

MILK SECURITY

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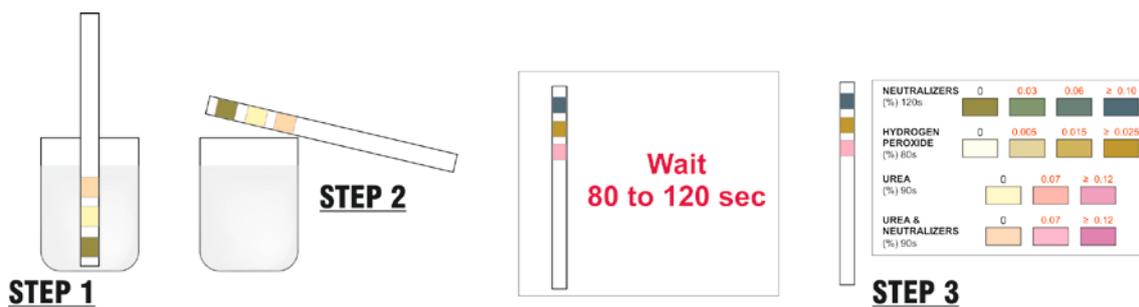
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Test for hydrogen peroxide: This test allows a quick and easy method to determine hydrogen peroxide in solution. The impregnate test zone with enzyme and chromogen ensured very selectivity determination of hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) is a well-known powerful oxidizer. Its capabilities as a disinfectant are superior than chlorine (Cl_2) and chlorine dioxide (ClO_2). Hydrogen peroxide is commonly used in dairy industries. Peroxide indicator strips can be used to ensure that any residual peroxide sanitizer has been fully removed before filling. This acts as a guarantee that the area is safe and free from peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide concentration above 75 ppm (0.0075%) means that the milk was adulterated with hydrogen peroxide. The color scale is 0; 0.0075% (75ppm); 0.015% (150ppm); 0.025% (250ppm). The impregnate test zone with enzyme and chromogen ensured very selective and sensitive reaction and change color from white to yellow. The colors change from white (0) to light yellow (75ppm; 0.0075%); to strong yellow-brown (150ppm; 0.015%) and to yellow-brown (250ppm; 0.025%). The hydrogen peroxide concentration above 75ppm; 0.0075% (in light yellow color in the scale) is not desired. The concentration of hydrogen peroxide must be estimated at 80s.

Test for urea concentration: Urea is generally added in the preparation of milk to raise the solids-not-fat (SNF) value. It has been proven that urea added to milk at a higher concentration reduces the activity of hydrogen ions and

increases the pH of the milk. Normal values of urea in milk are from 0 to 0.07%. Urea concentration above 0.07% means that the milk was adulterated with urea. The color scale is 0; 0.07; $\geq 0.12\%$ urea. The impregnate test zone with enzyme and chromogen ensured very selective reaction and change color from yellow to pinkish red. The colors change from yellow (0) to pinkish red (0.07 and 0.12% urea). The urea concentration above 0.07% (in pinkish red color in the scale) is not desired. In the absence of neutralizers, urea must be estimated by the scale 1, at 90s. In the presence of neutralizers color intensity of the urea scale increases and urea content in milk should be estimated on a scale 2, at 90s. Neutralizers change the color indication area for urea. In case a positive result for neutralizers is received, the urea result must be compared with the second color scale (more intensive).

Parameter	Concentrations			
Neutralizers	0	0.03%	0.06%	0.10%
H ₂ O ₂	0	75ppm (0.0075%)	150ppm (0.015%)	250ppm (0.025%)
Urea	0	0.07%	0.12%	



Step1. Dip the indicator zone of the test strips in a milk sample for 3 seconds.

Step 2. Completely remove all milk drops from it by tapping the test strip on the edge of the cup.

Step 3. Compare the color of the test strip with the color scale on the label.

Recommendations:

- Test strip deep in milk sample, then **immediately** remove from milk and completely remove milk drops from the test paper by tapping the test strips on the edge of the cup. Then put the back side of test strips on filter paper or other paper for full removing of milk drops.
- Do not touch the indication area.
- When using the test take out only the necessary number of strips. Then the tube must be tightly closed (hear a click)

Storage: Express test strips should be stored in tightly closed tube in a dry and dark place, never in the refrigerator.

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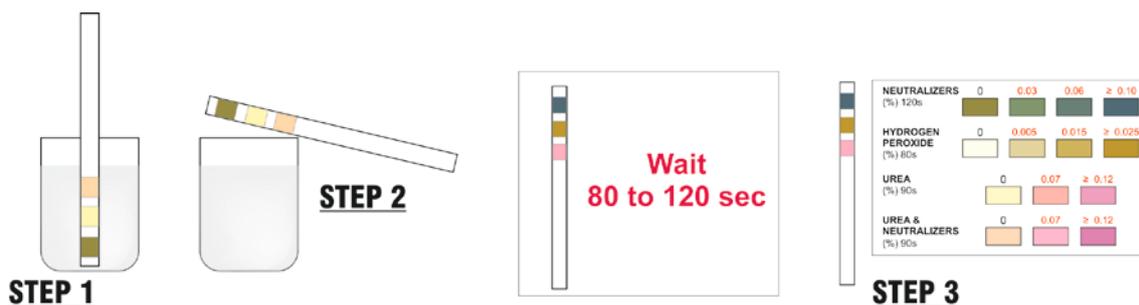
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