



Specification

Selective medium for isolation of yeast and moulds from the environment and food products.

Presentation

20 Prepared Plates
90 mm
with: 22 ± 1 ml

Packaging Details

1 box with 2 packs of 10 plates/pack. Single cellophane.

Shelf Life

3,5 months

Storage

2-14°C

Composition

Composition (g/l):

Mycological peptone.....	5.00
D(+) Glucose.....	10.0
Potassium phosphate.....	1.00
Magnesium sulfate.....	0.50
Rose bengal.....	0.05
Chloramphenicol.....	0.10
Agar.....	15.0

Description /Technique

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Rose Bengal Agar is a selective medium used to detect and enumerate moulds and yeasts in food samples. In addition the nutritional requirements for moulds and yeasts, this medium also contains Rose Bengal, which apart from turning the yeast a pink colour, facilitates counting, by reducing the luxuriant growth of moulds such as *Rhizopus* and *Neurospora*. This makes it is easier to detect other slower growing moulds.

The chloramphenicol included in the formulation inhibits bacterial growth, but does not interfere with the growth of fungi.

Technique

For plate inoculation follow the laboratories standard methods or the applicable norms (spiral plating method, econometric methods, streak plating, dilution banks, spread plating with drigalsky rod etc.)

After making a dilution bank, take 0,1 mL from each dilution and inoculate on Rose Bengal Agar plates with a Drigalsky Loop or glass spreader. Incubate at $25 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 days enumerate the fungi.

Limitations:

- The low concentration of antibiotic that contains the culture medium can be expected that the growth of certain strains of bacteria is inhibited only partially.
- This medium is photo-sensible. Do not expose this medium to the light since photo-degradation of Rose Bengal produce compounds toxic to fungi.

Quality control

Physical/Chemical control

Color : Strongly pink

pH: 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25°C

Microbiological control

Spiral Spreading: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU; Min. 50 CFU (Productivity) / 10^4 - 10^6 CFU (Selectivity).

Aerobiosis. Incubation at $25^\circ\text{C} \pm 1$, reading at 48-72 h to 5 days.

Microorganism

Escherichia coli ATCC® 8739

Bacillus subtilis ATCC® 6633

Aspergillus brasiliensis ATCC® 16404

Candida albicans ATCC® 10231

Growth

Inhibited

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Good ($\geq 50\%$)

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Sterility Control

Incubation 48 hours at 30 - 35°C and 48 hours at 20 - 25°C : NO GROWTH

Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions



Reference: 064-PA0038 Scharlau Microbiology - Technical Data Sheet

Product: **Rose Bengal Chloramphenicol Agar**

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