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## To our customers of disposable breathing circuits/-sets

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### Important Safety Notice!!!

#### Possible hose short circuit

**Only disposable breathing circuits on the attached list are affected**

**Coaxial hose systems are not affected!**

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the course of our global post market surveillance activities, two cases have been reported to us in which the incorrect connection of the breathing circuit resulted in the patients concerned not being connected to the anesthesia machine. The connections of the anesthesia machine and of the y-piece were short-circuited. Consequently, the patients did not receive the expected ventilation. In one of the two cases the patient in question suffered irreversible harm. In the other case the patient experienced a temporary and reversible deterioration in condition.

The correct set-up of the breathing circuit is illustrated in the Instructions for Use not only of the hose systems but also of the anesthesia machines and ventilators. Connection to the device must be checked prior to use. It is easy to detect if a breathing circuit has not been pre-assembled correctly because it will not be a single cohesive hose system but two separate sub-systems.

**If a short-circuited breathing circuit is not detected during the essential and compulsory pre-use check, it will not be possible to ventilate the patient. This can result in a deterioration to the patient's health and condition. Depending on the type of patient monitoring, this will be detected when the inspiratory O<sub>2</sub> concentration falls or the oxygen saturation level declines, and a corresponding alarm will be given.**

The precise cause of the aforementioned cases has not yet been conclusively determined. It cannot be completely ruled out that incorrectly pre-assembled breathing circuits were shipped despite intensive quality controls. Furthermore, breathing circuits are specially designed to allow the user to change the hose configuration so that the water trap is in the optimal position. In other words, the error can also occur if the breathing circuit was correctly pre-assembled.

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**Before each use, and also after any temporary disconnection, please make sure to check whether the breathing circuit is assembled such that both the inspiratory and the expiratory connector of the ventilator or anesthesia machine are each connected to the y-piece.**

According to our records, it is possible that breathing circuits that may be affected, i.e. that may have been incorrectly pre-assembled, were shipped to you during the past two years. We attach a list of material numbers that may be affected. The material numbers of the breathing circuits can be found on the respective packaging (see photo).

Please inform all potential users in your facility and check your existing stocks by following the check instructions in the attachment and use the attached form "Customer feedback and order" to confirm to us that you have carried out the checks. The form can also be used to order a free replacement if you find any breathing circuit that have been incorrectly pre-assembled.

Please send the form in any case, even if you haven't identified any incorrectly pre-assembled breathing circuits.

We are currently working to further improve the manufacturing/assembly process, and all breathing circuits that are currently being shipped have been subjected to additional checks.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this measure.

The authorities have been notified of this action.

With kind regards



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Attached:

- Material number list
- Check instructions
- Form "Customer feedback and order"



## Potentially affected material numbers:

### Breathing Circuits/Anesthesia Sets

MP00334	Breathing circuit adult (1,8m)
MP00337	Breathing circuit adult (1,8m)
MP00349	Breathing circuit adult (1,8m)
MP00350	Breathing circuit adult (2,5m)
MP00351	Breathing circuit pediatric (1,8m)
MP00352	Breathing circuit pediatric (2,5m)
MP00361	Breathing circuit pediatric (1,8m)
MP00362	Breathing circuit pediatric (1,8m)
MP00365	Anesthesia set adult (1,8m/1,5m)
MP00366	Anesthesia set adult (2,5m/1,5m)
MP00372	Anesthesia set adult (1,8m/1,5m)
MP00374	Anesthesia set pediatric (1,8m/1,1m)
MP00375	Anesthesia set pediatric (1,8m/1,1m)
MP01326	Breathing circuit adult (1,8m)
MP01340	Breathing circuit pediatric (1,8m)
MP01341	Breathing circuit pediatric (1,8m)
MP01347	Breathing circuit adult (0,7-2,2m)
MP01348	Breathing circuit adult (2,5m)
MP01350	Breathing circuit adult (1,8m)
MP02720	Anesthesia set adult (2,8m/1,5m)
MP02721	Anesthesia set adult (2,8m/1,5m)



position of material number

### Pack2Go

MP01656	Evita VPack inv w CO2 Cuvette
MP01657	Evita VPack invasive
MP01674	Savina invasive VentPack Basic
MP01682	APack Watertrap Adult

### Set2go

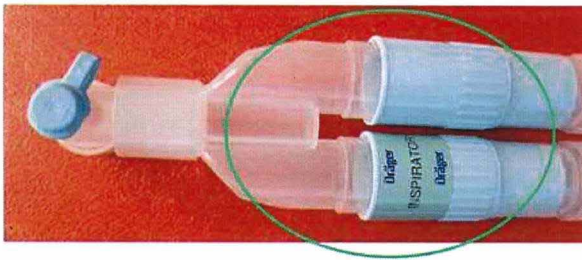
MP07955	Set2Go Anesthesia 1 (A)
MP07956	Set2Go Anesthesia 2 (A)
MP07981	Set2Go Ventilation 27 (A)
MP07988	Set2Go Anesthesia 15(A)
MP07989	Set2Go Ventilation 29 (A)
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MP07994	Set2Go Ventilation 33 (A)

## Check instructions

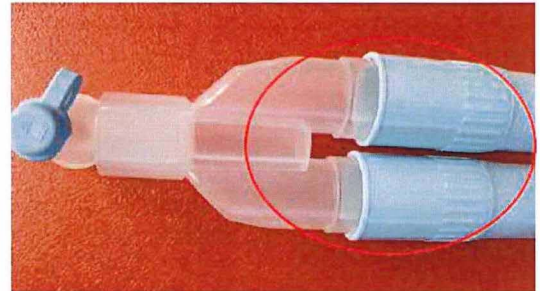
Images showing correct "open ends" and incorrect "open ends" (test instructions):

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ok

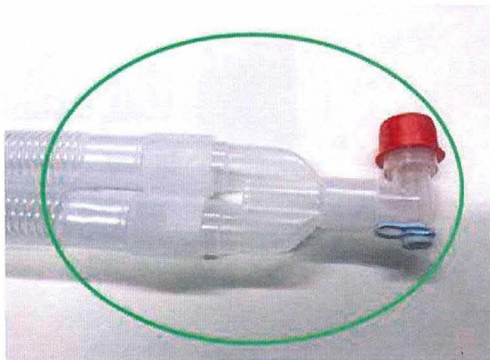


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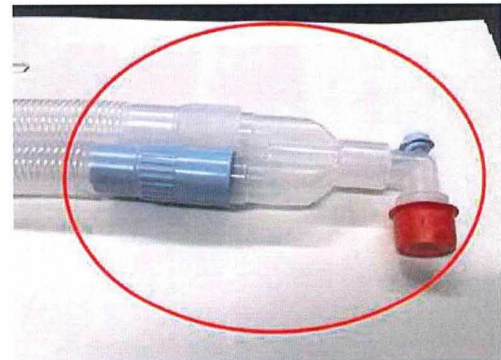


**Part Numbers:** MP00349, MP00350, MP00351, MP00352, MP01326, MP01340, MP01341, MP01348, MP01350, MP00365, MP00366, MP01656, MP01657, MP01674, MP07955, MP07956, MP07981, MP07988, MP07989, MP07991, MP07992, MP07994.

ok



not ok



## Customer feedback and order

Please return this form to your Dräger representative via fax or e-mail!

D R Ä G E R	To: <span style="background-color: yellow;">&lt; To be completed by subsidiaries / distributors &gt;</span> Department: _____ Dräger representative _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
Answer: <b>Possible hose short circuit</b>	
C U S T O M E R	(Please complete) Healthcare facility: _____ Contact person: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ Address: _____ Address 2: _____ City: _____ Country: _____
(Please complete) We hereby confirm receipt of the Dräger safety notice sent in December 2018 regarding the breathing circuits. Our staff has been informed. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>We have not identified any incorrectly pre-assembled breathing circuits.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> We have identified ___ pcs. of material number _____ as incorrectly pre-assembled breathing circuits. Please send us replacement free of charge.	
(Please complete and sign) Title/position: _____ Name: _____ (Please use capital letters) Signature: _____ Date: _____	