

# Cleaning and Sterilization Instructions for Reusable Cheek Retractors

For PhotoMed product code prefix (begins with) - #IO-R-\*

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## Cleaning

Retractors must be cleaned with soap and water and thoroughly dried prior to packaging for sterilization. Rinse Retractors with distilled or de-mineralized water if possible. Inspect device for visual damage, wear and tear or deterioration. Discard broken, defective or worn-out products.

Any chemical disinfectant must be washed off and the retractor dried prior to packaging for sterilization. Retractors damaged due to chemical residue are not covered under warranty.

## Sterilization

PhotoMed plastic and metal cheek retractors can be heat sterilized in an autoclave sterilizer.

Steam sterilize only for 20 minutes at 245°F / 118°C.

Follow your autoclave manufacturer's instructions regarding drying time/cycle.

The CDC recommends a drying time of 15-30 minutes depending on the type of sterilizer being used:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/disinfection/tables/table7.html>

Always follow your autoclave manufacturer instructions and adhere to AAMI ST79 standards for safe practices.

After sterilization, cheek retractors are to remain in their sealed package and opened only at point of use.