

Important Information for users

Please read carefully before using the instrument!

By purchasing an instrument offered by **Gebrueder Zepf** you have obtained a high quality instrument. If you pay attention to the following points, the reliability and function will be assured for a long time.

1. When first using a new instrument

- All instruments delivered by Gebrueder Zepf are non-sterile and must first be cleaned and sterilized before use.

2. Sterilization

- All instruments can be sterilized in autoclaves. Plasma sterilization is not allowed for instruments with parts of plastic because the plastic could be damaged.

3. Safety check

- A visual check is necessary before every use of an instrument. It must be assured that there are no cracks, breakages or mechanical faults. In particular, special attention should be paid to the critical points, such as stops, ratchets, cuts, tips, locks, all flexible parts and especially the working area of the instrument.

4. Cleaning and maintenance

- The instruments should always be cleaned and sterilized immediately after use. On doing so, special attention should be paid to the safety checks of the critical points mentioned above and of areas which are difficult to reach.
- Instruments, which can be taken apart, may only be cleaned when they have been taken apart.
- After cleaning the instruments, they must be dried immediately.
- After every cleaning process and before sterilization, the instrument should be oiled with a suitable physiologically harmless oil, in particular the critical points mentioned above.

5. Handling

- Surgical instruments should always be handled with care. On transportation, cleaning, sterilizing, maintaining and storing, all necessary measures must be taken to prevent damage.
- Aggressive materials can cause rust on the instruments. This can lead to a malfunction or even the destruction of the instruments. When using acids or other caustic cleaning materials, please follow the instructions from the manufacturer.

6. Storage

- It is particularly important that the instruments are stored in a dry place. No metal containers are allowed for storage except stainless steel or aluminium containers. Direct sunlight should be avoided.

**Guarantee claims are void if it is found
that the instruments have been handled incorrectly!**