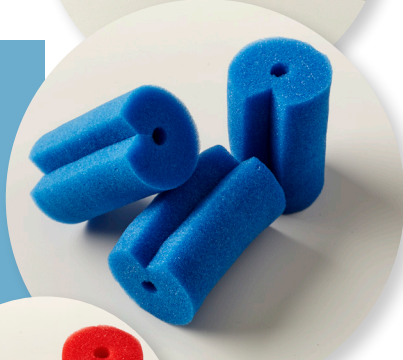


Cleaning Your Ultrasound Probe

How do I clean my ultrasound probe?

The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) guidelines for cleaning state: "After removal of the transducer cover (when applicable), remove bulk gel or debris from the transducer. Consider the use of a small brush, especially for crevices and areas of angulation, depending on the design of the particular transducer. Use a damp gauze pad or other soft cloth and a small amount of mild nonabrasive liquid soap, eg, household dishwashing liquid or use a wipe to remove any remaining gel (film)."¹

CIVCO offers dry and enzymatic sponges, disinfecting wipes, and drying wipes to aid a compliant cleaning process. Reference your ultrasound manufacturers' IFU for probe-specific cleaning instructions.



Cleaning Sponges & Wipes

REF #	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	QTY
610-643	Enzol® Enzymatic Detergent (1 gallon bottle)	4
610-1193	Protex™ Ultra softpack, non-abrasive wipes, (6.5" x 6") 60 sheets per dispenser	12
610-1225	Protex™ Ultra large canister, textured wipes, (7" x 9.5") 75 sheets per dispenser	8
610-1351	Endozime® Sponge for TEE Probes (100 pcs)	1
610-1352	Ruhof Dry Sponges (100 pcs)	1
610-1353	Metrex CaviWipes™ XL (50 wipes)	6
610-2431	SONO Ultrasound Wipes (7" x 10") - 50 wipes/softpack	12

Drying Wipes

REF #	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	QTY
610-1354	TrueCare® Sterile Wipes (300 pcs)	12

What are the CDC's cleaning recommendations?

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends cleaning ultrasound probes classified as semi-critical prior to high-level disinfection:

"Cleaning is the removal of visible soil... from objects and surfaces and normally is accomplished manually or mechanically using water with detergents or enzymatic products. Thorough cleaning is essential before high-level disinfection... because inorganic and organic material that remains on the surfaces of instruments interfere with the effectiveness of these processes."²

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