

# Enviroscreen

Specialist Environmental Surface Sampling for Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical companies.



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# Quantitative Swab Sampling

Surface sampling swab kits are provided as a single peel pack, containing a sealed tube with TSC's Neutralising Buffer and a capped swab. The surface to be sampled can be tested with the swab dry or pre-moistened in TSC's Neutralising Buffer (if premoistened swabs are used the surface must be wiped afterwards). All swabs conform to ISO 18593:2004 requirements and are ISO 9001:2008 quality management system compliant.

- > Suitable for routine microbiological and general hygiene analysis on virtually any surface
- > Increases cleanliness and confidence, assisting in brand protection



- > Ideal for analysis of total viable count (TVC), gram positives (*Listeria* spp., *Staphylococci*), *Enterobacteriaceae* (for example *Salmonellae* and *E.coli*) plus other groups of microorganisms
- > All Enviroscreen products are sterilised by gamma irradiation to SAL 10<sup>6</sup> for total product confidence and certificates of conformity for each batch are directly downloadable from our website, [www.tscswabs.co.uk](http://www.tscswabs.co.uk).

Code	Description	Pack Size	Details
TS/5-31	Supplied with liquid Maximum Recovery Diluent (MRD) media in tube with Pure Viscose swab tip on a Blue polystyrene shaft, supplied in peel pouch.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Recommended for hand swabbing - contains no sensitising chemicals</li> <li>&gt; Can be used for sampling non-disinfected areas</li> <li>&gt; Ideal for quick turnaround analysis within 4 to 6 hours</li> <li>&gt; Supplied in accurate volumes for analysis</li> </ul>
TS/5-40	5ml Neutralising Buffer in tube with Pure Viscose swab tip on a Blue polystyrene shaft, supplied in peel pouch. Breakpoint at 45mm.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; A convenient all in one sampling kit for monitoring hygiene</li> <li>&gt; Blue breakpoint viscose tip swab for visibility</li> <li>&gt; Maximum recovery without any inhibition</li> <li>&gt; Supplied in accurate 5ml volumes</li> </ul>
TS/5-40BPW	5ml Buffered Peptone Water in tube with Pure Viscose swab tip on a blue polystyrene shaft, supplied in a peel pouch. Breakpoint at 45mm.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Blue swab for high visibility</li> <li>&gt; Ideal kit for pathogen monitoring in poultry houses</li> <li>&gt; Can be used for sampling of non-disinfected surfaces or hand swabbing</li> </ul>
TS/5-42	10ml Neutralising Buffer in tube with a Polyester swab tip on a White polystyrene shaft, supplied in peel pouch.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; White flexible viscose tip swab for hard to reach areas</li> <li>&gt; Supplies maximum recovery without any inhibition</li> <li>&gt; Supplied in accurate 10ml volumes</li> </ul>
TS/5-43	10ml Neutralising Buffer in tube with a Calcium Alginate swab tip on a wood stick shaft, supplied in peel pouch.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Calcium Alginate swab tip will dissolve fully in Calgon Ringers solution, releasing the complete sample for use in quantitative methods</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for equipment or surfaces testing, where traces of disinfectants are possibly present</li> </ul>
TS/5-44	2ml Neutralising Buffer in tube with a Polyester swab tip on a white polystyrene shaft, supplied in peel pouch.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ideal for environmental monitoring of surfaces where low numbers of microorganisms are known or suspected</li> <li>&gt; 2ml volume minimises sample dilution for accurate counts</li> </ul>
TS/5-48	10ml TSC's Universal Neutralising Buffer in tube with a Polyester swab tip on a White polystyrene shaft, supplied in peel pouch.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Unique formulation of neutralising buffer with omitted sodium thiosulphate</li> <li>&gt; Uses alternative components for chlorine neutralisation</li> <li>&gt; Specially designed for use with most 3M Petrifilm™ applications.</li> </ul>
TS/5-64:HS	Viscose Tip swab with Blue polystyrene shaft breakpoint at 45mm. 10ml personnel sampling solution.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Blue cap and swab shaft for high visibility</li> <li>&gt; Breakpoint for convenient analysis</li> <li>&gt; Ideal for fingers and nails</li> </ul>

# Dry Swab Sampling

Swabs for general sampling applications. Supplied sterile in a tamper evident sealed tube, with a write on label or in a peelable pouch.



Code	Description	Pack Size	Details
TS/6-H	Woodstick shaft with Cotton swab tip, single in tube.	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Suitable for most general swabbing applications</li> <li>&gt; Try TS/17-H or TS/19-H if sampling for more fastidious/fatty acid sensitive organisms</li> </ul>
TS/7-H	Woodstick shaft with Calcium Alginate swab tip, single in tube.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Tip will dissolve in Calgon Ringers solution for complete release of sample</li> </ul>
TS/15-CP	12" Jumbo Foam swab with blue Polypropylene (flexible) shaft. Single in tube.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ideal for sampling small pipes or curved drains with a flexible, but resilient Polypropylene shaft</li> </ul>
TS/17-H	Viscose swab tip with Polypropylene (flexible) shaft. Single in tube.	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Viscose tipped swab in tube</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for sampling when fastidious or more sensitive organisms are suspected</li> <li>&gt; Flexible 'round corners' sampling for hard to reach areas</li> </ul>
TS/19-H	Viscose swab tip, with Blue Polystyrene shaft with Breakpoint at 45mm. Single in tube.	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Viscose tipped swab in tube</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for sampling when fastidious or more sensitive organisms are suspected</li> <li>&gt; Blue shaft colour for high visibility and a breakpoint to allow convenient analysis</li> </ul>
TS/19-T	Viscose swab tip with Blue Polystyrene shaft with Breakpoint at 45mm. In Peel Pouch.	1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Viscose tipped swab in tube</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for sampling when fastidious or more sensitive organisms are suspected</li> <li>&gt; Blue shaft colour for high visibility and a breakpoint to allow convenient analysis</li> </ul>
TS/19-M	Low ATP Polyester swab, single in tube for hygiene testing with most commercial techniques.	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Used for ATP monitoring and bioluminescence testing</li> </ul>

# PreMoist Swab Kits

**Ready to use and pre-moistened for convenience. Ideal for environmental & hygiene monitoring of equipment and critical surfaces.**

- > Integral solution for HACCP
- > No peel pouch
- > 12 month shelf life



Code	Description	Pack Size	Details
TS/6-61	Pre-moistened Viscose tip swab in TSC Neutralising Buffer with a white polystyrene shaft, supplied in tube.	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Will neutralise sanitisers and disinfectants</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for most surfaces</li> </ul>
TS/6-61BP	Pre-moistened Viscose tip swab in TSC Neutralising Buffer with blue polystyrene breakpoint shaft. Supplied in tube.	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Blue polystyrene breakpoint shaft for high visibility</li> <li>&gt; Sample easily transferred to smaller vials using breakpoint</li> <li>&gt; Will neutralise sanitisers and disinfectants</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for critical surfaces in a production area</li> </ul>
TS/6-62	Pre-moistened Viscose tip swab in Deionised Water with white polystyrene shaft. Supplied in tube.	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Suitable for when Neutralising Buffers are not appropriate</li> <li>&gt; Ideal for sampling sensitive equipment</li> </ul>
TS/6-63BP	Pre-moistened Foam tip swab in TSC Neutralising Buffer with white polystyrene breakpoint shaft. Supplied in tube.	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Foam tip offers enhanced collection and release of sample</li> <li>&gt; Will neutralise sanitisers and disinfectants</li> <li>&gt; Sample easily transferred to smaller vials</li> <li>&gt; Suitable for most production surfaces</li> </ul>

## TSC Neutralising Buffer

**In many cases a surface will contain traces of disinfectants and/or sanitisers, but it is also possible that it will contain a small number of bacteria too.**

Left alone, these cleaning fluid traces will not kill the microorganisms, but will just prevent any growth (known as the bacteriostatic effect). Only by using a neutralising solution like TSC Neutralising buffer will their presence be detected. Sampling without neutralisers will lead the user to think the area is clean, when it isn't; in sensitive environments (food, beverage and pharmaceutical) this will shorten shelf life of products, increase spoilage rates and potentially cause poisoning outbreaks.

TSC Neutralising Buffer is an excellent way to monitor the effectiveness of disinfectants and/or sanitisers, to detect any development of bacterial resistance. This allows an alternative cleanser to be introduced before product quality is affected or a full department clean down is necessary, disrupting production. Implementing regular monitoring and using a neutralising buffer allows the factory cleanliness to be accurately verified and maintained with minimal effort and cost.

TSC Neutralising Buffer will neutralise most common disinfectants like peroxides and derivatives, phenols, quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC's), amphoteric, chlorines and associated halogens, providing the end user with total testing assurance.

## Sterile Sponge Sampling Kits and Accessories

**Ready to use, Non inhibitory cellulose blue sampling sponge for the microbiological analysis of different surfaces.**

- > Provides optimal microorganism recovery for sampling in food contact, environmental and industrial settings
- > Complies with EC No. 2073/2005 on microbiological criteria for foodstuffs
- > Suitable for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) procedures



Code	Description	Pack Size	Details
TS/15-A74	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Neutralising Buffer, in 100ml screw top blue plastic container.	74	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non inhibitory blue sponge for maximum recovery and visibility. Packaged in a handy blue screw top container with glove for easy sampling and enrichment</li> </ul>
TS/15-B	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Neutralising Buffer, in medical grade bag.	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non inhibitory blue sponge for maximum recovery and visibility. Supplied with minigrip bag for sample transportation</li> </ul>
TS/15-I	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Neutralising Buffer in medical grade bag.	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; As TS/15-B, but without minigrip bag</li> </ul>
TS/15-HS	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge, in medical grade bag.	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Non inhibitory blue sponge for maximum recovery and visibility</li> <li>&gt; Outer bag can be used for transport to laboratory after testing</li> <li>&gt; Ideal for whole hand surface sampling</li> </ul>
TS/15-N	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Neutralising Buffer in a heat sealed Stomacher bag.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Ideal configuration if sample is to be stomached before further analysis</li> </ul>
TS/15-U	Envirostik - 50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Neutralising Buffer, attached to a sturdy blue breakpoint handle. Supplied in a medical grade bag.	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 50cm<sup>2</sup> sampling sponge on a plastic stick, dosed with neutralising buffer</li> <li>&gt; Non inhibitory blue sponge for maximum recovery and visibility</li> <li>&gt; Ideal for sampling in difficult to reach and awkward areas</li> </ul>
TS/15-T	10 x 10cm <sup>2</sup> Sterile polypropylene (flexible) template.	50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Incorporates finger press plate for easy and controlled sampling</li> </ul>

# Poultry Sampling - Boot Swab Kit

**Poultry industry floor and litter sampling kits, optimised for Salmonella spp. detection.**

- > Environmental monitoring of poultry flocks for the presence of Salmonellae
- > Complies with sampling requirements of *Salmonella* legislation in poultry\*
- > Immediate replacement for drag swab
- > Available in four designs for tailored sampling solutions



Code	Pack Size	Description
TS/BSW2A	60	2 pairs of poultry boot swabs dosed with MRD. Sealed within a medical grade bag together with a mini grip bag for sample transport and disposable gloves.
TS/BSW5A	30	5 pairs of poultry boot swabs dosed with MRD. Sealed within a medical grade bag together with a mini grip bag for sample transport and disposable glove.
TS/BSW2B	30	2 pairs of poultry boot swabs dosed with MRD. Sealed in the first outer bag. Then with a pair of sterile overboots together with gloves, minigrip bag sealed within the second bag.
TS/BSW5B	20	5 pairs of poultry boot swabs dosed with MRD. Sealed in the first outer bag. Then with a pair of sterile overboots together with two gloves and two minigrip bags sealed within the second bag.

\*(Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003; Regulation (EC) No 1003/2005; Regulation (EC) No 1168/2006; Regulation (EC) No 584/2008; UK National Control Programmes for the reduction of Salmonella).

# Meat Carcass Sampling Kits

**Meat Carcass Sampling Kits are comprised of a pre-moistened sponge for convenient direct food surface sampling. Each sponge is dosed in an isotonic solution.**

- > Convenient for direct surface sampling of meat carcasses
- > Products comply to Food Standard Agency recommendations
- > Products can be used for total viable count (TVC) and *Enterobacteriaceae* (for example *Salmonella* and *E.coli*) from the surface of meat carcasses (for example beef, pork, poultry and lamb)
- > Sampling can be conducted by non specialist staff in most cases
- > Can be stored at room temperature



Code	Description	Pack Size	
TS/15-A:NaCl	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with 0.9% saline, in 100ml screw top, blue plastic container.	74	> Contains glove for easy sampling
TS/15-B:NaCl	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with 0.9% saline, in medical grade bag.	150	> Sponge is dosed in nutrient free solution that enables the product to be stored at the sampling site and sampling to be conducted by non specialist staff
TS/15-I:NaCl	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with 0.9% saline, in medical grade bag.	150	> Sponge is dosed in nutrient free solution, which enables the product to be stored at the sampling site and sampling to be conducted by non specialist staff
TS/15-U:NaCl	Envirostik. 50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with 0.9% saline. Attached to a sturdy blue breakpoint handle. Supplied in a medical grade bag.	100	> Ideal for sampling in difficult to reach areas > Flexible during sampling procedure > Simple snap mechanism
TS/15-B:PSD	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with peptone saline diluent (MRD), with minigrip bag. Supplied in medical grade bag.	150	> Ideal for specialised sampling for enhanced recovery of TVC and <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> . For experienced users only
TS/15-BPW	50cm <sup>2</sup> Blue Sponge dosed with Buffered Peptone Water, with minigrip bag. Supplied in medical grade bag.	150	> Suitable for specialised sampling for enhanced non-selective recovery of Salmonellae. For experienced users only

# Water Sampling Containers - Graduated

**A range of sterile, food safe, polyethylene containers for sampling from a variety of environments. Available with the option of sodium thiosulphate included for chlorine removal from potable water samples.**

To neutralise grams chlorine / litre	500ml (Pack 100)	1000ml (Pack 100)
Empty – No additives	TS15-F	TS163-F
5mg Chlorine/litre	TS15-DL	TS15-ZL
28mg Chlorine/litre	TS15-D	TS15-Z
50mg Chlorine/litre	TS15-DA	TS15-ZA



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