

Hairdressing and Barbering Disinfection Chart

Item	Level of Disinfectant	Active Ingredient or Brand Name	Contact Time	Format	Test Strips
<i>This is a sample list of instruments and products. It is not intended to include all high, intermediate, and low-level disinfectants.</i>					
SEMI-CRITICAL					
INSTRUMENTS Scissors Electric clippers Tweezers Crochet hooks (cap highlighting) Straight razor handle (shaving)	HIGH LEVEL Kills everything except bacterial spores. If there is visible blood contamination, you must use high-level disinfectant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleach and water 1:10, 5000ppm <i>Mix ½ cup bleach to 4 ½ cups water (mix daily)</i> 	10 minutes	Dilute 5.25% household bleach, immerse	Yes
	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL Kills most bacteria, fungi, and viruses but not bacterial spores. Tuberculocidal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70-90% Isopropyl or ethyl alcohol 	10 minutes	Immerse or spray (RTU)	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleach and water 1:100, 500 ppm <i>Mix 1 teaspoon bleach to 2 cups water (mix daily)</i> 	10 minutes	Dilute 5.25% household bleach	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spray disinfectant (Oster, Wahl, Clippercide) 	10 minutes	Immerse or spray (RTU)	No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cavicide 	10 minutes	Various forms	No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5% HP (Accel TB) 	5 minutes	Various forms	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7% HP 1:40 (Accel PREvention) 	5 minutes	Various forms	Yes (test strips)		
NON-CRITICAL					
INSTRUMENTS Combs Brushes Clipper guards Hair rollers Reusable make-up brushes	LOW LEVEL Kills some bacteria, viruses, and fungi. Can kill salmonella, <i>staphylococcus</i> , and <i>pseudomonas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quaternary ammonium (Barbicide, Marvicide) 	10 minutes	From concentrate	No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleach and water 1:500, 100 ppm <i>Mix 1 teaspoon bleach to 10 cups water (mix daily)</i> 	10 minutes	Dilute 5.25% household bleach	Yes
SURFACES Counters Chairs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleach and water 1:500, 100 ppm <i>Mix 1 teaspoon bleach to 10 cups water (mix daily)</i> 	10 minutes	Dilute 5.25% household bleach	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virox 5 	5 minutes	RTU or from concentrate	Yes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quat or chlorine-based sprays/wipes (Clorox, Lysol, Kirkland) 	Varies by product	RTU spray/wipe	No
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7% HP 1:128 (Accel PREvention) 	30 seconds	Various forms	Yes (test strips)
DISPOSABLE ITEMS (SINGLE USE) Razor blades (shaving) Make-up applicators Wax applicators (sticks, roll-on wax) Tint applicators	Not applicable, as items are to be used one time only. Dispose of sharps in approved container.	Not applicable			
WASHABLE ITEMS Towels Capes	Launder after each use.				