

Beyond Clean Instrument Protection Expert:

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT

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When I was a kid, cars had handles on the doors that were used to crank up and down the windows. When power windows came out, I remember my father saying they would never last. He didn't see the need for improvement. But power windows made life easier on drivers. Now, you can't find a car that has a window crank on the door.

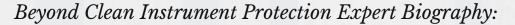
In the Sterile Processing world, you may have seen little variations between products over time, but the ubiquitous metal containers, blue wrap, and white peel pouches being used still look the same.

Device packaging for products delivered to the OR seems to be unique. Sleek shrink wrap, boxes, inner blister packs, and card assemblies that keep the product secure during handling. This is good. But what about packaging used daily by Sterile Processing Departments? Where are the power windows?

Until now, there have not been any products that protect the structural integrity of packaging for reposable/reusable instruments used by SPD. Even sterile reprocessing companies don't address this disparity. Protecting the structural integrity of peel packs protects the sterile barrier, protects the instrument inside, and aids in aseptic presentation.

Your robotics program is probably the most expensive and lucrative program at your facility. Protecting your investment on instruments is essential. Robotic instrument protector cards are insurance policies that protect against loss. They protect the delicate working end of the instrument, prevent movement of the instrument into the seals, eliminate the need to double pack, makes handling easier, are easier to store, easier to pass off, the value goes on. Robotics instruments deserve the best protection. It's time for Power Windows!

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Craig Ford is the Founder and President of SterileBits, Inc., a company specializing in the manufacture of sterility assurance consumables and products used in surgery. SterileBits utilizes a virtual business model that offers a more cost-effective approach to product development. In order to eliminate waste, improve quality, and reduce costs, SterileBits created a team of clinicians, engineers, medical device packaging, manufacturing and operations specialists that operate remotely.

Combining the core competencies and vast experience of its team, with outsourced ISO certified and FDA registered suppliers, SterileBits can deliver high quality products and much needed savings to the healthcare supply chain.

Having stood in surgery for 20 years as a sales rep and distributor of spinal implants, Craig believes in listening to clinicians and technicians to make healthcare better. "New products don't always have to be disruptive or come from big companies. Sometimes a small change to an old standard is the best way to go." SterileBits feels this consultative approach to product development coupled with a virtual business model is the future. Their goal is to reduce costs and create lasting value for both the providers and patients.

