



# ***Alternaria chartarum*** **Preuss**

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## **Description**

An ampoule containing viable cells (may include spores and mycelia) suspended in cryoprotectant.

**Strain designation:** 503

**Deposited As:** *Alternaria humicola* Oudemans

**Type strain:** No

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## **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Freeze-dried

**Storage conditions:** 2°C to 8°C

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## **Intended Use**

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## Growth Conditions

### Medium:

ATCC Medium 340: Rabbit food agar

ATCC Medium 335: Potato carrot agar

ATCC Medium 336: Potato dextrose agar (PDA)

**Temperature:** 24-26°C

**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

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## Handling Procedures

For **freeze-dry (lyophilized)** ampoules:

1. Open an ampoule according to enclosed instructions.
2. From a single test tube of **sterile distilled water** (5 to 6 mL), withdraw

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approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mL with a sterile pipette and apply directly to the pellet. Stir to form a suspension.

3. Aseptically transfer the suspension back into the test tube of sterile distilled water.
4. Let the test tube sit at room temperature (25°C) undisturbed for at least 2 hours; longer (e.g., overnight) rehydration might increase viability of some fungi.
5. Mix the suspension well. Use several drops (or make dilutions if desired) to inoculate recommended solid or liquid medium. Include a control that receives no inoculum.
6. Incubate the inoculum at the propagation conditions recommended.
7. Inspect for growth of the inoculum/strain regularly. The sign of viability is noticeable typically after 3-4 days of incubation. However, the time necessary for significant growth will vary from strain to strain.

**Morphology:** Colonies spreading rapidly, reaching 6-8 cm diam in seven days at 25°C. Conidiophores brown, forming conidia solitary or in short chains. Conidia obclavate or with a beak, pale golden brown, mostly smooth-walled but sometimes minutely verruculose, muriform with four to seven transverse septa, 22-95 x 8-19 µm.

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## Notes

Concern about the identity of this strain was raised by a recent DNA sequence analysis. Further investigation is needed to determine its true identity.

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