

BENCH TESTING FOR CAN STABILITY, SUITABILITY AND ACIDITY

What is Bench Testing?

Bench Testing is a laboratory series of tests that determine whether the delicious product you wish to package will compromise the tough protective inner lining of the can. Bench Testing gives you an accurate measurement of key product characteristics that could jeopardise the structure of the can and product shelf life, and either pass or fail the can quality standards and limitation tests.

When does Bench Testing need to be completed?

We highly recommend that Bench Testing is undertaken for all non-beer products and results are received **BEFORE** East Coast Canning begin **printing your cans**. Ideally, you will have the Bench Testing results to share with us when you place your order online via Typeform. We may request these at any time to ensure you have fulfilled your obligations per our request.

Why should I consider Bench Testing?

ECC strongly recommends that any non-beer products undergo bench testing to ensure their stability in a can. Occasionally, we will experience products that have potentially destructive characteristics. This will result in the product literally eating through the can from the inside and cause complete destruction and loss of product. It's a bloody nightmare. It is also important to note that without performing a bench test, troubleshooting any future issues is impossible.

Who provides Bench Testing?

We source cans from both VISY and Orora, and offshore, to ensure continuity of can supply year round.

Please discuss with your ECCP account manager or sales representative which manufacturer's bench testing should be carried out.

Contact details for all bench testing services are on the next page.





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For information about VISY's bench testing services, click here.

Contact: Becky Yang Microbiologist/ Food Technologist Visy Technology & Innovation Centre, Building N, 13 Reo Crescent, Campbellfield, VIC 3061 M: 0424 655 968 Email: <u>becky.yang@visy.com.au</u>

For information about Orora's bench testing services, click here.

Contact:

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Bench testing can also be undertaken through our QA laboratory referral. For more info check the Eurofins website here.

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