

Technical Information

Diluting Fluid A

Product Code: DM 2415

Application: - Diluting Fluid A is used for sterility testing of pharmaceuticals in accordance with USP, 2011.

Composition**

Gms / Litre	
1.000	
7.1±0.2	
	1.000

^{**}Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Principle & Interpretation

Diluting Fluid A is used as rinsing fluid for membrane filter method used in validation tests for bacteriostasis and fungistasis activity of pharmaceutical articles before carrying out sterility test procedures as per USP (1). After filtering the specified quantity of the test specimen, the membrane is rinsed with measured portions of rinsing or diluting fluid. This rinse is inoculated with known number of test bacteria and fungi as specified in pharmacopoeia. The resultant growth is compared with positive control to determine presence of fungistasis or bacteriostasis activity in test specimen.

Methodology

Suspend 1.0 grams of dehydrated media in 1000 ml distilled water. Mix thoroughly & heat if necessary to dissolve the medium completely. Sterilize by autoclaving at 15 lbs pressure (121°C) for 15 minutes. Dispense as desired.

Quality Control

Appearance

Cream to yellow homogeneous free flowing powder

Colour and Clarity

Light yellow coloured clear solution

Reaction

Reaction of 0.1% w/v aqueous solution at 25°C. pH: 7.1±0.2

pH Range

6.90-7.30

Cultural Response

DM2415: Cultural characteristics observed after an incubation at 35-37°C for 24-48 hours.

Organism	Inoculum (CFU)	Growth
Cultural Response Candida albicans ATCC10231	50-100	good
Escherichia coli ATCC25922	50-100	good
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 25923	50-100	good
Staphylococcus aureus ATCC 6538	50-100	good





Storage and Shelf Life

Dried Media: Store below 30°C in tightly closed container and the prepared medium between 2 – 8°C. Use before expiry date on the label. **Prepared Media**: 2-8° in sealable plastic bags for 2-5 days.

Further Reading

1. The United States Pharmacopoeia / National Formulary, USP34 / NF29, 2011, Asian Edition, US Pharmacopeial convention Inc., Rockville, MD.

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