



# Attest™

Sterilization Solutions



## 3M™ Attest™ Mini Auto-reader 490M System\* Quick Reference Guide

### VH2O2 BI Preparation and Use



**1 Inspect**  
Remove BI from pouch and reseal. Verify media ampoule is intact and indicator stripes on cap are blue.



**2 Pouch**  
Place BI and chemical indicator (CI) in peel pouch indicated for use in vaporized hydrogen peroxide (VH2O2) sterilization processes.



**3 Process**  
Seal pouch and place in sterilizer with white side facing up. Process load as recommended by sterilizer manufacturer.



**4 Identify**  
After completion of cycle, inspect and verify media ampoule is intact and indicator stripes on cap have turned towards pink. Identify the BI by writing on the label.

### STEAM and VH2O2 BI Activation and Incubation



**1 Crush**  
Squeeze BI in activator to close cap and crush media ampoule.



**2 Flick**  
Remove BI and flick wrist to ensure media flows to growth chamber.



**3 Inspect**  
Verify media has transferred to BI growth chamber at the vial bottom.



**4 Incubate**  
Place activated BI in any well. Display shows remaining minutes of incubation or test results.  
**DO NOT REMOVE BI until the (+) or (-) symbol indicates the test is complete.**

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#### Positive Control BI

For both Steam and VH2O2, each day a processed BI is incubated, activate and incubate an unprocessed BI as a positive control. The control BI should be from the same lot code as the processed BI.

#### Results After Incubation

Control BI: Positive (+) **Acceptable**  
Processed BI: Negative (-) **Acceptable Sterilization**  
Processed BI: Positive (+) **Failed Sterilization**

#### Remaining Incubation Minutes

#### NOTES:

- Activate and incubate 1295 BI within 1 hour of completion of the VH2O2 sterilization cycle.
- Gloves are recommended when activating 1295 BI.
- Allow 1491 and 1492V BIs to cool 10 minutes prior to activation.

### Interpretation of 3M™ Sterilization Assurance Core Products

STEAM Indicator	Unexposed		Acceptable Exposed		VH2O2 Indicator	Unexposed	Acceptable Exposed Color Range		
3M™ Attest™ BI 1491 and 1492V					3M™ Attest™ BI 1295				
	1491	1492V	1491	1492V					
	After processing, indicator on cap turns light brown or darker.					After processing, indicator stripes turn toward pink.			
3M™ Comply™ Indicator Tape 1322					3M™ Comply™ Indicator Tape 1228				
	After processing, indicator stripes turn dark-brown/black.					After processing, indicator stripes turn toward pink.			
3M™ Comply™ Indicator Tape 1355					3M™ Comply™ Chemical Indicator 1248				
	After processing, indicator stripes turn dark-brown/black.					After processing, the blue bar changes to the color of the color match or pink.			

STEAM Indicator	Unprocessed	Acceptable Processed PASS		Unacceptable Processed FAIL	
3M™ Attest™ Steam Chemical Integrator 1243					
		After processing, indicator bar crosses into the ACCEPT region.		If the color bar is in the REJECT region or on the line, it is considered a fail.	
3M™ Comply™ Bowie-Dick Plus Test Pack 00135LF					
3M™ Comply™ Early Warning Test Sheet (above)					
3M™ Comply™ Bowie-Dick Test Sheet (below)					
		When indicator ink circle on Early Warning Test sheet is lighter than the color standard, this may indicate that sterilizer maintenance should be scheduled.			
		After processing, a uniform color change to dark brown/black is a pass.		Fail result is indicated by a non-uniform color development, with a lighter colored area, usually near the center.	

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