

Warnings:

- Always disconnect equipment from power when cleaning.
- Do not autoclave, sterilize, or allow ingress of liquids into display unit, test box, microphones, or other accessories.
- Use disinfectant products according to supplier specifications (contact time, drying time, etc.).

General: (non-patient contact parts)

- **Outer cases, test box, display unit, external speaker/stand**
Clean regularly by wiping down with mild water/detergent solution or similar
Disinfect with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for electronic equipment
- **Wireless mouse**
Clean and disinfect with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for electronic equipment
- **LCD display screen**
Clean with products deemed safe for use on monitor screens
- **Binaural monitor headphones**
Clean and disinfect with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for electronic equipment
Consider use of disposable ear cushion covers

REM specific: (patient contact parts)

- **Probe dock, probe microphone modules, WRECD transducer, Tele-test handset**
Clean and disinfect after each patient with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for use on electronic equipment
Do not immerse or directly expose to liquids, aerosol spray, compressed air, or vacuum
- **Probe dock lanyard**
Cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected
Consider substitute disposable cord in place of lanyard and discard after use
- **Probe tubes, foam eartips used for WRECD**
Single patient use only, discard after use

Test Box specific: (non-patient contact parts)

- **Test box foam floor**
Cannot be disinfected. Clean and disinfect hearing aids with disinfectant wipes prior to test box placement
May be replaced if it becomes soiled or worn. Part #4014
- **Coupler microphone**
May be cleaned and disinfected with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for electronic equipment
Do not immerse or directly expose to liquids, aerosol spray, compressed air, or vacuum
Do not clean coupler microphone gaskets with alcohol or other substances that will dry out rubber components
- **Couplers, hearing instrument stabilizers, TRIC adapters, HA-4 earmold substitutes**
May be cleaned and disinfected with disinfectant wipes deemed safe for rubber, PVC, and plastic
- **Blue putty**
Cannot be disinfected. Clean and disinfect hearing aids with disinfectant wipes before and after contact.
Should be replaced regularly if soiled

Appendix:

Definition of Infection Control Terms:

- **Cleaning** is the removal of gross contaminants without killing germs. This may be accomplished using methods such as: paper towels or tissues, wipes, brushes, or rinsing with water.
- **Disinfection** is the removal of virtually every pathogenic microorganism, but not necessarily all microbial microorganisms. This may be accomplished using methods such as: disinfectant wipes/towelettes, disinfectant spray and tissues or soaking trays.
- **Sterilization** is the removal of all microbial microorganisms. This may be accomplished using methods such as: cold sterilization with chemical and soaking tray, heat sterilization with an autoclave, or a UVC light emitting cleaning and drying device.

Helpful Resources:

- United States Environmental Protection Agency. List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19). Retrieved June 10, 2020 from <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
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