

YT Growth Agar**G032**

YT Growth Agar is an optimized formulation for the growth and maintenance of M13 phage or other filamentous ss DNA bacteriophages.

Composition :**

Ingredients	Grams/Litre
Tryptone	8.00
Yeast extract	5.00
Sodium chloride	5.00
Agar	15.00

** Formula adjusted, standardized to suit performance parameters

Directions :

Suspend 33 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 :

YT Growth Agar is an optimized formulation for the growth and maintenance of M13 phage or other filamentous ss DNA bacteriophages. This media was originally formulated as a nutritionally enriched growth medium for growth of recombinant strains of *Escherichia coli* and can also be used for propagation of M13 bacteriophage (1-3). It permits larger quantity of phage production without exhausting the host. Yeast extract and tryptone provide all the required amino acids, nucleotide precursors, vitamins and other metabolites and as a result the cells grow faster in this medium. Sodium chloride provides sodium ions for transport and osmotic balance. This medium contains agar as the solidifying agent.

References:

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YT Growth Agar**G032****Quality Control :****Appearance of Powder :**

Light 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.

Cultural Response :

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

Organisms (ATCC)

Escherichia coli

Growth

good-luxuriant

Storage and Shelf-life :

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