

IUD Logistics Fact Sheet

Recommended Storage Conditions:

Store at room temperature (15–30°C, 59–86°F); protect from excessive moisture and direct sunlight.

| Visual Indicators of Potential Quality Problems | Special Considerations |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical damage to shipping carton• Physical damage to inner box• Physical damage to unit package (break in package seal)• Presence of foreign matter inside unit package• Labeling incorrect, missing, or illegible (especially product or brand, lot and batch numbers, expiration and/or manufacture date, manufacturer's name)• Missing product information sheet, use instructions, or manufacturer's name and address• Any missing or excess components• Misshapen components | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For individually packaged devices, the expiration date on package refers to sterility of product, assuming packaging is not damaged.• IUDs should be protected from heat and direct sunlight.• Any break or perforation of sterile package makes the product nonsterile.• Copper IUDs sometimes tarnish; copper tarnish does not affect IUD efficacy or safety and does not indicate that the package seal has been broken.• Shelf life should not be confused with use life; for example, FEI Products Inc. Copper T 380As inserted at any time during their shelf life (7 years from date of manufacture) have a use life that is at least 12 years from the date of insertion.• Because different brands may have different insertion instructions, it is essential that all devices be clearly labeled.• IUD insertion requires specialized equipment, disinfectant, and a supply of clean gloves, cotton, gauze, and sponges.• Signs of water damage to packaging indicate that sterility is compromised; such packages should be discarded. |

| Donor | Manufacturer/Brand | | Shelf Life * | Insertion Life ^ | Primary/Secondary Packaging Presentation | Units per Shipping Carton | Dimensions & Weight of Carton |
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| USAID | FEI Products Inc. | Copper T 380A | 7 years | 12 years | IUDs individually packaged with inserter in a polyethylene pouch; sterilized; 25 IUDs per inner box Minimum order 1 shipping carton | 200 IUDs per carton | 1.4 ft ³ (.04 m ³); 16.6 lbs (7.5 kg) |
| IPPF | Manufacturer varies | Copper T 380A (currently Pregna International 9/00) | 7 years | 12 years | IUDs individually packaged with inserter; sterilized; 50 IUDs per inner box Minimum order 1 box (50 units) | 500 pieces per carton (10 boxes of 50) | 7.47 kg, 435 x 305 x 415 mm |
| | Organon | Multiload Cu 375 (standard size) | 3 years | 5 years | IUDs individually packaged with inserter; sterilized | 500 pieces per carton (for all models) | 6.1 kg, 710 x 310 x 330 mm (for all models) |
| | | Multiload Cu 375 (short size) | 3 years | 5 years | IUDs individually packaged with inserter; sterilized | 500 pieces per carton (for all models) | 6.1 kg, 710 x 310 x 330 mm (for all models) |
| UNFPA | Organon | Multiload Cu 375 | 3 years | 5 years | IUDs individually packaged, sterilized; 100 IUDs per box | 50 inner boxes of 10 units per carton (500 units per carton) | 2.5 ft ³ (.07 m ³); 13.5 lbs (6.1 kg) |
| | | Multiload Cu 250 | 3 years | 3 years | No updated information available | No updated information available | No updated information available |
| | Pregna, Contech Device-India SMB, Kups-China | Copper T 380A (Also made by Medico Techno, Ltd.–Singapore Shangai Medical Suture) | 7 years | 12 years | All IUDs individually packaged, sterilized pouch; 50–100 IUDs per box | No updated information available | No updated information available |
| | | Copper T 200B | 3 years | 4 years | No updated information available | No updated information available | No updated information available |

Note: Information on product packaging supercedes information on this fact sheet

* Shelf life- How long an IUD can be stored from manufacture date

^ Insertion life- How long a woman can use an IUD from the date of insertion. Evidence from the World Health Organization has confirmed excellent efficacy for at least 12 years. (United States Food and Drug Administration has only labeled the copper IUD as effective for only 10 years).

Note: The calculation of the shelf life ends once an IUD is actually inserted. Upon insertion, the insertion life should be used as a marker.