

Hydra Sponge Swab Instructions

These sponges are used for obtaining wipe samples of various surfaces in order to determine a microbiological population. The subsequent analysis of the swab is typically used for E coli, Salmonella, Listeria or Aerobic bacterial count. The wipes can be used on surface areas, fixtures, tools, and other objects. The user should determine the area. We cannot provide specific guidance for this criteria.

Endyne accepts samples Monday –Wednesday for food microbiology. Samples arriving on Thursday require weekend staffing so there would be extra charges associated with these samples if we accept them.

Instructions:

- 1) Shake the sponge to the end of the bag
- 2) Tear bag open
- 3) Push sponge to extend from the bag
- 4) Bend blue wires to form open bag
- 5) Put on Sterile gloves
- 6) Aseptically remove sponge
- 7) Swab across the entire sampling surface
- 8) Turn sponge over. Swab surface again but 90 degrees from original direction
- 9) Aseptically place the sponge into the bag
- 10) Fold the bag to close
- 11) Fold ends of the blue wire inward
- 12) Return the sample in bag immediately to the laboratory

