



## VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder Versions short and long

### Instructions for use



**Intended Use:** The VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long is intended to be used only with VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Multi-Sample Needles. Together with the VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Blood Collection Tubes they are used as a system 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<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long are single-use, non-sterile and made out of plastic. They are compatible with all VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Multi-Sample Needles, VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Luer Adapters and VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Blood Collection Sets. The VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-long is stackable and approx. 1.4cm longer than the VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short. The VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-long helps saving space by stacking one holder on top of another.

### VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Precautions/Cautions

#### Precautions

- Check VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long before use.
- Do not use VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long when damaged.
- Any VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long that becomes contaminated with blood is considered hazardous and must be disposed of immediately.
- Do not reshield VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Multi-Sample Needles.
- After venipuncture, dispose of used needle with VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long 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.

#### Cautions

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Discard all used VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long together with needle in biohazard containers approved for their disposal.
4. Gloves should be worn at all times during venipuncture to minimize exposure hazard.

**NOTE:** VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long are designed for optimal use with VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Multi-Sample Needles from Greiner Bio-One. The use of needles from other manufacturers becomes the responsibility of the user.

#### Storage

Store holders at 4–25°C (40–77° F).

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

#### Cleaning recommendations of VACUETTE<sup>®</sup> Standard Tube Holder-short/long before use:

For cleaning purposes, soak the holder in a disinfectant solution recommended for medical instruments, in accordance to solution guidelines.

## Specimen Collection and Handling

### READ THIS ENTIRE CIRCULAR BEFORE PERFORMING VENIPUNCTURE.

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

1. Remove the cover from the valve section of the needle.

**NOTE:** The perforated label not only serves to simplify identification, but is also an indicator of sterility and product integrity. If the perforations are broken or damaged, dispose of the needle and select another.

2. Thread the needle perpendicularly into the VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long. Ensure the needle is firmly seated so that it does not unthread during use.

**NOTE:** Improper threading of the needle into the VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long can result in damage to the threads of the holder and/or needle. This damage can cause the needle to loosen during venipuncture

3. Select the puncture site. Apply the tourniquet (max. 1 minute) Prepare the venipuncture site with appropriate antiseptic. DO NOT PALPATE THE VENIPUNCTURE AREA AFTER CLEANSING!

4. Place the patient's arm in a downward position. Remove the needle cap. Perform the venipuncture, with the patient's arm downward and the tube cap upper-most.

5. Push the tube into the VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long and onto the needle valve puncturing the rubber diaphragm. Centre tubes in the VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long when penetrating the cap to prevent sidewall penetration and subsequent premature vacuum loss.

6. REMOVE THE TOURNIQUET AS SOON AS BLOOD APPEARS IN THE TUBE. DO NOT ALLOW THE CONTENTS OF THE TUBE TO CONTACT THE CAP OR THE END OF THE NEEDLE DURING THE PROCEDURE. i.e. under no circumstances should the tube be turned upside down during the procedure. Always hold in place by pressing the tube with the thumb to ensure complete vacuum draw.

**NOTE:** Blood may occasionally leak from the needle sleeve. Practice universal safety precautions to minimise hazard exposure.

7. Place succeeding tubes in the holder. Ensure that the contents of the tube do not come into contact with the cap or the needle tip during blood collection.

8. As soon as blood stops flowing into the last tube, carefully remove the needle from the vein, applying pressure to the puncture site with a dry sterile swab until bleeding stops. Once clotting has occurred, apply an adhesive plaster or bandage if desired. DO NOT RECAP! Recapping of needles increases the risk of needlestick injury.


**NOTE:** After venipuncture the top of the cap may contain residual blood. Take proper precautions when handling tubes to avoid contact with this blood. Any VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long that becomes contaminated with blood is considered hazardous and should be disposed of immediately.

9. Dispose of the used VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long together with needle in an appropriate disposal device.

### 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 VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long with needles must be disposed of immediately after blood collection in suitable biohazard disposal containers, which can then be autoclaved and incinerated.

### Label Information on the inner packaging (bags) and the outer carton.

Ref.	Reference Number: VACUETTE® Standard Tube Holder-short/long can be ordered using this item numbers
LOT	Lot Number: batch number
	Single use product



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