

Specification

Solid culture medium for heterotrophic marine bacteria.

Formula * in g/L

Meat peptone.....	5,0000	Magnesium chloride.....	8,8000
Yeast extract.....	1,0000	Potassium chloride.....	0,5500
Iron citrate.....	0,1000	Potassium bromide.....	0,0800
Sodium chloride.....	19,4500	Strontium chloride.....	0,0340
Sodium sulfate.....	3,2400	Ammonium nitrate.....	0,0016
Sodium bicarbonate.....	0,1600	Boric acid.....	0,0220
Sodium silicate.....	0,0040	Agar.....	15,0000
Sodium fluoride.....	0,0024		
Disodium phosphate.....	0,0080		
Calcium chloride.....	1,8000		

Final pH 7,6 ±0,2 at 25 °C

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

Directions

Suspend 55.1 g of the powder in 1 L of distilled water, mix well and bring to the boil until dissolved (boil for about 1 minute). Distribute in suitable containers and autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Before pouring into plates it is recommended to homogenize the medium well. The presence of precipitates is normal and does not affect the performance of the medium.

Description

Marine Agar was formulated according to the original description of ZoBell that tries to duplicate the major mineral concentration found in sea water. Included in its composition are mineral salts, peptone and yeast extract, and growth factors necessary to sustain the growth of heterotrophic marine bacteria.

The gelling agent is agar and it is often found to be liquefied by marine bacteria.

Marine bacteria are thermo-sensitive and streak-plates are recommended, if pour-plates are preferred, the molten medium must be cooled to 45°C before pouring it over the sample.

Marine Agar is a very hygroscopic medium: Keep the bottle tightly capped in a dry place.

Quality control

Incubation temperature: 20-25°C

Incubation time: 44 - 72 h

Inoculum: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity) according to ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018

Microorganism

Escherichia coli ATCC® 25922

Vibrio parahaemolyticus ATCC® 17802

Vibrio alginolyticus ATCC® 17749

Growth

Good

Productivity > 0.70

Productivity > 0.70

Remarks

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References

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Storage

For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 °C to 30 °C).