

Algerbrush Burrs

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Intended Use	Used with an Algerbrush Machine to grind out rust rings left from metallic foreign bodies that have penetrated the
	cornea. The Algerbrush Burrs are connected to the Algerbrush Handpiece by the use of an Accessory called a Chuck. The
	Alger brush burrs make contact with rust rings in the cornea and slowly grinds them out.
Indication(s)	Rusty ferrous corneal foreign bodies embedded in the cornea
Sterility	The sterile devices are supplied sterile and single use and are not designed to be reprocessed or reused. Reprocessing may
	alter the structure and surface of the device and affect the performance and safety in use causing possible harm to the
	patient. Incorrect handling and reprocessing will also increase the risk of cross contamination and infection.
Intended Patient Group(s)	Patients with rusty ferrous corneal foreign bodies. Burrs contain nickel, do not use on patients with known allergic sensitivity to this metal as this may cause hypersensitivity.
Intended User(s) &	Professional use only, Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon or other suitably trained personnel.
Facilities	A new sterile burr should be used for every patient. Only suitably qualified personnel who have been trained on the
	Algerbrush Machine should use these devices in a low distraction environment. Examination by slit lamp should confirm
	that the corneal foreign body is superficial with no sign of penetration. If penetration is suspected, appropriate
	investigation and treatment should be instigated. Advance the drill obliquely to the anaesthetized eye so that the side of
	the burr works on the cornea until all the rust stain has been removed. If the rust ring does not come off easily, use an
	antibiotic ointment (if deemed appropriate) and let the epithelium heal over. After three days, the cornea will soften then
	try again. Advise patient that they will have a new abrasion which may cause soreness, they will need to restart the topical
	antibiotic. If the injury is in the pupillary aperture, it may produce glare or a slight decrease in vision. Care should be taken
	with deep centrally placed rust rings in line with the visual axis. In these cases, over-zealous debridement which breaches
	the sub-epithelial Bowman's layer can lead to permanent scarring and visual loss.
Clinical Benefits &	During metal working procedures such as welding, sanding, or grinding, it is possible that a welding spark / piece of metal
Performance	can be ejected from the machine into the patient's cornea. If this occurs, it is essential that all traces of the foreign body
Characteristics	and resulting rust are removed. The Algerbrush has been specially designed to remove rust spots from a patient's cornea.
Characteristics	Motor will stop rotating if too much pressure is applied. The gentle slow rotation rate provides easy control. The high
	quality, cold-chisel-edges of the carbide steel on the Algerbrush Burrs provide a good clean surgical area and help to speed
	up the healing process. Operates with a normal AA battery and low amperage motor means longer battery life. Repairable.
Storage, Handling,	Store at room temperature and humidity away from direct sunlight and water.
Preparation	
& Use Considerations	
Contraindications	Burrs contain nickel, do not use on patients with known allergic sensitivity to this metal as this may cause
	hypersensitivity.
Warnings and Precautions	Only for use on Algerbrush rust ring remover machine, Altomed ref: A4955.
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	hypersensitivity.
	Burrs are delicate devices and must be handled with care. Do not drop or bang against hard surfaces as this may damage
	the tip.
	The Chuck and Burr are held on by friction, if too much pressure is applied the Burr will stop rotating.
	Point Burr away from body and hands when removing to prevent accidental stabbing injury.
	• Carefully follow the instructions for use supplied with your Algerbrush Machine. If you have lost the instructions for use,
	please contact Altomed for a replacement. Select either the Standard or Large burr depending upon the size of the rust
	ring.
	Check the Peel Pouch to make sure it has not been damaged in any way, e.g., check for wet patches, splits and tears etc.
	If the Peel Pouch is damaged do not use the Burr.
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or defective device











stop rotating when pressure is applied. You should feel some resistance, if not see On-Site Repairs below. The lip of the Chuck should be close to, but not touching the Housing. Ensure that the Chuck is secure, rotates freely and is on straight, i.e., not out of alignment. **On-site Repairs** If the Burr and/or Chuck are too loose, tighten the Chuck with a small pair of stainless-steel pliers as follows: If Burr is loose: Gently pinch base of Chuck Burr Lumen (see Fig. 1) Fig 1 Fig 2 If Chuck is loose on the Motor Shaft, gently pinch the other side of the Chuck. the Motor Shaft Lumen (see Fig 2). Return any faulty Algerbrush Machines to Altomed for repair. **Disposal Considerations** After use, used Burrs must be disposed of immediately in a Yellow Sharps Bin to avoid the risk of accidental re-use. It is not recommended to reprocess these devices due to their size and delicate nature and the increased risks of cross contamination and physical damage to the device causing patient harm. Reuse may result in decreased cutting efficiency, device failure, patient discomfort, tissue necrosis, cross contamination, and infection. In the event of an incident If any serious incident has occurred in relation to the device, the user and/or patient should be report it to the

manufacturer at the contact details below, and the competent authority of the Member State in which the user and/or

patient is established (refer to https://ec.europa.eu/health/md_sector/contact_en)

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