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VACUETTE® SECONDARY Tubes

For in vitro diagnostic use

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Intended use

VACUETTE® SECONDARY Tubes are used as a secondary container for aliquoting, storing and transporting blood, blood components and urine from the primary tube in the clinical laboratory and for the analysis on laboratory analysers. The choice of tube depends on the analyser and the intended use.

Product description

VACUETTE® SECONDARY Tubes have a dimension of 13x75mm, are made of inert plastic (PET or PP), are unsterile and not evacuated. They are for single use and have a maximum capacity of 5ml. Some items are available with a safety cap made of plastic (PE and PP) and latex-free, synthetic rubber.

Tube	Temperature resistance	Compatibility with analyser
SECONDARY Tube MULTIPLEX, PP 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to +121°C	All tubes have a dimension of 13x75mm and can be used on instruments, which require a standard tube in this size as a secondary tube. Exceptions: Roche PVT and Beckman Coulter, Olympus.
SECONDARY Tube MULTIPLEX, PET 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to + 50°C	
SECONDARY Tube SIMPLEX, PP 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to +121°C	
SECONDARY Tube MULTIPLEX, PP 13x75mm, with safety cap	-80°C to +50°C	
SECONDARY Tube SIMPLEX, PET 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to +50°C	
SECONDARY Tube SIMPLEX RD PET 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to +50°C	for Roche PVT only
SECONDARY Tube SIMPLEX BC, PET 13x75mm, without cap	-80°C to +50°C	for Beckman Coulter (Olympus) only

Tubes can be tested and validated on the instrument directly by the user.

Cautions and precautions

1. Do not use tubes if foreign matter is present!
2. Handle all biological samples according to the policies and procedures of your facility.
3. Biological samples may transmit HIV, HBV, HCV or other blood-borne pathogens. Obtain appropriate medical attention in the case of any exposure to biological samples and the resulting infection risk.
4. Discard all accessories in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.
5. For the correct transportation follow the guidelines of UN3373.
6. The tubes are not intended for sterilisation or autoclaving.
7. Do not re-use.
8. Snap caps for PET tubes are not intended to be used on analysers or for transport.

Storage prior to collection

Exceeding the maximum or minimum recommended storage temperature may lead to impairment of the tube quality. All **VACUETTE®** SECONDARY Tubes can be stored at -80°C to +50°C prior to use.

Handling

Follow the analyser manual for the correct handling.
SIMPLEX inner cartons contain removable flaps. The perforated flaps can be opened to facilitate the pouring of tubes into some analysers.
Refer to the instrument assay's instructions for use for information on the correct sample material, the correct storage, freezing, thawing and stability.

Centrifugation

The tubes withstand a centrifugation of 4400g for 30 minutes.

Limitation

1. Due to possible expansion of sample material during freezing, the sample material should not exceed 3ml.
2. Unsterile tubes are not recommended for the determination of trace elements or the use in molecular diagnostics.
3. Freezing of tubes is only recommended in open metal racks.
4. Safe transport is only ensured when the tubes are used in combination with safety caps.

Disposal

1. The general hygiene guidelines and legal regulations for the proper disposal of infectious material should be considered and followed.
2. Contaminated tubes must be disposed of in suitable biohazard disposal containers for infectious material.

Labelling on packaging

REF	Item number		Do Not Reuse
LOT	LOT number	IVD	In Vitro Diagnostic Device
	Temperature limit		Manufacturer

Literature:

CLSI AUTO1-A Laboratory Automation: Specimen Container/Specimen Carrier; Approved Standard

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