

TM 180 - M-FC BROTH BASE

INTENDED USE

For detection and enumeration of faecal coliforms by membrane filter technique at higher temp. (44.5°C).

PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

M-FC Broth Base, designed by Geldreich et al is used for the detection and enumeration of faecal coliforms using the membrane filter technique. This medium is based on the property of faecal coliforms to grow at 44-45°C. M-FC Broth Base is recommended by APHA and by various other standards for detection of faecal coliforms. APHA recommends the membrane filtration procedure and delayed incubation for faecal coliforms.

Sterile cotton absorbent cotton pads are saturated with M-FC Broth Base by addition of 2 ml medium. Membrane filters, through which water sample is passed, are aseptically placed onto sterile cotton absorbent cotton pads saturated with M-FC Broth Base. If total coliforms are to be estimated, incubation is carried out at 35-37°C whereas if faecal coliform count is to be estimated, incubation is done at 44-45°C. Coliforms will form blue colonies whereas non-coliforms will form gray coloured colonies on M-FC Broth Base.

COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr		
Tryptose	10.000		
Proteose peptone	5.000		
Yeast extract	3.000		
Lactose	12.500		
Bile salts mixture	1.500		
Sodium chloride	5.000		
Aniline blue	0.100		

PRINCIPLE

Proteose peptone, tryptose and yeast extract provide necessary nutrients for the growth of faecal coliforms. Lactose is the carbon source as well as fermentable carbohydrate in the medium. Bile salts inhibit the growth of contaminating gram-positive microorganisms. Aniline blue is a triphenyl methane dye which suppresses the growth of many gram-positive microorganisms. Aniline blue along with rosolic acid forms the indicator system of the medium.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

- Dissolve 37.1 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water containing 10 ml 1% Rosolic Acid.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Do not autoclave.
- Cool to 45°C and add 2 ml of M-FC Broth on sterile absorbent pad placed in a sterile Petri plate.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder : Light yellow to bluish grey homogeneous free flowing powder

Appearance of prepared medium : After Addition of 1% Rosolic Acid: Red coloured slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri

plates

pH (at 25°C) : 7.4±0.2

INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed with added 1% Rosolic Acid after an incubation.











Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth at 35-37°C	Recovery at 35- 37°C	Growth at 45.5°C	Recovery at 45.5°C	Color of the colony(on membrane filter)	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Enterococcus faecalis	29212	>=10 ⁴	inhibited	0%	inhibited	0%	-	45.5°C	22-24 Hours
Escherichia coli	25922	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%	luxuriant	>=70%	light blue	45.5°C	22-24 Hours
<i>Salmonella</i> Typhimurium	14028	50-100	Luxuriant	>=70%	inhibited	>=70%	pinkish	45.5°C	22-24 Hours
Shigella flexneri	12022	50-100	luxuriant	>=70%	inhibited	>=70%	pinkish	45.5°C	22-24 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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NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices. *For Lab Use Only Revision: 08 Nov., 2019







