Reference: 064-PA0024 **Scharlau Microbiology - Technical Data**

Product: # PLATE COUNT AGAR (PCA)

Specification

Medium for aerobic plate counts by the surface inoculation method (standard Plate Count Agar) according to ISO 4833, 8552 & 17410 Standards and IFU No. 6.

Presentation

	Packaging Details	Shelf Life	Storage
20 Prepared Plates 90 mm with: 21 ± 2 ml	1 box with 2 packs of 10 plates/pack. Single cellophane..	3,5 months	2-14 ºC

Composition

Composition (g/l):

Casein peptone	5.00
Yeast extract	2.50
Dextrose	1.00
Agar	15.0

Description /Technique

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The Plate Count Agar formulation is according to that of Buchbinder et al. as recommended in their study of media for the plate count of microorganisms.

The original formulation of the standardized agar for dairy microbiology has been modified in order to avoid the addition of milk. This new composition allows the growth of most microorganisms without any further additions.

This medium's formulation is equivalent to that escribed by the 'Standard Methods for the Examination of Dairy products', the USP's 'Tryptone Glucose Yeast Agar', the 'Deutsche Landswirtchaft' and to the APHA, ISO and AOAC's Plate Count Agar. This is the medium of choice for the plate count of any type of sample.

Technique:

The incubation time and temperature depend on the type of microorganism under study. For a general aerobic count, incubate for 3 days at 30°C. Taking readings after 48 and 72 hours.

After incubation, enumerate all the colonies that have appeared onto the surface of the agar.

Each laboratory must evaluate the results according to their specifications.

Quality control

Physical/Chemical control

Color : Yellowish pH: 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25ºC

Microbiological control

Inoculate:Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity).

Microbiological control according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018.

Analytical methodology according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018; A2:2020

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 30 ± 1 ºC, reading at 72 ± 3h

Ps. fluorescens ATCC 13525 (10 days/ 6,5 ºC ±1) acc. ISO 17410

Microorganism	Growth
Bacillus subtilis ATCC® 6633, WDCM 00003	Good (≥70%)
Stph. aureus ATCC® 25923, WDCM 00034	Good (≥70%)
Escherichia coli ATCC® 8739, WDCM 00012	Good (≥70%)
L. monocytogenes ATCC® 35152, WDCM 00109	Good (≥70%)
Ps. fluorescens ATCC®13525, WDCM 00115	Good (≥70%)

Sterility control

Incubation 48 h at 30-35 ºC and 48 h at 20-25 ºC: NO GROWTH.
Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions.

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