

STORAGE

Storage instructions that are stated on all product labels should be observed at all times.

Always allow media to equilibrate to room temperature before use. This minimizes the potential of "thermal shock" to the organisms.

Do not freeze or overheat culture media unless specifically indicated in the technical insert or the product-specific Instructions for Use (IFU).

Do not incubate media prior to inoculation (except briefly to evaporate excessive surface moisture).

Storage temperature must be carefully monitored on a daily basis. Do not store media adjacent to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator. Agar or blood containing media that has been frozen, even if for brief period of time, must be discarded.

Do not store dry ice in a refrigerator used for media storage. The dissipating CO₂ will cause a harmful pH shift in the media.

All plated media should be stored in the original unopened bag. Previously opened bags should be adequately re-sealed.

Plates should be stored in the inverted position to prevent moisture from contacting the surface of the media.

Media should never be exposed to sunlight or UV light, since many ingredients, especially dyes and indicators, are not stable upon light or heat exposure. Media should be stored in a dark environment. Excessive exposure to light can result in the formation of peroxides that are toxic to bacteria.

Media stock or remaining inventory must be rotated to ensure that the oldest media is used first.

The expiration date applies only to unopened packages that have been stored as directed. Do not attempt to use media beyond the expiration date stated on each package. The product may be used and tested up to the expiration date on the product label and incubated for the recommended quality control incubation times.

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