

STERILE BARRIER SYSTEM VALIDATION



According to ISO 11607-1/2

Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices -

Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems

Part 2: Validation requirements for forming, sealing and assembly processes

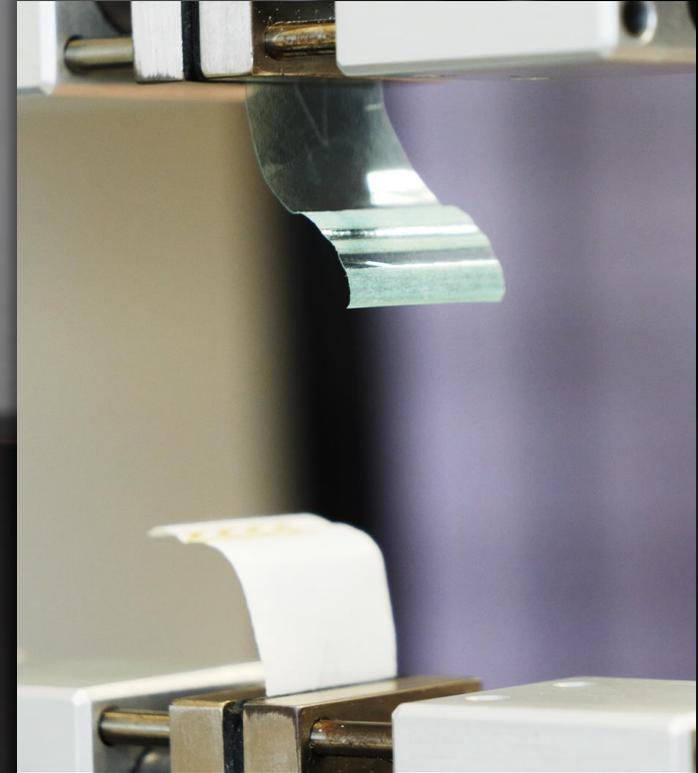
SEAL STRENGTH TEST

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Scope:

This test evaluates the tensile strength of specimens obtained by cutting the welds of the primary packaging of medical devices.

This evaluation is carried out using a tensile testing machine.



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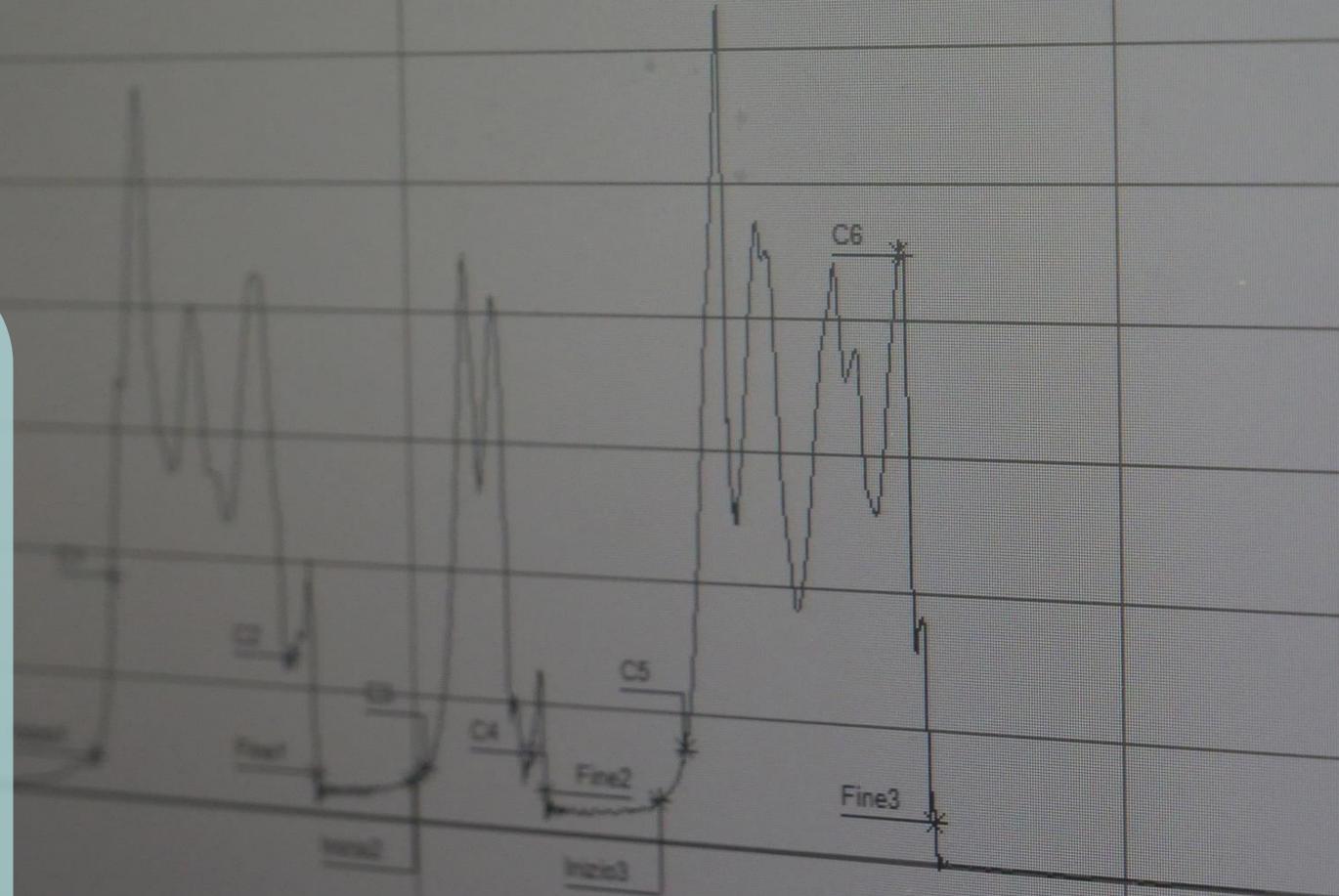
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Reference Standard:

UNI EN 868-5:2019 Annex D:
“Method for the determination
of the strength of the seal for
pouches and reel material”

ASTM F88/F88M-23

“Standard Test Method for Seal
Strength of Flexible Barrier
Materials”

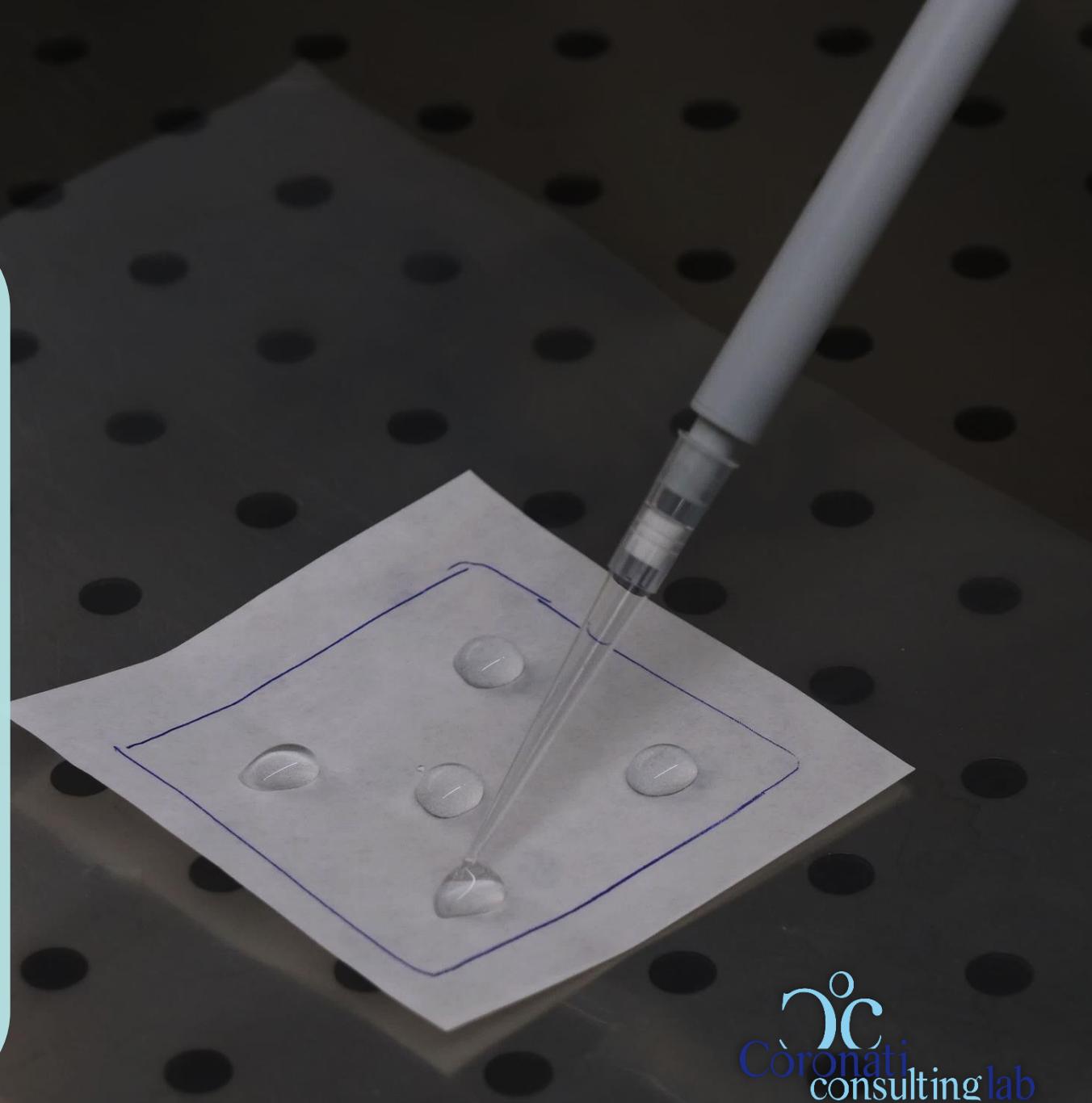


MICROBIAL BARRIER

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Scope:

This test consists in depositing a known quantity of microorganisms on a portion of packaging to evaluate the impenetrability to microorganisms in the presence of humidity. These procedures apply to packaging materials for medical devices intended for sterilization.



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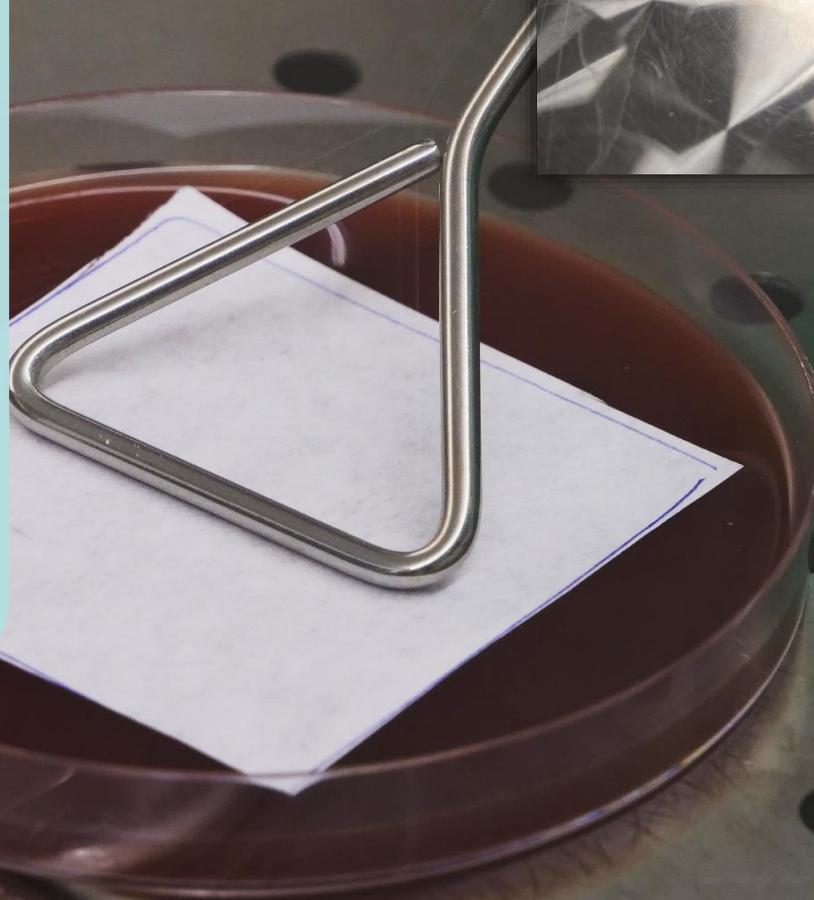
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(section 4):

Sterilization - Sterile supply -
Part 6: Microbial barrier
testing of packaging materials
for medical devices which are
to be sterilized.

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BUBBLE TEST

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Scope:

This test covers the detection of gross leaks in packaging, and it may be used for tray and pouch packages.

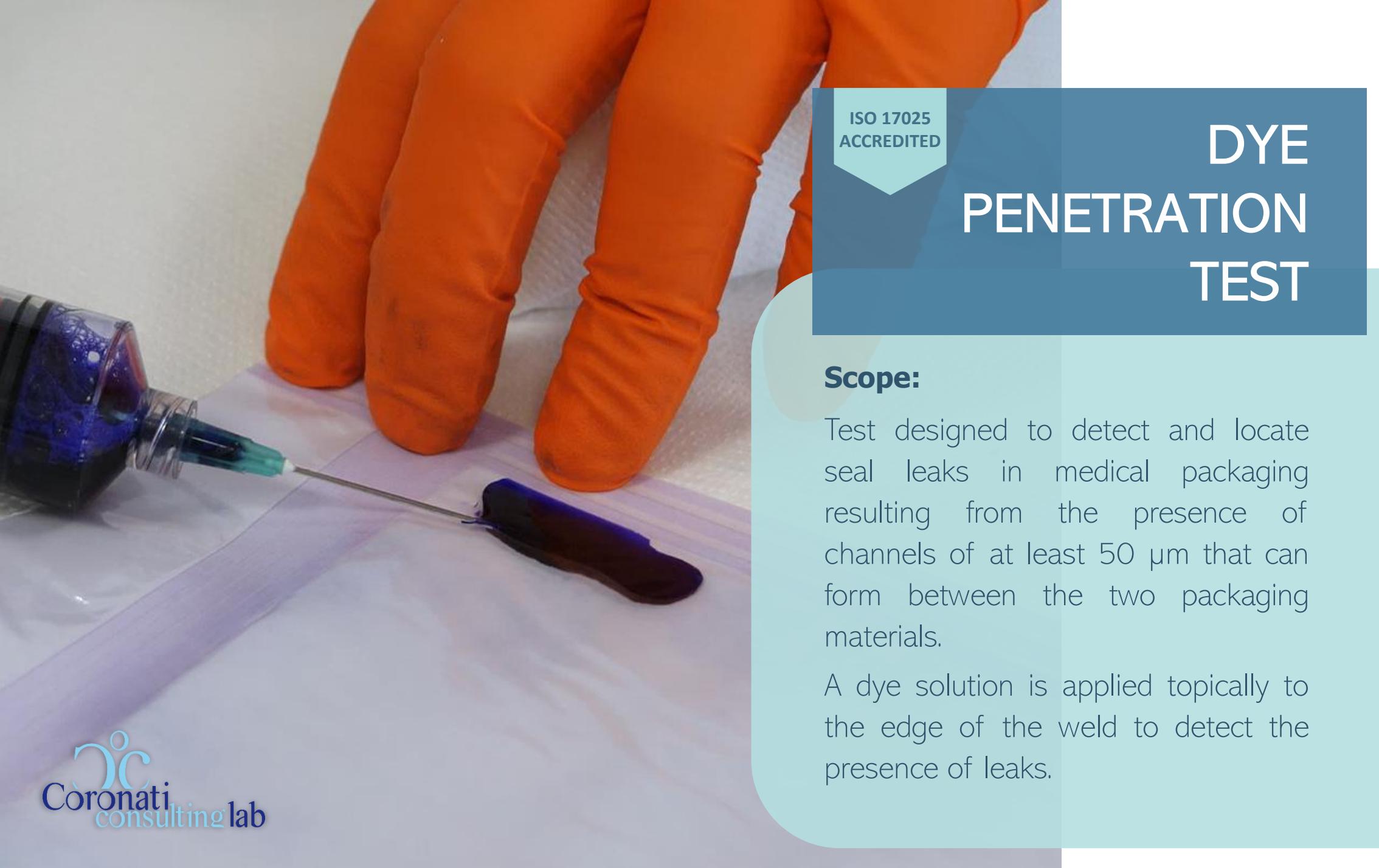
The package is inflated underwater to a predetermined pressure and then observed for a steady stream of air bubbles indicating a failure area.



Reference Standard:

ASTM F2096 – 11 (2019):

“Standard Test Method for Detecting Gross Leaks in Packaging by Internal Pressurization”



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DYE PENETRATION TEST

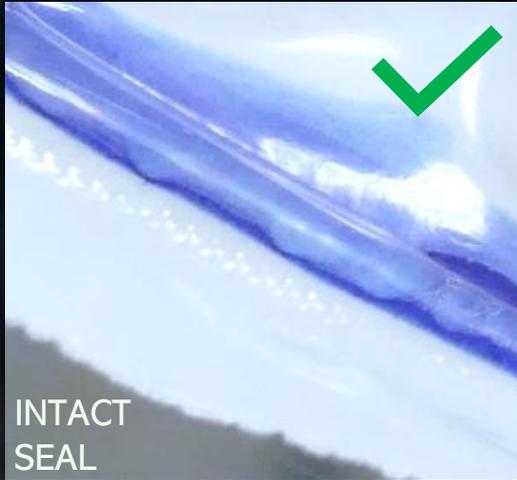
Scope:

Test designed to detect and locate seal leaks in medical packaging resulting from the presence of channels of at least 50 μm that can form between the two packaging materials.

A dye solution is applied topically to the edge of the weld to detect the presence of leaks.

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DYE PENETRATION TEST



Reference Standard:

ASTM F1929 – 23: “Standard Test Method for Detecting Seal Leaks in Porous Medical Packaging by Dye Penetration”

ASTM F3039-23 method A: “Standard Test Method for Detecting Leaks in Nonporous Packaging or Flexible Barrier Materials by Dye Penetration”

PINHOLES TEST

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Scope:

Test designed to evaluate the presence or absence of micro-holes in the plastic laminate of the primary packaging of medical devices.



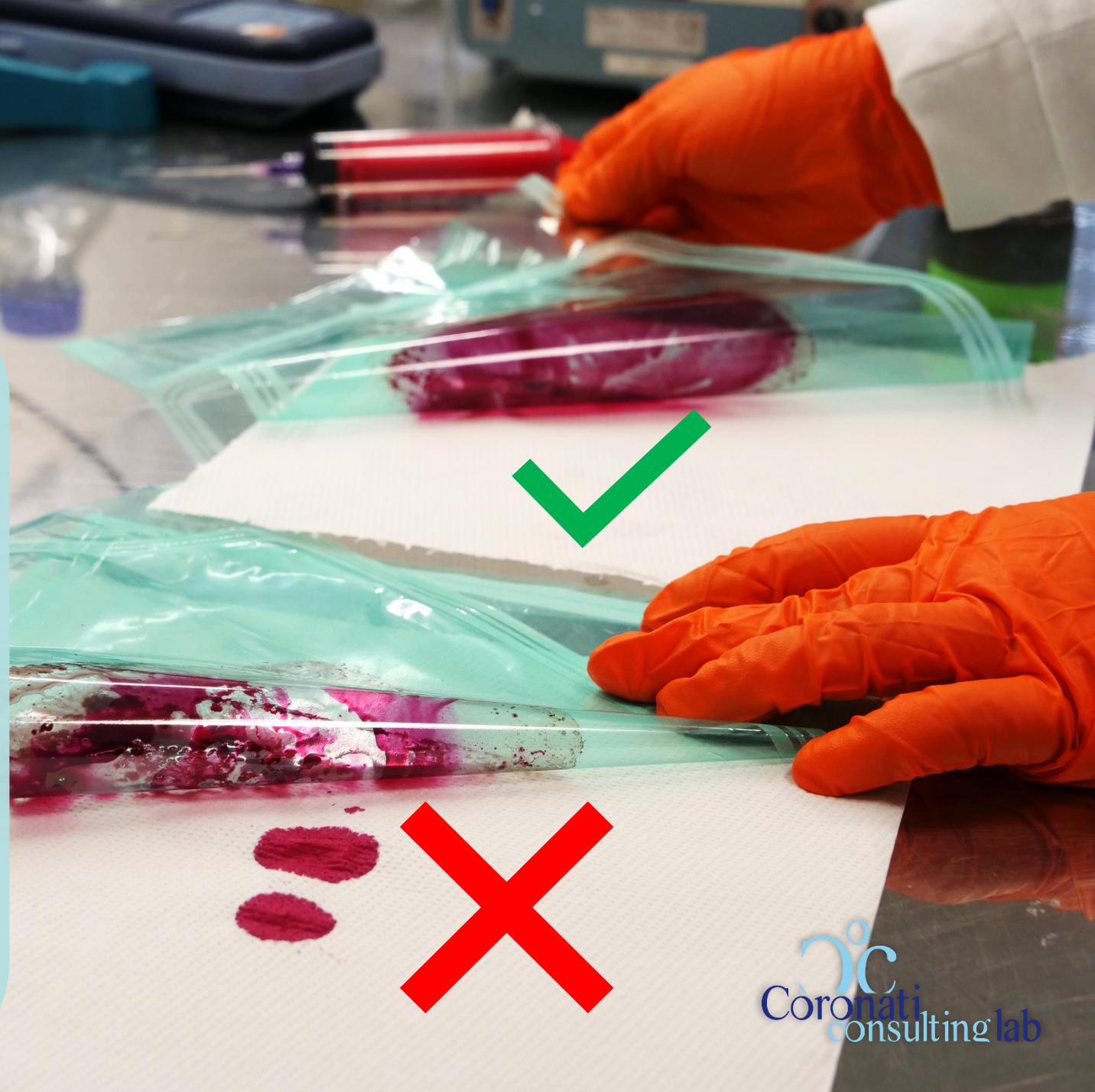
PINHOLES TEST

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Reference Standard:

UNI EN 868-5:2019 – Annex C:
“Method for the determination
of pinholes in plastic laminate”

ASTM F3039-23 method B:
“Standard Test Method for
Detecting Leaks in Nonporous
Packaging or Flexible Barrier
Materials by Dye Penetration”



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PEEL CHARACTERISTICS TEST

Scope:

Test for the evaluation of the peelability characteristics in the primary packaging of medical devices and of the width of the welds.

Reference Standard:

UNI EN 868-5:2019 Annex E:
“Method for the determination of peel characteristics of paper/plastic laminate products”



MEASURE OF SEALING WIDTH

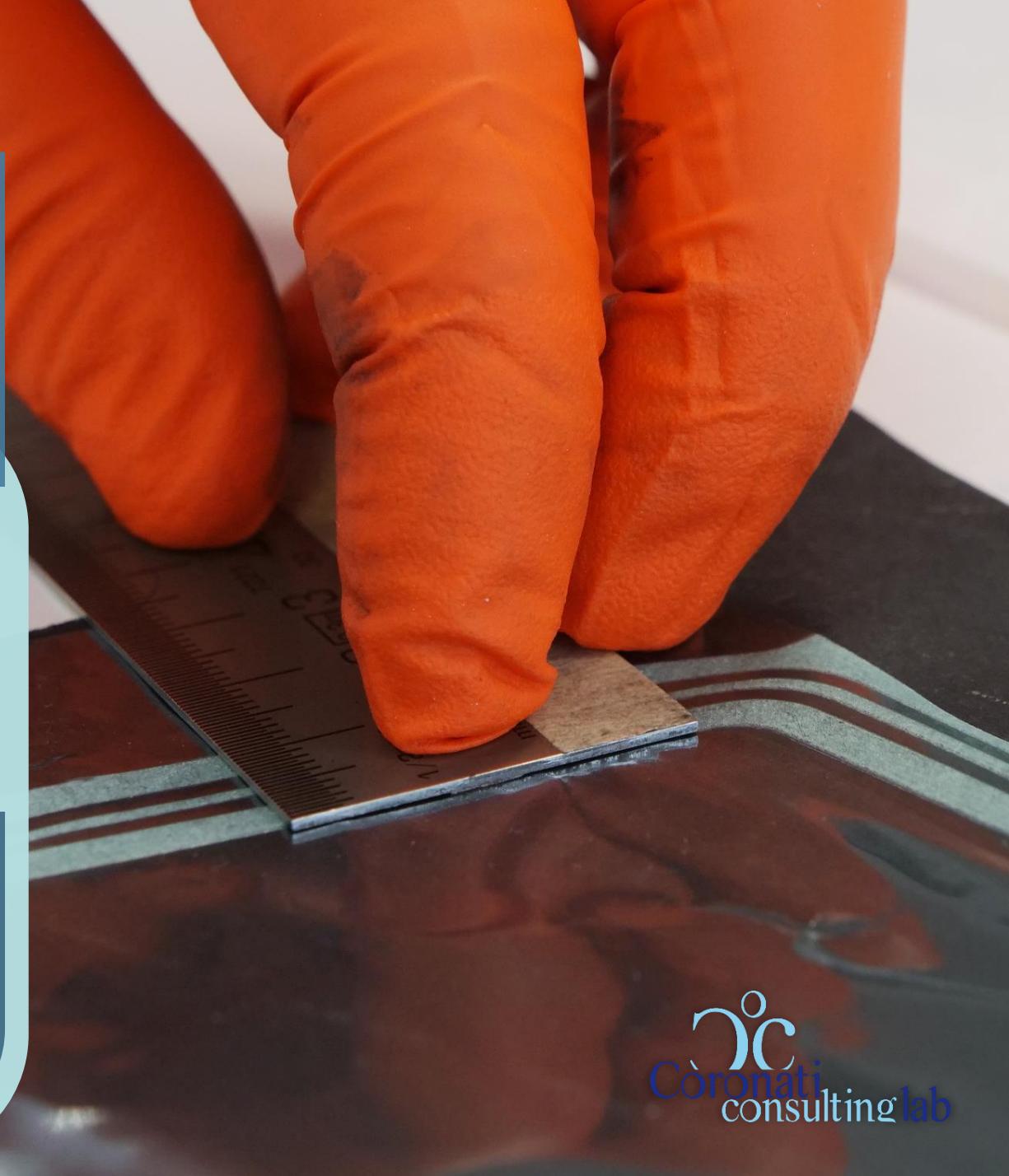
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Scope:

Test for the evaluation of the width of the seal on the inner plastic surface in the primary packaging of medical devices.

Reference Standard:

UNI EN 868-5:2019 - Annex E:
“Method for the determination of peel characteristics of paper/plastic laminate products”



VISUAL INSPECTION

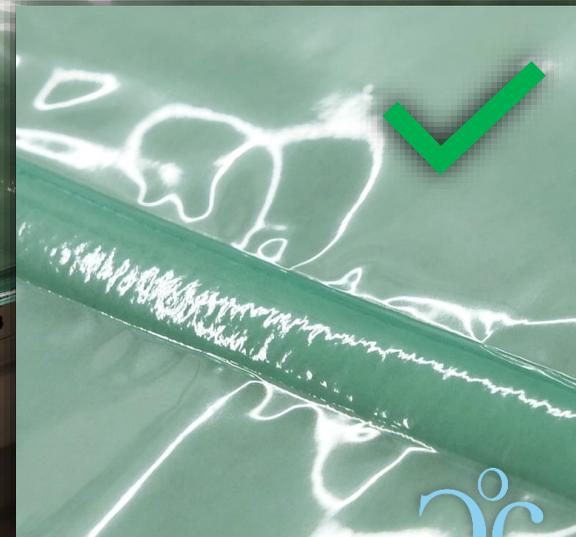
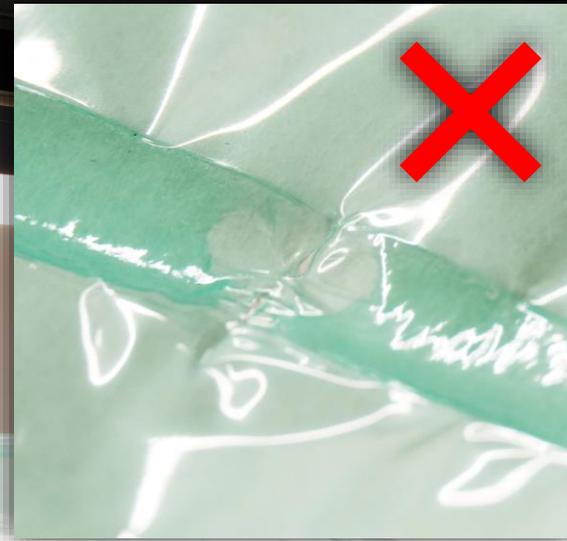
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Scope:

This test provides a qualitative visual inspection method to evaluate the characteristic appearance of intact welds to determine the presence of defects which may affect the integrity of the packaging.

Reference Standard:

ASTM F1886/F1886M – 16 (2024):
Standard Test Method for Determining
Integrity of Seals for Flexible
Packaging by Visual Inspection



ACCELERATED AGING

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Scope:

Possible effects of the passage of time on the sterile barrier system shall be investigated. Accelerated aging protocols can be used until data from real time aging are available.

Reference Standard:

ASTM F 1980-21:

Standard guide for Accelerated Aging of Sterile Barrier System for Medical Devices

STERILITY TEST

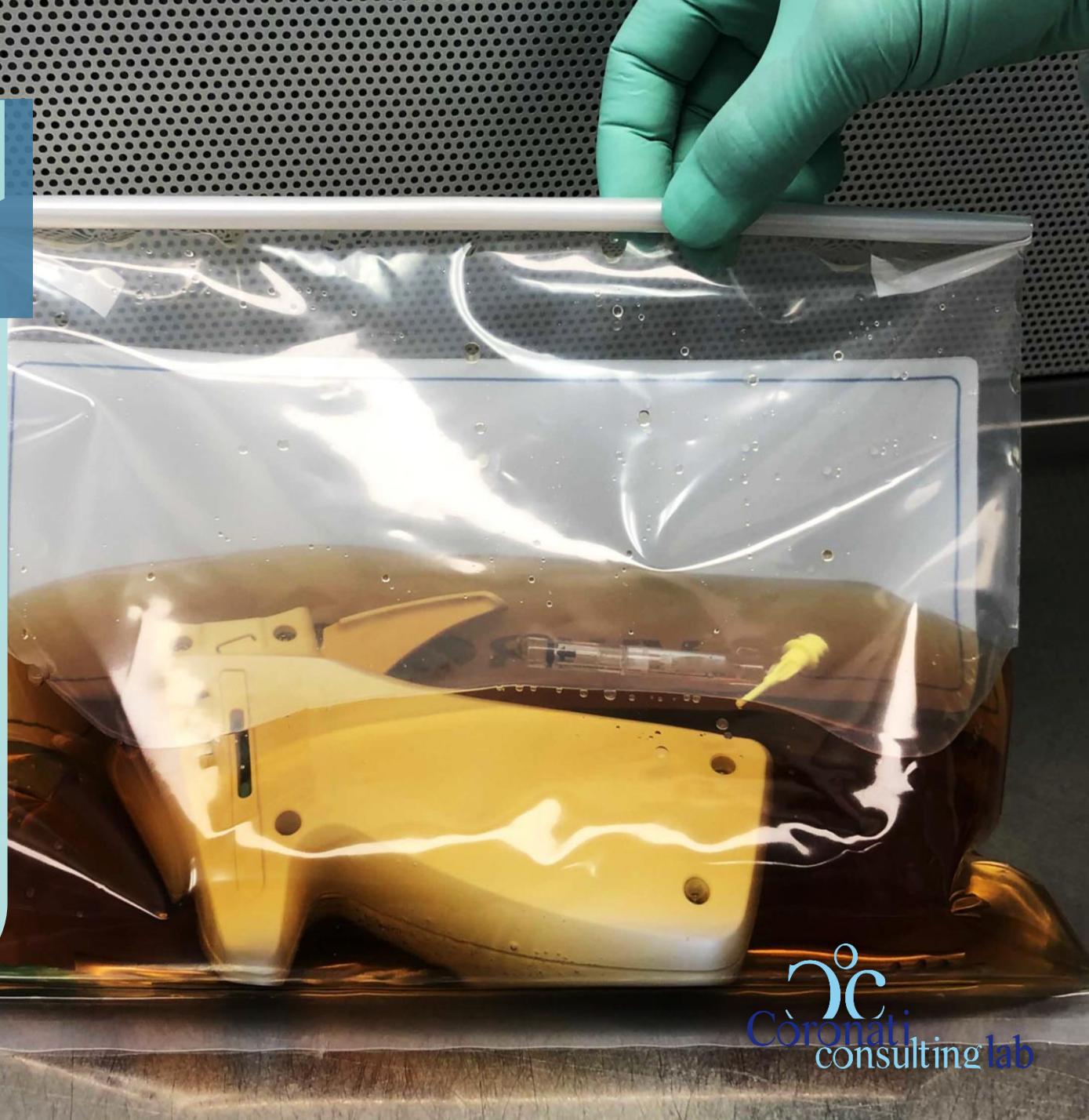
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Scope:

Qualitative determination of the microbial load in medical devices subjected to the sterilization process or produced in aseptic conditions.

Reference Standard:

European Pharmacopoeia 2.6.1
USP <71 >



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