



# GMP compliant cleaning in the Pharmaceutical Industry

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# Topics

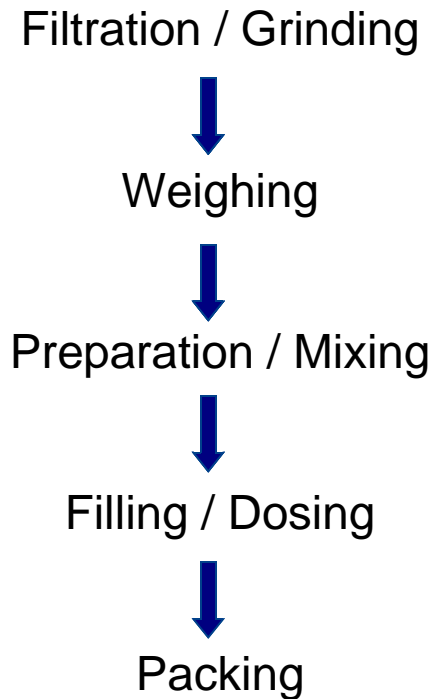
- Why GMP Cleaning?
- Prevention of Cross Contamination in Automated GMP Washer
- About Belimed

# Why cleaning?

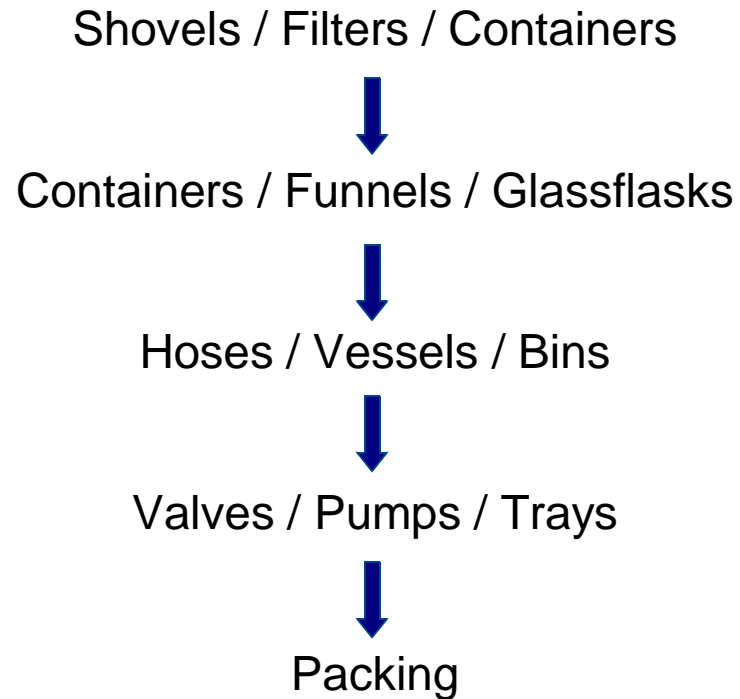
- Prevention of Cross Contamination
  - between batches
  - between products within the same factory / facility
- Prevention of drug contamination during manufacturing cycle
- Constant Guarantee of drug quality

# Where is GMP cleaning necessary?

- General Production steps:



- Goods to be washed:



# Cleaning Methods in GMP Facilities

- Manual Cleaning
- Clean-in-Place (CIP)
- Automated GMP Cleaning



# Manual Cleaning

## ■ Advantage

- Very large pieces
- Very small pieces
- Fragile pieces

## ■ Disadvantage

- Water consumption
- Difficult to validate
- Difficult repeatability
- Long cleaning time



# Clean-in-Place

## ■ Advantage

- Large pieces of equipment directly cleaned in place without disassembling
- Time saving (often directly ready to use)

## ■ Disadvantage

- Difficult installation
- Difficult validation
- Big amount of water needed
- Cost of cleaning device



# Automated GMP Cleaning

## ■ Advantage

- Reproducibility
- Possibility to validate the washer
- Possibility to record the cycles
- Different cycles for different wash exercises
- Different racks for different wash goods
- Water saving

## ■ Disadvantage

- Space requirements
- Investment cost



# Elements of Automated Cleaning



Parts to Clean



Load Carrier (rack)



Washer



Cleaning Process

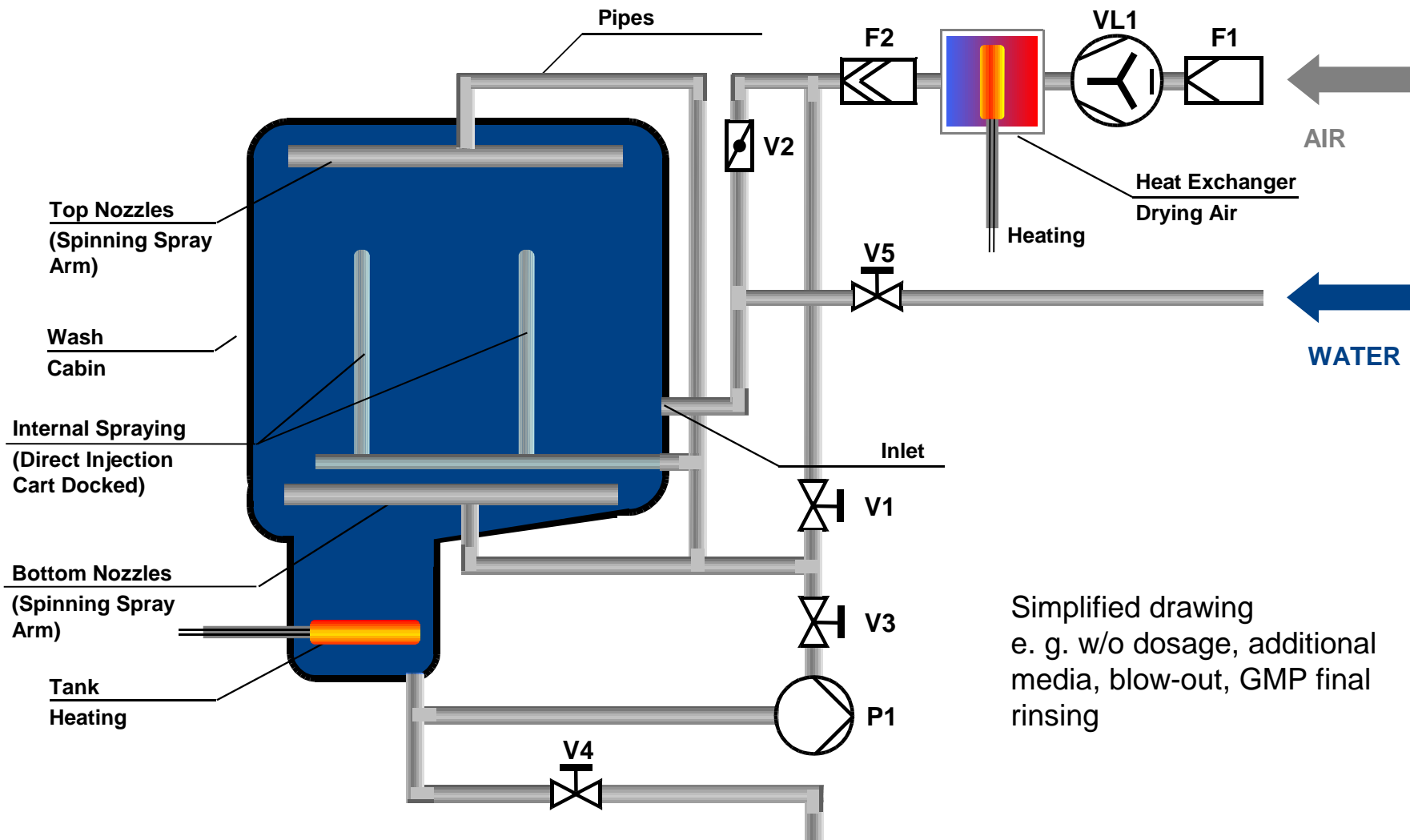
## Example of a Washing machine Belimed PH840



- Usable cabin dimensions (mm)  
H 990 x W 830 x D 830
- Cabin volume 682 L, Tank volume 60 L
- Easy to clean exterior Design
- Stainless steel cabinet,  
in Pharma No. 4 brush finish  $Ra \leq 1,0 \mu m$

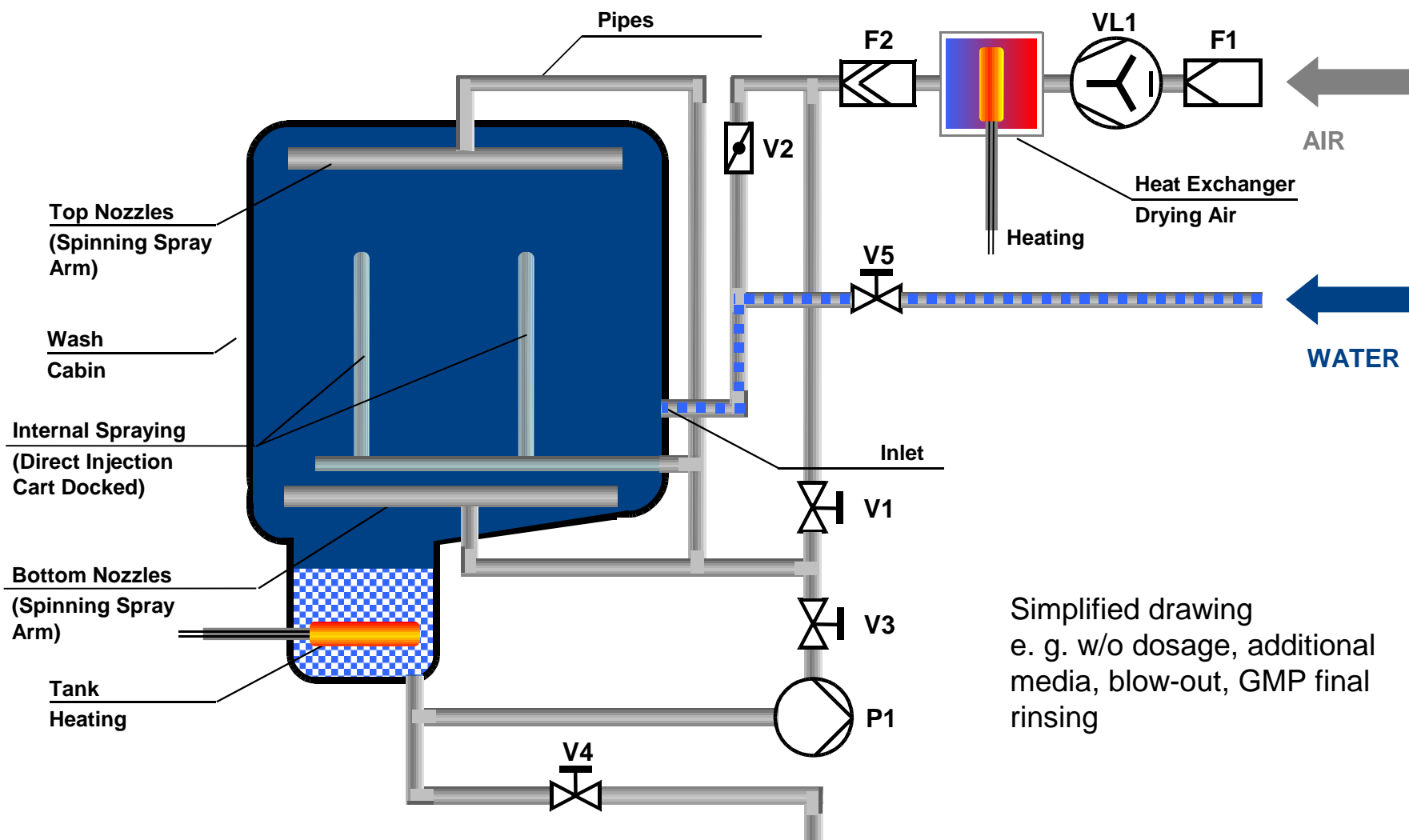


# Flow Scheme of Cleaning System



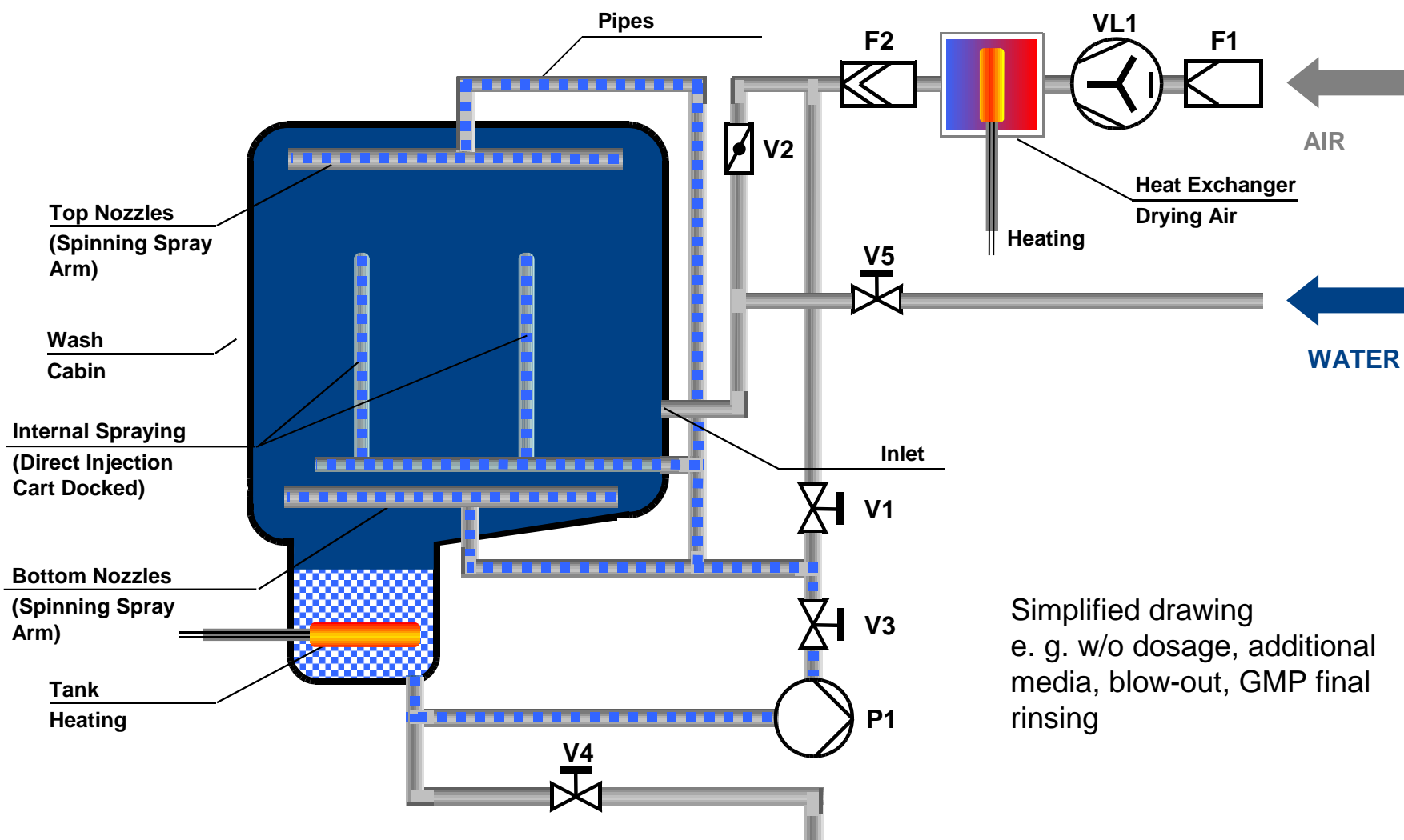
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# Flow Scheme of Cleaning System – Filling of Tank

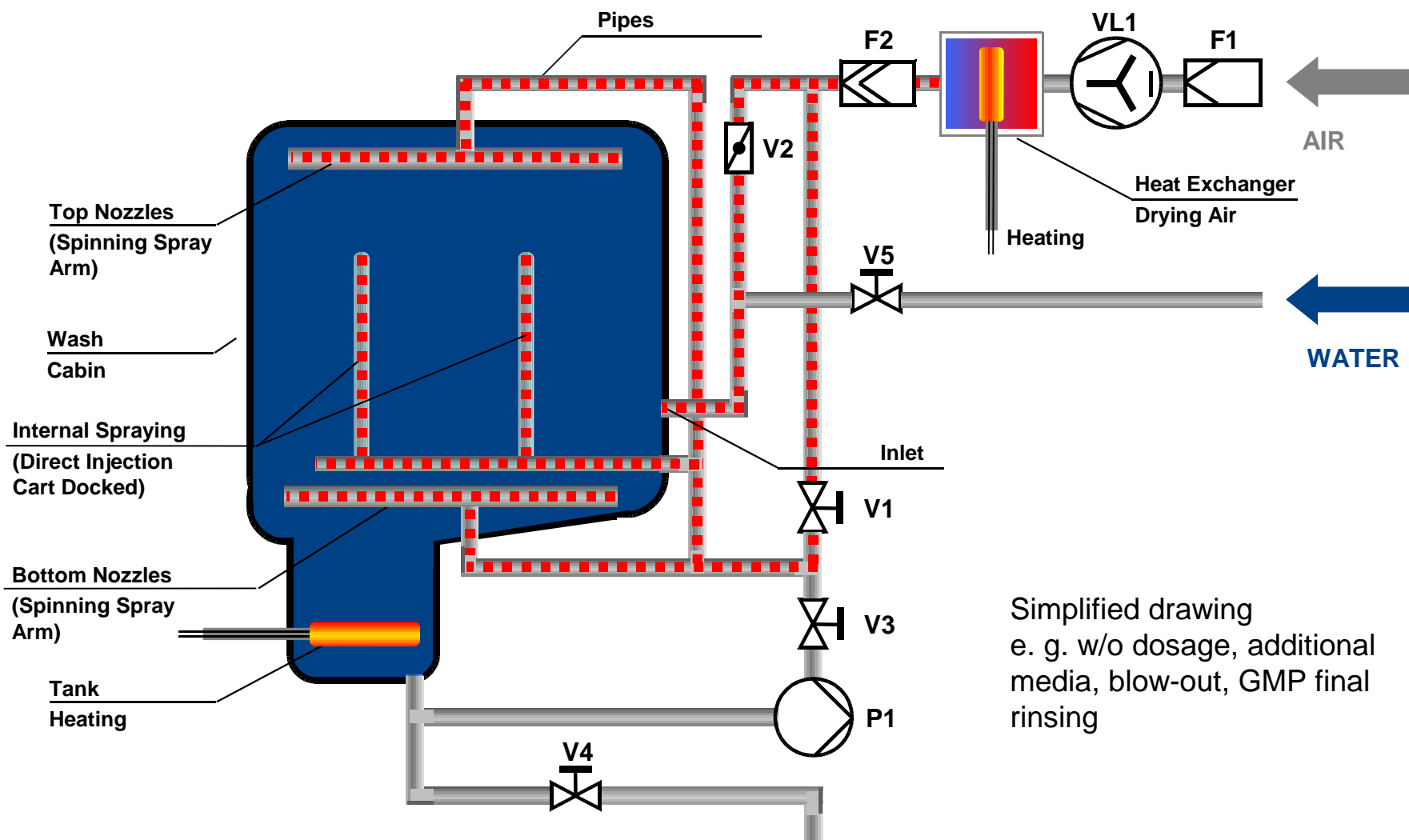


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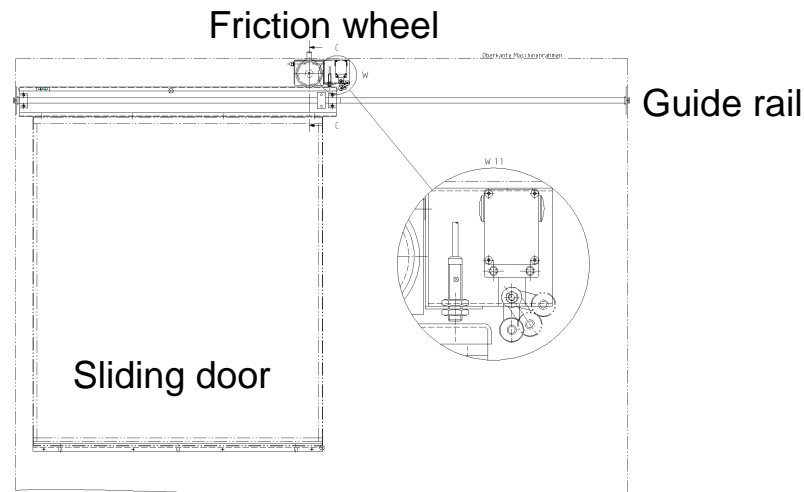
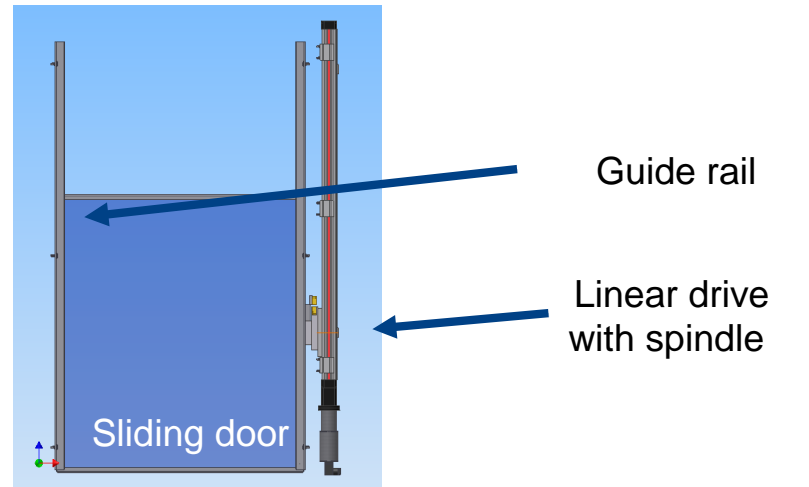


# Flow Scheme of Cleaning System – Drying

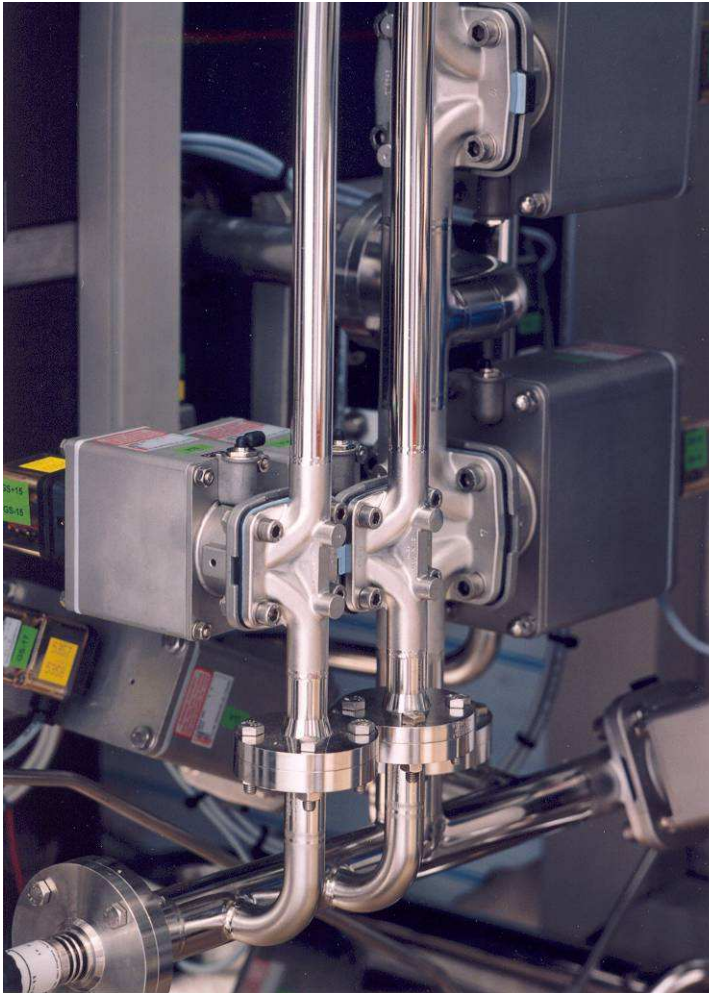


# GMP Compliant Design – Automatic Full-Glass Door

- **Automatic, sliding glass door for easy visual inspection**
- Pneumatic door seal with lateral seal valve
- Vertical or Horizontal door opening  
Door actuation with friction wheel
- Force in case of failures  
< 150 N according to legal requirements (ZH1 / 494)



# GMP Compliant Design – Piping / Valves



- **Single pipe system for washing, rinsing, drying to prevent cross contamination**
- **Completely self draining, installation with 2-4% slope**
- **No dead ends**
- **Pneumatic actuated aseptic diaphragm valves self drainable inbuilt**

# GMP Compliant Design – Pipe Fittings

- Sterile Neumo BioConnect® flanges instead of conventional TriClamp connections

Neumo BioConnect®



- Centric guiding prevents off-set of wetted areas
- Metal-to-metal-stop avoids stress or overcompression of gaskets (O-ring)
- Defined, symmetric compression of gasket

- **Wetted seal area 50% smaller**

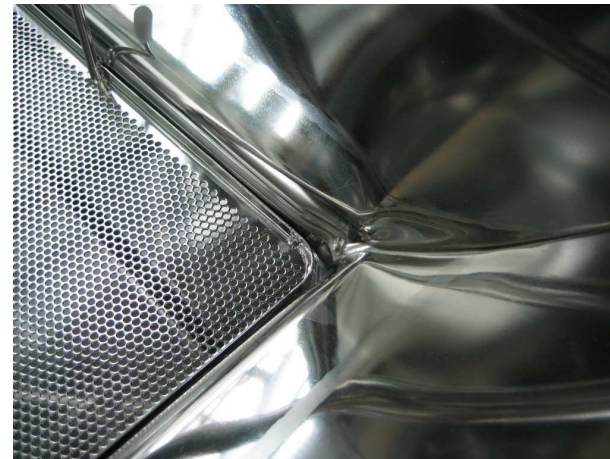
TriClamp



- Centric guiding of connection by gasket: off-set possible
- No metal-to-metal-stop
- Undefined, asymmetric compression of gasket

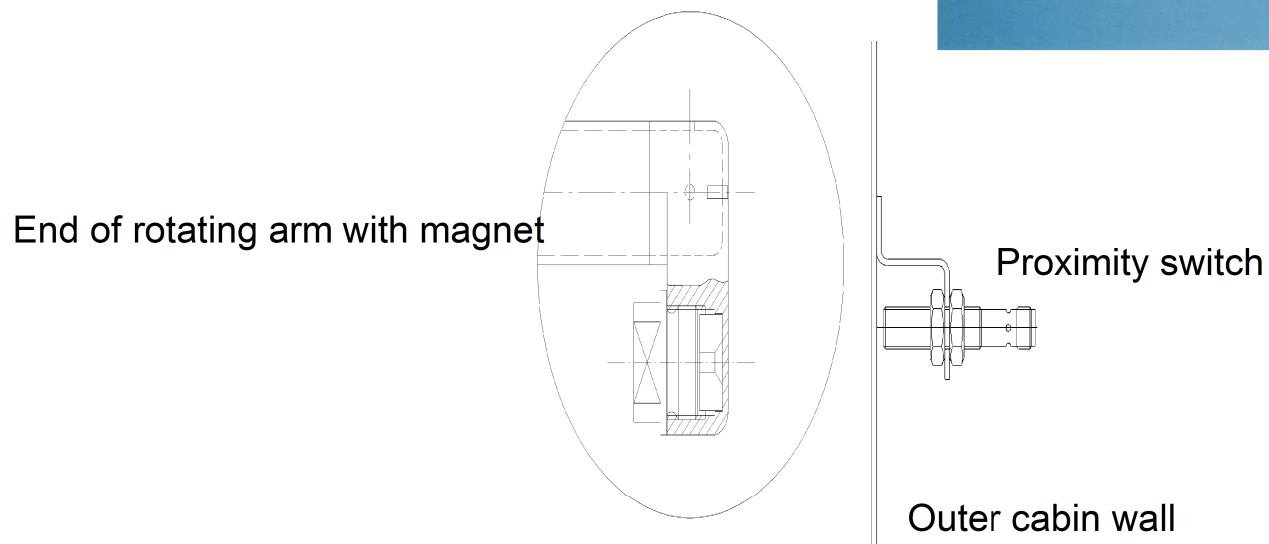
# GMP Compliant Design – Wash Cabin and Tank

- **Cabin and tank interior in mirror sheet metal with round corners** (20 mm radius), no dead legs and crevice free
- **Inclined surfaces** (e. g. chamber floor and roof, piping)
- **No guard plates**
- No threaded fittings
- Weld seams smoothed and polished
- Surface roughness  
Cabin surface  $Ra \leq 0.4 \mu m$   
Weld seams  $Ra \leq 0.8 \mu m$



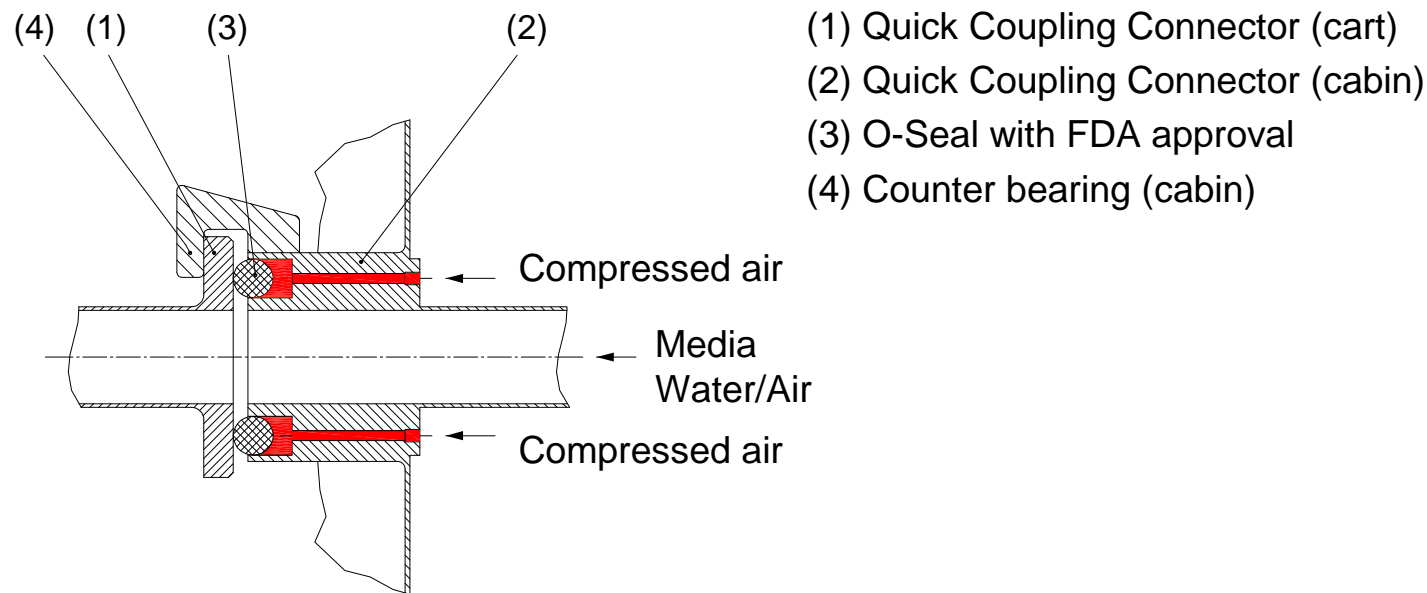
# GMP Compliant Design – Rotating Spray Arm

- No dead legs and slit free
- No screwed nozzles
- Less weld seams
- Monitoring of spray arm rotation



# GMP Compliant Design – Connection of Internal Spraying

- Automatic docking of direct injection carts
- No dead legs, low surface roughness
- Pneumatic system for optimum sealing
- No pressure reduction, no loss off water



# GMP Compliant Design – Wash Pump

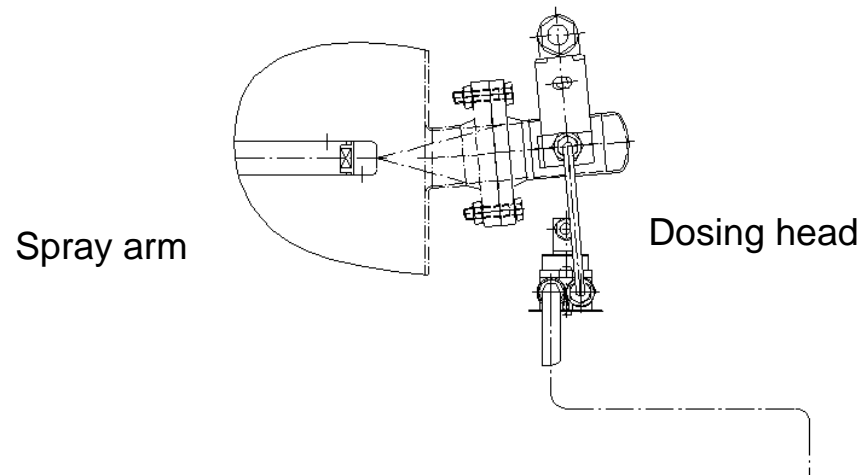
- **Sterile pump (vertical installation)**

- 3A2 sterile standard
- Pump casing with no dead legs
- Crevice-free seal surfaces
- Sterile seals
- Surface roughness  $Ra \leq 0.8 \mu m$
- **Complete drainable**



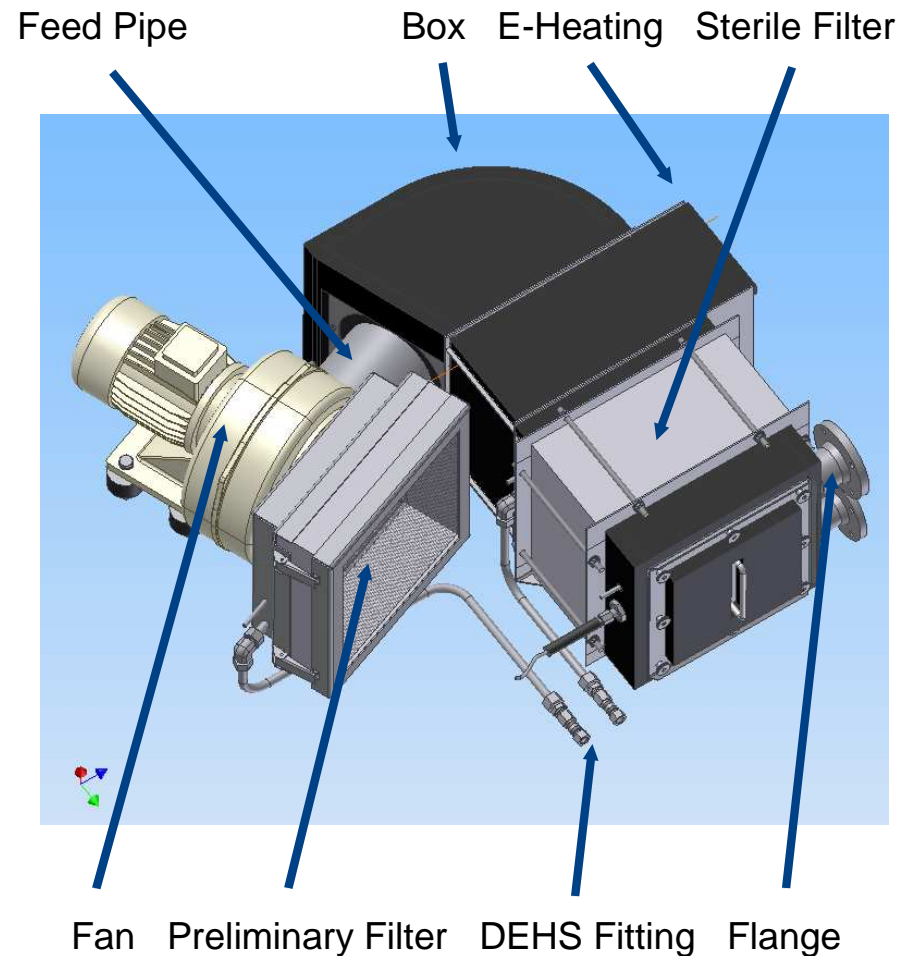
# GMP Compliant Design – Dosing Unit

- **Precise dosing of detergent via dosing head**
- **Rotating spray arm rinses dosing head**
- Reduction of the number of openings in the cabin
- Use of diaphragm valves prevents dripping

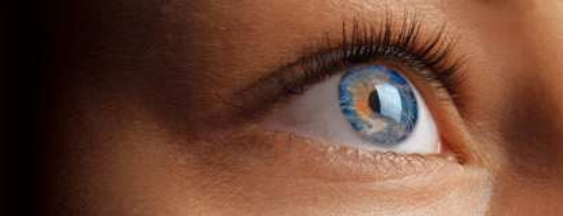


# GMP Compliant Design – Integrated Drying

- **Air duct into the cabin, into the carts and into the pipes**
- **Temperature control by PLC and PT 100 sensor class A**
- **Preliminary filter F9 and sterile filter H13/H14**
- Standardized filter test device with scan option via DEHS fitting
- Differential pressure measurement for monitoring of fan and filter function



# GMP Compliant Design – Self-Cleaning Performance

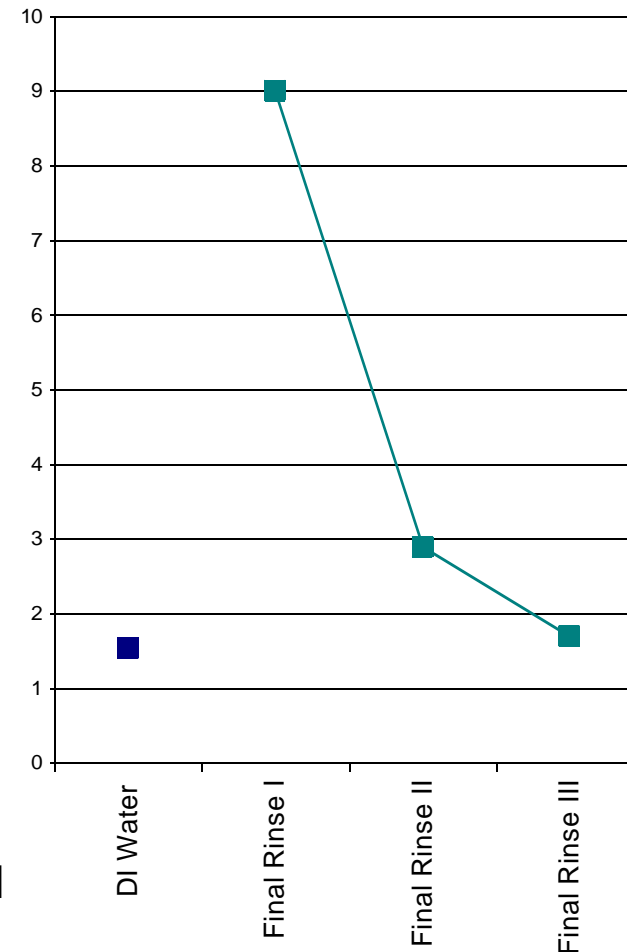


- Test cleaning process w/o neutralization:

3 min	Pre-rinsing with recirculation of cold purified water
10 min	Cleaning with recirculation 60°C of NaOH solution 2%
3 min	Rinsing I with recirculation of cold purified water (12µS)
3 min	Rinsing II with recirculation of cold purified water
3 min	Rinsing III with recirculation of cold purified water
3 min	Final rinsing I with recirculation of cold DI water (1,5µS)
3 min	Final rinsing II with recirculation of cold DI water
3 min	Final rinsing III with recirculation of hot DI water 80°C
15 min	Drying 110°C

- Initial conductivity of fresh WFI water is achieved

- Conductivity (µS) of waste water



- 1 Group:
  - Belimed Group AG, Switzerland
  - 4 competence centers (CH, D, SI)
- Total number of employees: approx 990
- Total turnover 2011: 195.0 Mio. CHF
- **GMP-compliant steam sterilizers** from 6-6-6 to 18-10-15 (350 - 4000L)
- **GMP-compliant cleaning systems** from PH820 – PH880 (300 – 6000L)
- Over **40 years** experience in cleaning and sterilization in the healthcare, pharmaceutical and laboratory sectors (15'000 installations)





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