



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Family of Products



A colorful approach to efficient testing



Helping all people
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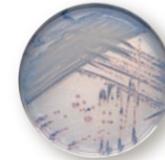
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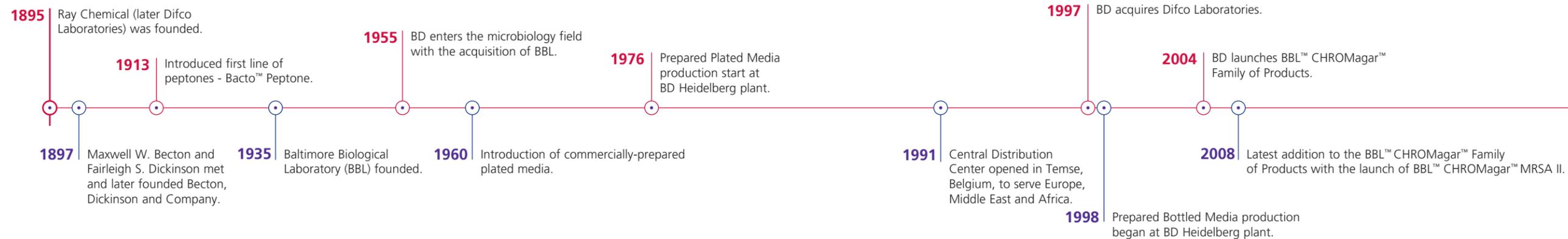
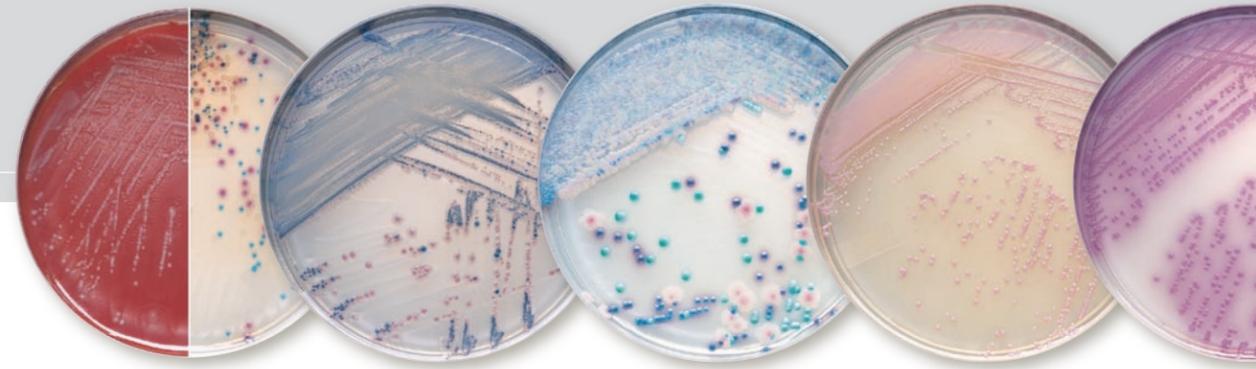
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History of BD's Media Production



BD Diagnostics has been manufacturing **BBL™ prepared media products** for almost 50 years.

In that time we have gained a wealth of knowledge that remains the cornerstone of the high quality BBL brand. From the first introduction of Thioglycollate medium and proprietary peptones such as **Trypticase™**, to the development of media products such as **Mycobactosel™ L-J**, all the way to our patented **Stacker™** Petri dish designs and formulations, like **GC-Lect™** and **ssA™**, our history as leaders in microbiology is without equal. These are just a few of the many great milestones that BD Diagnostics and BBL can point to with pride.

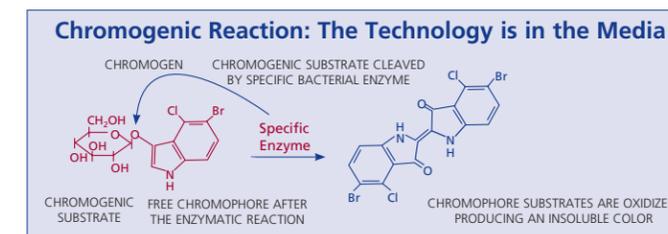
BBL™ CHROMagar™ products are designed to streamline identification, provide enhanced differentiation of pathogens and allow microbiologists to realize material and labor reductions in the laboratory.

This highly differentiated product family combines the patented CHROMagar technology for organism identification with the high quality BBL proprietary peptones and media ingredients that microbiologists have counted on for decades, resulting in exclusive formulations available only from BD.

Stay tuned because there are more formulations to come.

The BBL™ CHROMagar™ Family of Media Products

- **Enhanced Differentiation of Pathogens***
- **Reduced Material Usage***
- **Reduced Costs***

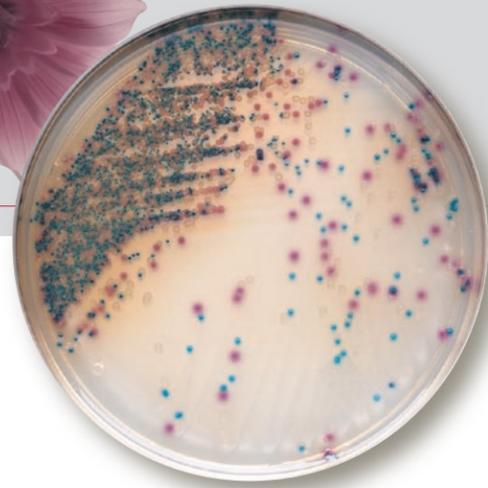


The BBL™ CHROMagar™ family of products utilize a chromogen mix that consists of artificial substrates (chromogens) that release differently colored compounds upon degradation by specific microbial enzymes, thus assuring the direct differentiation of certain species or the detection of certain groups of organisms with only a minimum of confirmatory tests.

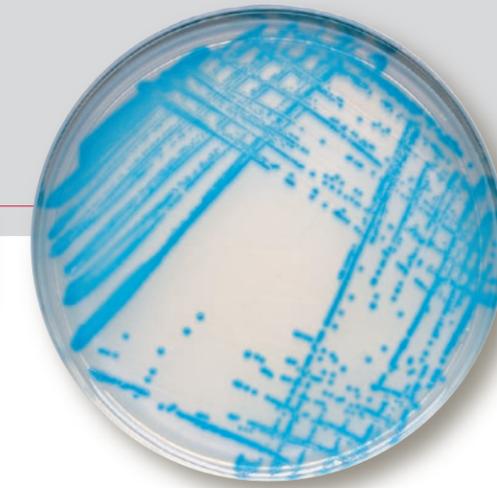
BBL Formulations - Available exclusively from BD.



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation



Escherichia coli



Enterococcus sp.

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation medium is a nonselective, differential medium for presumptively identifying bacterial isolates from primary clinical specimens. Specially selected peptones supply the nutrients in BBL CHROMagar Orientation medium. Clinical studies have demonstrated that CHROMagar Orientation medium is an ideal medium for use in differentiation and enumeration of urinary tract infection pathogens.

- Increases laboratory efficiency and decreases material costs by reducing the number of plates to inoculate, incubate and read.
- Enhances visual differentiation of colonies, resulting in less time spent sub-culturing mixed infections. Allows for earlier set up of susceptibility testing.
- Improves detection of mixed urine cultures for quicker assessment of contaminated samples, decreasing work-up time.
- Identifies *E. coli* and *Enterococcus* from the primary plate – confirmatory testing is not required. Immediately resolves approximately 80% of positive urines.¹
- Provides presumptive identification of *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* for more efficient screening of suspect urine samples.
- Allows isolation and presumptive identification of both gram-positive and gram-negative pathogens with a single plate.
- Inhibits the swarming of *Proteus* spp. with a unique BBL formulation.

¹ In accordance with CLSI document M35. Abbreviated Identification of Bacteria and Yeast approved guideline.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
257481	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation	20 Plates
254107	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation	120 Plates

Identify *E. coli* and *Enterococcus sp.* from the primary plate – confirmatory testing is not required.¹

These two organisms represent approximately 80% of urinary tract infections.

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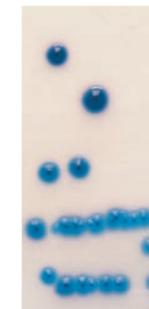
Staphylococcus aureus



Staphylococcus saprophyticus



Streptococcus agalactiae



Enterobacter cloacae

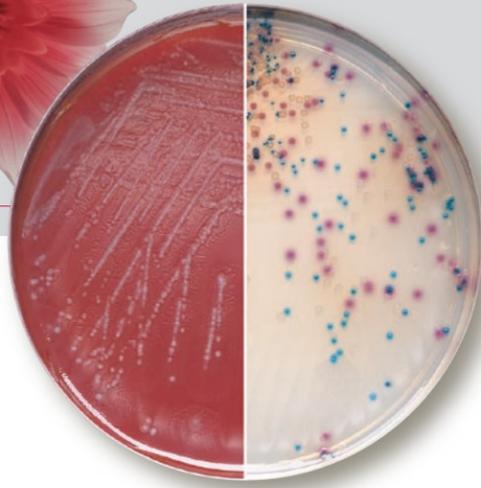


Proteus sp.



Klebsiella pneumoniae

Differentiation and presumptive identification of *S. saprophyticus* and *S. agalactiae* enable more streamlined screening of female urine cultures.



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation / Columbia CNA

Blood agar: (left) CHROMagar Orientation: (right) On both media: inoculum of *E. coli*, *Enterococcus* sp. and *Proteus* sp. Left side: growth of *Enterococcus* Right side: mixed culture of *E. coli*, *Enterococcus* sp. and *Proteus* sp.

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation Medium / Columbia CNA Agar (Biplate)

BBL™ CHROMagar Orientation Medium / Columbia CNA Agar (Biplate) is used for isolation of bacteria commonly involved in urinary tract infections. While CHROMagar Orientation medium is a non-selective medium for the isolation, identification, or differentiation of urinary tract pathogens, Columbia CNA Agar is a selective medium for the isolation of Gram positive bacteria.

As today's laboratories are challenged to do more with less, this new format supports lean microbiology processes in the following ways:

- Reduces reagent and identification panel usage¹ by resolving up to 80% of positive urine cultures without performing additional confirmatory testing.
- Faster, visual identification of common urinary pathogens (*Escherichia coli* and *Enterococcus*) improving turnaround time for positives.
- Colorimetric detection of mixed cultures allows for faster assessment of sample integrity and detection of improperly collected samples.
- Standardizes urine culture processing to a single catalog number.

¹ CHROMagar Orientation is in accordance with CLSI document M35. Abbreviated Identification of Bacteria and Yeast approved guideline.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
254489	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Orientation / Columbia CNA Agar (Biplate)	20 Plates



BBL™ CHROMagar™ O157

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Escherichia coli serotype O157:H7 is a human pathogen associated with hemorrhagic colitis. Traditionally, this organism has been differentiated from its nonpathogenic counterparts using media containing sorbitol. *E. coli* O157: H7 will ferment sorbitol slowly, or not at all.

BBL™ CHROMagar™ O157 was developed to meet the needs of microbiologists requiring a better medium for isolation and differentiation of *E. coli* O157. This medium has been designed for use as a primary plate for stool cultures and is an ideal medium for screening food samples for *E. coli* O157. BBL CHROMagar O157 provides additional benefits:

- Reduces costs of sub-culturing, biochemical identification and latex testing of false-positive organisms isolated from MacConkey Agar with Sorbitol and SMAC CT media.
- Is compatible with latex agglutination testing for confirmation, reducing turnaround time and saving valuable technician time.
- Provides more efficient use of technologist time when screening stool cultures.
- Detects *E. coli* O157 using a highly specific chromogenic reaction, limiting false results associated with detection of *E. coli* O157 by sorbitol fermentation.
- Distinguishes *E. coli* O157 (mauve colonies) from *E. coli* non-O157 (blue colonies) with a color reaction for clearer differentiation of toxigenic strains.
- Inhibits most *Proteus*, *Pseudomonas* and *Aeromonas* strains using specialized selective agents.
- Sensitivity 98%
Specificity 100%
(Compared to Sorbitol-MacConkey (SMAC) and Sorbitol-MacConkey Cefixime Tellurite (SMAC-CT).

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
254105	BBL™CHROMagar™ O157	20 plates



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Staph aureus

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BBL™ CHROMagar™ Staph aureus, is a chromogenic medium which utilizes an enzymatic reaction that produces easy-to-identify mauve-colored colonies with the growth of *Staphylococcus aureus*. Other staphylococcal isolates produce cream-colored to white colonies on this medium.

BBL CHROMagar Staph aureus is highly effective in differentiating organisms with atypical appearance or weak hemolysis making it an ideal medium for *Staphylococcus aureus* surveillance.¹

Traditionally, *S. aureus* isolates have been identified using Mannitol Salt agar to determine mannitol fermentation and TSA II Sheep Blood Agar to exhibit a zone of beta hemolysis.

BBL CHROMagar Staph aureus is designed for use as a primary plate when testing for *S. aureus* in clinical or industrial specimens. BBL CHROMagar Staph aureus is highly effective in differentiating organisms with atypical appearance or weak hemolysis making it an ideal medium for *Staphylococcus* surveillance.¹

Additional benefits include:

- Isolates and identifies *Staphylococcus aureus* from clinical sources without the use of confirmatory testing.¹
- Shows increased recovery by 11% when compared to conventional media, as demonstrated in a clinical study.
- Allows for performance of susceptibility testing directly from the BBL CHROMagar Staph aureus plate, reducing turnaround time and saving valuable tech time.
- Eliminates the need for subculture to a nonselective medium, reducing consumable material costs and improving workflow.
- Sensitivity 99.5%.
- Specificity 99.2%.

¹ In accordance with CLSI document M35. Abbreviated Identification of Bacteria and Yeast approved guideline.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
257074	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Staph aureus	20 Plates
257099	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Staph aureus	120 Plates



BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II

BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II*

New, improved medium for the direct detection of MRSA from a wide range of clinical specimen types

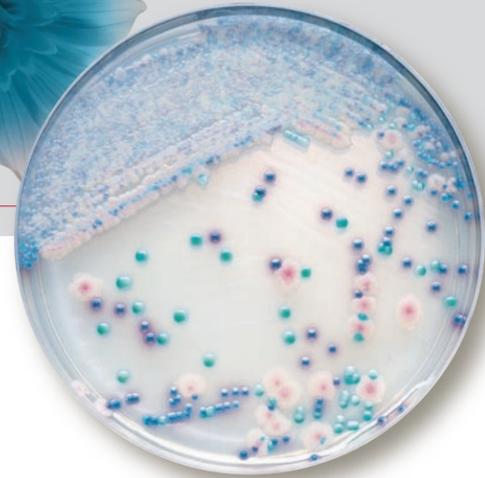
The new BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II* is a selective and differential medium for the direct detection of methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) from clinical specimens.

- Large, intensely colored MRSA colonies.
- Improved sensitivity, specificity and selectivity. BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II was evaluated in a study** in four different clinical laboratories in Germany and the U.S. Overall recovery of MRSA on BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II was higher at 95.6% (744/778) compared to a recovery of 79.8% (621/778) on traditional culture plates for all specimen types combined. The combined overall agreement of BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II compared to the cefoxitin disk diffusion test for all specimen types was 99.3% (5015/5051).
- Wide range of clinical specimens types. The BBL™ CHROMagar™ MRSA II test can be performed on:
 - respiratory (e.g. nares, throat and sputum),
 - lower gastrointestinal (e.g. rectal and stool),
 - skin (e.g. groin/axilla and perineum/perianal), and
 - wound specimens, and
 - positive blood culture bottles containing the gram-positive cocci.

* European, U.S. & Canadian Patents Pending. Product is not available for sale in US or Canada.
** BD data on file. For more information please refer to the instructions for use.

So easy to read.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
257434	BBL™CHROMagar™ MRSA II	20 plates
257435	BBL™CHROMagar™ MRSA II	120 plates



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida

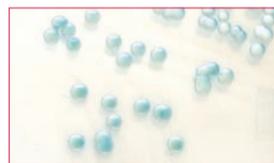
BD™ Sabouraud GC / BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida is a nutritive medium for isolating and differentiating yeasts from primary culture of clinical specimens. BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida has gained wide acceptance through the years by many leading mycologists. BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida differentiates selected yeasts by color morphology, most other yeast isolates will appear in their natural white/cream colony color. This ability to isolate, identify and differentiate mixed yeast cultures has provided many microbiology laboratories the opportunity to operate more cost effectively.

Additional benefits:

- Unrivaled accuracy for the isolation and direct identification of *Candida albicans*, *C. tropicalis* and *C. krusei* (which may be fluconazole resistant) without the need for additional confirmation tests.
- Differentiates mixed yeast isolates usually not differentiated on other fungal isolation media from clinical specimens.
- Inhibits normal bacterial flora (using chloramphenicol) making it an ideal medium for primary yeast culture of urine, genital and throat samples.
- Decreases turnaround time for yeast isolates by up to 48 hours when used as a primary plate.
- Reduces the amount of yeast identification panels used in the lab, thereby increasing workflow efficiency and lowering overall costs of yeast workup.



C. albicans



C. tropicalis



C. krusei

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
257480	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida	20 Plates
254106	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida	120 Plates

BD™ Sabouraud GC Agar / BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida Medium (Biplate)

BD™ Sabouraud GC Agar / BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida Medium (Biplate) is used for the selective isolation of fungi and for the isolation and identification of *Candida albicans*, *C. tropicalis* and *C. krusei* from clinical specimens.

Sabouraud Agar with glucose is a widely used medium which, due to its low pH and the high glucose concentration, is partially selective for fungi. As many bacteria tolerate the low pH and the high glucose concentration and will grow on Sabouraud agar, especially during the prolonged incubation period often necessary for fungal isolation, several formulations containing antibacterial inhibitors have been developed. Antimicrobials like penicillin, chloramphenicol, aminoglycosides, or combinations of these have been shown to be effective in inhibiting bacteria without affecting fungal growth.

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida Medium is a selective and differential medium for the isolation of fungi. With the inclusion of chromogenic substrates in the medium, the colonies of *C. albicans*, *C. tropicalis* and *C. krusei* produce different colors, thus allowing the direct detection of these yeast species on the isolation plate.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
254515	BD™ Sabouraud GC Agar / BBL™ CHROMagar™ Candida Medium (Biplate)	20 plates



BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella was developed for use in *Salmonella* screening of either clinical or industrial samples. BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella can be used with or without pre-enrichment broth media. As with any *Salmonella* isolation procedure, pre-enrichment with a broth (i.e., Selenite F or GN Broth) will increase recovery of *Salmonella* spp.

Additional benefits of BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella are:

- Detects *Salmonella* with a highly specific chromogenic reaction.
- *Salmonella* detection not based on H₂S or glucuronidase production, or on negative lactose fermentation, thus minimizing interference from hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)-producing colonies such as *Proteus* and *Citrobacter* spp. This results in a significant reduction of false positives.
- Allows for slide agglutination and serotyping directly from the plate for more efficient use of technologists' time.
- Reduces consumable costs associated with biochemical identification and agglutination testing of false-positive isolates.
- Reduces the time needed for confirmatory biochemical and serological tests by up to one day as compared to Hektoen Enteric Agar.
- Differentiates low levels of *Salmonella* in cultures containing mixed coliform bacteria, which helps to streamline detection of pathogenic organisms.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
254104	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella	20 Plates

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella / XLD Agar

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella / XLD Agar (Biplate)

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella is a selective differential medium for the isolation and presumptive identification of *Salmonella*, and XLD Agar (Xylose Lysine Desoxycholate Agar) is a moderately selective and differential medium for the isolation of *Salmonella* and *Shigella*. The combination of both media in a biplate allows simultaneous detection of *Shigella* and *Salmonella*.

The presence of BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella and XLD Agar in a biplate combines the highly selective chromogenic medium which allows rapid presumptive identification of *Salmonella* by colony color with the moderate selectivity of XLD Agar which increases the chance of recovery when the bacterial population is low and provides an indication of the presence of *Shigella* in the specimen. Additionally, the biplate satisfies the requirement to use two different media for isolation of *Salmonella*.

Cat. No.	Description	Unit
257372	BBL™ CHROMagar™ Salmonella / XLD Agar (Biplate) 20 plates	

Manufacturing Expertise...

BD manufacturing sites around the world



Continuous Improvement In Production for Greater Laboratory Efficiency

We make a continuous effort to support our customer's daily practices. Our key goal is to provide solutions which help our clients design their workflow in an efficient and effective way.

The standards & guidelines DIN/EN/ISO 9001:2000, 13485:2003 cGMP21CFR820, IVD Directive 98/79/EG and Pharmacopeia EP/USP/JP are embedded in our Quality Management System.

New equipment, machines or repairs undergo established qualification and validation steps according to the BD validation toolkit. Each process is carried out under controlled conditions. All machines and equipment are subject to ongoing preventive maintenance.

This ensures that our machines and equipment are always ready for operation. As part of our validation initiatives, all production processes undergo a risk analysis which allows us to identify critical process steps and control them so that deviations do not occur from the outset.

The Heidelberg plant has introduced the Six Sigma and Lean Management programs as tools for continuous improvement. This program ensures that our processes are regularly tested for improvement potential and errors can be prevented from occurring in the first place, or problems that do occur can be quickly recognized and corrected. All of our employees are requested to identify improvement potentials and work on them. With those activities we achieve high product quality and a predictable product supply. To react to specific customer requests our local R&D department - together with the customer, production, regulatory affairs - will develop a solution that will both satisfy the customer's request and (also) meet the regulatory requirements.



BD in Heidelberg



Production Entrance Heidelberg Plant



Production Heidelberg Plant

BBL™ CHROMagar™ Proof Sources

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