



# **Nitrobacter sp.**

**51950™**

## **Description**

**Strain designation:** E-K

**Deposited As:** *Nitrobacter sp.*

**Type strain:** No

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## **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Frozen

**Storage conditions:** -80°C or colder

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## **Intended Use**

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ATCC highly recommends that appropriate personal protective equipment is always used when handling vials. For cultures that require storage in liquid nitrogen, it is

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important to note that some vials may leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and will slowly fill with liquid nitrogen. Upon thawing, the conversion of the liquid nitrogen back to its gas phase may result in the vial exploding or blowing off its cap with dangerous force creating flying debris. Unless necessary, ATCC recommends that these cultures be stored in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen rather than submersed in liquid nitrogen.

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**Certificate of Analysis**

For batch-specific test results, refer to the applicable certificate of analysis that can be found at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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**Growth Conditions****Medium:**

ATCC Medium 480: Nitrobacter medium 203

**Temperature:** 26°C**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

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**Handling Procedures**

1. Allow vial to thaw. Transfer the entire contents into 5.0 mL of #480 broth contained in a large test tube (20 X 150 mm) or a small flask.
2. Incubate tube at 26°C, static, in the dark, and in a slanted position to increase surface area.
3. Monitor culture growth daily by assaying for the disappearance of NO<sub>2</sub> in the culture medium: Withdraw 0.1 mL from the culture and place in a small test tube. Add one drop of Nitrate Reagent A followed by one drop of Nitrate Reagent B, mixing after each addition. Pink color development occurs within

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10 minutes and is directly related to amount of  $\text{NO}_2$  present. Initial tests will probably be dark magenta reflecting the 3 mM  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration of medium #480; but as culture grows and  $\text{NO}_2$  is oxidized, color will become magenta, pink and finally clear. This process can take up to 3 weeks depending on the viability of the stock.

4. When all  $\text{NO}_2$  has been oxidized, inoculate a 250 mL flask containing 100 mL of medium #480 with the 5.0 mL tube culture. Wrap the flask in foil to protect from light and incubate at 26°C with gentle shaking. Monitor  $\text{NO}_2$  concentration daily.
5. When  $\text{NO}_2$  is again depleted in the culture medium, either transfer the culture to fresh media or feed the culture by adding additional  $\text{NO}_2$ . A 10% inoculum is recommended for transfers. To feed cultures, aseptically add sterile  $\text{NaNO}_2$  solution, returning  $\text{NO}_2$  concentrations to approximately 10 mM (3.5 mL of 2%  $\text{NaNO}_2$  per 100 mL culture). Cells should be harvested or subcultured to fresh media when cultures can utilize 10 mM  $\text{NO}_2$  in less than 24 hours and cell numbers are greater than 10 cells per field at 1000X magnification.
6. Cells can be harvested by centrifugation. For longterm storage, 1.0 mL aliquots of concentrated cells can be frozen with glycerol as the cryoprotectant at a final concentration of 10%. Frozen vial should be stored at 70°C or below for best preservation.

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**Notes**

This item will not produce turbidity in broth. Growth can be detected by testing for the depletion of nitrite from the broth.

Reagent A:

Sulfanilic acid, 8 g

5N Acetic acid, 1.0 L

$\text{NO}_2$  Reagent B:

N,N-Dimethyl-1-naphthylamine, 6.0 ml

5N Acetic acid, 1.0 L

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5N acetic acid consists of 1 part glacial acetic acid to 2.5 parts distilled water.

NO<sub>2</sub> Reagents A and B may also be purchased from Remel.

Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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