

Instructions for Use of 3M Attest Biological Indicator Test

1. Label Attest package containing biological indicator vial with date, autoclave ID, and load number from autoclave User Log.
2. Place the indicator package in the autoclave with the biohazard waste load in an area that provides the greatest challenge to the steam sterilization process.
3. Run the autoclave cycle as usual.
4. When pressure gauge reads 0 PSI and the cycle is complete, carefully vent the autoclave and allow the contents to cool for at least 10 minutes.
5. Using buttoned lab coat, eye protection, closed-toed shoes, and heat resistant gloves, remove the indicator from the autoclave.
6. Remove the indicator vial from the package and label appropriately with all information from the package.
7. Check indicator vial label for a color change from rose to brown.
8. Place the biological indicator vial into the 56°C incubator utilizing the proper procedure. See photos below for instruction.



9. Place a non-autoclaved, labeled control tube in the incubator in the same manner as above. This will be a positive control for bacterial growth.
10. Examine the indicator tube at 8, 12, 24, and 48 hours for any color change.
 - a) Yellow color change indicates bacterial growth.
 - b) Compare vial to non-autoclaved control at each time point.
11. Record 48 hour test results in Biological Indicator Test Results Log.