



## Product Information Sheet

### B1511 BG-11 Medium

Synonym: Blue-Green (BG) Medium

#### Properties

Form: Powder  
Appearance: Cream  
Application: Cyanobacteria Growth Medium  
Solubility: Soluble in Water  
Typical Working Concentration: 1.68 g/L  
Storage Temp: 2-6°C  
Storage Temp of Stock Solution: 2-6°C  
Biological Assay: Cell culture tested with *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803.

#### Formula (mg/L)

|                                     |       |                                      |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Boric Acid                          | 2.86  | Manganese Chloride·4H <sub>2</sub> O | 1.81  |
| Calcium Chloride Anhydrous          | 27.18 | Na <sub>2</sub> ·Mg·EDTA             | 1     |
| Citric Acid, Anhydrous              | 6     | Potassium Phosphate dibasic          | 40    |
| Cobalt Nitrate·6H <sub>2</sub> O    | 0.049 | Sodium Carbonate Anhydrous           | 20    |
| Cupric Sulfate·5H <sub>2</sub> O    | 0.079 | Sodium Molybdate·2H <sub>2</sub> O   | 0.39  |
| Ferric Ammonium Citrate             | 6     | Sodium Nitrate                       | 1500  |
| Magnesium Sulfate·7H <sub>2</sub> O | 75    | Zinc Sulfate*7H <sub>2</sub> O       | 0.222 |

#### Application Notes

BG-11 is generally a freshwater growth medium for culturing Cyanobacteria such as *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803.

HEPES – H326 (Akira *et al.* 1996) or TES (Xu *et al.* 1994) can be added to buffer the pH. After dissolving the powder medium, adjust to pH 8.0 with KOH or NaOH, and autoclave.

20 mM Hepes (H326) was used during biological testing of this product with *Synechocystis* sp. PCC 6803

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