

# Instructions for Use

## CRITERION™ AGAR, BACTERIOLOGICAL GRADE

<a href="#">Cat. no. C5000</a>	CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade	100gm
<a href="#">Cat. no. C5001</a>	CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade	500gm
<a href="#">Cat. no. C5002</a>	CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade	2kg
<a href="#">Cat. no. C5003</a>	CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade	10kg
Cat. no. C5004	CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade	50kg

### INTENDED USE

Hardy Diagnostics CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade is used as a solidifying agent in the preparation of solid and semi-solid culture media.

This is a raw material intended to be used in the making of prepared media products, which will require further processing, additional ingredients, or supplements.

### SUMMARY

Agar is produced from species of red marine algae, *Gellidium* spp. It is used as the solidifying agent in most solid and semi-solid medias. It does not have the disadvantages of gelatin, its predecessor. Agar is incorporated into solid microbiological media at concentrations of 1 to 2%.

### STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store the sealed bottle(s) containing dehydrated culture medium at 2-30°C. Dehydrated culture medium is very hygroscopic. Keep lid tightly sealed. Protect dehydrated culture media from moisture and light. The dehydrated culture media should be discarded if it is not free-flowing or if the color has changed from its original light beige.

The expiration date on the product label applies to the product in its intact packaging when stored as directed. The product may be used and tested up to the expiration date on the product label and incubated for the recommended incubation times as stated below.

Refer to the document "[Storage](#)" for more information.

### PRECAUTIONS

This product may contain components of animal origin. Certified knowledge of the origin and/or sanitary state of the animals does not guarantee the absence of transmissible pathogenic agents. Therefore, it is recommended that these products be treated as potentially infectious, and handle observing the usual universal blood precautions. Do not ingest, inhale, or allow to come into contact with skin.

This product is for laboratory use only. It is to be used only by adequately trained and qualified laboratory personnel.

Observe approved biohazard precautions and aseptic techniques. All laboratory specimens should be considered infectious and handled according to "standard precautions." Refer to the document "[Guidelines for Isolation Precautions](#)" from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For additional information regarding specific precautions for the prevention of the transmission of all infectious agents from laboratory instruments and materials, and for recommendations for the management of exposure to infectious disease, refer to CLSI document M29: *Protection of Laboratory Workers from Occupationally Acquired Infections*.

Sterilize all biohazard waste before disposal.

Refer to the document "[Precautions When Using Media](#)" for more information.

## LIMITATIONS

It is recommended that biochemical, immunological, molecular, or mass spectrometry testing be performed on colonies from pure culture for complete identification.

Some formulations may require a settling period before pH testing of the prepared medium. If the pH is tested immediately after preparation and is out of specification, retest the medium after 24 hours to obtain final pH results. Always take pH reading at room temperature.

CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade is not a growth promoting media, it is intended to be incorporated into microbiological media formulas.

Refer to the document "[Limitations of Procedures and Warranty](#)" for more information.

## MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Standard microbiological supplies and equipment such as autoclaves, petri plates, glassware, incubators, etc., are not provided.

## PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CRITERION™ Agar, Bacteriological Grade powder should appear homogeneous, free-flowing, and light beige in color. At a concentration of 1.5% the prepared media should appear slightly opalescent, and light to medium amber in color.



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