Product: Modified Scholten Semisolid Agar

## **Specification**

Semisolid culture medium used for the growth of host-bacteria in the enumeration of somatic coliphages in samples of any type of water, sediment and sludge, according to ISO 10705-2: 2000

## Presentation

1 Prepared bottles	Packaging Details	Shelf Life	Storage
Bottle 125 ml with: 100 ± 3 ml	1 box with 10 bottles 125 ml. Injectable cap: Plastic screw inner cap. The use of syringes needles with a diameter greater than 0.8 mm is not recommended.	12 months	8-25 ºC

# Composition

Composition (g/l):	
Tryptone	10.0
Yeast extract	3.00
Meat extract	12.0
Sodium chloride	3.00
Magnessium chloride(Anhy.)	0.60
Sodium carbonate	0.75
Agar	
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### **Description /Technique**

The Scholten's Modified Broth is described in ISO 10705-2: 2000 Water Quality. Detection and enumeration of bacteriophages. Part 2: Count of somatic coliphages. It is used as a growth culture medium for the production and maintenance of the host-bacteria for the counting of bacteriophages. For details about the technique and the procedure, the technician is referred to the aforementioned regulations.

The base medium is melted and cooled to a temperature between 45-50°C. Add the calcium chloride solution under aseptic conditions. Mix carefully and distribute into plates.

Note: The solid mediums can be melted in different ways: autoclave, bath and, if the customer considers appropriate, also the microwave. Whenever the microwave option is chosen, it is necessary to take certain safety measures to avoid breaking of the containers, such as loosening the screw cap and putting the bottle or tube in a water bath in the microwave. The fusion temperature and time will depend on the shape of the container, the volume of medium and the heat source. Avoid overheating as both the heating periods.

## **Quality control**

#### **Physical/Chemical control**

Color : yellow

pH: 7.2 ± 0.5 at 25°C

#### **Microbiological control**

Inoculate:Practical range 100 ± 20 CFU. Min. 50 CFU (Productivity). Analytical methodology according to ISO 11133:2014/A1:2018; A2:2020

Aerobiosis. Incubation at 35 ± 2 °C. Reading at 24 hours.

Microorganism	Growth
Escherichia coli ATCC <sup>®</sup> 43888	Good
Escherichia coli ATCC® 700078 (WG5)	Good
Escherichia coli ATCC® 13706	Good
Sterility Control	

Incubation 48 h at 30-35 °C and 48 h at 20-25 °C: NO GROWTH. Check at 7 days after incubation in same conditions.

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