

# African Violet Maintenance Medium

With Vitamins, Sucrose and IAA  
Without Agar

**Product Code: PT111**

## Product Description :

African Violet Maintenance Medium consists of macroelements and microelements as described by Murashige and Skoog and vitamins as described by Linsmaier and Skoog (1965). The medium has been developed for the maintenance of *Saintpaulia ionantha* species, commonly known as African violet.

The formulation is a nutrient blend of inorganic salts, vitamins, carbohydrate and plant growth regulator. Potassium nitrate and ammonium nitrate provide nitrogen and help to maintain pH of the medium. Potassium dihydrogen phosphate serves as source of phosphate. Microelements like Boron, Manganese, Molybdenum, Copper, Iron and Zinc play vital role in plant metabolism. Boron plays a key role in carbohydrate metabolism. Thiamine and inositol act as enzymatic cofactors in universal pathways including glycolysis and TCA cycle along with primary and secondary metabolism in the plants. IAA promotes cell elongation and induces rooting.

The product is plant tissue culture tested but it is the sole responsibility of the user to ensure the suitability of the medium for individual species.

## Composition :

Ingredients	mg/L
<b>MACROELEMENTS</b>	
Ammonium nitrate	1650.000
Calcium chloride	332.200
Magnesium sulphate	180.690
Potassium nitrate	1900.000
Potassium phosphate monobasic	170.000
<b>MICROELEMENTS</b>	
Boric acid	6.200
Cobalt chloride hexahydrate	0.025
Copper sulphate pentahydrate	0.025
EDTA disodium salt dihydrate	37.300
Ferrous sulphate heptahydrate	27.800
Manganese sulphate monohydrate	16.900

Molybdic acid (sodium salt)	0.213
Potassium Iodide	0.830
Sodium phosphate monobasic	147.810
Zinc sulphate heptahydrate	8.600
<b>VITAMINS</b>	
myo-Inositol	100.000
Thiamine hydrochloride	0.400
<b>CARBOHYDRATE</b>	
Sucrose	20000.000
<b>OTHERS</b>	
Indole-3-acetic acid	2.000
<b>Total(gms/litre)</b>	<b>24.6</b>

## Material required but not provided :

- Autoclaved distilled water
- 1N NaOH/HCl
- Gelling agents like Agar (PCT0901) or CleriGel™(PCT0903)

## Precautions :

- Ensure appropriate pH of the medium before addition of gelling agent as acidic pH will lead to decreased gelation resulting in semi solid flowing gel while alkaline pH will lead to formation of hardened gel.
- Use of Distilled water/Tissue culture grade water is recommended for media preparation as tap water or lower grade water may lead to salt precipitation and improper gelation.
- Avoid preparation of concentrated solutions, as it will lead to precipitation of salts.

## Directions :

- Reconstitute medium by adding required quantity of powder in two-third of total volume with constant, gentle stirring till the medium gets completely dissolved.
- Add heat stable supplements prior to autoclaving.
- Make up the final volume with distilled water.
- Adjust the pH of the medium to  $5.75 \pm 0.5$  using 1N NaOH/HCl.
- Add gelling agent and heat the medium to boiling till complete dissolution of gelling agent.

- Sterilize the medium by autoclaving at 15 lbs and 121°C for 15 min.
- Cool the autoclaved medium to about 45°C before adding heat labile supplements.
- Aseptically dispense the desired amount of medium under a laminar airflow unit in sterile culture vessels.

## Quality Control:

### Appearance

White to off-white, homogenous, free flowing powder

### Solubility

24.6 gms/litre soluble in distilled water

### Colour and Clarity

Colourless to light yellow, clear solution

### pH at 25°C

3.50 - 4.50

### Plant Tissue Culture Test

The growth promoting properties of medium is assessed by providing plant cultures with relative humidity of about 60%±2%, temperature 22°C±2°C and photoperiod of about 16:8. The plant species showed actively growing callus and shoots with no structural, necrotic and toxic deformity.

## Storage and Shelf Life:

- The plant tissue culture medium powder is extremely hygroscopic and must be stored at 2-8°C in air tight containers.
- Preferably, entire content of each package should be used immediately after opening.
- Use before the expiry date.

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