



Beyond Basic Sample Collection

Environmental monitoring requires collecting samples from a wide variety of surfaces, from processing equipment and conveyors, to drains and expansive floor or wall surfaces. The EZ Reach™ sponge sampler family offers a range of sizes and functions to fit most sampling needs. Each device has a high purity polyurethane sponge with our patented twist-off handle.



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Polyurethane Sponge

A biocide-free, medical grade material that resists tearing and flaking, and won't inhibit the growth of microorganisms or interfere with downstream diagnostic tests.

HiCap[™] Neutralizing Broth

An advance sample collection solution designed specifically for food safety, that improves the recovery of microorganism from surfaces and unlike other collection solutions, it maintains the viability of stressed and injured cells for up to 72 hours after collection.

Choose the Right Device

Match the sponge to the application

All samplers are available dry or pre-hydrated with various collection solutions.



split SAMPLES

EZ Reach™ Split-Sampler

Easily separate a single sample into two distinct samples without risking incidental contamination or compromising sensitivity.

or pick a **SIZE**



sample surface areas up to 2 ft²



sample surface areas up to 8 ft²



EZ Reach™ 8X
sample surface areas
up to 16 ft²

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Streamline sample collection and processing

Adapters & Extension Poles

Lose the ladder and safely collect samples from hard to reach areas with telescoping extension poles and specialized adapters made exclusively for EZ Reach™ sponges and PUR-Blue™ swabs. Extension poles are available in 4, 8, and 12 ft.





Dividable Grid Containers

Safely and efficiently move samples around the laboratory. Reconfigurable dividers provide clear separation of samples, allowing for easy handling and processing while minimizing the risk of cross contamination.



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HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth





Unexpected Delays?

HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth

protects your samples for up to 72 hours

While it's ideal to test samples within 24 hours of collection, there are times when that is just not possible. With HiCap Neutralizing Broth, environmental samples can be held up to 72 hours before starting enrichments, without sacrificing accuracy. Unlike other collection solutions, HiCap Neutralizing Broth has the ability to maintain the viability of stressed and injured cells for up to 72 hours after collection.



Comparison Study Summary

Method

Overnight cultures of *Listeria monocytogenes* (ATCC 19118) or *Salmonella typhimurium* (ATCC 14028) were inoculated onto 1 ft² stainless steel coupons and dried under ambient conditions for 72 hours. After drying, the coupons were sampled with EZ Reach™ sponge samplers hydrated with 10 ml of HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth, Letheen Broth, Neutralizing Buffer, or D/E Neutralizing Broth. For comparison, sponges were either enriched immediately or held at refrigerated temperatures for 72 hours and then enriched. Listeria samples were enriched in 100 ml UVM broth, transferred to Demi Fraser Broth and streaked to Harlequin® Listeria Chromogenic Agar to determine presence/absence of Listeria. Salmonella samples were enriched in 100 ml BPW, followed by RV broth and then streaked on XLD and Harlequin® Salmonella Chromogenic agar to determine presence/absence of Salmonella.

Results

Comparison of HiCap Neutralizing Broth with Neutralizing Buffer, D/E Neutralizing Broth, and Letheen Broth for the recovery of pathogens from stainless steel surfaces.

Neutralizing Buffer vs HiCap Neutralizing Broth

Samples	Listeria		Salmonella	
Enriched	Neutralizing Buffer (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)	Neutralizing Buffer (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)
0 h after collection	1/15	15/15	1/15	13/15
72 h after collection	0/15	13/15	0/15	15/15

D/E Neutralizing Broth vs HiCap Neutralizing Broth

Samples	Listeria		Salmonella	
Enriched	D/E Neutralizing Broth (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)	D/E Neutralizing Broth (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)
0 h after collection	11/30	13/30	0/30	9/30
72 h after collection	5/30	12/30	0/30	10/30

Letheen Broth vs HiCap Neutralizing Broth

Samples	Listeri	a	Salmon	ella
Enriched	Letheen Broth (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)	Letheen Broth (positive / tested)	HiCap (positive / tested)
0 h after collection	9/15	12/15	14/30	11/30
72 h after collection	5/15	12/15	10/30	10/30

Conclusions

In each comparison, HiCap Neutralizing Broth demonstrated equivalent or better recovery of the stressed Salmonella and Listeria organisms from samples enriched immediately after sampling when compared to the other commonly used collection solutions. However, while the other collection solutions demonstrated evidence of significant die-off of the target pathogens in samples held 72 hours prior to enrichment, these organisms remained viable in the HiCap Neutralizing Broth samples. With HiCap Neutralizing Broth recovery rates after 72 hours of refrigerated storage were comparable to the recovery rates of samples enriched immediately after collection.

HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth vs. Other Collection Solutions

HiCap Neutralizing Broth was developed to meet the specific needs of food and beverage producers. Unlike other collection solutions, HiCap Neutralizing Broth helps to ensure the accuracy of microbiological test results by neutralizing a comprehensive array of different sanitizers and greater quantity of residual sanitizer. HiCap Neutralizing Broth is formulated to be non-allergenic, contain only components acceptable or use in food, and to be compatible with both traditional and rapid enumeration and pathogen detection methods.

	HiCap Neutralizing Broth	Neutralizing Buffer	Letheen Broth	D/E Neutralizing Broth
Ability to neutralize quats ¹	High	Moderate	Weak	High
Ability to neutralize free chlorine	High	Weak	Moderate	High
Ability to neutralize high acid	High	Weak	Moderate	High
Ability to neutralize peroxyacetic acid	High	Weak	Weak	High
Ability to buffer low pH (high acid) sanitizers ²	Yes	No	No	No
All components are compatible with 3M Petrifilm plates ³	Yes	No	Yes	No
Compatible with molecular detection assays	Yes	No ⁴	Yes	Yes
All components listed in EAFUS ⁵ as acceptable for use in food	Yes	No	Yes	No
All components are identified as non-allergenic	Yes	Unknown ⁶	Unknown ⁷	No ⁸
No meat peptones or extracts	Yes ⁹	Yes	No	No
Store at ambient temp 2-30°C	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹⁰	No ¹¹

¹⁾ Technical data available upon request. 2) Technical data available upon request. 3) 3M recommends avoiding solutions that contain bisulfite, citrate and thiosulfate when working with Petrifilm. 4) Possibly due to the presence of aryl sulfonate complex in the neutralizing buffer. 5) EAFUS - Everything Added to Food in the U.S. (U.S. FDA). 6) Contains aryl sulfonate complex of unknown allergenicity. 7) Letheen broth contains lecithin. Lecithin used in microbiological culture media is typically derived from soy or egg. 8) Contains peptone from milk and lecithin, which is typically derived from soy or egg. 9) Includes vegetable peptones (not digested with animal-derived enzymes) and yeast extract. 10) Some suppliers of letheen broth specify refrigerated storage. 11) D/E shows pH instability with ambient storage.

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Boot swabs are stretchable, sterile fabric boot covers with in integral elastic band designed to easily slide over any shoe or boot and remain securely in place for effortless collection of samples from the floor surface. Available pre-moistened with double-strength skim milk, boot swabs are packaged as singles or pairs in a completely sealed, non-perforated, sterile sample bag to ensure product integrity and quality.

Pull StringSampler

Pull-String samplers are designed for collecting samples from poultry and other livestock housing facilities. The 4" x 4" 12-ply cotton gauze pad with an attached string is available pre-moistened with double-strength skim milk, packaged in a completely sealed, non-perforated, sterile sample bag to ensure product integrity and quality.





Carcass Sampling Kit

The Carcass Sampling Kit contains all components (sponge, gloves, 100 cm² template, and 25 ml of Butterfield's phosphate buffer) needed to collect and transport 15 carcass samples according to the guidelines of the U.S. Pathogen Reduction Act. Kit components (sponges, gloves, template and buffer) can also be bought separately to better match your workflow.



SampleRight[™] Sponge Sampler

The SampleRight™ Sponge Sampler with a high-density polyurethane sponge resists crumbling and flaking, making it ideal for carcass sampling. The sponge is easy to manipulate and hold while collecting samples. Available pre-hydrated with Buffered Peptone Water or dry, with or without gloves, to fit your carcass sampling needs.



EZ Reach™ Sponge Sampler

The EZ Reach™ Sponge Sampler with a patented twist-off handle eliminates the need to touch the sponge, reducing the risk of sample contamination and making it a great option for cattle, swine, or even turkey carcass sampling. Available dry, or pre-hydrated with Buffered Peptone water.

The EZ Reach™ 4X sponge sampler, hydrated with double strength skim milk is an excellent alternative for monitoring poultry breeding facilities and grow houses as well as hatcheries and egg laying operations.



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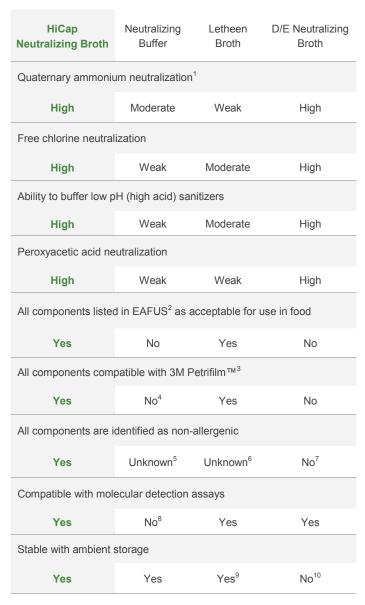
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Upgrade to Polyurethane

PUR-polyurethane has several advantages over cellulose, including resistance to tearing, flaking or fraying, and improved release of organisms. It's synthetic manufacturing process yields a more consistent biocide-free material without any components that may interfere with downstream test methods. Request the free white paper to learn more.

Compare HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth to Traditional Collection Solutions



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with advanced microbiology

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EZ Reach™ Sponge Samplers

Ideal for collecting samples without touching the sponge. The twist-off handle holds the sponge securely while sampling, but is easy to remove once sample collection is completed. Now available with 4X and 8X larger sponges for sampling larger surfaces.



EZ Reach

EZ Reach™ polyurethane 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10HC-PUR
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 24 oz w/gloves	EZ-10HC-PUR-G
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 18 oz bag	EZ18FR-10HC-PUR
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10ml, 18 oz w/gloves	EZ18FR-10HC-PUR-G
D/E Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10DE-PUR*
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10LET-PUR
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 18 oz bag	EZ18FR-10LET-PUR
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10NB-PUR
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag w/gloves	EZ-10NB-PUR-G
Neutralizing Buffer 20 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-20NB-PUR
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 18 oz bag	EZ18FR-10NB-PUR
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 18 oz bag w/gloves	EZ18FR-10NB-PUR-G
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml, 18 oz bag	EZ18FR-10BPW-PUR
Dry polyurethane sponge, 24 oz bag	EZ-DRY-PUR

^{*} Listed in FDA BAM Chapter 10 procedures for Listeria monocytogenes

EZ Reach™ cellulose 100/case	Item #
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10LET-CELL
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10NB-CELL
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag w/gloves	EZ-10NB-CELL-G
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-10BPW-CELL
Buffered Peptone Water 25 ml, 24 oz bag	EZ-25BPW-CELL

EZ Reach™ Split-Sampler

Easily separate a single sample into two distinct samples without the risk of incidental contamination or compromising sensitivity.



EZ Reach™ Split-Samper 60/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 20 ml	EZ-SP-20HC-PUR
Letheen Broth 20 ml	EZ-SP-20LET-PUR



EZ Reach 4X



EZ Reach 8X

EZ Reach™ 4X polyurethane 50/case	Item #
Double Strength Skim Milk, 40 ml, 6x13" bag	EZ4-40DSSM-PUR
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 40 ml, 6x13" bag	EZ4-40HC-PUR
EZ Reach™ 8X polyurethane 30/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 80 ml, 6x13" bag	EZ8-80HC-PUR

SampleRight™ Sponge Sampler

Pre-hydrated high density PUR-polyurethane sponge is easy to manipulate and resists tearing and flaking, making it ideal for aggressively sampling rough surfaces. Available with and without gloves.

SampleRight™ polyurethane 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 18 oz bag	SR18-10HC-HDPUR
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 18 oz bag w/gloves	SR18-10LET-HDPUR-G
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag w/gloves	SR-10NB-HDPUR-G
Buffered Peptone Water 20 ml, 18 oz bag w/gloves	SR18-20BPW-HDPUR-G
Buffered Peptone Water 25 ml, 18 oz bag	SR18-25BPW-HDPUR

SampleRight™ cellulose 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml, 18 oz bag w/gloves	SR18-10HC-G
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag	SR-10LET
Letheen Broth 10 ml, 24 oz bag w/gloves	SR-10LET-G
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag	SR-10NB
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 24 oz bag w/gloves	SR-10NB-G
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml, 18 oz bag w/gloves	SR18-10NB-G
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml, 24 oz w/gloves	SR-10BPW-G
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml, 18 oz bag	SR18-10BPW
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml, 18 oz w/gloves	SR18-10BPW-G
Dry cellulose, 24 oz bag	SR-DRY
Dry cellulose, 24 oz bag w/gloves	SR-DRY-G
Dry cellulose, 18 oz bag	SR18-DRY
Dry cellulose, 18 oz bag w/gloves	SR18-DRY-G



PUR-Blue™ Swab Sampler

Compressible and rugged PUR-polyurethane swab tip allows for aggressive sampling of small to large surface areas. Ideal for both pathogen detection and plate counts.

PUR-Blue™ Swab 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 1 ml, small swab	BLU-1HC-S
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 1.5 ml	BLU-HC-P
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 5 ml	BLU-5HC
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 10 ml	BLU-10HC
D/E Neutralizing Broth 1.5 ml	BLU-DE-P
Letheen Broth 1 ml, small swab	BLU-1LET-S
Letheen Broth 1.5 ml	BLU-LET-P
Letheen Broth 5 ml	BLU-5LET
Letheen Broth 10 ml	BLU-10LET
Neutralizing Buffer 4 ml	BLU-4NB
Neutralizing Buffer 5 ml	BLU-5NB
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml	BLU-10NB
Dry sterile swab	BLU-DRY



Reach further with extension poles and adapters made specifically for EZ Reach sponges and PUR-Blue swabs.



Adapters & Extension Poles	Item #
EZ Reach™ Sponge Adapter, 1 unit	EZ-ADAPT
PUR-Blue™ Swab Adapter, 1 unit	BLU-ADAPT
Extension Pole 4 ft, 1 unit	EXT POLE 4-FT
Extension Pole 8 ft, 1 unit	EXT POLE 8-FT
Extension Pole 12 ft, 1 unit	EXT POLE 12-FT



PUR-Blue™ DUO Swab Sampler

Collection and enrichment of pathogens with a single device. One tube contains a PUR-polyurethane swab with a neutralizing media. The second tube contains a ready-to-use enrichment broth for *Listeria* or *Salmonella*.

PUR-Blue™ DUO Swab 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ / Demi-Fraser Broth 9 ml	DUO-HC9DFB
HiCap™ / Buffered Peptone Water 9 ml	DUO-HC9BPW
D/E Neutralizing / Demi-Fraser Broth 9 ml	DUO-DE9DFB
D/E Neutralizing / Buffered Peptone Water 9ml	DUO-DE9BPW



Veriswab™ Swab Sampler

The ideal swab for collecting samples from small areas with limited access such as cracks, crevices, and areas with small openings.

Veriswab™ Sampler 100/case	Item #
HiCap™ Neutralizing Broth 1 ml	VS-1HC
Neutralizing Buffer 4 ml	VS-4NB
Neutralizing Buffer 10 ml	VS-10NB
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml	VS-10BPW
Letheen Broth 1 ml	VS-1LET
Letheen Broth 4 ml	VS-4LET
Letheen Broth 10 ml	VS-10LET

Dividable Grid Container

Dividable Grid Containers provide a convenient and secure way to handle, transfer, and process microbiological samples in wire closure samples bags.



Dividable Grid Container	Item #
Blue container, 1 unit each	DG-CONTAINER
Grey long divider, 6 per pack	DG-DIVIDER-LONG
Grey short divider, 6 per pack	DG-DIVIDER-SHORT

NovaLock™ Dilution Bottles

The patented lockdown tab technology prevents leakage during transport and allows for easy aseptic opening. No shrink wrap to remove and no strips to pull. Color-coded tamper evident labels identify the type and volume of diluent.



NovaLock™ Dilution Bottles 60/case	Item #
Butterfield's Phosphate Buffer 90 ml	NLD-90BFD
Butterfield's Phosphate Buffer 99 ml	NLD-99BFD
Buffered Peptone Water (ISO) 90 ml	NLD-90BPW
Buffered Peptone Water (ISO) 99 ml	NLD-99BPW
Peptone Water 90 ml	NLD-90PW
Peptone Water 99 ml	NLD-99PW
Demi-Fraser Broth 90 ml	NLD-90DFB
Phosphate Buffer + MgCl 99 ml	NLD-99PHB

Pull String Sampler

Designed to collect samples from poultry and other livestock housing facilities. Packed in a truly sterile, non-perforated sample bag for accurate results.



Pull String Sampler 100/case	Item #
Double Strength Skim Milk 10 ml polyurethane	PS-10DSSM-PUR
Double Strength Skim Milk 10 ml gauze	PS-10DSSM-GAUZ

Sample Bags

Complete line of sterile Whirl-Pak® sample bags is available, including some of the most popular items listed below.

Whirl-Pak® sample bags	Item #
Whirl-Pak® Bags, 18 oz, 4.5"x9" 500/case	NSB-1020
Write-On Bags, 18 oz, 4.5"x9" 500/case	NSB-1065
Write-On Bags, 24 oz, 6"x9" 500/case	NSB-1297
Blender Bags w/filter, 7 oz, 3.75"x7" 250/case	NSB-1385
Blender Bags w/filter, 24 oz, 6"x9" 250/case	NSB-1348
Blender Bags w/filter, 55 oz, 7.5"x12" 250/case	NSB-1318
Blender Bags, Write-On, 55 oz, 7.5"x12" 500/case	NSB-1195
Blender Bags w/filter, 92 oz, 10"x15" 100/case	NSB-1488

FlipRight™ Prefilled Vials

The lockdown tab with the unique lever design makes FlipRight one of the most secure and easy to open tubes or vials available. Designed to be easily opened with either one or two hands.



FlipRight™ Prefilled Vials 100/case	Item #
Butterfield's Phosphate Buffer 9 ml	FRV-9BFD
Butterfield's Phosphate Buffer 10 ml	FRV-10BFD
Buffered Peptone Water 9 ml	FRV-9BPW
Buffered Peptone Water 10 ml	FRV-10BPW
Letheen Broth 9 ml	FRV-9LET
Letheen Broth 10 ml	FRV-10LET
D/E Neutralizing Broth 9 ml	FRV-9DE

Boot Swab

Boot swabs are stretchable, sterile fabric boot covers with in integral elastic band designed to easily slide over any shoe or boot and remain securely in place for effortless collection of samples from the floor surface.

Boot Swab 100/case	Item #
Double Strength Skim Milk, 1 swa	b BOOT-DSSM-1B
Double Strength Skim Milk, 2 swa	abs BOOT-DSSM-2B

Carcass Sampling

Cattle/Swine Carcass Sampling Kit	Item #
(SR-DRY-G) dry cellulose sponge in a 24 oz sample bag with gloves, (CS-25BFD) 25 ml Butterfields Phosphate Buffer, and (TP-10x10-PLAIN) 100cm² plastic template, 15 each/kit	CSKIT-BFD
Carcass Sampling Components	Item #
Dry cellulose sponge w/glove 24oz bag, 100/case	SR-DRY-G
Carcass Sampling Bottle, Butterfield's Phosphate Buffer, 25 ml, 36/case	CS-25BFD
Turkey Template, 50 cm², sterile, 50/case	TP-5X10-PLAIN
Cattle Swine Template, 100 cm², sterile, 50/case	TP-10X10-PLAIN
Poultry Rinse Bag,15x20 in, 2 mil polyethylene, sterile, 50/case	NSB-1319
Glove Packs, blue polyethylene, 100 pair/case	GP-BLUE-PE