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To whom it may concern,

Stainless Steel used to manufacture our Surgical Blades is in accordance with letter 'F' in table 2 of BS-EN-ISO 7153-1 / BS 5194-1.

The composition is as follows:

Element	%
Carbon	0.6 to 0.7
Silicon	0.5 max
Manganese	1 max
Phosphorus	0.03 max
Sulphur	0.025 max
Chromium	12 to 13.5
Nickel	0.5 max

NOTE: The standard BS EN ISO 7153-1:2001 has been withdrawn and replaced by BS EN ISO 7153-1:2016 Surgical Instruments – Materials – Part 1: Metals.

We still claim compliance with the 2001 version as the composition (Table 1, Letter F) is no longer identified in the 2016 version and we have manufactured stainless steel surgical blades using this composition and marketing all over the world for over 30 years with no adverse events occurring due to the composition of the stainless steel used.

For and on behalf of Swann-Morton



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