Polymerase Chain Reaction Cabinets
The Proven Solution for Contaminant-Free PCR
Introduction

What is PCR
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is a process where millions of copies of DNA are amplified from a single copy or low copy number template. This reaction is fundamental to almost all applications requiring a high copy number of starting material and is used in all laboratories.

Why PCR Cabinet
Because of the high copy number generated and the nature of replication during PCR, it is essential to prevent possible contamination of the PCR reaction.

The ideal PCR laboratory should consist of three areas, each isolated from the other. Reagents should be prepared in the reagent preparation area and transferred to the sample preparation area through a pass box or inside closed containers. After preparation of the final reaction mix, the tubes should be transferred to the amplification area, again through a pass box or in a closed container. The PCR amplification and results analysis take place in this area.

In practice, these procedures may take place in the same room. Under this circumstances, PCR Cabinets are used for reagent preparation and sample preparation to minimize contamination. Where there remains a biological risk from the sample to the user and/or environment, Class II biological safety cabinets must be used for sample preparation.

Main Features
- Greater protection against contamination from the ambient environment and cross-contamination within the main chamber.
- High quality polyester pre-filter and main HEPA filter with a typical efficiency of ≥99.99% at 0.3 microns.
- Built-in UV lamp with timer to facilitate decontamination between PCR cycles.
- Sentinel™ Microprocessor controller supervises all functions - 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’’) models only.
- Esco antimicrobial coating on all painted surfaces.
- Available in 0.6, 0.9 and 1.2 meter models (2’, 3’ and 4’).

Esco PCR Cabinet, Model PCR-4A, shown with optional support stand.
How Esco PCR Cabinets Prevent Contamination

UV Decontamination Technology
- Powerful, uniformly distributed, UV-C.
- Proven effect on DNA contamination.
- Shelf enables placement of items closer to the UV source, increasing decontamination efficacy.
- UV-C is ozone-free.
- UV hour meter monitors bulb life, simplifies maintenance.
- Adjustable timer.

HEPA-Filtered Laminar Airflow
- Laminar, not turbulent flow provides superior sample protection.

The Effect of UV on DNA Contamination

More Benefits

Easy-To-Use
- Timer is easy to adjust
- UV hour meter monitors bulb life
- Automatic decontamination for 0.9 m (3') and 1.2 m (4') models
  - Close sash: UV turns on automatically for decontamination
  - Open sash: airflow activates automatically

Safety
- UV interlock prevents UV exposure
- UL recognized electrical components
- UV filtering sash and side walls

Two-In-One
Can be used as a regular laminar flow cabinet and UV can also be used for decontamination of regular lab items.

Ergonomics
- Low noise
- Angled front to improve reaches
- Glass sides to prevent “boxed in” feeling
- Curved work surface front edge
- Powder-coated rear wall eliminates reflections
- Vertical clean airflow minimizes direct airflow towards operator, causing dry eyes

Energy Efficiency
- Even more energy efficient than regular laminar flow clean benches
- UV timer shuts off UV after pre-set duration
- The backward curved wheel with external rotor motor delivers class-leading energy efficiency for lower operating costs
Esco PCR Cabinets

Provide Product Protection

An additional disposable pre-filter which is easily replaceable traps large particles in the inflow air prior to reaching the main filter, protecting against damage and prolonging filter life.

High Performance Fan System

German made ebm-papst® permanently lubricated, centrifugal motor/blowers with external rotor designs.

Motors selected for energy efficiency, compact design, and flat profile. Completely integrated assembly optimizes motor cooling.

All rotating parts balanced for smooth, quiet, vibration-free operation.

User Interface

An angled front, rounded work surface front edge, and glass sides promote ergonomics. The powder-coated work zone rear wall eliminates harsh reflections which may be associated with conventional stainless steel interiors. The vertical airflow design minimizes direct airflow which may lead to dry eyes and fatigue.

UV Decontamination System

Each cabinet includes a powerful, built-in, 253.7 nanometer, UV lamp to enable the work zone and materials to be decontaminated between experimental runs, thus preventing cross contamination.

The decontamination cycle time may be set with the UV timer, thus extending UV bulb life.

UV-filtering polycarbonate front and glass sides shield the user from accidental UV exposure. A proximity sensor ensures the frontal shield is lowered before allowing the UV to activate.

### Air Cleanliness Standards

(ISO 14644-1, Air Cleanliness Particle Limits)  
(No. of Particles / m³)

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Superior Air Cleanliness

Esco PCR cabinets provide ISO Class 4 air cleanliness within the work zone as per ISO 14644-1, significantly cleaner than the usual Class 5 classification on clean benches offered by the competition. The cabinets with the clean airflow are far better options than non ventilated box.
All Esco products are manufactured for the most demanding clean air and containment requirements. All components are designed for maximum chemical resistance and enhanced durability for a long service life. The main body of the cabinet is constructed of industrial-grade electrogalvanized steel.

- One-piece formed stainless steel work surface with a rounded front edge is designed for maximum operator comfort.
- The lamp delivers uniform lighting to the work surface for greater comfort, reduced glare and improved productivity. The reliable lighting system is zero-flicker and instant start.
- Clean airflow achieves work area which is free from contaminants, crucial to ensure performance of the PCR process.
- Each PCR cabinet is individually factory tested for safety and performance in accordance with international standards.

Caution: PCR cabinets do not provide operator protection. They should not be used with applications involving unknown or hazardous agents.

Other Features

- **Control System**
  - 0.6 m (2') models are equipped with rocker switches for blower, light and UV or
  - 0.9 m (3') and 1.2 m (4') models are equipped with a microprocessor control system and soft touch controls for blower, light and UV.
  - Both models have a UV timer function; however, the microprocessor has additional program functions including automatic activation of UV when front shield is lowered, UV countdown on LCD display, total UV run hours, and more.

- **Proven Product Protection**
  - Vertical laminar airflow with HEPA-filtration, ≥99.99% at 0.3 microns, provides a sterile work space for PCR sample preparation.

- **Built-In Protection**
  - External surfaces are powder coated with Esco **ESCOIDE** to eliminate 99.9% of surface bacteria within 24 hours of exposure.
### General Specifications, Polymerase Chain Reaction Cabinets

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<th>SCR-2A</th>
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<td><strong>Nominal Size</strong></td>
<td>0.6 meters (2')</td>
<td>0.9 meters (3')</td>
<td>1.2 meters (4')</td>
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<td><strong>External Dimensions (L x W x H)</strong></td>
<td>730 x 617 x 950 mm</td>
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<td>28.7” x 24.3” x 37.4”</td>
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<td><strong>Internal Dimensions (L x W x H)</strong></td>
<td>630 x 538 x 550 mm</td>
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<td>24.8” x 21.2” x 21.7”</td>
<td>36.8” x 21.2” x 21.7”</td>
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<td><strong>Laminar Airflow Velocity</strong></td>
<td>0.275 - 0.325 m/s (54-64 fpm)</td>
<td>0.30 m/s (60 fpm)</td>
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<td><strong>Pre-Filter</strong></td>
<td>Washable polyurethane fibers with 85% arrestance</td>
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<td><strong>Sound Emission</strong>*</td>
<td>&lt;63 dBA</td>
<td>&lt;56 dBA</td>
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<td><strong>Fluorescent Lamps Intensity</strong></td>
<td>&gt;800 Lux (&gt;75 footcandles)</td>
<td>&gt;975 Lux (&gt;91 footcandles)</td>
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<td><strong>UV Lamp</strong></td>
<td>253.7 nanometer 15-watt UV lamp</td>
<td>253.7 nanometer 30-watt UV lamp</td>
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<td><strong>Controller</strong></td>
<td>Rocker Switches</td>
<td>Esco Sentinel™ Microprocessor Control</td>
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<td><strong>Construction</strong></td>
<td>Main Body</td>
<td>Electrogalvanized steel with white oven-baked epoxy-polyester powder-coated finish. Coated with Esco Isocide™ antimicrobial coating</td>
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<td>Work Zone</td>
<td>1.2mm (0.05&quot;) 18 gauge stainless steel Type 304 with No.4 finish</td>
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<td>SCR-2A1</td>
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<td>(110-120V, AC, 60Hz, 1Ø)</td>
<td>Cabinet Full Load Amps (FLA)</td>
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<td>Cabinet Nominal Power</td>
<td>136 W</td>
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<td>Cabinet BTU****</td>
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<td>563</td>
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<td><strong>Net Weight</strong></td>
<td>76.5 kg (169 lbs)</td>
<td>99 kg (218 lbs)</td>
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<td><strong>Shipping Weight</strong>*</td>
<td>100.5 kg (222 lbs)</td>
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<td><strong>Shipping Dimensions, Maximum (L x W x H)</strong>*</td>
<td>850 x 730 x 1150 mm</td>
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<td>33.5” x 28.7” x 45.3”</td>
<td>44.5” x 28.7” x 45.3”</td>
<td>55.9” x 28.7” x 45.3”</td>
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<td><strong>Shipping Volume, Maximum</strong>*</td>
<td>0.71 m³ (25 cu.ft.)</td>
<td>0.95 m³ (34 cu.ft.)</td>
<td>1.19 m³ (42 cu.ft.)</td>
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* Noise reading in open field condition / anechoic chamber  
** Additional voltages may be available; contact Esco for ordering information.  
*** Cabinet only; excludes optional stand.  
****Cabinet BTU = Cabinet nominal power x 3.41214.

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**Laminar Flow Clean Benches • PCR Cabinet**

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**Model PCR Cabinet Technical Specifications**

1. Pre-filter  
2. Blower  
3. HEPA filter  
4. UV lamp  
5. Fluorescent lamps  
6. Tempered glass side panel  
7. Hinged window, polycarbonate  
8. Control system (microprocessor version shown)  
9. Spring-loaded hinge  
10. UV interlocking magnetic switch  
11. Perforated powder-coated shelf  
12. Pass-through port (1 for 2ft and 3ft, 2 for 4ft model)  
13. Stainless steel work surface with rounded front
Accessories for PCR Cabinets

Support Stand with Caster Wheels (SPC)
- For 0.6 m (2’), 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’) models
- Available in two standard heights: 711 mm (28.0”) or 860 mm (34.0”)
- Durable polyurethane caster wheels with 360 degree horizontal rotation
- Total brake system on front wheels
- Maximum weight supported: 600 kg (1323 lbs)

Support Stand with Leveling Feet (SAL)
- For 0.6 m (2’), 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’) models
- Available in two standard sizes: 737 mm (29.0”) or 864 mm (34.0”), ±38.1 mm (1.5”)
- Maximum weight supported: 500 kg (1,100 lbs)

Telescoping Support Stands with Leveling Feet (STL)
- For 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’) models
- Allow manual adjustment of the product height. The cabinet must be removed from a Telescoping Support Stand prior to adjustments
- Adjustable height range: 660-940 mm (26.0”-37.0”), adjustable in 25.4 mm (1.0”) increments
- White oven-baked epoxy powder-coated finish
- Maximum weight supported: 600 kg (1323 lbs)

Telescoping Support Stands with Caster Wheels (STC)
- For 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’) models
- Allow manual adjustment of the product height. The cabinet must be removed from a Telescoping Support Stand prior to adjustments
- Adjustable height range: 660-880 mm (26.0”-34.6”), adjustable in 25.4 mm (1.0”) increments
- White oven-baked epoxy powder-coated finish
- Total brake system on front wheels
- Maximum weight supported: 600 kg (1323 lbs)

Hydraulic Motorized Adjustable Support Stand with Casters (SPM)
- For 0.9 m (3’) and 1.2 m (4’) models
- Adjustable height range : 711-863 mm / (28.0”-34.0”)
- Elevates to sitting or standing work surface height, Motorized electrically-adjustable
- Standard with caster wheels
- White oven-baked epoxy powder-coated finish
- Maximum weight supported: 500 kg (1100 lbs)

Note: Increases exterior dimensions