

# User's Guide

**star RF Electrode**

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Only the certified medical doctors, capable of conducting surgical treatment using special techniques should use the described equipment in this user's guide. The purpose of this user's guide is to present the way to use the RF electrode of STARmed Co., Ltd.



#### **Caution**

- Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

#### **Equipment covered in this manual**

star RF Electrode

**Part No.** 17-15s10F, 17-15s20F, 17-15s30F, 17-20s20F, 17-20s30F, 18-07s05F, 18-07s07F, 18-07s10F

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# Safety Warning

## **Danger**

- Indication of the high risk situation which may result in death or severe injury if neglected.

## **Warning**

- Indication of the hazardous situation that may result in minor or moderate injury that is not too severe if neglected

## **Caution**

- Indication of the dangerous situation that may damage the product

## **Important**

- Indication of the matters on the proper use, storage and maintenance of the product

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# 1.Introduction

The active electrodes are a sterile, single-use, hand-held electrosurgical instrument designed for use with RF lesion Generator. Cooling of the electrode is provided by chilled water which is pumped through the inflow tubing, the electrode and out through the outflow tubing. This is an enclosed system within the electrode and the water is not to be in contact with the patient.

The electrode for this electrosurgical unit is used by connecting with RF lesion generator from STARmed Co., Ltd. which was designed to coagulate tissues. Tissues can be coagulated with the supply of radiofrequency energy from electrosurgical unit, which is connected for monitoring resistance of continuous tissues and temperature.

The star RF Electrode is MONOPOLAR. Therefore, the grounding pad should be used with the generator to prevent burns/injury to the patient.

## 1.1. star RF Electrode

- Rated Voltage: 100-240 V~, 50/60 Hz
- Compatible Generator: VIVA combo RF System
- Limitation on Generator Output and Duration of Activation: 0 - 200 watts max output @ 50 ohm / 30minutes max.
- Recommended ablation time per lesion size:

Gauge	Tip Exposure Length (mm)	Watt	Time	Width (Cm)	Depth (Cm)	Volume (mL)
17	10	70	5 min	1.60	1.63	2.11
	20	150	8 min	2.43	3.00	9.34
	30	120	12 min	3.51	3.35	25.34
18	05	30	2 min	0.66	0.73	0.2
	07	40	3 min	1.01	1.05	0.44
	10	60	5 min	1.30	1.50	1.27

### Note

- Ablation Zone is dependent upon tissue status, type, temperature and humidity.

- Testing was performed in healthy ex vivo bovine temperature 23.6 °C, humidity 27% liver.
- Ablation zone may vary in clinical circumstance.

## 1.2. Grounding Pad

- Dimension: 187(H) x 145(W) (mm)
- Conductive Area: 160 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Compatible Generator: VIVA combo RF System
- Limitation on Generator Output and Duration of Activation: 0 - 200 watts max output @ 50 ohm / 30minutes max.
- Appropriate patient population: Adult

## 2. Guide for use

- Users should read all of the following information and also the provided user's guide to the corresponding components such as generator and neutral electrodes.
- star RF Electrode is designed to be used in conjunction with VIVA combo RF Generator from STARmed Co., Ltd. If the guidelines are not properly followed, damages from electricity or heat can be caused and the equipment may malfunction.

## 3. Intended Use

- star RF Electrode is intended for use in percutaneous and intraoperative coagulation and ablation of tissue.

## 4. Warranty

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## **Warning**

### ***General***

- DO NOT USE in patients who have electronic implants such as cardiac pacemakers without first consulting a qualified professional (e.g., cardiologist). A possible hazard exists because interference with the action of the electronic implant may occur, or the implant may be damaged.
- DO NOT USE in the presence of flammable anesthetics or oxidizing gases (such as nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and oxygen) or in close proximity to volatile solvents (such as ether or alcohol), as explosion may occur.
- DO NOT place instruments near or in contact with flammable materials (such as gauze or surgical drapes). Instruments that are activated or hot from use may cause a fire.
- When not using instruments, place them in a clean, dry, highly visible area not in contact with the patient. Inadvertent contact with the patient may result in burns.
- INSPECT instruments and cables for damage prior to each use. This may be done visually under magnification or with a high voltage insulation testing device. Insulation failures may result in burns or other injuries to the patient or operator.
- Due to concerns about the carcinogenic and infectious potential of electrosurgical byproducts (such as tissue smoke plume and aerosols), protective eyewear, filtration masks, and effective smoke evacuation
- Before using this product, check whether there is any damage to the packaging.
- The expiration date is 3 years from the sterilization date. Use of the products after the expiration date is prohibited.
- This device is disposable and reuse is prohibited.
- This device is designed to be used by a qualified and trained Medical Doctor.
- This device is designed to be used in conjunction with VIVA combo RF generator. Do not use in conjunction with other manufacturer's generator.
- This device should be stored in a cool place without sunlight and humidity.
- Do not touch the exposed tip of electrode while power supply is on.



- Do not touch the shaft of electrode with fingers or other tools (insulator and components of metallic response)
- Do not touch hand piece/ electrode cable with metallic materials. Patient or operator might get shocks, fire accident or injury.
- Do not use near conductive materials such as part of metallic bed or spring mattress.
- Like all other electrosurgical units, do not use in the presence of flammable anesthetics, nitrous oxide, oxygen or any other flammable substances. It might be a cause of fire in the electrosurgical unit.
- Do not activate electrode while it is in touch with metallic substance or tools because it might cause unexpected injury to patient.
- Do not touch metals or tools with the electrode while the power supply is on. It might cause unexpected injury to patients and also damage the electrode or other devices.
- When use the electrode, do not hold the tip of the electrode by tongs (ex. Kelly), do not pass the electrode through a hole of other devices, and do not scratch the surface on the electrode's tip by sharp things. These actions might destroy the insulation of the electrode and damage the end of the electrode. It might be a cause of unexpected injury to patient or user
- Connect adaptors and accessories to the electrosurgical unit only when the energy is off. Failure to do so may result in an injury or electrical shock to the patient or operating room personnel.
- DO not activate the instrument when not in contact with target tissue, as this may cause injuries due to capacitive coupling with other surgical equipment.
- ASPIRATE fluid from the area before activating the instrument. Conductive fluids (e.g., blood or saline) in direct contact with or in close proximity to an active electrode may carry electrical current or heat away from target tissues, which may cause unintended burns to the patient.
- DO NOT USE with hybrid trocar systems, i.e., a combination of metal and plastic, when using monopolar active components. This may result in alternate site burns due to capacitive coupling. Use only all-metal or all-plastic trocar systems.
- Prior to increasing the intensity, check the adherence of the grounding pad and its connections. Apparent low output or failure of the device to function correctly at the normal operating settings may indicate faulty application of the grounding pad or poor contact in its connections.
- If the provided grounding pad is not used, the alarm for CQM indicating the loss of safe contact between the neutral electrode and the patient will not be activated.

### ***Grounding Pad***

- Attaching the Grounding pads correctly at the appropriate part is crucial for the safe and effective use of this equipment, but it is particularly important for the pad part's burn.
- Read the instruction for use that is included in the RF coagulation electrode kit made by STARmed on how to use the Grounding pads. It includes the information on the preparation of the Grounding pads, location for attachment, inspection and removal. Use of the Grounding pads that is provided by the STARmed and that satisfies the applicable standards is recommended.
- When using one RF coagulation electrode kit made by STARmed, attach two Grounding pads. When using more electrodes, then it is necessary to attach four Grounding pads. The wider the area mass of the area for the Grounding pads attachment, radiofrequency current gets distributed even more, which can prevent the heat generation in the pad. Distance between each attached pad and coagulation lesion should be made as same as possible to prevent the burn resulting from the concentration of the radiofrequency current. Refer to the user's guide that is provided.
- Be careful about the question of Grounding pad's overheating when conducting coagulation.
- To prevent the incident burn due to the contact between patient's skin and skin, place gauze pad in the part where there is contact between the skin and skin in an appropriate manner.

## **5. Adverse Effect**

- Burning by overheating of surgical unit.
- Dangers from inexperienced operator's use.
- Side effects or cross infection from reuse.
- Weakness of liver functions.
- Delayed bleeding in the operated body parts.
- Recurrence of cancer.
- Symptoms after RFA treatment include.

(abdominal) pain, fever, nausea, headache, right shoulder joint pain and chest discomfort might occur.

## 6. Before using

### 6.1. Preparation of coolant

The temperature of the coolant should be maintained at almost 0°C by keeping the IV bag in the refrigerator for 4 hours or one day before the procedure, and it is used just before performing the procedure.

### 6.2. Grounding pads

#### **Caution**

- Re-using grounding pad is prohibited.
- After removing the transparent plastic protection films, attach the apse lines of grounding pads on the thighs widthwise.
- Be careful not to form air bubbles between grounding pads and skin while attaching. If it is necessary, remove hair at the site, clean and dry the area.
- Attach the grounding pads at the same distance from treated area.
- Make sure the lines connected to grounding pads and electric surgical unit are not twisted.
- Recommended attachment sites of the grounding pads are as follows-Body parts with clear blood vessels and muscle, convex surface of thigh.
- Check that the alarm does not activate on the generator when the grounding pad is connected to the patient. If the alarm activates, it means the connection is NOT stable.
- The areas to be avoided for correct attachment of grounding pads are as below.

#### **Caution**

- Fire injury, inflammation, fatty areas, protrusion with bones, ECG electrode and electric line, metal implanted part, areas where liquid can be collected, pacemaker.

### 6.3. Tubing set-up

- Connect electrode, input/output tubes and pump tubing.
- Open the cover of pump head upwards, place pump tube(rubber tube) in the middle of roller, and place the tube precisely at the groove of pump head. Then, secure the tube in the pump by closing the cover.
- Straighten the tube by stretching both sides.

- Hang coolant on the I.V. pole and puncture the bag with the spike. The roller clamp should be temporarily closed until the beginning of the procedure.
- Remove the roller clamp during procedure.

## 7. During use

1. Connect the RF lesion generator and electrode and check the connection status.

### **Caution**

- Before inserting the electrode into lesion, check if exposed length of the electrode and other specifications are identical with specifications on labels.

2. Check the location of lesion to be treated using diagnostic imaging devices such as US and CT, and place the electrode in the lesion.

### **How to perform multiple ablations on a single lesion**

- Use an image guide such as CT and US to check the tip of the electrode and relocate it to the place where multiple ablations are needed. Conduct tract ablation before taking out the electrode for the relocation of the electrode or multiple ablations if needed.

3. Once the electrode is placed in the lesion, check that the coolant is flowing out from the electrode's output tube by operating the pump connected with the input tube. Turn on RF lesion generator by pressing the output switch.

### **Caution**

- The generator's output voltage does NOT exceed the rated accessory voltage.

4. Once the procedure is completed, turn off the power switch of the RF lesion generator and separate electrode and parts from the generator.

### **How the user knows when an ablation is complete**

- Through the image guide of the MRI and CT, check the necrosis area to see if it is coagulated 5-10mm larger than the initial target lesion.

### **Caution**

- *The intensity should be set as low as is necessary to achieve the desired effect.*
- *Keep the active electrodes clean. Build-up of eschar may reduce the instrument's effectiveness. Do not activate the instrument while cleaning. Injury to operating room personnel may result.*

## 8. After using

1. Grounding pad
  - When the procedure is finished, turn off the power switch on the RF lesion generator and separate connectors of the grounding pads.
  - Slowly remove the grounding pads in order to prevent injury on the skin surface.
  - Do not remove the grounding pads by pulling the electric lines.
2. Upon completion of the procedure, turn off the power switch of RF lesion generator and Separate electrode, parts and etc.
3. Dispose of the electrode according to the waste materials disposal procedure.

## 9. Storage

- Keep at room temperature

### **Caution.**

- This device is intended to be sold, used by order of doctor according to the related medical device laws.

## 10. Action for product damage

### **Caution.**

- If any damage on product is visually noticed, do not use to prevent any injury to patient.

## 11. Expiration date









- 3 years from sterilization

## 12. How to Order

- To order a star RF Electrode indicated in the below, please contact to STARmed Co., Ltd. The contact information is indicated the end of this user manual.

Part number	Electrode Length (mm)	Tip Exposure Length (mm)	Gauge
17-15s10F	150	10	17
17-15s20F	150	20	17
17-15s30F	150	30	17
17-20s20F	200	20	17
17-20s30F	200	30	17
18-07s05F	70	05	18
18-07s07F	70	07	18
18-07s10F	70	10	18

## 13. Symbol

	Consult instructions for use
	Manufacturer
	Catalogue number
	Sterilized using ethylene oxide
	Caution
	Use-by date
	Batch code
	Do not re-use



Date of manufacture



Caution : Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

## 14. Reuse Precaution Statement

- The contents of this product have been sterilized with E.O. gas. If sterilized package is damaged, do not use it and call STARmed Co., Ltd.
- This product can be used only one time. Reuse, re-treatment or re-sterilization is not allowed.
- If the electrode is reuse, re-treated or re-sterilized, it might cause defects in the structural functions of electrode and damage of RF lesion generator which might lead to injury, disease or death to patient. Reuse, re-treatment or re-sterilization can bring dangers such as device contamination, and infections among patients or from other diseases. Contamination of this device might be a cause of patients' injury, disease or death.

## 15. Descriptions

- Product name : Electrode for electrosurgical unit
- Model name : star RF Electrode
- Model number : Refer to the product label
- Lot number. : Refer to the product label
- Date of manufacture : Corresponding year and date
- Number of items : 1 set
- Sterilization method : E.O. gas
- Expiration date : 3 years from sterilization
- Method of use : Refer to the manual
- Purpose of use : Refer to the manual
- Cautions in use : Refer to the manual
- Method of storage : Store at room temperature

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- Name of manufacturing Co.: STARmed Co., Ltd.

※ **This product is a disposable medical device and reuse is not allowed.**



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