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Scharlau Microbiology - Technical data sheet

Product :
LETHEEN MODIFIED BROTH

Specification

FDA recommends liquid medium for the primary recovery of stressed microorganisms in the microbial examination of cosmetics.

Formula * in g/L

Casein peptone.....	5.00
Meat peptone.....	20.00
Meat extract.....	5.00
Yeast extract.....	2.00
Sodium chloride.....	5,00
Lecithin.....	0.70
Sodium bisulfite.....	0.10

Final pH 7,2 ±0,2 at 25 °C

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

Directions

Dissolve 37,8 g of the powder in 1 L of distilled water with 5 mL of Polysorbate 80 (Art. No. TW0080). Distribute in suitable containers and autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.

Description

In the early 40's, Weber and Black recommended the use of lecithin and polysorbates to neutralize the antimicrobial action of the Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QAC's).

In 1965 the methodology was accepted by the AOAC for antimicrobial assays and extends their use to all the cationic surfactants (detergents). The TAT (Tryptone-Azolectin-Polysorbate) medium, in the Newburger Cosmetic Analysis Manual, (2nd ed., 1977) is similar in composition and uses the AOAC formulation. In 1978 the FDA (Bacteriological Analytical Manual, 5th edition, 1978) incorporated it as a primary presumptive and enrichment medium for all microbial examination of cosmetics.

The present formulation appears in the 8th edition (1998) of the BAM and the notable modification are the inclusion of sodium chloride providing suitable osmotic pressure and an increased amount of peptones and tissue extracts to promote good growth, these transform this medium into a very rich all-purpose medium suitable for neutralizing almost all preservatives presents in samples under examination.

The ISO Technical Committee on Cosmetics (ISO/TC 217) (2006) has also adopted the present formulation as an alternative enrichment medium prior to microbiological examination but ideally Eugon LT100 Broth should be employed for this. (Art. No. 02-654).

Quality control

Incubation temperature: 30-35°C

Incubation time: 24-48 h

Inoculum: Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity) according to ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018 .

Microorganism	Growth	Remarks
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC® 6633	Good	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 6538	Good	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 8739	Good	-
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC® 9027	Good	-
<i>Aspergillus brasiliensis</i> ATCC® 16404	Good	-
<i>Candida albicans</i> ATCC® 10231	Good	-



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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).