

# ACTIVATION and INCUBATION

**1** Check the STEAMPlus® integrator to see if the bar entered the SAFE area. SAFE area indicates parameters for sterilization have been met and the load may be released. If the dark bar has not entered the SAFE area, do not release the load and report to your supervisor immediately. Record results in a sterilizer record notebook.



Pass

**2** Activate the processed BI by crushing the inner glass media tube using a built in vial crusher (if available) or separate vial crusher device.



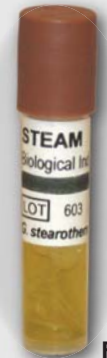
Step 1



Step 2



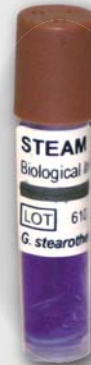
**3** Incubate at 55 – 60°C for 10 hours checking for spore growth (visual color change from purple to yellow) at regular intervals (i.e. 3, 5, and 8 hours). Any positive result, should be reported immediately to a supervisor and the sterilizer taken out of service until resolved.



Fail

# TEST RESULTS

Record final biological results after 10 hours in a sterilizer record notebook. No color change in the purple media after incubation indicates proper sterilization.



Pass



# USE of CONTROLS

As a Control, an unprocessed BI (from the same lot) should be crushed and incubated each day the sterilizer is tested. Positive results are expected and should be recorded. The use of a Control verifies that the BI is viable and the incubator is working properly.



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