Instructions of Use for Standard Instruments

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Validity

These instructions of use are valid for all general reusable surgical instruments sold by Dermatologic Lab & Supply Inc. (DELASCO). If further instructions for special types of instruments are necessary, please follow the manufacturer's instructions specifically for those instruments.

Certificate of Compliance

Manufactured for:

Dermatologic Lab & Supply Inc.
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Council Bluffs, IA 51501-6401 USA

Product name:

Reusable surgical instruments.

Dermatologic Lab & Supply Inc. (Delasco) confirms that the above mentioned products comply with the standards of DIN/EN/ISO 9001/46001 and the German law for medical devices (MGP).

Signature

Matt Jensen
Quality Manager
You have purchased a high quality medical instrument. To guarantee its ongoing proper function and safety, the following points should be observed carefully.

**First time use**

All Delasco instruments are delivered in non-sterile condition and must be cleaned and sterilized before use. Exceptions are instruments with the label “sterile”.

**Inspection and functional check**

It is very important to carefully examine each instrument for breaks, cracks or malfunctions before use. Please take special care on critical places such as blades, stops, locks, points and all movable parts. Insulations and cables should be checked at sharp bends. Do not use damaged instruments. Faulty instruments should be separated. Do not attempt to make repairs yourself. Refer any questions you have about repairs to the manufacturer. Repairs done by third parties will void the guarantee.

**Storing**

Surgical instruments must be stored in a dry and clean environment without direct solar irradiation. Do not store instruments in containers other than stainless steel or aluminum. We recommend laying all instruments down in their individual packing or in protective trays. Protect tips with cloth, gauze or tube if keeping the instruments in drawers.

**Cleaning and Care**

**Manual cleaning:**

All surgical instruments should be disinfected and cleaned immediately after use. Do not allow blood and other debris to dry on the instruments. Special care must be taken on slots, tubes, locks and inaccessible points. For cleaning, we recommend soft brushes and standard solutions with tepid water. Follow the solution manufacturer’s instructions, concerning concentration and duration. Instruments that can be taken apart should be cleaned in disassembled state. Keep parts together and do not mix with other manufacturers. Follow the instructions for reassembling.

Some important points you should follow:

- Do not use corrosive cleaning agents. We recommend cleaning solutions and rinses with a pH of about 7.0
- Do not use abrasive cleaners
- Do not use brushes with hard bristles.
- Flush all inside channels and tubes. Use small brushes (tube/bottle brushes).
- Only use distilled water for rinsing. Water with chloride content may damage or even destroy surgical instruments.
- Do not leave instruments in cleaning or disinfecting solutions for long periods of time (over night or weekend). The instruments can be destroyed.

**Machine cleaning:**

Ultrasonic cleaning is recommended. To avoid damage, you should ensure that the instruments do not touch each other. It is useful to place instruments in suitable trays or racks. Loose connections caused by vibration must be retightened after ultrasonic cleaning. These instruments can be disinfected in washing machines with temperatures up to 203°F (95°C). Please follow the instructions of the machine manufacturer.
After cleaning, all instruments should be dried immediately. Treat all instruments, especially blade ends, stops, snaps and movable parts, with a physiologically safe oil (paraffin oil according to DAB 8 of Ph. Eur. or USP XX). Tubes must be blown out.

**Sterilization**

For all instruments without other indications, steam autoclave sterilization at 270°F (132°C) for 15 minutes is recommended. Other temperatures and terms should be validated by the autoclave manufacturer. Sterilization temperatures should not exceed 280°F (137°C). The instructions of the autoclave manufacturer must be observed also. Sterilization with hot air or flash-autoclave is not recommended because isolations or non metal handles may be destroyed.

**Handling**

All surgical instruments should be treated with the greatest care while transporting, cleaning, sterilizing and storing. Avoid contact with aggressive material, as it may cause rust and malfunction, even destroy the instruments.

This information is valid for all instruments made of high grade instrument steel without other instructions. For very sensitive instruments such as Micro-Instruments, electrosurgical instruments and endoscopes, follow the manufacturer’s instructions specifically for those instruments.

Improper use, repairs by third parties and modifications will void the guarantee and CE Marking, if applicable.