

# **Technical Data**

# **Spore Strips - Biological Indicator**

**LA922 and LA923** 

Spore strips for sterility testing in steam sterilization environment for both Healthcare and Industrial applications. The spore strips consist of inoculated filter paper, 6mm x 30mm, packaged in glassine peel pouches or envelopes which provides protection from environmental contaminants during transport after exposure. The spore strips can be easily removed from the glassine pouch by peeling the pouch open for transfer to culture medium.

Product Name	Product Code	Description	No. of Spores per strips	Strip size	Pack Size (nos/pack)
Spore Strips - Biological Indicator	LA922	Geobacillus stearothermophilus	10 <sup>6</sup>	6 mm x 30 mm	1 x 100 No. 1 x 25 No.
	LA923	Geobacillus stearothermophilus	10 <sup>5</sup>	6 mm x 30 mm	1 x 100 No. 1 x 25 No.

*Geobacillus stearothermophilus ATCC 7953 - (B.stearothermophilus)* For use in monitoring steam sterilization. Spore strips are compliant with ISO 11138-1 and ISO 11138-3

# **Principle:**

Each Spore Strips contains a population of  $1x10^5$  (LA923) /  $1x10^6$  (LA922) of *B. stearothermophilus spores*. Each spore strips as recommended for steam sterilization act as sterilization indicators. The spores after exposure as specified use, gets killed indicating the efficiency of sterilization process. This is determined by studying the growth of treated spore strips in nutrient media like Soyabean casein digest medium.

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Place the spore strips while sterilization to check efficiency of the process (Steam sterilization).
- 2. Inoculate the treated spore strips in Soyabean casein digest medium at 55-60°C. Observe for growth after every 24 hours till 7 days and record the results.
- 3. Check for presence/ absence of growth. Growth is indicated by turbidity.

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# **Interpretation:**

Turbidity – Improper sterilization No turbidity – Proper sterilization

# Storage:

Store the strips under room temperature preferably between 15-30 degree C. Keep away from high temperature, humidity and sterilants.

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