

PRODUCT SPECIFICATION

OXOID STANDARD PLATE COUNT AGAR (A.P.H.A.)

BO0263M

Typical Formula*

	grams per litre
Yeast extract	2.5
Pancreatic digest of casein	5.0
Glucose	1.0
Agar	15.0

* adjusted as required to meet performance standards

Preparation

Suspend Standard Plate Count Agar (23.5 grams / litre) in de-ionised water. Heat to dissolve. Cool and dispense 100ml into final containers, 125ml sirop bottles. Sterilise at 121°C for 15 minutes. When cool, label each bottle and pack in units of 10 into labelled boxes.

Format

Ten sirop bottles with screw cap closures in a box.

Labels

Label gives details of product name, product code, recommended storage temperature, lot number and expiry date.

Physical Characteristics

pH	7.0 ± 0.2
Colour	Straw 1 to straw 2
Clarity	Clear
Fill weight	99.0 - 101.0g

Packaging and presentation

General appearance of bottle and label should be satisfactory. Label data should be correct.

Contamination check

Macroscopic examination should show no evidence of microbial growth after incubation at 20-24°C and 30-34°C for 5 days.

Microbiological Tests Using Optimum Inoculum Dilution

(Microbiology is conducted after the agar has been melted by autoclaving at 100°C for 30 minutes, cooled to 45-50°C, then dispensed into Petri dishes and allowed to set).

Results after incubation at 28-32°C for 69-75 hours

Positive controls

Inoculum 50-120 colony forming units

<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	ATCC® 6633 (WDCM 00003)	0.5-2.0mm straw colonies
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC® 25922 (WDCM 00013)	1.0-3.0mm straw colonies
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC® 8739 (WDCM 00012)	1.0-3.0mm straw colonies
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC® 25923 (WDCM 00034)	2.0-3.0mm cream/straw colonies

Colony counts shall be equal to or greater than 70% of the control medium (Tryptone Soya Agar).

Storage conditions

Store away from the light between 2-25°C.

Tested in accordance with ISO 11133.

Formulation of this medium conforms to ISO 4833.

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