

Getinge Assured SafeStep II Test Swab

Instructions for Use Poster

Testing should be done after cleaning, prior to high-level disinfection or sterilization.

Step 1: Swab

When collecting a sample, make sure to use aseptic techniques. Do not touch the swab or the inside of the sampling device with fingers.

1. On the Getinge Assured ATP Monitor press the power switch and let it calibrate for 15 seconds, a countdown on the screen will inform you when it has finished.
2. Holding the swab tube, twist and pull the top of the swab out of the swab tube. For Sponges, wet the tip and push through lumen. Cut the tip into the swab tube.

FLAT SURFACES: Thoroughly swab a standard 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 inches) area of interest for a typical fl at surface.

MEDICAL DEVICES: Ensure swabbing technique remains consistent for each swab.



Step 2: Snap and Shake

1. After swabbing desired test area, place swab back in swab tube. The sample can be left for up to four hours on the swab bud before activation; however, once activated the Test Swab Tube must be placed into the hand held device within 60 seconds to ensure a viable test.
2. To activate, hold the swab tube firmly and use the thumb and forefinger to break the valve by applying pressure against the bulb wall - about half-way up - until the blue nib inside snaps.
3. Squeeze the bulb several times to get the reagent to the bottom and gently shake for five to ten seconds to saturate the tip of the swab.



Step 3: Verify

1. Place the Getinge Assured SafeStep ATP Monitor in an upright position, or on the included stand to ensure a proper reading.
2. Insert the test swab tube into Getinge Assured SafeStep ATP Monitor, close and press the OK button.
3. Allow the unit to countdown 15 seconds, thereby displaying the amount of RLU (Relative Light Units) that are present in the test sample.
4. For medical devices readings at or below 100 indicate that the swabbed area has a low level of contamination. For non-critical surfaces readings at or below 45 indicate that the swabbed area has a low level of contamination.
5. If the reading is greater than 100 (for scopes and surgical instruments) or greater than 45 (for non-critical surfaces), the swabbed/tested area should be considered to have moderate to high levels of contamination. Determine if additional cleaning and retesting is required.
6. If you are having repeated test failures on the same device please contact the device manufacturer for additional information.

Recommended Pass/Fail Criteria

Application	Pass (RLU)	Fail (RLU)
Instrument Surfaces and Channels	0 to 100	101 and over
Sterile Processing - General (all non-critical surfaces in procedure rooms, restrooms, waiting rooms, etc. for testing counters, bedrails, blood pressure cuffs, toilets, faucets, hand rails, beds, computers, I.V. poles, etc.)	0 to 45	46 and over



Step 4: Download

1. At the end of each day/shift, the hand held device can be synced to a PC where the readings are downloaded to the SafeStep Software. If preferred, this step can be done bi-weekly or monthly.
2. The downloaded data can then be used to produce detailed reports that provide testing history which may then be used as a part of the facility's quality assurance program.
3. After the information has been uploaded into the computer, you may now power down the hand held device and unhook it from the PC. (The hand held device automatically stores readings and can be turned off when not in use).



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