

# Measurement of Microorganism

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## Adopted reason of 3M Petrifilm plates method

We adopted 3M Petrifilm plates method, that offers fast, accurate and easy measurement results to us  
Petrifilm plates have become the industry standard in food testing because they provide reliable results,  
technician-to-technician, shift-to-shift, plant-to-plant.

Plus, Petrifilm plates are AOAC(Association of Official Analytical Counsel) Official Methods that you can rely on to deliver consistently accurate and reproducible results.

Petrifilm plates are available for most microbial testing needs, including :

**Aerobic Count**

**E.coli/Coliform Count**

**Yeast & Mold Count**

**Staph Express Count**

## Test procedure

### First step : Preparation of sample

#### 1. Hydrophilic dispersion sample

Dilute sample 1ml(g) with sterile diluent 9ml(g).

#### 2. Hydrophobic dispersion sample

After mixing 1ml(g) of sample with Polyoxyethylene Sorbitan Monooleate 1ml(g) homogeneously,  
Dilute with sterile diluent 8ml(g).

### Second step : Culture

1. After you remove the upper film, put the material 1ml as a upper on a little bit down film at middle site.
2. You cover the upper film from back to down softly not to be happening foam.
3. You press the upper film having a pressure case a little bit softly.
4. After 0.5-1 minute, it will be finished



## Test procedure

### Third step : Distinction

#### 1. Culture as the best temperature and time next to conditions

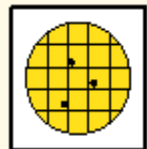
Item	Culture Temperature	Culture lasting Time
<i>Total Bacteria</i>	35 °C	24-48hrs
<i>Mold &amp; Yeast</i>	21-25 °C	3-5Days
<i>Coliforms</i>	35 °C	24hrs
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	35 °C	24hrs

#### 2. Procedure for determining Counts

Use a multiplication factor to convert the plate count to the number of colony forming units (CFU) of bacteria present per gram of sample. The multiplication factor is determined by dividing the dilution used by the volume plated.

##### Example 1: Single plate

1mL plated of 1:10 dilution



count = 3

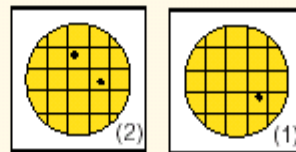
$$\frac{10 \text{ (1:10 dilution)}}{1 \text{ mL plated}} = 10 \text{ (dilution factor)}$$

$$\text{count} \times \text{dilution factor} \div \text{mL plated} = \text{CFU/g reported}$$

$$3 \times 10 \div 1 = 30$$

##### Example 2: Multiple plates in order to achieve higher sensitivity

1mL each plated of 1:10 dilution on two plates equals 2mL total



total count = 3

$$\frac{10 \text{ (1:10 dilution)}}{2 \text{ mL plated}} = 5 \text{ (dilution factor)}$$

$$\text{count} \times \text{dilution factor} \div \text{mL plated} = \text{CFU/g reported}$$

$$3 \times 10 \div 2 = 15$$

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## **Petrifilm Aerobic Count Plate**

- For enumeration of aerobic microorganisms
- An indicator dye in the plate colors all colonies red

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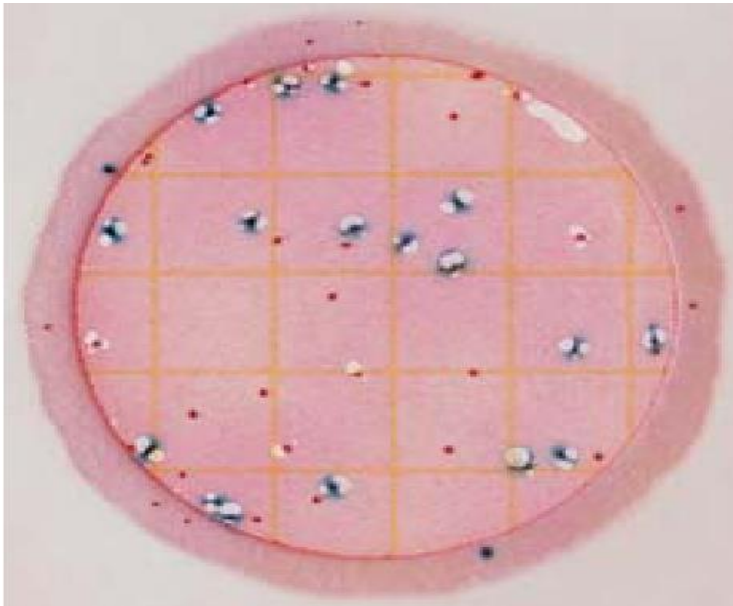
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## Petrifilm E. coli/Coliform Count Plate

- Two tests in one for enumeration of *E. coli* and coliforms
- Contains  $\beta$ -glucuronidase indicator for detection of *E. coli*
- *E. coli* results in 24 hours for meat, poultry and seafood or 48 hours for all other foods
- Top film traps gas produced by coliforms and *E. coli*

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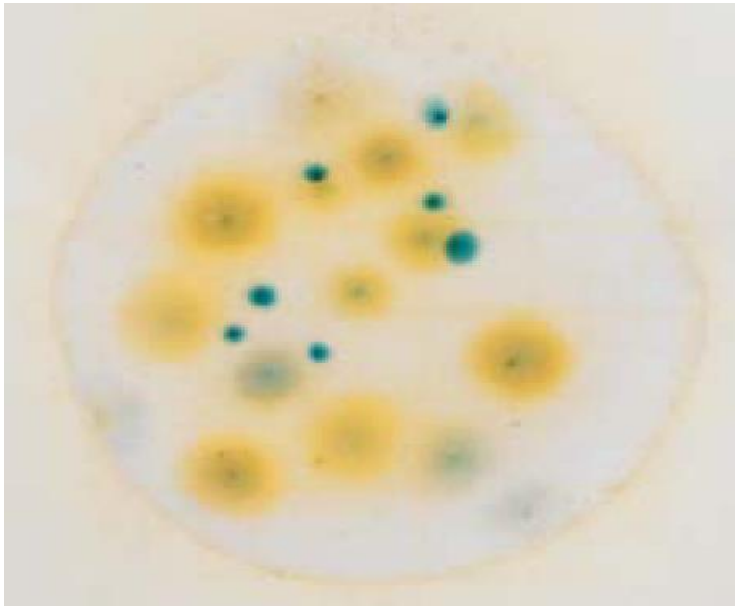
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## **Petrifilm Yeast and Mold Count Plate**

- For enumeration of yeast and mold
- Antibiotics incorporated into the plate inhibit bacterial growth
- An indicator dye stains yeast colonies to provide contrast. Molds may produce their own pigment

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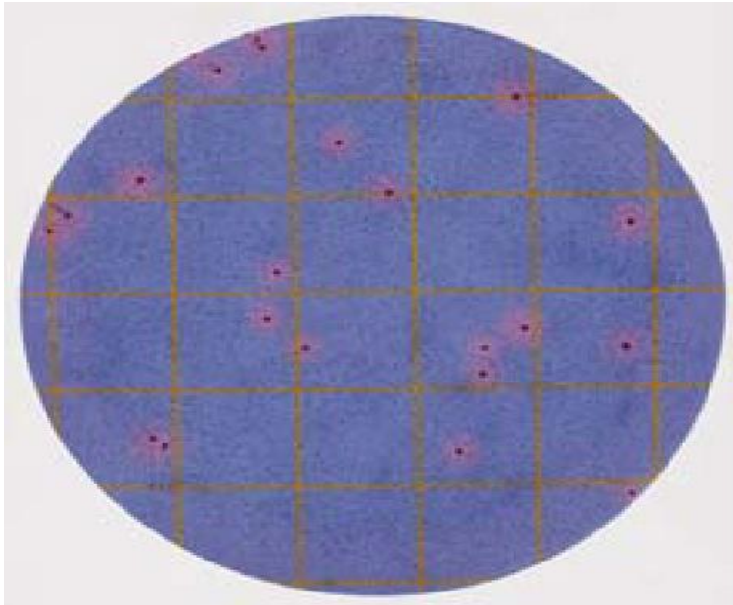
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## Petrifilm Rapid *S. aureus* Count Plate and Disk

- For enumeration of *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Plates and disks must be used together as a system
- An indicator dye in the disk colors colonies red. Toluidine Blue-O facilitates the visualization of thermostable nuclease (TNase) reaction by producing a pink zone around *S. aureus* colonies
- *S. aureus* results in as few as 26 hours