Samples should be kept cool until testing is performed.

STEP 1	STEP 2
Identify the site to be sampled. It is recommended to use a template for accurate results where possible (TS/15-T).	Shake sponge to base of bag. Tear open bag using the indicated tear strip. Alternatively, activate tear strip & slightly open maxi-grip seal to release vacuum. Shake sponge down.
STEP 3	STEP 4
Grip the top of each flap of the bag with forefinger and thumb and pull apart firmly. The maxi-grip seal will open.	Continuing to grip each side of the bag with forefinger and thumb, roll the outside of the bag over fingers. Use the finger tips to move the bag upwards until the sponge is exposed in the center. Take care not to touch the inside of the bag with bare skin.
STEP 5	STEP 6
To use the bag as a glove, grip the sponge through the outside of the bag. Using the free hand, take hold of the top flap of the bag and pull across the holding hand. (<i>This helps to keep the internal bag surface away from its</i> <i>surroundings whilst sampling</i>).	Use the sponge to collect the sample over the desired (or measured) area. Take care not to touch the exposed bag on unwanted surfaces whilst sampling.
STEP 7	STEP 8
Once sampling is complete, hold the sponge through the bag and use the free hand to reverse the bag back over the sponge using the top flap for grip. Take care not to touch the inside of the bag with bare skin.	To Seal the bag use thumbs and forefingers, line up the maxi-grip and press together firmly from one end to create a good seal. Label bag with details on the write on panel. Sample is ready for analysis.
STEP 9	STEP 10
Store at 4 - 8°C (or cool & dry as possible) and send to the laboratory within 24 hours for analysis and stomaching.	Stomacher Procedure Place the sponge bag into the stomacher machine ensuring the maxi-grip seal is outside of the machine and proceed as normal.

Have you considered? Sponge + Neutraliser with flexible handle, Envirostik – TS/15-U



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