



Animal Facility SOP 35.2
Use and Monitoring of Cabinet Cage Washer

Date Adopted	November 12, 2020
Date Last Updated	9/3/19
Prepared by	Ingrid Tulloch
Reviewed by	Matt Terzi 11/5, Julie Watson 11/12/20

I. Purpose

This document will outline the guidelines for the use and monitoring of the cage washer in 116D.

II. Guidelines

1. Press and hold the “open door” button.
2. Pull down on the lever to open doors.
3. Load cages by separating lids, tops, cages and lay them face down in washer (bottles and caps must be washed in bottle racks)→ DO NOT OVERLOAD WASHER OR STACK CAGES IN WASHER!
4. Close doors and press and hold the green button to run the washer.
5. When running the cage washer, ensure the temperature reaches 180 degree ° F by checking the temperature strip which will be placed in a piece of caging on the first wash of the day. This is indicated when the strip turns black at the 180 degree mark after the wash is finished.
6. When finished, unload on the Clean side (116E) by pressing and holding the “open door” button. All personnel must wear clean gloves and lab coats to unload and handle clean caging. There will be no return of equipment to the clean side once it has been washed.
7. All clean items must be removed after drying and placed in a clean storage area.
8. Record the date and paste the temperature strip in the cage washer log.

Troubleshooting

1. Every Friday run the draining cycle-this cleans the washer and keeps it from scaling. The cage washer cleaning maintenance will be performed weekly as scheduled.
2. If an alarm appears, read the code (if the problem can't easily be solved by checking the machine, ensuring emergency stop hasn't been pressed, then contact Animal Facility Manager so that the cage wash contractor currently Avant Garde Scientific can be contacted to make repairs.

3. Lock button password is 10.
4. Wash cages weekly and every Friday.

Cage Wash Temperature Tape Log

https://docs.google.com/document/d/12-ybILYKobxWO-FX0zG1X0f8nHntY__Y5VSK_p7xztY/edit?usp=sharing