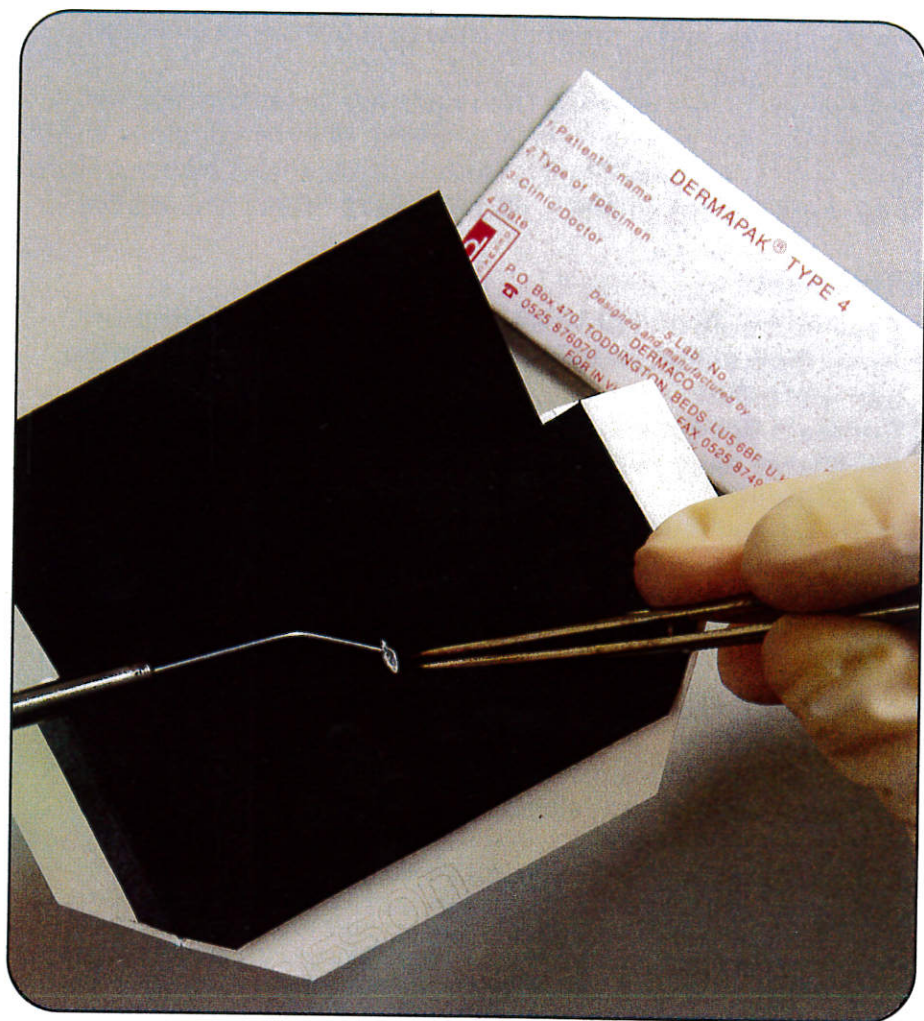


# DERMAPAK®



*Transportation and handling system for dermatological specimens*  
*Le système pour le transport et la manutention d'échantillons dermatologiques.*  
*Das System für Beröderung und Handhabung von dermatologischen Proben.*

Dermapak is the unique, purpose designed system for the safe and convenient handling and transportation of dermatological specimens for mycological investigations.

Dermapak is of interest to all those involved with the taking, sending and testing of specimens such as skin scrapings, nail clippings and hair.

Dermapak has been used extensively in the U.K. over the last 12 years for routine diagnostic work and for clinical trials. It is employed as the system of choice by Medical, Pharmaceutical and other establishments, and is recommended by a number of eminent specialists in mycology

Increasingly, in recent years, Dermapak has been specified for clinical trials and routine work in a number of other countries including the U.S.A., Canada, France, Holland, Switzerland, Norway, Hong Kong, Australia, South Africa, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Austria.

### **Advantages**

- \* **Easy and convenient to use by Clinician and Laboratory.**
- \* **Absorbent action reduces bacterial contamination during transportation.**
- \* **Compact design and light weight for low mailing costs.**
- \* **Facilitates easy location of small specimens against black background.**
- \* **Professional and smart presentation.**
- \* **Reduces risk of small specimen loss.**
- \* **Easy and safe transportation of specimen.**
- \* **Ideal for handling and identification by specimen reception staff.**
- \* **Laboratory does not need to transfer specimen prior to processing.**
- \* **Can be used in laboratory safety cabinets.**
- \* **Established and proven design.**

*The use of Dermapak is recommended in the following publications:*

1. Medical Mycology - a practical approach. Evans E.G.V. and Richardson M.D. Published by IRL Press(Oxford University Press) 1989. ISBN 019963011 9.
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**Dermapak is available in 4 different types:**

**Dermapak Original**

This type has a clear standard plastic 'window' attached to a matt black base of special material. The 'window' allows visual examination of the specimen prior to opening. The plastic used with this type will normally be charged with static which will attract small pieces of specimen to 'stick' to the 'window'.

**Dermapak L/S Film**

Features a clear, treated plastic 'window' attached to a matt black base of special material. The 'window' is manufactured from anti static grade, optically clear ICI Melinex film which allows visual examination of the specimen prior to opening and also ensures small specimens are not affected by any static charge.

**Dermapak Type 3**

Made entirely from a special grade matt black material folded to form the specimen containment area. This type is useful to help prevent 'sweating' of the specimen if it is to be kept for long periods for further laboratory investigations.

**Dermapak Type 4**

A modification of Type 3 with added side retention 'flaps' which add to specimen security. This is of benefit where vigorous handling during mailing, etc., may be anticipated. The adhesive used on the closure label is of the permanent variety as distinct from the other Dermapak types which use peelable adhesives.

*Components of the System:*

- a. Main Dermapak unit comprising the specimen containment unit fitted with a dual function printed label which seals the unit (after the addition of the specimen) and also provides the area for recording patient information.
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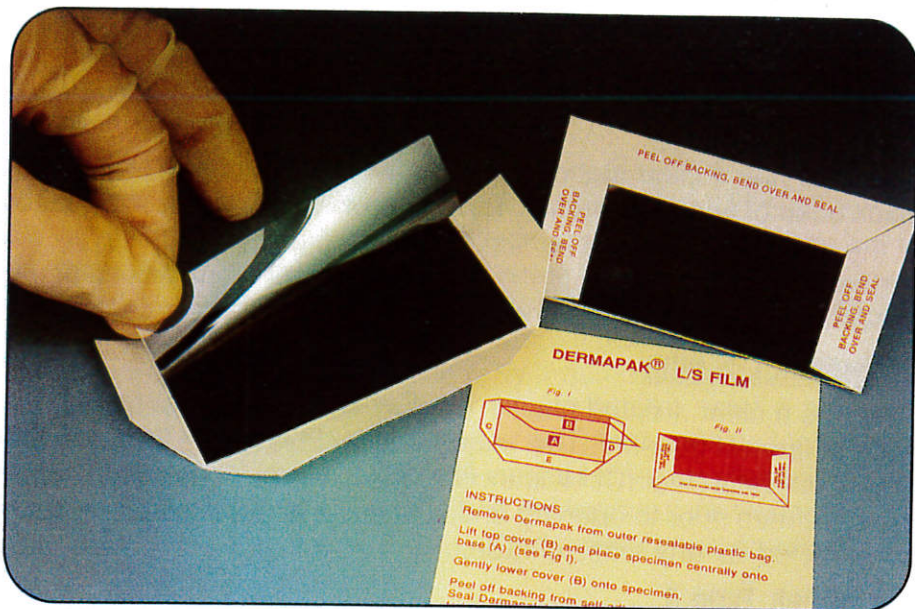
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## 2000

Transport and handling system for  
dermatological specimens intended  
for mycological investigations

The Dermapak system has been used extensively throughout the U.K. and other countries for the last 15 years. It has been specified for clinical trials by a number of leading pharmaceutical companies and is also employed as the system of choice for routine clinical mycology laboratory investigations in the U.S.A., Canada, most of Europe, parts of the Middle East, and Australia as well as the U.K.

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The existing designs of Dermapak (Original, L/S Film, Type 3 and Type 4) have now been extended with the introduction of the new Dermapak 2000. The many advantages built into the existing designs have been carried over to the 2000 and, as a result of extensive experience and consultations with leading mycologists, a number of useful upgrades have been added.

### **Advantages of ALL types of Dermapaks**

- \* Compact and lightweight for low mailing costs
- \* Easy and safe transport of specimen
- \* Absorbent action reduces risk of bacterial overgrowth during transportation.
- \* Easy and convenient to use by Clinician and Laboratory
- \* Established and proven design.

### **Additional advantages of Dermapak 2000**

- \* More convenient
- \* More secure
- \* More robust

### **plus**

- \* Check panel
- \* Choice of background colour



- \* *More convenient - straightforward closure procedure, with only one peel off strip - (with easy 'finger lift' backing) Peelable adhesive is used to allow reclosure for specimen storage and retrieval if required.*
- \* *More secure - combination of precision fit, 'lock-in' folds and strategically sited adhesive ensures even the smallest pieces of specimen are contained after closure.*
- \* *More robust - tougher grade of special absorbent material withstands laboratory methods of 'breaking up' nail specimens before opening*

### Check panel

Useful reminder of details helpful to laboratory investigations

1. Contact with animals - information assists precise dermatophyte nomenclature.
2. Recent treatment - can help to explain atypical microscopic and/or cultural patterns.
3. Travel abroad - alerts investigation to possibility of otherwise uncommon fungi.

### Choice of background colour - black or mid blue

Black is the traditional contrast background favoured in most U.K. laboratories.

Blue, as a multi purpose background, is becoming popular especially where dark specimens (hair and skin) are difficult to distinguish on black. Blue also provides a good background for the traditionally lighter coloured specimens.

### **Ordering information**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Order Code</i>	<i>Qty</i>
Dermapak 2000 Black	DMK 201	100
ditto	DMK 201/S	25
Dermapak 2000 Blue	DMK 202	100
ditto	DMK 202/S	25

*Please note - all existing designs of Dermapak will continue to be available.*