

Policy on Cleaning and Replacement of the Reusable Suction Canisters Outer Shells used with the Receptal® Suction Liner Systems

Amsino's Receptal outer shell canisters are a key component to the proper functioning of the Receptal Suction Liner Systems and are considered reusable. They are made of a durable polycarbonate plastic and with proper care, should last for many years. They do not need to be replaced on a regular basis as long as there are no visible defects. Because these outer shells are reused time-and-time again, they should be cleaned as described below, or in accordance with facility guidelines.

Approved Cleaners

To clean the outer shells, use a dampened soft cloth and wipe inside and out as necessary to maintain visual wetness for 5 minutes. For normal cleaning, nearly any household or facility-approved cleaner will work to clean the outer shells. Also acceptable is the use of a solution of warm water and a mild dishwashing detergent (pH 5~7). For blood or other potentially biohazardous contamination, a 10% bleach solution or other facility approved detergent containing enzymes will clean the outer shells without damaging the plastic. Alcohol and ammonium salt disinfectants may also be for disinfection. Acetone-based cleaners should be avoided. Autoclave sterilization is not recommended.

Lifespan and Replacement

When cleaning, the shells should be inspected for visible cracks, fissures, or splinters. The rim should be smooth, flat, and free of any burrs or cracks. Should any of these conditions exist, the outer shell should be replaced. Bubbles, specks, or blemishes within or on the plastic will not affect the performance and does not warrant replacement. Excessive soiling that cannot be removed as described above may pose an infection control risk and necessitates replacement. To help ensure proper functioning, Amsino recommends replacing the outer shells approximately every 8 years from the original date of manufacture.

T-Connector Assembly

The T-Connector may be damaged under force during installation or excessive utility. However, unless the T-Connector has visible damage or is causing air leakage, it is not necessary to routinely replace it. Cleaning and disinfecting of T-Connector are the same as with the rest of the outer shell assemblies.