

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Article No. 9291

Tergitol® 7-Lactose-TTC Agar, prepared plates

SPECIFICATION

Prepared plates, 90 mm. Medium for the detection of coliforms by membrane filtration in water analyses according to ISO 9308-1:2000.

pH: 7.2 ± 0.1 at 25 °C

COMPOSITION IN G/L

Meat peptone	10.000
Meat extract	5.000
Lactose	20.000
Yeast extract	6.000
Bromothymol blue	0.050
Tergitol® 7	0.100
Agar	15.000
TTC sterile solution 1%	2.5 ml

PACKAGING DETAILS

9291-20PLATES

20 prepared plates 90 mm

Content: 21 ± 2 ml

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

GUIDELINES

Description:

This medium is formulated for the presumptive identification of coliforms in drinking water, by membrane filtration according to ISO 9308 -1:2000.



Technique:

While using the membrane filter technique for the presumptive identification of coliforms in water, it should be kept in mind that the minimum volume to be filtered depends on the type of water being tested. If necessary dilute with sterile phosphate buffer in order to obtain the number of colonies on the membrane appropriate for counting. For every water sample two volumes must be filtered over two different membranes and incubated on Chapman TTC Agar at 35 °C and 44 °C respectively.

After 48 hours typical colonies have the appearance as follow:

- *Escherichia coli*, *Citrobacter spp.*: Yellow with a centered orange nucleus under the membrane filter (MF).
- *Klebsiella spp.*: Brick red or yellow without a nucleus. The medium under the (MF) is yellow.
- *Enterobacter spp.*: Dark yellow or brick red with an orange nucleus. The medium is also yellow.
- Non lactose-fermenters: Violet or indigo colonies. The medium turns blue.

Most coliforms cannot grow on this medium when incubated at 44 °C, except *E. coli* which forms a colony with a characteristic appearance.

Results are always expressed per 100 ml sample including any applied dilutions. Estimation is done by taking typical colonies which have grown at 35 °C as fecal coliforms, together with those grown at 44 °C as *E. coli*. Nevertheless, according to legislation and despite the medium's selectivity, results can only be considered as presumptive and all coliform colonies have to be confirmed by following the criteria below:

Typical appearance in EMB Agar or Endo Agar Base and characteristic reactions in Kligler Iron Agar.

For the confirmation of fecal *E. coli*, the following characteristics are used for verification: a motile, Gram negative bacillus and lactose fermenter with acid and gas production, which gives negative results on the citrate test and indole production positive.

Collect, dilute and prepare samples and volumes to be filtered as required according to specifications, directives, official standard regulations and/or expected results.

Note: Incubation times greater than those mentioned above or different incubation temperatures may be required depending on the sample, on the specifications.

After incubation, enumerate the yellowish colonies as presumptive *E. coli* or any other coliform.

Calculate total microbial count per ml of sample by multiplying the average number of colonies per membrane by the inverse dilution factor. Report results as Colony Forming Unit (CFU's) per ml along with incubation time and temperature.

Confirmation of *E. coli* detection is required with further microbiological or biochemical tests.

MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Membrane filtration /Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. min. 50 CFU (productivity) / 10⁴-10⁶ CFU (selectivity) / ≥ 10³ CFU (specificity).

Microbiological control according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018

Analytical methodology according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018; A2:2020

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 36 ± 2 °C. Reading at 21 ± 3 h



Microorganism	Growth
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922, WDCM 00013	Good (≥ 50%) Colonies Yellow-orange under MF.
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 8739, WDCM 00012	Good (≥ 50%) Colonies Yellow-orange under MF.
<i>Citrobacter freundii</i> ATCC® 43864, WDCM 00006	Good (≥ 50%) Colonies Yellow-orange under MF.
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC® 19433, WDCM 00009	Partial Inhibition
<i>Ps. aeruginosa</i> ATCC® 9027, WDCM 00026	Good- Red colonies w. blue center
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 11775, WDCM 00090	Good (≥ 50%) Colonies Yellow-orange under MF.
<i>E. coli</i> NCTC® 13167, WDCM 00179	Good (≥ 50%) Colonies Yellow-orange under MF.

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.

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STORAGE

2-14 °C

SHELF LIFE

3 months unopened from date of manufacture

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