

# Instructions for Use

## HardyCHROM™ Salmonella

Cat. no. G309	HardyCHROM™ Salmonella, 15x100mm Plate, 18ml	10 plates/bag
Cat. no. J37	HardyCHROM™ Salmonella / XLT-4 Agar, 15x100mm Biplate, 10ml/10ml	10 plates/bag

### INTENDED USE

HardyCHROM™ Salmonella is a chromogenic medium recommended for the selective isolation and differentiation of *Salmonella* spp. from other members of the Enterobacteriales based on colony color.

### SUMMARY

HardyCHROM™ Salmonella facilitates the isolation and differentiation of *Salmonella* spp. from other members of the Enterobacteriales. Peptones in the medium supply the necessary nutrients. Selective agents inhibit the growth of gram-positive organisms. Artificial substrates (chromogens) are broken down by specific microbial enzymes which release insoluble colored compounds. *Salmonella* species break down only one of the chromogens and will produce deep pink to magenta colored colonies. Bacteria other than *Salmonella* spp. may break down the other chromogenic substrates and produce blue colonies. If none of the substrates are utilized, natural or white colored colonies will be present.

### FORMULA

Ingredients per liter of deionized water:\*

Peptones	10.0gm
Yeast Extract	3.0gm
Sodium Deoxycholate	1.0gm
Chromogenic Mixture	0.5gm
Selective Agents	0.02gm
Agar	15.0gm

Final pH 7.2 +/- 0.2 at 25 degrees C.

\* Adjusted and/or supplemented as required to meet performance criteria.

### STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Storage: Upon receipt store at 2-8 degrees C. away from direct light. Media should not be used if there are any signs of deterioration (shrinking, cracking, or discoloration), contamination, or if the expiration date has passed. Product is light and temperature sensitive; protect from light, excessive heat, moisture, and freezing.

The expiration date applies to the product in its intact packaging when stored as directed.

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 handled observing the usual universal blood precautions. Do not ingest, inhale, or allow to come into contact with skin.

This product is for *in vitro* diagnostic use only and 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 M-29: *Protection of Laboratory Workers from Occupationally Acquired Infections: Approved Guideline*.

Sterilize all biohazard waste before disposal.

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

## PROCEDURE





Specimen Collection: Consult listed references for information on specimen collection. <sup>(2-4,7)</sup> Infectious material should be submitted directly to the laboratory without delay and protected from excessive heat and cold. If there is to be a delay in processing, the specimen should be inoculated onto an appropriate transport media and refrigerated until inoculation.

Consult the listed references for information regarding the processing of specimens. <sup>(2-4,7)</sup>

Method of Use: Allow the plates to warm to room temperature. The agar surface should be dry prior to inoculating. Inoculate and streak the specimen as soon as possible after collection. If the specimen to be cultured is on a swab, roll the swab over a small area of the agar surface. Streak for isolation with a sterile loop. Incubate plates in an inverted position, protected from the light, aerobically at 35-37 degrees C. for 24 hours. Examine plates for colonies showing typical morphology and color.

## INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

*Salmonella* spp., including *S. typhi* and *S. paratyphi* A, produce magenta colored colonies. Other members of the Enterobacteriaceae (if present) produce blue, blue-green, white, or colorless colonies. Gram-positive bacteria and non-glucose fermenting bacteria will be inhibited.

Organism	Description	Photo	Color
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	pink to magenta colonies		
<i>E. coli</i>	blue colonies		

## LIMITATIONS

It is necessary to perform biochemical, immunological, molecular, or mass spectrometry testing on colonies from pure culture for complete identification.

Color-blind individuals may encounter difficulty in distinguishing the color differences on HardyCHROM™ Salmonella.

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

## MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

Standard microbiological supplies and equipment such as loops, swabs, applicator sticks, other culture media, incinerators, and incubators, etc., as well as serological and biochemical reagents, are not provided.

## QUALITY CONTROL

The following organisms are routinely used for testing at Hardy Diagnostics:

Test Organisms	Inoculation Method*	Incubation			Results
		Time	Temperature	Atmosphere	

<i>Salmonella enterica</i> ATCC® 14028	A	24hr	35°C	Aerobic	Growth; pink to magenta colonies
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC® 25922	B	24hr	35°C	Aerobic	Variable growth; blue colonies
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i> ATCC® 12453	A	24hr	35°C	Aerobic	Partial to complete inhibition; colorless colonies
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> ATCC® 27853	B	24hr	35°C	Aerobic	Inhibited

\* Refer to the document "[Inoculation Procedures for Media QC](#)" for more information.

## USER QUALITY CONTROL

Check for signs of contamination and deterioration. Users of commercially prepared culture media may be required to perform quality control testing to demonstrate growth or a positive reaction and to demonstrate inhibition or a negative reaction (where applicable). See the following reference for more specific information.<sup>(1-7)</sup>

## PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

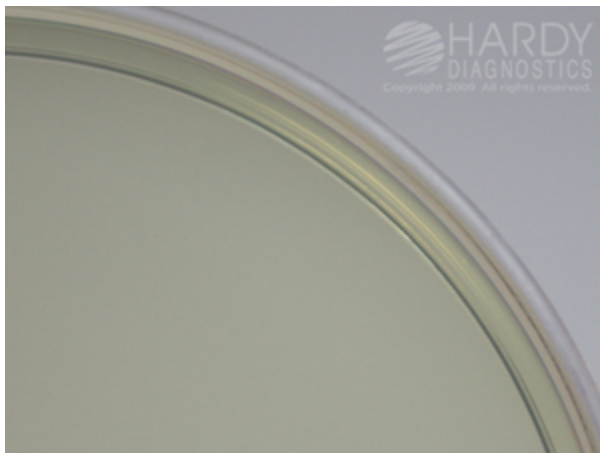
HardyCHROM™ Salmonella should appear translucent light beige with a fine precipitate dispersed evenly throughout.



*Salmonella enterica* (ATCC® 14028) colonies growing on HardyCHROM™ Salmonella (Cat. no. G309). Incubated aerobically for 24 hours at 35 deg. C.



*Escherichia coli* (ATCC® 25922) colonies growing on HardyCHROM™ Salmonella (Cat. no. G309). Incubated aerobically for 24 hours at 35 deg. C.



Uninoculated plate of HardyCHROM™ Salmonella (Cat. no. G309).

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