INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

INTRODUCTION

Iron deficiency is caused by insufficient dietary intake and absorption of iron, or iron loss from bleeding (for example, menstrual bleeding, abnormal bleeding or ulcers), also during pregnancy or growth phase, and has serious health consequences.

Fatigue, headache, pallor, strong heartbeats or shortness of breath are all possible indications of an iron deficiency.

Iron deficiency prevalence is highest among young children and women of childbearing age. It is important that current body iron stores are sufficient. Iron is stored as a protein complex called Ferritin. Hence, Ferritin in the human blood serum is a laboratory marker of the total amount of iron stored in the body.

FerritinCHECK® is intended as an aid in the detection of iron deficiency. When the blood sample is mixed with the sample dilution buffer and applied to the sample well, it reacts with the specific anti-Ferritin antibodies coated on gold particles. The mixture migrates along the membrane through capillary force. Once the mixture with coated particles reaches the test region, it will be captured by the specific anti-Ferritin antibodies immobilized on the membrane in the test line region, forming a color line. The presence of a colored line in the test position (T) indicates a negative result (no iron deficiency). The final diagnosis must be confirmed by the physician.

An explanation of how to read and interpret the test result is given in the instruction pamphlet. Therefore, it is important to fully understand the entire instruction pamphlet before performing the test.

A step-by-step instruction is given at the opposite side to facilitate the test performance. However, it does not replace the general instructions for use.

TEST CONTENTS

- 1 test cassette (Ferritin) in a sealed pouch
- 1 pipette
- 1 glass capillary tube in a protective container
- 1 solution bottle with sample dilution buffer
- 1 automatic sterile lancet
- 1 alcohol pad
- 1 plaster
- 1 instruction for use

Additionally required:
- 1 timer

TEST PREPARATION

Let test cassette and solution bottle stand at a room temperature (15°C to 27°C) before performing the test. Open the solution bottle with the sample dilution buffer by squeezing the cap and let it stand upright on a table.

TEST PERFORMANCE

Read the instructions for use completely before performing the test.

A step-by-step instruction is given on the next page and describes the test procedure.

EVALUATION OF TEST RESULTS

To read the test results simply determine whether a line is present or absent at the control (C) position. It does not matter how strong or weak a Control line (C) is.

POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If there is only Control line (C) and NO Test line (T), the test result is positive.

The test result means that the Ferritin concentration and thus the iron concentration in your blood is low. Please consult a physician, as you could suffer from iron deficiency.

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

If there are any line at all at the Control (C) position and the Test (T) position, the test result is negative.

The test result means that the Ferritin concentration and thus the iron concentration in your blood is normal. There is no iron deficiency.

An acute infection or inflammation, as well as a disease of the liver, spleen or kidney, can increase the ferritin level. If there are any symptoms, please visit a physician for further medical investigation.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

To read the test results simply determine whether a line is present or absent at the control (C) position. It does not matter how strong or weak a Control line (C) is.

POSITIVE TEST RESULT

If there is only Control line (C) and NO Test line (T), the test result is positive.

The test result means that the Ferritin concentration and thus the iron concentration in your blood is low. Please consult a physician, as you could suffer from iron deficiency.

NEGATIVE TEST RESULT

If there are any line at all at the Control (C) position and the Test (T) position, the test result is negative.

The test result means that the Ferritin concentration and thus the iron concentration in your blood is normal. There is no iron deficiency.

An acute infection or inflammation, as well as a disease of the liver, spleen or kidney, can increase the ferritin level. If there are any symptoms, please visit a physician for further medical investigation.

Explanation of symbols:

- Follow instructions
- In vitro diagnostic medical device (for external use)
- Best before (See imprint on package)
- Store at 10°C - 27°C (DO NOT FREEZE)
- Content sufficient for 1 test
- Do not reuse
- Sterilization by irradiation
- Batchnumber (See imprint on package)
- Reference number

For self-testing

Ferritin levels in healthy people are usually between 15 ng and 300 ng/mL. FerritinCHECK detects a Ferritin concentration of 20 ng/mL and higher with a negative result (no iron deficiency).


For further information regarding the biological reference range or literature, please contact the manufacturer.
**STEP 1**

Please note: The lancing device can only be triggered once.

Twist the grey cap on the automatic lancet until the cap separates easily from the lancet body. Then twist it at least two more times before removing the cap, otherwise the proper function can not be ensured.

**STEP 2**

Slowly massage your fingertip and clean it using the alcohol pad. Wait until the fingertip is dry, as residual alcohol can interfere with the test result.

**STEP 3**

Press the automatic lancing device with the round opening firmly against the clean fingertip and activate it by pushing the button. The puncture is almost painless.

**STEP 4**

Open the plastic container and carefully remove the glass capillary tube. Press a drop of blood out of the fingertip. Hold the glass capillary tube horizontally against the blood drop on the finger until it has completely filled.

**STEP 5**

Insert the filled glass capillary into the solution bottle and screw the cap back. Mix the content of the solution bottle by turning it gently upside down several times until the blood from the glass capillary tube is mixed with the solution.

**STEP 6**

Before twisting off the cap, let the sample mixture settle back to the bottom of the solution bottle. Only then twist off the cap.

**STEP 7**

Open the sealed pouch and remove the test cassette. Lay it face up on a clean, dry and flat surface.

**STEP 8**

Use the pipette to remove a few drops of the diluted sample. Please note that there should be no liquid applied to the result windows marked with the letters (T) and (C). Do not touch or move the test cassette after adding the drops to the sample well (S). Read the result 10-15 minutes after adding the sample. Low values may be missed before the 10 minutes have elapsed, and false positive results may occur after more than 15 minutes.

**STEP 9**

Hold the pipette with the sample mixture straight over the test cassette and squeeze gently to add exactly 3 drops to the sample well (S). Please note that there should be no liquid applied to the result windows marked with the letters (T) and (C). Do not touch or move the test cassette after adding the drops to the sample well (S). Read the result 10-15 minutes after adding the sample. Low values may be missed before the 10 minutes have elapsed, and false positive results may occur after more than 15 minutes.

**TEST RESULT**

**POSITIVE TEST RESULT**

**NEGATIVE TEST RESULT**

**INVALID TEST RESULT**