

3M™ Attest™ Rapid Readout Biological Indicators for 270°F/132°C Gravity Steam Sterilizers

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

Is the Attest rapid readout biological indicator a chemical or biological indicator?

Answer:

The Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) defines a biological indicator as a monitoring device consisting of a standardized, viable population of microorganisms known to be resistant to the mode of sterilization being monitored. Since viable *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* spores are required for the Attest 1291 and rapid readout determinations, this product meets the criteria for the AAMI definition of a biological indicator. Additionally, this product is classified as biological sterilization process indicators to be used to monitor the adequacy of the sterilization process by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Attest rapid readout biological indicators are biological not chemical indicators.

Question:

How long can you delay incubation of the Attest biological indicator?

Answer:

We recommend a biological indicator be incubated as soon as possible so the results can be obtained sooner. 3M has not done testing to determine how long incubation can be delayed. However, there is some data on other self-contained biological indicators that suggest incubation can be delayed for up to 5 days (Graham, G.S., and C.A. Boris, Chemical and Biological Indicators, Chapter 3, Sterilization Technology. Edited by Morrissey and Phillips, 1993:36-39)

For More Information

Contact your 3M Health Care Sales Representative, or call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at **1-800-228-3957**. These products can be ordered from your local distributor. Outside the United States, contact the local 3M subsidiary.



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