

Swab and Viral Transport Medium Market to Reach USD 3.33 Billion by 2035 | Fact.MR Report

Analysis of Swab and Viral Transport Medium Market Covering 30+ Countries Including Aanalysis of US, Canada, UK, Germany, France, Nordics, GCC countries

ROCKVILLE, MD, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ --The latest report on the <u>Swab and Viral</u> <u>Transport Medium Market</u>, providing comprehensive insights into the global market's robust growth driven by heightened focus on infectious disease



surveillance and diagnostic preparedness post-COVID-19. Valued at USD 1.82 billion in 2025, the market is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.2%, reaching USD 3.33 billion by 2035. This expansion underscores the critical role of swabs and viral transport mediums (VTMs) in enabling accurate diagnostics and research for infectious diseases worldwide.

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Market Outlook and Growth Projections:

The global swab and viral transport medium market is poised for significant growth from 2025 to 2035, fueled by ongoing epidemiological surveillance and the need for robust diagnostic infrastructure. Swabs and VTMs are essential for collecting, preserving, and transporting biological samples for diagnostic testing and research, particularly for viral infections like COVID-19, influenza, and herpes. The report projects the market to grow from USD 1.82 billion in 2025 to USD 3.33 billion by 2035, with a CAGR of 6.2%. This growth is driven by increased demand across diagnostic laboratories, hospitals, and mobile testing sites, supported by global health security efforts and advancements in sample preservation technologies.

Key Drivers Fueling Market Demand:

The primary drivers of the market include the global emphasis on infectious disease monitoring, spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the need for reliable sample collection and transport systems. The report notes that influenza affects 3 to 5 million people annually, requiring nasopharyngeal swabs, while genital herpes impacts 776,000 individuals yearly in the U.S., necessitating vaginal swabs. The rise in rapid antigen testing and molecular assays, coupled with government initiatives for mass testing, continues to propel demand.

Challenges and Restraints in the Sector:

Despite its promising outlook, the market faces challenges that could hinder growth. High production costs for advanced swabs and VTMs, particularly those with virus-inactivating properties, limit affordability in resource-constrained regions. The report highlights clinical and technical issues, such as improper swab collection techniques, which can compromise sample quality and diagnostic accuracy. Limited infrastructure in developing markets and regulatory variations across regions pose additional barriers.

Segment-Wise Insights and Dominant Trends:

The report provides detailed segmentation analysis, identifying viral transport mediums as the dominant product segment, driving a majority of revenue due to their critical role in preserving viruses, chlamydia, and mycoplasma for diagnostic and research purposes. Nasopharyngeal swabs lead the swab category, holding the highest market share due to their superior sample accuracy for respiratory infections. By application, diagnostic testing dominates, particularly for viral diseases like COVID-19 and influenza, while preclinical testing is growing steadily. Key trends include the development of next-generation VTMs with longer shelf life and virus-inactivating capabilities, eco-friendly biodegradable swabs to reduce medical waste, and automation in sample handling.

Regional Outlook and Growth Hotspots:

North America leads the market, driven by robust diagnostic infrastructure and high test volumes, with the U.S. benefiting from advanced laboratory networks. Europe follows, with strong demand fueled by public health initiatives and regulatory support for diagnostics. The Asia-Pacific region is expected to exhibit the fastest growth, with a projected CAGR of 7.5%, driven by increased healthcare access, government-funded mass testing programs, and preventive diagnostics in China, India, and Japan. China holds a 47.4% share of the East Asian market in 2024, supported by partnerships between VTM suppliers and healthcare industries. Latin America and the Middle East and Africa (MEA) are emerging markets, with growing investments in diagnostic capabilities.

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Recent Developments:

The market has seen significant advancements in 2024 and early 2025. In 2024, Thermo Fisher Scientific introduced an enhanced InhibiSURE viral inactivation medium for safe SARS-CoV-2 sample collection and RNA stabilization. Alpha Teknova expanded its manufacturing capacity for active viral transport mediums (ATMs) and VTMs, meeting ISO 13485 and GMP standards. In the veterinary sector, innovations like DNA profiling for livestock breeding, dubbed "Tinder for cows," are integrating with AI technologies, as noted in recent posts on X. Additionally, partnerships between diagnostic firms and governments, such as the U.S. funding Puritan Medical Products with USD 11.6 million in 2020 for swab production, continue to enhance supply chains. These developments reflect the market's shift toward automation, sustainability, and advanced diagnostics.

Key Players Insights:

Leading players are advancing innovation and expanding production capacities. Thermo Fisher Scientific leads with its comprehensive VTM portfolio, including the InhibiSURE medium launched in 2024. COPAN Diagnostics excels in flocked swab technology, while Puritan Medical Products dominates swab manufacturing, supported by government contracts. Other key players, including Titan Biotech Limited, Medical Wire & Equipment, and Vircell, are investing in ecofriendly and virus-inactivating solutions. Vircell launched a new VTM kit in 2021 for SARS-CoV-2 and influenza A, enhancing dual-purpose testing. These companies are pursuing strategic collaborations, regulatory approvals, and R&D to meet global demand, with strong growth projected through 2035.

Competitive Landscape:

The market features a competitive ecosystem with key players driving innovation and market share. Companies profiled include Thermo Fisher Scientific, COPAN Diagnostics, Puritan Medical Products, Titan Biotech Limited, Medical Wire & Equipment, Vircell, Becton Dickinson and Company, and MWE. These firms lead in developing advanced swabs and VTMs for diagnostic and research applications. The report includes a detailed competition dashboard, benchmarking, and market share analysis, highlighting strategies such as product launches, government partnerships, and production scale-ups. As the market evolves, these players are well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities in global health security and diagnostic advancements.

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