical Cable
- Light Guide End
- Soaking Cap
- Metal Ports or Connectors

Each of these design features are manufactured with the same basic materials:

- Polyurethane
- Rubber
- Glass
- Anodized Aluminum
- Polytetrafluoroethylene
- Polyethylene
- Stainless Steel
- Polycarbonate
- Brass
- Adhesives

In addition, some of these devices contained critical endoscope features and systems needed for functionality:

- Angulation System
- Light Guide Fibers
- Suction Control
- Air/Water Delivery System

The materials of construction for the Quick Connects and device trays used in this study are representative of all connectors and trays available for use in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. They are:

- Stainless Steel
- Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)
- 20% Glass-filled ABS
- Polyvinyl Chloride
- Acetyl Copolymer
- Polypropylene
- Polycarbonate
- Silicone and Rubber Tubing
- Polyethylene

Exposure to the sterilant use dilution showed no functional or performance change for representative endoscopes, connectors or trays after 300 cycles in a Processor. There were some cosmetic changes, (i.e. normal wear as well as progressive loss of black anodized aluminum coloration without underlying damage to the base metal) that occurred, but these did not adversely affect the functionality of the test articles.

Materials compatibility testing has shown that *in situ* cycling of representative endoscopes, accessories, adapters, and trays is safe for OEM devices as a result of exposure to 540 Sterilant use dilution.

## Toxicity Testing

### Toxicology Assessment:

Under normal conditions of use, the operator is not exposed to the contents of the container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate, the Processor sterilant use dilution, or processor rinse water of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. Nevertheless, a variety of toxicological evaluations were performed on the components of the 540 Sterilant Concentrate and use dilution to determine what, if any, safety risks are associated with inadvertent exposure. The toxicological evaluations were commissioned or undertaken by STERIS to evaluate effects from potential exposure to processed device extracts, liquid chemical sterilant use dilution, or components in the container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

An alkaline dust that may irritate the eyes and respiratory system may be released from the dry powder components in the container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. Repeated contact with the skin is likely to cause drying. Ingestion of large amounts of powder may irritate the gastrointestinal tract as one of the components can exhibit a laxative effect.

The peracetic acid concentrate has a pH of 1 and has a corrosive effect on human tissues. It is the liquid component in the container of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. The target organs are the eyes, skin and respiratory tract due to the potential for severe irritation for corrosion of tissues at those sites.

The use dilution is practically nontoxic if ingested, mildly irritating to the eyes, non-mutagenic, non-sensitizing and would not be expected to cause significant adverse effect if contact or other exposure occurs. It will have a slight vinegar-like odor; however, there should be no operator exposure to the use dilution during normal operation of the Processor. The use dilution has a near neutral pH of 6.5.

A literature review was conducted for known toxicological hazards of all raw materials used in the manufacture of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. The search identified one of the components of the inert powder portion of the concentrate as a potential health hazard due to oral toxicity. This component was evaluated in the rinsing studies. The liquid active ingredient also has a cytotoxic effect, thus making it suitable as a germicide.

See **(Table 8)** for a summary of toxicity and hazard classifications.

**Table 8: Acute Toxicity Test Results, Derived Toxicity Values and Hazard Classification for Sterilant Use Dilution and S40 Sterilant Concentrate**

Acute Toxicity of S40 Sterilant Concentrate and Use Dilution						
	Oral LD <sub>50</sub> mg/kg Rat	Dermal LD <sub>50</sub> mg/kg Rabbit	Inhalation LC <sub>50</sub> Rat 4hr	Skin Irritation Rabbit	Eye Irritation Rabbit	Skin Sensitization
<b>PAA Concentrate Solution (liquid)</b>						
Toxicity Test Results	50-500	> 200	0.450 mg/L			
Classification	GHS Category 3	GHS Category 3	GHS Category 1	Corrosive	Corrosive	Not a sensitizer
<b>Builders (dry powder)</b>						
Derived Effect Level	> 5000	> 5000	N/A			
Classification	Not classified hazardous	Not classified hazardous	Not classified hazardous Dust may be irritating	Not an irritant	Slight irritant	Not a sensitizer
<b>Use Dilution</b>						
Derived Effect Level	> 5000	> 5000	N/A			
Classification	Not classified hazardous	Not classified hazardous	Not classified hazardous May cause irritation	Not an irritant	Minimal irritant	Not a sensitizer

\* The Globally Harmonized System (GHS) is an international standardized system for classifying chemicals and communicating their health and environmental hazards to consumers, workers, transport workers and emergency responders.

**Cytotoxicity:**

Exhaustive extractions to remove chemical residuals from processed devices were performed. The extraction times were longer than the worst case procedure length for the device being extracted. The extract solutions were placed over confluent monolayers of L-929 mouse fibroblast cells and examined for degree of lysis according to ISO 10993, Part 5. The extracts were found to be non-cytotoxic.

## Residue Testing

Representative medical devices were evaluated after exposure to 10 cycles in a Processor. The containers of 540 Sterilant Concentrate were prepared at the highest weight tolerances of Builders and peracetic acid used in the assembly of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. This results in the worst case exposure to the chemical components of the sterilant use dilution. The exposed devices were extracted in deionized water at 37°C on both interior and exterior surfaces to remove any residue that might be present. The extracted samples were assayed for the components of the Builders solution. One of these is known to have a potential for toxic effects in humans.

Results of these evaluations show that the level of the potentially toxic component (measured following 10 consecutive processor cycles) is present at less than 0.02% on rigid endoscopes and less than 4.2% of the upper residue limit for flexible endoscopes. Exhaustive extraction of the medical devices showed that the residual levels for all components were well below the established levels, making the processed devices safe for patient use.

## **PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS**

The SYSTEM 1 endo Liquid Chemical Sterilant Processing System is intended for liquid chemical sterilization of cleaned, immersible, reusable and semi-critical heat-sensitive medical devices.

System features and functions are designed for the safety of patients, healthcare workers, medical devices, and the environment. The principal technical features of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor include:

- Automated, easy-to-use, microprocessor control panel with unalterable, standardized processing and diagnostic cycles
- Proprietary, single use, chemical formulation which is automatically delivered and diluted
- Liquid chemical sterilization of processed medical devices
- Two rinses, following liquid chemical sterilization, with water that has been treated by:
  - ◆ Filtration of particulates down to 0.1 µm through layered filters
  - ◆ Another filtration to remove bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron in size is through a 0.2/0.2 µm dual-layered MaxLife Water Filter
- Air filtered through 0.2 micron membrane

These technical features ensure:

- Nominal processor cycle of < 19 minutes
- Sterilant use dilution temperature maintained between 46-55°C and is in contact with devices for 6 minutes
- Integrity of the on-board MaxLife Water Filter
- The easy to load sterilant container provides the  $\geq$  1820 mg/L peracetic acid (PAA) concentration needed for efficacious results
- Incoming EPA potable water is treated, making it suitable for rinsing liquid chemically sterilized devices
- Filtered air used to purge rinse water from the Quick Connects and lumens of the processed device maintains the post processing environment

The interchangeable processing trays and associated Quick Connects used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor provide flexibility of use for a wide variety of medical devices and effective delivery of the sterilant use dilution.

## Water Treatment System

Treated, EPA potable water is used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. The water treatment system of the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor ensures that all water prior to entering the Processor is exposed to the following:

- Filtration through two pre-filters that removes particles/contaminants > 0.1 micron
- Filtration through redundant, 0.2 micron membranes to remove bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron
- After this validated, controlled and monitored treatment, the water is used to both fill the Processor and rinse the liquid chemically sterilized devices

## Filtration:

There are two externally mounted pre-filters that deliver filtered water to the Processor. Pre-filter A is a gross depth filter and removes approximately 2.5 micron and larger particles or contaminants. Pre-filter B is a surface filter that removes particles or contaminants > 0.1 micron.

The water is passed through a 0.2/0.2 µm dual-layered pharmaceutical sterilizing-grade MaxLife Water Filter after delivery to the Processor. This filter removes bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 micron in size. It is installed internally in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor. This filter was validated by achieving a >10<sup>7</sup> CFU/cm<sup>2</sup> reduction of *Brevundimonas diminuta* through filters that were new and filters that were exposed to > 940 full cycles with 540 Sterilant Concentrate in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

*B. diminuta* is a gram-negative, environmental organism that, when grown as outlined in ASTM F838-05, is > 0.2 µm in size, but smaller than 0.45 µm.

The MaxLife Water Filter cartridge cycled through a minimum of 940 cycles in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor with 540 Sterilant Concentrate can deliver water that is free of bacteria, fungi, and protozoa > 0.2 µm in size.

## Microbial Efficacy Testing

Microbial efficacy testing was conducted using standard *in vitro* and *in situ* methods with different organisms to confirm the efficacy of the liquid chemical sterilization solution provided by 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

### Potency Testing:

A variety of organisms were used to challenge the sterilant use dilution. Testing was conducted using the following parameters:

- PAA amounts at less than or equal to the minimum recommended concentration of 1820 mg/L, using end of shelf life chemistry components
- Temperature of ≤ 43°C during the six minutes or less exposure time
- Water for testing at approximately 140 ppm hardness

Methods allowing organic (5% serum) and inorganic (hard water) challenge present in the inocula (Tuberculocidal, Virucidal, and Fungicidal) were incorporated in these challenges.

All potency requirements for a liquid chemical sterilant were met by 540 Sterilant Concentrate.

### Microbial Lethality Kinetics:

Kill kinetics testing was performed on *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores, the most resistant organism to PAA, to characterize the kill rate of the sterilant use dilution. Testing in 18 trials was conducted using the following parameters:

- Use dilution with an average concentration of 1581 mg/L PAA
- Use dilution was inoculated at approximately 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/mL
- Temperature of ≤ 43°C during the six minutes or less exposure time
- Inorganic burden evaluation included:
  - ◆ DI water, 140 ppm hard water, 140 ppm hard water with heavy metals
- Organic burden evaluation included each of the above:
  - ◆ With and without 1% serum

All controls (positive, negative, neutralization) performed as required.

Microbial lethality for the most resistant organism is achieved in approximately 24 seconds with use dilution.

## Manual Soak Testing:

Testing of eight representative medical devices was evaluated to verify that liquid chemical sterilization was reproducibly achieved with sterilant use dilution. Testing was performed using the following parameters:

- A challenge of *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores at a concentration of approximately  $10^6$  CFU/mL and, suspended in an organic (5% serum) and inorganic (400 ppm hard water) solution, were applied to each device and air dried for  $\geq 30$  minutes
- Use dilution at  $\leq 1820$  mg/L PAA in water of approximately 140 ppm hardness
- Exposure time was six minutes at temperature of  $\leq 43^\circ\text{C}$

The test organism was inoculated into all internal channels and selected external sites. In each of the 6 trials, complete elimination of viable test organism was observed. All controls (positive, negative, recovery and neutralization) performed as required.

Medical devices were reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized in sterilant use dilution.

## Simulated-Use Testing:

The effectiveness of the liquid chemical sterilization of eight representative/worst case medical devices, with respect to size and features, was conducted using 540 Sterilant Concentrate in the Processor. Testing was performed using the following parameters:

- A challenge of *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores at a concentration of approximately  $10^6$  CFU/mL and suspended in an organic (5% serum) and inorganic (400 ppm hard water) solution, were applied to each device and air dried for  $\geq 30$  minutes
- Use dilution at  $\leq 1820$  mg/L PAA in water of approximately 140 ppm hardness
- Exposure time was six minutes at temperature of  $\geq 45.5^\circ\text{C}$
- High pressure pump set to deliver the worst case fluid flow rate
- Use of aged water filters in the Processor

The test organism was inoculated into all internal channels and selected external sites. In each of the 6 trials, complete elimination of viable test organism was observed. All controls (positive, negative, recovery and neutralization) performed as required.

In these tests, medical devices were reproducibly liquid chemically sterilized in use dilution when used in the Processor.

## In-Use Testing:

The SYSTEM 1 endo Processor was evaluated with clinically used medical devices and patient soil. Three trials were performed on each of the devices selected to represent the range of soil types and designs likely to be encountered when using this system. No clinical isolates were recovered from any of the devices for all clinical setting trials.

540 Sterilant Concentrate demonstrated liquid chemical sterilization of clinically used medical devices showing no organism recovery from device surfaces or channels following cycles in the Processor.

## Materials Compatibility

Extensive device evaluations over the course of 300 processor cycle exposures were performed on five representative endoscopes and two accessories to verify that processed articles are undamaged upon repeated exposures to sterilant use dilution. Exposure to processor cycles showed no functional or performance change for representative endoscopes, connectors or trays after 300 cycles. There were some cosmetic changes that occurred that did not adversely affect the functionality of the test articles. The appropriate processor trays and endoscope Quick Connects were also evaluated and found to be compatible with the use dilution.

The sterilant use dilution is safe for flexible or rigid endoscopes, accessories, adapters, and trays, when used in the Processor.

## Toxicity Testing

### Toxicology Assessment:

Under normal conditions of use, the processor operator is not exposed to the container contents, the processor sterilant use dilution or processor rinse water. If an exposure should occur:

- Dry powder components may release an alkaline dust which may irritate the eyes and respiratory system. Repeated contact with the skin may cause drying. Ingestion of large amounts of powder may irritate the gastrointestinal tract.
- The peracetic acid concentrate has a pH of 1 and has a corrosive effect on human tissues. The most sensitive organs are the eyes, skin and respiratory tract and may cause severe irritation or corrosion of tissues at those sites.
- The use dilution has a pH of 6.5 and is practically nontoxic if ingested, mildly irritating to the eyes, non-mutagenic, non-sensitizing and would not be expected to cause significant adverse effects. It has a slight vinegar-like odor.

### Cytotoxicity:

Exhaustive extractions, longer than the worst case procedure length, were performed to collect chemical residuals from processed devices. The extracts were found to be non-cytotoxic.

There are some toxic and irritant characteristics of 540 Sterilant Concentrate; however the use dilution is essentially non-hazardous. Under normal processor use, the operator is not exposed to these hazards. Any residue remaining on a processed device following normal operation will be non-toxic to the patient.

## Residue Testing

Representative medical devices were exposed to cycles in the Processor with 540 Sterilant Concentrate. Both interior and exterior surfaces of the devices were extracted and assayed for the components of the Builders solution. One of these components is known to have a potentially toxic effect in humans.

Results of these exhaustive extraction evaluations show that the level of the potentially toxic component is present at less than 0.02% of the limit on rigid endoscopes and less than 4.2% of the limit for flexible endoscopes, making them safe for use.

Residue levels on a processed medical device are well below the established safety levels for use dilution components of 540 Sterilant Concentrate. Therefore, the processed devices are safe for patient use.

## CONCLUSION

The test data summarized in this Technical Data Monograph demonstrate the microbiological efficacy, materials compatibility, and non-toxicity of residues of 540 Sterilant Concentrate when used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

This provides confirmation that the 540 Sterilant Concentrate is safe for the patient, safe for the user, and safe for the processing of semi-critical heat-sensitive devices when used in the SYSTEM 1 endo Processor.

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