



ReadyCult® – Consider the differences...

Rapid detection and identification of microorganisms are of high importance. The use of fluorogenic and chromogenic substrates, utilizing specific enzymatic activities of target microorganisms, for rapid and sensitive detection of bacteria has proved to be a powerful alternative to conventional microbiology methods.

Now you have a better way to test for enterococci and coliforms including an additional positive confirmation of E.coli. Until now, the most commonly used method to test for E.coli / coliforms was based on an ONPG-MUG assay, which necessitated the use of a color comparator to interpret initial results. The ReadyCult® Coliform test will detect total coliforms and E.coli in water samples – even in the presence of an initial background concentration of a million heterothrophic bacteria in 100 ml.

Now the choice is easy:

With the ReadyCult® test the color change from yellow to blue-green is an easy-to-read, definitive positive result.

With the optional 30-second Indole reaction you have an accurate method for positive confirmation of E.coli.

The additional Indole test protects you in two ways: Against false negatives, because a lack of fluorescence doesn't always indicate absence of E.coli and against false positives, because other species of bacteria can fluoresce. The ReadyCult® test method is EPA approved.



Your advantages

Convenient

- The media are supplied in ready-to-use snap-pack format
- Designed for on-site testing
- No media preparation required
- Simply add medium, incubate and read results

Rapid

- Results within 18 to 24 hours
- Results 3-4 days earlier than with traditional methods
- Hands-on time in less than 1 minute
- Indole results within 30 seconds

Economical

Reduction of workload and material costs



The EPA approved ReadyCult® method allows you to use the Indole test for immediate E.coli confirmation.



If there is no color change the test is negative (turbidity does not indicate a positive test).

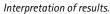
Any color change in the broth to blue-green, even if only at the upper section, confirms the presence of total coliforms.



A light-blue fluorescence indicates the presence of E.coli.



For confirmation the Indole test can be performed directly in the same broth by adding Bactident® Indole (red ring appears immediately).





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Any color change in the broth to blue-green, even if only at the upper section, confirms the presence of enterococci.

...save money, get the benefits!

Ordering information

Product	Cat. No.	Package size
ReadyCult® Coliforms 50	1.01295.0001	20 tests
ReadyCult® Coliforms 100	1.01298.0001	20 tests
ReadyCult® Enterococci 100	1.01299.0001	20 tests
Bactident® Indole	1.11350.0001	30 ml dropper bottle
Kovac's Indole Reagent	1.09293.0100	100 ml
UV Lamp (365 nm)	1.13203.0001	

Approvals / References

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