

# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Article No. 9750

**Tryptic Soy Agar (TSA) 5% Sheep Blood, ready-to-use culture plates**

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## SYNONYMS

Blood Agar Plate, 5% Sheep Blood in Tryptic Soy Agar Base, Trypticase Soy agar with 5% sheep blood

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## SPECIFICATION

Prepared plates, 90 mm. Nutrient rich medium suitable for the isolation of pathogenic microorganisms from clinical specimens.

Colour: Red  
pH: 7.2 ± 0.2 at 25 °C

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## COMPOSITION IN G/L

Peptone from casein	15.0
Peptone from soya	5.0
Sodium chloride	5.0
Agar	15.0
Sheep blood	50 ml

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## PACKAGING DETAILS

### 9750-20PLATES

20 prepared plates 90 mm  
Content: 21 ± 1 ml  
Packaging unit: 1 box with 2 packs of 10 plates/pack. Single cellophane.

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## GUIDELINES

### Description:

TSA is a widely used medium containing two peptones which support the growth of a wide variety of organisms, even that of very fastidious ones such as *Neisseria*, *Listeria*, *Brucella*, among others. It is frequently used for routine diagnostic purposes due to its reliability and its easily reproducible results.



The medium provides, with added blood, perfectly defined hemolysis zones, while preventing the lysis of erythrocytes due to its sodium chloride content.

**Technique:**

Collect, dilute and prepare samples as required. Spread the sample onto the plate by streaking methodology or by spiral method. Incubate the plates in inverted position in a anaerobic atmosphere at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours. Preferably, spread with the same sample other selective media, previously defined by the laboratory, to have better and comparative results.

Different animal blood sources, greater incubation times, humidity or larger percentage of carbon dioxide in atmosphere may be required depending on the sample, on the specifications of the laboratory, and/or the expected isolations to be found.

Each laboratory must evaluate and report results carefully; this highly nutritive medium allows recovery of a wide variety of fastidious microorganisms.

Consider both, hemolysis reactions and colony appearance, as well as the results obtained from other culture media, as keys for microbiological identification. Calculate total microbial count considering, if applied to the samples, the inverted dilution factors,

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## MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL

Inoculate: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity).

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

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 30-35 °C. Read after 18-24 h to 72 h for bacteria and 3-5 days for fungi.

Microorganism	Growth
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 6538, WDCM 00032	Good Beta-haemolysis - clear halo
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 8739, WDCM 00012	Good Gamma-haemolysis - without halo
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC® 19433, WDCM 00009	Good Gamma-haemolysis - without halo
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC® 49619	Good Alpha-haemolysis - greenish halo
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i> ATCC® 19615	Good Beta-haemolysis - clear halo
<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i> ATCC® 12386	Good Beta-haemolysis - clear halo

**Sterility control:**

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

Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions.

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## STORAGE

2-14 °C

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## SHELF LIFE

2.5 months unopened from date of manufacture

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