

# Thompson Retractor

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF INSTRUMENT CLEANING AND STORAGE

### DO

- ✓ Check that all parts have been properly cleaned and sterilized and that no unacceptable stains or residues are present on parts.
- ✓ Always pre-clean instruments before placing into sterilizer.
- ✓ Use low to average pH products/cleaning agents.
- ✓ Use distilled water when soaking instruments
- ✓ Always ensure instruments are completely dry before storing.
- ✓ Always store instruments in clean condition; in a dry & sterile environment.
- ✓ Protect instruments when storing; wrap instruments or use instrument case trays.
- ✓ Always keep instrument handles UNLOCKED (open) when not in use.
- ✓ Only LOCK down cam joint handles when rods are present or in place.
- ✓ Always UNLOCK (open) handles before adjusting rods or disassembling equipment.
- ✓ Ensure cam joint holes have smooth inner surface, free of scratches or burs, before inserting rods.
- ✓ Ensure rod surfaces are smooth, free of gouges/scoring, before placing into cam joint holes.
- ✓ Carefully align screw knobs to smoothly tighten/engage threads. (Keep threads clean and lubricated.)
- ✓ Always depress blade handle release button while attaching/detaching blades.

### DO NOT

- ✗ Use parts with residue—call Thompson if you have questions on staining or residues.
- ✗ Sterilize instruments without pre-cleaning; blood/debris can embed and cross-contaminate.
- ✗ Use high pH products or those containing chloride; will strip protective layer on metal and cause rust.
- ✗ Use saline when soaking instruments
- ✗ Store instruments wet or semi-dry; will stain and corrode the metal.
- ✗ Store instruments dirty; debris can contaminate and rust the metal.
- ✗ LOCK instrument handles down when not in use; will damage/collapse cam joints.
- ✗ LOCK handles without rods in place; will collapse/distort settings.
- ✗ Adjust rods while cam joint handles are LOCKED down; twisting/force will damage both pieces.
- ✗ Insert rods into damaged cam joint holes (force fit); will damage both pieces.
- ✗ Insert damaged rods into cam joint holes; will damage both pieces.
- ✗ Screw down knobs with threads misaligned; will strip/cross threads (dirty threads will jam knobs).
- ✗ Pull blades from handles without depressing handle release button; will damage blade & nipple.
- ✗ Use tools (i.e. screwdriver) to disassemble instruments for cleaning.

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