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Product Sheet

Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS) (ATCC® 30-2020™)

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Storage Temp.
Store fetal bovine serum at -20°C or colder. Do not store frozen fetal bovine serum at temperatures above -20°C for any length of time. Avoid repeated freeze-thaws by dispensing and storing fetal bovine serum in aliquots. Fetal bovine serum is supplied in PETG plastic bottles.

Biosafety Level
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Description

Product Description: Triple filtered through 0.1 µm filters. Each lot of fetal bovine serum is tested for sterility and for the ability to support the growth of several different cell lines using both sequential growth curves and plating efficiencies. Fetal bovine serum is manufactured from fetal bovine blood collected in USDA-inspected abattoirs located in the United States.
Volume: 500 mL

Directions for Use

Thawing

Remove serum from frozen storage and place the bottle(s) overnight in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C. Gently agitate the bottle(s) from time-to-time in order to mix the solutes that tend to concentrate at the bottom of the bottle. Do not keep serum at 37°C any longer than necessary for it to thaw completely. Alternatively, serum bottles may be placed in a 37°C water bath directly from frozen storage. Do not thaw serum at temperatures above 37°C. Bottles should be agitated by a gentle swirling motion to enhance mixing and thawing.

If you are not using all of your thawed serum at once, it is recommended to dispense it into single-use aliquots and store these at -20°C or colder. Temporary storage of thawed serum at 2°C to 8°C may be acceptable, depending on the customer application. This should be validated by the customer prior to implementation.

Serum Precipitates

Turbidity and flocculent material may be present after thawing. ATCC's experience indicates that neither of these changes affects the performance of serum. If the presence of flocculent material or turbidity is a concern, they can be removed by aseptic filtration through a sterile 0.45 µm filter.

Heat-Inactivation of Serum

CAUTION: Heat-inactivation of serum is usually unnecessary and can be detrimental to the growth of some cells. We strongly recommend that you heat-inactivate serum only if it is required for a particular cell line.

1. Thaw serum following the directions above.
2. Preheat a water bath to 56°C with sufficient water to rise above the level of the serum in the bottle.
3. Mix thawed serum by gently swirling the bottle and then place the bottle in the 56°C water bath. (The temperature of the water bath will decrease.)
4. When the temperature of the water bath reaches 56°C again, heat the serum for an additional 30 minutes. Mix gently every five minutes to insure uniform heating.
5. At the end of 30 minutes, remove serum from the water bath, cool, and store at -20°C or colder.

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