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# ■ Important note to readers . . .

A major objective of the WHO Department of Blood Safety and Clinical Technology (BCT) is to assist every Member State to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply that meets national needs at reasonable cost. Many countries face challenges in reaching this goal. These include limited resources and information, a lack of national policy and plans, transfusion transmissible infections such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and appropriate technology. Access to, and use of appropriate technology are essential for the safe storage and transportation of blood from donation to transfusion, a process referred to as the blood cold chain. The WHO Blood Cold Chain Project is meeting this challenge by providing appropriate technical and logistics information that will empower managers of health care programmes to improve management of the blood cold chain. This publication

provides specific guidance in the selection and procurement of blood cold chain equipment and accessories.

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The WHO Office of Procurement Services ([procurement@who.int](mailto:procurement@who.int)) can be consulted to provide up-to-date information on the procurement of medical equipment and supplies.

# Products featured in this guide\*

Equipment and Model	Code <sup>1</sup>	Manufacturer	Page	
<b>Blood Refrigerators</b>				
Standard Electric:	BR320+	BR/01/2a	Dometic, Luxembourg	11
	BB510+	BR/02/2a	Huurre of Finland	12
	BB710+	BR/03/2a	Huurre of Finland	13
	BBR 25SI-2A	BR/04/4a	Jewett Refrigeration, USA	13
	CT1-2A	BR/05/2a	Jewett Refrigeration, USA	14
Solar Powered	VC65F	BR/06/1b	Dulas Ltd., UK	16
	MB50DC+	BR/07/1b	Dometic, Luxembourg	17
Ice-lined	MB50AC+	BR/08/1c	Dometic, Luxembourg	18
	MRB 2000+	BR/09/1c	Dometic, Luxembourg	19
<b>Plasma Freezers</b>				
	FR160+	PF/01/3	Dometic, Luxembourg	21
	CTF406-2A	PF/02/2	Jewett Refrigeration, USA	22
<b>Platelet Agitators</b>				
PFS42 Agitator in PC900 Incubator		PA/01/i	Helmer, USA	24
			Helmer, USA	24
<b>Flatbed Platelet Agitators</b>				
PFS15		PA/02/f	Helmer, USA	25
PFS42		PA/03/f	Helmer, USA	25
PFS84		PA/04/f	Helmer, USA	25
PFS396		PA/05/f	Helmer, USA	25
<b>Plasma Thawers</b>				
CytothermDR		PT/01/	Phototherm, USA	27
CytothermD4+		PT/02/	Phototherm, USA	27
Cytotherm4T+		PT/03/	Phototherm, USA	28
DH8		PT/04/	Helmer, USA	29
<b>Blood Transport Boxes</b>				
MT25E/CF (blue)		BB/01/4 (PIS B4/05M)	Dometic, Luxembourg	31
3504/38/CF		BB/02/1 (PIS B4/18M)	Thermos, USA	32
55-CF		BB/03/2 (PIS B4/57M)	Blow Kings, India	32
MT12E/CF		BB/04/3 (PIS B4/62M)	Dometic, Luxembourg	33
ICBB-13F		BB/05/3 (PIS B4/72M)	Apex Continental Ltd, India	33
CB/20/-CF		BB/06/3 (PIS B4/76M)	Blow Kings, India	34
<b>Temperature Monitoring Devices</b>				
T615 Recording thermometer		TD/01 (PIS E6/09)	Pacific Transducer Co., USA	37
AR10-GT-S Recording thermometer		TD/02 (PIS E6/28)	Hyoda Instruments Co., Japan	37
Tiny TTM Type G IP68 data logger		TD/03 (PIS E6/43)	Remonsys Ltd., UK	38
Tiny TTM Type G data logger		TD/04 (PIS E6/44)	Remonsys Ltd., UK	38
Autolog 2000TM data logger		TD/05 (PIS E6/47)	Remonsys Ltd., UK	39
Thermo-tracer, data logger		TD/06 (PIS E6/48)	Ocea Soft, France	39
80-1017 3M BTTI		TD/07	3M/Berlinger & Co. AG, CH	40
<b>Accessories</b>				
FF500/4R voltage regulator for refrigerators		VR/01	Advance Galatrek, UK	44

\* Equipment laboratory tested and evaluated in the field (\*indicates that field test results are still awaited). WHO-PIS codes included for ease of reference, where applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Codes are: (i) product description; (ii) product number; (iii) product capacity, if relevant; (iv) product type, if relevant. Therefore, for example, BR/06/1b means: Blood Refrigerator, WHO/BCT Product No. 06, with a capacity to hold fewer than 50 blood packs, solar powered type product (see Annex 3 for full description).

