



MILLIKEN HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS, LLC

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I ORDER THE PRODUCT BY NAME?

You can order by product number. If you choose to order by name, **TRITEC™** and **TRITEC Silver** are our primary dressing products, **ULTRA** and **ULTRA Silver** are our foam dressing products and **ASSIST** is our low-adherent dressing product. Active Fluid Management® or AFM® is the proprietary moisture management technology. SelectSilver® is our proprietary antimicrobial silver technology.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH SIDE OF THE DRESSING TO USE?

TRITEC has been designed to be easy to use and intuitive for nurses and wound care professionals. When treating a moderate to highly exuding wound, apply the dressing with the printed side away from the wound. To add moisture to the wound bed simply apply the dressing with the print side towards the wound. **ULTRA** and **ASSIST Silver** should always be applied with the print side away from the wound.

HOW LONG CAN THE DRESSINGS BE LEFT IN PLACE?

All dressings are commonly left on until clinical reassessment. With **TRITEC** and **ASSIST**, you may change the secondary absorbent, if it becomes saturated, without removing the dressing. **ULTRA** should be changed as needed and the frequency of change will depend upon the amount of exudate and level of saturation of the dressing.

CAN THE DRESSINGS BE CUT TO SIZE?

TRITEC, **ULTRA** and **ASSIST** were designed to be cut to size. If cut, the dressing will maintain its physical integrity without unravelling. To protect periwound skin, the dressing should overlap the wound by 3-5 cm.

DO THE DRESSINGS ADHERE TO THE WOUND?

TRITEC and **ULTRA** have been found to be non-adherent to most wounds. In the event that these dressings do adhere to the wound, re-moisten the dressing with sterile saline or water to ease removal. **ASSIST** is designed with an integrated low-adherent layer for easy removal.

HOW DO YOU SECURE THE DRESSINGS?

TRITEC, **ULTRA** and **ASSIST** may be secured with an adhesive secondary dressing (roll gauze, tape or medical adhesive) depending on the anatomical location and periwound concern.

DO THE DRESSINGS NEED TO BE PRE-WET PRIOR TO APPLICATION?

There is no need to pre-wet **TRITEC**, **ULTRA** or **ASSIST** dressings prior to application on draining wounds or wounds not requiring additional hydration.





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DO THE SILVER DRESSINGS NEED TO BE ACTIVATED?

No. Silver releases when exposed to sodium from the body. **TRITEC** and **ULTRA** dressings can be applied wet or dry.

ARE THE DRESSINGS COMPATIBLE WITH WOUND CLEANSERS OR DEBRIDING AGENTS?

TRITEC and **ULTRA**'s performance has not been altered by any of the commercial wound cleansers tested. However, it has been documented that silver can compromise the effectiveness of some debriding enzymes.

CAN I USE THE DRESSINGS TO DEBRIDE?

TRITEC and **ULTRA** are not intended to be used for debridement. However, some autolytic debridement of slough may occur when using the products, resulting in a thin film of residue under the dressing over time. If this is observed, consider increasing the change frequency of the dressing to ensure fluid management is not compromised. "Wet-to-dry" techniques are not recommended.

HOW DO THE DRESSINGS WORK UNDER COMPRESSION WRAPS?

TRITEC and **ULTRA** have the ability to pull moisture away from the wound, helping to prevent maceration, even under compression. Wounds with significant drainage may require additional absorptive secondary dressings.

WHAT MATERIALS CAN BE USED AS SECONDARY DRESSINGS?

TRITEC and **ASSIST** can be covered by inexpensive secondary dressings. Roll gauze, ABD pads or foams are all excellent replaceable secondary dressing choices. **ULTRA** does not require a secondary dressing.

CAN I USE THE DRESSINGS OVER SKIN GRAFTS?

TRITEC, **ULTRA** and **ASSIST** have been used extensively to manage moisture and protect skin grafts. A non-adherent wound veil should be used with **TRITEC** and **ULTRA** as the contact layer for this application. **ASSIST** has a low-adherent layer and does not require a veil.

CAN I USE THE DRESSINGS WITH NEGATIVE PRESSURE THERAPY?

TRITEC and **ASSIST** may serve as an excellent wound contact layer under negative pressure. The dressings can be fenestrated to help move moisture to the NPWT. However, **ULTRA** dressings should NOT be used under negative pressure. Case studies and posters are available to download at healthcare.milliken.com

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