

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

**OXOID FASTIDIOUS ANAEROBE AGAR (F.A.A.)
WITH HORSE BLOOD AND GENTAMICIN****PB0252A****Typical Formula***

	grams per litre
Peptone mix	23.0
Sodium chloride	5.0
Soluble starch	1.0
Agar No. 2	12.0
Sodium bicarbonate	0.4
Glucose	1.0
Sodium pyruvate	1.0
Cysteine HCl monohydrate	0.5
Haemin	0.01
Vitamin K	0.001
L-Arginine	1.0
Soluble pyrophosphate	0.25
Sodium succinate	0.5

Additions

Defibrinated horse blood	100 ml
Gentamicin	80 mg

* adjusted as required to meet performance standards

Preparation

Suspend Fastidious Anaerobe Agar (46.0 grams / litre) in de-ionised water. Sterilise at 121°C for 15 minutes. Cool and aseptically add defibrinated horse blood (100 ml / litre) and gentamicin (80 mg / litre) as above, and mix. Aseptically dispense into Petri dishes. Label dishes, wrap and label pack.

Format

Ten 90mm plates wrapped in a single nylon film wrap. Each plate is ink-jet printed with (abbreviated) product name, product code, lot number and expiry date.

Labels

Label gives details of product name, product code, recommended storage temperature, lot number and expiry date.

Physical Characteristics

pH	7.2 ± 0.2
Colour	Ruby red
Clarity	Opaque
Fill weight	19.0 ± 2.0g

Packaging and presentation

General appearance of pack and label should be satisfactory. Label data should be correct.

Contamination check

Macroscopic examination should show no evidence of microbial growth after incubation at 30-34°C for ≥ 72 hours.

Microbiological Tests Using Optimum Inoculum Dilution

Results after incubation at 35-39°C for 36-48 hours under anaerobic conditions

Positive controls

Inoculum 10-100 colony forming units.

<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	ATCC® 25285	Grey colonies
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	ATCC® 13124	Grey colonies

Colony counts shall be equal to or greater than 50% of the control medium (Columbia Blood Agar).

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Negative control

Inoculum 10,000-100,000 colony forming units

<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC® 25922	No growth
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Inoculum determined on the control medium (Tryptone Soya Agar).

Storage conditions

Store away from the light between 2-10°C.

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