

**Name: Soaker Sheets**

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### **Intended Uses**

The intended uses of Soaker Sheets are:

- 1) As a highly absorbent sheet inside of wrapped instrument sets to prevent condensation.
- 2) As a sheet outside the tray to protect sterilisation wrap from damage by tray corners in addition to the prevention of condensation.
- 3) To line shelves on autoclave loading carts and storage shelves to absorb and disperse condensation.

Soaker Sheets are intended to be used by professional healthcare personnel working in sterile services (or similar) departments and are single-use only.

### **Sterilisation Compatibility**

Soaker Sheets are suitable for use in steam (up to 137°C) and ethylene oxide sterilisation processes. They are not suitable for use in plasma sterilisation processes.

### **Single Use**

Soaker Sheets are single use only.

### **Storage Conditions**

It is recommended that Soaker Sheets are stored under the conditions stated on the label of the box. If this is not possible, they should be prevented from getting wet or from being exposed to high temperatures (>40degC).

### **Precaution**

Soaker Sheets should be stored away from any sources of ignition.

Like any paper product, Soaker Sheets should be handled in such a way as to prevent cuts.

### **Disposal**

Unused Soaker Sheets may be disposed of in the same way that the user normally disposes of paper. It is suitable for recycling in the waste paper stream.

Used Soaker Sheets should be disposed of by considering possible microbial contamination. Users should reference their own procedures in this matter.

### **Prevention of Condensation in wrapped sets**

- 1) Choose the most appropriate size for the basket to be used.
- 2) Place the Soaker Sheet in the bottom of the basket.
- 3) If the Soaker Sheet is wider or longer than the interior of the basket, allow the edges of the Soaker Sheet to curve up and lie against the inside wall of the basket (see photo below).



- 4) The Soaker Sheet can be small than the internal dimensions of the basket. In this case, position the Soaker Sheet centrally in the bottom of the basket
- 5) Place surgical instruments directly on top of the Soaker sheet

### **Protection of Sterilization wrap from damage by tray corners**

- 1) Choose the most appropriate size for the basket to be used.
- 2) Place the Soaker Sheet underneath the basket, locating it between the Basket and the sterilization wrap.
- 3) Locate the Soaker Sheet centrally under the basket if the Soaker Sheet is of a similar size to the basket
- 4) If the Soaker Sheet is much larger than the basket with the intention of folding it up and over the top of the basket, then position the Soaker Sheet as appropriate
- 5) Wrap the basket with sterilization tray wrap as normal



### Lining autoclave Loading Carts with larger size Soaker sheets

- 1) Choose a sheet size which is closest to the size of the shelving of the loading cart to be covered.
- 2) Place the sheet or sheets on the shelf so that the whole shelf is covered. If necessary, the Soaker sheet may be folded in order to fit the size of the sheet to the size of the shelf. If the largest Soaker Sheet available is insufficient to cover the shelf, two or more overlapped Soaker sheets may be used.
- 3) To maximize the protection of the wrapped sets, ensure that the Soaker Sheet covers the whole shelf. Ideally, the edges of the Soaker Sheets should overhang the Shelf edges slightly to guarantee that the shelf remains covered in the event of any movement in the Soaker Sheet during use.
- 4) After the shelves on the autoclave loading carts have been lined, the wrapped sets may be placed on top.

### Lining other surfaces with larger size Soaker sheets

- 1) Soaker Sheets can be used to line any horizontal surface where water drips or damage to wrapped sets are a concern. The method of use is the same as for lining the shelves of Autoclave Loading Carts.