

## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

### Actinomyces Agar

#### Principle

Actinomycete agar is composed of Special infusion solids, tryptase, tryptone, yeast extract, dextrose, Lcysteine, starch, sodium chloride, potassium phosphate, ammonium sulphate, magnesium sulphate, calcium chloride and agar. Special infusion solids B, tryptose, tryptone, yeast extract, starch and dextrose act as sources of carbon, nitrogen, Sulphur, vitamins and other growth factors. The metallic salts provide essential electrolytes and minerals.

**Use:** For cultivation and maintenance of the anaerobic Actinomyces species.

#### Contents\*

Ingredients	Gram/Litre
Special infusion solids#	10.000
Tryptase	10.000
Tryptone	4.000
Yeast extract	5.000
Dextrose	5.000
L-Cysteine	1.000
Starch, soluble	1.000
Sodium chloride	5.000
Potassium phosphate	15.000
Ammonium sulphate	1.000
Magnesium sulphate	0.200
Calcium chloride	0.020
Agar	20.000
pH at 25 °C	6.9 ±0.2

\* Formula adjusted for optimum performance and parameters

**Directions:** Dissolve 77.22 grams in 1000 ml distilled water, boil to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 min, cool it to 42-45 °C and distribute aseptically in petri plates. Ensure complete solidification and inoculate test sample aseptically.

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**Specimens' types analyzed**  
Soil and water samples etc.

## Precautions to be taken

All the handling, experiments, storage, and discarding should be performed with the help of skilled and knowledgeable technicians and as per the established guidelines. The material should be disposed only after proper sterilization by autoclaving. Please go through the MSDS of the media to avoid any accidents or in emergency.

## Performance and Evaluation

The expected performance of the medium is liable to use as per the direction on the label when stored at optimum conditions and within expiry date.

## Quality Control

<b>Appearance</b>	<b>Light beige colored free flowing, homogeneous powder</b>
<b>Reaction of 7.72% solution</b>	<b>6.9 ±0.2 at 25 °C</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>6.70-7.10</b>
<b>Gelling</b>	<b>Firm comparable with 2.0% agar gel</b>
<b>Color and clarity of ready medium</b>	<b>Light amber colored opalescent gel</b>
<b>Growth Promotion properties</b>	<b>Best at ≤ 100 CFU at 25-30°C for 24-72 h</b>
<b>Indicative properties</b>	<b>Optimum at ≤ 100 CFU at 25-30°C for 24-48 h</b>
<b>Negative control</b>	<b>Performed using sterile distilled water</b>

## Different Microbial Response

Cultural characteristics observed after incubation at 25-30°C for 36-72 hours. Inoculum 50-100 CFU.

<b>Organism</b>	<b>ATCC</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>Recovery</b>
<i>Streptomyces lavendulae</i>	8664	Luxuriant	≥ 60%
* <i>Actinomyces bovis</i>	13683	Luxuriant	≥ 60%

**Note:** Incubated anaerobically

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**Storage and Shelf Life:** The product is highly hygroscopic; keep the container tightly closed at all times and store it properly as per the conditions mentioned on the label. The declared expiry is valid only when stored as per the conditions mentioned on the label.

**Note:** Sterilize media immediately after reconstitution.

**Disposal:** To avoid the contamination or propagation of any hazardous microbes the used, unusable or modified preparation of this product must be disposed after autoclaving after completion of task.

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