

LETHEEN AGAR BASE

Basal medium for coefficient phenol detection of quaternary ammonium disinfectants.

TYPICAL FORMULA (g/L)

Beef extract	3.0
Tryptone	5.0
Glucose	1.0
Agar	15.0
Final pH	7.0 ± 0.2

DESCRIPTION

LETHEEN AGAR BASE is prepared for evaluating the bactericidal activity of quaternary ammonium compounds: the addition of lecithin and Tween 80 neutralize quaternary ammonium compounds contained in sanitizers. American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) recommends **LETHEEN AGAR BASE** in Standard Test Method for Preservatives in Water Containing Cosmetics.

PRINCIPLE

Beef extract and tryptone provide nitrogen, carbon, sulphur and other essential growth factors. Glucose is the source of energy. Agar is the solidifying agent. Lecithin and Tween 80 neutralize quaternary ammonium compounds contained in sanitizers.

PREPARATION

Suspend 24.0 g of powder in 1 litre of distilled or deionized water. Add 10 mL of Letheen Supplement (ref. 80008) and 7 mL of Tween 80 Supplement (code 80031). Heat to boiling and shake until completely dissolved. Sterilize at 121°C for 15 minutes. Dispense in final containers.

TECHNIQUE

LETHEEN AGAR BASE is used for a variety of procedures: consult appropriate references for further informations.

STORAGE

The powder is very hygroscopic: store the powder at 10-30°C, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed and use it before the expiry date on the label or until signs of deterioration or contamination are evident.
Store prepared media at 2-8°C.

WARNING and PRECAUTIONS

The product is not classified as hazardous by current legislation and does not contain harmful substances in concentrations of ≥1%. The product must be used only by properly trained operators.

DISPOSAL of WASTE

Disposal of waste must be carried out according to national and local regulations in force.

REFERENCES

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PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

NAME

LETHEEN AGAR BASE

PRESENTATION

Dehydrated culture medium

STORAGE

10-30°C

PACKAGING

Code	Content	Packaging
610076	500 g	500 g of powder in plastic bottle
620076	100 g	100 g of powder in plastic bottle

pH OF THE MEDIUM

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USE

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Refer to technical sheet of the product.

APPEARANCE of the MEDIUM

Dehydrated medium

Appearance: moist appearance, with a tendency to clump.

Colour: tan

Prepared medium

Appearance: slightly opalescent, may have a slight precipitate

Colour: light to medium amber

SHELFLIFE

4 years

QUALITY CONTROL

- Control of general characteristics, label and print
- Sterility control
 7 days at 25 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis
 7 days at 36 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis
- Microbiological control
 Inoculum for productivity: 10-100 UFC/ml
 Incubation conditions: 40-48 hours at 36 ± 1°C

Microorganisms		Growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC 11229	Good
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC 6538	Good

TABLE of SYMBOLS

LOT Batch code	Caution, consult accompanying documents	Manufacturer	Contains sufficient for <n> tests
REF Catalogue number	Temperature limitation	Use by	



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