

Cyanobacteria Agar



Medium used for the cultivation and enumeration of Cyanobacteria.

• CONTENTS (Liter)

Dipotassium Phosphate	1.5 g
Magnesium Sulfate	0.04 g
Calcium Chloride	0.036 g
Citric Acid	0.006 g
Ferric Ammonium Citrate	0.006 g
Sodium Carbonate	0.02 g
Agar	15.0 g
Final pH = 8.5 ± 0.2 at 25°C	

• PROCEDURE

Suspend 16.61 G of powder in 1 L of distilled or deionized water. Heat to boiling until completely dissolved. Sterilize by autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes. Cool to 45 - 50°C in water bath. Aseptically add 2 vials of Cyanobacteria Trace Metal supplement (MB-C0756). Mix well. Pour into petri dishes.

Cyanobacteria Trace Metal supplement

1 vial contents (each vial is sufficient for 500mL of medium)

Boric Acid	1.43 mg
Manganese Chloride	0.905 mg
Zinc Sulfate	0.111 mg
Sodium Molybdate	0.0195 mg
Copper Sulfate	0.0395 mg
Cobalt Nitrate	0.0247 mg

• INTERPRETATION

Cyanobacteria Agar is a medium used for the cultivation and enumeration of Cyanobacteria. Dipotassium phosphate is the buffering agent. Magnesium sulfate, calcium chloride and ferric ammonium citrate are the sources of ions to stimulate growth. Citric acid acts as metabolic intermediate. Sodium carbonate is a primary carbon source in macronutrient. Agar is the solidifying agent. Boric acid, manganese chloride, zinc sulfate, sodium molybdate, copper sulfate and cobalt nitrate provide the essential electrolytes and minerals.

• TECHNIC

Inoculate the specimen using a sterile loop to the medium. Incubate at 25 ± 2°C for 1 - 2 weeks under shaking incubator & light (2000 - 3000 lux) condition. Refer appropriate references for recommended test procedure.

• QUALITY CONTROL FOR USE

Dehydrated medium

Appearance: free-flowing, homogeneous

Color: light beige

Prepared medium

Appearance: may have slight precipitates

Color: very light amber

Incubation conditions: 25 ± 2°C / 1 - 2 weeks / under shaking incubator & light (2000 - 3000 lux)

ATCC	ATCC	Inoculum CFU	Growth
<i>Anabaena variabilis</i>	29413	heavy	good

• STORE

The powder is very hygroscopic. Store the powder at room temperature, in a dry environment, in its original container tightly closed and use it before the expiry date on the label. Store prepared medium at 2 - 8°C.

• REFERENCES

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• PACKAGE

Cat. No : MB-C1509 Cyanobacteria Agar	500 G
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