## **SUGAR FREE AGAR**

A standard medium for the enumeration of contaminants in dairy products.

Dehydrated media		
Code number:	500 g: SFA20500, 5 kg: SFA25000	
Colour:	Yellowish	
Appearance:	Homogeneous hygroscopic powder	
pH before autoclaving (25 °C):	6,6 – 7,0	

**Direction:** Suspend **35 g** in one litre of distilled water and heat with frequent agitation until the medium boils well. Sterilise by autoclaving at 121 °C for 15 minutes.

Prepared media		
Bottled media:	100 ml: SFA30100, 500 ml: SFA30500	
Plated media:	55 mm: SFA50055, 90 mm: SFA50090	
Colour:	Yellowish	
pH (25 °C):	6,7 - 6,9	

**Direction:** Dispense the melted bottled media aseptically into sterile Petri-dishes. Media in Petri-dishes are ready to use.

## FORMULA in g/l

Peptones	15
Sodium chloride	5
Agar	15

**Note:** The typical formula can be adjusted to obtain optimal performance.

**Storage conditions:** Store the dehydrated media tightly closed in a dry place at room temperature. Store the bottled media protected from light at room temperature. Store the plated media protected from light at 2-8 °C. Use before the expiry date on the label.

## **Quality control:**

Test strains	Incubation temp: 37 °C	Growth	Incubation time: 24 h
Escherichia coli	ATCC 25922	Good	
Staphylococcus aureus	ATCC 29213	Good	

References: I. D. F. (1964). International Standard FIL-IDF 30.

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