



## 3M™ Steri-Drape™ Wound Edge Protectors

### Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

Do Steri-Drape wound edge protector drapes or packaging contain latex?

**Answer:**

3M Steri-Drape Wound Edge Protectors (1073, 1074, 1075, 1076) do not contain either natural rubber latex or dry natural rubber as components in the product or its packaging.

**Question:**

What is an aperture and/or fenestration?

**Answer:**

Both refer to a drape with an opening, or a cut out.

**Question:**

What is the shelf life? or What is the expiration date?

**Answer:**

The shelf life of the product can be determined by the expiration date which is included on the product's labeling. The word LOT in a box and the hourglass are symbols that represent the lot number and expiration date.

The hourglass is followed by a year and month which represent the expiration date (year and month: 2005-10). When the alpha digits are added, the entire line after the hourglass represents the lot number (2005-10 AZ).

**Question:**

Can an opened, but unused drape be resterilized?

**Answer:**

3M does not recommend resterilization of any of our specialty drapes. However, 3M provides a drape replacement program that will exchange opened and unused 3M drapes for sterile drape product. Please contact your 3M Sales Representative for additional information on the drape replacement program.

**Question:**

What is the flammability rating of 3M surgical drapes?

**Answer:**

Steri-Drape surgical drapes classify as having normal flammability (Class 1) using the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard CFR 1610 for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles. The test is the current industry standard and is used to differentiate materials having normal flammability from those materials which exhibit rapid and intense burning.