


	Processing instructions (reusable medical devices) – ISO 17664 / <i>Condizionamento dei dispositivi medici riutilizzabili</i>	
Area	Manufacturer / Fabbricante: LED SpA	Method / Metodo: IA-ISO17664A_IT Symbol / Simbologia:  <i>Number of cycles varies from single product (see packaging)</i>
A	Device(s) / Dispositivo (i):	Electrodes, cables, pliers, autoclavable handpieces, probes.
B	Spaulding Classification (Annex C) / Classificazione (Allegato C)	Handpieces, Electrodes, Pliers, Probes: CRITICAL USE Cables: NON-CRITICAL USE
C	Information-General / Informazioni-Generalità	<p>Instruments must not be used without previously being cleaned, disinfected and sterilized. Effective cleaning and disinfection is a precondition for an effective sterilization of instruments. Remove the electrodes before cleaning.</p> <p>Observe that only sufficient instruments and product-specified valid methods for cleaning, disinfection and sterilization are used and that the valid parameters with each cycle.</p> <p>Observe the valid legal regulations of the country and the regulations for hygiene of the hospital/clinic.</p> <p>Do not sterilize electrodes and handle bunched together!</p> <p>Every exceeding further application falls within the responsibility of the user.</p> <p>Surgical handles and electrodes can be cleaned in the instruments washing machine.</p> <p>It is imperative that the data of the disinfection agent manufacturer be adhered to.</p> <p>Mechanical pre-cleaning of the knife electrodes and the needle electrodes can be made the same as with conventional surgical electrodes.</p>
D	WARNINGS / AVVERTENZE	CAUTION Do not sterilize in hot air! INFORMATION Gas sterilization! Owing to the fact that the outwards ventilation times were not evacuated for this product gas sterilization is not recommended
E	Limitations on processing	Repeated processing has effect on these instruments. The amount for reapplication of the individual components is, with a sterilization time of 20 minutes and with a sterilization temperature of 134°C, as follows: # Handle/ cable: up 100 times # Argon electrode: up 75 times # Electrodes / forceps: up to 30 times. # Flexible Argon probe: up 20 times
F	Note / Nota:	Although the Spaulding Classification is different for the devices, these are part of the same family of products and have the same processes.

Area	INSTRUCTIONS / ISTRUZIONI		
	Process / Processo	Process step / Step del processo	Description, instructions, cautions / Descrizione, istruzioni, avvertenze
G	Initial treatment at the point of use / Trattamento iniziale nel punto di utilizzo	Remove contaminaiuion/ Ammollo (G0)	Soaking must be made immediately after application (within a maximum of 2 hours). For this only use aldehyde free disinfection agents (otherwise fixing of blood contamination) with tested effectiveness (e.g. DGHM or FDA Approval, respectively CE certification mark) which are suitable for instrument disinfection and which are compatible with the instruments. For preliminary removal of dirt residue it is possible, if necessary, to use plastic fleece material or plastic cleaning brush. CAUTION: The applied disinfection agent used for soaking is only for personnel protection and cannot, after implemented cleaning, replace the disinfection sequence carried out later.
		Containment and trasportation / Contenimento e trasporto (G1)	No particular requirements. It is recommended that instruments are reprocessed as soon as is reasonably practical following use.
H	Preparation before cleaning / Preparazione prima della pulizia	Disassembly/ Smontaggio	Dismountable instruments are to be disassembled for further cleaning according to the operating instructions.
I	Cleaning: Automated / Pulizia: automatizzata	–	A cleaning machine methods should be used for cleaning (cleaning equipment). Cleaning by hand is not recommended due to the distinctly lower effectiveness. LED recommends the use of neutral to light alkaline cleaning agent, respectively cleaning and disinfection agent, which does not contain any critical ingredients (depending of concentration). Preferably alcoholic and/or aldehyde contents should be used because the materials used are less likely to be affected. When alkaline cleaning agents are used (pH 9.5-11.5) it is possible that discolouring will take place on the metallic surface. This does not cause the product to be inoperable. Strong alkaline cleaning agents (pH > 11.5) are to be avoided. The suitability of the products for effective cleaning was proven with a machine method (90° C, 5 minutes) using an alkaline cleaning agent with a surface-acting additive (ANIOSYME DD1 /n eodisher® MediClean strong). The application of other (or non-equivalent) cleaning agents is made outside the area of responsibility of the manufacturer. Only cleaning agents which have a proven effectiveness are permitted to be used and which are comparable with the applied system (cleaning agent) in the available examination. When selecting the applied cleaning agent system it is to be observed: # that is basically suitable for cleaning instruments, # that the chemicals used are compatible with the instruments.
J	Cleaning: Manual / Pulizia: manuale	Not applicable. Non applicabile.	Cleaning by hand is not recommended due to the distinctly lower effectiveness.

K	Disinfection / Disinfezione	Thermal and / or chemical <i>Termica e/o chimica</i>	<p>A cleaning machine method should be used for disinfection (disinfection equipment). Cleaning by hand is not recommended due to the distinctly lower effectiveness.</p> <p>LED recommends the use of neutral to light alkaline cleaning agent, respectively cleaning and disinfection agent, which does not contain any critical ingredients (depending of concentration).</p> <p>Preferably alcoholic and/or aldehyde contents should be used because the materials used are less likely to be affected.</p> <p>When alkaline cleaning agents are used (pH 9.5-11.5) it is possible that discolouring will take place on the metallic surface.</p> <p>This does not cause the product to be inoperable. Strong alkaline cleaning agents (pH > 11.5) are to be avoided.</p> <p>The suitability of the products for effective disinfection was proven with a machine method (90° C, 5 minutes) using an alkaline cleaning agent with a surface-acting additive (ANIOSYME DD1 / n eodisher® MediClean strong). The application of other (or non-equivalent) disinfection agents is made outside the area of responsibility of the manufacturer. Only cleaning agents which have a proven effectiveness are permitted to be used and which are comparable with the applied system (disinfectant agent) in the available examination.</p> <p>When selecting the disinfectant it is to be observed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # that the disinfectant has a certified effectiveness (e.g. DGHM or FDA Approval, resp. CE certification mark according to EN ISO 15883), # that as far as possible a tested program for thermal disinfection (at least 5 min at 90°C for A0 – value > 3000) is used (with chemical disinfection there is a danger of disinfectant residue on the instruments), # that the program used is suitable for the instruments and contains sufficient rinsing cycles, # that only sterile or germ-free (max. 10 germs/ml) and endotoxin-free (max. 0.25 endotoxin units/ml) rinsing water is used, # that the air used for drying is filtered # that the disinfectant is regularly maintained and inspected. <p>When selecting the applied cleaning agent system it is to be observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # that is basically suitable for cleaning instruments, # that, as long as no thermal disinfection is used, additionally a suitable disinfection agent with certified effectiveness is used (e.g. DGHM or FDA Approval, resp. CE certification mark) and that this is compatible with the applied cleaning agents, # that the chemicals used are compatible with the instruments. <p>It is imperative that the data given by the manufacturer of the cleaning agent and disinfection agent concerning the specified concentrations and effectiveness times be adhered to.</p> <p>Sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place the instruments into the disinfectant. Ensure that the cable is not bent or squeezed. 2. Start the program 3. Remove the instruments from the disinfectant after the program has finished. 4. Check and pack as far as possible immediately after removal (after additional drying at a clean location) <p>If necessary blow out with filtered compressed air. Only dry the products with compressed air (< 3 bar) in order to avoid possible damage.</p>
L	Drying / Asciugatura	–	If necessary blow out with filtered compressed air. Only dry the products with compressed air (< 3 bar) in order to avoid possible damage.
M	Maintenance, Inspection and testing / Manutenzione,	–	Check the products for operation as well as visual damage according the corresponding operating instructions. LED recommend that with moveable or swivelling parts (e.g. forceps) instrument oil should not be used (exception: surgical instruments made of stainless steel) due to the

	<i>ispezione e collaudo</i>		fact that certain plastics tend to swell and owing to the oil even hinder movement.
N	Packaging / Imballaggio	–	Before sterilization, the disassembled instruments must be packed into a suitable one-way sterilization packing (single layer or double layer packing) and/or a suitable sterilization container: # according to EN 868 / ISO 11607 # suitable for steam sterilization (temperature resistive up to 137°C, sufficient steam porosity) # regular maintenance (sterilization container)
O	Sterilization / Sterilizzazione	–	Autoclaving. The instruments must only be sterilized in the disassembly condition. Only the following sterilization methods are to be used for sterilization, other sterilization methods are not permitted. Steam sterilization # Fractionated vacuum method* (with sufficient product drying) # Steam sterilizer according to EN 13060 resp. EN 285 # According to EN 554 / ISO 11134 validated (valid commissioning and specific product service assessment) # maximum sterilization temperature 134°C (plus tolerance according to EN 554 / ISO 11134) # Sterilization time min. 20 min (at 121°C) resp. 5 to 20 min at 132 /134°C The suitability of the product for effective sterilization was proven with the fractionated vacuum method with the above sterilization times/temperature. The hot air method for sterilization is basically not to be used (destruction of the instruments). The use of other methods of sterilization (e. g. ethylene oxide, formaldehyde, beam and low temperature plasma sterilization) is outside the responsibility of the manufacturer. In this case the corresponding valid standards are to be observed (EN ISO 14937/ ISO 14937, resp. standards for specific methods) and the suitability and principle effectiveness of the method proved (if necessary, including residue inspection of the sterilization material) taking the specific product geometry into consideration within the scope of validation.
P	Storage / Conservazione		Once sterilised, the products must be stored dry and dust-free in their sterilisation packing. The products must also be protected against sun and heat.
Q	Transportation / Trasporto		The disassembled instruments are to be assembled according to the corresponding operating instructions for the application. A visual inspection and function tests is to be carried out before every operation
R	Additional information / Informazioni aggiuntive	–	* The use of a less effective gravitation method must be ensured by additional validation (if necessary, longer sterilization times required)
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