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Scharlau Microbiology - Technical data sheet

Product :  
PHENOL RED BROTH BASE

### Specification

Liquid culture medium, suitable for sugar and other substrate fermentation studies.

### Formula \* in g/L

Casein peptone..... 10,000  
Sodium chloride..... 5,000  
Phenol red..... 0,018

Final pH 7,40 ±0,2 at 25 °C

\* Adjusted and /or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria

### Directions

Dissolve 15 g of powder in 1 L of distilled water. Add sugar in the desired concentration and distribute into suitable containers with Durham tubes. Sterilize in the autoclave at 121°C for 10 minutes. Pre heat the autoclave before putting the tubes into it to avoid sugar caramelization. Addition of some types of sugars may need a pH adjustment.

### Description

Phenol Red Broth Base is a liquid version of the agar base for fermentation studies. Broth is preferred by many authors with the inclusion of Durham tubes, to verify gas production.

A sterile solution of sugar may be added after autoclaving the medium, or by adding impregnated discs to 10 mL of medium. Addition of some sugars may cause the acidification of the medium, in which case the original pH must be maintained by adding a few drops of 0,1 N NaOH.

For anaerobic bacteria, it is advisable to use freshly prepared medium, or place the medium in a boiling water bath for a few minutes, in order to eliminate dissolved oxygen. Many authors recommend the addition of 0,04% agar to avoid convection streams and subsequent incorporation of air.

The ISO standard 10273:1994 recommends adjustment of the final pH to 6,8 ± 0,2 to perform the auxonogram method for Yersinia identification.

### Quality control

**Incubation temperature:** 37 °C ±1

**Incubation time:** 24 ± 3h

**Inoculum:** ≥ 10<sup>3</sup> CFU (specificity) according to ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018. Add carbohydrate to study; D+ Glucose 5

Microorganism <sup>a/L</sup>	Growth	Remarks
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922	Good	Gas (+). Yellow medium
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC® 14028	Good	Gas (+). Yellow medium
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> ATCC® 9610	Good	Gas (+). Yellow medium

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### Storage

For laboratory use only. Keep tightly closed, away from bright light, in a cool dry place (+4 °C to 30 °C).