

## TM 1893 - ZINC SOLUBILIZING MEDIUM

### INTENDED USE

For isolation and detection of zinc solubilizing soil microorganisms.

### PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

This medium is recommended for the growth and maintenance of zinc solubilizing bacteria. Among all micro nutrients, Zinc is a rather unique element for plant nutrition. Zinc (Zn) is one of the essential micronutrients required for optimum plant growth. Substantial quantity of applied inorganic zinc in soil is converted into unavailable form. Zinc solubilising bacteria are potential alternates for zinc supplement. Zinc solubilizing bacteria solubilize both the insoluble zinc compounds, though ZnO is more effectively solubilized in comparison to  $\text{ZnCO}_3$ .

### COMPOSITION

| Ingredients                      | Gms / Ltr |
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| Dextrose (Glucose)               | 10.000    |
| Ammonium sulphate                | 1.000     |
| Potassium chloride               | 0.200     |
| Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate   | 0.100     |
| Magnesium sulphate, heptahydrate | 0.200     |
| Zinc oxide                       | 1.000     |

### PRINCIPLE

Dextrose acts as an energy source. Different salts provide various essential ions required for promoting growth of zinc solubilizers. Solubilization of zinc phosphate occurred by both an increase in the  $\text{H}^+$  concentration of the medium, probably a consequence of ammonia assimilation, and the production of gluconic acid.

### INSTRUCTION FOR USE

- Dissolve 12.40 grams in 1000 ml distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi pressure ( $121^\circ\text{C}$ ) for 15 minutes.
- Cool to  $45-50^\circ\text{C}$  and divide into sterile tubes.

### QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

**Appearance of Powder** : Cream to white homogeneous free flowing powder

**Appearance of prepared medium** : Creamish white to slightly opalescent solution in tubes.

### INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation.

| Microorganism | ATCC | Inoculum (CFU/ml) | Growth | Zinc solubilization | Incubation Temperature | Incubation Period |
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| <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> | 49838 | 50-100 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction | 25-30°C | 3-4 days |
| <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> | 13525 | 50-100 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction | 25-30°C | 3-4 days |
| <i>Bacillus cereus</i>         | 10876 | 50-100 | Luxuriant | Positive reaction | 25-30°C | 3-4 days |

#### PACKAGING:

In pack size of 500 gm bottles.

#### STORAGE

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 10-25°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.







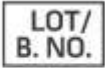


**Product Deterioration:** Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.

#### DISPOSAL

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

#### REFERENCES

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| <br>Good Manufacturing<br>Practices Certified | <br>Best Before        | <br>Quantity                          | <br>Catalogue Number | <br>Manufacturer |
| <br>Temperature Unit                          | <br>Lot / Batch Number | <br>Consults Instructions<br>for Use | <br>QR<br>Code       |   |

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

**\*For Lab Use Only**  
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