

**Also known as**

BGBLB; BLBVB;

**Specification**

Liquid medium used for the detection of coliforms in water, as recommended by APHA and ISO standards.

**Formula \* in g/L**

Bile .....	20.000
Lactose .....	10.000
Peptone .....	10.000
Brilliant green .....	0.013

Final pH 7.2 ±0.2 at 25 °C

\* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

**Directions**

Dissolve 40 g of powder in 1 L of distilled water and bring to the boil. Distribute into containers containing Durham tubes and sterilize in the autoclave at 115°C for 15 minutes.

**Description**

Brilliant Green Bile 2% Broth has been widely used as a medium for the assay of presumptive coliforms in food, milk and water, using the Most Probable Number Technique. This broth offers some advantages over other similar broths as its balanced composition of Bile and Brilliant Green effectively suppresses the growth of Gram positive bacteria.

 It is recommended by the APHA for colimetry of water, milk and food. British and Australian methodology use the broth as an intermediate stage between presumptive and confirmative colimetry (30°C ±1,0). Other authors suggest it as an optimal base for the Eijkman testing of gas production at 44°C±1, for the identification of *E. coli*.

 This medium can be used as presumptive broth for *E. coli* (by fluorescent reaction) if prior to sterilization MUG (4-Methylumbelliferyl-β-D- Glucuronide) is added.

**Quality control**
**Incubation temperature:** 30°C±1,0

**Incubation time:** 24-48 h ± 2

**Inoculum:** ≤100 CFU Min. 50 CFU (productivity)/10<sup>1</sup>-10<sup>2</sup> CFU (selectivity), according to ISO 11133:2014.

**Microorganism**

*Salmonella typhimurium* ATCC® 14028  
*Escherichia coli* ATCC® 8739  
*Escherichia coli* ATCC® 25922  
*Citrobacter freundii* ATCC® 43864  
*Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC® 29212

**Growth**

Good to very good  
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 Partial inhibition

**Remarks**

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 Selectivity

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**Storage**

Keep tightly closed, away from light, in a dry place (4-30 °C).