

The correct handling and use of the Artemamed Aluminum Hand is described in the following.


**In order to keep risks and unnecessary burdens as low as possible for the patient, the user and third parties, we request that you carefully look through these instructions for use and keep them for further reference.**


### 1. Intended use

The Artemamed aluminum hand can be used in all surgical interventions in the hand region. It is intended to fixate and immobilize the hand to be operated on. The hand to be operated on, and the patient's individual fingers, are fixated and immobilized by bending the wrist tabs and finger tips of the aluminum hand over the patient's wrist and individual fingers.

- Place patient's hand on top of the surgical aluminum hand.
- Bend wrist tabs over patient's wrist and finger tips over patient's fingers as needed. The patient's hand should then be flat and immobilized.
- The tab opposite of the thumb can be used as a "kickstand" to prevent the wrist from rolling.
- After procedure, straighten the finger tips and wrist tabs on the aluminum hand.

### 2. Care and Cleaning

 Product is delivered non-sterile. The procedures outlined below should be followed to ensure safe handling of biologically contaminated aluminum hands. **Sterilize prior to use!**

 Prior to each use, inspect the aluminum hand for any broken, worn, cracked or fractured components. If any components are damaged or **if the black nylon coating is cracked**, discard the aluminum hand! **DO NOT USE!** Handle and dispose of in accordance with accepted medical practice and applicable laws and regulations.

The aluminum hand must be cleaned prior to sterilization in accordance with standard institutional protocol. Any non-acidic, general purpose cleaner suited for standard surgical instruments is acceptable.

After cleaning, the aluminum hand should then be autoclaved. The aluminum hand is a reusable device designed to be used with the following sterilization cycle parameters:

Pre Vacuum cycle:

Double wrapped in standard central supply wrap

4 minutes

132°C (270°F)

Drying Time minimum 4 minutes

Gravity cycle:

Double wrapped in standard central supply wrap

15-30 minutes

121°C (250°F)

Drying Time minimum 15-30 minutes

Store in a dry, clean and safe place.

**Artemamed does not accept any liability if these instructions for use have not been observed or followed.**

**Instructions for Use**  
**Aluminum Hand with black nylon coating**

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Replacement parts can be obtained from Artemamed:  
11.2014 Aluminum Hand Adult 14" with tab, nylon coating, black

**Meaning of the Symbols**



Attention, observe notes.



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**REF** Reference number of item

**LOT** Identification number assigned to a particular quantity or lot of material from the manufacturer.



Read the instructions for use.



Manufacturer's declaration that products comply with requirements of the European Commission Product Directives.



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