



The
**Co-operative
Difference**



Pre-season and downgrade busting checklist

Inspect plant and vat for deposits; record the date it was checked

Plant	Areas to check	Date	Date	Date
		✓ x	✓ x	✓ x
Clusters	Liners (inside of lips - all liners)			
	Shells (behind liners)			
	Claws (check under button and seal; deposits on thread)			
Droppers	Long milk rubbers			
	Mastitis detectors			
Milk line	Main milk line (use a torch)			
	Seals/unions			
	Wash injectors / flushing pulsators			
Receiver	Milk receiver can			
	Receiver airline			
	Sanitary trap			
Milk pump	Mechanical seals / diaphragms (use milking machine fitter if needed)			
	Milk pump intake rubbers/Jumbo rubbers (if applicable)			
Delivery line	Delivery line (union and seals)			
	Filter			
	Plate cooler			
Milk vat	Inlet/outlet taps			
	Non-return valve (check clear hose line)			
	Lids			
	Walls and floor			
	Agitator blade			
	Door rubber			
	Sprayball			



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Air system	Pulsator airline			
	Main airline			
	Interceptor			
Other	Test buckets (check inside hoses)			
	Automatic cup removers			
	Milk Vat Monitoring System installed and operational			

Evaluate Wash for Effectiveness

		Date	Date	Date
Task	Areas to check	✓ x	✓ x	✓ x
Observation of the wash	Washline injector/flushing pulsators operation (check operation)			
	Cluster wash (check flow volumes)			
	Jetter/air leaks/blockages			
	Automatic wash			
	Check function e.g. right detergent amount			
Wash programme	Alkali at least twice weekly			
	Label instructions - accurate and legible			
	Staff training			
Wash temperatures	Hot water temp 80°C – 85°C			
	Dump temp 55°C			
	Recycle time (>5 minutes) plant and silo			

Support

We strongly recommend you get on-farm help to find the cause of your downgrades.

Contact the Farm Source Service Centre on 0800 65 65 68 to organise a downgrade traceback.

Milking plant diagram

