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Most laboratory plasticware is easily cleaned in warm water with a mild detergent and soft cloth or sponge. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or scouring pads which can result in surfaces becoming scratched. Slight contamination can be removed using a chemically neutral (pH7) cleaning agent. Heavy contamination can be removed using an alkaline (pH up to 12) cleaning agent.

If using an automatic laboratory dishwasher to wash plastic volumetric ware, such as measuring cylinders, employ a wash temperature below 60°C. High temperatures can affect volumetric accuracy.

Ultrasonic baths may be used for cleaning plasticware. However do take care that the products do not directly touch the transducer membrane.

