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Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of Refrigerated Incubator or BOD Incubator

OBJECTIVE

In this SOP, users get to know about proper use and maintenance of BOD incubator or refrigerated incubator.

OPERATION

- 1. Ensure BOD incubator is connected with mains power supply
- 2. Switch ON the incubator by turning on/off switch to ON position
- 3. Temperature controller will show Set Valve (SV) and Process Value (PV)
- 4. If displayed value is correct then proceed ahead or set desired temperature valve

Temperature Controller Settings

- a. Set required temperature by SET key in temperature controller
- b. Press UP (\land) or DOWN (\lor) keys
- c. When desired temperature displays on screen, press ENT
- 1. If RS232 is available in incubator then connect incubator with PC / Laptop
 - 2. Keep samples inside chamber and close the door
 - 3. Ensure door is closed properly

- 4. Monitor temperature on display
- 5. Temperature should not vary $\pm 1^{\circ}$ C
- 6. If any discrepancy found, immediately inform

responsible person **CLEANING**

- 1. Cleaning frequency (once in a week)
- 2. Disconnect mains power supply
- 3. Disconnect printer / PC connections
- 4. Remove shelves / trays
- 5. Spray chamber inner surface with ethanol for disinfection (70-80% ethanol)
- 6. Wipe with sterilized non-woven fabric
- 7. Spray trays and wipe them same as chamber
- 8. Clean outer surface with disinfectant and lit free cloth
- 9. Insert trays back in the incubator
- 10. Turn ON incubator after confirming no smell of disinfectant inside the chamber
- 11. If any discrepancy found, immediately inform responsible person

MAINTENANCE

- 1. Always clean / wipe incubator after use
- 2. Clean temperature sensor probe every 2 months with soft cloth
- 3. Check air circulation fan, if found loose, fix it
- 4. Check working of temperature safety thermostat
- 5. Always record usage of incubator in log book

If any discrepancy found, immediately inform responsible person

CALIBRATION

- 1. Calibrate temperature controller once in year
- 2. Contact manufacturer or any external agency for calibration