# **PRODUCT DATA SHEET**



# TM 746 – JENSEN'S BROTH

### **INTENDED USE**

For detection and cultivation of nitrogen fixing bacteria.

## **PRODUCT SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION**

Nitrogen-fixing organisms are free-living bacteria, which grow well on a nitrogen-free medium. These bacteria utilize atmospheric nitrogen gas for their cell protein synthesis. This cell protein is then mineralized in soil after the death of the cells thereby contributing towards the nitrogen availability of the crop plants. Nitrogen fixing bacteria enter into symbiosis only with leguminous plants, by infecting their roots and forming nodules on them. Jensens Broth is formulated according to Jensen and is recommended for detection and cultivation of nitrogen fixing bacteria.

## COMPOSITION

Ingredients	Gms / Ltr	
Sucrose	20.000	
Dipotassium phosphate	1.000	
Magnesium sulphate	0.500	
Sodium chloride	0.500	
Ferrous sulphate	0.100	
Sodium molybdate	0.005	
Calcium carbonate	2.000	

#### PRINCIPLE

The medium consists of Sucrose which acts as the energy source. Sodium molybdate in the media increases the fixation of nitrogen. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium of the media. Calcium stimulates nodulation when present as chloride or sulphate.

## **INSTRUCTION FOR USE**

- Dissolve 24.1 grams in 1000 ml purified / distilled water.
- Heat just to boiling. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 psi pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes.
- Mix well and dispense as desired.
  Note: Due to presence of calcium carbonate, the medium forms opalescent solution with white precipitate.

# QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance of Powder	: White to cream homogeneous free flowing powder.
Appearance of prepared medium	: Cream coloured, slightly opalescent solution with slight precipitate in tubes.
pH (at 25°C)	: 7.0 ± 0.2

## **INTERPRETATION**

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation.

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Microorganism	ATCC	lnoculum (CFU/ml)	Growth	Incubation Temperature	Incubation Period
Rhizopus oryzae	9363	50-100	Luxuriant	25-30°C	Upto 8 Days
Rhizobium leguminosarum	10004	50-100	Luxuriant	25-30°C	Upto 8 Days
Rhizobium meliloti	9930	50-100	Luxuriant	25-30°C	Upto 8 Days

## PACKAGING:

In pack size of 100 gm and 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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