

## Specification

Solid culture medium for general purpose use with less fastidious organisms according to ISO standards.

## Presentation

	Packaging Details	Shelf Life	Storage
20 Tubes Tube 17 x 145 mm with: 15 ± 0,3 ml	17x145 mm glass tubes, ink labelled, metal-Non injectable cap. - 20 tubes per box.	12 months	8-25°C

## Composition

Composition (g/l):

Meat extract.....	1.00
Yeast extract.....	2.00
Peptone.....	5.00
Sodium chloride.....	5.00
Agar.....	15.00

## Description /Technique

Nutrient Agar is a simple medium based on meat infusions, complemented with yeast extract to reinforce its nutrient qualities as well as its growth factors. It is most suitable for general routine work and can support the growth of common organisms, even those considered somewhat fastidious with regard to nutrient requirements.

### Technique:

Collect, dilute and prepare samples and volumes as required according to specifications, directives, official standard regulations and/or expected results.

Melt the medium contained in tubes in a water bath or in microwave oven, avoiding overheating, before pouring into Petri dishes when cooled to room temperature.

Once solidified on a flat surface, spread the plates by streaking methodology or by spiral method

Incubate the plates upside down and under aerobic conditions at  $36 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$  for  $22 \pm 2\text{h}$ .

(Incubation times longer than those mentioned above or different incubation temperatures may be required depending on the sample, on the specifications,... This medium can be inoculated directly or after enrichment broth)

After incubation, enumerate all the colonies that have appeared onto the surface of the agar.

Each laboratory must evaluate the results according to their specifications.

Calculate total microbial count per ml of sample by multiplying the average number of colonies per plate by the inverse dilution factor if streaked a diluted sample. Report results as Colony Forming Unit (CFU's) per ml or g along with incubation time and temperature.

## Quality control

### Physical/Chemical control

Color : Yellowish

pH:  $7.4 \pm 0.2$  at  $25^\circ \text{C}$

### Microbiological control

Melt Medium - Pour plates - inoculation Practical range  $100 \pm 20$  CFU; Min. 50 CFU (Productivity)/  $10^4$ - $10^6$  (Selectivity).

Microbiological control according to ISO 11133:2014/ Adm 1:2018.

Aerobiosis. Incubation at  $36 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ , reading at  $21 \pm 3\text{h}$

### Microorganism

*Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC® 6538, WDCM 00032  
*Bacillus subtilis* ATCC® 6633, WDCM 00003  
*Escherichia coli* ATCC® 8739, WDCM 00012  
*Salmonella typhimurium* ATCC® 14028, WDCM 00031  
*Ps. aeruginosa* ATCC® 27853, WDCM 00025

### Growth

Good ( $\geq 70\%$ )  
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### Sterility Control

Incubation 48 hours at  $30$ - $35^\circ \text{C}$  and 48 hours at  $20$ - $25^\circ \text{C}$ : NO GROWTH  
 Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions

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