



## Instructions for Sample Preparation: Live Cultures

Pure cultures are essential for microbial identification. This procedure can be used for submitting bacterial and yeast samples for AccuPRO-ID®, AccuGENX-ID® (BacSeq and FunITS), Accugenix-ST®, and for bacterial samples for Ribotyping (BacRib).

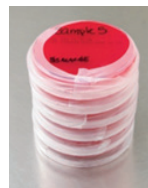
### 1. Complete the Identification Request Form (IRF).

- If more than one colony type is present and only the dominant colony type is to be identified, please check the appropriate box.
- If all morphologically-distinct colony types are to be identified, please indicate this.
- If only one type of colony is to be identified, circle the colony of interest with a permanent marker on the sample lid and dish, and check the appropriate box.



### 2. Wrap sample plates in Parafilm®.

- Ensure that the customer sample ID on plate(s) matches the customer sample ID on the IRF.



### 3. Enclose in primary container.



### 4. Enclose the primary container and IRF in an insulated secondary container.



### 5. Ship OVERNIGHT at ambient temperature.

- Refer to the Charles River Shipping Guide for specific labeling and documentation required before shipping.
- Both temperature and time are critical factors that will affect results when shipping live cultures for AccuPRO-ID®. Samples should not be exposed to or stored below room temperature (20-25 °C) at any time. The total time from sample inoculation to arrival at Charles River should not exceed 48 hours to ensure immediate processing. Live cultures exceeding 48 hours of age upon receipt at Charles River may have to be subcultured, thereby delaying the requested turnaround time for results.

Identification Request Forms and additional information about our services and capabilities can be found online at [www.criver.com/accugenix](http://www.criver.com/accugenix).

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