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ISOPLATER 80 PETRI PLATE PROCESSOR

The Isoplater 80 has been in use in the Microbiology department of our laboratory since September 1988. Approximately 1000 specimens per day are processed and our Isoplater has streaked in excess of 1 MILLION plates. It is used on both day and evening shift to streak both primary and subculture Blood Agar and MacConkey Agar plates.

The introduction of the Isoplater into our laboratory has resulted in cost savings from increased productivity as well as from a decrease in disposable materials costs. We experienced a payback for this piece of equipment in 18 months.

In addition to the cost savings encountered with the use of the Isoplater there has been a technical benefit realized as a result of an improved isolation rate and the standardization of the streaking pattern. The Isoplater has also reduced plate handling thereby lowering the potential risk to laboratory personnel.

Scheduled in-house preventative maintenance is minimal and easily achieved. We have not experienced any problems with Vista Laboratories with regard to servicing of the Isoplater 80.



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