
PROPER MAINTENANCE AND STERILIZATION OF ANODIZED ALUMINUM CUTTING BLOCKS

This is a reusable surgical instrument of anodized aluminum or with anodized aluminum components.

Cleaning and Disinfection:

Ensure instruments are processed for cleaning immediately after usage.

Use only gentle, mild alkaline or enzymatic detergents and disinfectants that are suitable for naturally colored anodized aluminum surfaces. If demineralized water is used in all the cleaning steps with these mild alkaline or enzymatic detergents and disinfectants, color-anodized aluminum surfaces may be cleaned and disinfected with other instruments.

Color-anodized aluminum surfaces may lose their color when machine-cleaned, but this will not affect the function of the instrument. Abrasive cleaning agents, wire brushes, etc. must not be used.

Sterilization:

This four layered cutting block must be cleaned, disinfected, and sterilized prior to every use.

For sterilization, use the following procedure subject to national regulations:

- Fractioned vacuum method with sufficient product drying
- Autoclave in accordance with DIN EN 13060 or DIN EN 285 and validated in accordance with DIN EN 17665-1
- Sterilization time and temperature: **Hold time of at least 5 minutes at 134°C**

It is essential that a SAL (Sterility Assurance Level) of 10^{-6} is achieved.