

TM 1217 – LEAD ACETATE AGAR

INTENDED USE

For detection of H₂S producing enteric bacteria.

PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Salmonella, *Shigella*, *Yersinia* species and certain strains of *Escherichia coli* cause severe gastroenteritis and life-threatening systemic illness in human. Of these, *Salmonella* Typhi can be differentiated due to their ability to form hydrogen sulphide.

Lead Acetate Agar is the modification of the original formulation of Spray. This medium was successfully used to study hydrogen sulphide production. Lead Acetate Agar can also be used to differentiate between *Salmonella* Paratyphi A and *Salmonella* Paratyphi B. The latter produces hydrogen sulphide, observed as browning of the medium, within 18-24 hours, whereas the former fails to produce hydrogen sulphide.

COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr
Peptone	15.000
Proteose peptone	5.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	1.000
Lead acetate	0.200
Sodium thiosulphate	0.080
Agar	15.000

PRINCIPLE

This medium consists of Peptone, proteose peptone and dextrose which provide all the essential nutrients for the growth of bacteria. Bacteria capable of using sulphur from sodium thiosulphate in their metabolic activities produce hydrogen sulphide. Lead acetate acts as an indicator of hydrogen sulphide production observed as browning of the medium. Dextrose is the fermentable carbohydrate source. Production of gas from dextrose is indicated by the presence of bubbles in the butt.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

- Dissolve 36.28 grams in 1000 ml purified/distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- Dispense into test tubes and sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.
- Cool to 45-50°C. Allow the tubes to cool in a slanted position to obtain slants with generous butts. Inoculate pure culture by surface streaking the slant and stabbing the butt.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder	: Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.
Appearance of prepared medium	: Medium amber coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in tubes as slants.
pH (at 25°C)	: 6.6 ± 0.2

INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation.



Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Gas production	H ₂ S production	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	25922	50-100	Luxuriant	Positive reaction	Negative reaction	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	13048	50-100	Luxuriant	Positive reaction	Negative reaction	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Salmonella Paratyphi A</i>	9150	50-100	Luxuriant	Negative reaction	Negative reaction	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Salmonella Paratyphi B</i>	8759	50-100	Luxuriant	Negative reaction	Positive reaction, browning of the medium	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Salmonella Typhi</i>	6539	50-100	Luxuriant	Variable reaction	Positive reaction, browning of the medium	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i>	14028	50-100	Luxuriant	Negative reaction	Positive reaction, browning of the medium	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i>	13313	50-100	Luxuriant	Negative reaction	Negative reaction	35-37°C	18-24 Hours
<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	12022	50-100	Luxuriant	Negative reaction	Negative reaction	35-37°C	18-24 Hours

PACKAGING:

In pack size of 500 gm bottles.

STORAGE

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 25-30°C and protect from direct sunlight. Under optimal conditions, the medium has a shelf life of 4 years. When the container is opened for the first time, note the time and date on the label space provided on the container. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

Product Deterioration: Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.













DISPOSAL

After use, prepared plates, specimen/sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized before discarding.



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 GMP Good Manufacturing Practices Certified	 IVD For In Vitro Diagnostic Use	 QTY. Quantity	 LOT/ B. NO. Lot / Batch Number	 REF Catalogue Number	 Manufacturer
 Temperature Unit	 EC REP MedNet GmbH Birkstrasse 10, 48163 Moentke, Germany Authorized Representative	 CE European Conformity	 QR Code	 Consults Instructions for Use	 Best Before

NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices.

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