



Chaete Treat “Maintain”™

Chaete Treat “Maintain”™ is a cost friendly liquid diet developed for the purpose of maintaining live food cultures, whether they are isolated cultures or cultures growing in your refugium. ***“Maintain”*** is produced using the same technique as our other diets except we supplement the use of polychaetes with another marine diet; this allows us to reduce the production costs. For a diet strictly used for maintaining live cultures the use of the higher priced polychaetes is not necessary. When it comes time to feed off some of your culture, we recommend using ***Chaete Treat “Formula 53”™*** as an enrichment diet.

Directions For Use:

Everyone has different methods of culturing and is also maintaining different densities of those organisms. Please use our directions as a guideline and tweak as needed. It is important to remember that it is the goal to keep the culture water slightly tinted with the food, if your cultures are clearing the food, you need to up your quantity and of course if the water is remaining cloudy and some of the food is settling out, you’ll need to reduce those amounts as well as check the health of the culture.

Shake Well Before Using.

Start feeding at a rate of 5 ml per liter of culture daily. Feedings should be split into 2-3 feedings over the course of the day. Some cultures benefit on a mix of “Maintain” and phytoplankton. Prior to the development of “Maintain” we were feeding our rotifer cultures strictly a diet of *Nannochloropsis*, we currently feed our culture at a rate of 30 parts “Maintain” to 1 part *Nannochloropsis*.

To keep the food suspended in the water column you’ll want to maintain light to moderate aeration with the airstone in the center of the culture. Heavy aeration may strip the organisms and the food from the water column.

It is inevitable that a culture will crash, for this reason it is important that in order to have a constant supply of live food, always maintain several cultures. Three is my number.

Most important, this product is fresh and contains no preservatives; it must be refrigerated and has a shelf life of 30 days. If you purchase a case or half case, you can freeze what you are not currently using and the product is good for 12+ months. The diet has a very unique smell; this is what makes it good, so become familiar with it. Each batch has a lot number that is the production date, i.e., Lot #091015 is a batch that was produced and frozen on October 15, 2009. All product is maintained frozen and the 30-day shelf life begins once thawed.

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