



Table 8: Examples of flash steam sterilization parameters

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Table 8 from the Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities (2008).

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Type of Sterilizer	Load configuration	Temperature	Time
Gravity displacement	Nonporous items only (i.e., routine metal instruments, no lumens)	132°C (270°F)	3 minutes
Gravity displacement	Nonporous and porous items (e.g., rubber or plastic items, items with lumens) sterilized together	132°C (270°F)	10 minutes
Prevacuum Dynamic-air- removal	Nonporous items only (i.e., routine metal instruments, no lumens)	132°C (270°F)	3 minutes
Prevacuum, Dynamic-air-removal	Nonporous and porous items (e.g., rubber or plastic items, items with lumens) sterilized together	132°C (270°F)	4 minutes
Steam-flush pressure-pulse	Nonporous or mixed nonporous/porous items	132°C (270°F) Manufacturers' instruction	4 minutes

Sterilizer type, load configuration, temperature, and time.

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