

DISINFECTING KONG PRODUCTS FROM SARS-CoV-2

KONG S.p.A., on the basis of the scientific studies currently considered to be most reliable (the references of which are given at the bottom) defines in this document the methods of disinfecting its products from the SARS-CoV-2 virus, leaving to the users the choice the method they consider most appropriate to their needs.

These methods, even if carried out several times on the same product, do not alter its strength characteristics.

- Disinfection in hot water

Immerse the product for at least 30 minutes in hot water at a temperature of 58-60° C (136-140 °F) and then leave it to air dry avoiding direct exposure to the sun or heat sources.


 **Do not use this method for disinfecting Dyneema® and aramid products (ex. Kevlar®).**

- Soap wash

Wash the product for at least 15 minutes in lukewarm water at a temperature of 30-32° C (86-90 °F) with soap (pH 5.5-8.5) and then leave it to air dry avoiding direct exposure to the sun or heat sources.

- Quarantine period

Place the device in a well-ventilated area, avoiding direct exposure to the sun or heat sources, for at least 7 days.

 **Due to the lack of established and reliable scientific studies, what is reported in the “General Information” attached to Kong products is to be considered general in nature, but does not guarantee reliable results in the fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus**

Scientific references

- Test results published on April 2, 2020 in the supplementary appendix of the article “Stability of SARS-CoV-2 in different environmental conditions. Lancet Microbe 2020”
- The study “Effects of pathogen decontamination on the strength of climbing rope and harness equipment” conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and National Technology & Development Program.

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