

# Oxygen Tubing

## Technical Bulletin

Please read and follow the Instructions for Use provided with your tubing prior to using the Oxygen Tubing.

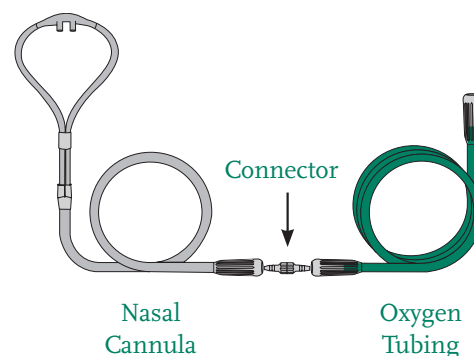
The Oxygen Tubing is intended to provide an additional length of tubing between the oxygen source and nasal cannula or oxygen mask. This product is intended to be used by patients who have a prescription for oxygen therapy in the home, outpatient, extended care, transport and hospital environments.

### Product Use

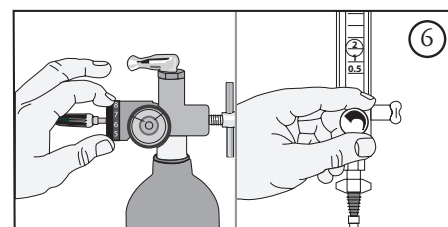
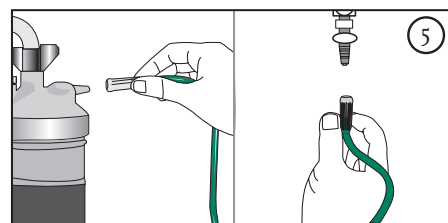
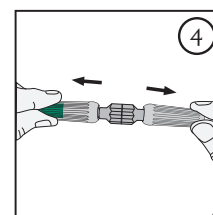
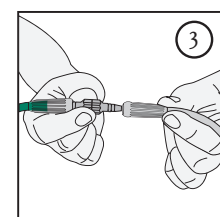
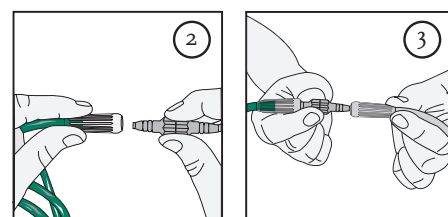
1. Wash your hands. Open the package and remove Oxygen Tubing.
2. Insert the tapered end of the connector into the Oxygen Tubing end connector.
3. Insert the other tapered end of the connector into the end connector of the nasal cannula or oxygen mask tubing.
4. Give the tubing a gentle tug to check for a tight connection.
5. Attach the other end of the Oxygen tubing to the outlet port on the bubble humidifier bottle or the outlet port on the oxygen device.
6. Set prescribe liter flow rate. Check for gas flow from nasal prongs or oxygen mask.

**Note:** If tubing becomes soiled, wipe down with damp cloth. Do not use any strong detergent, disinfectant or oil-based soaps to clean the tubing.

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## Troubleshooting

| Problem   | Possible Cause  | Corrective Action  |
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| No oxygen flow from Oxygen Tubing or nasal prongs | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cannot feel the airflow in your nostrils</li><li>2. Flow control valve is not turned on.</li><li>3. Oxygen system is not functioning properly or oxygen container is empty.</li><li>4. The Oxygen Tubing is disconnect from oxygen source.</li><li>5. Visible tubing is kinked, damaged or or blocked.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check for oxygen flow against the palm of your hand or place nasal prongs into a small container of clean water. Bubbles will appear if there is oxygen flow.</li><li>2. Set flow control to prescribe setting.</li><li>3. Switch to backup oxygen source and contact homecare provider.</li><li>4. Reconnect Visible Tubing. Ensure all tubing connections are tight and secure.</li><li>5. Inspect Visible Tubing for kinks, occlusion, holes or damage. Ensure nothing has been placed on top of the tubing.</li></ol> |
| Water in Oxygen Tubing                            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Humidifier bottle overfilled.</li><li>2. Tubing lying on cold floor or in cold draft.</li></ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use your backup tubing while you dry out the tubing. You may also consider adding a water trap to your Visible tubing.</li><li>2. Place the tubing over a rug and reposition tubing away from the cold draft.</li></ol>   |
| Tubing is stiff                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The oxygen tubing has been used for an extended period of time.</li></ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace oxygen tubing</li></ol>   |

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## Safety Precautions

- Oxygen is a nonflammable gas, but does support combustion. Follow your homecare provider's instructions for the care and safe operation of your oxygen delivery system (e.g., oxygen cylinder, oxygen concentrator, liquid oxygen).

- Do not smoke or allow anyone to smoke around you when oxygen is being used.



- Keep oxygen tubing at least 6 feet away from flames or any heat source.



- Do not use flammable products around oxygen, such as aerosols and cleaning products.



- The total length the oxygen tubing and nasal cannula should not exceed 57 feet. This is to ensure there is enough pressure to deliver your prescribed oxygen.

- Do not kink, bend or tie your oxygen tubing,

- Do not set anything on the tubing that may obstruct flow.

- Do not place oxygen tubing under blankets, bedsheets, rugs, etc.

- Keep excess tubing loosely coiled and out of the way to prevent tripping on oxygen tubing.

- Do not let children or pets play with your oxygen equipment.

- Keep extra oxygen supplies available for backup.

- Use oxygen as prescribed by your doctor.

- Recommend use of a swivel adapter to reduce the possibility of twisting for nasal cannula and supply tubing longer than 14 ft.