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Dear Valued 3M Customer:

This letter is in response to your request for information regarding 3M Health Care products that contain natural rubber latex. We appreciate your inquiry about the possibility of "latex" in 3M medical products. In the medical device industry, some products contain Natural Rubber Latex, which has been associated with sensitization and allergic reactions in some individuals. Other products contain Dry Natural Rubber that has undergone manufacturing steps that may have reduced the potential for sensitization or allergic reactions. The 3M Health Care products containing components made from either of these materials are listed on the attached pages, under separate categories.

**Please note: If a 3M Health Care PRODUCT IS NOT on the attached lists, IT DOES NOT CONTAIN either Natural Rubber Latex or Dry Natural Rubber as components in the product or it's packaging.**

Many 3M Health Care products that previously contained latex have been modified to eliminate latex in response to your needs. We are continuing our efforts to substitute synthetic materials for natural rubber components in products and packaging. However, some product may still be in inventory or distribution systems containing the former components. Please note the 3M product expiration dating system, as described on Page 2 of this document, to assist you with identifying products with and without natural rubber. Please refer to packaging which states whether the product of packaging contains latex.

If you have further questions on this subject **please call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 800-228-3957. To receive this document and future updates by FAX, call the Helpline and select Option 1, Input Document #25004.**

Sincerely,

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### 3M Medical Products Containing NATURAL RUBBER LATEX

**For products containing Natural Rubber Latex, please take appropriate precautions established by your institution when using them. We recommend person(s) with known latex sensitivity avoid contact with any product containing Natural Rubber Latex, and that these products be excluded from "latex-free" environments.**

3M™ Action Wrap™ Self-Adherent Wrap

3M™ Air Warming Mask, Cat No. 2644 (head straps only)

3M™ Aseptex™ 1800+ Molded Surgical Mask (head straps only) except product having an expiration date **between** 2001-06 LS and 2003-12 TL inclusive\*

**Note:** Product within these expiration dates DOES NOT CONTAIN NATURAL RUBBER LATEX.

3M™ Coban™ Self-Adherent Wrap, all catalog numbers

3M™ Coban™, all catalog numbers

**Note:** These products are sold in Europe and other regions outside of the U.S.

3M™ Dust & Pollen Filter Mask, Cat No. 2643 (head straps only)

3M™ Germ Filter Mask AM-1 (head straps only)

3M™ Health Care Full Face Shield, Cat. No. 1856 (head strap only) with expiration date prior to 2001-02-17.

**Note:** Product with 2001-02-18 or later DOES NOT CONTAIN NATURAL RUBBER LATEX.

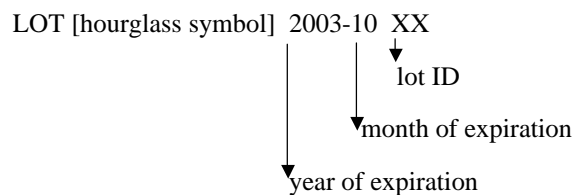
3M™ Latex Sheath, Cat No. 9812

3M™ Self Adherent Wrap, all catalog numbers

3M™ Sheer Adhesive Bandages, all catalog numbers

### \*3M Health Care Product Expiration Dating System

The product expiration date can be found imprinted or stickered on each 3M product. Below is an example of the product expiration date code, lot number and explanation:



Products containing NATURAL RUBBER LATEX – continued

3M™ Steri-Drape™ Surgical Drape Arthroscopy Pack, Cat No's. 1095 and 1195  
(pack contains 3M™ Coban™ Self-Adherent Wrap)

**3M Orthodontic Products from 3M Unitek\*\* Containing NATURAL RUBBER LATEX**

NWO™ Snap-Way™ Chin Cups 444-828 and Chin Cup Liners 444-325

3M™ Elastic Intraoral Force Modules 400-012 through 400-740, 401-110 through  
401-220, and 404-116 through 404-756

**\*\*Please call 3M Unitek directly at 800-634-5300, ext. 4451 for questions regarding these products.**

**3M Medical Products Containing DRY NATURAL RUBBER**

**With respect to products containing Dry Natural Rubber, we suggest you follow your institution policy for matters of this type. You may wish to exclude these products from "latex-free" environments and have persons with known sensitivity avoid contact.**

3M™ Anti-Fog Goggle, Cat No. 1887

3M™ Athletic Cloth Tape, Cat No. 870

3M™ Autoclave Steam Indicator Tape, Cat No's. 1223 and 1223-P

3M™ Comply™ Sterilization Labels, Cat No's. 1257 (all colors) and 1269

3M™ Comply™ Incheque™ Sterilization Indicators, Cat No's. 1201 and 1202

3M™ EO Indicator Tape, Cat No. 1224 (all versions of this catalog number)

3M™ Non Elastic Adhesive Tape (RAT Tape ex Plastod)

3M™ Steam Indicator Tape, Cat No. 1222 (all versions of this catalog number)

3M™ Steam Indicator Tape for Disposable Wraps, Cat No. 1255

3M™ Steri-Drape™ Arm Cover, Cat No. 9096 (elastic band)

**Note:** This product is sold in Europe and other regions outside of the U.S.

3M™ Waterproof Adhesive Tape, Cat No's. 850, 851, 860, and 861

3M™ Wraparound Spectacle, Cat No. 1888

### **3M Medical Products Containing NATURAL RUBBER LATEX in the PACKAGING ONLY**

**For products containing Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging only, please take appropriate precautions established by your institution when using them. We recommend person(s) with known latex sensitivity avoid contact with any product containing Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging only, and that these products be excluded from "latex-free" environments.**

3M™ Tempa•DOT™ Thermometers Cat No's. 5001, 5122, 5125, 5126, 5532, 5535, 5538, 5557 and 5588C

**Note:** Previously known as PyMaH Tempa•DOT™ Thermometers.

3M™ Tube Organizer, Cat No. 1115 (sold in Europe only)

3M™ Nexcare™ Active™ Strips Flexible Foam Bandages, all catalog numbers

3M™ Nexcare™ Waterproof Clean Seals Bandages, all catalog numbers

3M™ Nexcare™ Comfort Strips Ultra Comfortable Bandages, all catalog numbers

3M™ Flexible Fabric Adhesive Bandages, all catalog numbers

3M™ Protect Strips or 3M™ Nexcare™ Protect Strips Bandages, all catalog numbers

**Note:** These products are sold in Europe and other regions outside of the U.S.

3M™ Nexcare™ Tattoo™ Waterproof Bandages, all catalog numbers

### **The following 3M Skin Health products are currently in transition from packaging containing natural rubber latex to new packaging which is Latex Free:**

3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Soft Cloth Adhesive Wound Dressings, Cat No's. 3562, 3564, 3566, 3568, 3569, 3570, 3571, and 3573

**Note:** Formerly known as Microdon™ Soft Cloth Adhesive Wound Dressing. The brand name | change is being made concurrent with the transition to latex free packaging.

Refer to package label.\*

3M™ Steri-Strip™ Wound Closure Systems, Cat No's 8512, 8514, and 8516

**Note:** Only the three catalog numbers shown contain Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging. All other catalog numbers of 3M Steri-Strip wound closures **DO NOT** contain Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging. Refer to package label.\*

3M™ Tegaderm™ Transparent Dressings, Cat No's. 1620, 1621, 1622W, 1623W, 1624W, H1624, 1625, 1626, 1626W, H1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1633, 1634, 1635, 9505W, 9506W.

**Note:** Refer to package label.\*

3M™ Tegaderm™ HP Transparent Dressings, Cat No's. 9519HP, 9534HP, 9536HP, 9543HP, 9545HP, 9546HP, and 9548HP

**Note:** Refer to package label.\*

3M™ Tegaderm™ + Pad Transparent Dressings with Absorbent Pad, 3582, 3584, 3586, 3587, 3588, 3590, 3591, 3593

**Note:** Refer to package label.\*

### 3M Medical Products Containing Natural Rubber Latex in the PACKAGING ONLY in transition to LATEX FREE packaging - continued

3M™ Tegaderm™ Plus Transparent Dressings, Cat No's. 9524 and 9526

**Note:** Refer to package label.\*

3M Tegaserb™ Hydrocolloid Dressings, Cat No's. 90001, 90003, 90004 and 90007

**Note:** Only the four catalog numbers shown contain Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging. 3M Tegaserb Hydrocolloid Dressings 90002 and 90005 **DO NOT** contain Natural Rubber Latex in the packaging. Refer to package label.\*

3M Tegaserb™ THIN Hydrocolloid Dressings, Cat No's. 90021, 90023, and 90024

**Note:** Refer to package label.\*

\* Our transition to latex free packaging for the above products is well underway. With very few exceptions, 3M will only produce product in **Latex Free** packaging by year-end 2000. However, some product may still be in inventory or distribution systems containing the former packaging components. Please refer to package labeling (i.e. pouch, primary box, shipping carton, package insert) as a **Latex Free** symbol has been added for your information. You will see either of the following:



(English Only Packaging)



(Multi-Language Packaging)

Explanation of these symbols: ***This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex.***

If the packaging contains the former packaging components which contain natural rubber latex, you will notice latex caution labeling which states:

**Caution: The Packaging of This Product Contains Natural Rubber Latex  
Which May Cause Allergic Reactions.**

During this transition period, please pay close attention to the product and packaging labeling. If you have any questions or issues where 3M can be of assistance, please call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957.

<b>For Automated Fax or Product Information, or Sales Assistance</b>	1-800-228-3957
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