

**Specification**

Solid medium for the isolation and enumeration of fungi.

**Formula \* in g/L**

Malt extract.....30,0  
Soy peptone.....3,0  
Agar.....15,0

Final pH 5,6 ±0,2 at 25 °C

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

**Directions**

Suspend 48 g of powder in 1 l of purified water and let it soak. Bring to the boil and distribute into suitable containers. Sterilise in the autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.

**Description**

Malt extract agar No. 2 promotes the growth of almost all fungi because of its balanced composition, and its ability to inhibit most bacteria due its low pH.

Should greater inhibition of bacterial growth be desired, readjust the pH to 3.5 by adding a sterile solution of 10% lactic acid or 5% tartaric acid to the molten medium. Do not reheat the medium after these additions.

**Technique**

See appropriate normatives for specific procedures and techniques.

**Quality control**

**Incubation temperature:** 20-25°C

**Incubation time:** 72 h-5 days

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

**Microorganism**

*Aspergillus brasiliensis* ATCC® 16404

*Saccharomyces cerevisiae* ATCC® 9763

*Candida albicans* ATCC® 10231

**Growth**

Productivity > 0.70

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**Remarks**

5 days (black)

2 days (white)

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**References**

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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).