

# Plant-Based Sponge Bowl, 32oz

Reduce plastic, chemicals of concern, and CO<sub>2</sub>e with products made with upcycled sugarcane bagasse.



# **Sustainable Design**

- 100% renewable bio-based material\*
- Reduces CO<sub>2</sub>e by 75%<sup>1</sup>
- 84% plastic reduction by weight <sup>1</sup>
- Free of intentionally added BPA or BPA-derived plastics, mercury, phthalates, and PVC<sup>1</sup>
- PFAS-free<sup>2</sup>

## **Clinical Performance**

- Designed for use in procedures to hold fluids and medical supplies
- Coated with biocompatible film
- Durable and strong
- Easy to see graduations; milliliter and cubic centimeter
- EO Sterilizable
- Latex-free









Product Code	Description	Units of Measure
NGS32SB-400NS	Bowl, sponge, 32oz, non-sterile, EPP/sustainable	400 ea/cs

Always refer to the Instructions for Use for complete instructions, warnings, and precautions: www.newgensurgical.com/ifu. \*Bio-based material percentage is tested and verified through the USDA BioPreferred Program. <sup>1</sup> When compared to a similar leading product made with plastic. Plastic and carbon reductions are validated through the Small Change, Big Impact EPP Program created in conjunction with environmental scientist, Ann Blake, Ph.D. <sup>2</sup> Validated by SGS North America.



# Frequently Asked Questions

# What are the materials used for the sponge bowl?

The NewGen Surgical Sponge Bowl is made from a plant-based composite. The bowl is made with bagasse, a post-agricultural by-product from sugarcane production, that is upcycled to create the fiber pulp. The film is a biopolymer and meets biocompatibility standards based on ISO 10993, biological evaluation of medical devices.

## How does NewGen Surgical get their products to be bright white?

The raw pulp material, bagasse, undergoes an ECF bleaching process. ECF bleaching is a chlorine-free process in which no elemental (molecular) chlorine is used in the bleaching sequences.

#### Can this material be sterilized?

Yes. The plant-based material maintains its performance, shape, and strength with ethylene oxide (EO) sterilization.

# Is there any difference in the use of this product in the OR setting?

No. The bowl was designed with OR staff in mind to provide similar clinical performance and functionality as the current plastic product.

## How does the sponge bowl promote sustainability in healthcare?

The healthcare industry is a significant consumer of plastics and one of the highest generators of waste. Healthcare is also a significant contributor of greenhouse gas emissions, up to 4.4% of the worldwide total. Recent studies suggest that up to 71% of this total are attributed to Scope 3 Emissions, those associated with the supply chain and the goods and services used in delivering care. NewGen Surgical products have a direct and measurable impact in reducing plastic waste and  $CO_2e$ . For example, by moving from petroleum to renewable input material, the sponge bowl achieves a 75% reduction in  $CO_2e$ .

### Does the sponge bowl include chemicals of concern?

No. The bowl is Prop 65 compliant and latex-free. In addition, the bowl is free of intentionally added BPA or BPA-derived plastics, mercury, phthalates, and PVC.

#### Can the sponge bowl get wet?

Yes. The bowl was designed to perform the same function as the existing plastic in the market – to hold fluids and instruments during a surgical procedure. Liquids should be placed into the bowl and not the bowl into liquids.

## How can I measure the positive impact of my climate-conscious purchasing?

The Small Change, Big Impact EPP program is a tool that keeps track and reports how much single-use plastic, and Scope 3 Emissions are being reduced by using plant-based NewGen Surgical products. Customers receive quarterly updates which can be used for ESG reports and communications.

<sup>3</sup>Health Care's Climate Footprint, HCWH, September 2019. CO2e is a measure that was created by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). NewGen Surgical, Inc. has been registered by Intertek as conforming to the requirements of: ISO 13485:2016. Medical Device Manufacturing License Issued by California Department of Public Health. License Number: 73698. NewGen Surgical, Inc. has earned the USDA Certified Biobased Product label for the Sponge Bowl with 100% biobased content. Printed on 100% post consumer recycled paper. (If printing yourself, please consider using sustainably sourced FSC-certified paper)

