

Technical Bulletin

Approved Cleaning Materials for Hugs® and Kisses® Tags

Introduction

This Technical Bulletin provides important information about which cleaning materials have been approved/not approved by STANLEY Healthcare for use on Hugs and Kisses Tags for both the Hugs and Hugs Wi-Fi platforms.

Customers are advised to review the list of approved and non-approved cleaning materials carefully since manufacturers often provide a range of similar sounding product variants with different active ingredients. This may result in one variant of cleaning material being approved while another variant from the same manufacturer possibly not being approved. For example, Clorox Commercial Solutions® Germicidal Wipes are approved for use on Hugs and Kisses Tags whereas Clorox Healthcare™ H2O2 Cleaner disinfect wipes are not approved.

Approved Cleaning Materials

The following list of cleaning materials has been approved by STANLEY Healthcare for use on Hugs and Kisses Tags:

Cleaning Material
Coverage™ HBV
Ecolab® Airkem® A-456-N
Brulin® Maxima 128
3M™ Neutral Quat Disinfectant Cleaner Concentrate
Formula C™
SaniWipes / Purple Top (Sani-Cloth®)
3M™ HB Quat Disinfectant Cleaner Concentrate 25
Sani-Cloth® AF3 Germicidal Disposable Wipes
SaniWipes / Red Top = Sani-Cloth® Plus
CaviCide™ or CaviWipes™
Thymo-Cide
Expose® II 256 or Phenolic 256 DC™
Precise® Hospital Foam Cleaner Disinfectant
Vesphene® II SE
Professional Amphyl® Hospital Bulk Disinfectant
Metrex Detergezime™ - generic detergent + enzyme
Ecolab® Optipro™ Solid Multi Enzymatic Manual Cleaner
Polystica® Ultra Concentrate Enzymatic Cleaner
Ecolab® Asepti-zyme™
Spor Klenz® - Ready To Use
Virox™ Accel® Prevention (wipes & concentrate in use)
Virox™ Rescue™
Virkon® -S Powder
Oxivir® Five 16 Smart Dose
Clorox Commercial Solutions® Germicidal Wipes
Clorox® germicidal bleach (bleach use with gauze)
Premoistened Alcohol/DI Clean Wipes
Staph-Attack™
Metrex CaviWipes™
Frekaderm Actief 100 g liquide
Expose® 256

Non-Approved Cleaning Materials

The following list of cleaning materials **has not been approved by STANLEY Healthcare** for use on Hugs and Kisses Tags. **DO NOT USE** these cleaning materials:

Cleaning Material
Virex® II 256
LpH® Disinfectant Cleaner
Wexcide-Ready-To-Use
Wexcide 128
Sporicidin®
Bulk Disinfectant - not defined - many versions
Metrizyme®
Clorox Healthcare™ H2O2 Cleaner disinfect wipes
Hydrogen Peroxide Cassettes
Oxivir® TB/Oxivir® TB wipes
Isopropyl Alcohol use with gauze
Hibiclens®
Azul® Staphicide -Eco Line 0.5%

Cleaning Instructions

Hugs and Kisses Tags are not sterilized at the factory. They must be cleaned before first use. In general, customers should consult with their Infection Control representative for cleaners available to the hospital that have been approved for use on plastics and are on the Approved Cleaning Materials list in this Technical Bulletin.

Customers must follow all applicable label instructions for these products. Many of these products specify a two-step process with specific surface contact times and/or instructions for rinsing away residue remaining on the tag.

NOTE: It is very important to rinse and thoroughly dry all tags after cleaning. If residue remains on the tag, the water evaporates away, leaving the chemicals to increase in concentration. A normally benign, mild alkaline solution then becomes a strong (and damaging) alkaline solution. This could cause serious degradation to a tag's plastic casing.

If required, a disposable soft-bristle brush may be used to remove surface dirt from the tag's surface.

For minimal surface degradation and cracking over time, use the following guidelines:

- Do not use pathogenic cleaners specified for tuberculosis (TB).
- Do not soak the tag.
- Do not use an autoclave to clean the tag or serious damage may result.