

## Technical Information

### NZYM Growth Agar

#### Product Code: G1021

NZYM Growth Agar is used for lambda and filamentous phage.

#### Composition\*\*

Ingredients	Grams/Litre
Casein enzymic hydrolysate	10.00
Yeast extract	5.00
MgSO <sub>4</sub> ·7H <sub>2</sub> O	2.00
Sodium chloride	5.00
Agar	15.00
Final pH (at 25°C)	7.0 ± 0.2

\*\* Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

#### Methodology

Suspend 37 grams in 1000 ml distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Mix well and dispense as desired.

#### Principle and Interpretation :

NZYM Growth Agar is used for lambda and filamentous phage. This medium was developed by Blattner and colleagues as a rich medium for the propagation of bacteriophages (1). Cells grow very fast in this medium as it provides all the amino acids, vitamins and other metabolites required for cell growth (2). Casein enzymic hydrolysate provides nitrogen, amino acids, and carbon sources for the cells. Yeast extract functions as the source of vitamins and trace elements. Sodium chloride provides sodium ions for transport and osmotic balance and Magnesium sulfate is a source of magnesium ions required in a variety of enzymatic reactions, including DNA replication (3). NZYM broth allows the cells to grow more rapidly as they do not have to synthesize nucleotide precursors and other factors required for growth. This medium contains agar as the solidifying agent for the growth of cells on plate.

#### Quality control

##### Appearance of Powder :

Cream to yellow coloured, homogeneous, free flowing powder.

##### Gelling :

Firm, comparable with 1.5% Agar gel.

##### Colour and Clarity :

Light yellow coloured, clear to slightly opalescent gel forms in Petri plates.

##### Reaction :

Reaction of 3.7% w/v aqueous solution is pH 7.0 ± 0.2 at 25°C.

##### Cultural Response :

Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 18 - 48 hours.

##### Organisms (ATCC)

*Escherichia coli* ATCC 23724

*Escherichia coli* ATCC 25922

*Escherichia coli* MTCC 1652

##### Growth

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#### Storage and Shelf Life

Store below 30°C and the prepared medium at 2 - 8°C. Use before expiry date on the label.

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