

Case Soil® Wash Indicator

Interpreting test results and failure troubleshooting guide for Ultrasonic Cleaner



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PASS A clean coupon shows no visible residue and indicates a pass.



Red, pink, white, or filmy residue indicates a failure. For any failure, investigate the cause and re-test under the same conditions.



Red = Load was not processed, machine non-functional (*review section 3 below*)



Pink = No detergent dispensed, low temperature, improper placement of indicator, insufficient cavitation, damaged tubing or pump (review sections 1, 2, and 3 below)



White = Clogged water filter, overloaded cleaner, improper placement of indicator, cold water temperature, insufficient cavitation, inadequate rinse, hard water deposits (review sections 1, 3, and 4 below)



Film = Check machine parameters for contact time and temperature, insufficient cavitation, equipment maintenance, improper loading, water quality, detergent residue (review sections 3 and 4 below)

1. Check Case Soil Test Placement

- Verify correct test placement for routine use:
 - Test coupon is placed in Case Soil Holder with lid closed
 - in center of instrument basket
- Use correct test placement for equipment failure:
 - Place test coupon on all four sides of ultrasonic to determine if transducers are properly functioning or need to be repaired or replaced at that location

2. Check Cleaning Solution

- ☐ Check the **level of the cleaning solution** in the bottle to ensure detergent is being dispensed
- Verify that cleaning solution has not reached its expiration date
- ☐ Check that cleaning solution is **not stored near a heat source**
- Ensure that chemicals in use are appropriate for use for reprocessing surgical devices
- Verify that a rinse follows the detergent step

3. Check Equipment

- ☐ Check cycle parameters for:
 - correct cycle time
 - correct cycle temperature
 - ensure proper dosage or dilution rate is set for the cleaning solution
 - thorough rinsing after each wash step
- Check tubing, pump, and reservoir for damage, restrictions, or leaks
- ☐ Verify ultrasonic cleaning action (cavitation) is evenly distributed throughout the bath; failed transducers may cause dead spots.

4. Check Water Quality

- Examine the condition of the water filter, clean if necessary
- Confirm wash water has been changed at appropriate intervals
- ☐ Test for water quality, including total dissolved solids (TDS), hardness, alkalinity, chlorine
- Contact management or facility maintenance for water quality issues