

Optimice SOP - Blockparty



[Demonstration video](#)

Introduction

Blockparty connects multiple Optimice cages using horizontal tubes, which allow mice to move freely among the cages. The tunnels slide into cage-mounted ports, which close automatically when tubes are removed. The plastic tube pieces are half pieces, and the threaded stainless steel connectors hold them together.



Installation

Insert the connecting tubes by pushing in the center of the tube. Ensure full placement; a faint click or snap indicates complete insertion.



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Removal

1. Ensure no animals are in the tunnel or approaching the tube opening.
2. Grasp the tube at the center, and pull out gently.
3. Gently tap on the port doors to clear any captured bedding.



Maintenance

The plastic tube pieces are half pieces, and the threaded stainless steel connectors hold them together. Periodically remove the connectors, disassemble the half tubes, and wash the parts individually (use a bottle brush).

Cage bases equipped with Blockparty ports can be washed and sterilized using the same guidelines as standard cage components of the same plastic. See the table below.



<u>Sterilization Temperature Limit</u>		
	Sterilization Temperature	Maximum Duration
Polycarbonate	up to 250 F (121 C)	20 minutes
Polysulfone*	up to 300 F (148 C)	No upper limit

Note: The Optimice internal water bag holder is not compatible with Blockparty cages. Any facility using water bags must use external water bag cage tops (C79290MH/C79290PH/C79290SH) for use with Blockparty cages.

*Steam autoclave typical at 275 F (131 C)