

# Mirror Cleaning & Sterilization

## Mirror Cleaning

Never let dry a dirty mirror. If cleaning is not possible immediately, immerse mirror in water or keep it between two wet towels. Washing machine: mix only with stainless steel instruments. Avoid contacts that may stain or scratch surface or chip edge of mirrors. Avoid ultra sonic devices.

## Mirror Sterilization

There are three common methods of mirror sterilization used in dental offices (autoclave, chemiclave, and cold sterilization). Mirrors may be autoclaved, chemiclaved, or cold sterilized.

### Steam Autoclave Method

- 10+ Minutes At 270°F / 132°C (15psi)
- Do Not Use Closed Containers
- May Damage Plastic And Rubber Items
- Non-Stainless Steel Metal Items Corrode
- Use Of Hard Water May Leave Deposits
- Dry Mirrors at Least 10 Minutes

### Unsaturated Chemical Vapor

- 20 Minutes At 270°F / 132°C (20-40psi)
- Do Not Use Closed Containers
- May Damage Plastic And Rubber Items
- Use Special Solution
- Dry Instruments Or Dip In Special Solution
- Provide Adequate Ventilation



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