

Endurocide® Disposable Curtains: Installation Guide

1. Introduction

Endurocide® disposable curtains are a hygienic and convenient solution for healthcare facilities, offering a range of products to suit various needs. This guide provides comprehensive instructions for the installation, care, and disposal of Endurocide® disposable curtains. Following these guidelines will ensure proper installation, maximize the lifespan of the curtains, and maintain a safe and hygienic environment for patients and staff.

2. Product Specifications

Endurocide® disposable curtains are available in several types, sizes, and hanging systems to accommodate different healthcare settings and track configurations.

Curtain Types

Endurocide® offers several curtain types to meet different healthcare facility requirements:

Antimicrobial Plus Treated with a patented formula that kills bacteria, fungi, and spores. These curtains remain active for up to two years and are designed to trap and kill pathogens on the surface, helping to break the chain of infection.

Printed Curtains Antimicrobial and sporcidal curtains available in various designs. These combine the protective properties of treated curtains with custom design options for enhanced aesthetics.

Mesh Top Features NFPA 13 compliant mesh for sprinkler access. This design allows for proper sprinkler system functionality while maintaining privacy and infection control benefits.

Long Drop Designed for use with ceiling-fixed rails. This type provides extended length to accommodate higher ceiling installations or areas requiring greater vertical coverage.

Curtain Sizes

| Dimension | Standard | Long Drop | Mesh Top |
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| Height | 2.0m | 2.6m | 2.55m |
| Full Width | 7.5m | 7.5m | 7.5m |

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| Medium Width | 5.55m | 5.55m | 5.55m |
| Half Width | 3.75m | 3.75m | 3.75m |

As a general rule, the total curtain width should be approximately twice the length of the curtain rail to ensure proper coverage and privacy.

Clip Hook Placement Guidelines

Proper placement of clip hooks is essential for secure and even curtain hanging. The following guidelines specify the number of hooks required for each curtain width and their placement pattern:

Full Width Curtains

- Number of Eyelets: 50
- Number of Hooks Required: 26
- Placement: 1 hook every alternate eyelet, with 2 hooks at the front (label end)

Medium Width Curtains

- Number of Eyelets: 37
- Number of Hooks Required: 20
- Placement: 1 hook every alternate eyelet, with 2 hooks at the end

Half Width Curtains

- Number of Eyelets: 25
- Number of Hooks Required: 14
- Placement: 2 hooks at the end, with 1 hook every alternate eyelet

3. Pre-Installation Checklist

Before beginning the installation process, it is essential to gather the necessary tools and materials and to take accurate measurements.

Tools and Materials

- Tape measure
- Drill with appropriate bits (if installing a new track)
- Screwdriver
- Level

- Ladder or step stool
- Endurocide® disposable curtains
- Curtain track and brackets (if not already installed)

Measurements and Planning

1. **Measure the track length:** Determine the exact length of the curtain track.
2. **Calculate curtain width:** The curtain width should be at least 10% wider than the track length, with a 2x width being the general recommendation for proper fullness.
3. **Plan the layout:** Consider the room's dimensions and any potential obstructions, such as light fixtures or medical equipment.

4. Step-by-Step Installation

The installation process for Endurocide® disposable curtains is designed to be quick and straightforward, especially when using existing curtain tracks.

Installing on an Existing Track

1. **Remove the old curtain:** Carefully remove the existing curtain from the track.
2. **Unpack the new curtain:** Unpack the new Endurocide® disposable curtain, taking care not to damage the fabric or hooks.
3. **Attach the curtain:** Unclip the eyelets of the old curtain from the clip hooks that run in the track. Then hang the new curtain by clipping each eyelet onto the corresponding clip hook according to the placement guidelines, ensuring all eyelets are securely fastened.
4. **Test the curtain:** Gently slide the curtain along the track to ensure it moves smoothly without catching or jamming.
5. **Record the installation date:** Use the self-auditing label to write down the date of installation for tracking and replacement purposes.

5. Care and Maintenance

Proper care and maintenance are crucial for ensuring the longevity and effectiveness of your Endurocide® disposable curtains.

Important: Endurocide® disposable curtains are not designed to be cleaned, washed, or wiped. Cleaning can damage the fabric, affect the fire retardancy, and, in the case of antimicrobial curtains, reduce their efficacy.

- **Replacement:** Replace curtains when they become visibly soiled.
- **Sunlight Exposure:** While the curtains are UV resistant for approximately six months, prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can cause accelerated aging. It is recommended to hang curtains away from direct sunlight whenever possible.
- **Ventilation:** Upon initial installation, a slight odor from the polypropylene material may be present. Ensure the area is well-ventilated, and the smell will dissipate quickly.

6. Safety Precautions

- **Deep Cleaning:** It is recommended to remove the curtains before deep cleaning a room with misting, fogging, or UV machines, as the chemicals used may affect the curtain's properties.
- **Fire Retardancy:** Endurocide® curtains meet international fire retardant standards, including BS 5867 (UK), EN 13773 (Europe), and NFPA 701 (USA & Canada).

7. Disposal

Endurocide® disposable curtains are made from 100% recyclable polypropylene. When it is time to replace them, they should be disposed of in accordance with your facility's protocols for clinical waste. This may include disposal in hazardous waste collection points or via incineration.