

Hot Air Oven Working Principle Sterilization Labelled Diagram Temperature [ #PDF PPT ] is the main theme of this article. Sterilization and aseptic processing are essential practices for healthcare product manufacture and many healthcare services. The execution of these processes in an appropriate manner is essential for patient safety.

A hot air oven is used to sterilize equipment and materials used in the medical field. A hot air oven is a type of dry heat sterilization. Dry heat sterilization is used on equipment that cannot be wet, and on material that will not melt, catch fire, or change form when exposed to high temperatures. Moist heat sterilization uses water to boil items or steam them to sterilize and does not take as long as dry heat sterilization. Examples of items that are not sterilized in a hot air oven are surgical dressings, rubber items, or plastic material. Items that are sterilized in a hot air oven include:

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The commonly-used temperatures and time that hot air ovens need to sterilize materials is 170 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes, 160 degrees Celsius for 60 minutes, and 150 degrees Celsius for 150 minutes.



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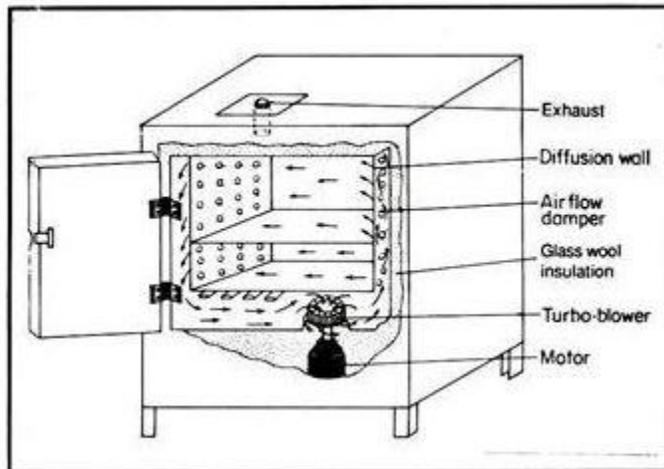
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The static-air type is referred to as the oven-type sterilizer as heating coils in the bottom of the unit cause the hot air to rise inside the chamber via gravity convection. This type of dry-heat sterilizer is much slower in heating, requires longer time to reach sterilizing temperature, and is less uniform in temperature control throughout the chamber than is the forced-air type.

The forced-air or mechanical convection sterilizer is equipped with a motor-driven blower that circulates heated air throughout the chamber at a

high velocity, permitting a more rapid transfer of energy from the air to the instruments.

### Hot Air Oven Labelled Diagram



### Uses of HOT AIR OVEN (dry heat sterilization)

A dry heat cabinet is easy to install and has relatively low operating costs;

It penetrates materials

It is nontoxic and does not harm the environment;

And it is noncorrosive for metal and sharp instruments.

Disadvantages for dry heat sterilization

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### Different Types of Hot Air Ovens

There are two types of hot air ovens. One is a forced air hot air oven and the other is a static air hot air oven. The forced air hot air oven is more effective than the static air hot air oven.

The forced air hot air oven works by heating the oven and using a fan to move the hot air around. This helps prevent the hot air from rising to the top of the oven and keeping the cooler air at the bottom. The fan keeps the hot air moving around at a consistent temperature throughout the oven.

The static air hot air oven works by using a heating coil at the bottom of the oven. The heat rises throughout the oven and takes a longer time to reach the desired temperature. Since the heat is not circulated as with a forced air hot air oven the temperature is not consistent throughout the oven.

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE of HOT AIR OVEN**

### **Aim:**

To lay down the procedure for operation of Hot Air Oven.

### **Procedure:**

1. Connect the power supply.
2. Switch "ON" the main power supply and instrument mains.  
Temperature setting
3. Press SET POINT (x/w) key to set the required temperature. press ↑ to

increase the temperature and ↓ to reduce the temperature

4. The temp. Sensor will maintain the set temp which is indicated by the blinking

of set temp on the display screen.

5. The duration of time can also be adjusted using the time adjustment knob

6. After use, SWITCH OFF the power supply.

### **Safety & Precautions:**

=> Maximum Temp. : 3500

C.

=> Ensure that the Exhaust blower is ON before starting the oven.

=> Ensure the GN<sub>2</sub> plant is UP.

=> Ensure that temperature does not shoot higher than the set temperature

### **Cleaning:**

# Wipe the surface, walls, top, bottom and trays of the oven with dry lint free

cloth on daily basis so that there will be no dust particles in the oven.

# Wipe all the parts and outer surface of the Oven with wet lint free cloth soaked in purified water, on weekly basis and fill the weekly cleaning

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