



Year-End Equipment Self-Assessment Checklist

Start 2025 on the Right Foot with Reliable Equipment

As the year comes to a close, it's the perfect time to assess the condition of your sterilizers and essential medical equipment. This self-assessment checklist helps you identify areas needing attention, ensuring smooth operations and protecting your patients, staff, and practice reputation.

Why Conduct a Year-End Self-Assessment?

This checklist helps you take proactive steps to identify and address potential equipment issues before they disrupt operations. A thorough self-assessment ensures your sterilizers perform reliably, keeping your patients, clients, and staff safe.

1. Evaluate for Wear and Tear

- Check for visible damage, such as cracked gaskets, rust, or worn components.
- Address minor issues now to avoid costly repairs later.
- Action:** Address any visible damage now to avoid costly repairs later.

2. Assess Cleaning Practices

- Are you regularly cleaning and descaling chambers and filters according to manufacturer guidelines?
- Is residue buildup or drainage clogging affecting performance?
- Action:** Improve cleaning practices to maintain efficiency.

3. Check Calibration Accuracy

- Are your sterilizer's temperature, pressure, and cycle times consistent with specifications?
- Are you noticing inconsistent results from sterilization cycles?
- Action:** Schedule calibration if results don't meet industry standards.

4. Review Error Logs

- Have error codes or alerts appeared recently?
- Are there recurring issues, even minor ones?
- Action:** Document any issues and consult a technician for diagnosis.

5. Examine Preventative Maintenance Records

- When was your sterilizer last serviced by a professional technician?
- Do you have a regular maintenance schedule in place?
- Action:** Schedule preventative maintenance to catch small issues early.

6. Test Your Backup Plan

- Do you have alternative sterilization solutions in place for emergencies?
- Have you tested any backup units for functionality this year?
- Action:** Ensure backups are ready to prevent downtime.

7. Prepare for New Compliance Requirements

- Are you aware of any upcoming regulatory changes for 2025?
- Do your sterilizers meet all current compliance standards?
- Action:** Work with industry experts to ensure compliance moving forward.