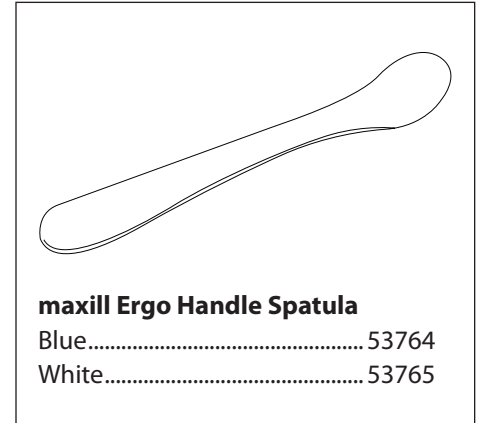
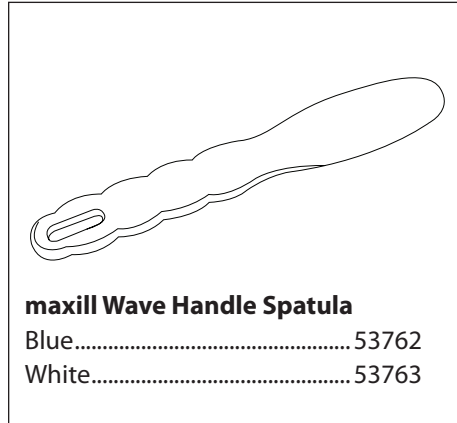
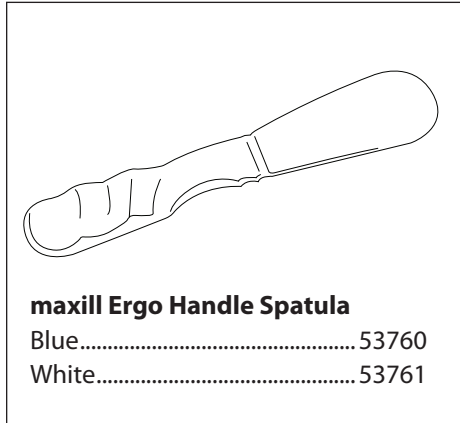


# Cleaning Instructions for **maxill Spatulas**

(Item 53760, 53761, 53762, 53763, 53764, 53765)



## **Cleaning**

1. Maintain the spatula's cleanliness throughout the procedure. There are two options for the spatula maintenance during use:

a. Wipe the spatula as soon as possible after mixing as the impression material will quickly harden on the spatula.

OR

b. Wait for the material to harden and peel off the impression material followed by removal of remaining particles and residue.

**NOTE:** Step a. is ideal when there are two clinicians; one mixing and one taking the impression where there is more time available to wipe the spatula immediately. In the scenario of a solo clinician b. is an acceptable maintenance step.)

2. Clean the spatula with an enzymatic cleaner via ultrasonic bath or instrument washer. After cleaning rinse the spatula thoroughly to ensure full removal of the enzymatic cleaner. Inspect to ensure no gross debris is remaining. If debris is still present remove debris and clean again in ultrasonic bath or instrument washer.

## **Sterilization**

Ensure the maxill spatula has been cleaned properly. Reinspect to confirm it is free of debris. Any remaining impression material will void sterilization. Package in a suitable size sterilization pouch and/or compartment in a cassette that does not come into contact with other instruments. Sterilize the spatula in a steam sterilizer up to 121°C (249°F).

**NOTE:** Technically a spatula falls into the non-critical category of Spaulding's Classification. However, in the moment the impression tray is loaded and comes into contact with the soiled tray there is a potential for cross-contamination. A second potential risk is when mixing for two impressions the clinicians gloves are contaminated. Best practice is to doff the existing gloves and don a new set. In the event this step is missed the contaminated hands are handling the spatula (and bowl), therefore, the spatula needs to be recognized as contaminated. It is important to assess the procedural steps to confirm there are no moments of potential cross contamination while taking impressions.