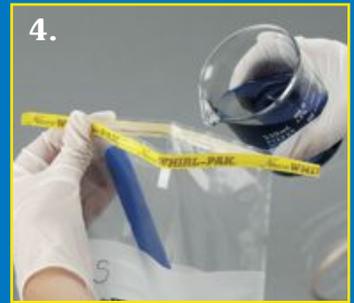


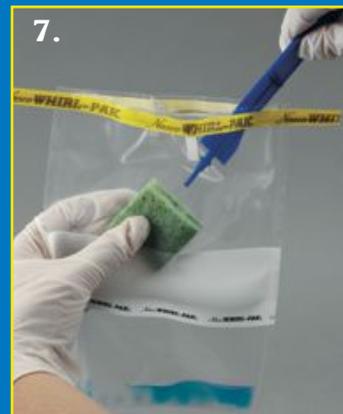
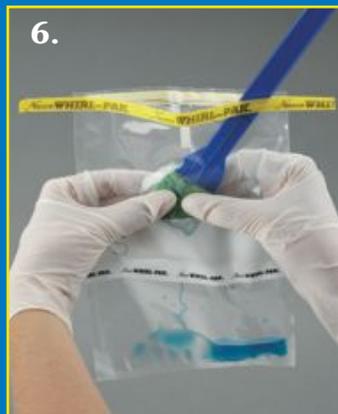
WHIRL-PAK® Sponge Probe Instructions

B01475WA, B01494WA, B01495WA



B01475WA — Dry Sponge

1. Write sample information on bag if necessary.
2. Tear off top of bag.
3. Use pull tabs on each side of bag to open.
4. Add diluent of your choice to hydrate the sponge — 10 ml should be sufficient.



5. Squeeze sponge a few times from outside the bag to saturate it thoroughly.
6. Lift the sponge probe up slightly from bottom of bag, squeeze excess liquid from the sponge from outside the bag.
Holding the plastic handle, wipe the surface using both sides of the sponge and/or following USDA/HACCP guidelines.
7. Insert sponge back into bag, hold sponge from outside the bag with one hand and untwist the handle with the other and discard — release sponge into bag.
8. Close the bag one of two ways:
 - A. Fold the top down tightly 4-5 times and bend the wires onto the bag.
 - B. Hold the bag by the wire tabs and whirl it 3 or more times and bend the wires onto the bag.

Send bag to a lab for testing.

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Please note: The Sponge Probe is designed for easy sample collection and processing in the laboratory. When using the Sponge Probe for quantitative work, the sample bag containing the sponge and diluent can be placed directly into a homogenizer paddle blender for the purpose of suspending cells collected on the sponge.

When the Sponge Probe is used for pathogen testing, it is necessary that the sterile enrichment broth be added directly to the sample bag. Alternatively, if a separate container is used for enrichment, it is recommended that the sponge be added to an enrichment broth that has previously been prepared in a container with an autoclavable polypropylene liner.

Steam sterilization at 250° F (121° C) to decontaminate the broth after the enrichment step has been completed, will result in a release of the nontoxic adhesive used to attach the sponge to the plastic handle. This adhesive may coat the inside surface of a container and make cleanup difficult.

B01494WA & B01495WA — Hydrated Sponge

1. Follow instructions for the dry sponge, skipping steps 4 and 5.

Wearing a sterile glove during sampling is customer choice.