## **PRODUCT DATA SHEET**



# TM 2431 - YEM AGAR

#### **INTENDED USE**

For cultivation of Agrobacterium species and other soil microorganisms.

### **PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

YEM Agar is widely used for the cultivation of Agrobacterium species and other soil microorganisms.

Agrobacterium is a genus of Gram negative bacteria. The Agrobacterium genus is quite heterogenous and is well known for its ability to transfer DNA between itself and plants. Agrobacterium tumefaciens is a ubiquitous soil borne pathogen responsible for Crown Gall disease, affecting many higher species of plant. YEM Agar is also used for the cultivation of the symbiotic nitrogen fixing micoorganisms like *Rhizobium* species to make it suitable for the production of legume inoculants.

## COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr	
Yeast extract	1.000	
Mannitol	10.000	
Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	0.500	
Magnesium sulphate	0.200	
Sodium chloride	0.100	
Agar	15.000	

#### PRINCIPLE

YEM Agar which contains mannitol as a carbon source and yeast extract as a source of both nitrogen and growth factors for Agrobacteria. It also poises oxidation - reduction potential of medium in the range favorable for Rhizobia and serves as hydrogen donor in respiratory process. Mannitol is the fermentable sugar alcohol source. Magnesium provides cations essential for the growth of Agrobacteria.

#### **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

- Dissolve 26.8grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.
- Cool to 45-50°C.Mix well and pour in sterile Petri plates.

## QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder : Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.

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Appearance of prepared medium	: Light amber coloured slight opalescent gel forms in Petri plates.
pH (at 25°C)	: 7.0±0.2

#### INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation.

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Microorganism	ATCC	lnoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Recovery	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Rhizobium Ieguminosarum	10004	50-100	Luxuriant	>=70%	25-30°C	upto 5 days
Rhizobium meliloti	9930	50-100	Luxuriant	>=70%	25-30°C	upto 5 days
Agrobacterium tumefaciens	33970	50-100	Luxuriant	>=70%	25-30°C	upto 5 days

## PACKAGING:

In pack size of 500 gm bottles.

### STORAGE

Dehydrated powder, hygroscopic in nature, store in a dry place, in tightly-sealed containers between 25-30°C and protect from direct sunlight. Under optimal conditions, the medium has a shelf life of 4 years. When the container is opened for the first time, note the time and date on the label space provided on the container. After the desired amount of medium has been taken out replace the cap tightly to protect from hydration.

**Product Deterioration:** Do not use if they show evidence of microbial contamination, discoloration, drying or any other signs of deterioration.

#### DISPOSAL

After use, prepared plates, specimen/sample containers and other contaminated materials must be sterilized before discarding.

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NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices. \*For Lab Use Only

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