

Broncoflex®

Single-use Bronchoscope



The only
« Made in France »
single-use bronchoscope

Benefits of single-use bronchoscope



No cross-contamination

Sterile from the pouch, enhance patient safety

Reusable bronchoscopes are difficult to clean and disinfect due to their long and narrow working channel.

The transmission of pathogenic organism via contaminated reusable bronchoscopes remains an evident risk, even if appropriate decontamination procedures are adhered to.

3%

Risk of residual cross-contamination after decontamination of a bronchoscope following the guidelines

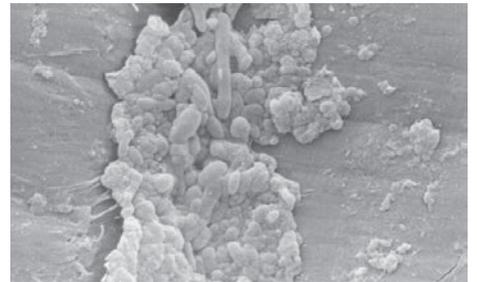
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Risk of a patient developing an infection following the use of a contaminated reusable bronchoscope

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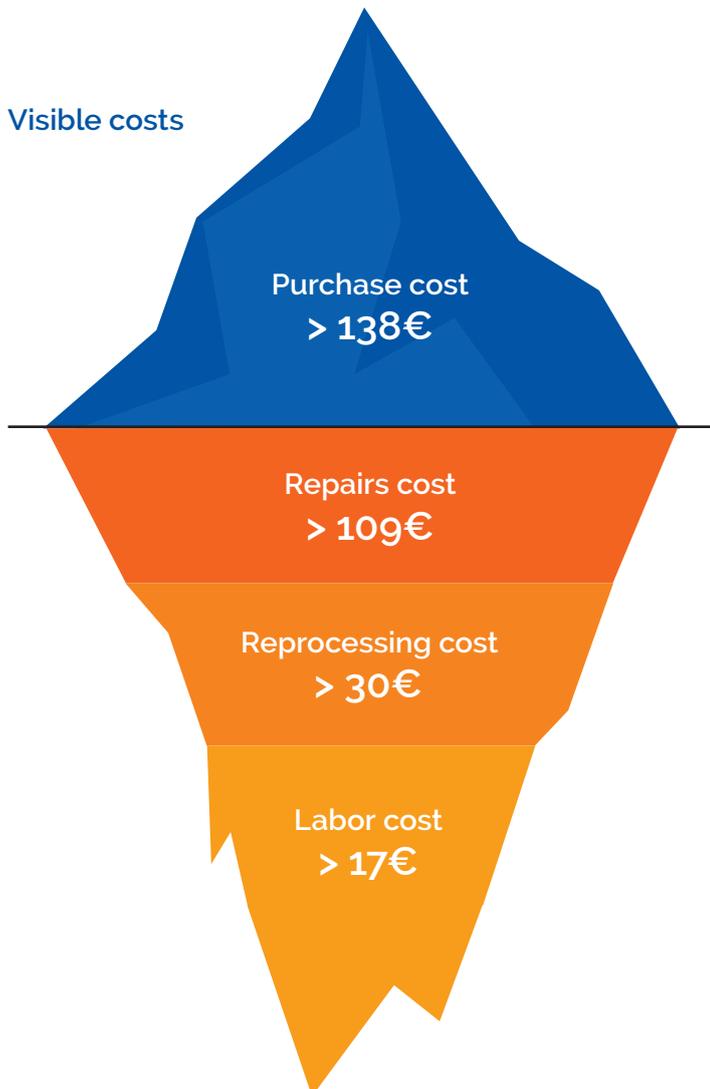
Additional cost of treatment per patient having contracted VAP

= 1 patient infected each 158 procedures⁽²⁾
(154€ per procedure)



Dirt and micro-organisms in a working channel⁽⁴⁾

Visible costs



Cost-effective

No reprocessing or repair

Decontamination cycles and recurrent repairs of reusable bronchoscopes represent very significant and often underestimated costs.

Procedures are complex, costly in terms of material and human resources and require several steps, immobilizing equipment for long periods of time.

Cost per use of reusable bronchoscope
= 294€⁽³⁾



Always available

Ready to use solution, frees up resources and streamlines workflow

With reusable devices often in the process of being decontaminated or repaired, some procedures need to be cancelled or delayed, resulting in financial losses for hospitals and critical patient care.



Low environmental foot print

Decrease waste, energy and resource consumption

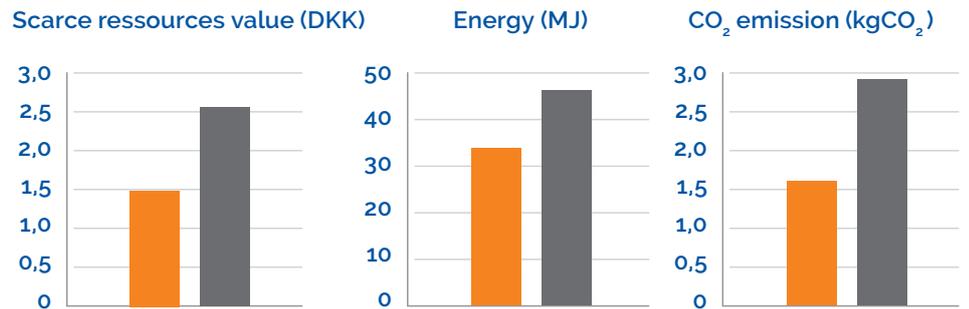
Materials used to reprocess one endoscope ⁽⁴⁾



PPE used to reprocess one flexible endoscope ⁽⁴⁾

Due to the use of detergents and personal protective equipment, reusable bronchoscopes are associated with the same or a higher level of material and energy consumption as well as emissions of CO₂ equivalents and resource consumption compared to single-use scopes.

Environmental impacts of reusable vs single-use bronchoscopes* ⁽⁴⁾



*Please note that the graphs compare one single-use scope with one reprocessing operation for reusable bronchoscope.

Single-use Reusable

Single-use bronchoscope International guidelines



"Disposable bronchoscopes should be used first line when available" ⁽⁶⁾

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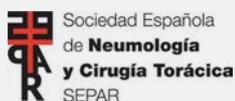
"Flexible endoscope (prefer disposable) with separate screen should be used" ⁽⁷⁾



"Single-use flexible fiberoptic bronchoscopes (FOBs) could potentially eliminate the risk of cross infection" ⁽⁹⁾



"Use of disposable scopes is recommended" ⁽¹¹⁾



"Recommending single-use bronchoscopes due to the risk of contamination of the personnel reprocessing the bronchoscopes" ⁽¹⁰⁾

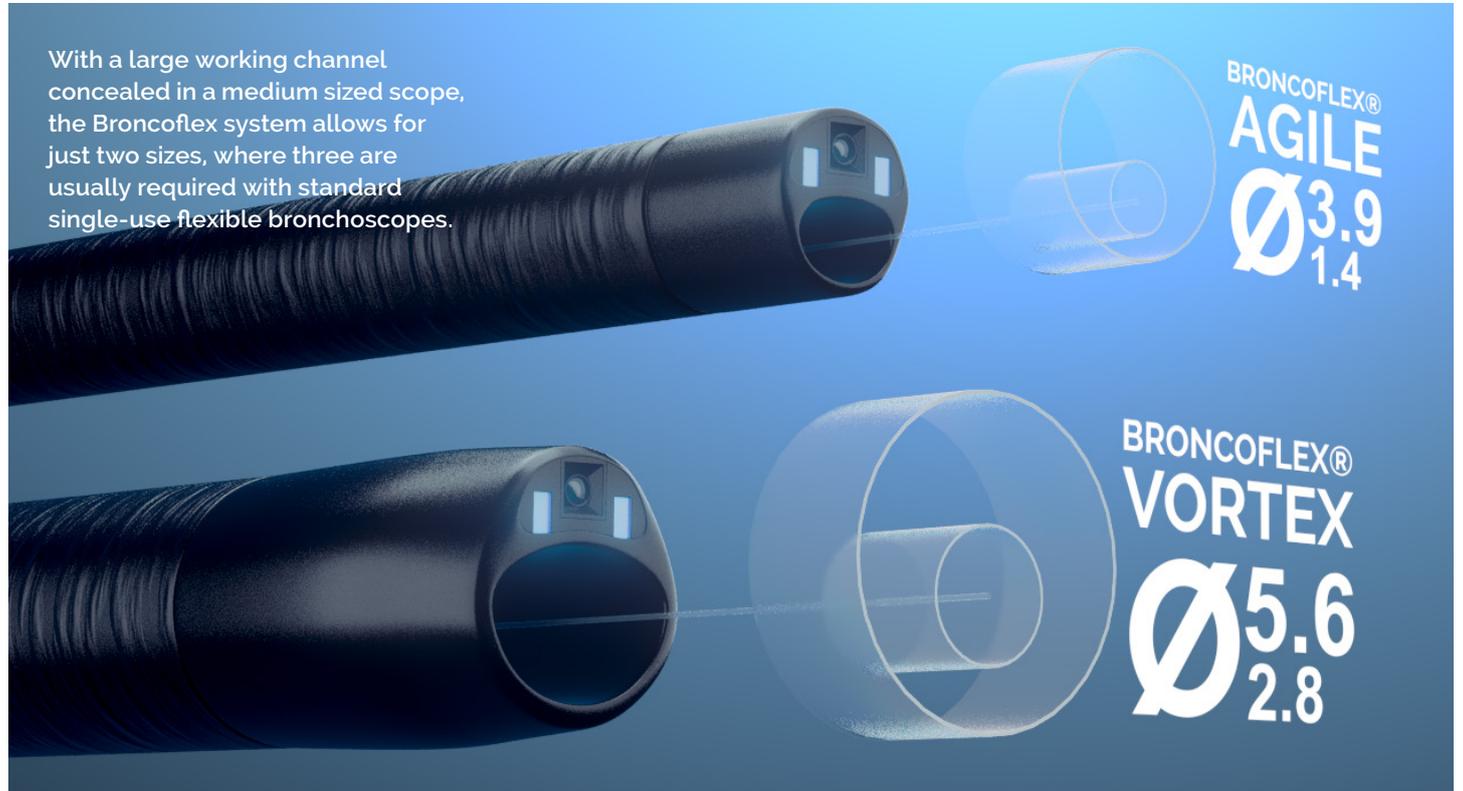


"The use of a disposable endoscope must be considered and proposed in order to reduce the risk of aerosol and manual exposure when cleaning the soiled endoscope" ⁽⁸⁾

Broncoflex® Agile and Vortex

Two sizes, more options

Broncoflex® Agile and Vortex bring innovation with only two sizes that cover the full range of flexible bronchoscopy indications.



Ergonomics

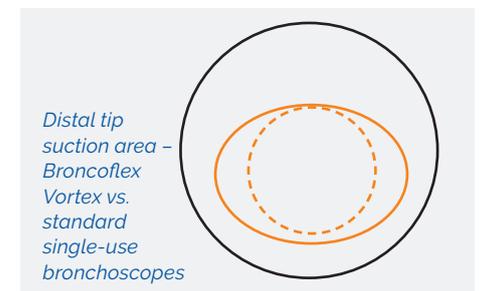
Easy-grip handle, very similar to using a reusable endoscope, with identical working channel access and a leak-tight biopsy valve.

Maneuverability

The precise, flexible deflection mechanism enables up and down distal angulation of more than 200°. The high resistance of the system maintains superior angulation, even when an instrument is inserted into the working channel.

Secretion management

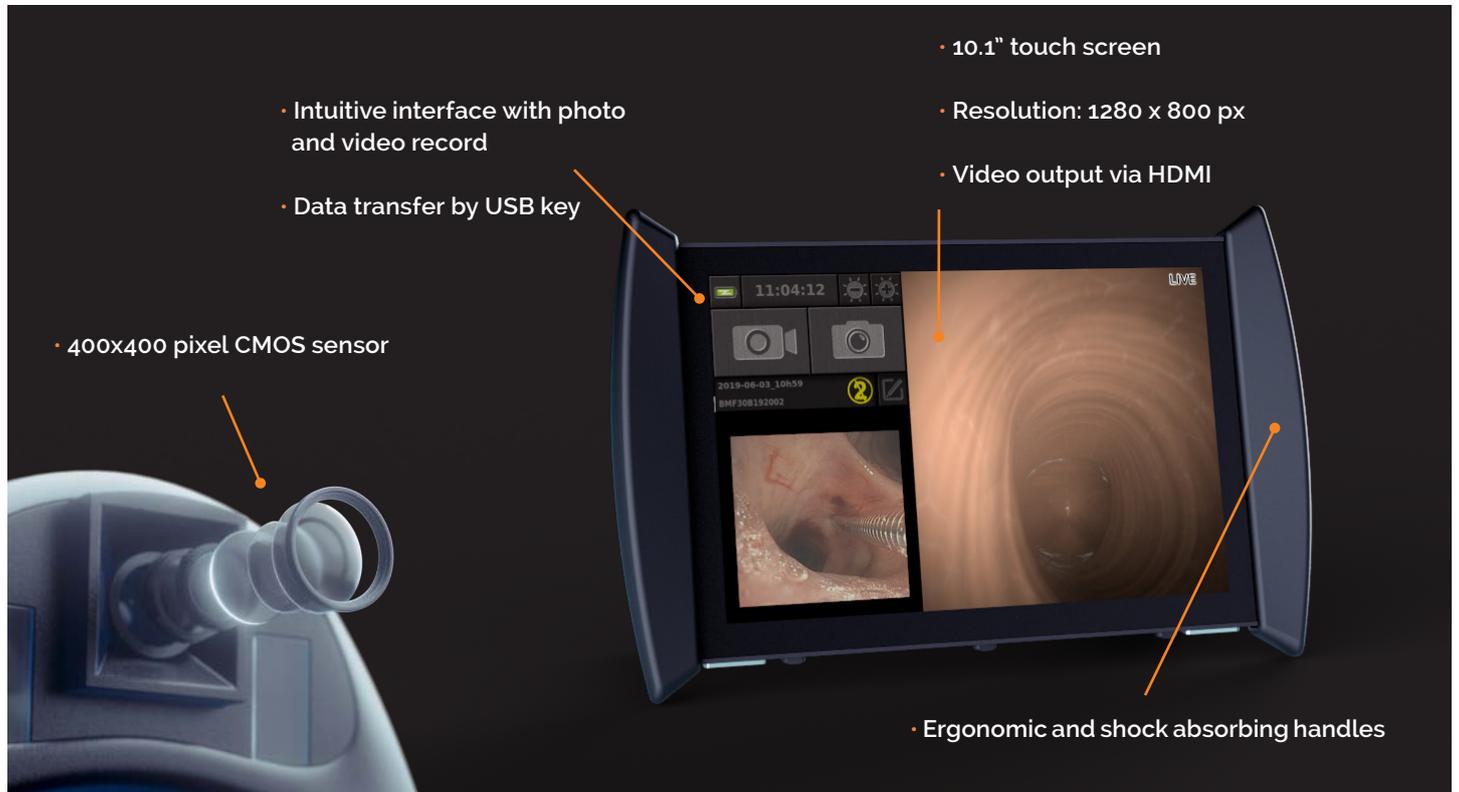
The wide distal opening forms a suction cone that helps facilitate the suction of secretions and fluids in distal proximity to the endoscope.



Screeni® HD

High Definition Display Screen

Screeni® HD is much more than a simple touch screen, the viewing system incorporates an algorithm that ensures the display of a high-definition image.



High-definition system

Enhanced image treatment algorithm and light management system:

- Decreased overexposure when close to the tissue
- Enables superior near and distal vision

Quick connection

The Screeni® is equipped with a quick-connect bracket enabling the system to be attached to an IV pole. The monitor can be detached from its mounting bracket in just a few seconds to be placed on a cart if necessary.

Transportable system

Mobile and lightweight so that it can be easily used in often small spaces. Agile and Vortex endoscopes can be suspended on the Screeni® support feet.



Clinical indications: operating room

The Broncoflex® can be used for all flexible bronchoscopy therapeutic indications. The diagnostic indications accessible are those involving tissue (biopsy) or cellular (BAL) samples.



Single-lung ventilation

In cardiothoracic surgery, it may be necessary to exclude ventilation of the lung that is being operated on or located close to the site of surgery using a double-lumen tube.

Broncoflex® Agile characteristics:
small external diameter of 3.9mm
> Benefits: compatible with all 35Fr double lumen tube



Difficult intubation

An endotracheal tube is guided into the trachea using the bronchoscope in the event of difficult intubation, either expected or unexpected, following several failed attempts with a laryngoscope.

Broncoflex® Agile characteristics:
small external diameter of 3.9mm
> Benefits: compatible with all 5mm ET tubes



Training

Flexible bronchoscopy is a clinical procedure that requires technical skills to perform. These skills can only be acquired by hands-on training on demo equipment, virtual-reality simulators, or patients (supervised).



Clinical indications: intensive care unit



Bronchial wash & Bronchoalveolar lavage

This is performed in patients on mechanical ventilation. Secretions can build up in the lungs and must be removed by suction.

Following injection and removal by suction of a liquid solution, cell samples are collected from the distal bronchi and then analyzed in the laboratory to make a diagnosis.



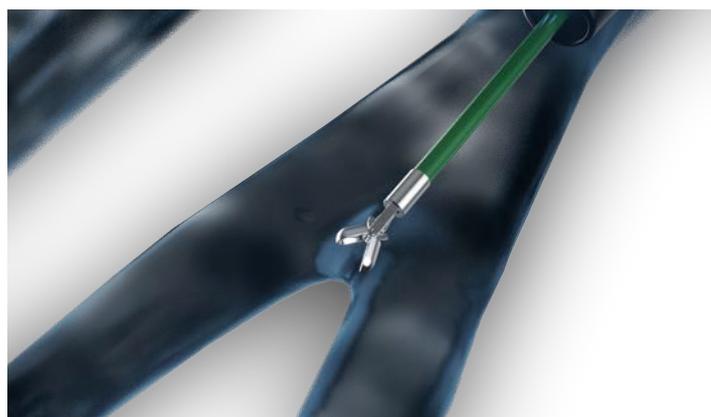
Broncoflex® Vortex characteristics: wider working channel of 2.8mm in the same ET tube
> Benefits: maximizes suction and limits negative overpressure



Biopsy

Accessories can be used along with the bronchoscopes to perform biopsies or remove foreign bodies.

Broncoflex® Vortex characteristics: efficient, sturdier and more flexible angulation
> Benefits: during instrument use, limits the reduction in deflection angle



Percutaneous dilatational tracheostomy

Insertion of a cannula into the trachea following prolonged intubation or after a failed attempt to withdraw mechanical ventilation.

Broncoflex® characteristics: image quality significantly improved
> Benefits: clearer and more detailed distal vision



Why Broncoflex® is the single-use bronchoscope preferred choice?

Two sizes that cover the full range of flexible bronchoscopy indications



High suction performance

- True 2.8mm working channel and large 9.95mm² suction area

Most precise bending angle on the market

- More than 200° for both sizes

« Made in France »

- Production in Tours

Ordering information

Designation	Item number	Quantity
Broncoflex Agile	20030001	5
Broncoflex Vortex	10030001	5
Screeni HD	30030000	1

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