# Caring for Your M9 & M11 Sterilizer

# **WEEKLY**

WARNING - BE SURETHAT UNIT IS COOL WHEN CLEANING TO PREVENT POSSIBILITY OF BURNS.

#### 1. CLEAN EXTERNAL SURFACES

(a) Wipe with a soft dry cloth and occasionally with a damp cloth and mild soap or detergent.

## 2. CLEAN INTERNAL SURFACES

(a) Drain water from reservoir using drain tube located on front of unit.

**EQUIPMENT ALERT** - FAILURE TO CHANGE WATER PROMOTES GROWTH OF ALGAE IN RESERVOIR AND MAY CAUSE STERILIZER TO MALFUNCTION.

- (b) Using a mild soap or **Speed-Clean Sterilizer Cleaner™** and distilled water, wash inside of chamber, trays, door gasket, and door gasket mating surface. Examine door gasket for possible damage that could prevent a good sealing surface.
- (c) Refill reservoir with clean, distilled water.

## **MONTHLY**

**EQUIPMENT ALERT** - FAILURE TO FLUSH UNIT WITH **SPEED-CLEAN STERILIZER CLEANER™**, OR USE OF **OTHER** STERILIZER CLEANERS MAY CAUSE SOME COMPONENTS IN UNIT TO FAIL PREMATURELY.

### 1. FLUSH SYSTEM

- (a) Drain reservoir and fill with clean, distilled water then add one (1) ounce (29.6 CC) of **Speed Clean Sterilizer Cleaner™** to a <u>cool</u> chamber.
- (b) Run one PACKS cycle (30 minute cycle at 250°F {121°C}). Instruments should not be sterilized while cleaning the sterilizer.
- (c) Drain reservoir then refill reservoir with clean, distilled water and run one **UNWRAPPED** cycle (3 minute cycle at 270°F {132°C}).
- (d) Drain reservoir and allow sterilizer to cool to room temperature.
- (e) Remove door and dam gaskets from gasket housing channel. Clean channel and gaskets using a mild soap or **Speed-Clean Sterilizer Cleaner™** and clean, distilled water. A small stiff bristle brush will aid procedure. After cleaning gaskets, inspect for cracks, cuts, shrinking, or swelling and replace if necessary. Press gasket into the channel and reinstall dam gasket.
- (f) Remove trays, tray rack, and tray plate. This is accomplished by grasping tray plate on both sides and gently lifting up and pulling outward. The tray rack and tray plate should slide out of chamber together.
- (g) Locate chamber filter on bottom of chamber. Grasp chamber filter and pull upwards while twisting slightly. (A pair of pliers may be used if filter is stuck). The filter may be cleaned with mild soap or **Speed-Clean Sterilizer Cleaner™** and clean, distilled water. A small stiff bristle brush or ultrasonic cleaner may be helpfull to remove foreign objects from filter surface. Rinse filter with clean, distilled water. **NOTE If cleaning methods do not effectively clean the filter, replacement may be necessary.** Insert filter into hole in chamber bottom while pressing downwards and twisting slightly.

# **EQUIPMENT ALERT** - DO NOT OPERATE STERILIZER WITHOUT FILTER IN PLACE.

- (h) Wipe off trays, tray rack, and tray plate, and then replace in chamber by raising front of tray rack while pushing tray plate into chamber with tray rack inserted into back 1/8" holes (Refer to Installation / Operation Manual). This will allow tray rack and tray plate to slide in easier. When assembly is almost fully in chamber, insert tray rack into front holes of the tray plate and push completely into the chamber.
- (i) Refill with clean, distilled water and run one UNWRAPPED cycle (3 minute cycle at 270°F {132°C}).
- (j) Drain water from reservoir and refill with clean, distilled water.
- (k) Sterilizer is now ready for use.

### 2. PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE CHECK

Refer to the Installation and Operation Manual for this procedure.

Remember to ask your dealer for <u>Speed-Clean Sterilizer Cleaner</u>™ (#002-0396-00) or call 1-800-MIDMARK for information