



# MIC Standard Coupon Sampling Protocol

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## SAMPLING INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Clean latex gloves (or similar) should be used at all times when handling coupon samplers.

### **Installation:**

1. Place coupon onto coupon holder, taking care not to touch the coupon with bare hands or tools.
2. Attach holder into access fitting and tighten the plug to secure.
3. Once installed, incubation times vary depending upon the scope of the project.

### **Retrieval:**

1. Remove the coupon from the coupon holder, taking care not to touch the coupon with bare hands or tools.
2. Place each coupon separately into a whirl-pak bag. Affix a label to the bag and write the serial number of the coupon, its location in the line (e.g. top of line, bottom of line, 9 o'clock, etc.), the date and time of collection and the analysis requested.
4. Repeat the above for each Coupon Sampler from the site.
5. A chain of custody (COC) form must be included with each shipment of samples.

## SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

### **Packaging Samples:**

1. Samples should be shipped in a cooler with ice or blue ice for next day delivery. If regular ice is used, the ice should be double bagged.
2. A chain of custody form must be included with each shipment of samples. Access our chain of custody at [www.microbe.com](http://www.microbe.com).

### **Shipment for Weekday Delivery:**

Samples for weekday delivery should be shipped to:

EBPI  
Attn: Sample Custodian  
735 Griffith Court  
Burlington, Ontario L7L 5R9  
905-634-TEST

**\*\*Please note Saturday delivery is not available.**

Please send an email message including the tracking number of your package(s) to [CustomerService@microbe.com](mailto:CustomerService@microbe.com) to notify us your shipment is on the way.