

TRYPTOSE (BIOTONE) AGAR

Dehydrated culture medium

1 - INTENDED USE

General purpose medium for the cultivation of nutritionally fastidious microorganisms.

2 - COMPOSITION

TYPICAL FORMULA (AFTER RECONSTITUTION WITH 1 L OF WATER) *

Tryptose (Biotone)	20.000 g
Glucose	1.000 g
Sodium chloride	5.000 g
Thiamine HCl	0.005 g
Agar	15.000 g

*The formula may be adjusted and/or supplemented to meet the required performances criteria.

3 - PRINCIPLE OF THE METHOD AND EXPLANATION OF THE PROCEDURE

Tryptose (Biotone) Agar is a general purpose medium that supports the growth of a wide variety of aerobic and facultative anaerobic nutritionally fastidious microorganisms.^{1,2} Tryptose (Biotone) ZAgar corresponds to Tryptose Vitamin B medium described in Diagnostic Procedures and Reagents APHA Manual.³ Tryptose (formerly named Biotone by Biolife), is a mixture of enzymatic hydrolysates of proteins and is a source of carbon, nitrogen, vitamins and minerals for microbial growth; glucose is a source of energy; sodium chloride maintains osmotic balance. According to McCullough⁴, thiamine HCl addition to Tryptose medium enhances the recovery of *Brucella* species, especially *Brucella suis*. Tryptose Agar may be used for the preparation of enriched, selective, diagnostic media as described by WHO publication.⁵

4 - DIRECTIONS FOR MEDIUM PREPARATION

Suspend 41 g in 1000 mL of cold purified water, heat to boiling with frequent agitation, distribute and sterilise by autoclaving at 121 °C for 15 minutes. For specific uses, add the required enrichment.

5 - PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Dehydrated medium appearance	beige, fine, homogeneous, free-flowing powder
Solution and prepared tubes appearance	yellow, limpid
Final pH at 20-25°C	7.2 ± 0.2

6 - MATERIALS PROVIDED - PACKAGING

Product	Type	REF	Pack
Tryptose (Biotone) Agar	Dehydrated medium	4011452	500 g (12.2 L)

7 - MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Sterile loops, needles and swabs, incubator and laboratory equipment as required, ancillary culture media and reagents for the identification of the cultures.

8 - SPECIMENS

Tryptose (Biotone) Agar may be inoculated with a variety of specimens^{1,6} for the cultivation/enrichment of microorganisms or with colonies cultivated on other isolation media. Good laboratory practices for collection, transport and storage of the specimens should be applied.

9 - TEST PROCEDURE

Allow plates or tubes to come to room temperature and to dry the surface of the medium.

With a bacteriological needle or loop inoculate the medium with the specimen or with a colony grown on another isolation medium. Incubate at the temperature and for the time required by laboratory procedures. Usually, an incubation temperature of 35 ± 2°C for 18-24 hours is adequate for cultivation of common aerobes and facultative anaerobes.

The user is responsible for choosing the appropriate incubation time, temperature and atmosphere depending on the processed specimen, the requirements of organisms to be recovered and the local applicable protocols.

10 - READING AND INTERPRETATION

The presence of microorganisms is indicated by a varying degree of turbidity, specks and flocculation in the medium. The un-inoculated control remains clear and without turbidity after incubation. The characteristics of the growths are closely related to the type or types of microorganisms grown.

11 - USER QUALITY CONTROL

All manufactured lots of the product are released for sale after the Quality Control has been performed to check the compliance with the specifications. However, it is responsibility of the end-user to perform Quality Control testing in accordance with the local applicable regulations, in compliance with accreditation requirements and the experience of the Laboratory. Here below are listed some test strains useful for the quality control of un-supplemented medium.

CONTROL STRAINS	INCUBATION T° / t / ATM	EXPECTED RESULTS
<i>S.aureus</i> ATCC 25923	35-37°C / 18-24H / A	good growth
<i>E.coli</i> ATCC 25922	35-37°C / 18-24H / A	good growth

A: aerobic incubation; ATCC is a trademark of American Type Culture Collection



12 - PERFORMANCES CHARACTERISTICS

Prior to release for sale a representative sample of all lots of dehydrated Tryptose (Biotone) Agar REF 401145, is tested for productivity by comparing the results with a previously approved Reference Batch.

Productivity is tested by semi-quantitative ecometric technique with the following strains: *P.aeruginosa* ATCC 14207, *S.flexneri* ATCC 12022, *S.aureus* ATCC 25923, *M.luteus* ATCC 9341, *E.faecalis* ATCC 19433, *S.pyogenes* ATCC 19615, *S.pneumoniae* ATCC 6301, *C.albicans* ATCC 18804, *A.brasiliensis* ATCC 9642. After uncubation at 35-35°C for 24-72 hours all the tested strains exhibit a good growth

13 - LIMITATIONS OF THE METHOD

- The nutritional requirements of microorganisms can be different, it is therefore possible that some microbial strains do not grow or grow scantily.
- Sub-cultures onto suitable solid media are necessary for purification of the culture and to perform identification tests.
- The preparation of selective diagnostic media with the addition of specific compounds⁵ must be validated by the user.
- Biochemical, immunological, molecular, or mass spectrometry testing should be performed on isolates, from pure culture, for complete identification.

14 - PRECAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

- This product is for professional use only; it is to be used by adequately trained and qualified laboratory personnel, observing approved biohazard precautions and aseptic techniques.
- Dehydrated media must be handled with suitable protection. Before use, consult the Safety Data Sheet.
- Apply Good Manufacturing Practice in the production process of prepared media.
- This culture medium contains raw materials of animal origin. The *ante* and *post mortem* controls of the animals and those during the production and distribution cycle of the raw materials, cannot completely guarantee that this product doesn't contain any transmissible pathogen. Therefore, it is recommended that the culture medium be treated as potentially infectious, and handled observing the usual specific precautions: do not ingest, inhale, or allow to come into contact with skin, eyes, mucous membranes. Download the TSE Statement from the website www.biolifeitaliana.it, describing the measures implemented by Biolife Italiana for the risk reduction linked to infectious animal diseases.
- All laboratory specimens should be considered infectious.
- The laboratory area must be controlled to avoid contaminants such as culture medium or microbial agents.
- Sterilize all biohazard waste before disposal. Dispose the unused medium and the sterilized media inoculated with samples or microbial strains in accordance with current local legislation.
- Do not use the culture medium as active ingredient for pharmaceutical preparations or as production material intended for human and animal consumption.
- The Certificates of Analysis and the Safety Data Sheet of the product are available on the website www.biolifeitaliana.it.
- The information provided in this document has been defined to the best of our knowledge and ability and represents a guideline for the proper use of the product but without obligation or liability. In all cases existing local laws, regulations and standard procedures must be observed for the examination of samples collected from human and animal organic districts, for environmental samples and for products intended for human or animal consumption. Our information does not relieve our customers from their responsibility for checking the suitability of our product for the intended purpose.

15 - STORAGE CONDITIONS AND SHELF LIFE










Upon receipt, store at +10°C /+30°C away from direct light in a dry place. If properly stored, it may be used up to the expiration date. Do not use beyond this date. Avoid opening the bottle in humid places. After use, the container must be tightly closed. Discard the product if the container and/or the cap are damaged, or if the container is not well closed, or in case of evident deterioration of the powder (colour changes, hardening, large lumps).

The user is responsible for the manufacturing and quality control processes of prepared media and for the validation of the shelf life of the finished products, according to the type (tubes/bottles) and the storage method (temperature and packaging).

16 – REFERENCES

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TABLE OF APPLICABLE SYMBOLS

 REF or REF Catalogue number	 LOT Batch code	 Manufacturer	 Store in a dry place	 Use by
 Temperature limitation	 Contents sufficient for <n> tests	 Consult Instructions for Use	 Keep away from direct light	

REVISION HISTORY

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