TM 727 – ENTEROCOCCUS CONFIRMATORY AGAR

INTENDED USE

For confirmation of the presence of Enterococci in water.

PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION

Enterococcus Confirmatory Agar formulated by Sandholzer and Winter is used for the detection of Enterococci in water supplies, swimming pools, sewage etc. Enterococci are found as normal flora in the gastrointestinal tracts of humans and animals. They are becoming increasingly important agents of human diseases largely because of their resistance to antimicrobial agents to which other Streptococci are generally susceptible. The *Enterococcus* is a subgroup of the fecal Streptococci group that includes *Enterococcus faecalis, Enterococcus faecium, Enterococcus gallinarum*, and *Enterococcus avium*. Enterococci are differentiated from other Streptococci by their ability to grow in 6.5% sodium chloride, at pH 9.6 and at 10°C and 45°C.

COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr
Tryptone	5.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Dextrose (Glucose)	5.000
Sodium azide	0.400
Methylene blue	0.010
Agar	15.000

PRINCIPLE

The medium consists of Tryptone, yeast extract, dextrose which provide essential growth nutrients for Enterococci. Sodium azide inhibits contaminating flora. The positive presumptive tests are confirmed by inoculating from Enterococcus Presumptive Broth to Enterococcus Confirmatory slant-broth combination prepared with an Azide Agar medium (Enterococcus Confirmatory Agar) overlaid with a Salt Azide Penicillin Broth (Enterococcus Confirmatory Broth). A negative catalase test is considered confirmed positive evidence of the presence of Enterococci. Single strength medium can be used for small inoculum. Production of acid and turbidity in an azide presumptive broth when incubated at 45°C is considered positive presumptive evidence for the presence of Enterococci, which is confirmed by inoculating on Confirmatory Agar.

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

- Dissolve 30.41 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water.
- Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely.
- Dispense in tubes or flasks as desired and Sterilize by autoclaving at 15psi pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Cool to 45-50°C.
- Allow the agar tubes to cool to 45-50°C in a slanted position.

QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder : Light yellow to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder.
Appearance of prepared medium : Light blue coloured clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in tubes as slants.
pH (at 25°C) : 8.0 ± 0.2

INTERPRETATION

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation.

Microorganism	ATCC	Inoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Enterococcus faecalis	29212	50-100	Luxuriant	25-30°C	68-72 Hours
Escherichia coli	25922	>=10^3	Inhibited	25-30°C	68-72 Hours

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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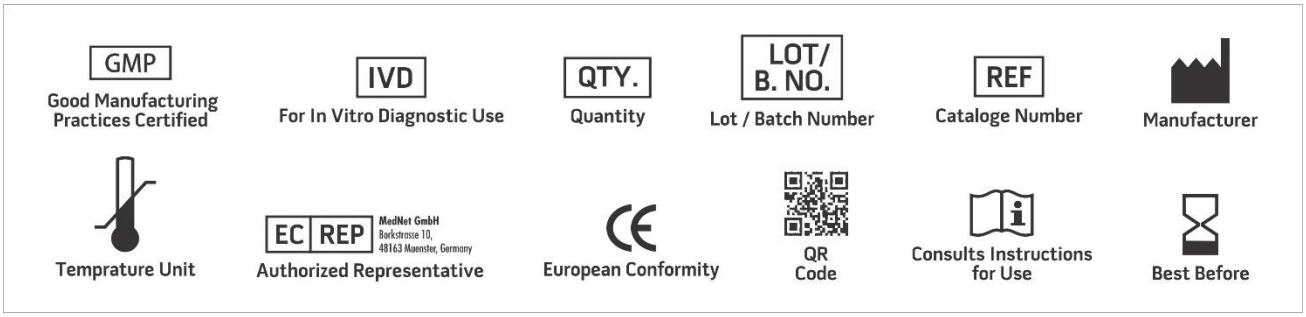

NOTE: Please consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for information regarding hazards and safe handling Practices.

***For Lab Use Only**

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