

Restek Overhauls its Reference Standards' Packaging, Labeling, and Certificates to Improve Lab Safety and Productivity



Based on customer feedback, Restek's ISO-accredited reference standards labs have made a number of exciting improvements to its packaging, labeling, and certificates of analysis.

Packaging: Smaller, round ampul storage tubes perfectly fit a Restek ampul (and included deactivated vial) to help protect them from breaking, avoiding a potential safety hazard and operational disruption. The new tubes also take up less space—you can fit three of the new design in the same space as one of the old—and they are more environmentally friendly because they use less plastic.



Storage Tube Labels: Perhaps the most exciting change is that the ampul storage tube label features a QR code that links directly to the certificate of analysis for your specific standard and lot #. Whether you are looking to digitally archive your certificate or have lost the hard copy, this QR code will give you instant, easy access to your documentation any time, from anywhere. Additionally, larger pictograms on the already GHS-compliant labels better promote safety in your lab and help you meet OSHA, CLP, and other government requirements.



Ampul Labels: The ampul label itself is now removable so that it can be transferred to the included deactivated vial along with your standard. And a single, easy-tear design means that both vial and notebook labels stay attached to the ampul until you are ready to use them. The new notebook label is larger and features "received" and "opened" write-in date areas. The new vial label is perfectly sized to provide clear visibility to the contained volume and seamless autosampler integration without trimming. And both labels feature full handling instructions to help you ensure the integrity and proper use of your standards before and after transfer.



Certificates of Analysis: Working closely with its independent ISO accreditation body representatives, Restek has streamlined and simplified your documentation to help avoid confusion and bolster your confidence in your reporting. Specifically, Restek certificates have transitioned to a single "total expanded uncertainty" value as opposed to the three uncertainty values provided historically. Restek labs also conducted extensive, real-time travel studies to improve the accuracy of the now-single uncertainty value. In particular for custom Restek reference standards, all three levels of available documentation have been retitled so that each is clearly and accurately marked as a different type of "certificate of analysis." The definitions of each level have also been updated to clarify the differences.



It is important to note that Restek is not changing its manufacturing processes, QC methods, ISO accreditations, CRM designations, ampuls, or the composition of the standards themselves in any way. Customers will still order the same items/catalog numbers and receive the same high-quality standards they have come to rely on from Restek.

These changes will begin rolling out in November 2022, and by the end of December 2022, all newly manufactured Restek standards will feature these exciting updates.*

Whether or not you have used Restek's stock or custom reference standards in the past, you are invited to see how, now more than ever, Restek is the best choice for your lab and your peace of mind.

Learn more at www.restek.com/Standards2022

*There will be a period of transition through 2023 when customers may receive a combination of existing and new product formats.

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