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## ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING SWABS

### SwabCollect™ Butterfield's Solution, 1 mL

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Microbial Sampling Tool for surface sampling, using a swab and a plastic tube containing Butterfield's Solution buffer to maintain viability and protect microorganisms during transport and analysis.

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## 1. INTENDED USE

**SwabCollect™ Butterfield's Solution, 1 mL** is designed for microbiological sampling from surfaces and hard-to-reach areas in food processing, healthcare, and pharmaceutical environments. The product aids in collecting samples from narrow or difficult-to-reach areas, ensuring that microorganisms are protected throughout the transport and analysis process. **Butterfield's Solution** helps maintain the viability and stability of microorganisms during transport without altering their biological characteristics.

## 2. PRINCIPLES

**SwabCollect™ Butterfield's Solution, 1 mL** uses a swab combined with a plastic tube containing 1 mL of **Butterfield's Solution** to collect microorganisms from surfaces. The **Butterfield's Solution** buffer does not provide nutrients but protects microorganisms from the effects of residual disinfectants on surfaces, without changing their biological characteristics. This solution maintains the viability and stability of microorganisms throughout transport and analysis, ensuring they are not affected before analysis in a selective medium.

## 3. TYPICAL COMPOSITION

### 3.1. Tools

- Sterile swab
- Sterile plastic tube, size 16 x 100 mm

### 3.2. Medium

- Volume of medium in the plastic tube: 1 mL
- Components of the buffer:

*For 1 liter of buffer*

Monopotassium phosphate (KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> )	42,5 mg
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*pH of the ready-to-use buffer at 25°C: 7,2 ± 0,2*

## 4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

- Inspect the **SwabCollect™** product to ensure it is not damaged or contaminated during storage.
- Write the sample information on the pre-labeled sticker on the plastic tube containing the solution.
- Carefully open the cap of the solution tube to avoid contaminating the internal environment.
- Immerse the swab tip into the solution in the tube, ensuring the swab tip is completely moistened with the solution.
- Collect the sample by gently rubbing the swab on the area to be sampled. Be careful not to touch the swab tip with your hands.

- Insert the swab back into the tube containing the solution.
- Break off the excess swab tip to fit the tube.
- Close the plastic tube tightly to protect the sample and prevent contamination during transport.
- Transport the sample immediately to the laboratory to ensure the stability of the microorganisms, following sample storage guidelines..

## 5. QUALITY CONTROL

- **SwabCollect™ Butterfield's Solution, 1 mL** is produced in a closed environment, adhering to strict hygiene regulations. The plastic tube and swab are sterilized using gamma irradiation, ensuring no microorganisms affect the quality of the sample.

## 6. STORAGE AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS

- Storage: 4 – 25°C.
- Transportation: Ambient temperature.

## 7. PACKAGING

- Packaging: 50 set/ box or customer request.

## 8. SHELF LIFE

- Expiration Date: 18 months from the manufacturing date.

## 9. BIBLIOGRAPHY

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