

DIP SLIDES



Directions for Use

The dip-slides contain agar on both sides of a plastic paddle, enclosed in a sterile, plastic pot. Most colonies show up as red spots. These dip-slides are for general use in a wide variety of areas.

Both sides include a neutraliser against the most common biocides. This is most useful for assessing the effectiveness of disinfection procedures.

It is important to emphasise that these dip-slides will give you an indication of bacterial loading only. They won't tell you if a specific disease is present or absent. If you need this kind of detail, we recommend you contact your nearest vet or pathology diagnostic service.

USE ON DRY SURFACES (e.g. wheel arches, pipes, nets)

The paddle can be pressed onto dry surfaces using both sides of the paddle. The paddle is placed back in the plastic pot and held upright at room temperature for 24-48 hours. (If you wish to record the temperature, a max-min thermometer available from most hardware and DIY stores will be helpful). Place the pots out of direct sunlight and away from any direct hot or cold source. Find a place which gives a relatively even temperature over time. We recommend that you take before and after disinfection samples to demonstrate the difference your disinfection routine has made.

USE IN WATER OR CONSTANTLY WET SURFACES

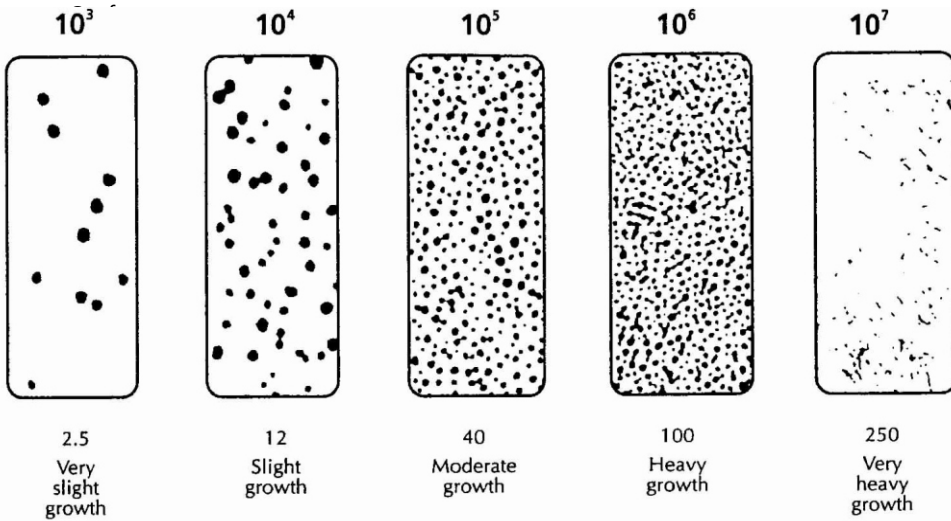
The paddle should be placed in the water system to be tested for 10 seconds. Drain off excess fluid and then replace the paddle in the plastic pot. Store the pot for 24-48 hours at room temperature, as above.

Reading the result

After 24-48 hours you can get a visual assessment of the number of colonies of bacteria on your before and after disinfection dip slides. The chart overleaf will help your assessment be more quantitative. It may be beneficial for you to use these slides on a regular basis to reassure yourself that the disinfection procedure is working.



Fluids
CFU/ml



Surfaces
CFU/cm²

Once you have used these slides they can be disposed of either by incineration or soaking in a strong disinfectant solution for several hours before disposal.

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