

Blunt Fill Drawing Up Devices





Nationally Contracted Products (NCP) Customer Report

NHS Supply Chain: *Ward Based Consumables*



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FTR2991, FTR3008, FTR1923, FTR2988

Product Image		Description
FTR2991	FTR3008	Safety Needle Blunt Fill Drawing Up
		
FTR1923	FTR2988	Safety Needle Blunt Fill Drawing Up with Filter
		

NCP Codes	MPC Codes	Supplier	Sizes
FTR2991	BN18112	GBUK Healthcare	18G x 38mm (1.5 inch)
FTR3008	BN01	Medicina Limited	18G x 38mm (1.5 inch) Sterile
FTR1923	110022F	Vygon UK Ltd	18G x 40mm (1.5 inch) 5 micron Sterile
FTR2988	BNF18112	GBUK Healthcare	18G x 38mm (1.5 inch) with 5 micron filter

Indication(s) for use:	Blunt fill needles are used for draw-up of medication, reconstitution of medication and accessing IV bags. Blunt Fill Needle with filter features a 5 micron membrane that is designed to prevent large particles from being drawn into the syringe with preparing medications from ampoules.
User instructions:	Instructions for use will be provided with the products or made available on request.
Supplier(s):	GBUK Ltd Medicina Limited Vygon UK Ltd.
Sustainability:	NHS Supply Chain is committed to supporting all NHS suppliers in their ambition to become net zero by 2045.

Features and Benefits

Blunt fill devices with and without filters:

- All Blunt fill filter needles are complete with a 5 micron filter.
- All products in the procurement attached to a range of Luer tapered devices of both a lock and slip design.
- All needles are supplied with a protective sheath/cap.
- Where a supplier provides both blunt fill and filter the individual product packaging must be identifiably different for example different coloured fonts.
- All Blunt fill needle with and without filter must have a bevel angle between 40.5° and 49.5°.

Compatibility

All blunt fill and blunt fill with filter drawing up needles attach to both luer slip and luer lock devices.

Evaluation

- The specification has been built using a strong user input with numerous stakeholders from varying clinical backgrounds.
- The specification has been built using
 - Key product information
 - Technical information
 - Functional features
 - Product attributes
 - Human factors
 - National and International standards – e.g., BSI ISO's
 - National Guidelines / professional guidance
 - Best practice
 - Clinical Councils.
- All available products have undergone evaluations to ensure they meet each of the specification points.
- All products were evaluated against the following criteria.
 - The product packaging must have a transparent side, this must allow visualisation of the content(s).
 - The expiry date and lot number must be stated on the individual product packaging.
 - Individual product packaging and UOI packaging must state details strictly necessary to identify the device for the user as required by BS EN 1041:2008 +A1:2013.
 - For ordering purposes an identifier for example reference / manufacturing product code (MPC) must be stated on the individual product packaging and/or unit of issue packaging.
 - All products must have their CE marking evident on the product and/or individual product packaging.
 - The word sterile and/or symbol must be depicted on the individual product packaging to inform the user of the product's sterile status in line with labelling requirements of ISO 15223-1:2021.
 - Blunt fill and blunt fill with filter drawing up needles must be single use and have this indicated on the individual product packaging in line with labelling requirements of ISO 15223-1:2021.
 - The packaging must include a non-adherent tab, perforation or slit (or equivalent) as an aide to allow one-ended product opening in adherence to aseptic / aseptic non-touch technique (ANTT) principle.
 - The needle must have its gauge and length marked on the individual product packaging.
 - The blunt fill and blunt fill with filter drawing up needles must have a luer connector in accordance with relevant standard in the BS EN ISO 80369 series.
 - Product must have a red/pink colour indication on blunt needle sheath/protective cap this must be identifiable through the packaging.

- The blunt fill with filter drawing up needles must have a pink/grey/lilac colour indication on hub, and this must be identifiable through the packaging.
- The blunt fill drawing up needles must have a red/pink colour indication on hub, and this must be identifiable through the packaging.
- Latex status present on individual product packaging.
- Where a supplier provides both blunt fill and filter the individual product packaging must be identifiably different for example different coloured fonts or coloured indicator on packaging.
- Individual packaging must be of durable construction preventing tampering and will not tear or rip under normal working conditions to prevent product damage and avoid breaches of product sterility.
- Needle gauge of the shaft must be 18.
- Needle length must be 37mm to 40mm.
- Needles must consist of a hollow, cylindrical metal tube.
- The filter must be in the hub of the needle.
- Blunt fill needle must have a bevel angle between 40.5 degree and 49.5 degree to prevent coring.
- The needles must be supplied with a protective sheath/cap which must allow disconnection from needle in adherence to Aseptic/Aseptic Non-touch Technique (ANTT) principle.
- When examined by normal or corrected vision, the outside of the tubing shall be smooth and free from defects.
- When examined by normal or corrected vision, the needle tube shall appear straight and of regular roundness.
- Instructions for use (IFUs) must be written in English or pictograms and included on the individual product packaging and/or within the unit of issues (UOI) and/or made available to NHS Supply Chain or end user on request.

Availability

Date available:	1 August 2023
Unit(s) of issue:	Box of 100
Regional/national availability:	Managed by depot Split
Product example availability:	N/A
Associated delists:	https://www.supplychain.nhs.uk/saving/blunt-fill-drawing-up-devices/

Product		Blunt fill drawing up needle		Blunt fill drawing up needle with filter	
Supplier		GBUK Healthcare	Medicina Limited	GBUK Healthcare	Vygon
Product Code		FTR2991	FTR3008	FTR2988	FTR1923
Depot	Maidstone	Yes			Yes
	Bridgwater		Yes	Yes	
	Alfreton	Yes			Yes
	Normanton	Yes		Yes	
	Runcorn	Yes		Yes	
	Suffolk Park		Yes	Yes	
	Rugby	Yes		Yes	

Further Questions?

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