

QUANTISWAB™



INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING
MICROBIOLOGY EXPERTISE
UNIQUE & EXCLUSIVE PERFORMANCES



"Evaluating the quality of air and surfaces in the cleanroom environment should start with a well-defined written program and scientifically sound methods.

The monitoring program should cover all production shifts and include air, floors, walls, and equipment surfaces, including the critical surfaces that come in contact with the product, container, and closures... Samples should be taken throughout the classified areas of the aseptic processing facility (e.g., aseptic corridors, gowning rooms) using scientifically sound sampling procedures."

2004, FDA Guidance on "Sterile drug products produced by aseptic processing"



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bioMérieux new Nylon flocked QUANTISWAB™ superior performances have been validated against traditional swabs. Due to its exceptional hydraulic capillary action, the new QUANTISWAB™ showed an improvement in the recovery of micro-organisms from surfaces up to 60% compared to traditional swabs with a low recovery rate around 20%. And with more than 90% release capacity of the captured micro-organisms, the new QUANTISWAB™ guarantees highly reliable results.



A NEW SWAB GENERATION

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HIGH RELEASE AND RECOVERY

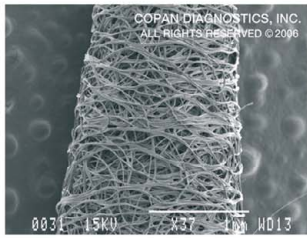
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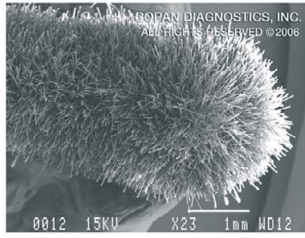
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Electron microscope photograph of traditional fiber winded swab



Traditional fiber winded swabs create a matrix-like environment in which micro-organisms are trapped and thus are very difficult to release.

Electron microscope photograph of the new Nylon™ flocked QUANTISWAB™



The patented flocking technology by Copan allows to design QUANTISWAB™ with nylon microfibers with exceptional hydraulic capillary properties.

Worldwide patent
Exclusive licence

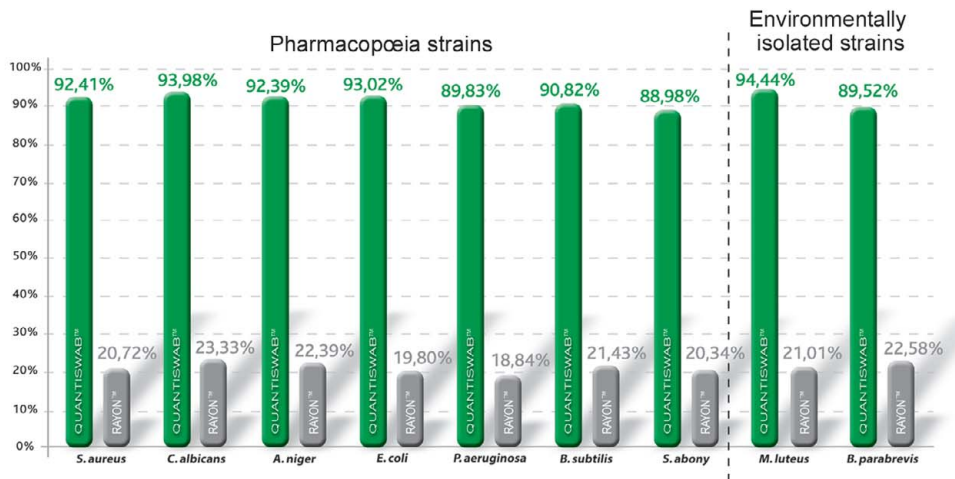


Recovery of micro-organisms on a surface: QUANTISWAB™ versus traditional Rayon™ swab

The recovery capacity validation of the swabs was carried out and this experiment shows that the Nylon™ flocked QUANTISWAB™ is able to recover 60% of micro-organisms from a surface, whereas Rayon™ swabs allow only around 20% recovery.

Release capacity of the swabs

Due to its exceptional hydraulic capillary properties, QUANTISWAB™ demonstrated a sample release capacity on a plate of more than 90% of a known and calibrated inoculum by the direct inoculation test.



Complete results of the study were presented at the PDA conference "Best Practices in Aseptic Manufacturing" in Milan, 8-9 May 2007

QUANTISWAB™ is easy to use and specifically designed for critical clean rooms to get a quantitative indication of the surface contamination.

