Instructions for the Reusable Forceps Sterilization Tray

This product is reusable and is supplied non-sterile

**Indications:** The enclosed sterilization tray is intended to be used to hold reusable bayoneted forceps during autoclave sterilization

**Contraindications:** Any use of this tray for tasks other than for which it is indicated, will usually result in a damaged or broken instrument.

**Set-Up and Use:** Ensure that the tray is clean prior to use. If not, clean per standard hospital protocol.

**Note:** High pH detergents may erode the anodized finish of the sterilization tray. In order to maintain the appearance of the tray’s finish, a neutral pH detergent (pH level 6.5 – 8.0) is recommended.

Examine the contents of the tray itself to see that all parts are present and in working condition (locks, retainers, pads). If the retainers or pads have worked free from the tray, press back into position. If the locks have become loose, retighten. If any parts are missing or broken do not use to sterilize forceps as this may cause damage to your forceps.

Disconnect the forceps to be sterilized from any connecting cables. Place forceps to be sterilized in the bottom tray. They should be adequately contained within the retainers and the tips should rest on top of the retaining pad. Do not place forceps on top of each other or allow them to contact other forceps during the sterilization process.

If the retainers will not correctly hold your device, do not use the tray for sterilization as this may cause damage to your device.

Place the tray cover over the tray bottom. Engage the locks at both ends of the tray. Wrap the tray with CSR wrap if required and sterilize instruments per their specific requirements or standard procedure.

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**Sterilization Instructions**

Aesculap recommends that the sterilization trays be processed according to the sterilization wrap manufacturer’s instructions prior to sterilization to maintain sterility of internal components/items and for proper aseptic presentation to the surgical field.

To achieve a sterility assurance level of $10^{-6}$, Aesculap recommends the following parameters:

**For Prevacuum Sterilizer:**
- Wrapped trays and instruments should be exposed to 270° for at least 4 minutes.
- Dry for 20 minutes.

Aesculap has validated the above sterilization cycle and has the data on file. The validation was accomplished with a cleared FDA CSR wrap. Other sterilization cycles may also be suitable; however, individuals or hospitals not using the recommended method are advised to validate any alternative method using appropriate laboratory techniques. Use an FDA cleared accessory to maintain sterility after processing.

Variables that may affect drying times include: loading density of the tray, instrument configuration, total content of the sterilizer, steam quality, equipment maintenance and others.
Storage
Store sterile products in germ-proof packaging, protected from dust, in a dry, dark, temperature-controlled area.

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

CUSTOMER SERVICE:
For further information regarding Reusable Forceps Sterilization Tray, please contact Aesculap Inc. Customer Service at 1-800-282-9000.