

TECHNICAL SHEET

B1270	TRIPLE SUGAR IRON AGAR (AS PER I.P.)					
Formula						
Ingredients:						
	gms/lit.					
Peptone	20.00					
Beef extract	3.00					
Yeast extract	3.00					
Lactose	10.00					
Sucrose	10.00					
Dextrose monohydrate	1.00					
Ferrous sulphate	0.20					
Sodium chloride	5.00					
Sodium thiosulphate	0.30					
Phenol red	0.024					
Agar	12.00					
Final pH (at 25°C) : 7.4 ± 0.2						
Directions :						
Suspend 64.42 grams (the equivalent weight of dehydrated medium per litre) in 1000 ml purified/distilled water. Heat to boiling to dissolve the medium completely. Mix well and distribute into test tubes and Sterilize by maintaining at 10lbs pressure (115°C) for 30 minutes or as per validated cycle. Allow the medium to set in sloped form with a butt about 2.5cm long.						
Principle :						
Peptone, yeast extract and beef extract provide nitrogenous compounds, sulphur, trace elements and vitamin B complex etc. Sodium chloride maintains osmotic equilibrium. Lactose, sucrose and dextrose monohydrate are the fermentable carbohydrates. Sodium thiosulphate and ferric or ferrous ions make H ₂ S indicator system. Sodium thiosulphate is also an inactivator of halogen and can minimize its toxicity in the testing sample, if any during microbial limit tests. Phenol red is the pH indicator.						
QC Tests - (I)Dehydrated Medium						
Colour :	Light yellow to pink					
Appearance :	Homogeneous Free Flowing powder					
(II)Rehydrated medium						
PH (post autoclaving/heating) :	7.4 ± 0.2					
Colour (post autoclaving/heating) :	Pinkish red					
Clarity (post autoclaving/heating) :	Clear to slightly opalescent					
(III)Q.C. Test Microbiological						
Cultural characteristics observed after 18 – 24 hrs. at 35- 37°C.						
MICROORGANISM (ATCC)	GROWTH	SLANT	BUTT	GAS	H ₂ S	
Citrobacter freundii (8090)	Luxuriant	A	A	+	+	
Enterobacter aerogenes (13048)	Luxuriant	A	A	+	-	
Escherichia coli (25922)	Luxuriant	A	A	+	-	
Escherichia coli (8739)	Luxuriant	A	A	+	-	
Klebsiella pneumoniae (13883)	Luxuriant	A	A	+	-	
Proteus vulgaris (13315)	Luxuriant	K	A	-	+	
Salmonella paratyphi A	Luxuriant	K	A	+	-	
Salmonella typhi (6539)	Luxuriant	K	A	-	+	
Salmonella typhimurium (14028)	Luxuriant	K	A	+	+	
Shigella flexneri (12022)	Luxuriant	K	A	-	-	

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Key : A = acidic, yellow K = alkaline, no change + = blackening (H ₂ S), positive reaction - = no reaction.					
Precautions :	1. For Laboratory Use.				
	2. Follow proper, established laboratory procedures in handling and disposing of infectious materials.				
Limitations :	1. Since the nutritional requirements of organisms vary, some strains may be encountered that fail to grow or grow poorly on this medium.				
	2. Hydrogen sulfide production may be evident on Kligler Iron Agar but negative on Triple Sugar Iron Agar. Studies by Bulmash and Fulton showed that the utilization of sucrose could suppress the enzymatic mechanisms responsible for H ₂ S production. Padron and Dockstader found that not all H ₂ S – positive Salmonella are positive on TSI.				
	3. Sucrose is added to TSI to eliminate some sucrose – fermenting non – lactose fermenters such as Proteus and Citrobacter spp.				
	4. Further biochemical tests and serological typing must be performed for definite identification and confirmation of organisms.				
	5. Do not use an inoculating loop to inoculate a tube of Triple Sugar Iron Agar. While stabbing the butt, mechanical splitting of the medium occurs, causing a false positive result for gas production.				
	6. A pure culture is essential when inoculating Triple Sugar Iron Agar. If inoculated with a mixed culture, irregular observations may occur.				
	7. Tubes should be incubated with caps loosened. This allows a free exchange of air, which is necessary to enhance the alkaline condition on the slant.				
Use :	It is recommended for identification of gram-negative enteric bacilli on the basis of dextrose, lactose and sucrose fermentation and hydrogen sulphide production in accordance with Indian Pharmacopoeia.				
Storage :	Dehydrated medium- below 30°C Prepared medium– Between 2 to 8°C.				
Packing :	500 gm. bottle				
Product profile:	Reconstitution	Quantity on Preparation (500g)	pH (25°C)	Supplement	Sterilization
B1270	64.42g/l	7.761 L	7.4 ± 0.2	Nil	115°C /30 min.