

Protocol Gnoto 1011 Summary of autoclave programmes

There are two different programs for autoclaving in the transport drums that are given below. You must read the specific operating protocols for the particular autoclave you are using. You must also take the autoclave safety course offered by the safety office (ext 23453) and receive instruction from an experienced operator in Central Animal Facility (CAF) before using the machine yourself for the first time.

It is necessary to re-programme the machine, starting from programme 2 on each occasion that you use it.

After autoclaving remove the printed paper record and stick it onto the side of the drum, so that the Gnoto technicians can confirm that the correct settings have been used.

The following conditions are listed in the table for the values that you should use on reprogramming.

1. **Water**
2. **Bags of sawdust**
3. **Empty cages and materials**
4. **Food**

Load Material	Programme Number¹	Cycle	Sterilisation time (min)	Temp. (°C)	Drying Time (min)	Purge Time (min)	Dry Vacuum Point	Pressure
Water	2	Liquid	60	121	0	0	n/a	Low
Bags of sawdust	2	Prevac 1	20	132	10	4	10.0	High
Empty cages and materials	2	Prevac 1	20	132	10	4	10.0	High
Food	2	Prevac 1	20	132	10	4	10.0	High

¹ This is the empty programme on the Barrier autoclave that is available for reprogramming for our purposes.