How often should the automatic endoscope reprocessor (AER) be tested for performance?

A: AERs should be performance tested upon installation, after major repairs, after changes to programmed parameters are made, and at regularly established intervals (such as daily or weekly).

Source: AORN Guideline for Processing Flexible Endoscopes 2018, section XIII.e

Why is a tray considered unsafe to use if the lock is missing from the outside of the container?

A: Items should be checked to ensure the package is intact before opening. If a lock is absent or broken, it is not known whether the package has been opened and reclosed, causing the items to be contaminated.

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