

Sterilization solutions

Serving the pharma industry worldwide



Steelco GROUP



“For the Environmentally conscious”



Solutions for the pharmaceuticals and biotechnology companies

Located in modern factories near Venice in Italy, **Steelco Group** is a major global supplier of infection control and contamination prevention for the healthcare, laboratory and pharmaceutical sectors. Steelco's success is demonstrated by its strong growth, becoming the partner of choice for many of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies who appreciate the company's:

Extensive product range

With over 3000 installations worldwide, Steelco offers a wide portfolio including:

- Innovative washing equipment, customizing loading racks to customer needs.
- Diversified, steam and ETO sterilization range.
- Innovative fully automated closure processing equipment.
- Drying and depyrogenation ovens
- Automation systems to maximize productivity and safety.

Flexible solutions

- Ability to meet the most challenging processing needs.
- Only using best proven readily available control systems and components.

Experience and knowledge

- Strong track record of establishing long term global partnerships.
- Integrated in-house operations from incoming raw materials to installation, validation and technical support.
- Fully certified quality systems with knowledge of pharmaceutical manufacturing standards.

Global footprint

- Global HQ in Italy with regional customer support centres in America and Asia.
- Network of factory trained agencies in over 100 countries worldwide.



Center of washing systems production



Center of sterilizers production

Steelco Headquarters



Quality engineering process

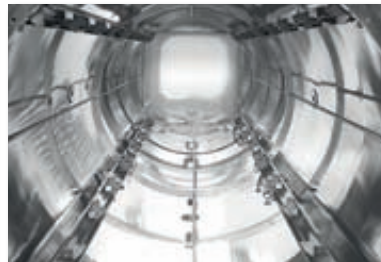
Steelco Group’s engineering experience encompasses knowledge and understanding to be able to satisfy the most stringent requests from clients.

Technical consulting, design, engineering, project management, as well as commissioning and qualification services of our equipment is offered, with customers appreciating the cost effective high performance solutions offered to resolve complex washing and sterilization challenges.

Our respected engineering experience in the medical, laboratory, pharmaceutical and biotech fields allows us to develop a proven approach that prioritizes the pharma manufacturing process and safety bearing in mind life cycle costs of the equipment.

Our methodical approach is to first develop an in-depth understanding of the project and the product goals in order to offer the best equipment and solution for the application.

Customers are always welcome to visit Steelco factories to see design and manufacturing methods and audit our processes.



Quality system certification

In addition to having a certified Quality System as per ISO 9001 (and ISO 13485 for Medical Division), our products are subject to rigorous quality control systems and inspection. This coupled with continuously training our technically specialized personnel ensures you receive best in class product solutions and support.

We constantly strive to improve on our high standards to enable us to deliver optimal solutions for our partners in the pharma industry.



ISO 9001:2008
Quality management systems



ISO 13485:2012



AEO/C Certification



SAI GLOBAL
ISO 13485:2003
& CMDCAS
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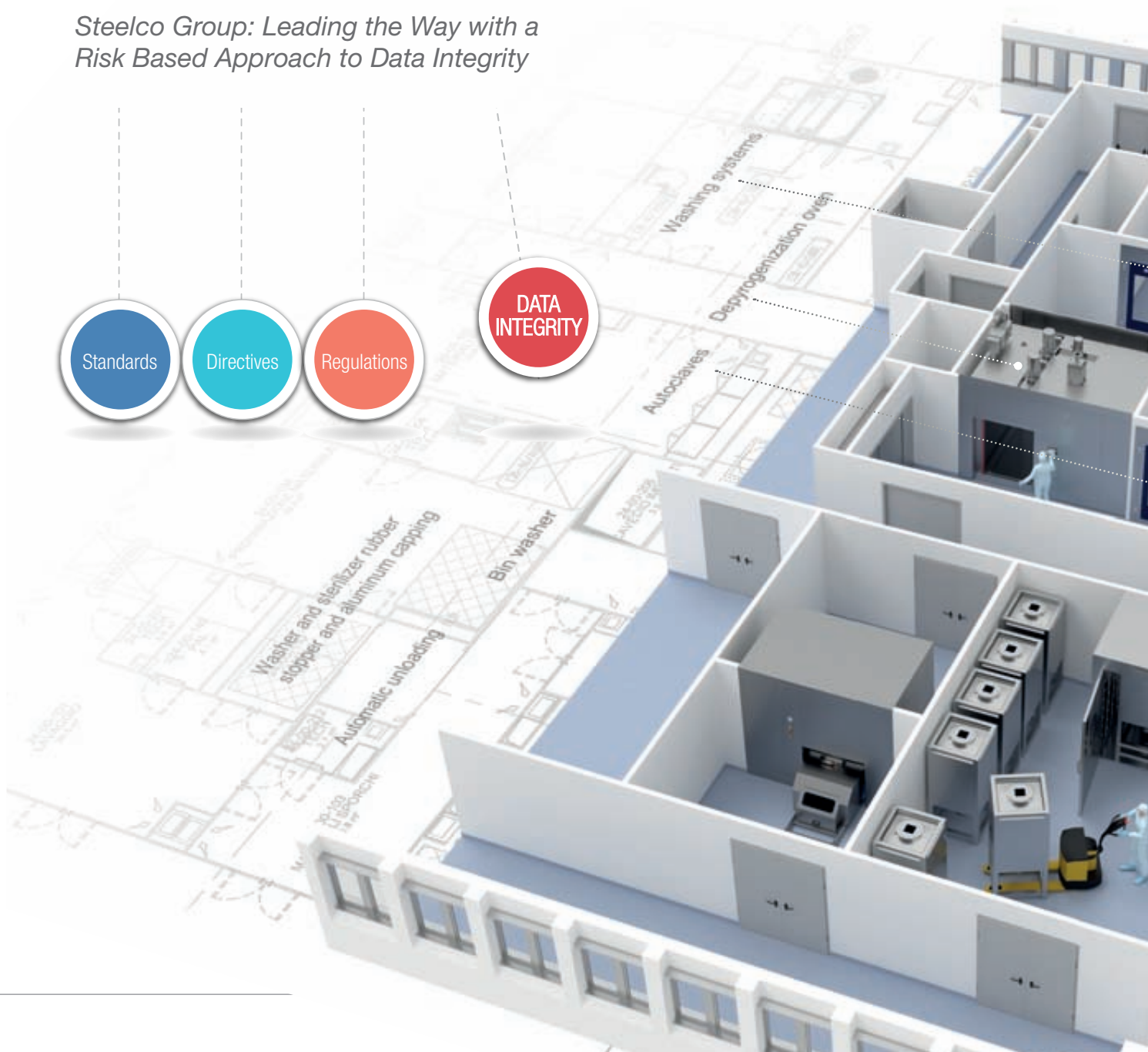


3D project layouts

Steelco Group offers complete “turnkey” solutions for washing and sterilization processes in the pharmaceutical sector, with the ability to undertake all stages of a project from concept to delivering solutions that exceed customer expectations.

Steelco’s extensive experience assists customers to increase process productivity and quality with improved ergonomics whilst limiting costs.

Steelco Group: Leading the Way with a Risk Based Approach to Data Integrity





Extensive customer support services

Steelco Group offers a comprehensive range of services to ensure the success of projects at each important step including:

- Process and workflow design
- Process equipment design and manufacture
- Automation and SCADA
- Installation and commissioning
- Training packages, from basic to in-depth
- Validation and documentation:
- cGMP compliance consultancy and assessment
- Training and assistance if requested by pharmaceutical companies as well as regulatory inspectors on GMP related topics
- Spare parts supply and first line service training
- Fully comprehensive and preventative maintenance contracts
- Periodic validation and re-qualification as required.

For all previously installed equipment Steelco can offer a range of customizable service packages. Customer service excellence is Steelco Group's commitment to our clients and a cornerstone of our success with emergency service support if needed available, 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Academy

Subject matter expertise is shared by our trainers at the Steelco academy near Venice, Italy or at locations convenient to customers, with training on a wide range of topics that are focused on:

- Standards and work practices
- Equipment and its use
- Technical service training



Design warranty

Thanks to the design and quality of equipment, as well as the reliability of the components used, Steelco can offer extended warranties.

Standard warranty is 10 years on pressure vessels. Steelco warrants all materials and workmanship to be free of defects for 18 months from shipment date. Steelco's pharma sterilizer door gasket design carries a 4 years warranty without any lubrication required.

Only the best available “Non-Proprietary” components such as valves are sourced. Components are selected for their reliability and availability to reduce running costs and down time.

Steelco can use customer preferred parts provided that these meet performance and reliability requirements.





Control system

User friendly control systems developed according to the latest GAMP and design for 21 CFR Part 11 available, sourced from the best available suppliers avoiding customized electronics.

Steelco Group can provide software source codes, allowing its customers to become **owners of the control system** of the machine (“open source architecture”).

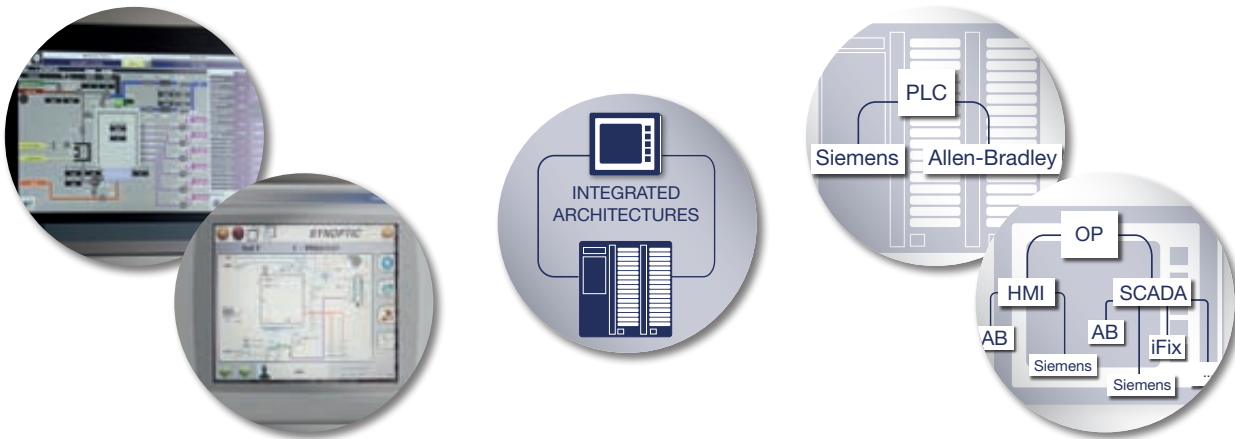
System platforms available include Siemens and Allen-Bradley which are easily integrated with those already installed by pharmaceutical companies. The software is structured and commented in English to allow a better understanding of functionality. **Multi Language tool** for development software is also available.

Software is developed in compliance with current coding rules and programming and according to standard ISA 88, ISA 95, IEC 61131-3 standard & GAMP 5.

The structure is designed for straightforward validation by the end user.

Tools to simplify validation are also available (validation wizard).

Remote diagnostic capabilities are available for all our controller solutions.



International standards:

ISA 88	Standard addressing batch process control
ISA 95	Enterprise-Control System Integration
IEC 61131	Programmable controllers

Integrated architecture

Steelco can install new equipment into an existing automation system through the adoption of a simple (HMI) or more sophisticated (SCADA) man-machine interface.

Complete customization of access levels is available (local or domain users).

In compliance with the individual internal policies of each customer, Steelco Group offers remote service access by using virtual private networks to ensure the confidentiality and safety of all transferred data.

Safe remote access using UMTS/LTE/GPRS networks solutions are also available.

All Steelco machines share the same interface system: despite different functions of models with a logical evolution based graphic interface to ensure easier training and use by operators.

Our machines are level 1 and 2 of the standard ISA 95, with the ability to connect and supply all the next levels.

Level 4	BUSINESS LOGISTIC SYSTEMS (ERP)	BUSINESS PLANNING & LOGISTICS Plant Production Scheduling, Operational Management, etc	Establishing the basic plant schedule - production, material use, delivery, and shipping. Determining inventory levels. Time Frame: Months, weeks, days
Level 3	MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS SYSTEMS MES, BATCH, LIMS, AM, etc	MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT Dispatching Production, Detailed Production Scheduling, Reliability Assurance...	Work flow / recipe control to produce the desired end products, maintaining records and optimizing the production process. Time Frame: Days, Shifts, hours, minutes, seconds
Level 2	CONTROL SYSTEMS PLC, DCS, PAC	MANUFACTURING CONTROL Basic control, supervisory control, process sensing, process manipulation	Monitoring, supervisory control and automated control of the production process. Time Frame: Minutes, seconds
Level 1	INTELLIGENT DEVICES FLOW, VISION, PRESSURE, etc		Sensing the production process, manipulating the production process. Time Frame: Minutes, seconds, milliseconds
Level 0			The actual production process. Time Frame: Minutes, seconds, milliseconds



Validation documents

User safety, product quality and data integrity are Steelco Group core values.

Equipment is developed and validated according to the latest GAMP and cGMP standards. Steelco “know-how” allows the client’s to benefit from optimal solutions for their individual requirements, in order to perform effectively and reproducibility cleaning, sterilization and validation of pharma production components.

A risk based approach to comply with regulatory requirements is fundamental in the development of our validation documentation. An extensive package is available to minimize on-site validation time.

Steelco Group documents include but are not limited to the following:

- Hardware Design Specification
- Functional Design Specification
- Software Design Specification
- P&ID (Piping and Instrumentation Diagram)
- Component List
- General Arrangement Drawing
- Electrical Drawings
- Quality and Project Plan
- Traceability Matrix



Steelco Group is available to customize documentation packages according to customer standard requirements and to produce specific documents upon request.

Pre-validation of Steelco Group equipment ensures minimal project risk, less time and cost to qualify the units on site.

Acceptance Tests & on site activities

Factory Acceptance Test and Site Acceptance Tests.

Steelco Group is available anytime to support customers during all acceptance on site including process development and mapping.

All on site activities undertaken to pre-agreed written to pre-agreed protocols according to GDP and HSE requirements.

Steelco keeps records of the technical file of each machine to enable full access in case of third party inspection to verify compliance with directives and regulations currently in force.

Expertise in Design Quality and Hazop is available to customers.

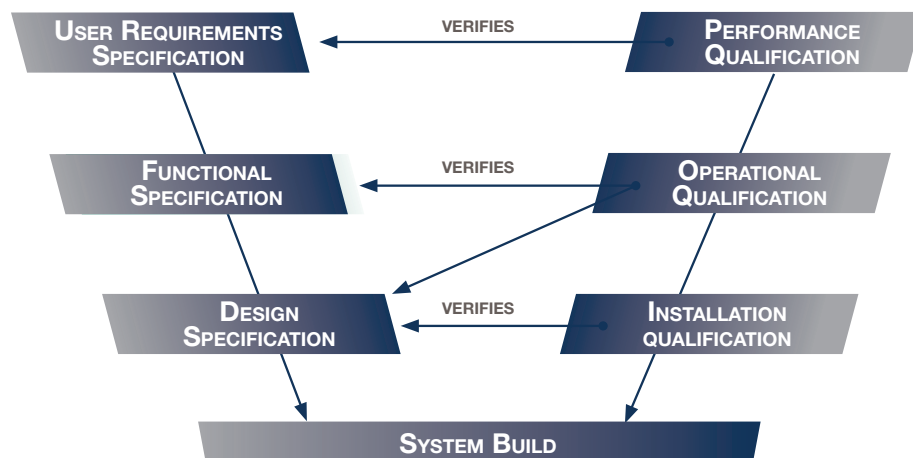
Installation qualification (IQ), operational qualification (OQ), and performance qualification (PQ) are provided in standard version or customized according to the final scope of supply.

Our equipment manufacturing centres are equipped with water production systems that can simulate water quality found at customer sites.



Spray coverage test: riboflavin contamination of critic areas before cleaning phase.

V-MODEL FOR SPECIFICATION, INSTALLATION, START UP AND QUALIFICATIONS





Compliance and guidelines

Steelco Group complies with latest International requirements and guidelines, as well as local standards as applicable:

European Directives

2006/42/EC	Safety of machinery
2004/108/EC and amendments	Electromagnetic compatibility
2006/95/EC and amendments	Low-voltage devices
97/23/CE	Pressure Equipment Directive-PED
ATEX 94/9/CE	Electrical equipment for explosive atmospheres

European standards

EN 12100-1	Safety of machinery. Basic concepts, general principles for design. Part 1: Basic terminology, methodology.
EN 12100-2	Safety of machinery. Basic concepts, general principles for design.
EN 13857	Safety of machinery. Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs.
EN 349	Safety of machinery. Minimum gaps to avoid crushing parts of the human body.
EN 61000-6-2 EN 61000-6-4	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Generic standard. Part 6-2: Immunity for industrial environment. Part 6-4: Emission Standard for industrial environments (IEC 61000-6-4,modified); German version EN 61000-6-4.
EN 55011	Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio-frequency equipment.
EN 61000-4-2 (IEC 1000.4.2) EN 61000-4-4 (IEC 1000.4.4)	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC). Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques. Section 2: Electrostatic discharge immunity test. Section 4: Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test.
AD 2000	Calculation code harmonized with Directive 97/23/EC.
EN 60204-1 (IEC 204.1)	Safety of machinery. Electrical equipment of machines. Part 1: General requirement.
EN ISO 11135	Specifies requirements for the development, validation and routine control of an ethylene oxide sterilization process.
EN 1422	Sterilizers For Medical Purposes. Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers. Requirements And Test Methods.

United States Standards

OSHA
NFPA
FDA
UL Standard
ASME

Canada Standards

CSA
CRN

Russian Standards

GOST

China Regulation

SELO



CLOSURE PROCESSOR

Completely integrated
all in one solution



LT/ST/LST Series

Closure processor

Sterile continuity is the vision

Steelco Group aims at reducing manual contact to the minimum level. The LST/LT series is ideal for the treatment of closures for containers normally used in the pharmaceutical industry, where **continuous sterility has to be maintained** between different phases.

The LST Series offers **washing, rinsing, siliconizing, sterilizing, drying** and **cooling** all in one solution and is compatible with different loading/unloading systems, with the ability to interface with vaporized hydrogen peroxide isolator.

Steelco Group produces a “**Closure washer**” version - **LT series** - which only provides washing, rinsing, siliconizing, drying and cooling phases.

Thanks to an extended range of capabilities, Steelco Group now offers innovative customized stopper processor solutions for highly cost-effective projects.



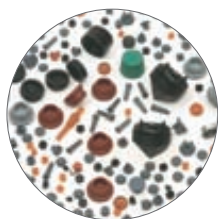
Chamber volume

from 40 litres / 1.4 cu.ft
to 480 litres / 17 cu.ft

Useful baskets volume (litres / cu. ft.)

40 / 1.4
80 / 2.8
120 / 4.2
180 / 6.4
240 / 8.5
480 / 17

Field of application

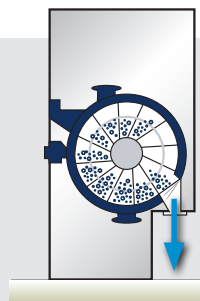
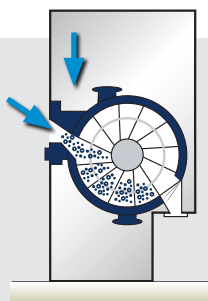


Designed for the complete treatment of closure devices for pharmaceutical products such as:
rubber stoppers, plastic stoppers, droppers, pistons, aluminium caps and other similar components.

Technical data, utilities consumptions and drawings are available upon request

Closures loading options:

- Manual
- Automatic



Automatic unloading into:

- Wheeled tanks
- Containers
- Sterile bags
- Sterile bags through HPV (hydrogen peroxide vapor) isolator

Advantages of Steelco technology

Physical separation of the load into different sub batches (basket) with uniform capacity offers the following advantages:

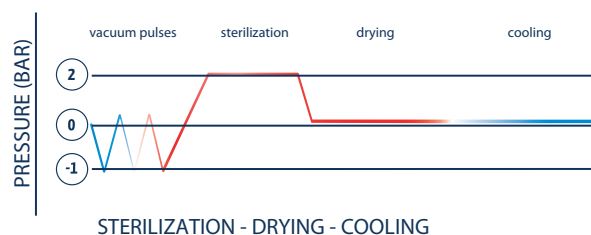
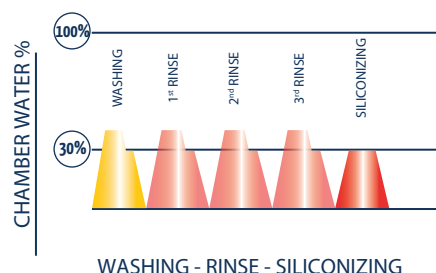
- ✓ capable of processing **different kinds of stoppers** at the same time
- ✓ elimination of the **excessive accumulation of material** during treatment phases
- ✓ **minimizing particle generation** due to mechanical stress and effective endotoxin reduction
- ✓ **enhanced surface exposure** to process fluids
- ✓ optimization of the washing process, with **effective endotoxin and particle reduction**
- ✓ **uniform silicone distribution** on individual stoppers and the entire batch
- ✓ **optimization of the CIP** phase
- ✓ more efficient cycle, optimize running costs

Customized cycle according to client requirements

Sterilizing quality process

The process consists of combined phases and actions designed to provide maximum process flexibility and efficiency.

The choice of time and phase succession allows the user to obtain the most appropriate cycle to match the characteristics of the material to be processed.



The **control system** manages the machine and its basic parameters, such as temperatures, F0, vacuum/pressure, times and level control, and other critical parameters.

The control system monitors, records, and controls the operation of the equipment.

Ethernet ports allow the downloading of data to a local computer or to a future plant data collection system.

Cycle phases

PHASES	ACTIONS				
Loading of material	through prearranged system	3 Rinsing phases	rotation, fluid bed	Sterilization	steam at 121 °C
Washing	rotation, fluid bed, detergent	overflow	rotation, water diffuser	Drying	sterile air with HEPA filters
overflow	rotation, water diffuser	drain	rotation, water spraying	Cooling	sterile air with HEPA filters
drain	rotation, water spraying	dripping	rotation	Product discharge	in a sterile environment by means of prearranged system
dripping	rotation	Siliconizing	rotation, fluid bed, silicone		
		drain	rotation, water spraying		
		dripping	rotation		



LT/ST/LST Series

Construction features

The machine body and jacket are completely made of AISI 316L stainless-steel. The machine body is **insulated with ceramic material and with an external cladding** of stainless steel.

AISI 316L stainless steel piping is connected with ASME tri-clamp connections. The inner part of the chamber, the tubings, the baskets and all parts in contact with the product are polished to $\leq 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ / $20 \mu\text{in}$.

All welds are continuous, ground and provided with a surface finish equal to the level of finish of the adjacent surfaces joined by the weld according to ASME BPE requirements. Gaskets, elastomers, sleeves, and other interior sealing components are FDA approved.

- ✓ **Fluid bed washing technology** powered by a water recirculation pump
- ✓ A **gentler** and more effective **washing action**.
- ✓ **No use of compressed air** during the washing cycle.
- ✓ The recirculation pump also acts as an **emulsifier of the silicone oil injected** and precisely dosed into the recirculation pump loop system.
- ✓ Lower levels of silicone oil per cycle than other solutions, **making the CIP WIP cycle much more effective**.
- ✓ **Highly effective drying system** by air pulses and a rotating chamber canister.



Sample points available for analysis



Filters available for recycling phase



Electrical Panel in compliance with EU, UL and local standards as needed

Chamber features

Even distribution of load in separate baskets **ensures better final results.**

Washing by a simultaneous **combination of basket rotation and fluid-bed action** is achieved by a recirculation pump and spray nozzles. It is designed for continuous effective operation without excessive adjustment or replacement due to wear.

The possibility to visually check line clearance simplifies the verification that no stoppers are left in the unit from previous cycles.

Suspended particles are skimmed off by side overflow drains. Appropriate sized relief valves are provided as required for each pressurized component.



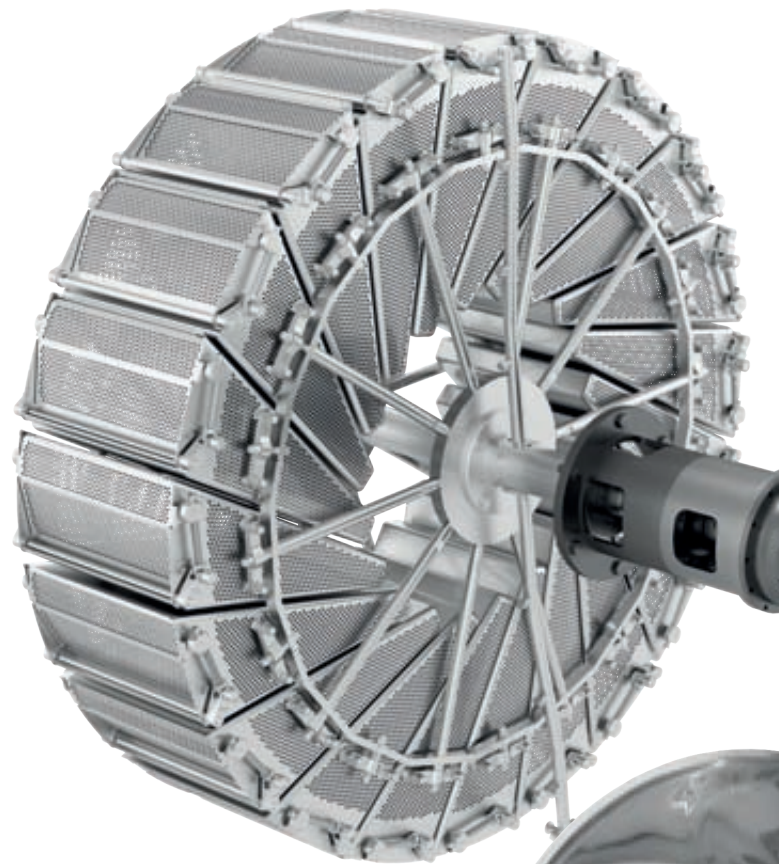
The chamber **can be completely inspected** through a loading door. The basket doors have automatic opening and closure.



No presence of sharp edges in order to prevent injuries to equipment operators or damaging of the closures.



Ten different loading and unloading solutions are offered.



Loading systems

Automatic loading is undertaken using a: stopper storage tank with mixer, suction tube, measuring tank with sanitary valves and aspirator.

Manual loading is carried out using AISI 304 stainless-steel containers of the same capacity as the machine baskets.





Unloading systems

Possibility to interface the unloading door with **wheeled tanks, containers, sterile transfer bags** and **HPV (hydrogen peroxide vapor) isolator**.

Unloading door equipped with a system for interfacing with clean area (bio-seal frame with “FDA approved facilities”).

Chamber doors made in accordance with requirements for sterile environments.

Semiautomatic unloading into containers (“standard” application)

Unloading is semi-automatic and undertaken in stainless steel containers provided with a lid of the same capacity as the machine basket. The unloading phase is protected by a sterile air flow originating from the inside of the chamber.

Automatic unloading into wheeled containers with Alfa Beta valve

Unloading is completely automatic and it is achieved with hermetically sealed wheeled containers of 100 liter capacity; the containers are built of AISI 316L stainless steel and are internally sterilizable.

Semiautomatic unloading into Sterile bags

Unloading is semiautomatic and it is discharged through sterilized PVC bags. The bags are treated at the stainless-steel station provided with a heat-sealing system for sealing the PVC bags. The unloading phase is protected by a sterile air laminar flow.

Automatic unloading into clean pre-sterilized bags through HPV Isolator

Unloading is completely automatic and it is carried out through HPV Isolator and transferring into alpha-beta sterilized bags.

The complete system includes:

- HPV isolator with alpha-beta port.
- HPV generator.
- Conveyor system from CPE port and alpha-beta port.
- Set of alpha-beta bags (each bag with the same capacity as each basket of the CPE – 10 liters of stoppers).
- Transferring trolley for bags.

Automatic unloading into Sartorius Stedim Biotech clean & pre-sterilized Biosafe® Bags through the Biosafe® Biosteam S Port

Unloading is completely automatic and is carried out through the Biosafe® Biosteam S Port transferring the closure into gamma-irradiated Biosafe® Bags.

The complete system includes:

- Biosafe® Biosteam Port ducted to the closure processing equipment.
- Biosafe® 110 Monolever Port ducted to the isolator of the filling machine.
- Disposable Biosafe® Bags.
- Transferring trolley for Biosafe® Bags filled with closure.

Biosafe and Biosteam are registered trademarks of Sartorius Stedim Aseptics S.A.



Patent pending





STERILIZING AUTOCLAVE

Versatile cGMP Steam Sterilizers



AV Series

Saturated steam sterilizers

Obtain the best results

In pharmaceutical production, the need to optimize sterilization processes is important to **increase safety** and **productivity**.

Steelco Group is able to offer an extremely diversified product range capable of meeting the requirements of the most varied applications and satisfy the strict standards of the pharmaceutical industry.

Due to our investments in the research of innovative solutions, Steelco sterilizers are **high performing**, **reliable** and **easy to use with excellent results**.

Steelco Group offers a wide selection of saturated steam sterilizers to exceed industry standards, available in single or pass-through versions, with hinged (AVL Series) or sliding doors (AVS Series).

Built to a very high standard, each unit is tailored to the customer's individual specifications.

Cart guides are welded into chamber floor.



Field of application



Used for sterilizing steam safe materials such as: **vials, bottles, glass items, fabric materials, sealed or vented containers, rubber parts, machine part and filters**, etc.

Chamber volume

**from 195 litres / 7 cu.ft
to 10.000 litres / 353 cu.ft**

in several different dimensions with configurable options

Technical data, utilities consumption and drawings available upon request

Floor or pit mounted solutions

Flexible layout options

The AV Series offers **flexibility configuration** and **versatility**.

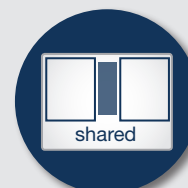
For example, the electrical panel can be integrated or remotely installed.



Technical area



Technical area



Technical area



Round or Rectangular chamber

Sterilizing quality process

The sterilization cycle has been specifically designed to reduce time and energy consumption, improving efficiency and throughput.

The preconditioning phase at the beginning of the cycle and the fractional vacuum phase at the end have been developed to maximize performance and minimize cycle time and energy use.

Each sterilizer can be equipped with any combination of cycles with complete flexibility to customize each phase and its parameters. Cycles are easily recalled from the HMI and are protected from unauthorized changes by a multi-level password system.

The following cycles are available depending on machine specification:

Service programs:

Vacuum leak test

Machine SIP

Bowie & Dick test

Automatic sterilization of machine and vacuum brake filter (SIP)

Predisposition for Automatic integrity test of vacuum brake filter (W.I.T.)

Working programs:

Fractioned vacuum

Rapid cooling by shower and counterpressure

Gravity purge and counter-pressure

Rapid cooling by shower and counterpressure + seal test by vacuum crush

Cooling by water injection in the jacket and counter-pressure

Air + steam mixture and counter-pressure

Tyndalization

Pharmacy with natural cooling

Slow heating with drying by slow vacuum

Drying by hot air



The **control system** manages the machine and its basic parameters, such as temperature, F0 and pressure; it enables easy interfacing with the operator and makes the customization of working cycles and maintenance operations possible.

Software used by Steelco is according to GAMP guidelines and designed for 21 CFR Part 11 where required.

SCADA system available for complete integration.



Pit mounted
or Floor loaded



Vertical Sliding down



Horizontal Sliding
Left or Right



Hinged door
Left or right





AV Series

Construction features

In the standard version, the door seal is achieved by a pneumatically pressurized silicone gasket; ensuring the integrity of the door in any phase of operation.

Sliding doors are driven by an electromechanical system made in compliance with the requirements for clean areas and it is equipped with bio-seal or airtight separation.

Door seal system guaranteed for 4 years operational use without lubrication.

All piping and ports in contact with the chamber are made of AISI 316L, are sloped and self draining. All components are of sanitary type where appropriate, including clamp fittings.



Low maintenance with long life proven components.



The sterilizing chamber is entirely **covered by a full jacket system of dimple welded type** for fast heat transfer and to optimize chamber temperature distribution.



Single or twin air filters installed in parallel, capable of being sterilized in place.



Air detector following EN 285 to detect the presence of air or non-condensable gases within pure steam.



The front loading side is fitted with **connection ports** for validation testing.



Airtight or bio-seal separation.



Optimised for energy savings & low wastage. Drain cooling system available to cool down all effluents prior to discharge into drains.

Safe applications

The unloading door can be interfaced with a HPV (hydrogen peroxide vapor) generator and/or isolation technology or with dedicated systems according to sterile requirements.



HPV generator



Isolation Technology



TERMINAL STERILIZATION

Steam Air Mixture Sterilizer
& Superheated Water Sterilizer



AMS Series

Steam Air Mixture sterilizer

Different options for differing needs

Steelco's range autoclaves using **air + steam** or **superheated water** are for the terminal sterilization of injectable solutions.

Both methods of sterilization avoid any damage of the processed liquid material and their containers, including heat sensitive materials.

Thanks to an effective recirculation of air or water, uniform temperature is maintained in the sterilizing chamber, during all process phases.

Required pressure balance is achieved by using sterile compressed air in the chamber.

Field of application



Used to sterilize liquids in sealed or heat-sensitive containers such as: **bottles, ampoules, vials, semi-open containers, bags, blister packing, pre-filled syringes, pockets, contact lenses, LPV's, etc.** and also for

the **pasteurization** of products like **blood plasma**.

Air-Steam or Superheated Water Process?

Selection depends on the products thermal lability, level of dryness to be reached, utilities available on site and running costs.

ASW Series

Superheated Water sterilizer



Chamber volume

**from 830 litres / 29 cu.ft
to 25.000 litres / 883 cu.ft**

in several different chamber sizes, configurations and accessories to tailor each unit to exact requirements

Technical data, utilities consumption and drawings available upon request
Floor or pit mounted solutions

Versatile loading/unloading systems and automation

Steelco can provide a range of automated loading and unloading solutions including integration with robotic systems.



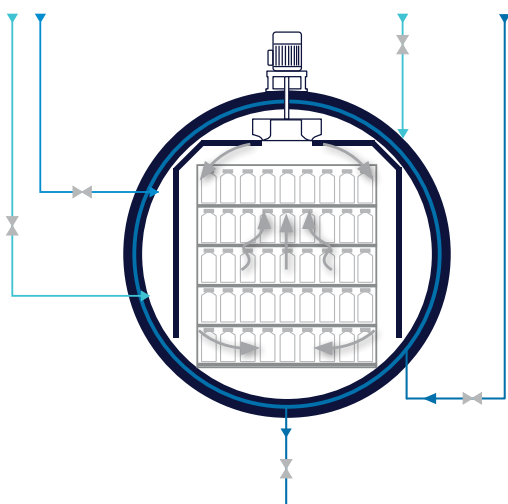
Sterilizing quality process

AMS Series

The sterilization program using an **steam air mixture** is appropriate for different types of loads.

It is also used in **microbiological laboratories**, particularly in the sterilization of sealed plastic containers.

The process includes the **application of counterpressure** to avoid permanent deformation of containers.



Sterile compressed air

Pure steam is used in the chamber for heating liquids and **over-pressure filtered air** is injected into chamber to compensate for the rising temperature and pressure inside products.

Internal fans ensure a **uniform temperature distribution**, between 110°C to 135°C, and to avoid cold spots across the chamber.

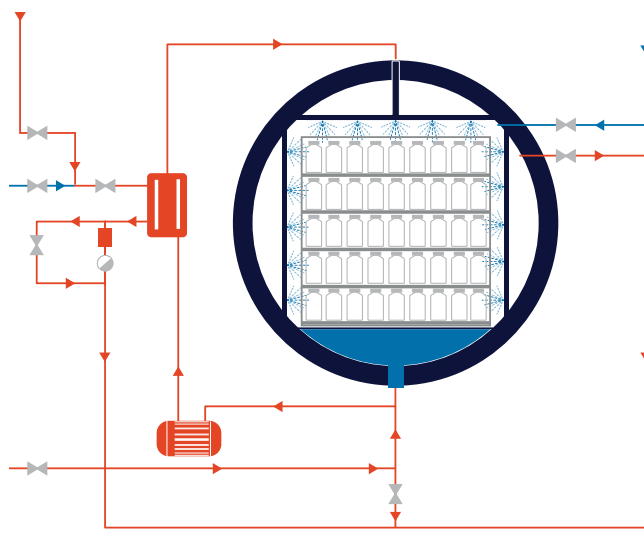
Rapid heating and cooling are standard phases. Products are completely dry at the end of the cycle.

ASW Series

The sterilization program using **superheated water** is used mainly for sterilizing large containers, although it can also be used for other types of loads.

The product is **treated in counterpressure**, in order to avoid deforming or breaking the containers

Rapid, safe and effective terminal sterilization process for high product throughput.



High capacity pump

Water is continuously circulated through the system and cascades over the load using spray nozzles, high capacity pump and large diameter piping to ensure **high water flow rates**.

The recirculating water is heated and cooled **by external heat exchangers**.

Meticulous **control of heating and sterilization** is achieved by superheating the water using modulated steam.

Compressed air at overpressure

is injected to compensate for the rising temperature and pressure that builds inside the products when heated.

The **cooling phase** brings the product down to ambient temperature by continuously spraying the recirculating water over the load.

To assist heat penetration and when fluids are liable to separation, the **load can be rotated** during the complete cycle.

Chamber Seal

An automatic pressure sealing type door gasket is available upon request.

This system ensures the seal of the door in any condition of operation.

Steelco Group guarantees these door seals for it 4 years.





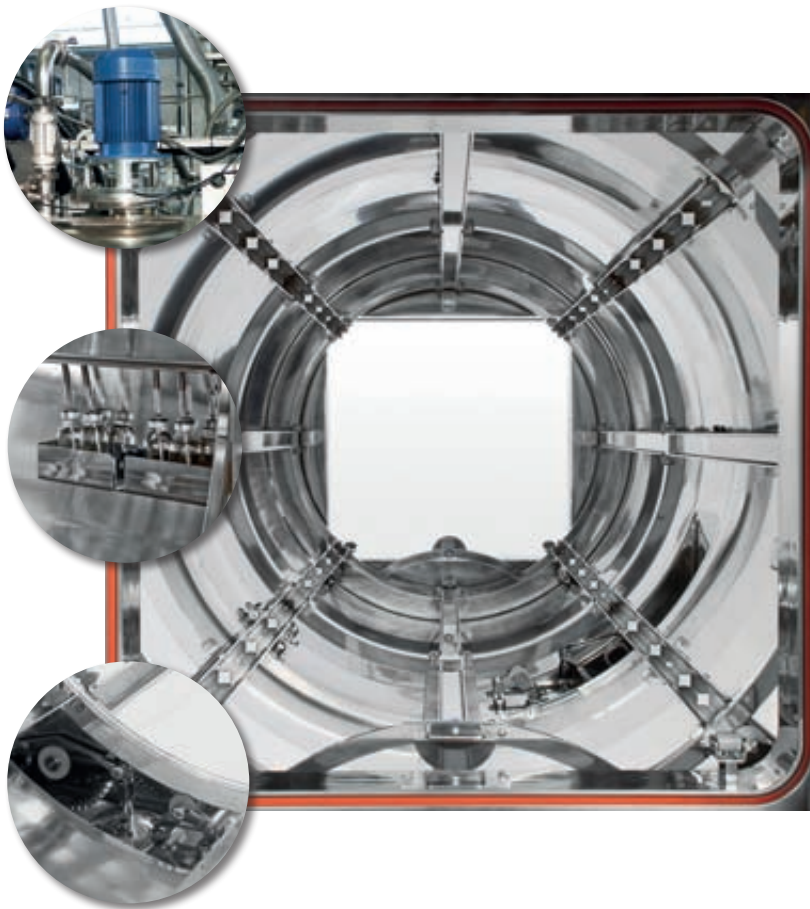
AMS/ASW Series

Construction features

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Pipings in compliance with ASME BPE made of AISI 316L stainless steel with tri-clamp fittings and all machine components of sanitary type.

The inner part of the chamber, the tubings, the baskets and all parts in contact with the product are polished to $\leq 0.5 \mu\text{m}$.



- ✓ Unique sealing of fan shaft for **easy inspection and maintenance**
- ✓ **Uniformity of temperature** guaranteed by recirculation pump action
- ✓ **Flexible RTDs**
- ✓ Energy savings with **recirculation water cooling system**
- ✓ **Preprogrammed cycles and self-diagnostics cycles**
- ✓ Front loading side with the **connection ports** required for the validation tests.
- ✓ **Grounding lug** for proper static grounding and **seismic compliance** if required

Useful combined solution

Steelco Group designs combined/modular systems sterilization, where heating and sterilization phases are carried out with saturated steam, like a normal sterilizer, or with a mixture of steam and air in the same autoclave, or with hot water.





CHEMICAL STERILIZATION

Ethylene Oxide Sterilizer



AGS/AGS-E Series

Ethylene Oxide Sterilizer

Steelco's latest range of sterilizing autoclaves using Ethylene Oxide increases performance and versatility.

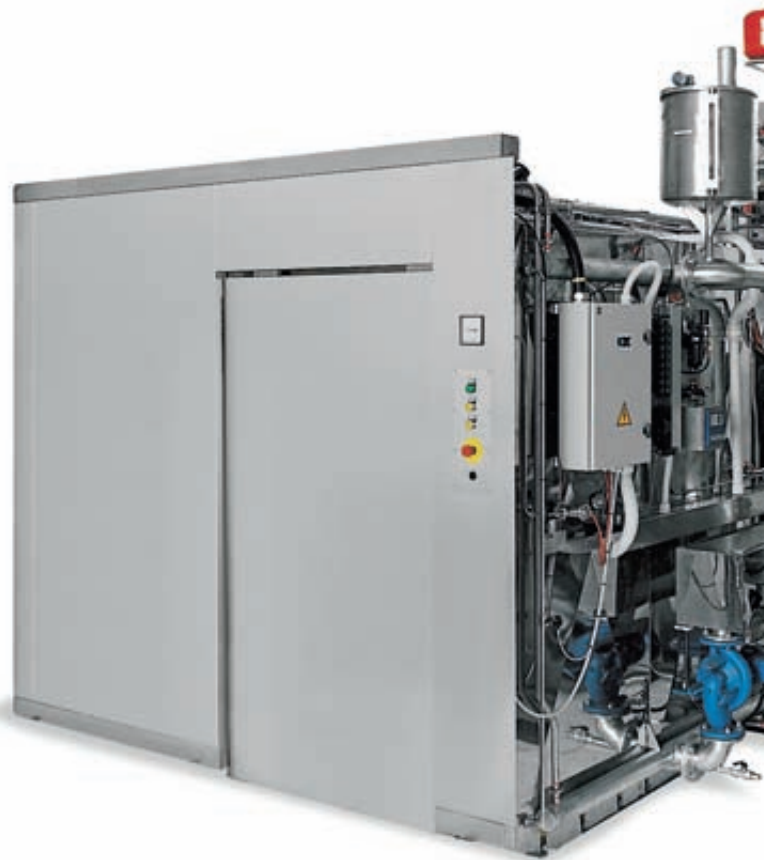
Manufactured in our factories in Italy after a long research program and an extensive series of tests, the AGS/AGS-E series is **the best relationship between engineering, quality, price, operating running costs** and most important **safety of the system and operators**.

Steelco's range of ETO sterilizers use **thermal combustion** for a **complete breakdown of the sterilizing gas**.

Field of application



Used for low temperature sterilization of heat-sensitive products according to the EN 1422 Standards for the medical processing industry such as: **plastic syringes, perfusion sets, dialysis cartridges, heat-sensitive rubber products** and **special surgical instruments**.



Productivity and energy saving

The new range has been designed for best in class energy recovery in order to optimize consumption.

The vacuum system is provided with a water ring pump, which is supplied with water drawn from the separator by creating a closed circuit. The temperature is maintained at optimum levels by a heat exchanger. The pump outflow is directed to the separator, from where it is sent to the neutralizing system.

Chamber volume

**from 1000 litres / 35 cu.ft
to 63.000 litres / 2.225 cu.ft**

Available in a wide range of chamber sizes and volume.

Technical data, utilities consumption and drawings available upon request

Following customer requests, dedicated chambers for separate processes can be supplied:



Degassing chambers



Sterilization chambers



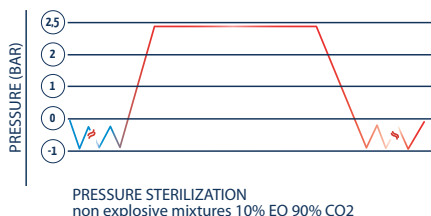
Conditioning chambers

Process under optimized conditions

AGS series

Pressure sterilization program

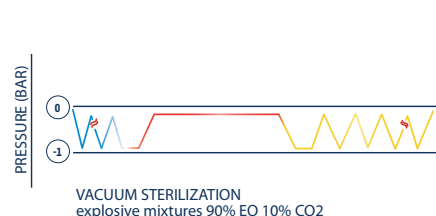
up to 10% of Ethylene Oxide, with the remaining 90% made of inert gas (normally Nitrogen)



AGS-E series

Vacuum sterilization program

up to 90% of Ethylene Oxide, with the residual 10% made of inert gas (normally Nitrogen)



Process data

Phases	non explosive mixtures (AGS)	explosive mixtures (AGS-E)
Heating of load with hot water circulating in the heating jacket and alternating vacuum phases followed by the inflow of hot air	●	●
Humidification of load, with alternating phases of vacuum and steam inflow at low pressure	●	●
Sterilization of load by pressurization of the chamber with the gas mixture	●	with preset steam pressure
Gas discharge	●	by vacuum pump
Inflow of inert gas		●
Load degassing with alternating vacuum and hot-air inflow phases for a preset time	●	●

Sterilization temperature up to a max. of 60°C with temperature distribution of $\pm 1^\circ \text{C}$.
The right sterilization temperature must be matched to the type of the material to be processed.

Effective and safe abatement of Ethylene Oxide at completion of sterilization process by thermal combustion

Quality details in every phase of the process

The ETO gas is heated through evaporators, before being introduced into the chamber. Load moistened through the inflow of low-pressure clean steam supplied by a steam generator.

The air, which is supplied into the chamber in the degassing phase, is filtered through absolute filters to guarantee higher quality.





AGS/AGS-E Series

Highest industrial standards

Steelco's rectangular cross section sterilization chamber is **completely surrounded by a high efficiency heating jacket** for rapid and even heating of loads.

Machine body is completely made of AISI 304 stainless-steel, insulated with **high density ceramic material**, and clad in stainless steel sheet.

The **chamber** and the **hydraulic system** are completely built, and clad stainless steel. Process piping is made tri-clamps and flange connections.

Panels and sterilization chamber are **satín finished**.

Pneumatic control of the valves is fitted.

Compliance and solutions

Steelco has developed an automatic horizontal sliding door system with a heated jacket, where the closure of the door is assured by **a pneumatically pressurized gasket with a 4 year of warranty**.

Dedicated to autoclaves that use a potentially explosive mixture, Steelco has specifically designed **a safe hermetic closure guaranteed by a pressure-sealing device with automatic tie-rods**.

All safety devices are in compliance with international standards with parameters continuously monitored to avoid the risk of explosion.

Machine provided with necessary connection ports for validation tests.



Design pressure

The chamber is engineered taking into account the following parameters: 1,5 bar + vacuum working pressure; 2,7 bar + vacuum design pressure.

Complete protection of the environment

Abatement of Ethylene Oxide at completion of sterilization process: increasingly stringent parameters make it necessary to offer safe accepted abatement systems on every Ethylene Oxide sterilizer.

Steelco Group follows the ATEX, UL, OSHA, NFPA and FDA regulations and complies with ISO 11135, EN 1422.



Utilities room
at the factory



HOT AIR OVEN

Advanced solutions for
special applications



SD Series

Hot Air Drying/Sterilization/Depyrogenation Oven

Steelco Group designs and manufactures a wide range of Class 100 static depyrogenation sterilizers (ISO 14644-1 class 5) to meet the most challenging pharmaceutical requirements.

The depyrogenation process is aimed at the reduction in the level of pyrogens, with the use of hot air in temperature which range from 250°C up to 300°C for a controlled period of time.

The high performance Class 100 oven solution ensures an even distribution of hot air for the entire cycle including large loads, with the installed HEPA filters preventing cross contamination.

Field of application



Used for the sterilization and depyrogenation of heat resistant materials such as: **bottles, vials, glass containers, metal trays and production equipments** such as stainless steel vessel etc. **Laboratory glassware and instruments**, materials sensitive

to humidity, **thermostable basic pharmaceutical products** and **chemical compounds**, non aqueous liquid materials such as **oils, glycerines**, etc.



Chamber volume

**from 330 litres / 11.7 cu.ft
to 10.000 litres / 353 cu.ft**

A large range of chambers and configurations are available.

Technical data, utilities consumption and drawings available upon request

Complete layout versatility

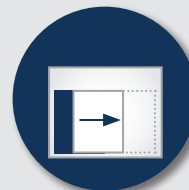
Available with a choice of three types of doors: swing-out, horizontally sliding and vertically sliding, with the goal to always guarantee the door tightness, regardless of unit dimensions.



pit mounted
and floor loaded



vertical sliding down



horizontal sliding
left or right



hinged door
left or right

Drying quality process

Fully compatible with the strict standards of the pharmaceutical industry, the SD Series is supplied with HEPA filters (99,99% efficiency) for filtration of pressurized air flow (EU 13), air recycling and exhaust chamber air (EU 12).

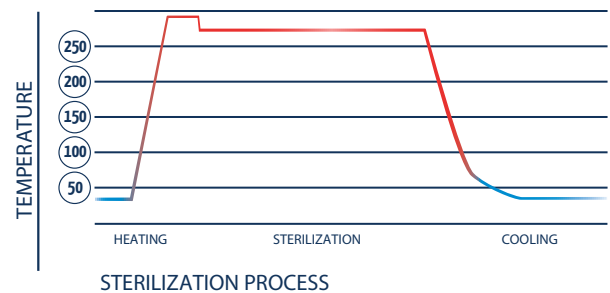
The HEPA filters abate the level of particle contamination in the chamber also during critical phases, such as heating and cooling.

Particular care is used to eliminate **heat transmission points**.

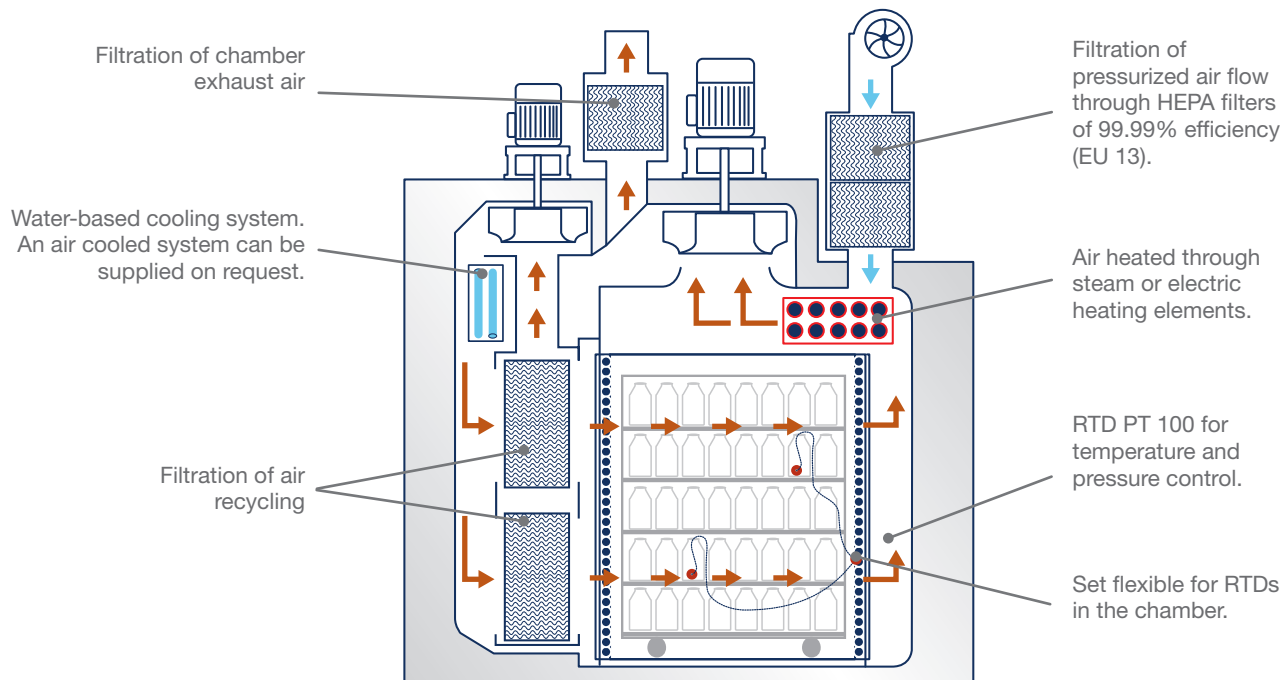
Specially designed filter retention system **to minimise thermal stress**.

The **control system** manages the machine and its basic parameters, such as temperature, Ft, Fh and pressures.

We guarantee **excellent PID control of temperature and chamber pressure** throughout all phases.



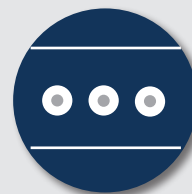
Adjustable temperature ramp, sterilization plateau, cooling temperature, chamber pressure, cooling time are all available.



Perfect compatibility

The SD series features connection ports on the front loading side for validation testing.

Machines equipped with special product holding trays and handling trolleys, can be also interfaced with the isolation technology.



Inspection window
in the front loading side



isolation technology

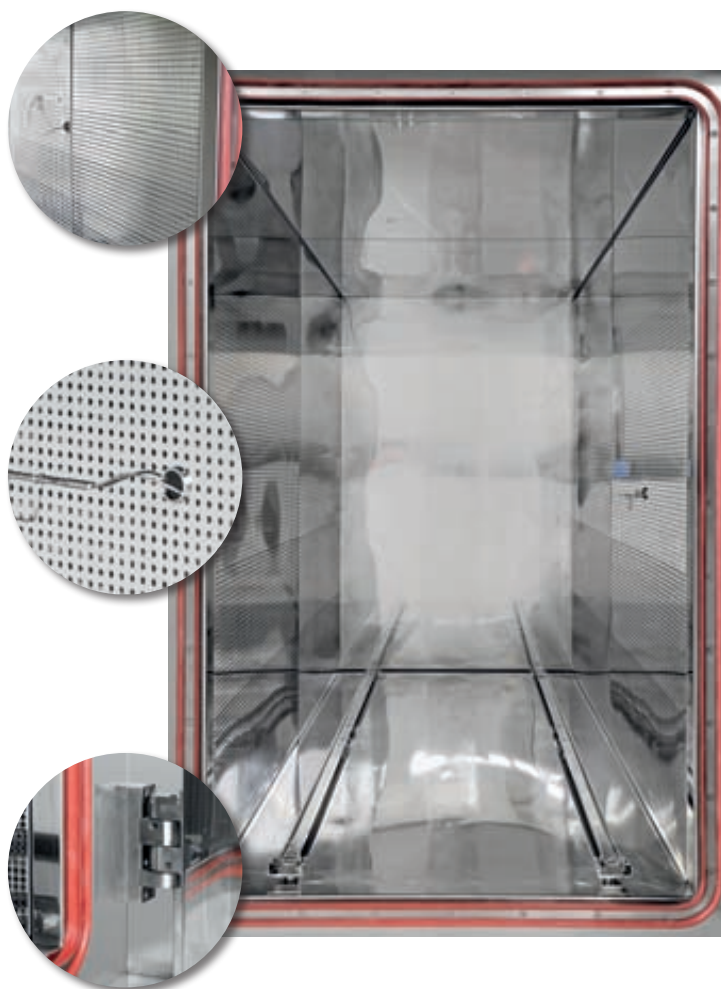


SD Series

Construction features

Chamber, aeraulic system, doors and other machine structural components are **made of AISI 316 stainless steel**.

Chamber insulated with **high density ceramic** insulating material and covered externally by AISI 316 stainless steel panel.



Uniform air distribution through differentially perforated walls, particularly suitable for varied loads.



Chamber with rounded internal angles and TIG welded smooth seams.



Uniform automatic chamber pressure and temperature control.



Inside of chamber polished to $\leq 0.5 \mu\text{m}$.



Automatic pneumatic door locking mechanism.



Hermetically sealed doors with a special profile silicone gasket with double sealing strip. Gasket allows the formation of vacuum to guarantee perfect door seal during every phase of the cycle.



System designed to minimize cross contamination risk.



Chamber provided with a double bottom for even temperature distribution.

Norms and standards

The SD Series is in compliance with the following latest Norms and Directives:

cGMP; GAMP; FDA; EN 1822; ISO 14644/1/2; CFR's including 21 CFR parts, 201, 211 and part 11 available as option; EUROVENT;

Technical Reports "Parenteral Drug Association"; 2014/30/UE, 2014/35/UE, 2006/42/EC o; plus other local and international standards as applicable.

EG Series Hot Air Drying Oven

Static tray drying ovens manufactured by Steelco are some of the most technically advanced machines in existence.

Thanks to a **long experience in hot air drying**, these machines are **designed for optimizing process parameters** for **effective, uniform** and **gentle** drying.

A wide range machines, fully compatible with the strict standards of the pharmaceutical industry (FDA, cGMP, GAMP 5, etc.) are offered.

Provision of tray handling trolleys, customized to suit end user requirements.



Chamber volume

**from 330 litres / 11.7 cu.ft
to 10.000 litres / 353 cu.ft**

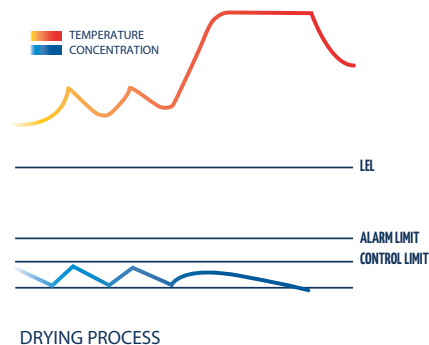
Technical data, utilities
consumptions and drawings
available upon request.

Field of application

This range of machines is used for drying by hot air of materials such as **granulates, pellets, powders** and **porous load** in pharmaceutical industry processes.

Special application

For the treatment of granules with presence of solvents, the dryer can be equipped to monitor flammability hazard by controlling LEL.



Main options

The hot air drying ovens can be supplied **with a self washing system** in the chamber and a device for the **removal** and **insertion of tray support carts**.

Upon request and for particular types of applications, the electrical system and components of the machine can be supplied to be compliant with **flameproof type** (ATEX Directives).



EG Series

Drying quality process

The EG Series has even hot air distribution in the chamber. Special perforated walls and temperature control, ensure the drying quality process.

The mechanical construction of the machine body is designed to resist temperatures of up to 300 °C.

The unit is provided with filters for the inlet and exhaust air flows in the chamber.

Steam and electric heated options are available with a maximum temperature of 120°C.



Construction features

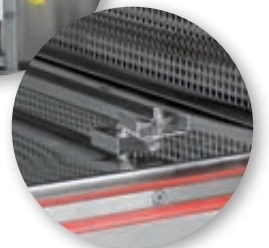
The machine body and aeraulic system are made of AISI 316 stainless steel.

The chamber has a rectangular cross section and is fitted with a rectangular hatch.

External panelling is made of AISI 316 stainless steel with the chamber having a polished finish.

Fast-closing swing out doors and gaskets are made of silicone rubber.

Floor or pit mounted solutions.



Documentation/Validation

Comprehensive operating and maintenance manuals and IQ/OQ documentation is provided as standard.

Steelco helps you to minimize the time needed for validation, with decreased breakdowns, increased production and operative lifetime achieved.





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