



WASH-CHECKS washer monitor

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WASHER MONITOR


features : washer/disinfector monitor

soil test

functionality

The Wash-Checks Washer Monitor is an easy to use prepared test for determining the effectiveness of the wash phase of washer /disinfectors. The test is placed in a Wash-Checks reusable holder for easy placement throughout the washer chamber. The Wash-Checks Washer Monitor features an easy to read test-soil (red dot) which simulates human blood and tissue debris.

components

The Wash-Checks™ Washer Monitor product line includes :

| Qty | Description | Code |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| WASH-CHECKS | | |
| 100/packet | Wash-Checks Washer Monitor | WC101 |
| 1/each | Wash-Checks Reusable Washer Holder | WC102 |

storage

The Wash-Checks Washer Monitor should be stored at room temperature away from disinfectants and fumes. Shelf life of 24 months from date of manufacture.

implementation

Austmel Wash-Checks Washer Monitor consists of a aluminium foil strip with a test soil applied (red dot). For use in hospital washers/ disinfectors, this low cost monitor promotes routine use with one monitor recommended for each basket of instruments washed. In a best practice environment the monitor has been designed for retention in permanent records as part of an integrated and approved QA system.

summary

Wash-Checks Washer Monitor

- Easy interpretation
- Effective monitoring of cleaning conditions
- Wash-Checks Washer Monitor in their holders are designed to emulate direct and indirect impingement.
- Test Soil designed to parallel blood and human tissue, without actually containing these components.
- Low cost
- Designed for Long lasting results in permanent records
- Accuracy through purity and quality of formulation
- All monitors show lot number and expiration date
- High reliability

quick reference

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related decontamination products :

- WASH-CHECKS H monitors for hollow load
- MEDITRAX® Decontamination module





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interpretation guide

OPTIMUM RESULT: Level 1

Reading: Red Wash-Checks test soil is completely removed from the indicator carrier; no residuals are left.

This result indicates sufficient cleaning achieved at the place of the positioning of Wash-Checks. There is no correction necessary. **ACCEPT**

MODERATE RESULT: Level 2

Reading: Most of the Wash-Checks test soil is being removed however some residuals of the red test soil are detected primarily in areas protected by the Wash-Checks Holding Device.

Potential Reasons for this Test Result:

- Incorrect positioning of Wash-Checks
- too short cleaning time
- incorrect temperature for cleaning detergent
- too little cleaning detergent

REJECT

INSUFFICIENT RESULT: Level 3

Reading: Major portion of the Wash-Checks test soil is being removed however residuals of the red test soil are detected primarily in areas protected by the Wash-Checks Holding Device.

Potential Reasons for this Test Result:

- Incorrect positioning of Wash-Checks
- too short cleaning time
- incorrect temperature for cleaning detergent
- too little cleaning detergent
- no uniform detergent distribution
- blocked spray system and/or blocked filter
- insufficient water pressure
- foaming residuals from pre cleaning

REJECT

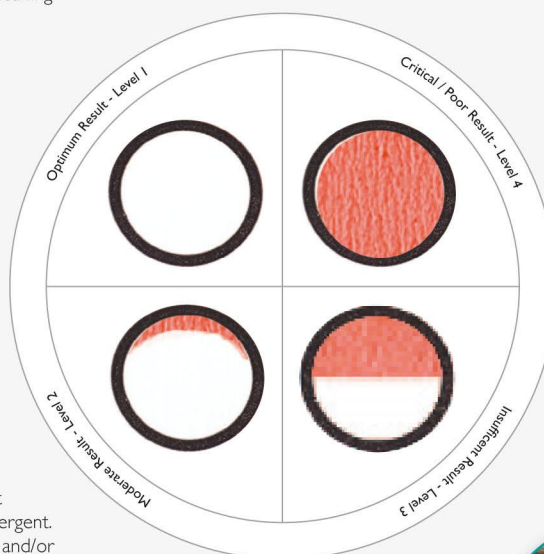
CRITICAL/POOR RESULT: Level 4

Reading: Wash-Checks test soil is largely or completely unaffected

Potential Reasons for this Test Result:

- Incorrect positioning of Wash-Checks
- too short cleaning time
- overloading or incorrect loading
- incorrect temperature for cleaning detergent
- too little cleaning detergent
- no uniform detergent distribution
- blocked spray system and/or blocked filter
- insufficient water pressure
- foaming residuals from pre cleaning
- no cold pre-rinsing step in place or pre-rinsing too hot
- complete breakdown of the washing machine or the detergent

REJECT



one-on-one Wash-Checks Washer Monitor customer support

Austmel Pty Ltd is able to offer one-on-one support during office hours on our toll free phone service. This is a valuable service to healthcare personnel who require immediate technical support to use the Wash-Checks™ Washer Monitor. This service is a complete one-on-one person to person level.

background

Austmel Pty Ltd is an Australian owned company established in 1974. Austmel have been directly involved in the supply and development of Sterility Assurance products for over 30 years. Our unique products and systems extend into both the Health Care and Industrials markets, including:

- MEDITRAX® Accountability & Traceability Systems
- Biological and Chemical Sterilization Indicators
- Bowie-Dick Tests
- Sterilization Packaging
- Quality Assurance Consultation
- TMI Electronic Data Loggers
- Surgical Disposables

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Instructions for use of the Wash-Checks Washer Monitor

1. Record Wash-Checks Washer Monitor placement and shelf on each strip.
2. At the beginning of each day in each washer/disinfector, slide a Wash-Checks Washer Monitor strip into a Wash-Checks Re-usable Washer Holder with the test soil facing out.
3. Place the loaded holder in the centre of a basket of dirty instruments, the larger the set and more difficult to clean, the greater the challenge.
4. Place the monitored basket on a shelf.
5. Load the washer/disinfector with normal load of dirty instruments.
6. Process per normal procedure.
7. Examine Wash-Checks Washer Monitor strip for visual cleanliness. If cleaning cycle was effective RED SPOT should disappear.
8. The next day place the basket on a different shelf.
9. Continue varying the shelf and position in the basket to test all possible configurations over time.

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