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An explanation of symbols used in packaging

Symbol	Title	Standard	Reference No.	Description
	Do not re-use	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.4.2	Indicates a medical device that is intended for one use or for use on a single patient during a single procedure.
	Sterile	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.2.1	Indicates a medical device that has been subjected to a sterilization process.
	Sterilized using irradiation	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.2.4	Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using irradiation.
	Sterilized using Ethylene Oxide	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.2.3	Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using ethylene oxide.
	Date of manufacture	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.1.3	Indicates the date when the medical device was manufactured.
	Manufacturer	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.1.1	Indicates the medical device manufacturer, as defined in EU Directives 90/385/EEC, 93/42/EEC and 98/79/EC.
	Use-by date	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.1.4	Indicates the date after which the medical device is not to be used.
	Batch code	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.1.5	Indicates the manufacturer's batch code so that the batch or lot can be identified.
	Not made with natural rubber latex	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.4.5 with Annex B.2 negation symbol	Indicates a medical device and the packaging of the medical device was not made with natural rubber latex.
	Contains or presence of natural rubber latex	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.4.5	Indicates the presence of natural rubber or dry natural rubber latex as a material of construction within the medical device or the packaging of a medical device.
	Top	ISO 7000 Graphical symbols for use on equipment.	0623	The package must always be transported, handled and stored in such a way that the arrows always point upwards.
	Do not re-sterilize	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements	5.2.6	Indicates a medical device that is not to be re-sterilized.
	Catalogue number	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements	5.1.6	Indicates the manufacturer's catalogue number so that the medical device can be identified.
	Do not use if package is damaged	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.2.8	Indicates a medical device that should not be used if the package has been damaged or opened. This symbol may also mean "Do not use if the product sterile barrier system or its packaging is compromised".
	Recycling code	Public domain symbol	#21 PAP	Recycling symbol for mixed paper magazines, mail
	Limited Quantity Diamond	49 CFR	172.315	Indicates hazardous materials that can be shipped in limited quantities.
	CE marking	765/2008/EC 768/2008/EC MDD 93/42/EEC Articles 4,11,12,17, Annex II)	The requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products; Medical Device Directive.	Signifies European technical conformity.
	Consult instructions for use	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.4.3	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use.
	Caution	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements.	5.4.4	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use for important cautionary information such as warnings and precautions that cannot, for a variety of reasons, be presented on the medical device itself.
	Serial number	ISO 15223-1 Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements	5.1.7	Indicates the manufacturer's serial number so that a specific medical device can be identified.