

EZ-FPC™ microorganisms are lyophilized microorganism preparations delivering a predetermined assay value for qualitative (100 – 1,000 CFU per preparation) or quantitative (1,000 – 10,000 CFU per preparation) daily process controls.



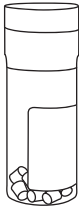
# EZ-FPC™

## *Illustrated Instructions for Food Process Controls*

**1) Accurately maintain QA/QC records by using the convenient peel-off label on the re-sealable plastic container.**

**2) These instructions are showing the quantitative process. Notes on the qualitative process are shown when needed.**

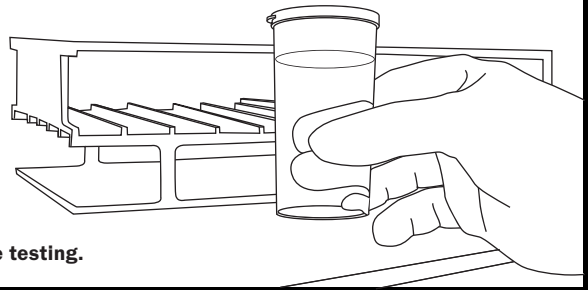
**1**



Allow unopened vial of lyophilized pellets to equilibrate to room temperature (22° – 25°C).

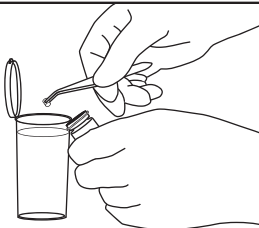
**2**

While the pellets are equilibrating, use an incubator to prewarm all fluids\* to 35° – 37°C (At least 30 minutes).



**\*Fluids required are pre-enrichment broth for qualitative testing and dilution fluid for quantitative testing.**

**3**



With sterile forceps, transfer one (1) pellet into the pre-enrichment broth or dilution fluid (do not remove the desiccant from vial). **Immediately stopper and recap vial and return to 2° – 8°C.**

**4**



Incubate hydrated material at 35° – 37°C for 30 minutes.

**5**



Mix hydrated material until a homogenous suspension is achieved.

**6**

**Quantitative Process Control:** proceed with the quantitative testing procedure as set forth in the laboratory SOP. Provide performance documentation by recording the test results.

**Qualitative Process Control:** return pre-enrichment to incubator and proceed with laboratory SOP.

**Note: All challenges must be completed within 30 minutes after incubation.**