

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Article No. 9324

TSC Agar, membrane filtration plates

SPECIFICATION

Prepared plates. Solid selective and differential medium for isolation and presumptive identification of *Clostridium perfringens*, according to ISO Standards.

Color: Yellow
pH: 7.6 ± 0.2 at 25 °C

COMPOSITION IN G/L

Caseinpeptone	15.00
Soypeptone	5.00
Yeast extract	5.00
Sodium meta-bisulfite	1.00
Ferric(III) ammonium citrate	1.00
Cycloserine	0.40
Agar	14.00

PACKAGING DETAILS

9324-30PLATES

30 prepared plates for filtration purposes 55 mm

Content: 9 ± 1 ml

Packaging unit: 1 box with 6 plastic bags with 5 plates of 55 mm/ bag.

GUIDELINES

Description:

The medium is a modification of the classical TSN Agar in which the traditional antibiotics, polymyxin and neomycin have been replaced by cycloserine. Cycloserine has been found more selective for *Clostridium perfringens*, and reduces the production of diffuse blackening.

Clostridium perfringens is more resistant to cycloserine than to sulfadiazine, polymyxin and neomycin, hence reducing the dosage. The presence of sodium meta-bisulfite and ferric ammonium citrate allow three differential characteristics of this anaerobic species to be verified with just one assay. These characteristics are sulfite reduction, growth at 46 °C and cycloserine resistance.



Technique:

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

Filter the sample through a 0.45 mm pore membrane and apply it onto the surface of the agar.

Alternatively, a thin layer molten TSC agar or agar as an overlay on the membrane can be used.

Incubate the plates anaerobically at 44±1 °C for 21±3h.

(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 colonies with a black iron sulfide precipitate.

Confirmation of characteristic colonies as *C.perfringens* is required, throughout 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

Anaerobiosis. Incubation at 44 ± 1 °C during 21 ± 3h.

Microorganism	Growth
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC® 13124, WDCM 00007, NCTC® 8237	Good ≥ 50%. Black colonies
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i> ATCC® 10543, WDCM 00174	Good ≥ 50%. Black colonies
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC® 6633, WDCM 00003	Inhibited

A double layer with TSC agar favors the observation of the blackening of the SH2 (+) strains.

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

2-25 °C

SHELF LIFE

6 months unopened from date of manufacture

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