

## **How to Test for Lead Using a Lead Swab Test**

You can use a lead swab test to check for lead in paint and other products. A lead swab contains two non-hazardous testing chemicals that when mixed together can indicate the presence of lead in the surface being tested. NOTE: This swab can only detect lead that is on the surface being tested. It cannot detect underlying layers of lead in paint.

### *To activate the lead swab:*

1. Squeeze and crush points marked “A” and “B” located on the barrel of the swab.
2. With the porous fiber tip facing down, shake twice and squeeze gently until the yellow liquid comes to the tip of the swab. It is now activated.

### *To test using the swab:*

1. While squeezing gently, rub the swab on the test area for 30 seconds. If you want to use the swab more than one time, squeeze a drop onto the surface.
2. If the swab tip and/or surface tested turns pink or red, the test is positive – LEAD IS PRESENT.  
If the swab tip and/or surface tested shows no color change, the test is negative. You should confirm that the Swab is active by using a Test Confirmation card.

### *Confirming a negative test:*

A Test Confirmation card is used to verify negative results of the swab. On each card are dots containing a small amount of lead. Please wash your hands after handling these cards.

1. If after testing a surface, the swab tip and/or surface tested does NOT turn pink or red, squeeze a drop of the solution in the swab onto one of the test dots.
2. If a pink or red color appears on the conformation card dot, the swab was activated properly and you did obtain a negative result.  
If the test dot does NOT turn pink or red, the test is invalid and must be repeated with a new swab.