

Cleaning and Sterilization Guidelines for the Mask Harness:

STORAGE: Rubber products should be stored in a cool, dark environment in containers which will minimize mechanical damage and prevent condensation of moisture. Ideal storage temperatures are from 5° C (40° F) to 15° C (59° F).

Sunlight and artificial light with ultraviolet content, sources of ozone generation such as fluorescent lighting fixtures, electronic motors, and diathermy machines, will hasten the deterioration process. Rubber products must not come into contact with metals, strong cleaning solutions, vegetable or mineral oils, solvents, ethers, phenols, cresols, hydrocarbons, alcohol or oxidizing agents. Remove all metal fittings immediately after use.

Should neoprene articles arrive in a wrinkled condition, the original shape can be restored by placing the articles in hot water then hanging up to air dry.

CLEANING: Wash with mild detergents or natural liquid soap, rinse thoroughly and air dry. The use of mechanical dryers is not recommended. If mechanical dryers must be used, select the lowest heat setting and remove the articles as soon as the moisture has evaporated. Rubber articles exposed to dry heat in intimate contact will tend to fuse.

STERILIZATION:

Cold Sterilization - Rubber articles may be sterilized in a cold germicidal solution intended for use with rubber. The useful life of rubber articles will be extended when cold sterilization is used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Gas Sterilization - Rubber goods may be sterilized by using an Ethylene Oxide mixture at 125°- 135 ° F. Follow sterilizer manufacturer's recommendations.

CAUTION: Ethylene Oxide will be absorbed by the rubber, therefore sufficient time must be allocated in a well ventilated area to dissipate the absorbed gas. Consult the sterilizer manufacturer's recommendations for specific aeration periods required. Refer to the precautions stated in the cleaning section when using special aeration devices at elevated temperatures to reduce aeration time.

Steam Sterilization - Rubber products, except cushion face masks, may be steam sterilized with temperatures not exceeding 250° for 15 minutes.

WARNING: Dry heat sterilization must not be used for rubber articles.