

3M™ Precise™ Multi-Shot Disposable Skin Stapler System

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

What are the skin staples made of?

Answer:

Stainless steel with 10 to 14 percent nickel.

Question:

What size are the staples?

Answer:

DS:	Staple formation	Width: .281" max	7.1mm
	Gap:	Tips must meet or overlap	
	Flatness:	0.090" max	2.3mm
MS:	Staple formation	Width: .282" max	7.1mm
	Gap:	Tips must meet or overlap	
	Flatness:	0.063"	1.6mm

Question:

Are the staples MRI compatible?

Answer:

3M skin staples are made of 316L stainless steel. 316L stainless steel is only slightly affected by magnetism. Drawing the material into wire and then forming the wire into staples will increase the magnetic properties but only very slightly. The material mass of the staples is small and even if they did move, they are unlikely to move in any significant way that will harm the patient.

When exposed to MRI, the staples may cause voids in the output (sometimes referred to as "blooming"). The mass of material in skin staples is larger than internal staples and probably will cause greater "blooming" than internal staples would.

Question:

What does the "R" and "W" mean in the product number?

Answer:

R = regular size staple, W = wide size staple.

Question:

What is the date on the skin stapler/remover package?

Answer:

The date on the stapler and remover packaging is an expiration date. The product is guaranteed to remain sterile unless the package has been opened or damaged.

Question:

Are staplers reusable?

Answer:

No, they are intended to be used one time and then disposed of.

Question:

Is the RSH 100 handle reusable?

Answer:

Yes, through your standard autoclaving procedure.



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