

# **Optimice SOP - Double Water Bag Holder**

### Introduction

The Optimice<sup>®</sup> double water bag holder rests on the plastic cage divider and independently supplies water to each half of the cage. The holder is intended for water bags up to 250 mL apiece.



#### Hand Valve Installation

The valve can be installed by hand or with the assistance of a 1/2-inch nut driver.

- 1. Carefully lower the valve down into the holder, and plug it into the hole in the bottom (Figure 1). The valve's pointed end **must** direct upward.
- 2. Use the ends of your fingers to press against the valve shelf to set it against the bottom of the holder. The blunt end of the valve should slightly protrude out the bottom (Figure 2).
- 3. Repeat for the other side of the holder, if necessary.











# **Driver Valve Installation**

- 1. To install with a 1/2-inch nut driver, place the pointed end down into the driver.
- 2. With the holder upside-down, guide the valve into the valve opening (Figure 3).



Figure 3



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# Water Bag Installation

1. Grip the water bag so the water is pressured against the installation end of the bag (Figure 4). Be careful to not grip too hard, or the bag may rupture during installation.



Figure 4

2. Lower the bag into the holder, and then thrust down firmly. A dull click indicates the valve has punctured the bag. Do **not** maneuver the water bag while the point is near or against it to avoid inadvertent leaks.





- 3. Look through the window to see whether the water bag is beneath the lip. The bag **must** be beneath the valve lip completely (Figure 5). If the water bag isn't beneath the lip of the valve (Figure 6), push and squeeze at the top of the bag with gradually increasing pressure to seat it beneath the lip.
- 4. Tickle the valve to ensure water flows.



