



# Instructions for Use

# CRITERION™ BEEF EXTRACT POWDER

Cat. no. C5100	CRITERION™ Beef Extract Powder	100gm
Cat. no. C5101	CRITERION™ Beef Extract Powder	500gm
Cat. no. C5102	CRITERION™ Beef Extract Powder	2kg
Cat. no. C5103	CRITERION™ Beef Extract Powder	10kg
Cat. no. C5104	CRITERION™ Beef Extract Powder	50kg

## INTENDED USE

Hardy Diagnostics CRITERION<sup>TM</sup> Beef Extract Powder is prepared and standardized for use in microbiological culture media, where it is generally used to replace infusions of meat. It is standard in its composition and reaction and does not require adjustment of reaction or filtration. For many years, beef extract media have been recommended as standard for use in routine bacteriological examination of water, milk, and other materials where it is important to have media of uniform composition.

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**

CRITERION<sup>TM</sup> Beef Extract Powder is recommended for use as a nutrient at 0.3-0.5% concentration in various culture media. Beef Extract can be used in fermentation studies since it is free of fermentable substrates. A 0.3% solution after autoclaving is clear and has a pH of 6.7-6.9.

#### 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 dark tan.

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.

#### MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Standard microbiological supplies and equipment such as autoclaves, incinerators, and incubators, etc., are not provided.

# PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CRITERION<sup>TM</sup> Beef Extract Powder should appear homogeneous, free-flowing, and dark tan in color. A 0.3% solution of Beef Extract Powder should appear clear, and light to medium amber in color, with no precipitate or debris.

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