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**REPORT ON THE BACTERICIDAL ACTIVITY OF MILTON 2%
WHEN TESTED UNDER DEFINED CONDITIONS**

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INTRODUCTION

The European Standard describes a suspension test method for establishing whether a chemical disinfectant or antiseptic has or does not have a bactericidal activity.

The laboratory test closely simulates practical conditions of application. Chosen conditions (contact time, temperature, organisms in suspension) reflect parameters which are found in practical situations including conditions, which may influence the action of antiseptics or disinfectants.

Using this European Standard, it is not possible to determine the bactericidal activity of an undiluted product as adding the inoculum and interfering substance always produces some dilution. Products can only be tested at a concentration of 80% or less.

TEST METHOD AND ITS VALIDATION

Method:	RPM 01 (STL accredited method based upon BS EN 1276)
Test procedure:	Dilution-Neutralisation
Neutraliser:	Lecithin 3.0g/l, polysorbate 80 30g/l, Sodium Thiosulphate 5.0g/l, L-Histidine 1.0g/l, Tryptone 1.0g/l, Sodium Chloride 8.5g/l.

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS

Period of Analysis:	21/11/02 – 25/11/02
Product Diluent used during test:	Sterile Hard Water
Product test concentrations:	0.65% v/v
Contact Times Used:	t = 1 min ± 10s; 10 min ± 10s and 30 min ± 10s.
Test Temperature:	20°C ± 1°C
Interfering Substance:	Milk
Temperature of Incubation:	37°C ± 1°C
Time in incubator:	2 days.
Identification of bacterial strains used:	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC 15442 <i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 10536 <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 6538 <i>Enterococcus hirae</i> ATCC 10541

TEST RESULTS

Sample & Contact Times	Efficacy (log reduction) ME Value							
	<i>E. coli</i>		<i>Enterococcus hirae</i>		<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>		<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	
Milton 2% (269250)								
T = 1 minute	5.88	Pass	6.22	Pass	6.74	Pass	5.88	Pass
T = 10 minutes	>6.95	Pass	>7.00	Pass	>7.94	Pass	>6.78	Pass
T = 30 minutes	>6.95	Pass	>7.00	Pass	>7.94	Pass	>6.78	Pass

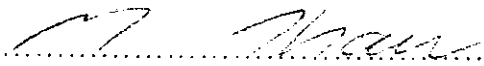
ME >5.00 = Pass

CONCLUSION

According to EN 1276:1997 the milton 2%, when diluted to 0.65% (v/v) in hard water, possesses bactericidal activity after 1 minute contact time, with milk as the interfering substance, for reference strains *Escherichia coli*, *Enterococcus hirae*, *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Psuedomonas aeruginosa*.

References

1. European Standard: BS EN 1276:1997, Chemical Disinfectants and Antiseptics. Quantitative suspension test for the evaluation of bactericidal activity of chemical disinfectants and antiseptics used in food, industrial, domestic and institutional areas- Test method and requirements (phase 2, step 1).

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