

Electronic Linear Probe  
UST-5546  
Instruction Manual  
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## Introduction

This is an instruction for model UST-5546, an ultrasound probe.





Read the manual carefully before using the instrument. Take special note of the items in section 1, "Safety Precautions".

Keep this manual securely for future reference.




The CE mark on the probe indicates that this probe is valid when it is connected to equipment bearing the CE mark that is specified as available in section 2 of this document. Therefore, if a probe bearing the CE mark is connected to equipment that is specified as available but does not have a CE mark, part of this instruction manual may not apply.

## Symbols used in this document

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 <b>Caution</b>
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury to the operator or patient, or property damage only.
 <b>Note</b>
Indicates a strong request concerning an item that must be observed in order to prevent damage or deterioration of the equipment and also to ensure that it is used efficiently.

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 This symbol means attention is required.
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## 1. Safety Precautions

### 1-1. Intended use

This probe is intended for use by a doctor or other qualified operator when placed into direct contact with the skin making ultrasonic observations of surrounding organs.

 <b>Caution</b>
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 Do not use this equipment for other than its intended purpose. Use for other purposes can cause burns or other injuries to the patient or operator.
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### 1-2. Usage precautions

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## 1-2-1. Warnings and safety information

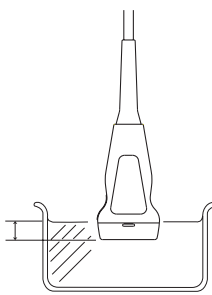
 Warning	
	Follow the information in this manual and the documentation supplied with any equipment used together with this probe. Use that is not in accordance with the supplied documentation can result in a serious or moderate injury, equipment breakdown, or physical damage that impairs operation.
	Be sure to preparations for use. Use of the probe while failing to notice an abnormal condition can result in injury to the operator or patient. If any abnormalities are noted on the probe in the start up inspection, immediately stop using it and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover. See section 3-1 "Start up check" for the start up inspection content and procedure.
	Do not use on the eyes. This probe is not intended for use on the eyes. The acoustic output can have an adverse effect on the eyes.
	Do not attempt to disassemble, modify, or repair the probe. Electric shock or other unforeseen accidents could result. Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover to request repair.
	Clean, disinfect and sterilize before using the probe as necessary. Perform properly wash, disinfect and sterilize after use. Otherwise, there is a risk of infection. Note that the probe is not sterilized at the factory. Before using the probe first, be sure to wash, disinfect and sterilize it as required.
	Wear medical gloves during examination. Conducting examinations with the bare hands can expose the operator to a risk of infection.
	Dispose of probes used for patients with Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. Otherwise, there is a risk of infection to the operator or patient. Currently, there are no methods for washing, disinfecting and sterilizing intraoperative probes which have been used on patients afflicted by Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.
	When using ultrasound contrast agent, follow the supplied documentation. Unexpected accidents could result. Check the state of the patient and take appropriate precautions to avoid side effects.
	Do not use the probe fallen on to floor. Otherwise, there is a risk of infection. Stop the operation and perform the procedure in section 8 "Periodic Inspection", section 5 "Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization" and section 3-1 "Start up check".

 Caution	
	Constantly check for anything abnormal about the patient's condition and probe. Continued use without noticing that an abnormal condition has occurred can result in an electric shock and injury to the operator or patient. If an abnormal condition occurs, immediately move the probe away from the patient and stop use of the probe.
	The probe is vulnerable to damage by impact. Therefore, handle it with care. There is a risk of damage to the probe when the probe is fallen or hit somewhere.
	Do not use this probe with other equipment except for those specifically approved in the manual. Use with unapproved equipment can result in an electric shock, burn, or other injury to the patient or operator and damage to the probe and the other equipment.

<b>!</b>	<p>Scan for the minimum length of time necessary for the diagnosis and at the lowest suitable output. Overuse can adversely affect the internal tissues of the patient.</p> <p>For details about the acoustic output, please refer to the documentation supplied with the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>Regularly perform maintenance inspection and safety tests of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument and probe.</p> <p>If you use equipment for a long period of time, it can reduce the performance, or cause smoke or fire. If anything unusual occurs, immediately stop using it and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>Use, move and transport the probe under the environmental conditions specified in this manual. Otherwise, it may be damaged.</p> <p>See section 2-5 "Environmental conditions" and section 7-4 "Environmental conditions during transportation".</p>

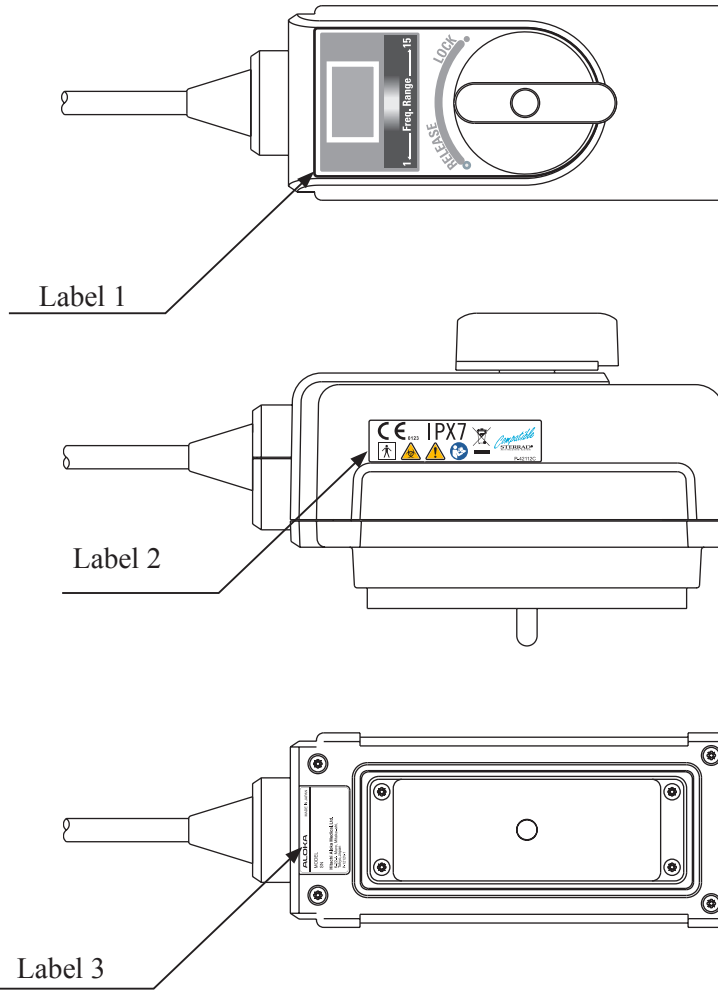
1-2-2. Washing, disinfection and sterilization precautions

<b>⚠ Warning</b>	
<b>!</b>	<p>Wear protective gloves and other protective gear during washing, disinfection and sterilization. Handling of the probe with your bare hands before disinfection or sterilization can result in an infection.</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>After soaking in cleaning agents, thoroughly wash the probe with running water. Residual cleaning agents can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>After chemical disinfection and sterilization, thoroughly wash the probe with sterilized water. Residual chemicals can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>Perform aeration completely after gas disinfection and sterilization. Residual gas can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.</p>
<b>⊘</b>	<p>Do not wash, disinfect or sterilize using procedures other than those specified in this manual. Infection could result due to incomplete washing disinfection or sterilization. It can also result in damage to the probe or reduced performance. The probe cannot withstand autoclave sterilization or boiling and other types of sterilization at temperatures exceeding 60°C (140°F).</p>
<b>!</b>	<p>For details on the usage conditions of chemicals and sterilization procedures, refer to the documentation supplied with the respective chemical or sterilization equipment. Infection could result due to incomplete disinfection or sterilization. This could also cause deterioration of the probe.</p>

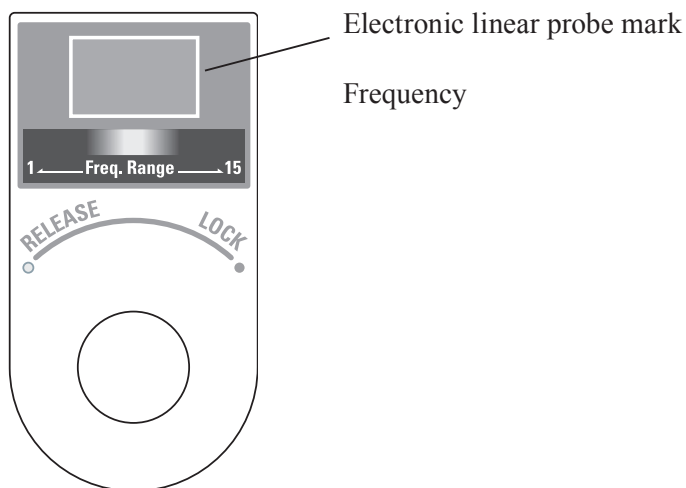
<b>⚠ Caution</b>	
<b>⊘</b>	<p>Do not place the probe tip in any liquids beyond the range shown in the figure right. Use when liquid has gotten inside the connector can result in a risk of electric shock to the operator or patient. If liquid gets inside the connector, immediately stop use and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.</p>
10mm or less	
	Water or chemical solution

1-2-3. Labels

(1) Probe unit



Label 1



Label 2



This equipment complies with Directive 93/42/EEC relating to Medical Device.



IPX7 mark  
See section 2-2, "Specifications".



Type BF applied part



Do not waste the instrument as general waste. Comply with a local regulation.  
See section 10.



STERRAD sterilization compatibility mark  
See section 5.



Safety warning sign

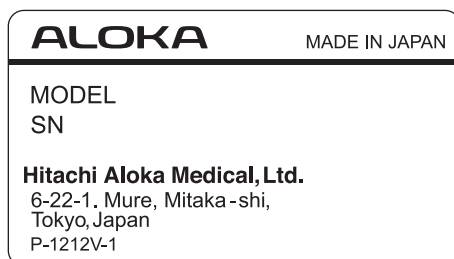


Biohazard  
See section 5.



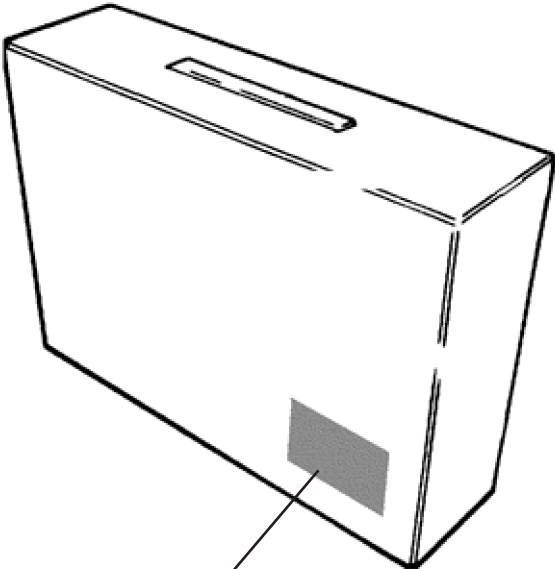
Follow the instruction manual to operate this instrument.  
If not avoided, may result in injury, property damage, or the equipment trouble.

Label 3

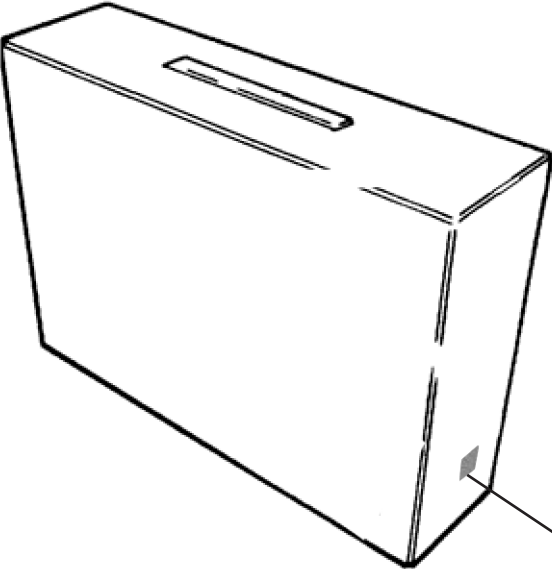


Manufacturer  
Model, Serial No.

(2) Storage case

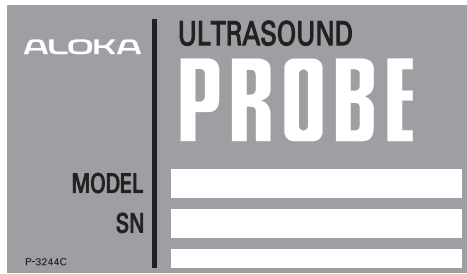


Label A



Label B

Label A



Model  
Serial No.

Label B



This equipment complies with Directive 93/42/EEC relating to Medical Device.



DATE OF MANUFACTURE  
(in case of 2012)



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## 2. Specifications and Parts name

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### 2-1. Principles of operation

This probe and the ultrasound diagnostic instrument enable image diagnosis using ultrasonic waves. These instruments operate under the principles described below.

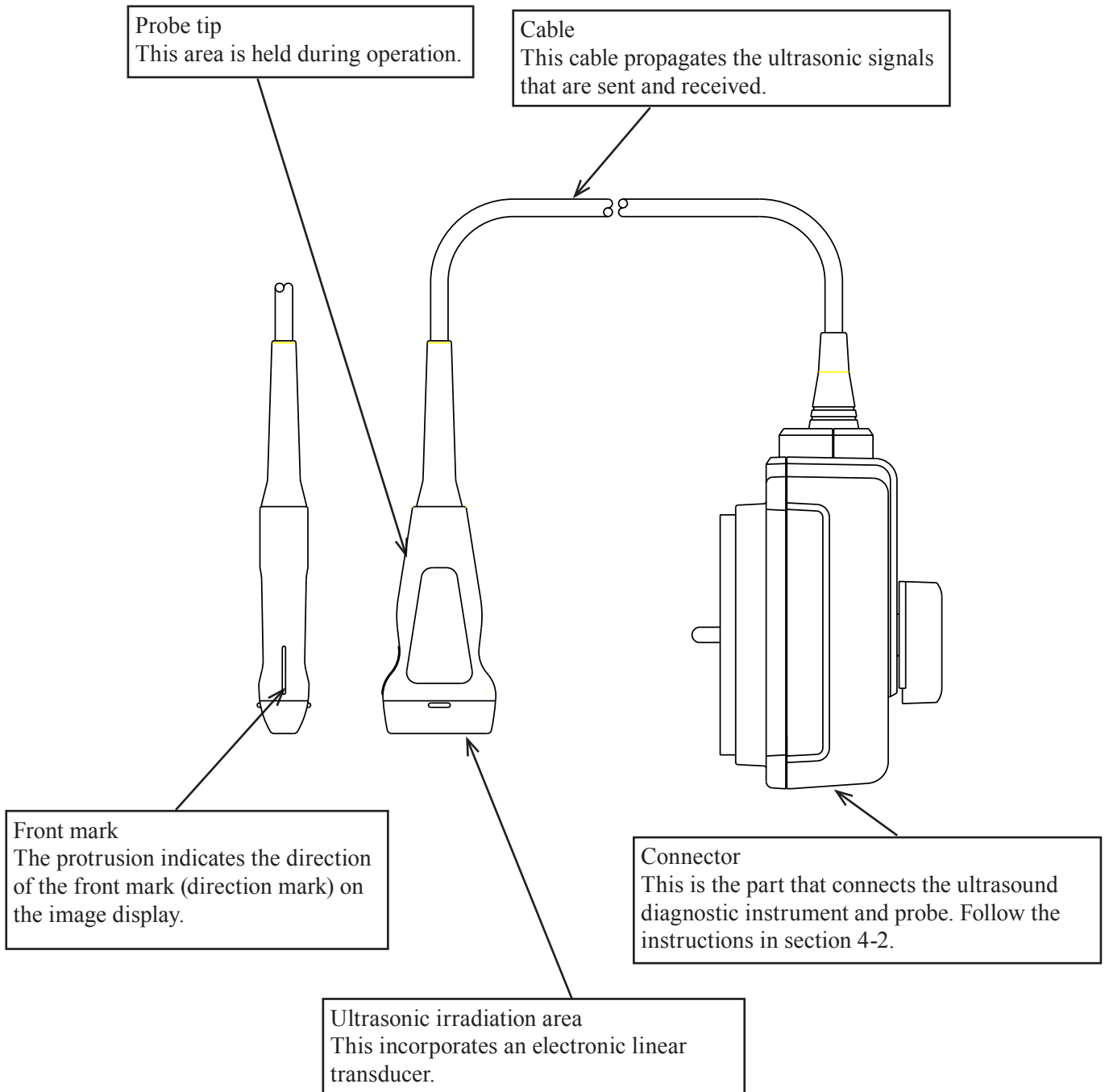
- (1) When an electric pulse signal is applied from the transmitter to the transducer of the probe, the transducer operates by converting electrical vibrations to mechanical vibration energy for emitting pulse-shaped ultrasonic waves into the body part contacting the transducer or into liquid or other medium.
- (2) The emitted ultrasonic waves are reflected by boundaries with different acoustic characteristics (acoustic impedance) within the body.
- (3) The transducer is also used to receive reflected ultrasonic waves. The transducer vibrates mechanically due to the received ultrasonic vibrations and uses an electro-mechanical conversion operation to convert the received mechanical vibrations to electric energy. The received echo is also converted to electric signals and a brightness modulation operation is used to convert the electric pulses to shades of brightness for forming an image.



2-3. Performance

For measurement tolerances, operating tolerances and other data, refer to the instruction manual for the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.

2-4. Name of each parts



<b>⚠ Caution</b>	
<b>⊘</b>	Do not pull, bend, twist, or apply excessive force to the cable. The conductors may break and the cable may become unusable.
<b>⊘</b>	Do not subject the ultrasonic irradiation area to hard impact. This could make the probe unusable.

## 2-5. Environmental conditions




Use and store the probe under the following conditions.

### 2-5-1. Operating environmental conditions

Ambient temperature:	10°C to 40°C 50°F to 104°F
Relative humidity:	30% to 75%
Atmospheric pressure:	700 hPa to 1060 hPa
Altitude:	3,000 m or less

### 2-5-2. Storage environmental conditions

Ambient temperature:	-10°C to 50°C 14°F to 122°F
Relative humidity:	10% to 90%
Atmospheric pressure:	700 hPa to 1060 hPa

 <b>Caution</b>	
	<p>Avoid operating or storing the probe in the following locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locations exposed to water or other liquids</li> <li>• Locations subject to adverse conditions such as air pressure, temperature, humidity, ventilation, direct sunlight, dust, or air containing salt, sulfur, or other corrosive substances</li> <li>• Locations where chemical substances are stored or where gases are generated</li> </ul> <p>Storage in these locations can result in a breakdown or reduced performance.</p>
	<p>Avoid rapid temperature change which may cause condensation. Avoid using in locations where condensation or water droplets can form.</p> <p>Condensation can occur when moving the probe from a cool location to a warm one. Use when condensation has occurred can result in a breakdown or reduced performance.</p>

## 2-6. Classification of ME equipment

- Classification based on degree of protection against electric shock . Type BF applied part
- Classification for protection against ingress of liquids ..... IPX7 (Watertight equipment)
- Operation mode ..... Continuous operation
- Method of sterilization ..... See section 5 “Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization”

For the range of applied parts, parts treated as applied parts and the range of IPX7, see section 2-2.

## 3. Preparations for Use

### 3-1. Start up check

#### 3-1-1. Visual check

Visually check the probe tip, ultrasonic irradiation area, cable and connector.

If any holes, indentations, abrasion, cracks, deformation, looseness, discoloration, or other abnormalities are found, do not use the equipment.

#### 3-1-2. Verification of washing, disinfection and sterilization

Verify that washing, disinfection and sterilization are conducted according to the intended use.

#### 3-1-3. Verification of operation

Connect to the ultrasound diagnostic instrument by following the instructions in section 4-2, "Connecting to the ultrasound diagnostic instrument" and check that the selected probe match the linear display and the displayed frequency and check the image for errors.

#### Remarks

For details on the displayed screens, see the documentation supplied with the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.

### Warning



Be sure to preparations for use.

Using the probe without noticing an abnormal condition can result in injury to the operator or patient. If an inspection finds an abnormal condition in the probe, immediately stop use and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.

### Caution



Do not use the probe if the selected probe and image do not match the frequency.






An incorrect acoustic output can result in burns or other injuries to the patient. Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.



## 4. Usage

### 4-1. Operation

Bring the ultrasonic irradiation area of the probe into contact with the skin surface. An image of the region of interest is displayed on the monitor of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument. For details on displaying and adjusting the screens, see the documentation supplied with the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.

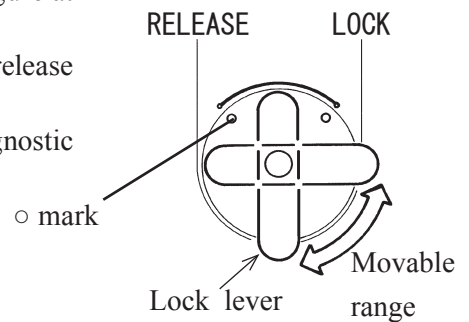
 Caution	
	Do not move the probe with excessive force. Pressing down with more force than necessary can cause injury to the patient.
	Scan for the minimum length of time necessary for the diagnosis and at the lowest suitable output. There is the possibility that the patient's internal tissues could be affected. For details about the acoustic output, please refer to the documentation supplied with the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.
	Do not touch the connector terminal pin of the probe. The probe may deteriorate or be damaged due to electrostatic discharge.
	Do not touch the electronic probe connecting socket of the diagnostic instrument and the patient at the same time. It can cause electric shock to the patient.

#### 4-2. Connecting to the ultrasound diagnostic instrument

The lock lever of the connector moves over the range shown in the figure at right.

Align the ○ mark with the LOCK or RELEASE position and lock or release the probe connector.

Connect the probe to the electronic probe connecting socket of the diagnostic instrument ( probe connector ) by following the procedure below.



- Connection procedure

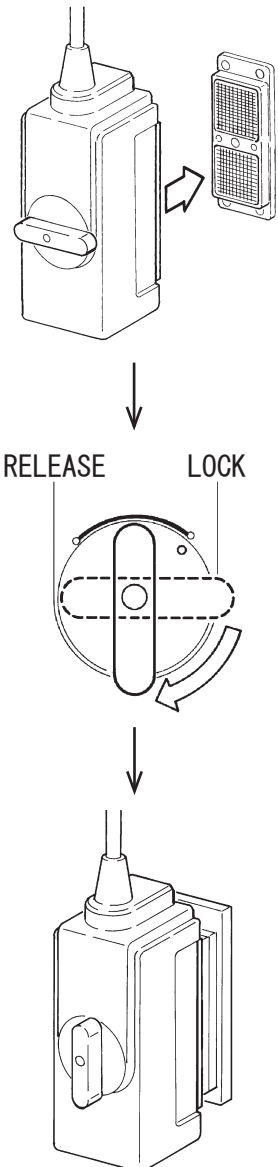
The probe is connected when in one of the following states.

- The power switch is set to OFF.
- The image displayed on the ultrasound diagnostic instrument is frozen.

Before inserting the probe into the probe connector, check that the connector pins are not bent.

1. Turn the connector lock lever to align the ○ mark on the lever with the RELEASE position.
2. Firmly insert the connector into the probe connector on the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.
3. Turn the lock lever clockwise by 1/4 turn until the ○ mark is aligned with the LOCK position.
4. Check that the connector is firmly inserted into the probe connector on the instrument.

This completes connection of the probe.



**⚠ Caution**

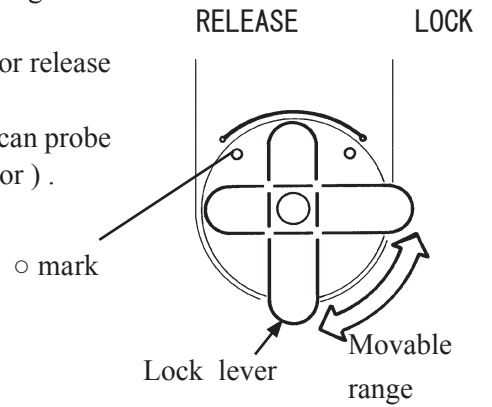
**!** If there is resistance when trying to turn the lock lever when connecting the connector, do not forcibly try to connect it. Instead, correctly perform the steps for connecting the connector and firmly insert it into the probe connector.  
Forcibly turning the lever may damage the connector and the probe connector on the instrument.

### 4-3. Removing from the ultrasound diagnostic instrument

The lock lever of the connector moves over the range shown in the figure at right.

Align the ○ mark with the LOCK or RELEASE position and lock or release the probe connector.

Use the procedure below to remove the probe from the electronic scan probe connector of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument ( probe connector ).



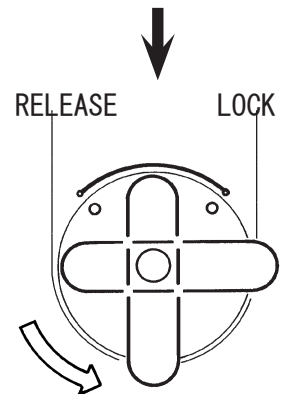
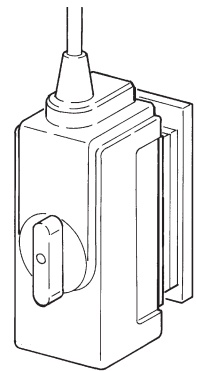
- Removal procedure

The probe is removed when in one of the following states.

- The power switch is set to OFF.
- The image displayed on the ultrasound diagnostic instrument is frozen.

1. Turn the connector lock lever to align the ○ mark on the lever with the RELEASE position.

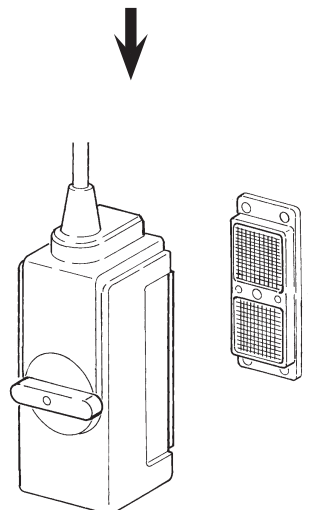
2. Firmly grasp the connector unit and pull it out from the probe connector of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.















This completes the removal of the probe.

After use, perform washing, disinfection and sterilization of the probe by following the procedure in section 5 "Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization".


If the probe will not be used for an extended period of time, store it by following the instructions in section 6 "Storage".



## 4-4. Precautions when performing puncture operations

 <b>Warning</b>
 Carefully read the usage precautions in the documentation supplied with the puncture adapter. Be sure that the preparations for use are completed before using.
 Puncturing must be performed by a skilled doctor. Improper puncturing can injure the patient. Puncturing operations must be performed by a doctor who fully understands the characteristics of ultrasound diagnostics and who is skilled and has a thorough knowledge of puncture operations under an ultrasound guide.
 The puncture adapter must be properly mounted on the probe during use. Puncturing with the puncture adapter improperly mounted or the puncture adapter uninstalled can result in the puncture adapter coming off during puncturing or puncturing of an unintended body part, causing injury to the patient. For details about the puncture adapter mounting procedure, see the documentation supplied with the puncture adapter.
 Be sure that the puncture adapter and the needle are sterilized before use. Use of unsterilized items can cause an infection. For details concerning the puncture adapter sterilization procedure, see the documentation supplied with the puncture adapter.
 For the acoustic medium, use sterilized physiological saline. Using an unsterilized ultrasound medium can cause an infection on the patient.
 Use a compatible puncture needle size. Use of a puncture needle that is not a compatible size can result in the puncture adapter coming off during puncturing or puncturing of an unintended body part, causing injury to the patient. For the compatible puncture needle sizes, see the documentation supplied with the puncture adapter.
 Always use a straight needle. Puncturing of an unintended body part can cause injury to the patient.
 During the puncture operation, display a suitable puncture guide line on the screen of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument. Puncturing of an unintended body part can cause injury to the patient. Display the puncture guide line on the screen referring to the documentation supplied with the ultrasound diagnostic instrument, to use it as an aid in determining the puncturing direction.
 Constantly check the safety in the needle insertion direction using the needle echo rendered by the ultrasonic wave. A bent puncturing needle can result in puncturing of an unintended body part and cause injury to the patient.
 Check that no other organs lie in the puncture path. If another organ lies in the puncture path, an unintended body part can be punctured and cause injury to the patient. Before puncturing, carefully check the body parts and constantly confirm the needle echo during the operation.
 Do not try to forcibly perform operations. If excessive force is applied in a direction other than the insertion direction of the puncturing needle, the puncturing needle can come off the guide line, resulting in puncturing of an unintended body part, causing injury to the patient.


 <b>Warning</b>
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 Before using a needle cannula with the puncture adapter as a guide, first check that the cannula moves smoothly through the tube without causing any damage on the surface of the cannula and then operate with caution.
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If the cannula does not move smoothly or is forced to bend when inserted in or pulled out of the puncture adapter, it may damage the insulation membrane covering the cannula and may cause burns to the tissue exposed to the damaged area of the cannula.

 Do not puncture the heart region. Puncturing the heart region may cause a micro electric shock.
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 <b>Caution</b>
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 Handle the needle carefully to ensure that the probe is not damaged. Using a probe that has been damaged by a needle can result in injury to the operator or patient.
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#### 4-5. Actions to be taken when an abnormal state is detected

##### 4-5-1. Ensuring safety of patients


Immediately move the probe away from the patient and quit operation.

Keep the patient in safe condition and administer the required medical treatment.

##### 4-5-2. Handling the instrument

Turn off the ultrasound diagnostic instrument, remove its plug from the AC socket and sterilize if it is contaminated. For details, refer to the instruction manual for the ultrasound diagnostic instrument.

 <b>Caution</b>
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 Do not use a probe where a problem has been found. Using a probe in an abnormal state can cause injury to the patient. Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.
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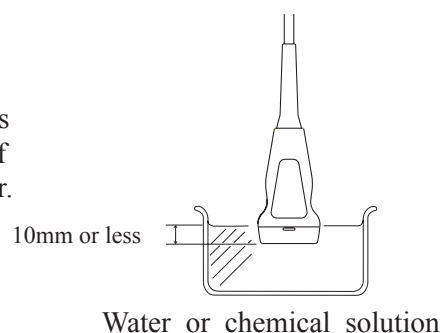
## 5. Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization

### ⚠ Warning

- ❗ Wear protective gloves and other protective gear during washing, disinfection and sterilization. Handling of the probe with your bare hands before disinfection or sterilization can result in an infection.
- ❗ After soaking in cleaning agents, thoroughly wash the probe with running water. Residual cleaning agents can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.
- ❗ After chemical disinfection and sterilization, thoroughly wash the probe with sterilized water. Residual chemicals can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.
- ❗ Perform full aeration after gas disinfection and sterilization. Residual gas can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.
- ⊘ Do not wash, disinfect or sterilize using procedures other than those specified in this manual. Infection could result due to incomplete washing disinfection or sterilization. It can also result in damage to the probe or reduced performance. The probe cannot withstand autoclave sterilization or boiling and other types of sterilization at temperatures exceeding 60°C (140°F).
- ❗ For details on the usage conditions of chemicals and sterilization procedures, refer to the documentation supplied with the respective chemical or sterilization equipment. Infection could result due to incomplete disinfection or sterilization. This could also cause deterioration of the probe.

### ⚠ Caution

- ⊘ Do not place the probe tip in any liquids beyond the range shown in the figure right. Use when liquid has gotten inside the connector can result in a risk of electric shock to the operator or patient. If liquid gets inside the connector, immediately stop use and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.



### 5-1. Washing

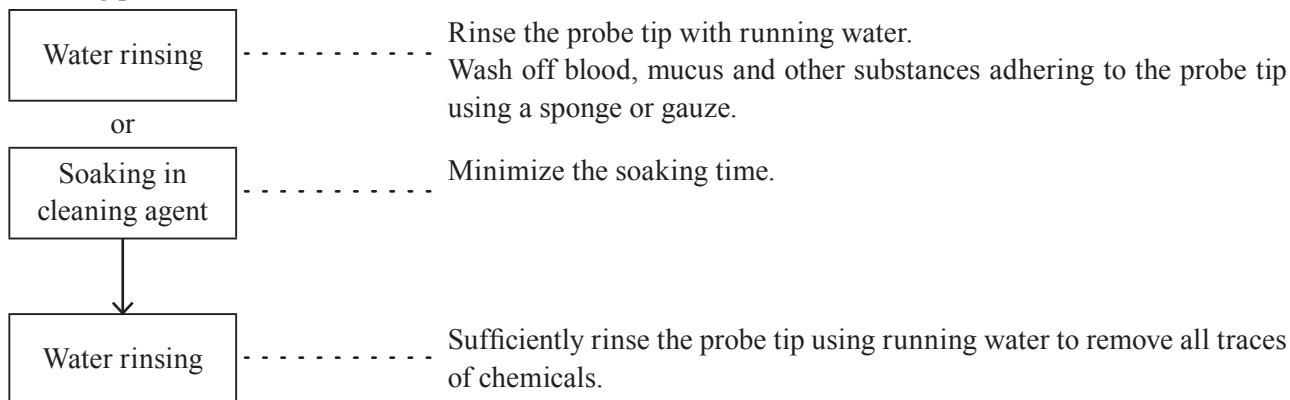
Wash the probe tip immediately after use with water or soak in a cleaning agent.  
Washing before disinfection and sterilization is very important.

#### 5-1-1. Probe tip

##### Applicable cleaning agents

General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Enzyme cleaning agent	ENZOL™ Practical liquid 0.8V/V%	ADVANCED STERILIZATION PRODUCTS® A Johnson & Johnson company Division of Ethicon, Inc.

##### Washing procedure



<b>⚠ Warning</b>
<b>❗</b> After soaking in cleaning agents, thoroughly wash the probe with running water. Residual cleaning agents can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.

#### 5-1-2. Cable and connector

Gently wipe the cable with gauze dipped in ethyl alcohol or water each divided into approximately 20 cm and dry.

Gently clean the connector and other parts of the probe that must not be soaked in liquid with gauze dipped in ethyl alcohol and dry.

<b>⚠ Note</b>
Wiping the entire length of the cable at once can result in wrinkled surface. If this occurs, pull the wrinkled part in the opposite direction to undo it.

## 5-2. Disinfection

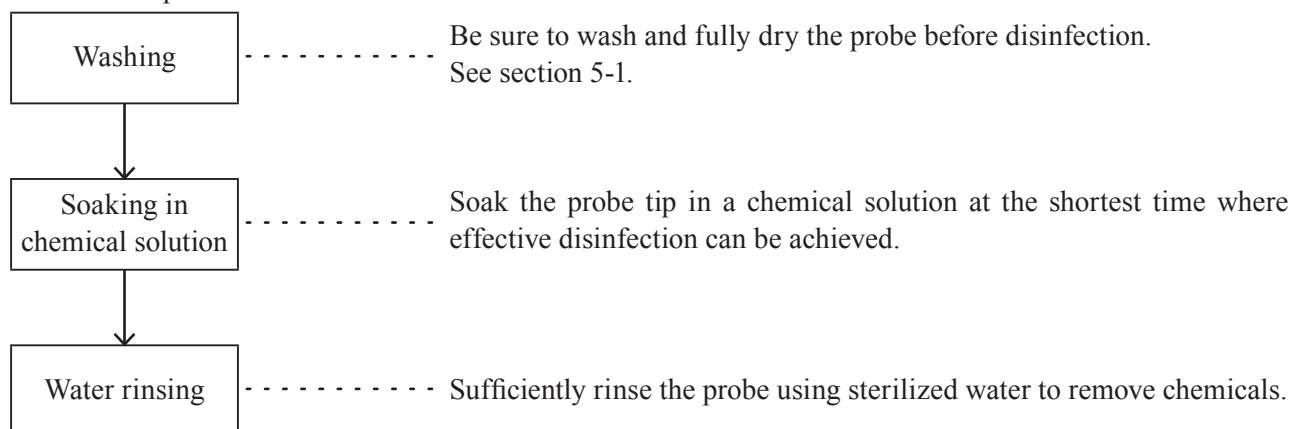
Either chemical disinfection or gas disinfection is performed as necessary.

### 5-2-1. Chemical disinfection

#### Applicable chemicals



General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Glutaral	CIDEX™ Solution 2.4%	ADVANCED STERILIZATION PRODUCTS® A Johnson & Johnson company Division of Ethicon, Inc.
Ortho-phthalaldehyde	CIDEX OPA™ Solution 0.55%	
Glutaral	STERIHYTE™ Practical liquid 2W/V%	Maruishi Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
Benzalkonium chloride	DETERGICIDE™ Practical liquid 0.2W/V%	Yufu Itonaga Co., Ltd.
Benzethonium chloride	HYAMINE™ Practical liquid 0.1W/V%	DAIICHI SANKYO Co., Ltd.

#### Disinfection procedure



#### Remarks

Soaking the probe tip in CIDEX OPA™ solution 0.55% may result in discoloration of the silicone, but this does not affect performance or safety.

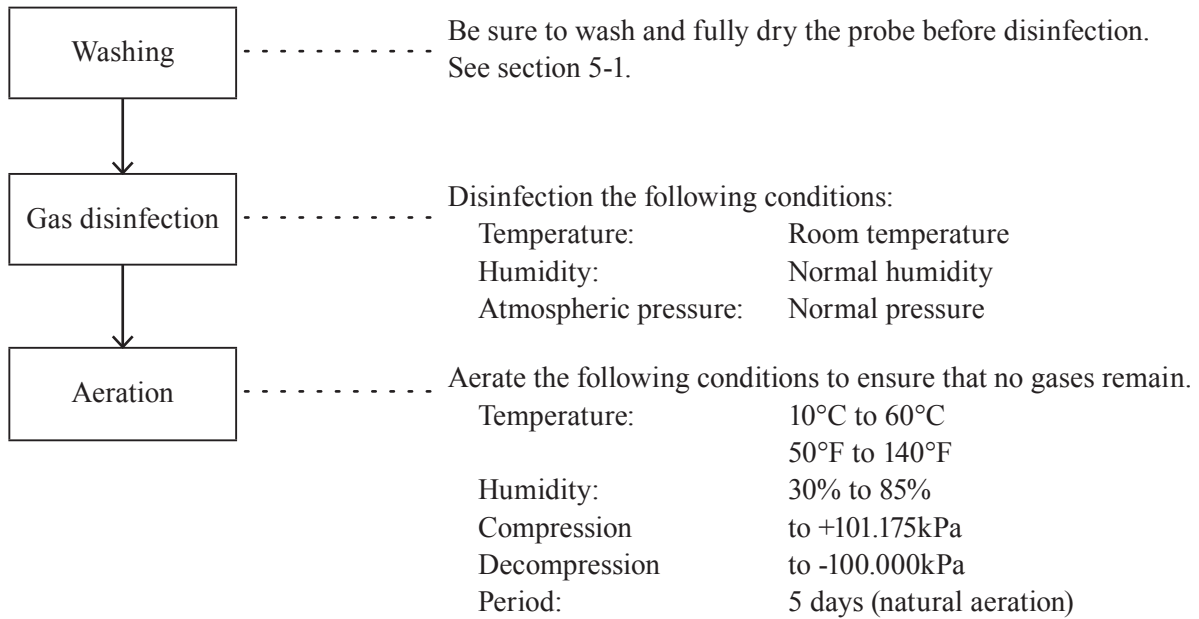
 <b>Warning</b>
 After chemical disinfection, thoroughly wash the probe with sterilized water. Residual chemicals can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.

5-2-2. Gas disinfection

Applicable gases

General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Formalin gas	F. gen (14% formaldehyde)	Aso Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

Disinfection procedure



<b>Warning</b>
Perform full aeration after gas disinfection and sterilization. Residual gas can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.

### 5-3. Sterilization

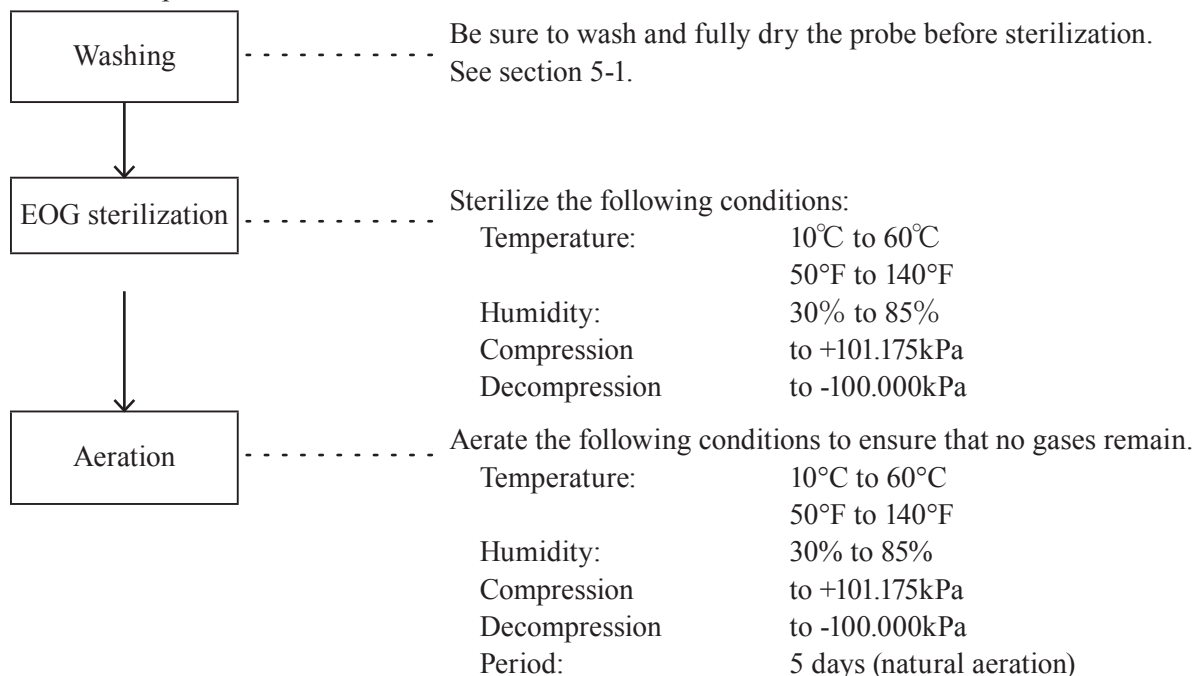
Perform Ethylene oxide gas (EOG) sterilization, STERRAD sterilization or Liquid sterilization as necessary.

#### 5-3-1. Ethylene oxide gas (EOG) sterilization

##### Applicable gases

General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Ethylene oxide gas	AMPROLENE™ 84% density	Central Uni Co., LTD.

##### Sterilization procedure



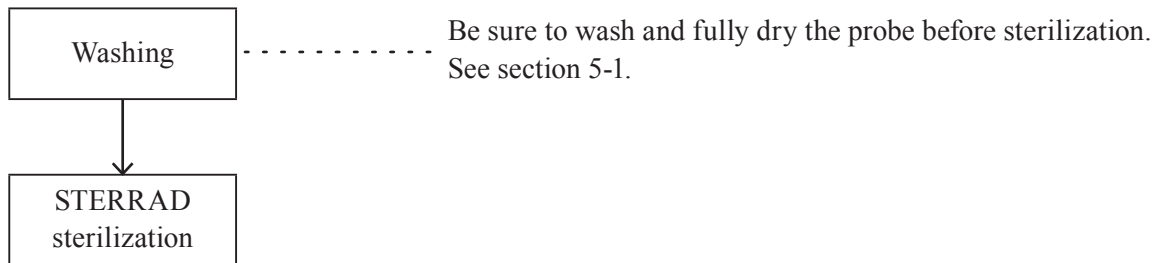
<b>Warning</b>
Perform full aeration after gas disinfection and sterilization. Residual gas can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.

5-3-2. STERRAD<sup>®</sup> sterilization

Applicable gases


General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Hydrogen peroxide (58% density)	STERRAD Sterilization system	ADVANCED STERILIZATION PRODUCTS <sup>®</sup> A Johnson & Johnson company Division of Ethicon, Inc.

Sterilization procedure



Remarks

Some discoloration of the probe may occur, but this does not affect performance or safety.

<p><b>⚠ Caution</b></p>	
<p><b>⊘</b> Do not sterilize a probe without a STERRAD label* using the STERRAD system. It can cause damage or deterioration to the probe shell. Use the STERRAD system only to sterilize a probe with a STERRAD label.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">             * STERRAD label         </p>
<p><b>⊘</b> Do not put the probe directly into the sterilization pouch*. This can cause the film of the sterilization pouch to stick to the cable covering, resulting in damage to the cable. Completely wrap the entire probe (including the transducer, cable and connector) with sterilization wraps* before putting it into the sterilization pouch*. *: A Johnson &amp; Johnson company Division of Ethicon, Inc product</p>	

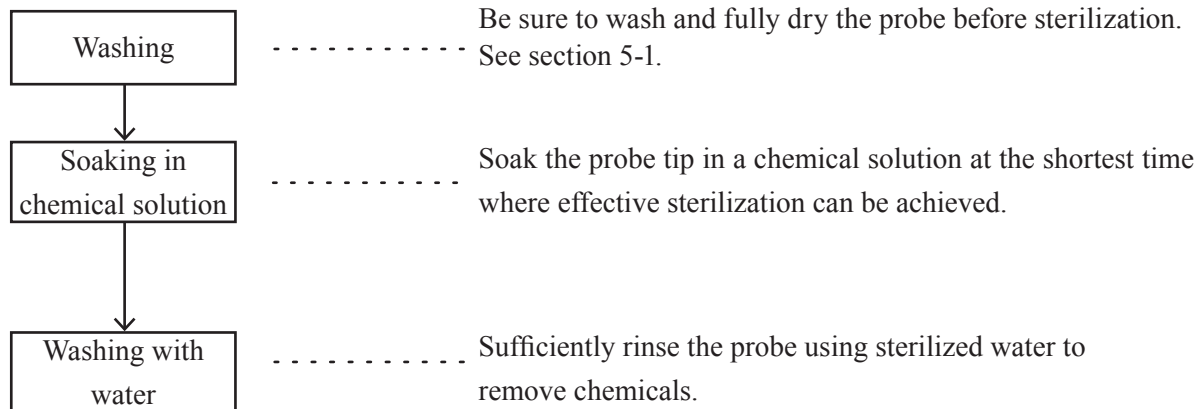
5-3-3. Liquid sterilization



Applicable chemicals

\* Except Canada

General name	Trade name	Manufacturer
Hydrogen peroxide	PERASAFE™ * Practical liquid 1.62W/V%	ANTEC INTERNATIONAL

Sterilization procedure



 <b>Warning</b>
 After chemical sterilization, thoroughly wash the probe with sterilized water. Residual chemicals can cause an adverse reaction on the bodies of the operator or patient.



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## 6. Storage

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### 6-1. Actions before storing the probe

When the probe will not be used for an extended period of time, perform the procedures described in section 5 "Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization" and then store it in its storage case.

### 6-2. Environmental conditions for storage

For details about the storage environmental conditions, see section 2-5-2 "Storage environmental conditions".



## 7. Moving and Transporting

### 7-1. Moving and transporting

In this section, *moving* refers to "carrying of the probe within a facility" and *transporting* refers to "transferring using a vehicle or sending the probe for repairs".

### 7-2. Preparing the probe and accessories for moving

Store in the storage case after performing the procedure in section 5 "Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization".

### 7-3. Packing for transportation

Store in the storage case after performing the procedure in section 5 "Washing, Disinfection and Sterilization" and then put the storage case in a cardboard box for additional protection.

### 7-4. Environmental conditions during transportation

Ambient temperature:    −10°C to 50°C  
                                   14°F to 122°F  
 Relative humidity:       10% to 90%  
 Atmospheric pressure:   700 hPa to 1060 hPa

 <b>Note</b>
The probe is a precision equipment and is vulnerable to physical impact. Protect it by packing it properly for transportation.
Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover when transporting the probe.



## 8. Periodic Inspection

### 8-1. Safety tests

The safety tests should be conducted at least once a year by a qualified technician. The test record should be stored for future reference.

#### Remarks 1

*Qualified technician:* personnel for conducting safety tests of medical electrical equipment.

If the user require an appropriate qualified technician, Aloka trained service personnel can conduct a test at the user's expense. Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.

#### Remarks 2

Make a copy of the Safety Inspection Data Sheet provided in the instruction manual of the ultrasound diagnostic instrument. Use the sheet as a test record.

#### Procedure for periodic safety tests and judgment

##### (1) Test of patient leakage current from the patient connection to earth

Using the measuring instruments which usable to the requirement of IEC 60601-1 :2005, conduct the test as shown in Fig. 15 of IEC 60601-1 :2005.

Soak the probe tip in saline solution and measure the leakage current between the applied part and earth.

Do not soak probes in saline solution beyond the "IPX7 range" provided in section 2-2.

##### (2) Test of patient leakage current caused by an external voltage on the patient connection of an F-type applied part.

Using the measuring instruments which usable to the requirement of IEC 60601-1 :2005, conduct the test as shown in Fig. 16 of IEC 60601-1 :2005.

Soak the probe tip in saline solution and measure the leakage current between the applied part and earth.

Do not soak probes in saline solution beyond the "IPX7 range" provided in section 2-2.

Item	Normal condition	Single fault condition
(1) Patient leakage current from the patient connection to earth		
DC	10 $\mu$ A or less	50 $\mu$ A or less
AC	100 $\mu$ A or less	500 $\mu$ A or less
(2) Patient leakage current caused by an external voltage on the patient connection of an F-type applied part	/	5000 $\mu$ A or less

Table. Standard Values for Periodic Safety tests  
(Extract from IEC 60601-1 :2005)

#### Warning



Perform a safety tests at least once a year and keep a record of the inspection results. Failure to notice an abnormal condition while using the probe can result in injury to the operator or patient. If an inspection finds an abnormal condition in the probe, immediately stop use and contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.

## 8-2. Testing of measurement tolerances

Perform the measurements specified below using an ultrasonic phantom\* at least once per year. The test record should be stored for future reference.

- Sensitivity
- Resolution

### Remarks

Make a copy of the Measurement accuracy inspection data sheet provided in the instruction manual for the ultrasound diagnostic instrument. Use the sheet as a test record.

\* The ultrasonic phantom is made of a substance which is similar to human tissue in terms of its response to ultrasonic waves.

Regions with different textures and targets spaced at preset intervals are embedded in the phantom. Some phantoms contain a mechanism for Doppler measurement. The phantom is used to check the performance of the probe and ultrasonic diagnostic instrument, as well as to adjust the image settings.

### 8-2-1. Conducting tests

Some types of ultrasonic phantoms have targets with narrow gaps between them for confirming the resolution.


This enables you to check the level of detail that images can be viewed on the display. For phantoms with no targets, the resolution determines the fineness of the displayed textures. The sensitivity can be determined by examining the luminance of ultrasonic images. Other factors that affect the resolution include the type of connected probe, gain, focus and recording instrument. The specific testing conditions must be recorded in detail to enable proper comparison at the next inspection.

### 8-2-2. Result judgement

Compare the currently-obtained value with the value recorded at the last test. If there is a significant difference between the two values, the current value is considered to be abnormal.

It is important to note that the resolution varies depending on the type of ultrasonic phantom and phantoms generally deteriorate over time.

### Caution

-  Do not use a probe or ultrasound diagnostic instrument where a problem has been found. This can result in an incorrect diagnosis. Contact one of our offices and/or distributor's offices listed on the back cover.

## 9. Configuration

### 9-1. Standard configuration

Probe	UST-5546.....	1 set
Storage case	CB-UST1-P1.....	1 set
Instruction manual	MN1-5018.....	1 copy

### 9-2. Options

When performing puncturing, use this probe in combination with CIVCO bracket and CIVCO probe cover or biopsy needle guide set.


CIVCO bracket	614-082
CIVCO probe cover or biopsy needle guide set	610-692
Storage case	STB-44-PA1(Hard plastics case)



## 10. Disposal of the Device

Recycle or dispose of this equipment properly in compliance with the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law.

### Caution

 Before disposing of the equipment, disinfect or take other infection-prevention measures. Disposal of the equipment without taking the proper preventative measures can lead to infection.

## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive

This products is a duty of the display of WEEE marking is imposed, into the European Union (EU) .

In case you dispose this products in the EU member nation, please contact any of the offices or agencies, should follow the law of each country or your local legislation.

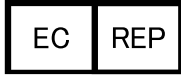


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