## **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

# **EnviroStik - Hygiene Sponge with Neutraliser**

Samples should be kept cool until testing is performed.

#### STEP 1

Identify the site to be sampled. It is recommended to use a template for accurate results where possible (TS/15-T).



#### STEP 2

Ensure the EnviroStik handle is facing up towards the tear strip before opening. If not, manoeuvre the handle upwards within the pouch until in position.



### STEP 3

Open the bag using the indicated tear strip. Once open, grip the top of each flap of the pouch with forefinger and thumb and pull apart firmly. The maxi grip seal will separate.



## STEP 4

Continue pulling the two sides of the maxi grip apart from the middle. Then using the forefinger and thumb of each hand to create a central vertical crease in each side of the maxi grip creating a 'diamond' shaped part opening.



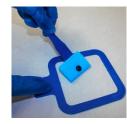
## STEP 5

Next, grip the handle in two places through the bag, one on the sponge rivet and one on the top of the stick. With slight pressure/grip, slide the pouch down the EnviroStik handle to expose the stick to the outside.



## STEP 6

Maintain grip at the base of the handle and use the other hand to pull the ruffled bag away from the sponge. Straighten pouch. Take hold of the handle and allow the EnviroStik to be removed. Use the sponge head to collect the sample over the desired (or measured) area.



## STEP 7

Once sampling is complete, hold open the bag again and put the sponge head back in below the Maxi grip (Take care not to touch the inside of the pouch). Hold the sponge through the bag and use the free hand to activate the breakpoint in the



handle by firmly bending 90° left and right until detached. Allow the sponge head to drop to the base of the pouch and discard the handle to waste.

## STEP 8

To Seal the pouch; flatten out pouch to remove excess air then use both thumbs and forefingers to line up the maxi grip sides. Press together firmly from one end to the other to create a good seal. Label pouch with details on the white writable panel. Sample is now ready for analysis.



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### STEP 9

Store at  $4 - 8^{\circ}$ C (or cool & dry as possible) and send to the laboratory within 24 hours for analysis and stomaching.



### STEP 10

If stomaching; place the sponge pouch into the stomacher machine ensuring the maxi grip seal is lipped over the outer edge of the door and proceed as normal. Do not stomach for long periods due to the rivet design.



Have you considered? Sponge + Neutraliser in Stomacher pouch – TS/15-B

