



CARE OF NEW INSTRUMENTS

The useful life of your instruments will be prolonged immeasurably by following a few basic rules.

ON RECEIPT:

1. Clean carefully, using instrument cleaner if necessary, to remove factory residue.
2. Rinse with de-ionised water and dry thoroughly.
3. Re-oil box-locks and cutting edges with genuine instrument oil.
4. For sterilisation, instruments with ratchets should be closed to the first ratchet position only, to avoid tension and consequent damage due to heating and cooling during sterilisation.
5. Sterilise using de-ionised water only.

AFTER USE:

Clean with instrument cleaner, rinse and dry as soon as possible after surgery. If cleaning will be delayed, immerse instruments in cold water until it is to be attended to. Follow steps 2 to 4 above before each sterilisation.

STORAGE:

Always store instruments in a dry place. Guard against accidental damage to instrument surfaces. Avoid dropping or banging instruments against each other.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE:

To prevent rusting, spotting and staining, instruments should be immersed in Surgical Instrument Lubrication (203 731) on a regular basis. Any stains or corrosion may be removed by soaking in 3M™ Rapid Multi-Enzyme Cleaner (203 724).

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