1. Place properly cleaned instruments into a stainless steel instrument basket and place the basket into the Flash-Guard® container.

2. Note: An instrument rack can be used for one or two items or an insert basket can be used to separate sharps or delicate instruments and sits inside the larger basket.

3. Insert a Flash Integrator through the open exhaust port and position it under the basket or rack near the exhaust port, allowing the end of the integrator to extend out through the opening.

4. Position the Flash-Guard® in the autoclave with the exhaust port in the fully open position, facing out toward the operator. Slide the lid forward so at least a three (3) inch opening is created on the rear portion of the Flash-Guard® unit. This is essential for proper steam circulation.

5. Proceed with flash sterilization using recommended guidelines and following autoclave manufacturer operator instructions for flash sterilization.

6. When the sterilization cycle is complete, open the sterilizer, remove and read the integrator and place the integrator onto the lid.

7. SLIDE LID CLOSED AND CLOSE THE EXHAUST DOOR. Using the universal handle, slide the lid to the closed position. Then, swing the exhaust door closed - the door will be ready to be snapped shut by using the rubber end of the handle to latch the door completely.

8. Then, remove the unit from the autoclave, sliding it onto the transfer cart. Lifting the unit is NOT recommended or necessary. The universal handle can also be used to pull the container onto the cart. The Flash-Guard® unit is now ready for sterile transport to the point of use.

As with any sterilization process, Millennium Surgical Corp strongly advises adherence to recommended practices as established in AAMI, AORN, JCAHO and OSHA guidelines.