

## Tracoe Twist & Tracoe Twist Plus Tubes

1. Prepare the component(s) that you would like to clean:  
outer cannula and/or inner cannula(s) and/or obturator
2. Rinse the component(s) separately under lukewarm (max. 40 °C/104 °F), potable water until they are visibly clean and free of encrustations
3. Lukewarm, potable water with a mild detergent may be used
4. Tube brushes or cleaning swabs can be used to remove any remaining residue (e.g. Freevent TubeBrush and Provox Swab)
5. After cleaning, rinse the component(s) with potable or distilled water. If the device(s) are not visually clean after rinsing, then:
  - repeat rinsing until they are visibly clean, or
  - repeat the cleaning starting with step 2, or
  - safely dispose the component(s) if still not clean
6. Place the component(s) on a clean lint-free dry towel and air dry in an area free of airborne contaminants
7. The cleaned component(s) are considered dry when there is no visual evidence of residual water. When cleaning of outer cannula, please check that the inside of the cuff has remained dry, inflate the cuff if necessary
8. Finally, a visual and functional inspection prior to re-insertion must be performed to verify that the component(s) are not damaged

**Cleaning  
with a  
tube brush  
or swab**

Tracoe Twist and Tracoe Twist Plus tubes are single patient use products, intended to be used for 29 days, beginning from the initial opening of the sterile barrier. This maximum duration of use includes the usage of the device as well as cleaning or storage.

**Within the 29 days, the maximum allowed cleaning frequency of the device(s) is 29 times for the outer cannula and 35 times for the inner cannula, otherwise biocompatibility and material stability could be impaired.**

## PLEASE NOTE:

- For reasons of hygiene and to avoid a mix-up when reassembling the tube afterwards only one outer cannula together with the corresponding inner cannula must be cleaned together
- The tracheostomy tube (outer and inner cannulas) and obturator should be cleaned immediately after removal from the stoma to prevent drying of soil and contaminants
- When immersing a cuffed tube in a cleaning reagent solution, it is recommended to not submerge the pilot balloon in the solution
- Please take care to hold the outer cannula after cleaning at its neck flange, the inner cannula at the 15 mm connector and the obturator at its handle
- The frequency of cleaning must be defined by the physician but must not exceed the allowed frequency
- The tubes must never be cleaned using agents or procedures which are not specified in this instruction
- Failure to clean the device properly can result in damage to the tube, an increase in air resistance due to obstructions, or irritation/inflammation of the tracheal stoma
- Since the upper respiratory tract is never free from microorganisms, even in healthy individuals, we do not recommend the use of disinfectants
- The re-sterilization of this product is not permitted

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