

Looking After Your Autoclave

Combining the following simple procedures with regular servicing will ensure long and reliable life from your autoclave.



Door Seals

The door/lid seal is a vital component of your autoclave and its life can be considerably extended by:

- Cleaning the seal and the chamber sealing face daily. Obtain a kitchen-cleaning sponge with a green scouring pad backing which are widely available. Dampen the sponge and wipe the seal on the outside and in the groove of the seal to remove any debris. Wipe the chamber sealing face also with the damp sponge.
- Should a hard white deposit form on the chamber sealing face between service visits remove this with the green scouring part of the pad and clean with the damp sponge.
- To prevent premature ageing of the door/lid seal open the door or remove the lid of the autoclave after each cycle and leave open between cycles. Unnecessary periods of compression of the seal whilst hot will reduce its life.
- If you own a SES Merlin, Little Sister 1, Little Sister 2 or Matron steriliser after cleaning apply a very thin smear of DC4 compound to the face of the door seal.

IMPORTANT - DC4 compound must not be applied to any other models of autoclaves other than those mentioned above.

Autoclave Water

- Use the best quality water available such as distilled, purified or sterilised water. If making water in-house ensure a high quality output is maintained by cleaning the equipment and changing any filters regularly.

- Use handpiece oil sparingly as this type of oil can be corrosive to many of the rubber seals within the autoclave.
- Drain your autoclave water regularly and refill with fresh water if your autoclave is not fitted with a single shot water system.

Clean Instruments

- Clean your instruments well using an ultrasonic cleaner or washer disinfectant prior to placing in the autoclave. Use only the recommended cleaning fluid. This is not only essential for sterilising efficiency but debris from dental procedures can also damage the autoclave.
- Flush your instruments well after cleaning to ensure all cleaning fluid is removed before placing in the autoclave.



Autoclave Logbooks

- Your logbook should contain all engineers reports and certification documents associated with your autoclave. This is not only a legal requirement but provides the visiting engineer with a complete history of your autoclave. Please keep your autoclave logbook readily to hand at all times.

Requesting Assistance

- Should you experience problems and require assistance please contact our technical support hotline on 01749 871259 and quote your Equipment reference number which is the 6 digit number on the label supplied by us attached to your autoclave.

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