

Stick Sponge

Environmental Sample Collection Sponges with Stick
Part No: SS100(G), SS100BPW(G), SS100LET(G), SS100NB(G)



Description/ Intended Use:

Stick Sponge enables convenient collection of environmental samples. An easy-release stick is attached to a sponge in a sterile bag. The stick allows for easy access to tight areas and crevices without having to directly handle sponge. Sponge is available dry or pre-moistened with 10mL of various diluents. After sample collection, stick is squeezed to release sponge into bag. Tie-off bag is then sealed and sample is ready for delivery to laboratory.

Required Materials (Not Provided):

- Sterile gloves (if applicable)
- Sterile media to rehydrate dry sponges (if applicable), e.g.,
 - Buffered Peptone Water
 - Lethen Broth
 - Neutralizing Buffer
 - Other media of user's preference

Directions:

Instructional Video: www.youtube.com/HygienaTV

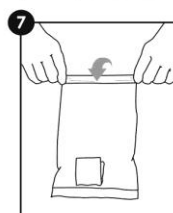
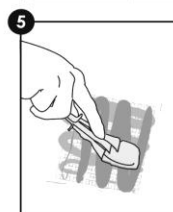
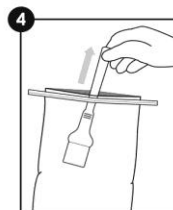
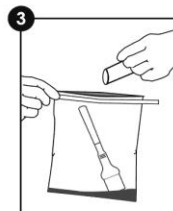
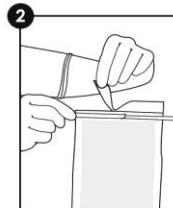
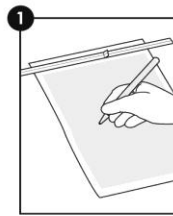
1. Sample bag may be labeled with a permanent marker for identification. If gloves are included, aseptically put on gloves.
2. Remove tear-off strip.
3. If Stick Sponge is ordered dry, Part No. SS100(G), add 10 mL of desired sterile media to bag to hydrate sponge.
4. Carefully take Stick Sponge by handle to remove from bag.
5. Swab a 12 x 12 in (30 x 30 cm) area of interest.
 - a. Apply sufficient pressure to create flex in stick handle.
 - b. Swipe entire area of interest horizontally.
 - c. Turn Stick Sponge over and swipe same area vertically.
 - d. Finally, use sides of sponge to swipe area diagonally in each direction.
6. Use pull tabs to pull open bag. Hold Stick Sponge over open bag and pinch wide part of handle to aseptically release sponge into sampling bag. Discard stick.
7. Roll top of bag over three times and fold in tabs to seal. Sample is ready for delivery to laboratory.

Storage & Shelf Life:

- Neutralizing Buffer sponges have an 18 month shelf life.
- All other hydrated sponges have a 12 month shelf life.
- Dry sponges have a 5 year shelf life.
- Store at room or refrigerated temperatures (2 – 25 °C).
- Do not freeze.
- Check expiration date on packaging.

Disposal:

Used devices confirming positive results should be treated as a biohazard and incinerated, autoclaved, or soaked in 20% bleach solution for a minimum of 1 hour before disposal.



Safety & Precautions:

Components of Sponge devices do not pose any health risk when used correctly. Used devices confirming positive results may be a biohazard and should be disposed of safely in compliance with Good Laboratory Practice and Health and Safety Regulations. Do not use devices after expiration date.

- Sponges are designed for a single use. Do not reuse.
- Do not use devices after expiration date.
- Sampling should be done aseptically to avoid cross contamination.
- For further safety instruction, refer to Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

Hygiena Liability:

Hygiena will not be liable to user or others for any loss or damage whether direct or indirect, incidental or consequential from use of this device. If this product is proven to be defective, Hygiena's sole obligation will be to replace product or at its discretion, refund the purchase price. Promptly notify Hygiena within 5 days of discovery of any suspected defect and return product to Hygiena. Please contact Customer Service for a Returned Goods authorization number.

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Sponge'n Bag

Environmental Sample Collection Sponges

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Description/ Intended Use:

Sponge'n Bag enables convenient collection of environmental samples. Sponge is available dry or pre-moistened with 10mL of various diluents in a sterile bag. After sample collection, sponge is replaced in bag. Tie-off bag is then sealed and sample is ready for delivery to laboratory.

Required Materials (Not Provided):

- Sterile gloves (if applicable)
- Sterile media to rehydrate dry sponges (if applicable), e.g.,
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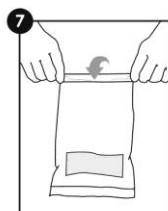
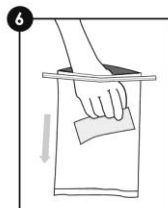
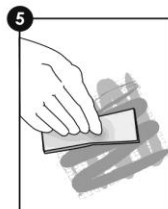
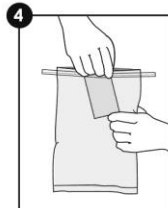
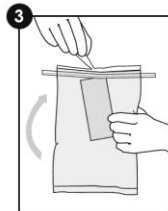
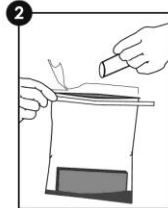
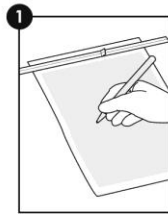
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2. If Sponge'n Bag is ordered dry, Part No. HSB100(G), remove tear-off strip and add 10 mL of desired sterile media to bag to hydrate sponge.
 - a. Holding outside of bag, aseptically move sponge towards top of bag.
3. For hydrated sponges, hold bottom of bag and shake bag upside down to move sponge to top of bag.
 - a. Turn bag upright, squeezing outside of bag to hold sponge at top. Remove tear-off strip.
4. Carefully remove sponge from bag.
5. Swab a 12 x 12 in (30 x 30 cm) area of interest.
 - a. Apply even pressure to maximize sample collection.
 - b. Swipe entire area of interest horizontally.
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 - d. Finally, swipe area diagonally in each direction.
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