



**Introducing IDEXX Tecta** 

## Understanding the IDEXX Tecta system





## **IDEXX** Tecta

- U.S. EPA approval
- The only rapid, automated testing system with U.S. EPA approval
- Anywhere, anytime, by anyone



## Benefits of automation

## Automation introduces flexibility to your workflow



Start a test at anytime



Tecta can be operated by anyone



Test anywhere



### Faster test results



Results within 2-18 hours depending on the level of bacteria in the sample, with email reporting at the time of detection.





## Automated reading and reporting of results



The reading and reporting of results is automated with Tecta. Samples are continuously read during the incubation period, with a positive or negative result sent immediately by email.

No visual reading of results: Remove human error, inconclusive results, and staffing/scheduling challenges.





## Unlock greater productivity



Test anytime: Tecta enables Fridays, off-hours, and weekend testing.

Once tests are started, no need to come into the lab to perform visual analysis, write report, and communicate results.





# The IDEXX Tecta System

## Key elements of the Tecta system



Instrument and test cartridges



Broad menu of test and water types



Enzymatic test method – signal extracted to polymer probe



U.S. EPA approval (P/A testing)



Secure data management





## The Tecta System

#### The Instruments



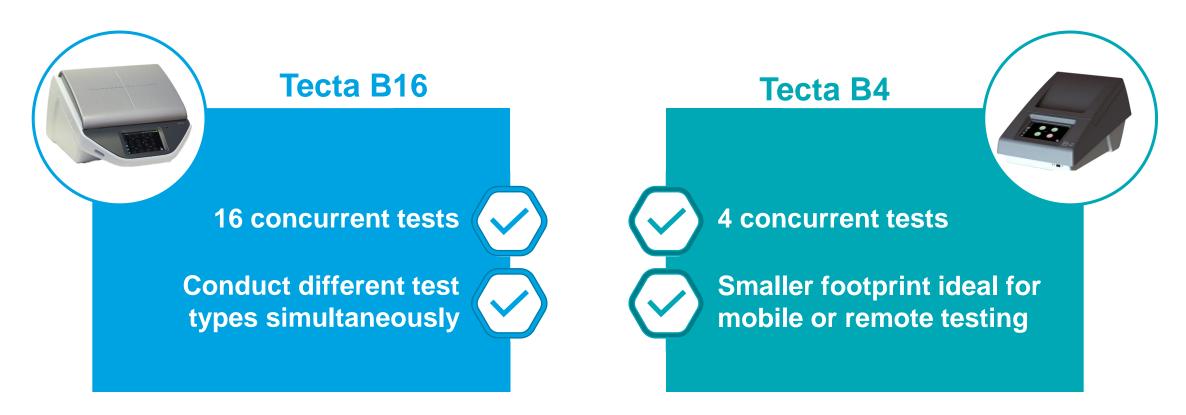
#### **The Cartridges**

- 1. Total Coliforms and E. coli
- 2. Rapid E. coli
- 3. Enterococcus
- 4. Fecal Coliforms





## Two Tecta instruments (different throughput capacity)



A dynamic range of <1 to 10<sup>8</sup> CFU / 100 mL for an undiluted sample



## Tectalert test cartridges



Sample ID, Lot # and Test Type Label
Tamper-proof closure
Sterile evidence closure

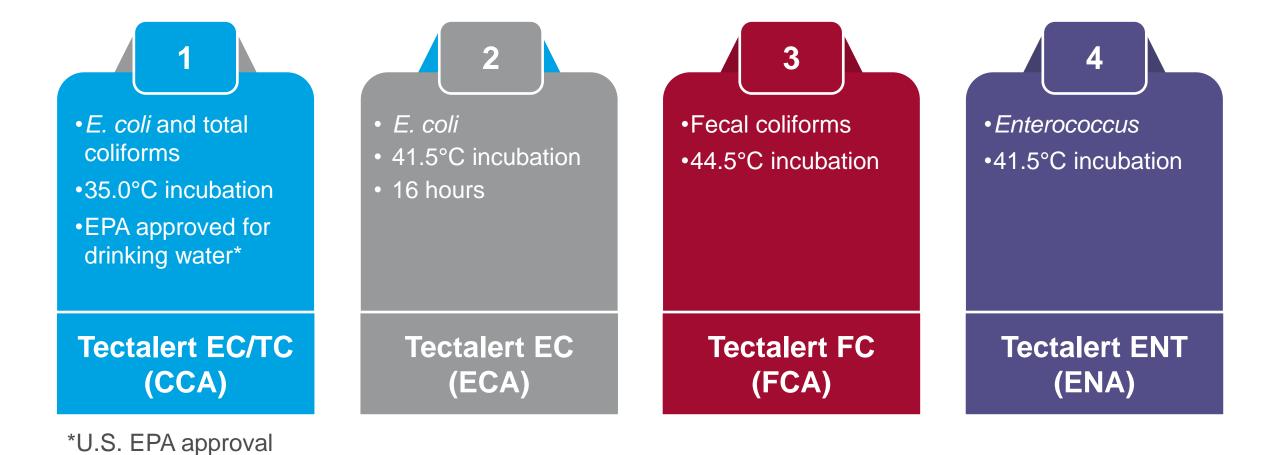
Embossed 100 mL fill line

Polypropylene bottle

Granular reagents & sodium thiosulfate Polymer probe co-molded to bottle



## Four types of Tectalert tests





## The Tecta system can test three water types







Treated drinking water

Ambient water (surface, source, recreational)

Wastewater



## Enzymatic test method

- Same indicator enzymes as other IDEXX methods
- Hydrophobic and fluorescent markers are 'extracted' from the sample and migrate through the polymer partition
- Automated detection and notification of positive results



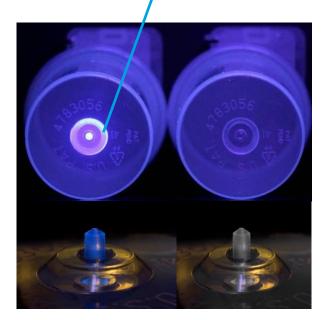


## Tectalert polymer probe concentrates the fluorescent signal



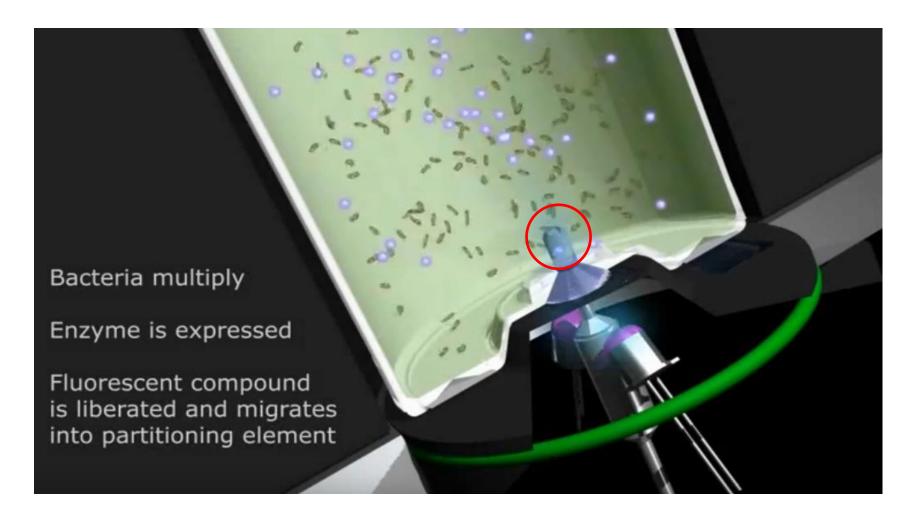
Extracting fluorescent markers outside of sample into polymer

Detection of fluorescence in polymer probe triggers the result





# Patented polymer partition technology concentrates the fluorescent markers





## Signal extraction reduces visual interference





Automate detection eliminates human interpretation

Sample color and turbidity do not impact test results

Dilute marine samples 1:10 for *E. coli* and enterococcus testing (instrument will automatically adjust report for dilution factor)



## U.S. EPA approval for drinking water P/A testing

"TECTA EC/TC Method" Approved by the U.S. EPA and published in the Federal Register on June 19, 2014, and updated on March 20, 2017

#### Approvals:

- Total Coliform Rule
- Revised Total Coliform Rule
- Groundwater Rule

#### **Method Format:**

E. coli & total coliform presence/absence: 100 mL



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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 141

[EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0284; FRL-9964-78-OW]

Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants Under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.



## Results are available as both P/A and quantification

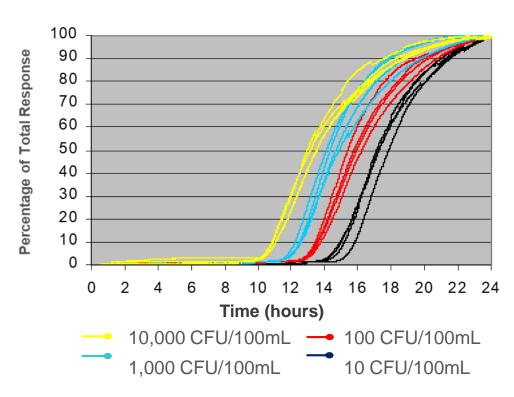
#### Presence/Absence

- U.S. EPA approval (TC/EC in drinking water)
- Any signal indicates target bacteria growth
- TC/EC tests provides simultaneous detection of E. coli and total coliforms in one test cartridge



#### Quantification

- Signal onset provides time to detection (TTD)
- TTD statistically related to bacteria count





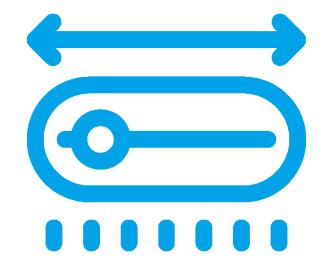
## Advantages of continuous monitoring with Tecta

Total coliform and *E. coli* results available between **2 to 18 hours** 

Quantitation range from
1 CFU/100mL
to
108 CFU/100mL

No dilutions required for most samples if results are under 108 CFU/100mL









## Secure and convenient data management

- Objective test report filed and secured for all samples
- Reports can be saved to USB or emailed with a CSV attachment



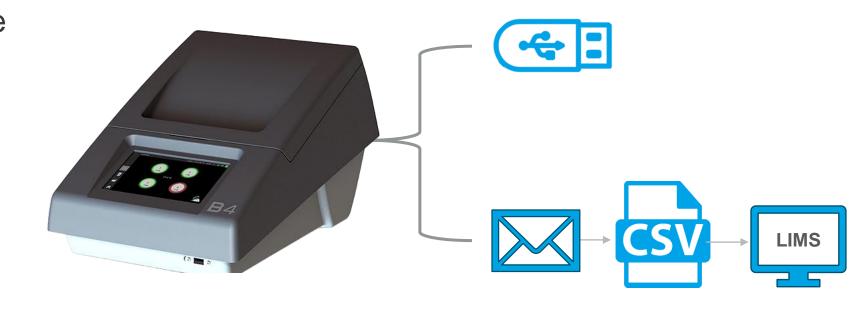
100% Objective



Automated



Secure

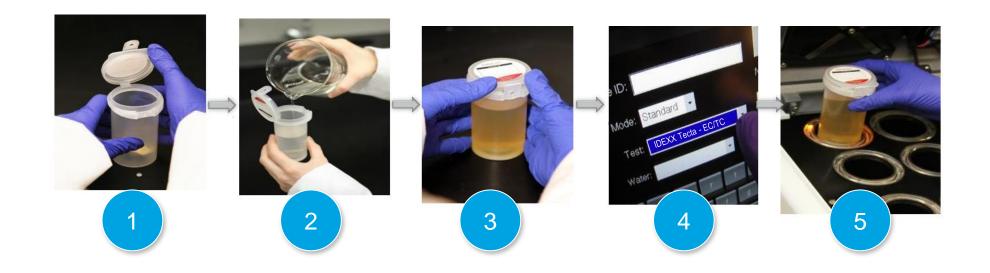




Easy to use

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## Simple, fast, and easy



Easiest and fastest method available to conduct a test by anyone, anywhere, at any time

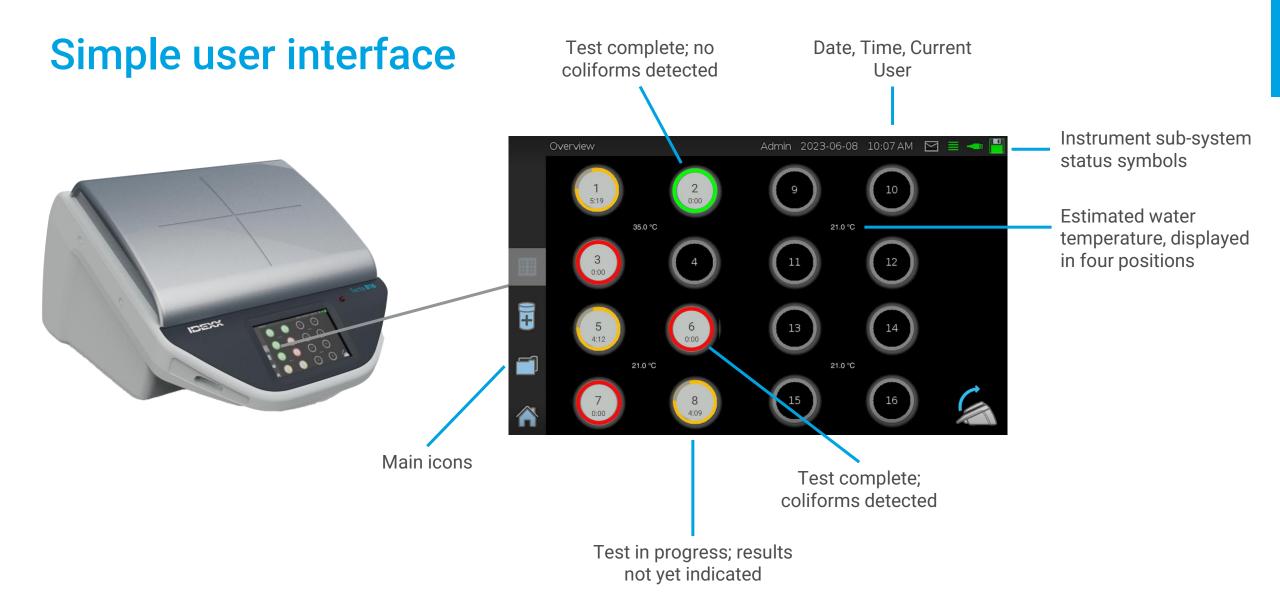


## New test menu requires just a few inputs to start testing

- 1) Enter Sample ID
- 2) Select Test Cartridge Type
- 3) Select the Water Type



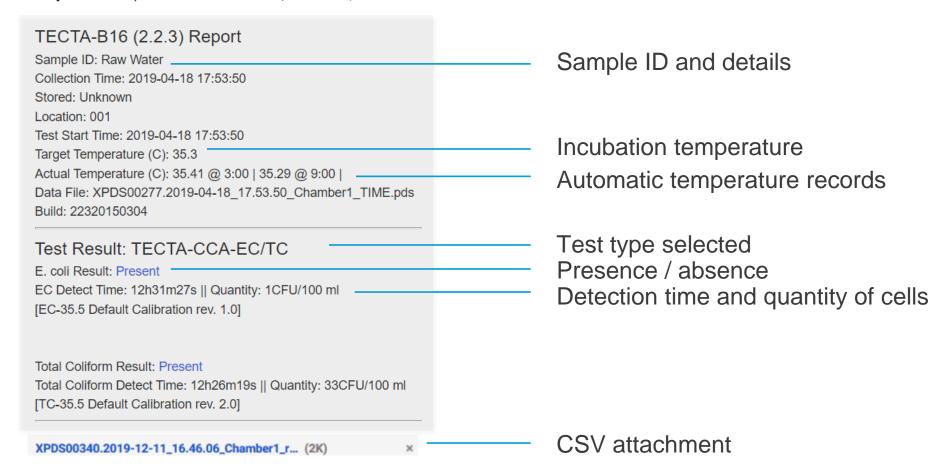






## Test reports include comprehensive test information

Subject: \*\*\*Complete: Chamber1Task CCA/EC Present; TC Present





# When is Tecta the right solution for your operation?

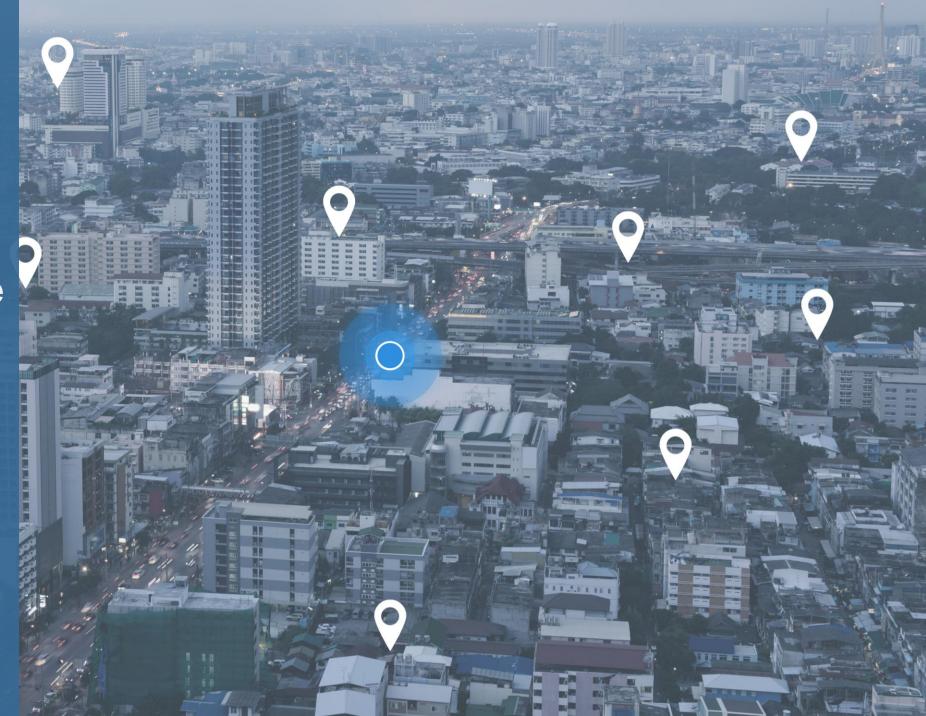
Construction testing or emergency samples (water main break, boil water notice, etc.)





Evening, weekend, and holiday testing

At remote or satellite locations to reduce sample transport time





Operational testing at the treatment plant

On-site testing of recreational water such as beaches or lakes





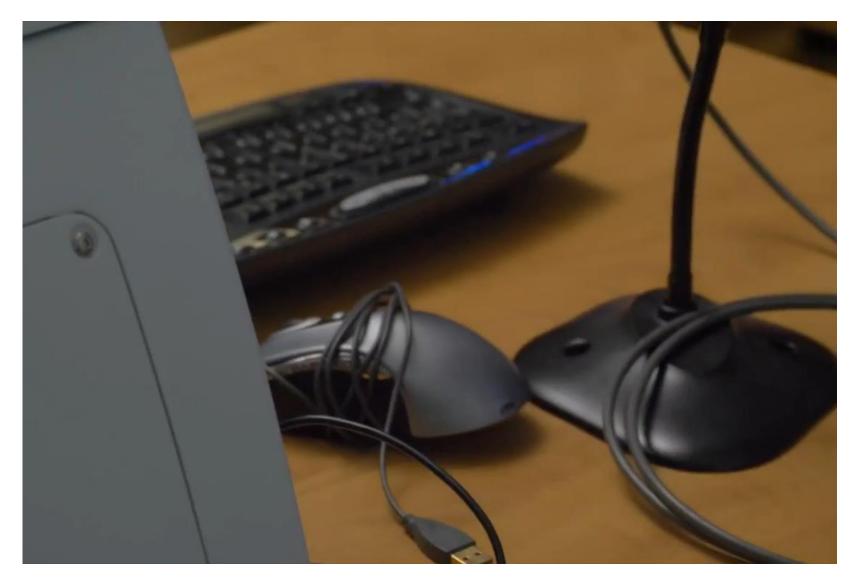
Sick days, retirements, and other staffing challenges Hard-to-reach locations such as mines, military bases, or cruise ships



# Thank you

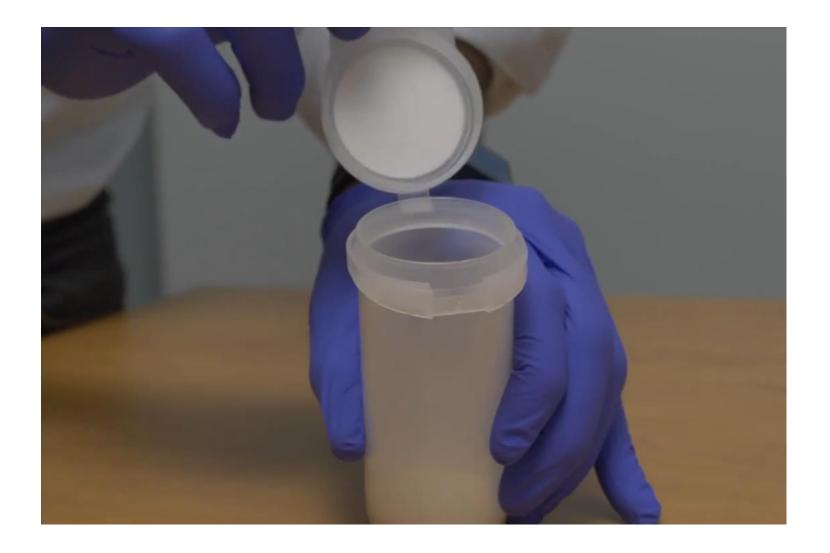
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## **General Tour Video**





## Preparing A Test Video



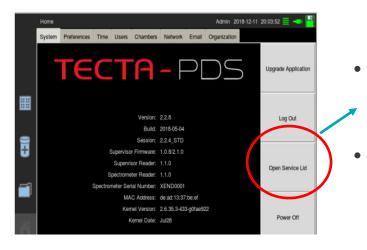


## How It Works Video





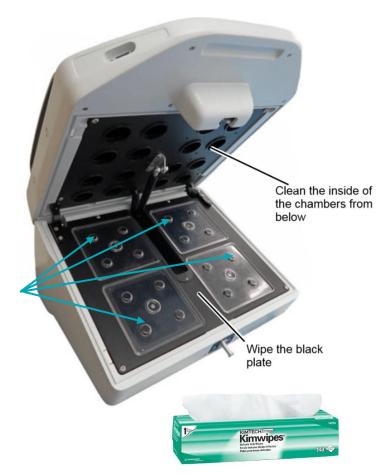
## Easy Cleaning to Maintain





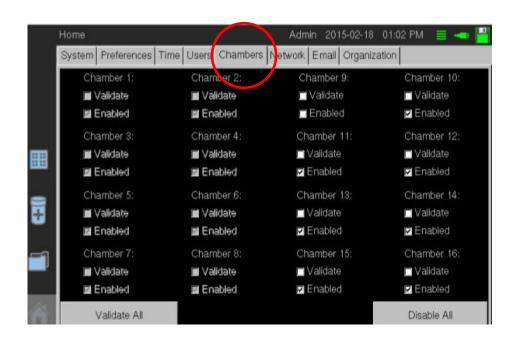
Open service lid

Clean the 4 optical cover plates & nubs with non-bleach disinfection wipes and dry with Kimwipes





## Optical Validation QC







Pass



Fail



Chamber Disabled

- Once/month or once/week if heavy user. 20 minutes to validate all 16 chambers.
- Pass/Fail result based on built-in QC parameters (delta offset & peak delta %).
- Failed chamber optical validation usually indicates cleaning of the plastic optical cover plate is needed. Then re-validate.



## Easy Maintenance & QC

#### **Recommended Maintenance and Service Schedules**

The following are recommended maintenance and service schedules for your TECTA instrument. Lab practices may dictate different intervals or activities.

| Maintenance Activity                               | Recommended Interval  |
|--|---|
| Cleaning / Disinfection                            | 1 week or immediately after spills.                             |
| Optical Validation                                 | 1 month or more frequently if use and cleaning is more frequent |
| Optical Covers (B4 and B16 Rev.2 instruments only) | 2 years (if required)   |
| Thermal Validation (WI-056)                        | 1 year or as dictated by lab practices                          |



## Easy Navigation and USB Connectivity

• 2 USB ports to connect devices.

 Can use finger, stylist, mouse, bar-code reader, and keyboard to navigate the touchscreen and enter data.











## Minimal Lab Space Required

#### **TECTA-B16 Size:**

Height: 347 mm / 14 inches
Maximum height (open for cleaning): 628 mm / 25 inches
Width: 480 mm / 19 inches
Depth (front to back): 623 mm / 25 inches

#### **TECTA-B4 Size:**

Height: 275 mm / 11 inches

Maximum height (open for cleaning): 525 mm / 21 inches

Width: 305 mm / 12 inches

Depth (front to back): 486 mm / 18 inches

