



# Agilent PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer Consumables

## Selection Guide

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This is a selection guide for thermal microplate seals. ● = YES (dot) TBD = To Be Determined NA = Not Applicable

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<b>ADHESION</b> (The number of times a microplate can be resealed is a function of the plate design (well chimney height), plate material and the time and temperature utilized.)						
<b>Peelable</b>	●	●		●	●	
<b>Permanent</b>			●			●
<b>APPLICATIONS</b> (Typical)						
<b>Compound Storage, Low Temp (0°C to -80°C)</b>	●	●		Short Term (Hours to Daily) – Not for Long Term Storage	Short Term (Hours to Daily) – Not for Long Term Storage	
<b>Compound Storage, Room Temp (0°C to +40°C)</b>		●				
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room temperature storage of 100% DMSO for 12 months</li> <li>Short term resistance to 40°C for few weeks</li> </ul>				
<b>DNA Sequencing</b>					●	●



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**APPLICATIONS** (Typical)

<b>PCR/qPCR/rtPCR</b>		Yes PCR/ No qPCR/ No rtPCR				
<b>Optical Plate Reading (rtPCR/qPCR)</b>				●	●	●
<b>Dry Thermal Cycling</b>	●	●	Limited	●	●	●
<b>Water Bath Thermal Cycling</b>						●
<b>Screening</b>	●	●	●		●	
<b>SPA Radioactive/ Top Count Assays</b>				●	●	

**CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITY GUIDELINES** (Assumes microplate sealing surface/chimney is clean. Chemical solutions that produce explosive vapor mixtures, such as those that may be generated by solvents, alcohols, etc. are incompatible with thermal plate sealing.) Chemical compatibility testing involves confirming sample is not lost through evaporation and leakage (gravimetric testing).

<b>Alcohols</b>	Polypropylene Good Polystyrene Poor	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Aqueous Solutions</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>DMSO</b>	Polypropylene Good Polystyrene Fair (Not recommended for room temperature storage)	Polypropylene Good <sup>++</sup> COC Good <sup>++</sup> (Good for room temperature storage; short term resistance to 40°C – few weeks)	●	Short Term (Hours to Daily) – Not for Long Term Storage	Short Term (Hours to Daily) – Not for Long Term Storage	●

**DIMENSIONS** (sealing film on roll)

<b>Core Diameter</b>	76.2 mm (3") ID	76.2 mm (3") ID	76.2 mm (3") ID	76.2 mm (3") ID	76.2 mm (3") ID	76.2 mm (3") ID
<b>Length of Roll</b>	457.2 m (1500 ft)	457.2 m (1500 ft)	500 m (1640 ft)	200 m (656 ft)	370 m (1213 ft)	500 m (1640 ft)
<b>Length Used per Plate</b>	78 mm (3.07")	78 mm (3.07")	78 mm (3.07")	78 mm (3.07")	78 mm (3.07")	78 mm (3.07")
<b>Plates/Roll (Min)</b>	5000	5000	5000	2000	4700	5000
<b>Roll Diameter</b>	241.3 mm (9.5")	255 mm (10.04")	241.3 mm (9.5")	203.2 mm (8")	203.2 mm (8")	208 mm (8.2")
<b>Thickness</b>	.0591 mm (.002")	.0591 mm (.002")	.025 mm (.00098")	.125 mm (0.005")	.0762 mm (0.003")	0.049 mm (0.002")
<b>Width</b>	115 mm (4.53")	115 mm (4.53")	115 mm (4.53")	115 mm (4.53")	115 mm (4.53")	115 mm (4.53")

**MICROPLATE COMPATIBILITY, AGILENT PLATELOC SEALING CONDITIONS/GUIDELINES** (Quality microplates with raised sample well rims or "chimneys" and flat surfaces can help minimize cross contamination and reduce evaporation. Conditions below are starting point recommendations for microplate sealing optimization—plate design can play a significant role in the ideal sealing conditions. Microplates of the same material may require different settings, based on thickness/geometry, etc. Optimize time and temperature parameters for each plate type before use. Use the lowest temperature and shortest time period possible for best results. If warped microplates or plates that do not lie flat are a challenge, or if you experience non-uniformity in seal quality, try Agilent's **PlateLoc Flexible Inserts** Product Number 15818-002.)

<b>Cyclic Olefin Copolymer (COC)</b>	190°C; 2.5 sec	185°C; 1.5 sec	TBD	TBD	TBD	
<b>Polypropylene</b>	170°C; 1.2 sec	175°C; 1.5 sec	Best Results with Polypropylene 170°C; 1.2 sec	110°C; 1-1.2 sec	110°C; 1-1.2 sec	Permanent 175°C; 1.2-2 sec
<b>Polystyrene</b>	185°C; 1.2 sec	Not Compatible	NA	NA / TBD	NA / TBD	

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**OPTICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>Autofluorescence</b>	NA	NA	NA	Non-detected	Non-detected	Non-detected
<b>Optically Clear (Plate Reader Compatible)</b>	NA	NA	NA	●	●	●
<b>Transparent, Visually</b>	NA	NA	NA	●	●	●

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES** (Gas transmission is relative and dependent on time, temperature, application, etc. Each seal should be evaluated for its suitability for the application.)

<b>Adhesion</b>	Thermal	Thermal	Thermal	Thermal	Thermal	Thermal
<b>Appearance</b>	White top, reflective bottom	Uncolored aluminum foil	Reflective top and bottom	Opaque unsealed, transparent sealed	Opaque unsealed, transparent sealed	Clear unsealed, clear sealed
<b>Cross Contamination/ Leakage Resistant</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Evaporation Resistant</b>	●	●	●	●	●	●
<b>Material</b>	Multilayer Aluminum Foil / Polymer Laminate	Multilayer Aluminum Foil / Polymer Laminate	Aluminum Foil w/ Thermal Sealant Layer	Multilayer Polymer Laminate	Multilayer Polymer Laminate	Multilayer Polymer Laminate
<b>O<sub>2</sub> Barrier</b>	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	Good	Good	Good
<b>H<sub>2</sub>O Vapor Barrier</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Good	Good

**PIERCEABILITY** (Note: 06644-001 is not recommended for multiple pierce/reseal/pierce cycles—there is a risk of aluminum fragments falling into samples.) Automated piercing generally requires a plate hold-down mount for microplate.

<b>Agilent Bravo/ Vertical Pipettor</b>						
<b>Fixed Tips</b>						
<b>Plastic Disposable Tips</b>						
<b>Agilent Seal Piercer</b>	●	●	●			
<b>Metal Tip/Probe, Other</b>					● (Some, e.g. ABI 3730)	
<b>Handheld Pipettor Plastic Tips</b>	Fair		●			

**THERMAL PROPERTIES** (Allow microplates that have been stored at low temperature to reach room temperature before attempting to remove/peel seal. Seal integrity and length of time samples can be safely stored is application dependent and must be verified.)

<b>Seal Integrity Range</b>	-80°C to Plate Softening	-80°C to 40°C <sup>++</sup> • Room temperature storage of 100% DMSO for 12 month • Short term resistance to 40°C for few weeks	-20°C to 80°C	-20°C to 120°C	-20°C to 120°C	-80°C to 110°C
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<sup>+</sup> This material has been included on this guide for existing customers who have used it successfully in an existing Agilent PlateLoc. Due to intermittent thermo-mechanical incompatibility with some PlateLocs, it is not recommended for new PlateLoc customers.

<sup>++</sup> Compound stability in DMSO can be affected by many factors above and beyond the quality of the heat seal material and the quality of the seal with the plate (e.g. temperature, gas exchange through the microplate material itself, light, etc.)

## PlateLoc Seal Selection Guide Notes:

**1. Test Microplates.** This data was generated using the following microplates or equivalent:

Polypropylene Microplate: Greiner, 650201 (96-well, round well, round bottom)

Polystyrene Microplate: Greiner, 655101 (96-well, round well, round bottom)

**2. Customer Testing.** Material suitability, seal integrity, and maximum storage times for sealed microplates are a function of the specific application and must be determined by the user of this product. It is recommended that all microplate sealing processes take place prior to the “Best if Used By” date, if indicated on the material labeling. Bond integrity, in correctly sealed microplates used in storage applications, should remain intact past this date—but the actual ideal storage time is application and storage condition dependent. End-user, application-based requalification (testing) is required past “Best if Used By” date.

**3. 3rd Party Thermal Seal.** The performance of the Agilent PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer has been optimized using Agilent thermal seal. If you choose to try third-party thermal seal and experience poor performance/instrument problems and contact Agilent for support, it is your responsibility to immediately notify the Agilent support representative that you are using third-party thermal seal. Use of third-party consumables may be outside the scope of the terms of the PlateLoc Thermal Microplate Sealer instrument warranty and may result in the user paying for any necessary repairs and applications support, as a result of using these materials. If you are considering the use of third-party consumables because the Agilent consumables do not meet your requirements, please give Agilent the opportunity to try to help.

**4. Reference.** This information is for reference only.

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