

**AUTOCLAVABLE VALVE CORE SYRINGE
3369, 3370, 3375, 3379, 3398, 3404, 3405**

OVERVIEW

Your new autoclavable syringe from DCI represents the highest level of engineering achievement in the dental equipment industry today.

This 3-way syringe gives precise finger-tip control of water, mist or dry air for rinsing, cooling or drying the preparation area.

Your syringe is totally autoclavable and features DCI's patented Quick-Change tip system for maximum patient safety.

By following these use and maintenance instructions, this syringe will provide a lifetime of dependable service.

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INTRODUCTION

SYMBOLS

The following symbols may be used throughout this product manual:



WARNING: Failure to carefully follow the described procedure may result in damage to the equipment or the operator.



CAUTION: Failure to carefully follow the described procedure may result in damage to the equipment.



NOTE: Take note of additional important information. Not a warning or caution.



Manufacturer



Manufacturing date



Conforms to applicable European Directives (Essential Requirements)



Non-sterile



Advisable to consult accompanying documents



Medical device



Unique Device Identifier



Steam autoclave temperature for sterilization

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GENERAL INFORMATION

INTENDED APPLICATION AND USE

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PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The product label and direct markings on the device provide essential information such as the model number, lot number, and unique device identifier, which can be used to identify the device. Note the **sample** label at right.



APPLICABLE MODEL

3369

TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION

The manufacturer will make available upon request circuit diagrams, component part lists, descriptions, and calibration instructions to technical personnel responsible for the installation and service of this equipment.

AIR AND WATER SUPPLY

AIR	WATER
Air Quality: Dry and clean	Water Quality: Potable
Pressure: 80-105 psi	Hardness: 7.2 - 7.8 pH
	Pressure: 40-80 psi

PRODUCT DISPOSAL

Contact your local, authorized dealer for disposal of this device to ensure compliance with your local environmental regulations.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Operating Conditions:
Temperature: 67-76° F
Humidity: 20-60%

Shipping conditions:
Temperature: -68 - 122° F
Humidity: 10-90%



NOTE: Scan the engraved Unique Device Identifier (UDI) data matrix on the syringe using any data matrix reader or with your phone using standard off-the-shelf apps for data matrix reading.

INSTALLATION

Turn off the air and water supplies. Determine which of the syringe tubes leads to the air button and connect that tube to the air outlet on the dental unit or syringe manifold. Connect the other tube to the water outlet. For circulating syringes, the third tube is the return water, and is routed to the drain. Maximum operating pressures: Air 80 psi, Water 40 psi. DCI dental units use a manifold block to which the tubing from the syringe assembly gets attached. Supply lines going into the block are: Red or Blue tubing for water and Clear, Gray or Yellow tubing for air. See Figure 1 details.



NOTE: Verify installation by pressing the syringe buttons; ensure water is supplied when pressing the water button and air is supplied when pressing the air button.

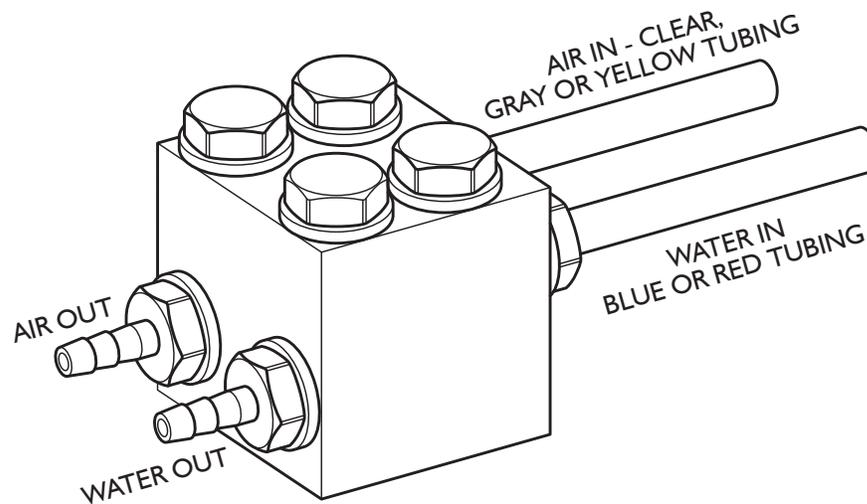


Figure 1: Output Details

OPERATION

CONTROLS

The syringe head is imprinted with symbols indicating the button functions. The button on the left is water, and the one on the right is air. Press both buttons simultaneously for steady uniform mist.

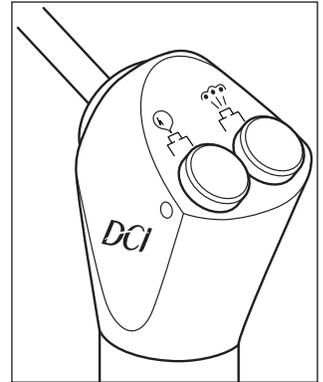


Figure 2: Water and Air Symbols

CHANGING THE TIP

A sterile syringe tip should be installed for each patient. To prevent contamination, sterile tips should be handled with a sterile gauze pad.

To remove the syringe tip, press down on the large collar. When you feel a soft “click”, the tip may be pulled straight out. Hold the collar down and insert the new tip. Be sure to press it all the way in, and then release the collar.



CAUTION: Syringe tip may eject if it is not properly installed. Test the installation by giving a firm pull on the tip to assure that it is inserted all the way, and that the locking mechanism is fully engaged.



WARNING: Use only DCI syringe tips in DCI syringes. DCI syringe tips are designed for use with DCI syringes. Syringe tips manufactured by a company other than DCI may not properly lock in place, potentially resulting in syringe tip ejection or impaired performance. Tip ejection may result in ingestion or aspiration of the tip requiring immediate medical attention.

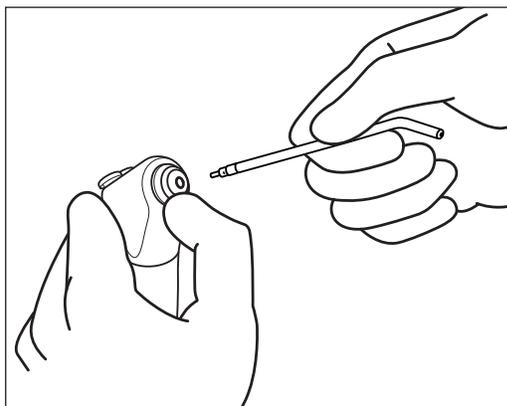


Figure 3: Changing the Tip

OPERATION

SYRINGE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

The syringe is engineered for quick, easy removal for cleaning and sterilization. The quick disconnect feature incorporates an internal shut-off valve that prevents leakage when the syringe is removed, even if the dental unit remains turned on.

To remove the syringe, grip the gray sleeve at the base of the handle, and turn it counterclockwise a quarter turn until it stops. Pull the syringe away from the Quick-Disconnect (Q.D.) cartridge.

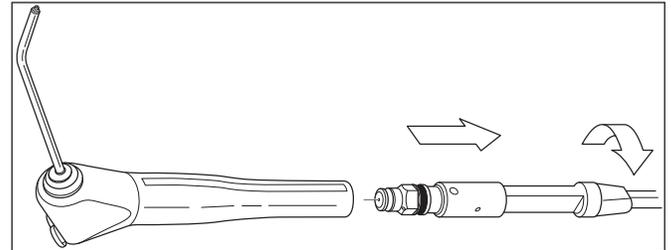


Figure 4: Syringe Removal



Syringes and tips are shipped non-sterile.



NOTE: Note the white sleeve around the syringe tubing. This is furnished to protect the Q.D. cartridge while the syringe is away for sterilization. After removing the syringe, slide the sleeve up the tubing until the Q.D. rests in it, and then place it in the syringe holder. This minimizes risk of damage to the Q.D. cartridge or of inadvertently opening the air and water shut-off valve in the Q.D.

To install the syringe, slip the Q.D. cartridge all the way into the syringe handle, and then turn it clockwise a quarter turn until it stops. This will turn the air and water on, making the syringe operational.

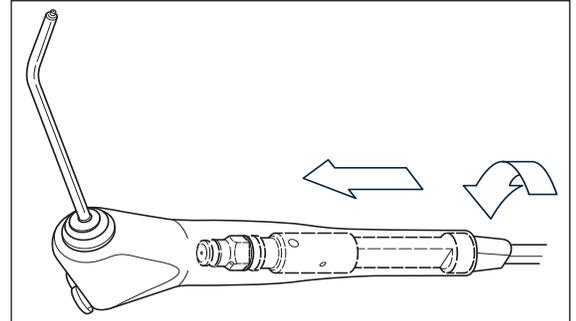


Figure 5: Syringe Insertion

If the Q.D. cartridge does not slip easily into the syringe handle, hanging up on the locking balls, it means that the shut-off valve has been rotated. Do not try to force the cartridge in. Remove the Q.D. cartridge and turn the hex-shaped portion counterclockwise as far as it goes (a quarter turn) to close the valve and allow installation of the syringe.

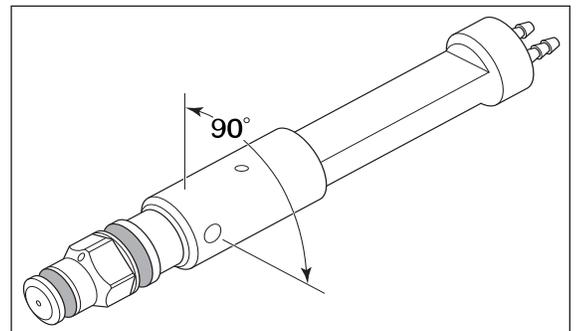


Figure 6: Q.D. Cartridge (Shut-off Valve Details)

CLEANING, DISINFECTING AND STERILIZATION

CLEANING

Clean the external surfaces of the syringe using a solution of mild detergent and warm water. A soft-bristled brush may be used to clean around the buttons and tip collar. Thoroughly rinse the syringe with clear water, then dry with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth.

DISINFECTING

The use of chemical disinfecting agents is not necessary if the syringe is going to be sterilized. While their use may be easy and quick, it is important to know the effectiveness of any chemical disinfectant against the various agents of infection that may be encountered. The use of an EPA-registered hospital disinfectant is adequate. Follow disinfectant manufacturer's instructions for use when disinfecting syringes.

STERILIZATION

Your Autoclavable syringe is specifically designed to be removed from the Q.D. Cartridge for sterilization. In any situation involving high-risk patients, it is recommended that the syringe be removed for sterilization along with the other instruments used.

The Quick-Change syringe tips should always be replaced with sterile ones before each patient.

Before sterilizing:

Clean syringe head and tips under running water for 30 seconds with a soft brush and place in an ultrasonic bath with an enzymatic cleaner to remove superficial debris prior to sterilization; any debris may reduce the effectiveness of the sterilization. Sterilization process is by steam autoclave.



Parameters:

For unwrapped syringe head: 132°C (270°F) for 3 minutes at temperature when using a gravity displacement autoclave.

For wrapped syringe tips: 132°C (270°F) for 15 minutes at temperature with a 30-minute drying time when using a gravity displacement autoclave.

Parameters for unwrapped: 132°C (270°F) for 3 minutes at temperature when using a gravity displacement autoclave.



CAUTION: Do not use powdered cleansers, scouring pads or abrasive scrubbers on any of the painted, plastic or metal surfaces of this dental delivery system. To remove dried-on material, use a soft bristled brush and a solution of mild detergent.

MAINTENANCE

LUBRICANT

All of the internal O-Rings and valve seals will perform better if lightly coated with All Purpose Lube (PN 8032). Anytime you replace O-Rings, they should be lubricated before installation.



CAUTION: The use of other types of lubricants may cause O-ring deterioration, resulting in syringe malfunction or failure.

BUTTON AND VALVE



CAUTION: Before removing buttons, turn off the dental unit to turn off the air and water supply. Bleed pressure from the system by running a handpiece or depressing the air/water buttons on the syringe while pointing the tip into a container to capture residual water from the system.

Use a non-metallic device such as a DCI button removal tool PN 8059, tongue depressor or similar item to gently pry the button valve out of the syringe body. Be careful not to lose the small coil spring that is located beneath the button.

Use the valve core tool (PN 3096) to unscrew the valve core from the syringe body. When installing the new valve core, do not over-tighten it. Excessive tightening may impair valve operation.



CAUTION: Do not install a used valve core. It may not seal properly and cause syringe to leak.

To replace the O-Ring on the syringe button, remove the old O-Ring carefully, so as to avoid damaging the button itself. Push the replacement O-Ring into its groove on the stem of the button.

Drop the coil spring into syringe body, and then carefully push the button into place.

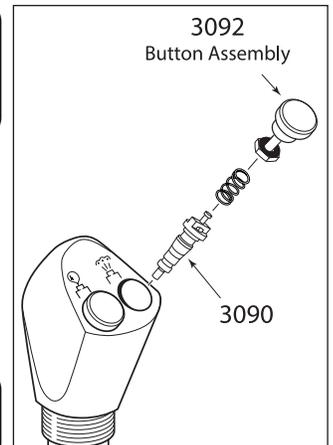


Figure 7: Illustrated Parts Breakdown

MAINTENANCE

TIP ADAPTER & COLLAR

Remove the syringe tip, and then use the hex key furnished with the Autoclavable Syringe Repair Kit to unscrew the tip adapter. Remove the adapter, collar and spring from the syringe body.

Use a dental pick or similar tool to remove the tiny O-Ring from the bottom of the bore in the syringe body. Be especially careful not to nick or scratch the sealing surfaces. The easiest way to install the replacement is to slip it onto the end of a syringe tip, lubricate the O-Ring, and then insert it into the bore. The O-Ring around the outside of the adapter is thin and fragile, so the new one has to be installed with care.

Before reinstalling the adapter and collar assembly, look down into the bore in the syringe body and assure that the alignment pin is in place. With the spring in place in the collar, align the slot in the collar with the pin, and then push the collar into the syringe body.



CAUTION: Incorrect installation of the adapter parts may impair syringe functionality. Verify Tip can be properly installed and that it locks in place by giving it a firm pull. Tips shall remain in syringe head.

Verify tip can also be easily removed by pressing on the collar and pulling the tip out of the syringe head.

Use the hex key to carefully screw in the adapter. Tighten the adapter firmly (35 in-lbs torque). If you don't have a torque measuring device, hold the hex key by the short end and tighten the adapter as tight as you can. This method installs the adapter to approximately 35 in-lbs torque.

Q.D. CARTRIDGE O-RINGS



CAUTION: Before removing buttons, turn off the dental unit to turn off the air and water supply. Bleed pressure from the system by running a handpiece or depressing the air/water buttons on the syringe while pointing the tip into a container to capture residual water from the system.

Removing the syringe from the Q.D. cartridge gives you access to the two O-Rings on the end of the adapter. A dental pick or similar tool can be used to remove the O-Rings.

IDENTIFYING THE AIR TUBE

Before undertaking further disassembly of the Q.D. Cartridge, it is necessary to identify and mark the air supply tube going to the syringe. Turn the hex shaped nut at the end of the cartridge clockwise as far as it turns (a quarter turn).

Look for the air outlet just above the hex-shaped part of the tip. The air supply tube is the one aligned directly below the outlet. Use a pen to mark the air tube for reference. See Figure 8.

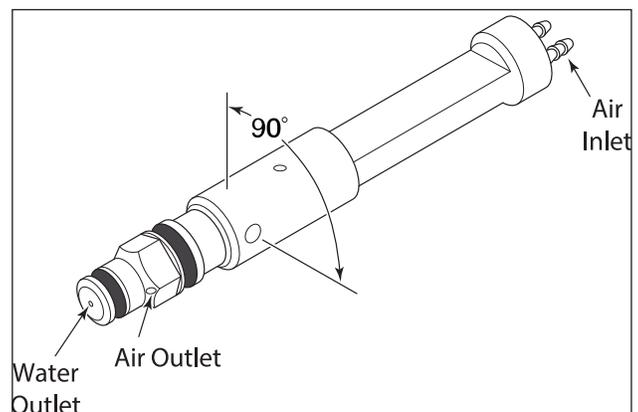
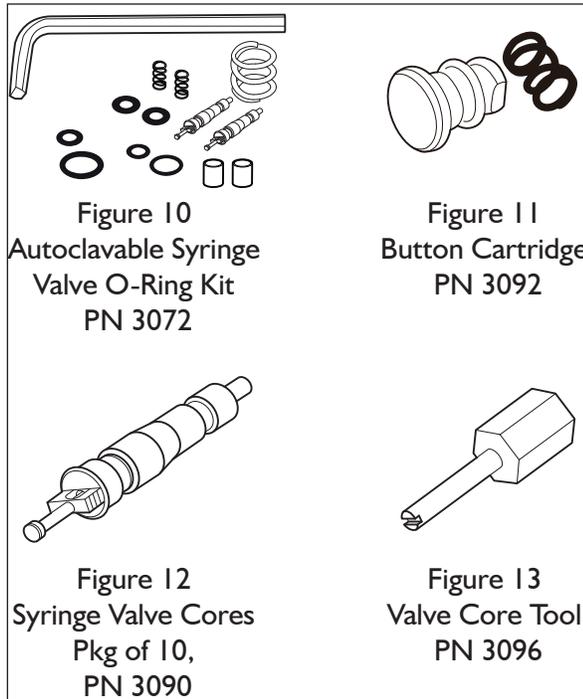


Figure 8: Q.D. Cartridge 3320

MAINTENANCE

SERVICE PARTS AND TOOLS

Most service can be easily done using the tools and parts in the Autoclavable Syringe Repair Kit (PN 3072).



TROUBLESHOOTING

The DCI Autoclavable Syringe is engineered for dependability. The troubleshooting guide gives the corrective action to be taken for the problems you may encounter.

Table I: Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Solution
Leakage around button	Replace button assembly or button O-Ring.
Leakage from Syringe tip	Replace valve core.
Momentary or constant water spray when air button is pressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace tip. • Replace the small O-Ring located behind the Quick-Change adapter.
Leakage from the syringe handle	Replace the O-Rings on the Q.D. cartridge tip.
Constant mist when the water button is pressed	Replace the small O-Ring on the Q.D. cartridge tip.

MAINTENANCE

STORAGE

Store in a dry, dust free location and do not mix with contaminated instruments.

Sterilized syringe tips shall be kept in a sterilization wrap or pouch to maintain sterility. Refer to the Instructions for Use from the sterilization packaging manufacturer to determine how long sterility can be maintained.

DISPOSAL

Contact your local authorized dealer for disposal of this device to ensure compliance with local environmental regulations.

PRODUCT SUPPORT

For additional product support, contact DCI Customer Service at 1(800)624-2793 or visit www.dcionline.com.

ONE YEAR GUARANTEE

DCI has put a lot of time and effort into designing, manufacturing or selecting all the fine products we sell. Therefore we are able to fully guarantee all our products to be free of manufacturing defects for one year from time of purchase. Should product fail for any reason due to manufacturing defect, DCI will repair or replace that product at no charge to the customer. Beyond the one-year period, we still back everything we sell with service at little or no cost to you.

You are responsible for proper care and maintenance of products purchased from DCI, and our guarantee does not cover damage resulting from improper maintenance or installation, accident or misuse. The guarantee does not cover damage resulting from use of surface disinfectants not approved by DCI.

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