



# Brinsea

## Incubation Specialists



## Brinsea Mini Incubators - Care & Cleaning

To get the best out of your incubator we suggest you read the following guide:

- Your incubator should be cleaned immediately after your hatch is complete. As incubators are warm and wet they are ideal breeding grounds for bacteria and if they have been left with debris from the last hatch they will harbour germs which are highly likely to damage your next hatch.
- Disconnect the incubator from the mains power supply during cleaning. Ensure that all electrical parts are kept dry.
- After removing any old shells, fluff and dirt, it is best to soak non-electrical parts like egg trays in a disinfectant solution for an hour before cleaning. Incubator parts should not be cleaned using liquids over 50°C (120°F). Do not use the dishwasher!
- It is best to use a cloth to apply disinfectant solution rather than a spray. Mist from spray bottles can cause damage to components such as control boards.
- Clean around the heater and the fan with a vacuum cleaner and soft brush to remove dust and down, or use a soft brush or slightly damp cloth using disinfectant solution. If removing the fan for cleaning it is important to ensure the fan is fitted the same way up when you fit it back into the machine. **Do not turn the lid over as the fan is not fixed once the fan cover is removed.** The fan must be located on the 4 pegs under the lid with its label facing into the lid before the cover is re-fitted. **Do not over-tighten the screws.**
- Be very careful not to let water or other liquids get near any electrical parts including motors, heaters and control housings.
- Use Brinsea Incubation Disinfectant which is both powerful and safe and has been specially formulated to kill bacteria and fungi associated with birds and is available online from [www.brinsea.co.uk](http://www.brinsea.co.uk) (code 14.35).
- Leave the incubator parts to dry thoroughly. If they are properly clean they should no longer have a strong odour. If stored wet corrosion can damage circuit boards and other components. Ensure that all connections are fully pushed back in before turning your machine back on. We recommend running the incubator dry for 24 - 48 hours to ensure all parts dry out thoroughly. Please note that corroded parts are not covered under the guarantee.
- Don't forget to clean any extra parts or equipment you used too.
- Once completely dry, store these items in a protective carton or box in a cool dry location where it won't get bumped or knocked over. We do not recommend storing in a shed or outdoor building.

You can order any spare parts or consumables needed for next season or download instruction manuals direct from Brinsea: [www.brinsea.co.uk](http://www.brinsea.co.uk) or [www.brinsea.com](http://www.brinsea.com)

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