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ProductInformation

TERGITOL-7 AGAR

Product Number T1813

Product Description

Tergitol-7 Agar is recommended as a selective medium for the enumeration of coliform organisms. Tergitol 7 Agar was originally designed by Chapman and later modified by incorporating Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride (TTC) into the medium. The medium is selective and differential. It is used for the detection and enumeration of coliform organisms. Pollard has reported the selective bactericidal property of sodium heptadecyl sulphate (Tergitol-7). Kulp corroborated the use of Tergitol-7 agar with TTC in routine analysis of water and Mossel used this medium for the examination of food materials.

Components

<u>Item</u>	<u>g/L</u>
Proteose Peptone	5.00
Yeast Extract	3.00
Lactose	10.00
Sodium Heptadecyl Sulfate	0.10
BromoThymol Blue	0.025
Agar	15.00

Final pH (at 25 °C) 6.9 ± 0.2

Precautions and Disclaimer

For laboratory use only. Not for drug, household or other uses.

Preparation Instructions

Suspend 33.13 grams of Tergitol-7 Agar in 1000 ml of distilled water. Boil to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121 °C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50 °C. Aseptically add 3 ml of a 1% solution of 2,3,5-Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride (TTC), if desired.

Storage

Store the dehydrated medium at room temperature and the prepared medium at 2-8 °C.

Product Profile

Appearance Yellow color, homogenous, free

flowing powder.

Gelling Firm.

Color and Clarity Green color, clear to slightly

opalescent solution gel forms in

tubes or petri plates.

Cultural Response Cultural characteristics are

observed after 18-48 hours at

35 °C.

Organisms	(ATCC)	Growth	Color
Enterobacter aerogenes	(13048)	luxuriant	yellow
Escherichia coli	(25922)	luxuriant	yellow
Salmonella typhimurium	(14028)	luxuriant	blue
Shigella flexneri	(12022)	luxuriant	blue
Staphylococcus aureus	(25923)	inhibited	

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