



Petrifilm™

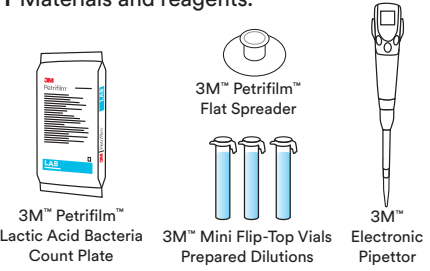
**Less time. Less consumables.
Less variability. More peace of mind.**

Protocol comparison to agar method

3M™ Petrifilm™ Lactic Acid Bacteria Count Plate method

2 days

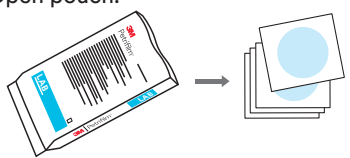
1 Materials and reagents.



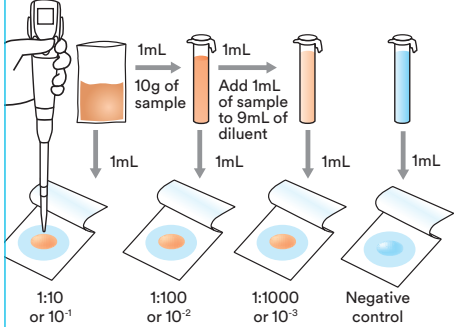
3M™ Petrifilm™ Lactic Acid Bacteria Count Plate
3M™ Mini Flip-Top Vials Prepared Dilutions
3M™ Petrifilm™ Flat Spreader
3M™ Electronic Pipettor

2 days to result

2 Open pouch.




3 Prepare sample and dilute.
Plate 1mL onto the Petrifilm plate.

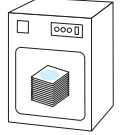


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Negative control

Place the Petrifilm flat spreader on the center of the plate. Press gently on the center to distribute the sample evenly. Gel forms within 1 minute.



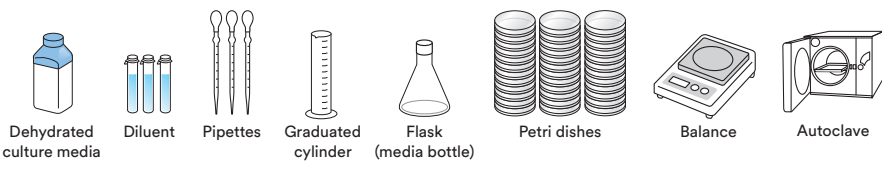
4 Incubate the plates at 28–37°C for 48±3 hours.



5 Petrifilm Lactic Acid Bacteria count plates can be counted with a standard colony counter or other illuminated magnifier. Refer to the Interpretation Guide when reading results. See product instructions for validated methods.

Traditional method

3 days

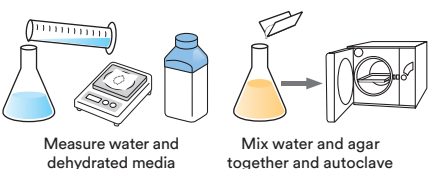


Dehydrated culture media
Diluent
Pipettes
Graduated cylinder
Flask (media bottle)
Petri dishes
Balance
Autoclave

Agar method (CMMEF)

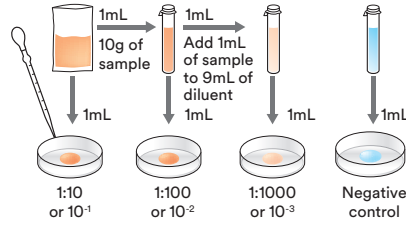
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2 Prepare media.



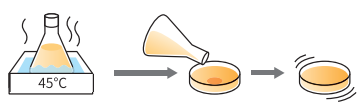
Measure water and dehydrated media
Mix water and agar together and autoclave

3 Dilute sample and plate.

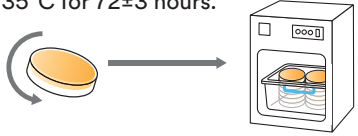


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4 Pour tempered agar into plates, swirl to mix and let solidify.



5 After plates have solidified, invert plates and incubate anaerobically at 35°C for 72±3 hours.



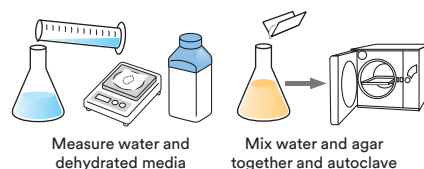
6 Count all colonies.



MRS agar method (ISO 15214)

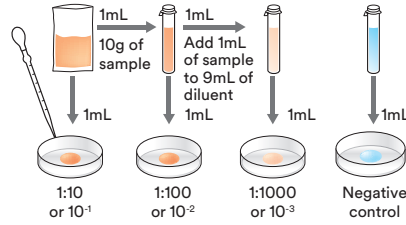
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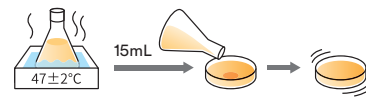
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4 Pour tempered agar into plates, swirl to mix and let solidify.



5 After plates have solidified, invert plates and incubate at 30°C for 72±3 hours.



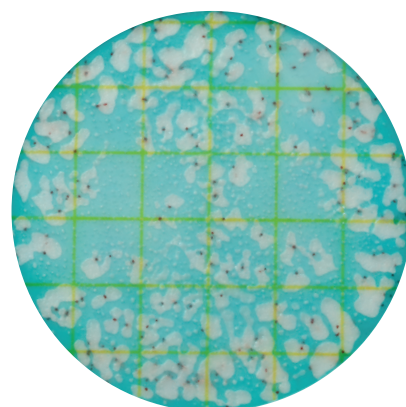
6 Count all colonies.



48-hour results. Instant peace of mind.

The 3M™ Petrifilm™ Lactic Acid Bacteria Count (LAB) Plate is a self-contained anaerobic environment enabled by oxygen-scavenging technology and oxygen-barrier films. No gas packs, chambers, or CO₂ incubators needed.

- ▶ Lactic acid bacteria results in as little as 45 hours
- ▶ Ready-to-use plates eliminates the need for labour intensive media preparation, special diluents and sample pH adjustment
- ▶ Proven reliability versus MRS and APT agar methods. Can be used to test a broad range of foods and environmental samples
- ▶ This plate has been awarded AOAC® *Performance Tested*SM Certificate #041701 for a variety of foods



Method: AOAC® Performance TestedSM	28–37°C for 48±3hr, stacks of 20
Recommended counting range	<300 colonies without gas, <150 colonies with and without gas
Counting area	30cm ²
Spreader type	3M™ Petrifilm™ Flat Spreader

3M catalogue number	Description	Quantity billing unit
6461	3M™ Petrifilm™ Lactic Acid Bacteria Count (LAB) Plates, 2 pks, 25 plates/pk	50 plates
6462	3M™ Petrifilm™ Lactic Acid Bacteria Count (LAB) Plates, 20 pks, 25 plates/pk	500 plates
6425	3M™ Petrifilm™ Flat Spreader	2 each



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