



Three Ways to Prevent Catastrophic TEE Failures

1. Perform Frequent Quality Visual Inspection

- When removed from storage
- When set-up and connected to the scanner
- Before insertion
- During removal
- After removal
- During pre-cleaning
- Before soaking in disinfectant
- After soaking in disinfectant
- Before storing

2. Perform Frequent and Time-based Leakage Testing

- Frequent
After EVERY patient exam, following a thorough visual inspection, under magnification, and prior to lengthy soak in disinfectant.
- Time-based
Test once at the beginning of the soak cycle and once again at the end in order to reveal intermittent, slow leaks (the beginning of hard, catastrophic failures). See *Visual Inspection Guide* on reverse side.

3. Establish a TEE Preventative Maintenance Program

- Benchmark your probe against Innovatus Imaging acceptance criteria and against prior evaluations over time.
- Evaluate 20-point physical and functional performance.
- Document functional integrity reports and scan photos to monitor probe performance over time.
- Maintenance timing guidelines:
 - Bending rubber replacement - every 6-9 months
 - Articulation adjustment - every 6-12 months
 - Re-coating / re-labeling - every 12-18 months



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Transesophageal (TEE) Probe Visual Inspection Guide

Always refer to OEM specifications and your owner's manual before servicing equipment.



Cracked Distal Tip



Worn Bending Rubber



Stained/Faded Insertion Tube



Air Bubble



Crushed/Dented Insertion Tube



Cut/Damaged Bending Rubber



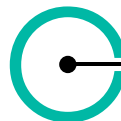
Bent/Damaged Pin



Damaged Lens, Worn Seals



Damaged Collars/Seals



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