

### Specification

Solid culture medium for general purpose use, according to ISO standards and APHA.

### Formula \* in g/L

Peptone .....	5.00
Meat extract .....	3.00
Agar .....	15.00

Final pH 7.0 ±0.2 at 25 °C

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

### Directions

Suspend 23 g of powder in 1 l of distilled water and bring to the boil. Dispense into suitable containers and sterilize in the autoclave at 121 °C for 15 minutes.

### Description

Nutrient Agar APHA is a classical meat infusion medium. It is a very simple medium that can be used as a routine culture medium or as nutrient base to which growth factors can be added if necessary. This medium with the pH adjusted to 8.0 ±0.2 is recommended for use as Assay Medium H in the Antibiotic Assay Chapter of the European Pharmacopoeia 6.0.

### Quality control

**Incubation temperature:** 30 °C ±1.0

**Incubation time:** 24 ± 2h

**Inoculum:** Practical range 100 ±20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (productivity), according to ISO 11133:2014/Amd 1:2018 . Spiral Plate Method.

Microorganism	Growth	Remarks
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 8739	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Salmonella enteritidis</i> ATCC® 13076	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC® 25923	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> ATCC® 14028	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC® 6633	Productivity > 0.70	-
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> ATCC® 9610	Productivity > 0.70	-

### References

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### Storage

Keep tightly closed, away from light, in a dry place (4-30 °C).