Accugen Laboratories, Inc.

FINAL REPORT
ASTM G21

ASTM Designation: G21-09 "Standard Practice for determining Resistance of Synthetic polymeric materials to Fungi"

TEST AGENT
Coulisse Screens

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TEST: Fungus resistance test as per ASTM G21-09

METHOD REFERENCE: ASTM Designation: G21-09 "Standard Practice for determining Resistance of Synthetic polymeric materials to Fungi"

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this study is to assess the potential for mold growth on products and to evaluate that the products do not provide a food source to support the mold growth.

SUMMARY: Test samples were inoculated with composite of five different mold suspensions and were incubated under conditions favorable to mold growth. Samples were examined and rated for visual growth.

TEST MATERIALS: Coulisse Screens

TEST CONDITIONS:

Challenge Organisms:	Aspergillus niger	ATCC # 9642
	Penicillium pinophilum	ATCC # 11797
	Chaetomium globosum	ATCC # 6205
	Trichoderma virens	ATCC # 9645
	Aureobasidium pullulans	ATCC # 15233

Contact temperature: Room temperature (28 to 30℃)
Humidity 85% +

Media and reagents:

- Sabauroud's dextrose agar
- Nutrient Salt solutions and agar
- Sterile deionized water

STUDY DATES AND FACILITIES:

The laboratory phase of this test was performed at ACCUGEN LABORATORIES, INC, 50 West 75th Street, Willowbrook, Il 60527 from. Study was initiated on 11/30/12.The study completion date is the date the study director signed the final report which is 01/04/13.

RECORDS TO BE MAINTAINED:

All testing data, test material records, the final report, and correspondence will be stored in the archives.

TEST PROCEDURE:

Nutrient-salts agar was poured into suitable sterile dishes to provide a solidified agar layer. 2x2 inches pieces of test samples were placed on the surface of nutrient salts agar (pH 6.5). Testing was carried out in triplicate. The surface, including the surface of the test specimens, were inoculated with the composite spore suspension by spraying the suspension so that the entire surface is moistened with the spore suspension. Fungal suspension was composed of equal volume of five mold suspensions at a concentration of 1,000,000 spores ± 200,000 per ml

Negative Control:

- Three plates of Nutrient salt agar were placed along the test as media negative control.

Viability Control:

Three Sabouraud dextrose agar plates were inoculated by spraying the suspension to cover the entire surface with the spore suspension.

There was copious growth on all three of the growth media plates to confirm the viability of the inoculums.

Positive Control:

Sterilized Wood spatula,1 x 2 in were placed on hardened nutrient-salts agar in separate Petri dishes. Each of them was inoculated with the spore suspension by spraying the suspension to cover the entire surface with the spore suspension.

There was copious growth on control specimens.

INCUBATION CONDITIONS:

Incubation—The inoculated test specimens and controls were covered and incubated at 28 to 30℃ and 85% relative humidity for 28 days.

Observation for Visible Effects—Visible effects were recorded and rated.

Growth observed was scored by amount of growth on Specimens as follows:

Observation	Rating
None	0
Traces of growth (less than 10 %)	1
Light growth (10 to 30 %)	2
Medium growth (30 to 60 %)	3
Heavy growth (60 % to complete overage)	4

TEST RESULTS: See Table 1 and figures.

Sample was tested in triplicate. All three replicates of the sample showed no growth in 28 days.

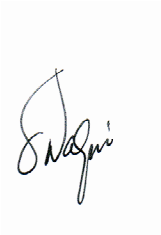
Table 1: Visual Rating of Fungal growth Observed

Sample	7 days			14 days			21 days			28 days		
Lab# 97478 Coulisse Screens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negative Control	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Viability Control	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Positive Control (Wood Spatula)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Controls were satisfactory. Positive control and Viability control showed heavy growth.

CONCLUSION:

Test sample do not provide food source that support mold growth. The sample showed no growth of fungi inoculated .The product was found resistant to fungi tested when incubated at nutrient salt agar medium.



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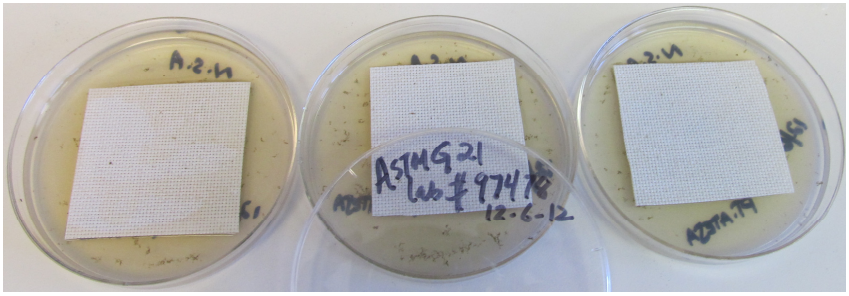

Fig1: Lab# 97478 at Nutrient Salt agar inoculated with fungal spores at 28 days in triplicate Test sample did not support any fungal growth. © Accugen labs

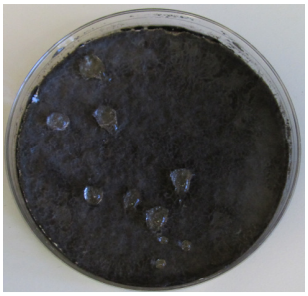

Fig2: Spores Viability control - heavy fungal growth © Accugen labs

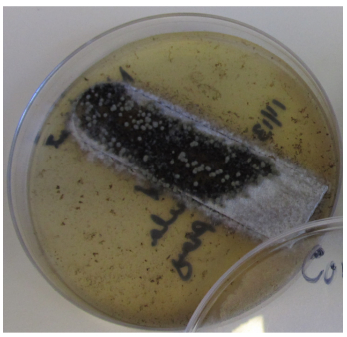

Fig3: Positive control - heavy fungal growth © Accugen labs

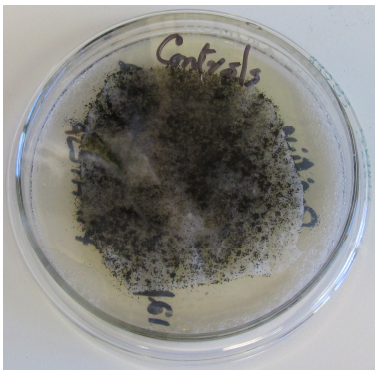

Fig4: Positive control - heavy fungal growth © Accugen labs