

VII Cleaning and Hygiene

Follow these cleaning instructions unless you are told otherwise by your healthcare professional.

Important

- Use drinking water quality for any of the following described cleaning procedures.
- Clean parts immediately after use to avoid dry up of milk residues and to prevent from growth of bacteria.
- Disassemble all parts prior to cleaning. Especially be sure to remove the yellow valve head from the breastshield and separate the white valve membrane from the valve head.

Prior to first use and once daily

- Disassemble, wash and rinse all parts of your pump kit that come in contact with the breast and milk (a/b+d+f+g+h+j+k+l).
- Place parts in a saucepan of sufficient capacity.
- Fill with cold water until the parts are well covered. Optionally, a tea spoon of citric acid may be added to avoid a build-up of limescale.
- Heat it up and allow to boil for 5 minutes.
- Remove from stove and drain water off.
- Dry parts with a clean towel.

Alternatively, the disassembled parts can be sanitized in top rack of dishwasher or steam-sterilized.

Note: Food colorings may discolor components which will not affect performance.

After each use

- Disassemble and handwash all parts of your pump kit that come in contact with the breast and milk (a/b+d+f+g+h+j+k+l) in warm, soapy water.
- Rinse in clear water.
- Dry parts with a clean towel.

Hints

After cleaning, when parts are not in use, put in a clean zip lock bag or store in a container with lid. Alternatively, the parts can be wrapped in a clean paper or cloth towel.

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- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching the breast and pump parts.
- Avoid touching the inside of bottles and lids.
- Clean the breast and surrounding area with a damp cloth.
- Do not use soap or alcohol which can dry the skin and cause cracked nipples.

VIII Storing / Thawing Breastmilk

Check with your hospital for specific instructions.

Breastmilk Storage (For Healthy Term Babies)

	Room Temperature	Refrigerator	Refrigerator Freezer Compartment	Deep Freezer
Freshly expressed breastmilk	<i>Do not leave at room temperature</i>	<i>3 – 5 days at approx. 4° C</i>	<i>6 months at approx. -16° C</i>	<i>12 months at approx. -18° C</i>
Thawed breastmilk (previously frozen)	<i>Do not store</i>	<i>10 hours</i>	<i>Never refreeze</i>	

- *When freezing do not fill bottles/bags more than 3/4 full to allow space for expansion.*
- *Label bottles/bags with the date of pumping.*
- *Do not store breastmilk in the door of the refrigerator.*
- *In order to preserve the components of the breastmilk, thaw in the refrigerator overnight or by holding the bottle/bag under running warm water (max. 37° C).*
- *Gently shake the bottle/bag to blend any fat that has separated.*
- *Do not thaw frozen breastmilk in a microwave oven or in a pan of boiling water (danger of burning).*