



Yeast Extract Agar

Nutrient medium for the enumeration of microorganisms in water and materials of sanitary importance, according to ISO 6222.

DESCRIPTION

Yeast Extract Agar is a nutrient medium used for the determination of total microbial count in all types of water in accordance with the recommendations of ISO 6222.

TYPICAL FORMULA

	(g/l)
Enzymatic Digest of Casein	6.0
Yeast Extract	3.0
Agar	15.0
Final pH 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25°C	

METHOD PRINCIPLE

Enzymatic digest of casein provides amino acids, nitrogen, carbon, vitamins and minerals for organisms growth. Yeast extract is a source of vitamins, particularly of B-group. Agar is the solidifying agent.

PREPARATION

<u>Dehydrated medium</u>	Suspend 24 g of the powder in 1 liter of distilled or deionized water. Mix well. Heat to boil shaking frequently until completely dissolved. Sterilize in autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.
<u>Medium in tubes/bottles</u>	Melt the content of the tube/bottle in a water bath at 100°C (loosing the cap partially removed) until completely dissolved. Then screw the cap and check the homogeneity of the dissolved medium, if it is the case turning the tube/bottle upside down. Cool at 45-50°C, mix well avoiding foam formation and aseptically distribute into Petri dishes.

TEST PROCEDURE

1. Make dilutions of the test sample taking into account the level of pollution expected.
2. Inoculate the medium (two sets of plates for each sample) by pour plating or membrane filtration method.
3. Incubate one set of plates at 36 ± 2°C for 40-48 h and the other set at 22 ± 2°C for 64-72 h.

INTERPRETING RESULTS

Count colonies on each plate (reject any plate with confluent growth) and express the results as CFU/ml of sample allowing for dilution factors.

APPEARANCE

Dehydrated medium: free-flowing, homogeneous, beige.
Prepared medium: slightly opalescent, amber.

STORAGE

The powder is very hygroscopic, store the powder at 10-30°C, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed. Store bottles, tubes and prepared plates at 10-25°C away from light. Do not use the product beyond its expiry date on the label or if product shows any evidence of contamination or any sign of deterioration.

SHELF LIFE

Dehydrated medium: 4 years.
Medium in tubes/bottles: 2 years.
Ready-to-use plates: 6 months.

QUALITY CONTROL

Plates are inoculated with the microbial strains indicated in the QC table.

Inoculum for productivity: 50-100 CFU

Incubation conditions: aerobically at $36 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ for 40-48 hours.

QC Table.

Microorganism		Growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	WDCM 00012	Good
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	WDCM 00003	Good

WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS

The product does not contain hazardous substances in concentrations exceeding the limits set by current legislation and therefore is not classified as dangerous. It is nevertheless recommended to consult the safety data sheet for its correct use. The product is intended professional use only and must be used by properly trained operators.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE









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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. EN ISO 11133:2014. Microbiology of food, animal feed and water – Preparation, production, storage and performance testing of culture media.
2. ISO 6222:2009. Water quality – Enumeration of culturable microorganisms – Colony count technique by inoculation in a nutrient agar culture medium.

PRESENTATION		Contents	Ref.
Yeast Extract Agar	60 mm ready-to-use plates	20 plates	163582
Yeast Extract Agar	Tubes	20 x 22 ml tubes	34074
Yeast Extract Agar	Tubes	100 x 22 ml tubes	26074
Yeast Extract Agar	Slant tubes	20 x 9 ml tubes	31102
Yeast Extract Agar	Bottles	6 x 200 ml bottles	412120
Yeast Extract Agar	Bottles	6 x 100 ml bottles	403120
Yeast Extract Agar	Dehydrated medium	500 g of powder	611016
Yeast Extract Agar	Dehydrated medium	100 g of powder	621016

TABLE OF SYMBOLS

LOT Batch code	 Keep away from sunlight	 Manufacturer	 Use by	 Fragile, handle with care
REF Catalogue number	 Temperature limitation	 Contains sufficient for <n> tests	 Caution, consult Instruction For Use	 Do not reuse



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