



December 18, 2017

Re: **Compatibility of the STERIZONE® VP4 sterilizer and Olympus Endoscopy Equipment**

Dear Health Care Professional:

This letter provides information on the material and functional compatibility of Olympus endoscopy equipment with the STERIZONE® VP4 sterilizer. Olympus does not list this sterilizer as either a compatible or incompatible product for the reprocessing of Olympus endoscopy equipment.

In general, the use of hydrogen peroxide-based reprocessing methodologies that have not been carefully tested for material compatibility by Olympus is not recommended for use with Olympus endoscopy equipment due to the possibility of chemical-induced damage occurring to the device.

The use of the STERIZONE® VP4 sterilizer does not by itself void the Olympus new product warranty for damage caused by faulty materials or workmanship. However, chemically induced damage (e.g., cracking of adhesives, loss of marking paint, insertion tube peeling, deterioration, floppiness or delamination, and unexplained fluid entry into the endoscope) resulting from the use of a low temperature chemical sterilizer such as the STERIZONE® VP4 that is not listed by Olympus as compatible with Olympus flexible endoscopes will not be covered by warranty.

For information on the efficacy of the STERIZONE® VP4, please contact TSO₃ or Getinge Group.

NON-OLYMPUS REPAIRS

Olympus cannot guarantee that any product repaired by a non-Olympus facility will be compatible with the STERIZONE® VP4. Moreover, if a product is repaired by a non-Olympus facility, the corresponding product warranty may be voided. In the event that your equipment has been repaired by such a facility, please contact the repair facility directly for compatibility information.

WARRANTY

Nothing contained in this letter alters, extends, or modifies in any way the authorized Olympus warranty applicable to each device or instrument.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Olympus sales representative or the Olympus Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-848-9024 (United States) or 1-800-387-0437 (Canada).

Sincerely,

Olympus