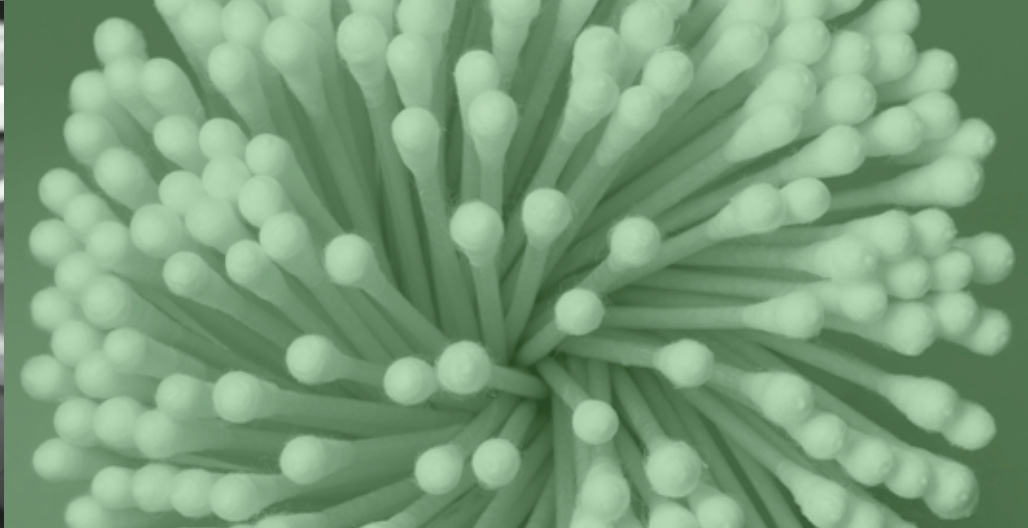




Puritan®

Quality since 1919



We are Puritan®

The world's largest – and most trusted – manufacturer of swabs and single-use sample collection devices.

We are a family-owned American company, proud to be known worldwide for quality and innovation.

Puritan is the brand trusted and specified for the most demanding applications, including medical, forensics and genetics, diagnostics, controlled environments, pharmaceuticals, food safety, and microbiology media.

Order with confidence – our products are manufactured, packaged, and shipped from our state-of-the-art facility in Guilford, Maine, USA.

Manufacturing since 1919

Like the world around us, our company has evolved to keep up with changing times and technology advances.



Quality Medical Products Since 1919



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Almost a century ago

We began as the Minto Toothpick Company in Saginaw, Michigan. As demand grew for toothpicks and other single-use wooden products, such as tongue depressors, the firm acquired a small factory in Guilford, Maine, and moved there in 1920.

Focus on wood

Guilford was an ideal location, with an abundant supply of Northern White Birch. We changed our name to Hardwood Products Company. Puritan® was the brand under which we made and sold products for medical applications.

Fast forward

Through the years, the company built a strong reputation for quality and dependability. Customers asked for a wider variety of our products.

From simple to complex

First, it was swabs with various tip and handle configurations. Next, and today, it's all about R&D to develop leading-edge solutions for an increasingly complex world.

See where we were and where we're going

We invite you to view:

- Our history, highlighted in a timeline
- Our full product line, in this catalog and online
- What we can do for you – custom orders always welcome



Our people

Our facility is state-of-the-art. But it's the minds and hands of our people that make innovation and reliable quality happen every day.

R&D

We have assembled the most talented design team in the industry.

- Over 150 years of combined engineering experience
- We develop and build custom machinery

PRODUCTION & QC

Visit our facility, watch our people and you'll be impressed. Here's what you'll see:

- Raw materials becoming high-tech products
- Processing that includes hands-on and automated hands-off
- The toughest quality standards in force, always

CUSTOMER SERVICE

We have a great team who are ready to:

- Process orders
- Answer questions
- Make sure we exceed your expectations



CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENTS

Swabs made in our CE-compliant, ISO certified facility offer cleaning confidence for precision manufacturing and biotechnology fields.

MEDICAL

We've been in this space for almost 100 years, and the breadth of our product line reflects that.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Making sampling easier and more accurate for food production, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals.

FORENSICS & GENETICS

Clean, accurate sampling, including DNA-free options.

DIAGNOSTICS

Innovation, consistent quality, repeatable results. Note our HydraFlock® and PurFlock Ultra® flock swabs.

MICROBIOLOGY MEDIA

Prepared microbiology media for cultivating clinical specimens in the lab.

A broad spectrum
in a variety of fields



Our history

In moving forward, it's always good to look back.

We've seen many changes in our company and in the industries we serve. Some things will never change: our commitment to quality, our drive to innovate, and our intention to provide the very best service to our customers.

1919

Puritan's earliest beginnings are here.

First, with the establishment of The Minto Toothpick and Specialty Company, and soon thereafter the change to Hardwood Products Company.



1928

With the introduction of tongue depressors and aseptic wood applicators, we enter the medical woodenware market.



The well-known Puritan brand is trademarked and all Puritan medical products bear the name and logo.

1948





1960

The rebirth of the company, when a new and modern manufacturing plant opens for business following a catastrophic fire.

1978

Now an FDA registered medical device manufacturer.

1990

New technology is introduced at Puritan. Now foam-tipped applicators are produced for industrial as well as medical and specimen collection applications.



The decision is made to enter the cotton tipping and sterile pack market.

In order to expand the product line further, fiber carding equipment is brought online to more efficiently prepare cotton, rayon and polyester fibers to better address the needs of the healthcare industry.

1965

1982





1995

ISO Certification is achieved, with CE Mark following in 1998.



2002

Hardwood Products Company changes its look and becomes two affiliated companies – Hardwood Products Company LLC and Puritan Medical Products Company LLC.

2005

Puritan's Cap-Shure® is introduced, to collect DNA specimens in the world of forensics.

All operations continue in Guilford, Maine, and remain in the hands of the founding family.

The DM Stick Wound Measuring Device is added to the product line, joining the Popule®, our first patented product offered.



Puritan's PurSwab® line expands, adding a new array of specialty swabs for lint-sensitive applications.

2006

2001





2012

2011



HydraFlock™



PurFlock
ULTRA™

Puritan's line of high-performance flocked swabs debut on the market. PurFlock Ultra® and HydraFlock® swabs offer superior collection and extremely rapid release properties.

UniTranz-RT® and Opti-Swab® – Puritan's superior media for viral and bacterial transport, coupled with Puritan's well-established specimen collection swabs, are launched.



UniTranz-RT™

With the addition of traditional transport media devices, the line is complete – for now.

Manufacturing capabilities are continually improved and expanded.

2017

EnviroMax® and ESK® broaden the line and address the needs of laboratorians in food processing and other environmental sampling applications.



EnviroMax™



EnviroMax
PLUS™

DNA collection devices are now offered free of human DNA contamination.

2009

Our future

Puritan will always be in the forefront, meeting the needs of emerging technologies. Our continuing R&D and facility expansion ensures our leadership in single-use products for patient care, diagnostics, controlled environments, environmental sampling, and forensic and genetics markets.



Being green is a priority

As a company initially built on wood-based products, Puritan® understands the value of renewable resources.

Thinking green comes naturally to us. After all, we're in Maine, which has the highest forest cover of any US state. We give high priority to energy efficiency and resource stewardship.



ENTERPRISE-WIDE

We see both an opportunity for and responsibility to go green in every aspect of our business. It's in the fiber of our corporate values and our day-to-day operations.

100%

RUN ON RENEWABLE ENERGY
(WOOD PROCESS WASTE) FOR ALL BUILDING HEAT
& HOT WATER MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

65%

OR MORE POST-CONSUMER CONTENT
IN PURITAN PACKAGING MATERIALS.

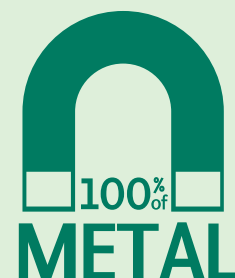
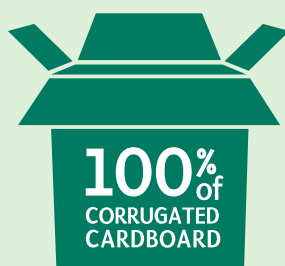


Puritan runs on purchased electricity generated from 10% renewable energy sources.



Puritan's wood waste product (wood chips) are purchased by wood pellet and other manufacturers.

OUR RECYCLING PROGRAMS



Packaging and coding information

Puritan's products are packaged to ensure product quality, user convenience, and simplified inventory control. Examples below:

10/10/100 = 10 BOXES OF 10 BAGS PER BOX, 100 SWABS PER BAG



- Product number
- Total number of units
- All Puritan products meet UDI bar coding guidelines

Product example: 806-WC

10/100/2 = 10 BOXES OF 100 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PACKAGES, 2 SWABS PER PACKAGE



- A prefix of 25 indicates product is sterile, and unless noted, individually wrapped
- Single use only
- Description of product and pack breakdown

Product example: 25-806 2PC

6/50 = 6 BOXES OF 50 VIALS



- Lot number
- Expiration date

Product example: UT-106

Product codes

HANDLE MATERIAL CODES

- A** = Aluminum
- ESD** = Electrostatic Dissipative
- P** = Polystyrene / Plastic
- PP** = Polypropylene
- W** = Wood

TIP MATERIAL CODES

- A** = Calcium Alginate / CalgiSwab®
- AS** = Anti-Static
- C** = Cotton
- CR** = Chemical Resistant
- D** = Polyester
- F** = Foam
- H** = HydraFlock®
- R** = Rayon
- U** = PurFlock Ultra®

Custom product development

Bring your novel design idea home to Puritan.®

Whether you just want to add your logo or need an entirely new product to fit a specific need, we can develop our products, your way.



Why choose Puritan for your custom product?

In a way, the entire Puritan line is made up of custom products. Everything we sell has been designed to fit a specific need in a specific industry. Innovation is our specialty.



QUANTITY

The decision to go custom depends on many variables. First is the quantity. Is the amount you need worth the added time and expense?



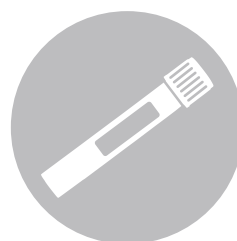
PRACTICABILITY

We can help you decide if a custom solution is practicable for your situation. We're happy to discuss with you about the complexity of your product and its manufacturing feasibility.



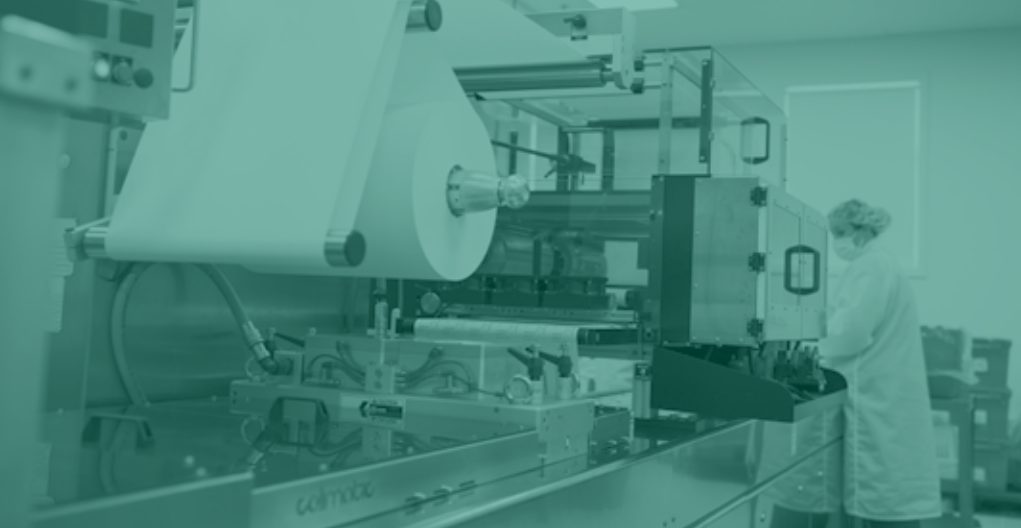
COST

We're used to working with customers who have a target acquisition cost. We can help determine all of the variables with an eye toward your budget.



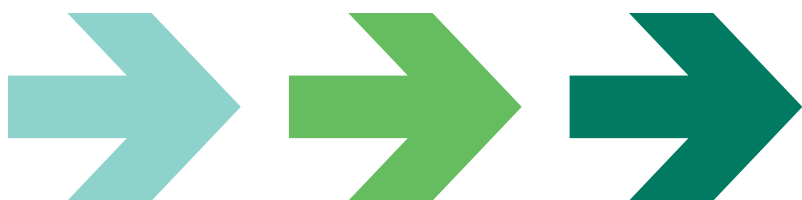
CUSTOM FILL

Puritan's laboratory formulates and fills media and other solutions. Please contact us to discuss a custom formulation or fill for your specific application.



Our Research & Development Process

Once you've given your custom project the green light, our skilled research and development team will take over, developing your custom configuration – whether that involves a unique media fill, custom packaging, a unique swab shape or private labeling – they will address every detail to suit your needs.



CONCEPT

Your end goal is our first step. Tell us what you want to accomplish. We will work out plans for a product or modification of a product to fit your needs.

PROTOTYPE

Our R&D and product design teams will produce a prototype based on the concept specs. This is the stage for testing, fine-tuning, and looking at all the details to be sure we are on track.

MANUFACTURING

Once you've approved the prototype, the project moves to manufacturing. We will provide you with a schedule so you know how long the process will take.

Did you know?

At Puritan we manufacture **over 4 million swabs** per day, which equals **more than 1 billion swabs** made every year.

Other opportunities

It's easy to put your stamp on our high-quality Puritan products.

OEM OPPORTUNITIES

We manufacture for many nationally known companies and distributors.

- **Custom labeling and packaging**
Talk with us about private labeling or co-branding.
- **Custom bar coding**
Make storage and retrieval easier and more reliable.

KIT MANUFACTURER OPPORTUNITIES

Does your kit require a collection swab? Transport medium? Special markings or packaging? Call Puritan!

- **Start with the best**
From our line of quality products, trusted worldwide.
- **Customer service specialists**
Work with our team. We'll listen, and advise, every step of the way.

GET STARTED RIGHT NOW

Contact us by phone, by emailing sales@puritanmedproducts.com, or by visiting our website.

Puritan® – a tradition of excellence

Order with confidence, knowing you will always get consistent quality, ready availability, and outstanding service. You can count on Puritan.

From our inception in 1919, our wood products operation has grown to become a state-of-the-art medical device manufacturer serving markets worldwide with Puritan's US-made products.

Our success is evident in the success of our customers. Our guarantee is to produce the highest-quality single-use products possible. Our mission is to provide our customers with unparalleled service. Our promise is to deliver – the right product, on time.

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