

CHEMICAL PROCESS INDICATOR STRIP For Monitoring Steam Formaldehyde Processes ISO 11140-1 TYPE 4

True Indicating Code: CFVG-14



Product Description

True Indicating Multicritical Process Variable Indicator Strips contain no lead or other toxic heavy metals. The Indicator Strips are intended to demonstrate that the material has been exposed to a Steam Formaldehyde process to distinguish between processed and unprocessed items. Multicritical Process Variable Indicators react to all critical process variables (time, temperature and steam formaldehyde concentration). The backing of the strip is removable which exposes latex-free adhesive for easy application of the strip to packages during exposure and /or for record keeping purposes after exposure.

Physical Properties

Process	Steam Formaldehyde
Indicator Strip Dimensions	19 mm x 70 mm (0.75" x 2.75")
Packaging	250 Strips / Package
Chemical Indicator	Initial Color: Pink Signal Color: Green

Indications for Use

Type 1 Process Indicator Requirements:

• ≥70°C, ≥15 minutes, ≥1.0 M Steam Formaldehyde

Type 4 Multicritical Process Variable Indicator Requirements:

• ≥70°C, ≥15 minutes, ≥1.0 M Steam Formaldehyde

Instructions for Use

Use as a strip or label in each pack, peel pouch or tray to be exposed. Process packages/items as instructed in the sterilizer validation or manual.

Upon exposure to Steam Formaldehyde, the Indicator will transition from a shade of Pink to Green. The transition color may vary depending on the load configuration, length and conditions of exposure. A color transition from a shade of pink to green provides indication of exposure to Steam Formaldehyde. If the signal color is not achieved this suggests ideal exposure conditions were not met. Review the exposure conditions and investigate the sterilizer malfunction.

The chemical reaction which causes the color transition is irreversible.



Performance Characteristics

Result Availability	Immediately following exposure to steam formaldehyde	
Unexposed	Exposed to 1M steam formaldehyde 70°C, 15 minutes	



Colors shown are representations of printed ink initial signal colors but may vary from actual use.



The signal color achieved from exposure to Steam Formaldehyde may vary from the example above due to differences in processing parameters (i.e. load content, cycle time, temperature, etc.). For Type 4 Multicritical Process Variable Indicators, a color change to Green, is an indication that all process varia-

Compliance

ISO 11140-1:2014 Sterilization of health care products – Chemical Indicators- Part 1:General Requirements For Type 1 chemical process indicators & Type 4 Multicritical Process Variable Indicators.

Storage and Shelf Life

30°C	15°C to 30°C	类	Keep away from sunlight
20%	20% to 80% Relative Humidity	*	Keep Dry
Shelf Life	5 years from the date of manufacture. The date of manufacture is based on the day the indicating ink is applied to the substrate. The remaining shelf life upon receipt will be shorter than 5 years	(2)	Do not reuse
\triangle	Keep away from sterilants. Do not use after expiration date. Do not use the product is the indicator has transitioned prior to use.		

Disposal

Discard as general waste.

