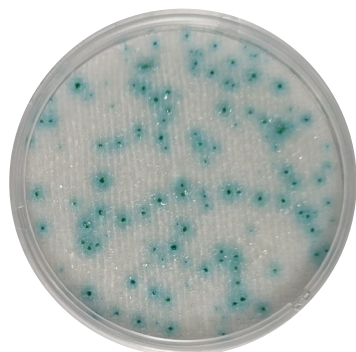




Compact Dry™ YM

Ready-to-Use Medium for
Yeast and Mold



Background

Yeast and mold can cause various degrees of food decomposition, and invasion and growth may occur on virtually any type of food. Commodities such as grains, legumes, nuts, and fleshy fruits can be invaded prior to harvesting as well as during storage. Yeast and mold are distributed widely in decaying plant materials, soil, and air. Their presence on unprocessed plant and animal food products is almost assured by harvesting, handling, distribution, and storage practices used in food industries. Inadequate preservation of these food products can result in spoilage. Detection and enumeration of yeast and mold in food is an integral part of any good quality assurance program and can reflect the effectiveness of sanitation practices, processing, and distribution conditions. To save operator time and make it possible for anyone to perform the microbial count test without difficulty, Compact Dry was developed based on a new concept and technology applicable to the food industry. Compact Dry allows for easy addition of a sample to the device.

Certification by AOAC

Compact Dry YM has been compared to FDA BAM Chapter 18 for Yeasts, Molds, and Mycotoxins (2001) and certified by the AOAC Research Institute Performance Tested MethodsSM (PTM) Program (Certificate No. 100401) for enumeration of yeasts and molds in fruit products (fresh apples, frozen blueberries, dried banana chips, orange juice, and fresh grapefruit). A matrix extension comparing Compact Dry YM to ISO 21527-1:2008 for cooked deli turkey, fresh whole tomatoes, Wensleydale cheese, sliced white bread, mayonnaise, and orange juice was approved in 2015.

Warnings and Precautions

1. General precautions

- Read and follow precisely the warnings and directions for use described in the package insert and/or label.
- Do not use the product after its expiration date. Quality of the product is not warranted after its shelf life.
- Do not use product that contains any foreign materials, is discolored or dehydrated, or has a damaged container.
- Use plates as soon as possible after opening. Return any unused plates to the aluminum pouch and seal with tape to avoid light and moisture.
- Cap tightly after inoculation to avoid dehydration of gelled medium.

2. Safety Precautions

- If medium or reagent comes into contact with eyes or mouth, immediately wash with water and consult a physician.
- Manipulations with microorganisms involve certain risks of laboratory acquired infections. Manipulations should be carried out under the supervision of trained laboratory personnel with biohazard protection measures.
- Treat any laboratory equipment or medium that comes into contact with the specimen as infectious and sterilize appropriately.

3. Precautions for disposal of waste

- Sterilize any medium, reagent or materials by autoclaving or boiling after use, and then dispose as industrial waste according to local laws and regulations for disposal of such material.

4. User Responsibility

- It is user's responsibility in selecting any test method to evaluate a sufficient number of samples with particular foods and microbial challenges to satisfy the user that the chosen test method meets the user's criteria.
- It is the user's responsibility to determine that any test methods and results meet its customers' or suppliers' requirements. The user must train its personnel in proper testing techniques.
- It is the user's responsibility to validate the performance of this method for use with any non-certified matrix.

5. Limitation of Warranties

- Compact Dry plates are manufactured at ISO 9001:2015 facility. If any Compact Dry plate is proven to be defective by fault of the manufacturer or its authorized distributors, they may replace or, at their discretion, refund the purchase price of any plate. These are the exclusive remedies.

Storage and Shelf Life

Storage: Keep at room temperature (1–30°C)

Shelf life: Eighteen (18) months after manufacturing. Expiration date is printed on outer box label and aluminum bag label.

Package

Compact Dry YM 100 plates Code 54054
Compact Dry YM 1400 plates Code 54054-CS

Further Information

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Kit components, operating instructions and interpretation ➤

Test Kit Components

1. Compact Dry YM Plates

Additional Reagents and Supplies Required, Not Provided

1. 0.1% Peptone water; Peptone at 1 g/L, pH 7.0 ± 0.2, autoclave 15 minutes at 121°C.
2. Maximum recovery diluent (MRD); Prepare according to ISO 21527-1:2008
3. Filtered Stomacher bags

Apparatus

1. Blender or Stomacher or equivalent for homogenizing sample
2. Pipets: 1 ml
3. Incubator: 25 ± 1°C

Operating Procedure

Sample preparation

1. **Prepare appropriate diluent:** 0.1% peptone water for fruit products or MRD for other matrixes and orange juice. Autoclave for sterilization.
2. **Viable count in solid food products:** For fruit products, weigh 25–50 g of sample and add the appropriate amount of 0.1% peptone water to the weighed sample to achieve 10:1 dilution. Homogenize in a stomacher for 2 minutes ± 15 seconds. For deli turkey, fresh whole tomatoes, cheese, bread, and mayonnaise, weigh 10 g of sample and add 90 ml MRD. Homogenize in a stomacher for 1 min ± 10 s.
3. **Viable count in liquid food products:** For orange juice, use without dilution, dilute 25–50 g in 9x volume of 0.1% peptone water (BAM method) or dilute 1 ml in 9 mL MRD (ISO method), or dilute further if viable count is >150 cfu/plate. Vortex to mix.
4. **Viable count in swab test sample** (not included in AOAC PTM certification): Use wiping solution (without dilution or diluted if necessary in MRD) obtained from the cotton swab. It is recommended to use Swab Test ST-25 PBS (Code 06698) available as an optional kit.

Directions for Compact Dry YM

1. Open aluminum bag, and remove a set of 4 plates.
2. Detach necessary number of plate(s) from a set of four by bending up and down while pressing the lid. Use a connected set of four plates when serial dilution measuring is intended.
3. Remove the cap from the plate, pipette 1 ml of sample (to be diluted further if necessary) in the middle of the dry sheet, and replace cap. Sample diffuses automatically and evenly over the entire sheet (total medium of 20 cm²) to transform it into gel within seconds.
4. Write the appropriate information on the memorandum section. Invert the capped plate and place in incubator at 25 ± 1°C. Incubate 3 to 7 days.
- 5) From backside of the plate, count the number of colored colonies (blue) and “cottony” colonies in the medium. White paper placed under the plate can make colony counting easier. For large numbers of colonies, use the grids carved on the backside consisting of 1 cm x 1 cm, or 0.5 cm x 0.5 cm, at the four corners.
- 6) The enumeration range of Compact Dry YM is 1–150 cfu/plate. Dilute samples further in the appropriate diluent as necessary to achieve a concentration level in the countable range.

Precautions for Use

1. Do not use Compact Dry YM for human and animal diagnosis.
2. During inoculation, do not touch the surface of medium.
3. During incubation, keep cap tight to avoid any possible dehydration.
4. Use of filtered Stomacher bags is recommended to eliminate risks of carryover of tiny pieces of foodstuffs onto the surface of the medium.
5. If more than 10⁴ cfu/ml were inoculated onto a Compact Dry YM plate, no distinguishable colored colonies will form and the entire plate may become colored.

6. If the nature of sample does affect the reaction of the medium, inoculate the sample only after the factor has been eliminated by such means as dilution, pH adjustment, or other. This may include samples with high viscosity, that are colored, that react with the chromogenic enzyme substrate, or have too high or too low pH.
7. If a diluent with high buffering capacity [e.g. buffered peptone water (BPW)] is used or this product, the coloration of colonies may be weakened. Please use the diluents such as saline solution, phosphate buffered solution, or peptone salt solution. For surface sampling, it is recommended to use Swab Test ST-25 PBS (Code 06698) available as an optional kit.

Interpretation and Precautions

The Compact Dry YM plate consists of a special spread sheet containing nutrients, antibiotics to inhibit bacterial growth, a chromogenic enzyme substrate, X-phos, and a cold water-soluble gelling agent in a unique plastic dish. Yeasts and molds form blue colonies. While most colonies are some shade of blue, any colored colony should be counted. In addition, mold colonies may have a diffuse or cottony appearance.

Precautions for interpretation

1. The full plate size is 20 cm². The backside contains carved grids of 1 cm x 1 cm and 0.5 cm x 0.5 cm to make colony counting easier. If large numbers of colonies are present on the medium, the total viable count can be obtained by averaging the number of colonies per large grid (1 cm x 1 cm), counted from several grids, and multiplying by 20. Alternatively, when large numbers of colonies are present, the total viable count can be obtained by averaging the number of colonies per small grid (0.5 cm x 0.5 cm) and multiplying by 80.
2. If more than 10⁴ cfu/ml were inoculated onto a Compact Dry YM plate, no distinguishable colored colonies will form and the entire plate may become colored.