



Bioindicators

Self-contained Biological Indicator is used in for Steam, Ethylene Oxide (EO) and oven sterilization. Each unit is made up of a plastic container with cap, a crushable glass ampoule with recovery media, and a paper strip inoculated with spores. They are available for healthcare and industrial use.

Control

The control unit should exhibit turbidity and/or a color change to or toward yellow. If the control unit does not show signs of growth, consider the test invalid.

Test

A failed sterilization cycle is indicated by turbidity and/or a color change to or toward yellow. A test unit that retains its original color (green for oven, purple for Steam and red for EO) indicates that sterilization parameters have been met.

