



## VACUETTE® Blood Culture Holder Instructions for use



### Intended Use

The VACUETTE® Blood Culture Holder is used to fill blood into blood culture bottles and tubes in routine venipuncture procedures. This device is to be used by properly trained healthcare professionals only in accordance with these instructions.

### Product Description

The VACUETTE® Blood Culture Holder is single-use, non-sterile and made out of plastic. It is compatible with all VACUETTE® Luer Adapters and VACUETTE® SAFETY/Blood Collection Sets.

### Handling

**NOTE:** For more detailed information on Blood Collection Sets or Luer adapters, please refer to the appropriate Instructions for Use.

#### READ THIS ENTIRE CIRCULAR BEFORE PERFORMING VENIPUNCTURE.

WEAR GLOVES DURING VENIPUNCTURE AND WHEN HANDLING BLOOD COLLECTION TUBES TO MINIMISE EXPOSURE HAZARD!

- Thread the Luer adapter + SAFETY/Blood Collection set into the VACUETTE® Blood Culture Holder. Ensure the Luer adapter is firmly seated so that it does not unthread during use.  
**NOTE:** Improper threading of the Luer adapter into the VACUETTE® Blood Culture Holder can result in damage to the threads of the holder and/or Luer adapter. This damage can cause the Luer adapter to loosen during venipuncture.
- Clean the puncture site and your hands according to your facility's approved procedures.
- Disinfect the exposed septa of the blood collection bottles with an alcohol pad and allow it to air dry.
- Perform venipuncture with patient's arm in downward position. **NOTE:** Please insert the blood culture bottles/blood collection tubes straight and centred. **NOTE:** Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the correct handling of blood culture bottles.
- Place the Blood Culture Holder onto the bottles and press down to puncture the septum.  
**NOTE:** When collecting an aerobic and anaerobic bottle, inoculate first the aerobic and then the anaerobic bottle.
- After obtaining the correct amount of blood, remove the holder from the bottles and (if required) continue with blood collection into VACUETTE® Blood Collection Tubes.
- After completion of blood collection, gently place the gauze over the venipuncture site without pressing down directly on the inserted needle.  
**NOTE:** Keep hands behind needle at all times during use and disposal.
- When using a SAFETY Blood Collection Set, activate the safety mechanism by pressing in both sides of the hub to engage the lock. Slide the safety mechanism backward until an audible click is heard. The click is a sign that the safety mechanism has been correctly activated.
- Dispose of the device with Blood Culture Holder as one unit in appropriate sharps container in accordance with policies and procedures of your facility.
- When using a Blood Collection Set dispose of the device with Blood Culture Holder as one unit in appropriate sharps container in accordance with policies and procedures of your facility.
- Maintain pressure on the puncture site according to facility protocol.  
**NOTE:** Do not apply undue pressure to the puncture site.

### Precautions/Cautions

- Check Blood Culture Holder before use. Do not use if damaged.
- Do not resheat any needle.
- After venipuncture, dispose of SAFETY/Blood Collection Set with Blood Culture Holder as one unit in appropriate sharps container in accordance with policies and procedures of your facility.
- Keep hands behind needle at all times during use and disposal.
- Handle all biological samples and blood collection "sharps" (lancets, needles, Luer adapters, and blood collection sets) according to the policies and procedures of your facility.
- Obtain appropriate medical attention in the case of any exposure to biological samples (for example, through a puncture injury), since they may transmit HIV (AIDS), viral hepatitis, or other infectious disease.
- Discard all used SAFETY/Blood Collection Sets with Blood Culture Holder together with needle in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.
- Gloves should be worn at all times during venipuncture to minimize exposure hazard.
- Reuse of the Blood Culture Holder can lead to illness for the patient due to cross-contamination.

Only applicable for member states of the European Union: Should any serious incidents occur in relation to the product, these must be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority in the member state, in which the user/patient is established.

### Storage before use







Storage temperature: 4-25°C.

**NOTE:** Avoid exposure to direct sunlight. Exceeding the maximum recommended storage temperature may lead to impairment of the holder.


## Disposal

- The general hygiene guidelines and legal regulations for the proper disposal of infectious material should be considered and followed.
- Disposable gloves may prevent the risk of infection.
- Contaminated products with needles must be disposed of immediately after blood collection in suitable biohazard disposal containers, which can then be autoclaved and incinerated.

## Label Information

	Manufacturer		Temperature limit	<b>MD</b>	Medical device
	Use-by date		Keep away from sunlight	<b>CH REP</b>	Authorized representative in Switzerland
<b>LOT</b>	Batch code		Do not re-use	<b>UK REP</b>	UK responsible person
<b>REF</b>	Catalogue number		Consult instructions for use		

Caution: US Federal law restricts this device for sale by or on the order of a physician.

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