

## Please keep for your records

### Alarm Placements:

#### General Information

- The best place to mount an alarm is in the breathing zone, approximately 5 feet from the floor.
- Never place an alarm in the Decontamination area/room, as there are too many hydrocarbons used in that area. Hydrocarbons such as alcohol will set off the alarms.
- Restrict the use of colognes, hand sanitizers, and after shave lotions by your employees. The alcohol used in those products may also set off the alarms.

#### 100% Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers

- Alarms may be mounted anywhere although, the preferred location is directly over the sterilizer door.
  - 100% EtO Sterilizers are self-aerating, so when a cart comes out of the sterilizer the packs should not give off EtO gas.
- An Alarm should be placed near the cabinet where the EtO cartridges are stored.

#### 90/10 Gas Sterilizers: Freon-EtO gas blend.

- Never mount an alarm near the sterilizer door. It will go off every time the door opens after a sterilization cycle.
- Never mount an alarm on the path used to transfer carts from the gas sterilizer to the aerator.
- Never mount an alarm where carts containing sterilized packs wait for aeration. Un-aerated packs can give off EtO gas for as long as 10-12 hours.
- Never mount an alarm in the tank room.