

# Instructions for Use

## STERIKING®

### See-Through Reels

Steriking® See-Through Reels meet the requirements of hospital sterilization procedures: steam, ethylene oxide and formaldehyde. Each product is compatible with the ISO 11607, part 1 and 2 as well as with part 5 of the EN 868 demonstrating that the packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices meet the international and EU requirements. The scopes of these standards apply to health care facilities and wherever medical devices are packaged and sterilized.

#### Packaging

The continuous roll or reel type of packaging is unwound and cut to the desired length. When measuring the size, it is important to allow extra space for sealing the package and also for a flap with which the package can then be easily opened. It is recommended that the packages should be filled to no more than three quarters of their length and minimum of 2 cm of empty space should be allowed around each instrument. The medical device should be oriented to ensure aseptic presentation - in other words positioned correctly inside the pack to enable easy removal of the packaging. Steriking® rolls are marked with a symbol indicating the correct peeling direction.

Where double packaging is required, it is important to position porous material against porous material and laminate against laminate because penetration of air and steam is only possible through the paper side. The inner packaging must not be folded so that the passage of steam remains unhindered.

#### Sealing

All seals, including closure seal/seals should be smooth, i.e. without folds, bubbles, or wrinkles. The colored plastic film turns a darker shade where the sealing has taken place, making it easy to check that the seal is intact.

Heat sealing devices must be capable of attaining the sealing conditions suitable for each specific sterile barrier system construction. Correct temperature, pressure and sealing time/speed combination need to be met. Preferably, only sealing devices manufactured and intended for medical use should be used. The sealing temperature shall be in the range of 165°-190°C.

The seals need to be strong to withstand the most vigorous sterilization process and handling, yet providing a clean peel. Closing too strongly should be avoided when sealing rolls as one of the seals needs to be opened fiber free. A manual test should be carried out for controlling the seal strength.

Closures that compress the package should not be used, (e.g, ropes, strings, elastic bands, paperclips, staples or similar items).



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