The Smoothline laryngoscope blade, when connected to a compatible handle, is used to illuminate the oropharynx and trachea to assist with endotracheal intubation or allow examination of the oral cavity.

- The blades are available in three different finishes - Satin, Polished and Low Friction and in various sizes and specifications.
- A lever-tip version is available which may assist with visibility by manipulating the soft palate.

**WARNINGS**

Tracheal intubation requires specialist training. Only competent trained personnel should use this device.

- PROACT Medical advocate that intubation is only attempted with a full alternate plan in place for the event of difficult intubation due to equipment failure or psychological complications. This should include the availability of back-up devices and alternative means of ensuring ventilation. Examples of effective intubation management strategies can be found on the website of the Difficult Airway Society: www.dasuk.com.

**PRE-USE CHECKS**

Do not use this device unless the following checks have been performed prior to each use:

- Check device for completeness, sharp edges, damage, flaws or loose components.
- Engage and disengage laryngoscope twice prior to use to confirm operation, ensure consistent light if force is exerted on blade tip in all directions.
- In the event of pre-use check failure, return device to supplier for inspection.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

These directions are general guidelines intended for use by qualified medical personnel. Any instructions and contraindications are not exhaustive and it is the responsibility of the clinician to ensure the safe and correct use of the device.

- Select the appropriately sized device for the patient.
- Attach blade to compatible laryngoscope handle.
- To switch on, pull blade up and lock into position, Light switch will activate automatically.
- Examine / Intubate trachea following current accepted medical guidelines.
- For lever-tip laryngoscope blades, squeeze the handle rod to activate the lever-tip and assist visualization.
- To switch off, move blade down. Light will automatically switch off.

**CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**

Infection from patient to patient can potentially be transmitted by any piece of medical equipment. To prevent this, appropriate measures must be taken to clean, disinfect and sterilize (where appropriate) this device between uses.

- Any blade that is suspected of being exposed to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) should not be reprocessed under any condition.
- Pre-wash, clean externally with a damp cloth using soap, alcohol or disinfectant solution to remove any clotted deposits.
- Smoothline laryngoscope blades are washer / disinfectant compatible.
- Observe manufacturer’s usage instructions for all cleaning substances.
- Device may be autoclaved up to a maximum of 135°C for periods in compliance with national recommendations or for a maximum of 4 minutes.
- Suitable for sterilisation with Ethylene Oxide (ETO), Steris or Sterrad procedures.
- Do not use abrasive cleaning techniques.
- Update the sterilisation record using the unique serial number and date, plus details of washer and sterilisation methods, temperatures and times.

**WARRANTY**

PROACT Smoothline Laryngoscope blades are individually serial numbered to ensure effective monitoring of devices through the reprocessing cycle and the maintenance of such a record is required for any warranty claim.

- The fibre optic bundle in Smoothline laryngoscope blades carry a 5 year performance warranty warranty that ensures that the output will not fall below 1,000 lux (measured at the tip of the blade using a PROACT HYDRA HYSGH1001 handle and Lutron LX-103 light meter) even after repeated autoclave cycles (at 135°C for 4 minutes).
- The warranty does not cover failure due to normal wear and tear, misuse, external impact or damage caused by failure to follow instructions for use or through unauthorised repairs or modifications of any kind.
- PROACT Medical does not place a maximum life on Smoothline laryngoscope blades, which may continue to be used indefinitely, provided adequate pre-use inspection is carried out before every use.
- If you encounter any problems with your Smoothline laryngoscope blade, please contact your local dealer or PROACT Medical directly via sales@proactmedical.co.uk.