

# TM 441 – TERGITOL - H - 7 BROTH

#### **INTENDED USE**

A selective and differential medium for detection and enumeration of coliforms.

#### PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Tergitol-7 Broth was originally designed by Chapman and later on modified by incorporating 2,3,5-Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride (TTC) into the medium. This medium is selective and differential which is used for the detection and enumeration of coliform organisms. Pollard has reported the selective bactericidal property of sodium heptadecyl sulphate (Tergitol-7). Kulp et al corroborated the use of Tergitol-7 medium with TTC in routine analysis of water and Mossel used this medium for the examination of food materials.

#### **COMPOSITION**

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr	
Proteose peptone	5.000	
Yeast extract	3.000	
Lactose	10.000	
Sodium heptadecyl sulphate(Tergitol-7)	0.100	
Bromo thymol blue	0.025	

#### **PRINCIPLE**

Sodium heptadecyl sulphate (Tergitol-7) inhibits gram-positive bacteria and Proteus swarming and yields better recovery of coliforms. Bromo thymol blue is the pH indicator. Lactose fermenting organisms form yellow coloured medium while Klebsiella and Enterobacter form greenish yellow coloured medium. Lactose non-fermenters produce blue coloured medium. TTC is reduced in the bacterial cell to form formazan, a red coloured insoluble complex, thereby producing red coloured medium.

## **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

- Dissolve 18.13 grams in 1000 ml distilled water.
- Heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely.
- Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C.
- Aseptically add 3 ml of Triphenyl Tetrazolium Chloride (TTC) Solution, if desired.
- Mix well and dispense into sterile tubes.

#### **QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS**

Appearance of Powder : Cream to light green homogeneous free flowing powder. : Green coloured clear to slightly opalescent solution in tubes. Appearance of prepared medium

: 6.9±0.2 pH (at 25°C)

## **INTERPRETATION**

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation if desired with added TTC Solution 1%.













Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Colour of colony	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Escherichia coli	25922	50-100	Luxuriant	Yellow	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Enterobacter aerogenes	13048	50-100	Luxuriant	Yellow	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Proteus vulgaris	13315	50-100	Good	Blue-green	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	27853	50-100	Good	Blue-green	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Salmonella Typhimurium	14028	50-100	Luxuriant	Blue-green	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Shigella flexneri	12022	50-100	Luxuriant	Blue-green	35-37°C	18-48 Hours
Staphylococcus aureus	25923	>=10³	Inhibited	-	35-37°C	18-48 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

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