



## QS-511 Validation Summary Industrial BI – Absorptive Carrier Product Line

### Executive Summary

The Industrial BI – Absorptive Carrier manufacturing process is validated according to QS-501 *Validation Master Plan for the Mesa Labs, Inc., Bozeman Manufacturing Facility 625 Zoot Way*.

The Industrial BI – Absorptive Carrier manufacturing process, under anticipated conditions, will consistently produce product that meets pre-determined specification requirements.

### Process Performance Qualification

Process Performance Qualification (PPQ) conducted under Protocol #180204P *Process Performance Qualification for the Manufacture of Industrial BIs – Absorptive Carriers*. This PPQ qualifies manufacturing of the Industrial BI – Absorptive Carriers product line at 625 Zoot Way, Bozeman MT 59718.

#### *Validation Lots*

DS6R/6; GST log 6 6mm paper disc 100ct/bag; Lot DGST-175  
1-10006MM; BATR log 6 6mm paper disc 1000ct/bag; Lot BAD-001  
1-6100TT; BATR log 6 cotton thread 100ct/bag; Lot BAT-001

#### *Rationale for selection of products*

Industrial BI – Absorptive Carrier manufacturing is a multi-phase process: inoculation of cellulose carriers, packaging in glassine envelopes, qualification testing and packaging. The inoculation phase consists of distributing a known quantity of bacteria onto the carrier. Then the inoculated carriers are packaged in glassine envelopes. Once packaged, the carriers are subjected to qualification testing consisting of population and resistance testing. The results are used to generate the label claim for each lot of product. After qualification testing is completed the carriers are assembled and/or packaged. Satisfactory completion of the qualification testing results in release of the Industrial BIs – Absorptive Carrier product line for distribution.

- The components used to manufacture these lots are representative of the components used to manufacture all variants of Industrial BIs – Absorptive Carriers. The products chosen for this PPQ utilized two different paper weights as well as cotton thread, in multiple sizes, which sufficiently challenged the technician's ability to identify absorption rates and inoculate the material.
- The 3 runs were considered sufficient to simulate conditions that will be encountered during routine manufacturing, such as start-up, shut-downs, breaks, and manufacturing over multiple days.

As compared to the manufacturing process prior to transfer to the new facility, there were no changes to the manufacturing process, no changes to specifications, and no changes to components or component suppliers. Procedures were renumbered to align with the quality system, and a number of minor changes occurred to allow for slightly different workflow in the new facility; they otherwise remained unchanged.

*Acceptance criteria and results*

Three consecutively manufactured lots meeting the criteria provided below were required to confirm that the Industrial BI – Absorptive Carrier manufacturing process, under anticipated conditions, will consistently produce product that meets pre-determined specification requirements.

For the QA final inspection per QSWI-103, the Acceptable Quality Level (AQL) for acceptability of a particular lot's inclusion in this qualification was based on criticality and frequency of the defect. If the lot in question fell within these established limits it was deemed acceptable for use as a validation lot. The defects were divided into two tiers. Defects considered *Critical to Performance* were assigned an AQL of 99%. Defects considered as having *No Impact to Performance* were assigned an AQL of 95%. Results are reported below for each validation lot.

<b>DS6R/6, Lot DGST-175</b>		
<b>Critical to Performance</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Population on assayed carrier must be the targeted population log: Log6	1.9x10 <sup>6</sup>	PASS
Steam resistance must be greater than 1.5minutes.	1.7minutes	PASS
Labeling, specific to product traceability (species, lot number and expiration)	0 labeling errors	PASS
<b>No Impact to Performance</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Inclusion of C of A in package	0 packages without a C of A	PASS

<b>1-10006MM, Lot BAD-001</b>		
<b>Critical to Performance</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Population on assayed carrier must be the targeted population log: Log6	2.6x10 <sup>6</sup>	PASS
EO resistance must be greater than 2.0minutes.	2.4minutes	PASS
Labeling, specific to product traceability (species, lot number and expiration)	0 labeling errors	PASS
<b>No Impact to Performance</b>	<b>Results</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>
Inclusion of C of A in package	0 packages without a C of A	PASS

1-6100TT, Lot BAT-001		
Critical to Performance	Results	Pass/Fail
Population on assayed carrier must be the targeted population log: Log6	2.7x10 <sup>6</sup>	PASS
Labeling, specific to product traceability (species, lot number and expiration)	0 labeling errors	PASS
No Impact to Performance	Results	Pass/Fail
Inclusion of C of A in package	0 packages without a C of A	PASS

*Deviations to protocol*

There was one deviation encountered during the execution of protocol 180204P.

- 180204P-D-001; the testing results for item 79-060436 will be reported in the PPQ report for ProLine, #180205R There is no negative impact. Reporting the results for the entire manufacturing process in a single report is a positive change that results in all information housed in a single central report.

**Method Verification**

The following Compendial Method Verifications were completed as part of this protocol:

- Population assay testing on absorptive carriers per ISO 11138-1 and Mesa procedure LP-305.
- EO resistance testing on absorptive carriers in glassine envelopes per ISO 11138-2 and Mesa procedure LP-302.
- Steam resistance testing on absorptive carriers in glassine envelopes per ISO 11138-3 and Mesa procedure LP-302.

**Equipment Qualification**

The following equipment qualifications were completed in order to execute this protocol:

Equipment Number	Equipment	Qualification document(s)	Protocol Deviations	Conclusion
STZ-101	Steam Autoclave	STZ101-IOQ-001	None	The Steam Autoclave has been installed successfully. The installation, operation, and performance criteria have been met.
		STZ101-PQ-003	None	

Equipment Number	Equipment	Qualification document(s)	Protocol Deviations	Conclusion
RES-103	Steam Resistometer	RES103-IOQ-001	D-001: the resistometer was only qualified up to 132°C instead of 135°C. No impact to PPQ protocol or product	The steam resistometer has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
RES-106	EO Resistometer	RES106-IOQ-001	None	The EO resistometer has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
INC-103	30-35°C Incubator	INC103-IOQ-001	None	The 30-35°C incubator has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
INC-105	55-60°C Incubator	INC105-IOQ-001	None	The 55-60°C incubator has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
INC-115	52-56°C Incubator	INC115-IOQ-001	None	The 52-56°C incubator has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.

### Utility Qualification

The following utility qualifications were completed in order to execute this protocol:

System Number	Utility	Qualification document(s)	Protocol Deviations	Conclusion
AIR-101	Compressed Air System	AIR101-IOQ-001	None	The Compressed Air System has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.

STM-101	Steam System	STM101-IOQ-001	None	The Steam System has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
WPU-101	RO/DI Water System	WPU101-IOQ-001	None	The RO/DI Water System has been installed successfully. The installation and operation qualification criteria have been met.
		WPU101-PQ-002	Six deviations described below. No impact to protocol	The RO/DI water system meets acceptance criteria. Data confirmed that the system generates water that meets or exceeds Type II RO/DI water specifications

Deviations to WPU101-PQ-001:

- WPU-101-PQ-001-D-01 was opened to document that microbial data gathered before 11Jul2017 were determined to be invalid, as it was discovered that the filters used for testing were not sterile. No impact to the protocol; the required 30 business days of testing was completed.
- WPU101-PQ-001-D-02 was opened for using expired test strips to record the ozone levels. Data were invalidated. No impact to the protocol; the required 30 business days of testing were completed.
- WPU101-PQ-001-D-03 was opened for having a detectable level of ozone present in the water when ozone wasn't being generated. Data was invalidated. No impact to protocol; the reason ozone was detected was that Facilities had run the ozone cycle less than 90 minutes before the testing was performed.
- WPU101-PQ-001-D-04 was opened to document that the form used to record data for this study included an action limit for a sampling point before the RO tanks. No action limit should have been set, as this data was being gathered for information only, is not part of the RO system, and was not included in the performance qualification. No impact to the protocol, as all data required for the protocol were gathered and are reported.
- WPU101-PQ-001-D05 was opened to document that all microbial testing was performed at 10 Evergreen Drive instead of at 625 Zoot Way. No impact to protocol; testing was performed and documented according to procedures and forms identified in the protocol.
- WPU101-PQ-001-D-06 was opened to document that microbial samples were incubated at room temperature instead of in a 20-25°C incubator as specified in the protocol. No impact to protocol; room temperatures were confirmed to have remained within 20-25°C for the period of the study.

### Standard Operating Procedures

The protocol was executed under the following standard operating procedures:

Document Number	Revision	Title
LP-205	3	Preparation of Spore Dilutions for Production
LP-209	1	Hand Inoculation
LP-302	4	Resistance Determination of Biological Indicators
LP-305	3	Population Assay of Biological Indicator Products
AP-102	1	Printing Labels with the Brady Printer
AP-203	2	Hand Assembly of Biological Indicators
QSWI-103	5	QA Release of Finished Product Inventory

### Training


The operators in the table below completed qualification training on the SOPs identified above during the PPQ.


Operator	Procedure(s)	Status of read-and-understand training on SOPs	Status of qualification training on SOPs
DS	LP-205, LP-209, LP-302, LP-305	Complete	Complete
NA	LP-302, LP-305	Complete	Complete
EA	LP-205, LP-209, LP-302, LP-305	Complete	Complete
AS	LP-205, LP-302, LP-305	Complete	Complete
CV	LP-205, LP-209, LP-302, LP-305	Complete	Complete
DG	AP-102, AP-203	Complete	Complete
ES	AP-203	Complete	Complete
CS	AP-203	Complete	Complete
LG	AP-203	Complete	Complete
JW	AP-203	Complete	Complete
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LL	AP-203	Complete	Complete
HG	AP-102	Complete	Complete
JS	AP-102, AP-203	Complete	Complete
GS	AP-203	Complete	Complete

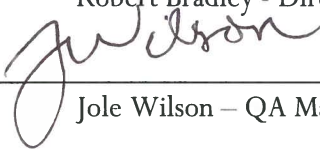
### Attachments:

List of Catalog Numbers Validated Under Protocol 180204P

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List of Catalog Numbers Validated Under 180204P

1-6100TT  
1-10006MM  
1-61006MM  
1-1000PB  
3-1000PB  
3-6100PB  
1-3100  
3-4100  
PL-3-6-15  
DS6R/5  
DS6R/6  
SGMR/7  
SU1X25/6  
SU2X10/6