







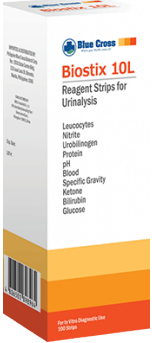







Brand Name	Insight 10	Biostix 10	CombiScreen 10	Medi-Test 10L	Test-it 10	COMBUR 10	MULTISTIX 10
Label / Colour chart							
Packaging							
Manufacturer	ACON	Unknown	Analyticon	Macherey-Nagel (MN)	DNX / LAD	Roche	Siemens
Country of manufacture	China	China	Germany	Germany	South Africa	Germany	Germany
Glucose system	Potassium iodate	Potassium iodate	TMB	TMB	TMB	TMB	Potassium iodate
Ascorbic acid resistant	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partly
Colour label: print / paint	Print	Print	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint	Paint
Can material	Black plastic, screw top	Black plastic, screw top	Aluminium	Aluminium	Light grey plastic*	Light rey plastic	Black plastic, screw top
Desiccant	Loose sachet	Loose sachet	Contained in cap	Contained in cap	Contained in cap	Contained in cap	Loose sachet
CE mark	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
US FDA Listed	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shelf life	18 months	Unknown	18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months
Colour accuracy with chart	Average	Unknown	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good
Stability after opening	3 months	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	3 months	Unknown	1 -3 months
Strip thickness	300 um	Unknown	275 um	300 um	250 um	400 um	200 -250 um
Quality perception	Chinese	Chinese	Germany	Germany	USA	Germany	Germany
Delivery lead time	Unknown	Unknown	4 weeks average	4 weeks average	Ex stock	Unknown	Unknown
Microalbumin product	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Shelf life	Unknown	Unknown	18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months
Strongest points	Cheap	Unknown	Very good correlation between test colours and colour chart; aluminium tube	6mm strip width (everyone else 5mm); Aluminium tube, excellent product	Very good correlation between strip colours and chart; protein determination brilliant	Quality leader (Rolls Royce); Good all round performane	Oldest name in urinalysis;
Weakest points	Inferior colour chart, bad correlation between strip colours and chart colours	Unknown	Very expensive	Very expensive	Do not yet have sales representatives in many countries	Very expensive	Colours tend to be more difficult to differentiate; Glucose is not that good; very expensive