	Technical Data Sheet			
Use in	<ul> <li>Pharmaceutical Industry in clean rooms and isolators</li> <li>For industrial, laboratory &amp; research applications only</li> </ul>			
Use for	<ul> <li>Detection of aerobic and anaerobic micro-organisms</li> <li>Contact sampling, personnel monitoring, as well as active air monitoring</li> <li>Isolation and growth of fastidious bacteria, yeasts and moulds</li> <li>Universal neutralization of residues of disinfectants</li> <li>The medium should be applied with a uniform and steady pressure to the surface for a few seconds. After sampling the surface must be cleaned to remove residues of the medium.</li> </ul>			
Typical composition per liter	Casein peptone15gLecithin (L)0,7gSoy peptone5gPolysorbate 80 (T)5,0gNaCl5gHistidine (H)0,5gAgar15gThiosulfate (T)0,1gNeutralizer PLUSThis medium can be adjusted / or supplemented according to the performance criteria required.			
Irradiation	Gamma-irradiated at 9-20 kGy			
Filling volume	• 16-19ml			
Packaging	<ul> <li>Triple bagged, staples of 10 plates</li> <li>Transparent</li> <li>High barrier foil for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as well as for water-vapor</li> <li>10 staples of 10 plates per packaging unit</li> <li>Temperature isolated handle-bag in the cardboard-boxes</li> </ul>			
Units per pack	100 plates			
Shelf life	9 months from production date			
Storage	<ul> <li>Recommended storage temperature: 15-25°C</li> <li>Can be stored at temperatures outside of the recommended storage temperature for periods up to 72 hours (e.g., down to 4°C or up to 35°C) without having an impact on growth promotion properties</li> <li>Should be stored at temperatures as stable as possible</li> </ul>			
Label	On the side, at the bottom			
Label information	<ul> <li>Product name: TSA U+</li> <li>Expiry date: YYYYMMMDD → MMM in letters (e.g.: 2023Nov04)</li> <li>Lot-number</li> <li>Individual number</li> <li>Barcode</li> </ul>			

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Barcode	<ul> <li>2-dimensional (data matrix), 20 digits:</li> <li>Digits 1-3: ArtNo.</li> <li>Digits 4-9: Lot-Number</li> <li>Digits 10-14: Individual-Number</li> <li>Digits 15-20: Date (YYMMDD)</li> </ul>
Delivery	<ul> <li>Temperature controlled delivery on request</li> <li>For shipments of larger amounts plastic pallets in Euro-size are used</li> </ul>
Petri dish	<ul> <li>Incubations in vent and closed position possible</li> <li>Specific design to improve binding of agar to plate</li> <li>Easy handling due to increased handling area</li> </ul>
Locking lid	<ul> <li>Locking-lid plate, made from polystyrene</li> <li>Inner diameter: ~ 56.5 mm, thus providing an area of ~25cm<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Outer diameter: ~ 66 mm</li> <li>Bottom part with 1cm<sup>2</sup> square grid for facilitated evaluation</li> </ul>
Lid positions	<ul> <li>All plates are delivered in the non-locked position</li> <li>The plate contains 2 locked positions. If turning the lid clockwise the locked positions are in the following order:</li> <li>Vent position</li> <li>Closed position</li> </ul>
Aerobic incubation	<ul> <li>Turn the lid clockwise to the right to the end into the final stop position</li> <li>The lid locks in the closed position</li> <li>Ideal incubation condition for aerobic micro-organisms</li> <li>Limits the dehydration of the agar during incubation</li> </ul>
Anaerobic incubation	<ul> <li>The vent position is ideal for anaerobic incubations, as it allows an easy and effective removal of oxygen under anaerobic incubation conditions</li> <li>Incubate in anaerobic incubator, anaerobic jar or suitable equipment</li> <li>1. First option: <ul> <li>Turn the lid clockwise to the right to the end into the final stop position</li> <li>Turn the lid one click counter-clock-wise to the vent position</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Second option: <ul> <li>Turn the lid clockwise directly into the first locked position</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Place of production	PharmaMedia Dr. Müller GmbH Gustav-Throm-Str. 1, 69181 Leimen - Germany



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	Each lot of produ	ict can be obtaine	ed with a cer	tificate of ar	nalysis (CoA):	
	Physico-chemi	cal test parame				
	Appearance	Slightly turbid,	yellowish			
	pH value	7,1 – 7,5				
	Filling volume	16 – 19ml				
	Irradiation	9-20 kGy				
	Growth Promo	tion test: 10-100	CFU			
	S. aureus	ATCC 6538	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
Certificates	E. coli	ATCC 8739	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
	P. aeruginosa	ATCC 9027	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
	B. subtilis	ATCC 6633	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
	S. aureus	ATCC 6538	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
	C. albicans	ATCC 10231	20-25°C	3-5 days	50-200%	
	A. brasiliensis	ATCC 16404	20-25°C	3-5 days	50-200%	
	Neutralizer PL	<b>JS test:</b> 10-100 (	CEU 20ul Bi	iocide A per	plate	
	B. subtilis	ATCC 6633	30-35°C	1 day	50-200%	
	Sterility contro	I			No growth	
Certificate of origin	Origin (CoO). • Raw material • Tissue • Animal source • Country of orig		d raw materi	als are spec	cified as follows:	
BSE policy	<ul> <li>In compliance with the current note for guidance on minimizing the risk of transmitting animal spongiform encephalopathy via human or veterinary medicinal products, we check the CoO of raw material in respect to the specified animal source, the country of origin and the infectivity category. We neither store or process ruminant raw materials obtained from high infectivity tissues (IA) nor ruminant raw materials whose animal source originates from countries or regions with an undetermined risk (cat C/GBR IV).</li> </ul>					
Temperature stress	at 2-8°C as we least 30 days a	has been expose ell as 3 days at 30 after the assigned which are part of	)-35°C) and dexpiry date	has passed e. Shelf-life t	shelf-life testing esting comprise	at all



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	The disinfection of surfaces is crucial for maintaining an adequate environment for the production of sterile pharmaceutical drugs. To guarantee the best possible success of the disinfection process many pharmaceutical companies do perform a regular rotation of the disinfectants used. Quite often at least one of the disinfectants used contains quaternary ammonium compounds, benzalkonium compounds, biguanides or even a combination of these substances. The advantages of such disinfectants are the well proved bactericidal activity against microorganisms even if used in relatively low concentrations. However, the disadvantages are the residues which remain on treated surfaces, if not removed by a suitable cleaning step.
	The removal or inactivation of residues of disinfectants is critical for the reliable detection of viable and cultivable microorganisms. If highly active residues remain on surfaces, these will be picked up with contact plates or swabs when performing environmental monitoring tests. Then these residues can interfere with the growth of potential contaminants and this could finally result in false negative results.
	Whereas some residues of disinfectants can be neutralized with the standard neutralizers LTHT (Lecithin, Tween 80, Histidine and Thiosulfate – please see product description of art. 100.0100) especially the residues of quaternary ammonium compounds, benzalkonium compounds as well as biguanides are not sufficiently inactivated by these neutralizers.
Neutralization of residues of disinfectants	To overcome this unsatisfactory inactivation of these residues, media manufacturers have tried to develop special neutralizer media. However, most of the media offered so far had different drawbacks: turbidity, precipitation, short shelf-life, low recovery rates on Gram positive strains and quite high price - and due to these disadvantages, such media have not been really accepted. PMM now offers a newly designed plate without showing these drawbacks. <b>TSA U+ plates</b> look-like a regular TSA plate and are free of precipitation throughout the shelf-life of more than 9 months. However, the outstanding inactivation of all typically used disinfectants including even high concentrations of quaternary ammonium compounds, benzalkonium compounds and biguanides really is the big step forward in obtaining reliable results for the environmental monitoring.
	TSA U+ plates were tested with respect to the inactivation of disinfectants using the worst-case approach by directly inoculating defined amounts of disinfectant on the agar plates. Typically, 20µl, 50µl or 100µl of disinfectant was used. 100µl of disinfectant applied to a contact plate of about 25 cm <sup>2</sup> surface correspond to about 40ml of disinfectant used to disinfect an area of one square meter, a concentration typically used in the pharmaceutical industry. After a period of 15 to 20 min the test organisms were applied to the treated plates.
	Test organisms used for such neutralization tests could be for example <i>B. subtilis</i> ATCC 6633, <i>S. aureus</i> ATCC 6538 and <i>S. epidermidis</i> ATCC 14990 as well as <i>E. coli</i> ATCC 8739, <i>P. aeruginosa</i> ATCC 9027, <i>C. albicans</i> ATCC 10231 and <i>A. brasiliensis</i> ATCC 16404. However, as Gram positive microorganisms are typically more sensitive to quaternary ammonium compounds, it is recommended to perform the tests with Gram positive miccroorganisms.
	As reference, plates not treated with disinfectant are used.

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Specifications: for sufficient inactivation of disinfectants the amount of 50µl of a disinfectant applied to a contact plate must be inactivated, resulting in a recovery rate of more than 50%. Results: Beside the disinfectants inactivated already by our standard plate (see product description of art. 100.0100) <b>TSA U+ plates</b> are as well inactivating quite high concentrations of quaternary ammonium compounds, biguanides and benzylalkoniumchlorides. Disinfectants tested were Amphospray 41 IP, Gigasept AF (4%), Hexanios G+R, Hexaquart forte (2%), Incidin plus (2%), Biocide A, Biocide B, Lysoformin 3000 (2%), Melsept SF (2%), Microbac forte (2%) and
Terralin protect (2%). Results obtained with the above listed disinfectants show recovery rates of more than 70% if 20 or 50µl of the disinfectant was applied directly on <b>TSA U+ plates</b> . Even when applying 100µl most recovery rates were above 70%, only few recovery rates dropped to values between 30 to 50%. In comparison to these results standard TSA plates with neutralizers did not show any or very low recovery rates even if only 20µl of these disinfectants were applied. As a conclusion <b>TSA U+ plates</b> can be considered as the universal media for performing environmental monitoring, delivering reliable results independent from the disinfectant used.

	Safety Data
Toxic ingredients	None
Basic composition	See typical composition
Solvent content	None
Safety data sheet required	Not mandatorily required



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