

Spotlight on Glasswashing

Mixology Group chooses Meiko

“It is important that we have absolutely crystal-clear glassware, so the reverse osmosis water treatment was a key reason for choosing a Meiko glasswasher,” says Myles Cunliffe, Director Mixology Group.

“In my opinion Meiko is the best when it comes to glasswashing machinery and their machines enable me to provide the best machines for my students to work with.”



Never polish glasses again

Anyone who works with glasses knows the problem; dirty glasses go into the dishwashing machine but sometimes don't come out clean. Watermarks can appear on the surface or milky smears along the rim.

A glass like that does not belong on a table or behind the bar; it needs to be polished or perhaps washed again. The dishwasher, which was supposed to reduce your employees' workload, has ended up increasing it.

There are professional solutions on the market to ensure that 'clean' washware really is hygienically clean without having to polish it.

And your starting point is choosing a glasswasher with integral reverse osmosis water treatment because that will produce spotless, sparkling results.

It also removes the need for troublesome water softeners and the massive amounts of salt and water they consume. Integrated RO systems also waste far less water than water softeners. Turn to page 4 to find the solution.



7 tips for clean glasses

From glass quality to wash temperature and polishing: there's a lot of things you can do wrong when handling glassware

1. Glass quality is crucial - Much is demanded of glasses used in foodservice - they are washed several times a day and possibly a thousand times over their life, so they should be high quality, reducing the risk of glass corrosion, thereby significantly lengthening their service life.

Leading glass manufacturers have optimised their manufacturing to such an extent, that even expensive glasses no longer need to be washed by hand – and the fact that they are dishwasher-proof means they tend to remain pristine for longer.

2. Improve water quality - Water quality is an important factor in the dishwashing process. Water that has not been properly treated for dishwashing leaves a grey film and limescale deposits on glassware, even after an intensive wash cycle. Optional water treatment modules on professional dishwashing machines can avoid this. Read overleaf about how a reverse osmosis system works.

3. Give glassware space - The correct size wash rack can prevent minor damage or, in some cases, breakages. Wash racks come in many sizes and can be colour-coded to help staff find the right glass. The best way to protect against clinking and breakage from mechanical stress, is to use racks which securely hold the glasses in place. MEIKO can tailor racks to fit virtually any size glassware.

4. The shorter, the better - Wash cycle times for glassware should be as short as possible because this reduces wear on glasses.

5. No need to polish - An integrated water treatment module will remove all the minerals from the water (as well as bacteria and viruses), providing the highest standard of pure water to rinse your washware. Pure water is a prerequisite for sparkling, spotless and hygienically clean results. This way, glasses and cutlery no longer have to be polished by hand – saving time and money. Polishing with a tea towel is unhygienic and not to be recommended.

6. Don't wash too hot - For delicate glassware, the dishwashing machine should be set to between 60° and 63° and, where possible, a gentle cycle. At higher temperatures, glasses may become cloudy or suffer other kinds of damage after prolonged use. You should also use a specific glasswashing detergent and remove the glasses from the dishwashing machine as soon as the cycle finishes.

7. Odour-neutral storage - Even when clean, the pores in glass are quick to absorb smells from their surroundings. If you do not have an odour-neutral place to store your glassware, you should give it a quick rinse with water before use.



TOP TIP: Glasses should be emptied of all residue before being put into the machine.



The best water produces the best results

The right glasswasher can ensure your glasses are hygienically clean and give it the perfect sparkle

Water softening replaces hardening substances such as calcium for sodium ions, making the water soft.

This is an effective way to prevent limescale build-up, which would require more frequent cleaning and descaling.

In practice, softeners prove problematic because staff forget to top them up with salt, or even top them up with detergent instead!

A MEIKO GIO REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEM produces almost 100% pure, fully demineralized water.

Water is pushed at high pressure through a membrane that filters out almost all of the contents. This technology provides a whole host of real-world benefits.

- 1 Firstly, by removing calcium and magnesium, which lead to limescale build-up, it achieves perfect cleaning results. It also prevents machine defects and breakdowns caused by limescale deposits. This in turn leads to longer intervals between maintenance appointments.

- 2 Secondly, MEIKO's GiO system removes the need for softeners.

- 3 Finally, a reverse osmosis system makes the glasswasher more cost-effective as it eliminates the need to manually polish.

In addition, much lower levels of detergent and rinse aid are required in the wash, which makes the whole process more environmentally friendly.



WHICH DETERGENT?

Detergents vary in price and quality and caterers often don't know that there are different dishwashing detergents for different applications.

There are a range of detergents and rinse aids, some suited to glassware, others to more heavily stained items such as teacups.

Choosing compatible materials, achieving great results and getting the technology right are all closely intertwined.

For a sparkling finish ask for **MEIKO ACTIVE** detergents, rinse aids, descale and glass renovating products. Produced in partnership with ECOLAB, ensuring they can also work more sustainably than ever!

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The clean, hygienic and fastest way to washing reusable bottles... again and again!

"It is super hygienic and everything comes out sparkling – you do not need to polish anything. It's just changed the way we do things."



Will Laithwaite, Founder of Loose Cannon Brewery

Will Laithwaite, Founder of Loose Cannon Brewery explains: "We partnered with MEIKO to launch the re-usable bottle scheme; instead of using single-use bottles, we can now take the bottles back and clean them and we are currently on course to wash about 30,000 bottles this year.

"Wash times are short and the machine provides a flawless clean every time. We could not ask for a better job. During the day we can wash bottles, and in the evening, we can use the dishwasher machine to clean glasses and plates from our Tap Room Bar with just a change of adapter."

Removing plastic bottles from bedrooms, conference, meeting rooms and restaurant tables saves plastic and the planet; but **how do you wash them, inside and out, maintaining top-level hygiene without using excessive labour and chemicals, and fast?**

"Undercounter dishwash solutions such as the Meiko M-iClean Bottle Washing System are surprisingly powerful," says MEIKO UK Marketing Manager Mark Roberts.

"Washing 16 bottles at a time, a single Meiko Bottle Wash System can handle thousands of bottles per week. The clever MEIKO bottle rack and adapter are the simple and efficient solution."



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