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RE: Use of Latex in Olympus Products

Dear Healthcare Professional,

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry regarding the use of latex in Olympus products. The use of natural rubber latex in Olympus' line of flexible and surgical endoscopes and related endoscopy products is limited to balloon catheters and certain detachable balloons. Although the covering of the bending section of our flexible endoscopes is frequently referred to as the "bending rubber," this component is not made of rubber or latex.

It should be noted that certain balloon catheters and detachable balloons, such as those used on Ultrasound Endoscopes and the Sonde Enteroscope, do contain natural rubber latex. **Natural rubber latex may cause allergic reactions in patients and healthcare workers.**

Listed below are all of the current Olympus products that contain latex.

Olympus cannot guarantee that any product repaired by a non-Olympus repair facility does not contain latex. In the event that your equipment has been repaired by such a facility, please contact the organization that repaired your instrument for such information.

The following currently marketed Olympus endoscopy products contain natural rubber latex:

Model Number	Product Description
B5-2C	Balloon Catheter
B5-2LA (discontinued)	Balloon Catheter
B5-2Q	Balloon Catheter
B7-2C (discontinued)	Balloon Catheter
B7-2Q/LA	Balloon Catheter
MAJ-233	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-234	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-235	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-236	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-249	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-643R	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-872	Ultrasound Balloon Cuff
MAJ-1351	Balloon for BF-UC160F

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Model Number (continued)	Product Description (continued)
MH-246R-AE	Ultrasound Balloon Sheath
MH-246R-BE	Ultrasound Balloon Sheath
X6411-B08	SIF-SW Balloon Cuff
B-230Q-A	Multi-3 Biliary Extraction Balloon Above Injection
B-230Q-B	Multi-3 Biliary Extraction Balloon Below Injection
B-V231P-A	Multi-3V Biliary Extraction Balloon Below Injection
B-V231P-B	Multi-3V Biliary Extraction Balloon Below Injection

If you have any additional questions, please contact your local Olympus sales representative or the Olympus Technical Assistance Center at 1-800-848-9024 (United States) or 1-800-387-0437 ext 703211 (Canada). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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