



# Quick Swab

*The easy, all-in-one swab for consistent surface sampling.*



1

If your processing plant uses an environmental swabbing system to verify pre-operation sanitation effectiveness, monitor bacteria levels during production, or measure post-operational bacteria levels, you know how important it is to establish a consistent and easy-to-duplicate sampling procedure.

The 3M™ Quick Swab is a ready-to-use environmental swab system consisting of a five-inch, rayon-tipped swab containing letheen neutralizing buffer to facilitate recovery of bacteria. The swabs can be used wet or dry to sample surfaces and quickly deliver 1.0 mL of sample onto a 3M™ Petrifilm™ Plate.

The 3M Quick Swab is one of the most efficient, cost-effective and economical methods for environmental swabbing available. It can decrease your overall cost per swab test by reducing the labor required to prepare, gather and plate the sample. There is no need to prepare neutralizing diluents or use a pipette to add the sample to the plate or test.

From technician to technician, accuracy, consistency and reproducibility in swab testing are all optimized by using labor-saving 3M Quick Swabs. This means increased labor productivity and plant efficiency—which ultimately impacts and improves your facility's bottom line.

# Fast, consistent and accurate swab sampling.

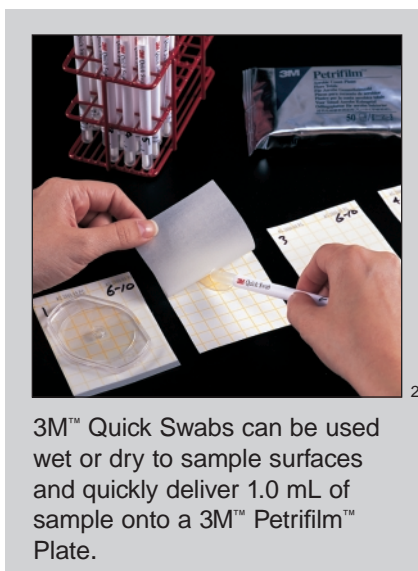
## *Sampling procedures made easy:*

### **Wet**

1. Bend red snap valve at a 45° angle until snapping sound is heard. Squeeze bulb to transfer all the broth to the tube.
2. Remove swab from the tube, and swab targeted area. Place swab back into tube and bring to the lab.
3. Shake tube vigorously for 10 seconds to release bacteria from swab.
4. Pour entire contents of tube onto Petrifilm plate. Discard tube and swab according to protocol.

### **Dry**

1. Remove swab from the tube, and swab targeted area. Place swab back into tube and bring to the lab.
2. Bend red snap valve at a 45° angle until snapping sound is heard. Squeeze bulb to transfer all the broth to the tube.
3. Shake tube vigorously for 10 seconds to release bacteria from swab.
4. Pour entire contents of tube onto Petrifilm plate. Discard tube and swab according to protocol.



### **Reliability you can count on.**

When you use 3M products, you gain an international partner that has the resources to support you. Our customer service and technical support groups are always ready to assist with your testing questions and requirements. Our wide selection of Petrifilm plates are manufactured at an ISO 9002-certified site. Strict quality control procedures help reduce media variations. And whichever 3M testing method you use, you'll increase operational profitability by saving labor through a reduction in the total cost per test.

## Ordering Information

Product	Application	Catalog No.	Contents
3M Quick Swab	Environmental testing	6432	50 swabs
		6433	250 swabs

For more product information, visit: [www.3m.com/microbiology](http://www.3m.com/microbiology)

To order 3M Quick Swab and Petrifilm plates in the U.S., call **1-800-328-1671**.  
For Latin America region, call **651-733-7562**.



### **3M Microbiology**

3M Center, Building 275-5W-05  
St. Paul, MN 55144-1000  
USA  
1 800 228-3957  
[www.3m.com/microbiology](http://www.3m.com/microbiology)  
Email: [microbiology@mmm.com](mailto:microbiology@mmm.com)

### **3M Canada**

Post Office Box 5757  
London, Ontario N6A 4T1  
Canada  
1 800 563-2921



40% Pre-consumer waste paper  
10% Post-consumer waste paper

Printed in U.S.A.  
© 3M 2003 70-2009-1871-5 (72.5) DPI