The negative control is an uncoated patch that contains neither allergen nor 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. The negative control can 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 also may mean that a patient has extremely sensitive skin, making it difficult to interpret patch test or skin test reactions in general.