



Why is my Breast Pump Losing Suction?

Not pumping as much milk as you used to?
Here are some things to troubleshoot.

Check your pump parts

Duckbills and valve membranes get stretched when you pump and will fail over time. Make sure there are no holes and they are lying flat. Valves should be replaced every 4 weeks if you pump three or more times a day.

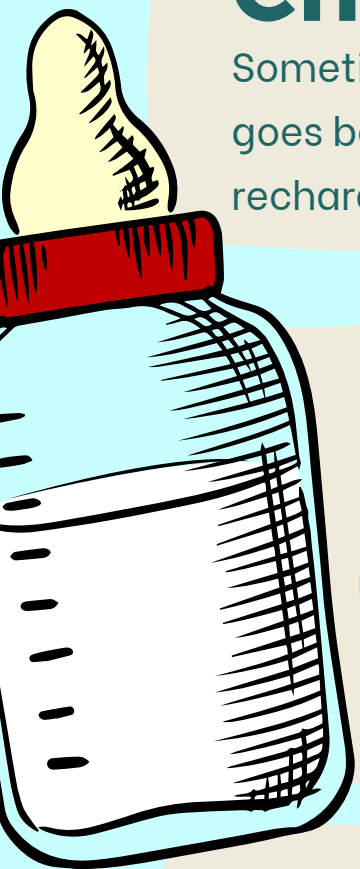


Check your tubing

If your tubing isn't attached completely to your flanges or the pump itself, you'll get less suction. Make sure they are attached securely. Also, make sure there are no cracks in the tubes.

Check the batteries

Sometimes you'll notice a loss of suction when battery life goes below 50%. Also, you may notice loss of suction with rechargeable pumps when the power is getting low.



Check your breast shield size

Using the wrong size breast shield can make it harder to extract milk. Measure your nipples to ensure the right fit. (Your nipple size can change over time.)

Make sure pump parts fit together correctly

Sometimes when a part is slightly out of place, the suction won't be as strong. Try taking the parts apart and putting them back together again.

Check the motor

A weak motor will lead to poor suction. Most breast pumps come with a 1- to 2-year warranty on their motors, so they'll usually start to wear out around that time.