

Exmoor Plastics Ltd 1, Western Avenue Matrix Park Buckshaw Village Chorley PR7 7NB United Kingdom

Date: 20/05/2025

## **Urgent Field Safety Notice**

#### **Product: Suction Clearance Kits**

#### Information on Affected Devices

#### Device Type(s)\*

The suction clearance kits are compiled of instruments commonly used in surgical procedures where suction clearance of the external ear canal is required.

They are both supplied with:

- 2.11mm S105 Suction Tube
- 1.24mm S4 Fine End
- · Cleaning rod
- Cleaning wire

SC4JH is supplied with a Jobson Horne Probe, whilst the SC6 is supplied with a Wax Curette.

Both are used for clearing wax and debris from the ear canal.

Both are offered based on clinical assessment of the patients' needs and user preference.

#### Commercial name(s)

Exmoor Plastics Limited Suction Clearance Kits

#### Unique Device Identifier(s) (UDI-DI)

SC4JH 5060180258269 SC6 5060180255015

#### Primary clinical purpose of device(s)\*

This device is intended to enable suction clearance of the external ear canal with the purpose of clearing ear wax/debris from the ear canal

#### Device Model/Catalogue/part number(s)\*

SC4JH - Suction Clearance Kit with Jobson Horne Probe

SC6 -

Suction Clearance Kit with Wax Curette

#### Affected serial or lot number range

3 lots: 85695, 85694, 85761

#### **Associated devices**

Not applicable.



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## Reason for Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA)

#### Description of the product problem\*

A packaging issue has been identified concerning a primary packaging component used to encapsulate the components within our Suction Clearance Kits.

A white crepe has been used in replacement of the standard green crepe in the affected LOTs. This crepe paper is used to wrap the devices of the kit before they are placed into the primary peel pouch for sterilization.

This white crepe is currently pending verification and Exmoor Plastics Limited is awaiting final confirmation.

#### Hazard giving rise to the FSCA\*

The affected lots were created for the purpose of a sterilisation verification study to examine the new primary packaging component. The products were inadvertently released to the market prior to the receipt of final test verification results.

#### Probability of problem arising

The final test verification results are still pending at this time, but initial review indicates that the products do not pose harm to the end user and there is a very low risk of problems arising.

#### Predicted risk to patient/users

There has been no immediate risk identified to patients and users following the initial results of this verification.

#### Further information to help characterise the problem

At the signing of this document, there have been no complaints or links to issues or harm arising from this packaging issue with this product; this issue was detected internally and proactively escalated as a preventative measure.

#### Background on Issue

Exmoor Plastics Limited were made aware by one of their subcontractors that product containing white crepe paper had been inadvertently released to market. This product was manufactured as part of an ongoing change to examine the use of alternative crepe papers in Exmoor Plastics Limited Suction Clearance Kits. A full root cause investigation is currently in process.

#### Other information relevant to FSCA

Subsequent testing is currently being performed to verify the white crepe and will be made available as required.



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Action To Be Taken by the User\*

$\boxtimes$	Identify Device	
$\boxtimes$	Quarantine Device	
	Return Device	
$\boxtimes$	Destroy Device	
	On-site device modification/inspection	
	Follow patient management recommendations	
	Take note of amendment/reinforcement of Instructions For Use (IFU)	
	Other	
	None	
By when should the action be completed?		As soon as possible
Is follow-up of patients or review of patients' previous results recommended?		No
Is customer Reply Required? * (If yes, form attached specifying deadline for return)		Yes

**Action To Be Taken by the Manufacturer** 

$\boxtimes$	Product Removal	
	On-site device modification/inspection	
	Software upgrade	
	IFU or labelling change	
	Other	
	None	
	By when should the action be completed?	As soon as possible
Is the FSN required to be communicated to the patient /lay user?		No
If yes, has manufacturer provided additional information suitable for the patient/lay user in a patient/lay or non-		No
professional user information letter/sheet?		Not appended to this FSN



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## **General Information\***

FSN Type*	New	
For updated FSN,		
reference number and	Not Applicable	
date of previous FSN		
For Updated FSN, key new information as follows:		
Not Applicable		
Further advice or		
information already	Not planned yet	
expected in follow-up		
FSN?*		

## **Manufacturer information**

Company Name	Exmoor Plastics Limited
Address	1 Western Avenue, Matrix Park, Buckshaw Village, Chorley, PR7 7NB
Website address	https://vernacare.com/brands/exmoor

The Competent (Regulatory) Authority of your country has been informed about this communication to customers.



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#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Response Form.

Appendix 2: Identifying the product

**Signature** 

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Date	20/05/2025

#### **Transmission of this Field Safety Notice**

This notice needs to be passed on all those who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred.

Please transfer this notice to other organisations on which this action has an impact.

Please maintain awareness on this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure effectiveness of the corrective action.

Please report all device-related incidents to the manufacturer, distributor or local representative, and the national Competent Authority if appropriate, as this provides important feedback.\*



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# **Appendix 1: Response form**

# To be completed and returned with a Certificate of Destruction before 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **Urgent Field Safety Notice**

**Product: Exmoor Plastics Limited Suction Clearance Kits** 

Customer name		
Department		
Organisation		
Address		
Tel. Number		
E-mail Address		
Please tick the boxes be	elow which apply:	
We have none of the affected batches of products listed below in stock and have not sold or transferred them (no further action required).		
We have sold or transferred our stock of the affected product and lots. We have identified the recipients and undertake to forward a copy of this Field Safety Notice and response form to them.		
We have destro	byed affected stock as indicated in the table below and have attached a certificate of destruction.	



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#### Please complete the table below if you have stock.

Please indicate the quantity of individual packs you have in the appropriate box against each LOT If you do not have stock of these items, you do not need to complete this table.

SC6, SC4JH		
LOT	Quantity Destroyed	
85695		
85694		
85761		

Please sign below, even if you do not have any stock and have not completed the table above to acknowledge receipt of this Field Safety Notice.		
Signed	Print	
Position	Date	

Thank you for your cooperation.

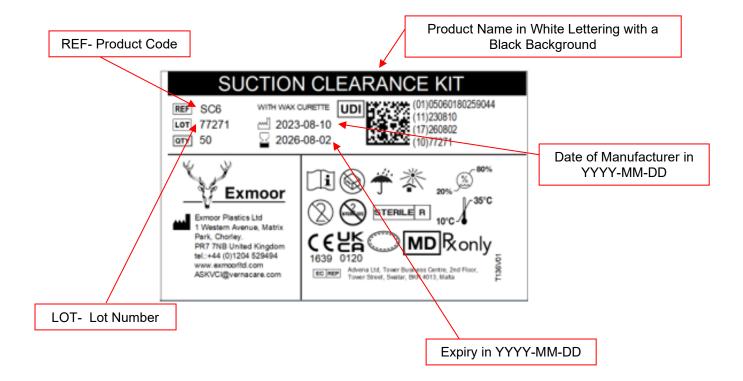
Please scan and e mail this form to; product.safety@vernagroup.com



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# **Appendix 2: Identifying the product**

The individual packs of affected stock have the part Product Name REF, LOT and Date of Manufacture printed in black ink directly onto the front of the brand packaging and on the case label. Below is an example:



# Form Title

Final Audit Report 2025-05-20

Created: 2025-05-20

By: Tracy Avery (tracy.avery@vernacare.com)

Status: Signed

Transaction ID: CBJCHBCAABAA1p7wGnxFEJQHZ7xNpZlbLSQlWAsjLvD0

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