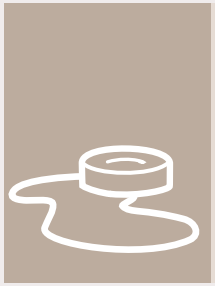
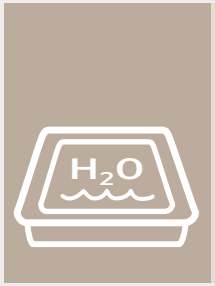
How to Clean Your Incubator

Best practices for CO_2 incubator cleaning

Immediate and weekly measures



Remove any spills immediately.



Check water tray weekly. Clean and refill with sterile distilled water.

Regular cleaning measures (recommended every 6-8 weeks)

1. Turn off the incubator. Clean the exterior surfaces you touch, like doors and handles.

2. Remove and empty water tray. Remove shelves and rack.

3. For chamber cleaning, place protective cover on CO_2 sensor.*

4. Clean and disinfect removed parts and chamber interior.

5. Remove protective covers from sensor. Reinstall chamber parts.

6. Start disinfection cycle, if available.** When completed, refill water tray and reference CO_2 sensor. Return cultures.

Wear fresh gloves and avoid spray disinfection. Use lint-free cloth. For cleaning, use a mild cleaning-detergent. Only use non-corrosive disinfection agents. If disinfectants other than 70% alcohol (e.g. Ethanol, Isopropanol) is used, rinse with sterile distilled water followed by 70% alcohol.
*If O_2 control is present on the unit, place protective cover over sensor when cleaning.
**Remove O_2 sensor before high temperature disinfection and reinstall afterwards. Reference sensor from display before use.

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Cleaning Schedule CO_2 Incubators

When?	What?	Disinfection reagent*	How?*			Who?	Comments
Date	Device (e.g. incubator 2)	What was used for disinfection?	Cleaning/disinfection of exterior, interior, and removable parts	Automatic disinfection routine	Water tray refilled	Name	Special occurences, observations, incidents etc. (e.g. water tray was contaminated)

Maintenance Interval:

Room:

* According to manufacturer´s instructions