

**Difference between :  
ATP 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**

**and**

**ATP 1<sup>st</sup> Generation**



# ATP LuminUltra 2<sup>nd</sup> generation vs. 1<sup>st</sup> generation

## LuminUltra ATP 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

1. Large sample volume gives **more representative sample** (50mL)
2. Strong lysing agent achieves complete cell rupture to **release 100% of ATP**
3. Has steps to **remove interferences**
4. Measures ATP from **live bacteria** separate from dead (Intracellular)
5. Has **ATP calibration standard**, results in pg/ATP /mL. Results are comparable independently of luminometer used
6. ATP standard calibration compensates for any natural deterioration of luciferase over time
7. **Fully quantitative, accurate results, highly sensitive** (at least 10x more sensitive)

## ATP 1<sup>st</sup> Generation pen-style

1. Small sample volume gives **un-representative sample** (50-100 ul)
2. Weak lysing agent necessary since it is mixed with luminase in next step, **incomplete ATP extraction**
3. **No interference removal**
4. Measures both **live and dead bacteria together**
5. Result in relative light units (RLU), **no ATP calibration**, results are luminometer dependent, reduced sensitivity
6. **No calibration** to compensate for natural luciferase deterioration over lifetime of pen

# Method Comparison

Method	1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen
Output	RLU	ATP concentration
Works on any luminometer?	NO	YES
Sensitivity	$\geq 10\text{pg ATP/mL}$	$\leq 0.1\text{pg ATP/mL}$
Extraction Efficiency	~30%	>95%
Subsample Size	$\leq 100\mu\text{L}$	1 to 100+ mL
# of Kits	1	6+

# See Contamination Sooner...

