



INOCULATED CARRIER SPORE DISCS For Monitoring Dry Heat Processes

True Indicating Code: DA-06DH and DA3-06DH



Product Description

Spore Discs for monitoring Dry Heat processes consist of:

- An inoculated carrier, 3mm or 6mm paper disc of *Bacillus atrophaeus* Cell Line 9372
- Primary packaging is in bulk, 100 discs per re-sealable pouch

Physical Properties

Process	Dry Heat
Disc Dimensions	DA-06DH: 6 mm DA3-06DH: 3 mm
Packaging	100 / Pouch

Monitoring Frequency

For greatest control of sterilized goods it is recommended that a minimum of ten (10) Spore Discs be included with every load.

Indications for Use

The Spore Discs are utilized to monitor Dry Heat sterilization process efficacy. The Spore Discs may be used for equipment and process validation or routine monitoring. The Spore Discs are labeled for laboratory or industrial use only.

Instructions for Use

Place Spore Discs (a minimum of 10 per exposure is recommended) inside representative materials to be sterilized or within the device directly. Package or wrap product or device as usual, if applicable.

Locate the test packages or Spore Discs in areas most difficult to sterilize, as outlined in your specific sterilization validation protocol (usually four corners front, four corners rear, center-center and center-top) or according to standard operating procedure. Run the cycle.

After exposure to Dry Heat, remove Spore Discs or product from sterilizer.



Spore Discs may be held at room temperature up to 96 hours post-exposure prior to transfer without any impact to the performance. If the processed Spore Discs are not transferred to growth medium within 96 hours of exposure, the cycle should be repeated

Aseptically transfer the Spore Disc from the primary packaging and transfer to 5-15 mL of Soybean Casein Digest Broth (SCDB). Conversely, modified growth medium, True Indicating Product Code GGM-100 may be used in place of the standard SCDB.

Transfer one Spore Disc which has not been exposed to a Dry Heat process to a tube of growth medium as a Positive Control.





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Incubation: At least one tube of growth medium containing no Inoculated Carrier from the same lot used for culture of the Spore Discs should be incubated with the test series as a Negative Control. Incubate the cultured Spore Discs, the Positive Control and the Negative Control at 30°C to 40°C as outlined in following table:

Sterilization Process	Media Type	Minimum Incubation Time
Dry Heat	SCDB	7 Days
	GGM-100	48 Hours

Monitoring: Examine the Spore Discs daily, when possible, during incubation. Record observations.

Interpretation:

Where SCDB (standard or unmodified) was used: Tubes which demonstrate turbidity with cream/orange colored pellicle are considered positive for growth of *Bacillus atrophaeus*. Tubes which remain clear and without formation of pellicle are considered negative for growth.

Where modified media, True Indicating Product Code GGM-100 was used: Tubes which transition in color from Green to Yellow and/or demonstrate turbidity are considered positive for growth. Tubes which remain Green in color and do not demonstrate turbidity are considered negative for growth.

For unexpected positives, it is recommended that a Gram Stain be performed. Gram positive rods are indicative for the indicator organism.

Positive Control: Tube(s) should demonstrate turbidity with a cream/orange colored pellicle or demonstrate a color transition from Green to Yellow where modified media has been utilized. If the Positive Control does not result in growth, the exposure is considered invalid. Check the conditions during incubation and verify the capability of the medium to support growth.

Negative Control: Tube of media should remain clear and Green in color where modified medium was utilized. If the Negative Control results in growth, there is a potential for false positives in the Cultured Spore Discs.

Compliance

ISO 11138-1 Sterilization of health care products – Biological Indicators – Part 1: General Requirements

ISO 11138-4 Sterilization of health care products – Biological indicators – Part 4: Biological indicators for Dry Heat sterilization processes

USP <55> Biological Indicators – Resistance Performance Tests

True Indicating has a validated method for Total Viable Spore Count. Please inquire for the Technical Bulletin outlining the methodology.





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Performance Characteristics

Population	≥1.0 x 10 ⁶ per Disc
Purity	No evidence of contamination present in sufficient numbers to adversely affect the finished product.
Dry Heat Resistance	<p><i>D</i> value at 160°C ± 1°C ≥2.0 minutes</p> <p><i>z</i> value: ≥ 20°C</p> <p>Determined based on three temperatures in the range of 150°C to 180°C. True Indicating typically uses <i>D</i> values determined at 150°C, 160°C and 180°C for <i>z</i> value calculation.</p>
Survival – Kill Times	<p>Survival – Kill Times</p> <p>Calculated based on the formulations outlined in the USP, ISO 11138-1</p>
Post Market Criteria	<p>Population: 50% to 300% of certified population</p> <p><i>D</i> value: ± 20% of the certified <i>D</i> value</p> <p>Survival Time: All Spore Discs result in growth at the certified survival time</p> <p>Kill Time: All Spore Discs result in no growth at the certified kill time</p>

Storage and Shelf Life

	15°C to 30°C		Keep away from sunlight
	20% to 80% Relative Humidity		Keep Dry
Shelf Life	36 months from the date of manufacture		
	Short excursions outside the range of temperature and relative humidity recommended will not impact the performance of the Spore Discs. Do not use damaged Spore Discs. Do not use after the expiration date. The Spore Discs contain live cultures and should be handled with care.		

Disposal

Autoclave for not less than 30 minutes at 121°C or per other validated disposal cycle prior to discard.

