

Procedure for Taking Cuttings Samples In IsoJars[®]

Sampling

1. Take cuttings from the shale shaker.
2. Rinse cuttings with water to remove as much drilling mud as possible.
3. Put cuttings in jar (approximately 1 cup)
4. Only add water to reach the line on the label.
5. **Do not fill** the jar with water as the headspace gap is needed to allow gas to desorb into the gap.
6. Leave about a **1-inch gap** between the water and top of the jar.
7. Add 10 drops of the dilute bactericide, Benzalkonium Chloride, to the jar.
8. Screw the lid on as tight as possible.
9. Tape the lid to keep it tight and from vibrating loose during shipment. Tape in same direction (clockwise) that the lid is screwed on.

Recording Sample Information

1. Fill in the information on each jar.

The following is an example of the label on the jar—complete the label with all information available.



IsoJar[®]
 For Canned Cuttings
 ISOTECH[®]
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WELL NAME: _____ → MAXIMUM FILL LEVEL →
 DEPTH: _____
 DATE: _____
 TIME: _____
 COMPANY/CONTACT: _____
 OPERATOR: _____



After filling,
Store and Ship IsoJars
Upside down

Seal lid as tight as possible and tape clockwise to ensure sample integrity

1 inch minimum from top of the IsoJar[™]; do not overfill with water
Add 10 drops of bactericide;
Cover cuttings with water

Approx. 1 cup of rinsed cuttings

Be sure to label IsoJar with:

1. Well Name
2. Depth (ft. or m.)
3. Date
4. Time (24 hour scale)
5. Company/Contact
6. Operator

Packaging Samples

1. After jars are tightly sealed and taped, **place them upside down** in the original shipping box. **If any leaks are detected, retake the sample.**
2. Complete the log sheet included in each box. List the samples being shipped in the box by **Well Name, Depth (ft. or m.), Date, Time (24-hour scale), Company/Contact and Operator.**
3. Thoroughly seal the box with tape.