

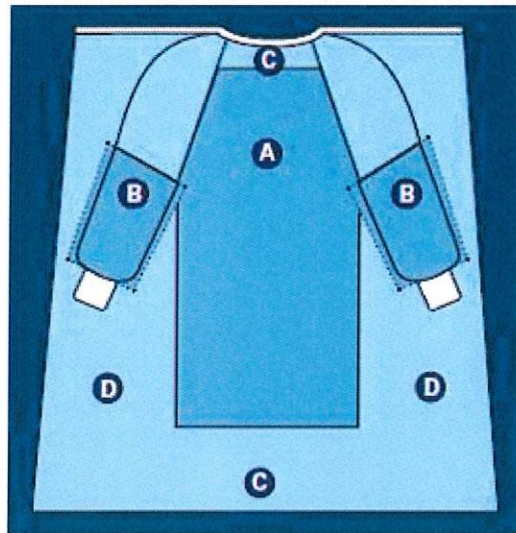
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Dear Valued Halyard Customer:

Thank you for your interest in Halyard Health's MICROCOOL AAMI Level 4 Surgical Gowns.

The current test that defines the AAMI Level 4 requirement for surgical gowns is *ANSI/ AAMI PB70:2012 – Liquid Barrier Performance and Classification of Protective Apparel and Drapes Intended for Use in Health Care Facilities*. Under that standard, recognized by FDA, AAMI Level 4 surgical gowns require testing of all critical zones that include gown fabric, tie attachment, and sleeve seams (see Figure 1). The test verifies resistance to penetration by a model virus (i.e. bacteriophage Phi-X174) using the standard test methods described in *ASTM F1671-13 - Standard Test Method for Resistance of Materials Used in Protective Clothing to Penetration by Blood-Borne Pathogens Using Phi-X174 Bacteriophage Penetration as a Test System*.

Figure 1. Surgical Gown Critical Zones Defined by ANSI/AAMI PB70:2012



**Halyard* MICROCOOL Surgical Gown
meets ASTM F1671 as required for critical zones in
A (fabric and tie attachment) and B (sleeve seams).**

Halyard periodically tests samples of MICROCOOL gowns to verify compliance to AAMI PB70:2012, even though the MICROCOOL gown was cleared under AAMI PB70:2003.

The table below represents the latest test results received under the current standard (PB70:2012). They are from Nelson Laboratories, an independent, certified and qualified testing laboratory, and the MICROCOOL gowns being tested were all manufactured in 2015. The test results are considered passing under the current standard, and each test was acceptable within the applicable AQL (Acceptable Quality Limit) and RQL (Rejectable Quality Level) parameters.

ASTM Test	Fabric (No Penetration / Units Tested)	Tie Attachment (No Penetration / Units Tested)	Sleeve Seams (No Penetration / Units Tested)
	<i>Requirement: Greater than 47 / 52 = Pass</i>		
F1671	51/52 = Pass	52/52 = Pass	50/52 = Pass

Our MICROCOOL gowns have an extraordinary safety record. Since the MICROCOOL AAMI Level 4 surgical gowns were introduced to the market in 2011, we have sold over 58 million MICROCOOL gowns, with not one complaint of injury due to barrier protection. Our complaint rate related to strikethrough on our MICROCOOL gown is also exceptional – less than one complaint per million gowns sold. Thousands of our gowns are used every day in the field and we are confident in their performance.

Sincerely,



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