

CODE	DESCRIPTION	SPECIMEN/SAMPLE SITE
M452022	Environmental Large Sponge swab- Neutralising-tube	Environmental & Pharma Surfaces

## INTENDED USE

Environmental Large Sponge Swab is designed for the sampling of critical surfaces and equipment in sterile production units in the pharmaceutical industry. They are also good for surveillance of clean areas and food contact surfaces in the food manufacturing industry.

The device is designed to maintain the collected microorganisms until transported to the testing laboratory. On arrival at the testing laboratory liquid mediums can be added to the tube for further sample processing. The type of liquid medium used Depends on the specific application of the device.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Tubed Environmental Large Sponge Swab

Instructions for Use:

1. Remove cap from tube by unscrewing the cap and removing it from the tube (The swab remains in the Cap)
2. Holding the foam swab by the cap, Rub the foam bud over the surface, Collect a sample up to a Maximum 100cm<sup>2</sup>(10cmx10cm)
3. Replace cap and swab into the tube.
4. Add sample site details to the device. (End users own labels)
5. Send the sample to the necessary testing laboratory.

## PRECAUTIONS

This device is a Single use Device and therefore cannot be reused, it must be assumed that all used devices contain infections organisms and therefore should be handled accordingly, after use all devices must be disposed of according to laboratory regulations for infectious waste.

## STORAGE

Environmental Large Sponge Swab plastic components do not contain latex or PVC.

Stored in a dry place at temperatures between + 5°C to 25°C away from direct sunlight.

**DO NOT USE IF PACKAGE SEAL IS BROKEN.**

**DO NOT FREEZE**

## EXPIRY DATE

Is 1 year from date of manufacture.

## SPECIMEN COLLECTION AND HANDLING

Materials Provided: Environmental Large Sponge Swab are supplied in boxes of 80

Materials required but not provided: These include the materials to successfully recover specimens from the device, these being sampling templates, sample labels, culture plates or tubes, incubating systems, anaerobic workstations or gas jars.

## QUALITY CONTROL

Each batch is tested to ensure recovery of the following organisms at 24 hours room temperature from minimal inoculate:



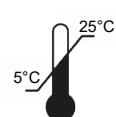
Escherichia coli  
 Staphylococcus aureus  
 Salmonella typhimurium  
 Listeria Monocytogenes

NCTC 9001  
 NCTC 8532  
 NCTC 0074  
 NCTC 5214

## Sterility Test

Each batch is tested for sterility, indicated by the absence of aerobes and anaerobes, after 10 days incubation at 30°C.

## SYMBOLS APPLICABLE TO FAMILY GROUP



**STERILE** R



## SYMBOLS &amp; DEFINITIONS



Temperature Limitation



Use By (YYYY/MM)

**STERILE** R

Method of Sterilisation Using Irradiation



Manufacturer



Do Not Reuse



Consult Instructions for Use



LRQA Approval Mark



Date of Manufacture



Do Not Use If Package Damaged



Peel Here



Contains Sufficient for <n> Tests

**REF**

Reference /Catalogue Number

**LOT**

LOT or batch identification

