

**Cleaning Glass Pipettes:**

Place pipettes in a pipette jar or decontamination can, tip down, as soon as possible after use. Avoid dropping pipettes into jar as this may damage tips. Water level in jar should cover the entire pipette if possible. Place disinfectant or detergent in jar to help reduce soiling during soaking.

Decontaminate pipettes in container with water & cleanser. Pipettes should be fully immersed. Autoclave on wet cycle.

To remove cotton plugs, mount flexible hose adapter on faucet. Attach three inch segment of tubing to adapter & secure with hose clamp. With water slowly flowing, insert pipette tip into open end of hose. Water pressure will flush cotton plug from the mouth piece & rinse pipette.

Soak pipettes in 7-X detergent, acid wash or place in an automatic washer to clean. Rinse thoroughly in tap water followed by rinsing in distilled or deionized water. Remove from the distilled water, rinse, dry the outside with a cloth, shake the water out and thoroughly dry pipettes.

Use a Bellco Pipette Plugger to stuff cotton into mouth pieces & load into Bellco pipette cans. Dry heat sterilize at 160°C (320°F) for at least 2 hours. If pipettes are steam sterilized, then dry thoroughly in a drying oven before use.