

# WHAT IS HYGIENE?

## **HYGIENE** is safety and security.

MEIKO is there where hygiene is relevant, sometimes even indispensable to life. In the dishwashing areas of this world. In the utility rooms. In the respiratory protective equipment workshops. There, where people eat and drink. There, where they are nursed in a healthy way. There, where they save others. There we fulfil the elementary human need for cleanliness and hygiene.

And that since 1927 – almost 30 years after highly developed microscopes made germs visible for the first time and so paved the way for hygiene as we understand it today: as reliable elimination of pathogenic germs.

With our cleaning and disinfection appliances, we were among the first actors in hospital hygiene. This early participation in medical products and the knowledge gained from over 90 years of experience let us achieve a unique buildup and transfer of knowledge. Up to today.

They form the firm foundation for our hygiene expertise, which flow in to all MEIKO innovations, across products, whether cleaning and disinfection technology, dishwashing machine, rinsing equipment, or equipment for food waste treatment.

On the next pages, you will learn what 'Hygiene made by MEIKO' means. First and foremost: safety and security. Safety and security with regard to technology, planning, use, and service. Safety and security for guests, passengers, patients, residents and employees. And finally: safety and security for you and your business.



## HYGIENE IS ONLY COMPLETE

## WITH THE RIGHT **PROCESS**

The safety and security of the MEIKO technology is one thing, but everything else also has to be right in order for hygiene not to be impaired at any point.

The planning phase already sets the course for the best possible hygiene safety. With almost 100 years of experience in warewashing technology and medical devices, we know the critical points and how the processes should teed. All of the time and everywhere.

How do the basics of a process description for a cleaning process look? What fundamentals must simply be right – regardless of what is there hygiene risks? And even more important How can the user avoid them?

We answer these questions in our MEIKO Hygiene Loop.

## by diners, patients, frontline workers 6 2 B N Dirty, Clean, **Black Side** White Side Goal: to protect employees Goal: to protect the processed from potentially contaminated washware washware from recontamination N B 0 **(**

Use

of dishes, cutlery, glasses

(bedpans, urine bottles, etc.)

(BA masks, regulators, etc.)

of personal protective equipment

of care utensils

## Dirty, **Black Side**

- Return
  - Handle washware with gloves
- Preparation, transport
  - Work with gloves
  - Perform work quickly and safely
  - When moving from room to room: touch door handles with clean hands or clean gloves
- Loading the machine
  - Work with gloves
  - Load washware correctly (as per the operating instructions)
  - Open/close the machine door with a clean hand or clean glove
  - After closing: wash/disinfect hands or dispose of used gloves
  - Hand wash basin, glove dispenser, rubbish bin
  - Cleaning and disinfection, if needed
  - Press start button with a clean hand or clean glove
  - Be alert for machine messages; refill chemical products if required

## Clean, White Side

- Drying
  - Do not dry off by hand (reusable towels are a hygiene risk); do not stack damp washware
  - Drip-dry shelves, drying cabinet
- 6 Removal
  - Handle washware with clean hands or clean gloves
  - Check
    - Visual cleanliness check
    - If poor: determine cause, contact service
    - Depending on washware type, further checks may be required
  - Storage
    - Store only clean and dry washware; ensure hygiene safety (wrap if required)
    - Sufficient storage shelves

- **Legend:** Action recommendation
  - Hygiene risk
  - Planning recommendation

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## HYGIENE Loop

HYGIENE in an infinite loop.
Thanks to correct planning and application.

The cleaning process shown there can be used for dinnerware, care utensils, and breathing apparatus (BA) masks and can be repeated as often as desired. The result is always the same: hygienically safe washware that can be reused without hesitation.

The goal is to prevent recontamination and break chains of infection, and it is based on the consistent separation of clean and dirty.

This should be implemented through construction – a physical separation of the areas before and after cleaning, ideally with a wall. The side where the dirty washware is collected is designated the **Dirty** or **Black Side**. The other side is the **Clean Side** or **White Area** for the processed washware. The transport paths must not cross.

Moreover, the separation should also be taken into account in the application. That means: The user may touch the cleaned washware and environment (for example, door handles) only with a clean hand. That is, with a hand that had no contact with the dirty washware or that was disinfected afterward. Gloves here are optional. In contrast, gloves are very important when handling dirty washware. Of course, neither the processed washware nor the surroundings may be touched with either an unclean hand or glove.

The MEIKO hygiene loop is a generalised process. The details of each process will, of course, vary depending on what is being washed. Would you like more detail? Then scan the QR code.



Warewashing process for dishes, cutlery and glasses www.meiko.info/magazine/the-warewashing-process





Cleaning process for care utensils www.meiko.info/magazine/cleaning-bedpans-instructions





Washing process for personal protective equipment (PPE) www.meiko.info/magazine/treatment-of-respiratory-protective-equipment







Just one push of a button, and you can get back to your customers. The MEIKO machine does the washing for you. And it does it in a closed system with a comfortable and hygienic indoor climate! This is ensured by these characteristics and features.



## **AktivPlus Filter**

Hygiene-sure wash fluid and clean water in the wash chamber and tank through active dirt removal.



## GIO MODULE (option)

Reverse osmosis system for demineralised and germ-free water. The result: spotless glasses without polishing (hygiene risk with multiple-use towels).



## ComfortAir heat recovery (option)

Hot vapours become energy suppliers for the water cycle.

Less steam = vapour reduction = hygienic indoor climate.



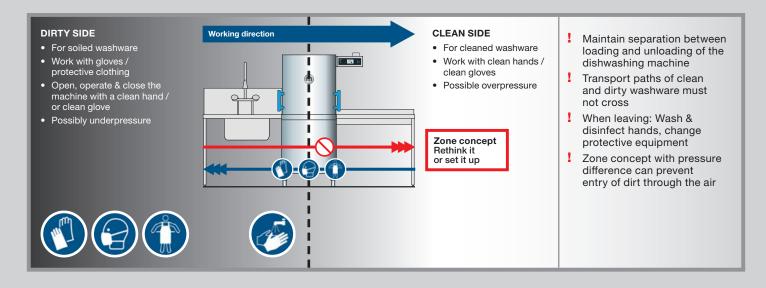
## Hygiene expert opinion

Virologists and hygienists confirm the effectiveness of the MEIKO technology against numerous bacteria and viruses – for example, SARS CoV-2.



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## **HYGIENE** in the small dishwashing area



## TRUST IN THE MEIKO PLANNING EXPERTISE.

To create an environment in which processes run optimally and hygiene specifications can be adhered to in the best way possible.

In the dishwashing area, operators must ensure that no health risks for guests come from the surfaces of the washware. That also means the cleaned washware must not be recontaminated or made dirty until presented to the guest. What to pay attention to regarding planning and processes is shown in the diagram.

MEIKO undercounter and hood type dishwashing machines for cafés, ice-cream parlours, bistros and bars













**UPster® H** M-iClean H

## **HYGIENE** Checklist



## **MEIKO WASHING DYNAMICS**

- Largest possible wash chamber cover
- Hygiene in every nook and cranny
- Reliable washing away of germs
- Ideally adjusted for duration, chemicals, time (specified by programmes)



## **BLUE OPERATING CONCEPT**

- ✓ Parts to be cleaned marked blue
- Simplified machine cleaning
- Keys to be actuated marked blue
- Reduction of operating errors



## **MEIKO CLEANING CHEMICALS**

- Effective against dirt and numerous bacteria and viruses
- Tailored to the technology and the washware
- ✓ Built-in dosing systems
- Optimised chemical dosing



### **MEIKO SERVICE**

- Upholding of hygiene standards through regular machine maintenance
- Authorised service technicians
- √ 365 days a year, 24/7 service hotline
- ✓ Individual maintenance contracts



- Training of MEIKO employees
- Training/ orientation for operators and personnel
- Excellent user safety
- Reduction of operating errors





MEIKO warewashing technology not only reliably removes dirt, but duration, wash mechanism, chemicals and temperature are adjusted to each other so that bacteria and viruses are eliminated. With the press of a button. Thanks to these characteristics and features, you no longer have to worry about hygiene.



## **MEIKO Connect**

Creates daily protocol for gap-free hygiene documentation. Errors due to manual data recording are avoided.



## Self-cleaning programme

Hygienic machine with constant washing performance; only blue-marked areas still have to be cleaned manually.



## **Systems from MEIKO GREEN**

Collect food waste in a closed system, store them odour-free, and return them to the energy cycle. www.meiko-green.com



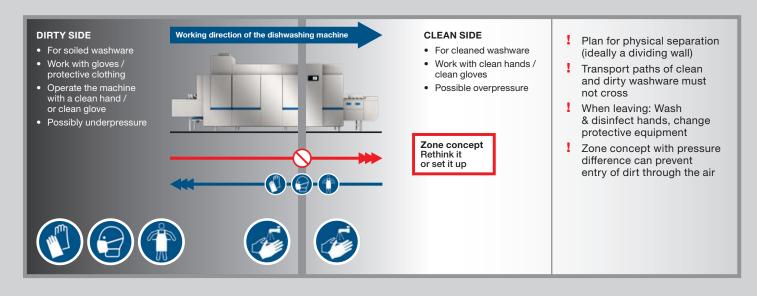
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## CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE ARE THE CALLING CARD OF EVERY FOOD-SERVICE COMPANY.

And so the topic of dishwashing areas presents every restaurateur, communal caterer, and hotel owner with a series of challenges: hidden hygiene traps, a catalogue of hygiene specifications, with high pressure, continuous operation, and busy periods added in. But hygiene errors must still not happen. How can this be accomplished? With MEIKO technology, the right planning and proper processes, the washware will reach the guest in perfect condition.

## MEIKO dishwashing machines for dishes, cutlery, pots, trays and containers



UPster® K



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## **HYGIENE** Checklist



## M-iQ AIRCONCEPT

- ✓ Integrated in M-iQ
- Guided air flow from clean to unclean: from the hot final rinse zone to the cool pre-wash zone
- No recontamination of dishes which have already been cleaned



## **AUTOMATIC RACK DETECTION**

- ✓ Option with M-iClean H
- Only in combination with automatic hood system
- Automatic: hood closing, programme start, hood opening
- ✓ Contact-free operation
- Prevention of infections



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MEIKO bedpan cleaning and disinfection appliances minimise the danger of contamination that arises from care utensils and their contents. For emptying, cleaning, disinfection, and drying run automatically. Behind closed machine doors. These features ensure even more hygiene:



Contactless door opening (option)
Device door opens and closes
via automatic infrared control
or foot switch to prevent contamination of hands.



### Efficient wash nozzles

Targeted inside cleaning of different bedpan shapes, very good wash-away of germs even with clostridioides difficile spores.



## **Human-machine communication**

Large buttons, clear icons and symbols, plain text displays, and colour-coding for chemical canisters and suction lances minimise user errors.



## **Expert opinion**

The institute HYGCEN Germany confirms effectiveness against C. difficile; microbiologist Dr. Elizabeth Bryce attests that we have the best interface design (see American Journal of Infection Control).



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## **HYGIENE** in the utility room

## DIRTY SIDE **CLEAN SIDE** • For unclean care utensils • For cleaned care utensils • Work with clean hands / clean gloves Open, operate & close the devi with the other, clean hand Even more hygienic: contact-fre door opening (option) · Plan for storage shelves Insert care utensil – never manual empty beforehand! Working direction offo Maintain separation between loading of the machine and unloading of the care utensils Transport paths of clean and dirty washware must not cross ! When leaving: Wash & disinfect hands, change protective equipment

## CAREGIVERS HAVE ONLY MINIMUM CONTACT WITH CARE UTENSILS.

That would be an ideal cleaning process. With MEIKO cleaning and disinfection appliances, we are already far along: Emptying, cleaning, disinfection, and drying of the care utensils are performed through automation in the devices. Only the transport is still performed by hand.

And even here, MEIKO can keep the risk of contamination as low as possible – with installation possibilities in the rooms, directly above the toilets.

We have a solution ready for every room and requirement.

MEIKO cleaning and disinfection technology for bedpans, urine bottles, commode buckets, etc.







TOPIC 40 SAN 14

## **HYGIENE** Checklist



## **THERMOCONTROL**

- ✓ Standard with TopLine & TOPIC
- ✓ Programme run according to the set A₀ value
- Maintenance of temperature and time ensured
- through mutually checking sensors
- ✓ If temperature falls below limit: cycle time extension



## **STEAMSTOP**

- ✓ Standard with TopLine & TOPIC
- ✓ Excess steam condenses in the drain
- No danger of germ escape
- Hygiene-secure indoor climate, high work safety



## **MEIKO CLEANING CHEMICALS**

- Removes dirt, effective against numerous bacteria and viruses (according to expert opinion)
- Tailored to the technology and the washware
- Compatibility certification
   (in accordance with German Medical Devices Act)
- ✓ Built-in dosing systems
- Optimised chemical dosing
- ✓ Coded suction lances



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TopLine 40

TopLine 40 SAN 14





Clean BA masks and regulators by hand? This can be done faster, more economically, and especially with more hygiene security in a *TopClean M* machine. The following characteristics and functions make the cleaning process hygienically especially safe.



## Door locking after programme start

No malfunction possible (by employees or in a power failure), closed, valid, safe cleaning process.



## Water change programme

Entire wash fluid is pumped away and replaced. That reduces the danger of recontamination in the next run.



## Approvals of leading manufacturers

That applies also for the cleaning process in the *TopClean M* as well as for the chemicals used and their dosing. For an optimal process with high material compatibility.



## Hygiene expert opinion

After intensive tests, Prof. Walter Popp confirms the effectiveness and potency of the cleaning process in *TopClean M.* 



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## **HYGIENE** in the respiratory protective equipment workshop



Assemble masks and tidy up

(+ approx. 5 min.)



**Drying cabinet** Dry masks (+ approx. 1.0 hour)

### Fast and reliable!

Conventional cleaning approx. 41/2 hours Cleaning with TopClean M

approx. 11/4 hours With the MEIKO TopClean M, you can cut the cleaning time of your breathing apparatus (BA) masks by more than 60%.



Wash basin Preclean masks quickly (in case of heavy contamination) (+ approx. 1 min.)



Disassemble masks and place in TopClean M rack (+ approx. 2 min.)





Drip off / hand wash basin Masks drip off, manual (+ 2 min.)



TopClean M Cleaning and disinfection (+ 6 min.)

## FROM BLACK TO WHITE: AN OPTIMAL WORKFLOW.

TopClean M brings more speed and hygiene to the respiratory protective equipment workshop: 4 masks can be processed simultaneously in about 6 minutes. And while the machine is running, the equipment maintenance staff can already disassemble further BA masks and make them ready for cleaning and disinfection. In addition, TopClean M helps with consistent separation into a black and white area, which our experts favour in the right space concept. So that protective equipment is not recontaminated after processing, but is ready for use in a

hygienically perfect status. For the next mission.

## MEIKO cleaning and disinfection technology for BA masks





## **HYGIENE** Checklist



## PROCESSING OF REGULATORS

- ✓ In a rack with permanent pressure application
- Patented technology
- No moisture can penetrate during the process
- Maximum process reliability with proper use



## **MODULAR RACK SYSTEM**

- One base rack many inserts (even rack inserts)
- For BA masks, regulators, self-contained breathing apparatus
- Optimal positioning and ideal processing of all parts
- Multifunctionality



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At MEIKO, we think our way into our customers' processes and create technologies from there. In this way, we ensure one of the most important requirements for health and safety: hygiene!

If you promise safety and security, you have to provide it. This is why we work with people the world knows it can trust.

Hygienists and virologists, for example. Like Prof. Friedrich von Rheinbaben, M.D., who helped us deliver safety to our customers right at the start of the coronavirus pandemic: coronaviruses are successfully inactivated with MEIKO technology.

Or doctors specialising in hygiene, such as Prof. Walter Popp, M.D., who wrote the expert opinion for our *TopClean M*. Since its publication, thousands of firefighters have had confidence that their BA masks will do what they say they will do: protect them.

Or the Canadian microbiologist Dr. Elizabeth Bryce, in whose large-scale investigation of cleaning and disinfection appliances the interface design of our bedpan cleaning and disinfection appliances came out as the best – read more in the American Journal of Infection Control.

The superior ability of these appliances to remove bacteria and, in particular, clostridium difficile spores from care utensils has also been confirmed by the independent hygiene institute HYGCEN Germany GmbH.

For us, the most important question remains: What does the world need?

Right now, more health and safety than ever. We always strive to do more.

Because we know that we will ultimately be measured by the meaningfulness of our actions. And by the purpose we fulfil.





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