

## PHENYLALANINE AGAR

Medium for enterobacteria differentiation.

### TYPICAL FORMULA (g/l)

Yeast Extract	3.0
Disodium Phosphate	1.0
Sodium Chloride	5.0
DL-Phenylalanine	2.0
Agar	15.0
Final pH 7,3 ± 0.2 at 25 °C	

### DESCRIPTION

PHENYLALANINE AGAR is a medium for Enterobacteria differentiation.

### PRINCIPLE

The phenylalanine serves as the substrate for enzymes which are able to deaminate it to form phenylpyruvic acid. The addition of 3-5 drops of a 10% aqueous ferric chloride solution to the cultures following incubation results in the appearance of a light to deep green color (positive reaction) or no color change (negative reaction).

### PREPARATION

Melt the content of the bottle in a boiling water-bath at 100°C (loosing the caps partially unscrewed) until completely dissolved. Cool to 45-50°C, mix well avoiding the formation of bubbles and aseptically distribute into Petri dishes. Allow the medium to solidify. Store the plates in tightly closed containers.

### TECHNIQUE

Inoculate the medium with the specimen by streaking the slope using a sterile loop to ensure an adequate dispersion of the organisms. Tubes are incubated aerobically at 36±1°C for 18-24 hours. After incubation add 3-5 drops of a 10% aqueous ferric chloride solution to the cultures.

### INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

A light to deep green color represents a positive reaction, no color change represents a negative reaction: in a positive reaction any phenylpyruvic acid present will react with the ferric salt in the reagent to give a green color.

### STORAGE

10-25°C away from light, until the expiry date on the label or until signs of deterioration or contamination are evident.

### WARNING and PRECAUTIONS

The product is not classified as hazardous by current legislation and does not contain harmful substances in concentrations of ≥1%. The product is designed for *in vitro* diagnostic use and must be used only by properly trained operators.

### DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Disposal of waste must be carried out according to national and local regulations in force.

### REFERENCES

1. *Ann. Inst. Pasteur.* (1954) 87: 375-386.
2. *Pub. Hlth Lab.* (1957) 15: 153.



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## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

### NAME

**PHENYLALANINE AGAR**

### PRESENTATION

Glass bottles containing 200 ml of medium (code 412190).

### PACKAGING

Code	Content	Packaging
412170	6 bottles x 200 ml	6 bottles in cardboard box

### pH OF THE MEDIUM

7.3 ± 0.2

### USE

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### TECHNIQUE

Refer to technical sheet of the product.

### APPEARANCE OF THE MEDIUM

Light amber, slightly opalescent.

### SHELF LIFE






1 year

### QUALITY CONTROL

- Control of general characteristics, label and print
- Sterility control  
7 days at 25 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis  
7 days at 36 ± 1°C, in aerobiosis
- Microbiological control  
Inoculum for productivity: 10-100 UFC/ml  
Inoculum for selectivity: 10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>6</sup> UFC/ml.  
Inoculum for specificity: ≤ 10<sup>4</sup> UFC/ml.  
Incubation conditions: 24 h at 36 ± 1°C

Microorganism		Growth	Reaction
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC 25922	Good	-
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	ATCC 13048	Good	-
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	ATCC 25933	Good	+
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	ATCC 13315	Good	+

### TABLE OF SYMBOLS

<b>IVD</b> In vitro Diagnostic Medical Device	<b>LOT</b> Batch code	 Manufacturer	 Contains sufficient for <n> tests
<b>REF</b> Catalogue number	 Temperature limitation	 Use by	 Caution, consult accompanying documents

