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Dear Flash-Guard Customer,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Flash-Guard flash sterilization and transport containers.

The Flash-Guard container went through testing by two independent labs: Northview Pacific Labs of Berkeley, CA and STS Labs of Rush, NY. This testing was performed to validate the Flash-Guard in a gravity displacement cycle environment as the gravity flash sterilization cycle is a far more challenging test for validating flash sterilization containers than the pre-vacuum cycle. Having passed the gravity cycle tests in both laboratory environments, the pre-vacuum cycle testing was deemed unnecessary.

The Flash-Guard has been field tested for 22 years in both gravity and pre-vacuum environments and has had outstanding performance in hundreds of facilities ranging from small day surgery centers to large medical centers.

We at Sparco recommend that customers properly test the Flash-Guard system in their facility autoclaves, prior to daily use, to ensure that their sterilizer is functioning properly. The Flash-Guard has no moving parts to fail and therefore, cannot malfunction.

Our system relies on the sterilizer performing correctly. Assuming this is so, the Flash-Guard system has no impediments (valves or filters) to prevent the AAMI recommended sterilization parameters from being achieved inside the open Flash-Guard container in either pre-vacuum or gravity displacement cycles.

I trust that this is helpful, but if you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at [sparco@flash-guard.com](mailto:sparco@flash-guard.com) or by phone.

Thank you,

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