

9 Negative Control

The negative control is an uncoated patch that does not contain any allergen or vehicle. The patch is made of polyester like the rest of the T.R.U.E. TEST® panel. The tape contains rayon fibers and the adhesive is acrylate-based. Usually, the negative control is used to help doctors interpret doubtful reactions to the other patches that contain allergens.

It is very unlikely that patients would react to the negative control. If a reaction is observed at this patch site, it may mean that a patient is allergic to the polyester patch material used in T.R.U.E. TEST. It may also mean that a patient has extremely sensitive skin, making it difficult to interpret patch test or skin test reactions in general.