Vilene®

Blue monofilament polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)

Synthetic Non-absorbable

Suggested procedures

- Cardiovascular
- Laparoscopic
- Plastic
- Cosmetic
- Subcuticular
- Obstetrics
- Gynaecology
- Orthopaedics
- General / Intestinal
- Dental
- Paediatric

Features

- Suitable for all procedures where polypropylene monofilaments are used
- Very low memory, with the curves straightening out when the thread is gently pulled
- Will not fray or fracture if handled correctly
- Low frictional characteristics facilitating excellent knot-tying
- Physiologically inert, with high tensile strength in situ
- Has very little elasticity, and is smooth, fray-free, and supple
- Will result in a superior cosmetic finish when used correctly with premium cutting needles
- Analogue of PTFE and EPTFE
- Available in:
 - single-armed and double-armed specifications
 - various multi-packs
 - a range of needles including heavy needles
- Sutures made with 300 series stainless steel
- Up to five-year shelf life



Manufacturing Australian sutures for the world since 1974

Knot pull*, break force and tensile strength

Vilene[®] has superior tensile strength *in situ* for all USP sizes



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Polypropylene

Studies⁽²⁾ have shown that PVDF sutures have greater or at least equal knot pull strength compared to polypropylene sutures at all USP diameters.

Studies⁽¹⁾ have shown that for equivalent sizes (e.g. 4-0, 5-0 and 6-0), the extension at break for PVDF sutures was almost 150% that of polypropylene sutures.

* Standard knot pull test is with a simple knot, and test is as stated in US Pharmacopeia Vol. XX1 and European Pharmacopeia Vol. III.

Tensile strength retention

Vilene[®] is better at retaining tensile strength *in vivo* over time



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Studies⁽⁵⁾ have shown that PVDF sutures have significantly better tensile strength retention *in vivo* over time when compared to polypropylene sutures.



Vilene[®] has superior tensile strength *in vitro* over time

Studies⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ have shown that when PVDF sutures and polypropylene sutures are subjected to hydrolysis for 9 years, the tensile strength of PVDF sutures only reduce to 92% of original strength; whereas the tensile strength of polypropylene sutures experience a far greater reduction in tensile strength, reducing to 53% of original strength.

Vilene[®] is a superior suture material when compared to polypropylene sutures.

Gap strength and breaking strength

 $\mathsf{Vilene}^{\textcircled{\text{\texttt{B}}}}$ has superior gap and breaking strength when using simple or cross stitch

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Polypropylene

Studies⁽²⁾ have shown that the gap strength (observation of 2mm displacement between tendon ends) and breaking strength of PVDF sutures were far greater than polypropylene sutures when using simple-stich or cross-stitch suturing techniques.

Elongation* and creep

Vilene[®] exhibits less elongation *in vivo* over time

– Vilene[®] …… Polypropylene

Studies⁽⁵⁾ have found PVDF sutures to exhibit considerably less elongation *in vivo* than polypropylene sutures over time.

Degradation

Vilene[®] exhibits minimal degradation over time.

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Polypropylene

Studies⁽³⁾ have found that after one and two years of implantation, PVDF sutures did not appear to be substantially degraded; however polypropylene sutures showed evidence of surface deterioration, exemplified by uniformly spaced circumferential cracking and peeling and flaking of the polymer material in the outermost surface layer.

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Commonly used Vilene[®] product codes and specifications.

Contact us for any other suture specification.

	Thread							
Needle*	USP Metric	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5	1 4
3/8 Circle Reverse Cutting								
10mm V	45cm	V601	V501					
	45cm	V602	V502					
12mm	76cm	V1602	V1502					
12mm VV Ý	76cm	DV602	DV502					
13mm	45cm	V6040	V5040	V4040				
22mm	45cm					V2088		
28mm	45cm					V207		
• /	76cm					V2013	V013	V113
40mm	100cm					V12013		
3/8 Circle Reverse Premium Cutting								
11mm 🛛 💟	45cm	V602D	V502D					
13mm	45cm	V6049	V5049	V4049				
	45cm	V604	V504	V404	V304			
16mm	76cm	\// OF	V1504	V1404	V1304	V/20E		
19mm	45cm	V0U5	V505	V405	V305	V205		
	/5cm			V/06	V306	V206		
24mm	76cm			V1406	V1306	V1206		
26mm	45cm				V3047	V2047		
30mm	76cm				V309	V209	V09	
1/2 Circle Reverse Cutting								
16mm	45cm		V5015	V4015				
18mm	45cm		V5014	V4014				
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25mm	45CM				V3U34	V2U34		
40mm	76cm					V2012	V012	V112
1/2 Circle Reverse Premium C	uttina							<u> </u>
15mm	45cm		V5016	V4016				

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	Thread								
Needle*	USP Metric	7/0 0.5	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3		
Straight Premium Cutting									
60mm	100cm				V4030	V3030	V2030		
3/8 Circle K-TANA [®] Special Cut	ting								
13mm	45cm		KV6040	KV5040					
16mm	45cm		KV604	KV504	KV404				
18mm	45cm			KV505	KV405				
3/8 Circle Conventional Cutting									
13mm	45cm		V6093	V5093	V4093				
	45cm		V6037	V5037	V4037	V3037			
16mm	76cm					V13037			
	45cm					V30#36			
19mm	/6cm				V140#36				
26mm	45cm					V30#10			
3/8 Circle Fineline® (Conventional Premium) Cutting									
16mm	45cm		V6025	V5025	V4025	V3025			
20mm	45cm				V4026	V3026			
25mm	45cm				V4027	V3027			
3/8 Circle Round Bodied Taper									
10mm CV300	76cm	DV7052	DV6052	DV5052	DV4052				
	76cm	DV7053	DV6053 DV6053E2^		^Non-reflective black needle				
13mm CV300	90cm		DV16053	DV5053 DV5053E2^	DV4053				
16mm ●●	90cm		DV6054	DV5054	DV4054	DV3054			
18mm CV300	76cm				V4066				
•• 25mm CV300	90cm				DV4067	DV3067			

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	Thread								
Needle*	USP Metric	7/0 0.5	6/0 0.7	5/0 1	4/0 1.5	3/0 2	2/0 3	0 3.5	1 4
3/8 Circle Round Bodied A-CUTE [®] (Cutting Tip) Taper									
10mm CV300	76cm	DV7077	DV6077						
	76cm		DV6076						
CV300	90cm			DV5076					
16mm 🐨 🔨	90cm		DV6062	DV5062					
1/2 Circle Round Bodied Taper	1	1	1	1	1	1			
10mm CV300 ●●	76cm	DV7051	DV6051	DV5051					
13mm •• \	76cm	DV7055	DV6055	DV5055Z					
CV300	90cm			DV5055	DV4055				
16mm •• (V300	90cm		DV6060	DV5060	DV4060	DV3060	DV2060		
18mm ●●	90cm		DV6064	DV5064	DV4064	DV3064	DV2064		
20mm ••	90cm			DV5065	DV4065	DV3065	DV2065		
22mm CV300	76cm			V50#23	V40#23	V30#23	V20#23		
22mm CV300	90cm				DV40#23	DV30#23			
•	76cm				V4068	V3068	V2068	V068	V168
25mm CV300	90cm						V12068		
	90cm			DV5068	DV4068	DV3068	DV2068		
25mm CV300	120cm					DV13068	DV12068		
30mm CV300	76cm					V3069	V2069	V069	V169
30mm CV300	90cm					DV3069	DV2069		

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Needle* USP Metric 7/0 6/0 5/0 4/0 3/0 2/0 0 1/2 Circle Round Bodied Taper 0.5 0.7 1 1.5 2 3 3.5	1 4							
1/2 Circle Round Bodied Taper								
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• 76cm V3070 V2070								
35mm CV300 100cm 100cm V070 V	V170							
•• 35mm 120cm DV3070 DV2070								
40mm CV300 90cm 90cm DV097								
4/5 Curve Round Bodied Taper J Needle								
30mm 100cm 100cm V2078 V078 V	V178							
1/2 Circle Round Bodied Taper (Heavy)								
100cm V070E5								
76cm V2097E5								
40mm 100cm V097E5 V1	'197E5							
76cm V2098E5								
48mm 100cm V098E5 V10	198E5							
1/2 Circle Round Bodied A-CUTE [®] (Cutting Tip) Taper								
10mm CV300 🐨 🕥 76cm DV70#46								
13mm T6cm DV60#76 DV50#76								
16mm Image: CV300 90cm DV6061 DV5061								
18mm Image: CV300 90cm DV5035 DV4035 DV2035								
Image: Second condition 90cm DV4032 DV3032 DV2032								
45cm DV042ZZ								
35mm 90cm DV3042 DV2042 90cm 90cm 0 0 0								

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• The information contained in this document is intended as a guide only.

- Always refer to the instructions for use when using Dynek sutures.
- \bullet Vilene[®] is included on the ARTG (AU), Medsafe (NZ), and CE Mark (EU).
- Knot tying requires the standard surgical technique of flat and square ties with additional throws as indicated by surgical circumstance.
- A minimum order quantity may apply to all products.

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