

# PRODUCT INFORMATION

## Mannitol Salt Agar

Cat. No. M13-114



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BIOSCIENCES

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### DESCRIPTION

Mannitol Salt Agar is a medium used for isolating and differentiating both pathogenic and non-pathogenic *Staphylococci*. On this medium, *Staphylococcus aureus* strains produce large yellow colonies surrounded by yellow zones while non-pathogenic *Staphylococci* produce smaller, red colonies.

### PREPARATION

Mix 111 grams of the medium in one liter of purified water until evenly dispersed. Heat with repeated stirring to dissolve completely. Autoclave at 121°C for 15 minutes.

#### Formula\* per Liter:

Enzymatic Digest of Casein .....	5.0g
Peptic Digest of Animal Tissue .....	5.0g
D-Mannitol .....	10.0g
Beef Extract .....	1.0g
Phenol Red .....	0.025g
Sodium Chloride .....	75.0g
Agar.....	15.0g

**Final pH:** 7.4 ± 0.2 at 25°C

\* Grams per liter may be adjusted or formula supplemented to obtain desired performance.

### QUALITY CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS

1. The powder is homogeneous, free flowing and light pink to light beige.
2. Visually the prepared medium is clear to trace hazy and peach to pinkish red in color.
3. Expected cultural response after 18-72 hours at 32.5 ± 2.5°C.

#### Organism:

*Escherichia coli* ATCC® 8739  
*Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC® 25923  
*Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC® 6538  
*Staphylococcus epidermis* ATCC® 12228

#### Result:

Inhibited  
Good Growth  
Good Growth  
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### STORAGE

Store the sealed bottle containing the dehydrated medium at 2 to 30°C. Once opened and recapped, place the container in a low humidity environment at the same storage temperature. Protect it from moisture and light. The dehydrated medium should be discarded if it is not free flowing or if the color has changed from the original color.