

Information Sheet Sponge Sticks

The 3M™ Sponge Sticks with 10 ml neutralization buffer facilitate sampling in hard-to-reach areas so that drains, pipes and the surrounding surfaces of appliances can be reached. The cellulose sponge maintains the viability of the organisms.

Carrying out the sampling:

1. Clearly label the packaging of the Sponges Sticks so that it can be assigned to the job.
2. Open the packaging without touching the inside of the bag, remove the sponge stick by the stick and dab the sample area to be analyzed.
3. Put the sponge back into the sample bag and separate the stick from the sponge at the break.
4. Close the bag and dispose of the broken handle.
5. Keep used sponge sticks refrigerated (e.g. in a refrigerator or polystyrene box with cold packs) until collection by the courier.
6. Cultivation should ideally be carried out by the laboratory on the same day or the next day at the latest.

Video instructions:



We will be happy to provide you with the Sponge Sticks free of charge. Contact us by phone to discuss suitable materials.

Our reception is open Mon - Fri from 8:00 - 12:00 and from 13:30 - 17:00. The public holidays of the canton of Solothurn apply. We always try to schedule your samples on the day of delivery, but we cannot always guarantee this if samples are received after 4 pm. Missing data, insufficient sample material or defective samples delay the start of the analysis and require additional work not only for us, but possibly also for you. We reserve the right to invoice our additional expenses in individual cases.

