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Correct Autoclave Loading

To avoid marks forming on the lenses during the autoclave process, we suggest this procedure is followed.







The goggles should be placed in the autoclave bag with the lens vertical (picture A). It does not matter if the straps and clips are next to the lens. Keeping the goggles vertical prevents any condensate from pooling on the lens. The goggles should not be placed horizontally face up (picture B) or face down (picture C) in the autoclave bag.







Ensure the autoclave bag is large enough to allow some space between the lens and the plastic part of the bag; doing so will avoid problems arising from condensate being trapped between the lens and the plastic part of the bag.

Load the autoclave with the bags paper side down and plastic side up (picture E), otherwise you will get pooling of condensate in the bag. The bags should not be loaded into the autoclave on their edge with the paper 'standing up' (picture F).

Please note:

The steam used in an autoclave should be clean and dry. 'Wet' steam contains suspended droplets of water which add to the condensate without aiding the sterilization process. 'Dry' steam is pure water vapour. The excess condensate from 'wet' steam can push levels beyond the autoclave's capability to dry out the load. Water staining also happens if the load is removed from the autoclave before it has fully cooled and still contains warm, moist air.