

**EXERGEN**  
TemporalScanner™

**TAT-5000 Series  
Professional Models**

**New Independent Studies Show  
Exergen Reduces Hospital Costs by  
90% Compared to Other Thermometers**



Invented, designed,  
assembled, tested,  
and packaged in the  
U.S.A. by Exergen

- More than 80 published studies supporting accuracy from preemies to geriatrics, in all areas of care.
- Rugged, reliable construction, protected by Lifetime Warranty.
- TAT-5000S Connected Models available on leading Vital Signs Monitors for EHR data integration.

***Changing the Way the World Takes Temperature***

# Exergen TAT-5000S Connected Models are now available on leading Vital Signs Monitors for EHR Data Integration



**Philips SureSigns VS4**



**GE Healthcare VC150, V100, Corometrics**



**Mindray Accutor 7 Vital Signs Monitor**



**ZOE 740Select**



**Spacelabs Qube®, Xprezzon®, Qube® Mini**



**Nihon Kohden SVM-7200**



**Schiller Diagnostic Station**



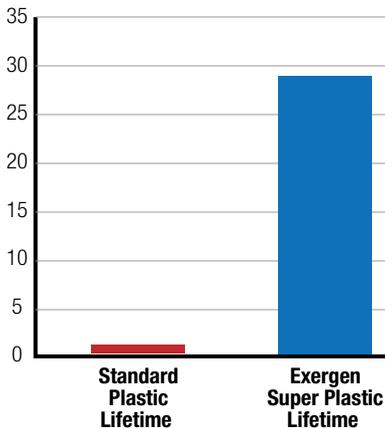
**Capsule SmartLinx Vitals Plus**

# Exergen Super Plastic Wins the Battle of Cracked Cases Caused by Chemical Disinfectants

Nearly 30 Times More Resistant to the Harshest Chemicals

Exergen has developed a new proprietary engineered plastic material for housings which resists the harshest chemical cleaners in use in hospitals at least 29 times longer than current materials.

After two years of research and testing, Exergen has succeeded in its objective of eliminating case cracking caused by harsh chemical disinfectants commonly used in hospitals. The proprietary Exergen Super Plastic cases are now used in all Exergen TemporalScanner TAT-5000 Series professional models.



TAT-5000



TAT-5000S

# Convenience and Security Options



**Wallmount 134201**  
(TAT-5000 not included)



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124277 (Core) 124278 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134201. Latex-free coiled cable



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124286 (Core) 124287 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134201, 8' Latex free nylon  
covered steel cable



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124292 (Core) 124293 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134306, Latex free coiled cable



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124288 (Core) 124289 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134305, Latex free coiled cable



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124290 (Core) 124291 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134305, 8' Latex free nylon  
covered steel cable



**Dual Security System**  
5 or 20 Temps before Lockout  
**5:** 124280 (Core) - 124281 (Oral Equiv)  
**20:** 124392 (Core) - 124393 (Oral Equiv)  
**Includes:** TAT-5000, Requires  
Keyless Locking Wallmount 134308



**Dual Security System**  
5 or 20 Temps before Lockout  
**5:** 124280 (Core) - 124281 (Oral Equiv)  
**20:** 124392 (Core) - 124393 (Oral Equiv)  
**Includes:** TAT-5000, Requires  
Keyless Locking Wallmount 134307



**Quick Release Security System:**  
124294 (Core) 124295 (Oral Equiv)  
Includes TAT-5000, Wallmount  
134306, 8' Latex free nylon



**8' Security Cable**  
Part #124311 - Latex Free Coiled Cable



**Nylon Covered Steel Cable**  
**Latex Free**  
6' Cable - Part #134302  
8' Cable - Part #134303

- **Quick Release System:** A discrete method for easily removal and reattachment of the cable when required.
- **Dual Security System:** A system requiring return of the instrument to the holder after 5 or 20 temperature measurements.
- **Suggestions for Selection:**
  - If instruments are to be secured at the nurses' station, consider the keyless locking wallmount or Dual Security System.
  - If instruments are to be mounted one per bed, or in a dedicated area (e.g. triage), consider Quick Release System.
  - If instruments are to be attached to an existing rolling stand, or a vital signs monitor, consider the 6' vinyl covered steel cable 134302.

# Infection Control Considerations

**Methods of Cross-Contamination Protection: Unlike most other thermometers, the Exergen TemporalScanner does not come into contact with mucous membranes, and as such, the following options are available against the risk of cross-contamination when using the instrument between patients.**

**Alcohol Swabs:** The vast majority of hospitals have approved wiping the probehead between patients with an alcohol swab or other disinfectant wipe, the typical method of choice for disinfecting the stethoscope diaphragm between patients, and the most cost effective method. 70% isopropyl alcohol is recommended.

## **Resposable/Disposable Covers:**

Resposable/Disposable covers, meaning they can be used once and discarded, or reused on the same patient, are available for all levels of cross-contamination protection should they be preferred for certain patient populations, and are still very cost effective. These options include resposable caps and full instrument sheaths, the sheaths being mainly used for isolation patients.

## **Routine Maintenance:**

With normal use, the only maintenance required is to keep the lens in the center of the probe clean. Periodic lens cleaning is a must. Dirt, greasy films or moisture on the lens will interfere with the passage of infrared heat and affect the accuracy of the instrument. Only alcohol should be used on the lens, and this warning is prominently affixed to the front of each instrument as shown on the right.

- Clean the lens with a cotton tipped stick applicator (Q-Tip, Cotton Bud, etc.)moistened in alcohol or with an alcohol swab.
- Twisting an alcohol swab to clean the lens is not recommended, a stick applicator must be used to reach and clean the little lens deep in the center of the probe head.
- Cleaning the little lens every two weeks (biweekly) is recommended.

## **Use of Aggressive Chemical Disinfectants for Decontamination:**

Strong bleach-based and ammonium-based products have become very common due to heightened concerns regarding the risk of nosocomial infections, but these aggressive disinfectants can damage most plastics. Fortunately Exergen has developed and uses a proprietary "Super Plastic" that resists cracking by the harshest chemicals in use in hospitals.

Alcohol only applies to the IR sensor lens, as the bleach and ammonium based products may leave a residue on the sensor lens which would interfere with the accuracy of the measurement.

## **Further Information or Questions:**

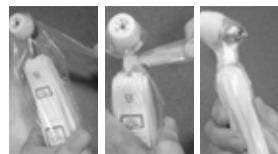
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## **Using the Resposable/ Disposable Caps:**



1. Apply cap by pushing onto the probehead with fingers.
2. Remove cap by pushing edge forward with thumb.
3. Caps may be reused on the same patient.

## **Using the Full Instrument Sheaths:**



1. Insert instrument into sheath bottom end first. If instrument is on a cable, insert probe end first and twist sheath at neck with fingers to assure film is smooth over probe lens.
2. Wrap additional film around probe neck. Film should be smooth over probe lens.
3. Slide additional film under fingers while using.

# 3-Step Method to Successful Inservicing

Actions Required of Nursing Staff:

## Step 1:

View Exergen's Virtual Classroom Training Video.



## Step 2:

Take the competency evaluation. (copy attached)



Competency	Score
1. ...	
2. ...	
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## Step 3:

Provide a return demonstration to the satisfaction of the nurse educator.



**Successful inservicing for the Exergen TemporalScanner Thermometer is accomplished in just 3 well proven steps that follow below. Allowing 30 minutes for a Train-the-Trainer/Super Trainer or other classroom session incorporating the 3 steps below, and supervised by a nurse educator or a monitor, will accomplish the training goals of good patient care, in addition to eliminating unit based training, which is not only costly and disruptive to patient care, but has been proven ineffective for competent product training.**

**The Actions Required of Nursing Staff:**

- 1. View Exergen’s Virtual Classroom Training Video.
- 2. Take the competency evaluation (copy attached).
- 3. Provide a return demonstration to the satisfaction of the nurse educator or monitor.

**The 3 Tools for Success:**

**1. Exergen’s Virtual Classroom Training Video**

- a. A 15 minute training video containing the information to ensure staff is clinically and functionally skilled in the use of the Exergen TemporalScanner Thermometers.
- b. The Virtual Classroom is available on CD’s and at [www.exergen.com/virtualclassroom](http://www.exergen.com/virtualclassroom)
- c. Uploading to the hospital’s intranet where all staff, including medical staff, can view PRN is highly recommended.

**2. Competency Evaluation**

A multiple choice evaluation, the answers to which are contained in the video.

**3. Return Demonstration**

Taking a temperature on another attendee to the satisfaction of the nurse educator or monitor prior to leaving the session takes just a few seconds and will assure proficiency.



**Contacting Exergen with Clinical Questions or for Training Material:**

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# Competency Assessment

## for Exergen TA Thermometer

**EXERGEN**  
TemporalScanner™

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the best answer and write the letter of that answer on the line in front of the number.**

**1. Temporal artery thermometers measure the patients'**

- a. Ambient air temperature.
- b. Core body temperature.
- c. Skin temperature.
- d. Oral temperature.

**2. Core temperature will show a spike in patient temperature:**

- a. One to two hours later than rectal temperature.
- b. At the same time as rectal temperature.
- c. One to two hours sooner than rectal temperature.

**3. The temporal artery thermometer measures the temperature of the temporal and carotid arteries, reflecting the core temperature at the heart. In the case of the patient who has been febrile, and the fever is now breaking, the temporal artery scanner may read:**

- a. Lower than a rectal thermometer because the core temperature will reflect the change more rapidly than the rectum.
- b. Higher than a rectal thermometer because the core temperature takes longer than the rectum to reflect the change.
- c. The same because it does not matter how or where temperature is measured.
- d. Lower, because environmental factors will always affect core temperature.

**4. The temporal artery thermometer may give inaccurate reading if:**

- 1. The lens is dirty.
- 2. The side of the forehead measured has been resting on the pillow.
- 3. The patient has just finished drinking iced water.
  - a. 1 only
  - b. All of the above
  - c. 1 and 3
  - d. 1 and 2
  - e. None of the above

**5. Core temperature measurement reflects changes in body temperature \_\_\_\_\_ oral or rectal temperature measurement.**

- a. Slower than
- b. The same as
- c. More quickly than

**6. It is important to clean the lens in the center of the probe with a cottontipped stick applicator (Q-Tip) dampened with an alcohol prep pad.**

- 1. Every two weeks
- 2. After each use
- 3. When the patient is discharged
- 4. If lens is not shiny and mirror-like
  - a. 1 only
  - b. All of the above
  - c. 1 and 3
  - d. 1 and 4
  - e. None of the above

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Competency Assessment answers located on inside back cover or at:  
<https://www.exergen.com/assessment>

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# Ensuring Cost Savings Reality... by Virtual Innovation

**Virtual Classroom ensures cost savings, waste reduction, and enhanced patient care by training and supporting millions of caregivers in new thermometry technology. So exactly how does it work?**

**What is the cost savings reality you are referring to?**

**Francesco Pompei.** Temporal artery thermometry (TAT) has produced an estimated \$100 million in direct cost savings and 10,000 tons of waste reduction in the last few years for healthcare institutions. For a typical 300-bed hospital, this translates to nearly \$100,000 in unnecessary costs and two tons of waste eliminated per year. Furthermore, a recent independent study reported that TAT also saves 87 percent of nursing time used for taking temperature.

**These are certainly impressive numbers. How does new thermometry technology do this?**

**FP.** TA thermometry lightly scans the intact skin of the forehead, placing it in the same category as a stethoscope – simply clean between patients with the same wipe used

with the stethoscope. Conventional thermometry systems require a probe to be inserted into a body cavity, which in turn requires robust protection from contamination by applying a single-use disposable cover. The dramatically reduced use of disposable probe covers is a major benefit from TA thermometry, eliminating approximately 90 percent of the direct cost of providing this vital sign. In addition, since there is no small fragile probe to be inserted into a body cavity, TAT can be designed to be far more robust than conventional thermometry, and can carry a

lifetime warranty. This not only eliminates direct repair costs, but also greatly reduces all of the indirect costs, such as removal of equipment from service, evaluation by biomedical engineering, return to the manufacturer, receipt of the repaired device and reinstallation to service. Since typical payback for TA thermometry is measured in months, hospitals using TAT have effectively eliminated the cost of patient temperature as a vital sign.

**How can you provide technology training and support for millions of caregivers without substantially increasing your own costs?**

**FP.** Comprehensive training for new technology always carries a very high cost, particularly a technology that is used as extensively (millions of users) and across as many skill sets (MDs to RNs to PCAs) as thermometers. The supplier's cost in providing this training necessarily has to be passed along as part of the cost of the thermometry system. For the older thermometry systems, the unending stream of payments from disposables and repairs paid for the costs of training and support. For TAT, since only 10 percent of the cost of the older thermometry systems is available as revenue, we had to innovate to preserve the savings for hospitals. There is also a substantial cost for the hospital in maintaining competency levels on all equipment used in patient care, which new technology should not increase, but preferably reduce. This is where avatars and the Virtual Classroom come into play.



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*"When five senior physicians in a major university teaching hospital crowded around an iPhone's three-inch screen, watched intently, requested a replay, and then described it as 'brilliant', we knew we were on the right track"*

### **Why avatars in a Virtual Classroom?**

**FP.** Because we found that everyone is fascinated by this medium, and enjoys and pays attention to the content. Training videos, written materials, and even personal in-servicing tend to be boring and are often ineffective, requiring frequent and expensive follow-up by both supplier and hospital educators. Avatars are compelling. The movie of the same name, vast numbers of video games, and extensive social networking are testament to their effectiveness in capturing the attention of the viewers, which is the most important element in training and support of millions of users. The Virtual Classroom presents familiar scenes and interactions for clinicians, but with avatars substituted for real people.

An important cost advantage to the supplier is the ease in which the Virtual Classroom can be updated to include new training, new products, or new methods. In turn, this lower cost translates into lower cost for TAT users in healthcare.

### **What convinced you that it would work?**

**FP.** When five senior physicians in a major university teaching hospital crowded around an iPhone's three-inch screen, watched intently, requested a replay, and then described it as "brilliant", we knew we were on the right track. When 35 nurses crowded around an iPad's 10-inch screen, watched intently, laughed at the avatar interactions as similar to their real life colleagues, and exclaimed "such a great idea" we knew our primary audience would be engaged. And the final test was when 1000 nurses and PCAs were trained for TAT by viewing the Virtual Classroom on a large projection screen. The

subsequent written competency exam was passed by 100 percent of the attendees, and the return demonstration was passed by 99.9 percent on the first try. Prior to the Virtual Classroom, the initial pass rates on personal in-servicing could be as low as 50 percent, which was costly for both supplier and hospital to remedy. The Virtual Classroom is a major improvement and cost benefit for both hospital and supplier.

### **How do sales people respond to the Virtual Classroom?**

**FP.** With a standing ovation. First they learned what they needed to know very quickly and efficiently, and then realized how easily they could provide excellent training and support for their customers by employing the Virtual Classroom.

### **How about Nurse Educators?**

**FP.** They immediately embraced the Virtual Classroom, as it made it possible for them to assure correct training on new technology, without increasing costs. This is particularly important given the staff reductions that many hospitals are facing. Nurse Educators have become strong advocates of the Virtual Classroom as an important tool to help them do their jobs.

### **How are hospitals implementing Virtual Classroom?**

**FP.** By uploading the Virtual Classroom to their intranet, all clinicians have convenient access at all times. This allows staff to review the TAT science and methods at their convenience rather than at specific times that might compete with patient care. Those without an intranet provide a Virtual Classroom CD to all nursing units. The Virtual Classroom also includes internet links for more detailed clinical information.

### **How much does the Virtual Classroom cost the hospital?**

**FP.** Zero. We provide this tool free of charge. The Virtual Classroom copyright explicitly gives permission for any use in connection with TAT. A convenient flash version is also available at [www.exergen.com/virtualclassroom](http://www.exergen.com/virtualclassroom) that can be accessed anytime. High resolution CDs are available on request by emailing [medical@exergen.com](mailto:medical@exergen.com).



# Other Clinical Thermometry Solutions

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## A Unique Gift for the Parents of Your Tiny NICU Patient

- The TAT is intended for exclusive use on one infant throughout that infant's stay in the NICU, and then given to the parents on discharge.
- After removing the TAT from the Information Packet, remove the clear storage cap, return to the Packet, and retain the Packet to provide to the parents on discharge.



Order PN: 140033

## In the NICU

### The TAT should remain in the isolette/radiant warmer with the baby.

- Before the first use, disinfect with 70% isopropyl alcohol, and allow the TAT to equilibrate to the temperature in the isolette or radiant warmer for about 20 minutes. From then on, it is ready for use at any time.
- Being dedicated to one baby, there is no need to disinfect the thermometer between uses

## On Discharge

The TAT and Information Packet should be given to the parents to take home.

Return the TAT-2000C (and the User's Manual if removed) to the plastic bag Information Packet when you give it to the parents.

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The TAT-2000 is a light-duty professional model intended for home health care nursing, school nurses, nursing homes, and other light use clinical settings. It allows the choice of using disposable covers (caps PN:134203 or full sheath PN:129462), or cleaning between patients with a disinfectant wipe. The TAT-2000 is protected by a three year warranty. To order the TAT-2000 Temporal thermometer use PN: 140001.



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The DermaTemp is a high precision hand-held infrared thermographic scanner designed to detect the subtle skin temperature variations caused by underlying perfusion variations. These instruments feature a patented automatic emissivity compensation system for absolute accuracy regardless of skin type or color. In those applications where cross-contamination is an issue, the use of disposable wraps or sheaths allows even moist or wet tissue to be measured with precision accuracy.

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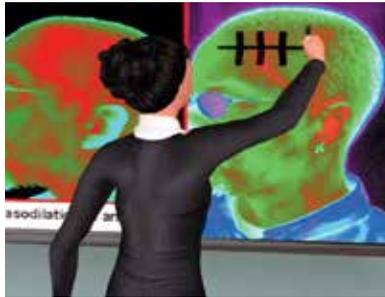


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