

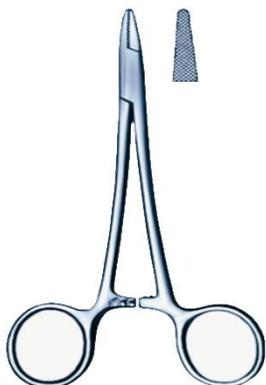
Single-Use vs. Reusable Medical Devices – Key Differences

SINGLE-USE

VS

REUSABLE

- Made from softer materials, making surfaces more prone to scratching, cracking and pitting
- Materials feel lighter and appear shinier
- Limited to no instrument identifiers: No manufacturer name or reference number
- Sharp edges or complex shapes that are hard to clean with no disassembly options
- Packaging labeled Single-Use 



- Made with more durable quality stainless steel that is less susceptible to damage
- Materials feel heavier and appear dull
- Notable instrument markings such as manufacturer name and/or reference number
- Smooth edges with seamless welds, easily disassembled for cleaning
- Packaged using reusable or disposable textiles, such as muslin/polypropylene wrappers or peel pouches

Why it matters:

- Patient safety
- Device function
- Regulatory compliance

If you encounter a single-use device:

- Remove instrument from circulation or dispose of at point-of-use
- **Do not** reuse or reprocess
- For more information please contact your local MDRD representative.

Did you know?

- Single-use instruments are commonly manufactured in Pakistan, Taiwan, or India, where reusable instruments are typically manufactured in Germany or USA.
- Most instruments are stamped or etched with their country of origin.
- Always verify labeling and consult manufacturer instructions before use or reprocessing.

For more information, please review AHS policy: *Critical and Semi-Critical Single-Use Medical Device Policy*

