



# ***Geobacter pilgrimii***

**BAA-1542™**

## **Description**

**Strain designation:** Ply1

**Type strain:** Yes

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## **Storage Conditions**

**Product format:** Frozen

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## **Intended Use**

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## **BSL 1**

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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 important to note that some vials may leak when submersed in liquid nitrogen and

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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 2260: Freshwater medium for *Geobacter*

**Temperature:** 26°C

**Atmosphere:** 80% N<sub>2</sub>, 20% CO<sub>2</sub>

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### **Handling Procedures**

1. Sterilize the top of the Balch tube by spraying it with 70% ethanol and then flaming the top.
2. If needed exchange the gas in the test tube for 80% N<sub>2</sub> 20% CO<sub>2</sub>.
3. When reducing the media, add 0.1 ml (per 10 ml) of each sterile additions before inoculating. Let the medium sit at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours.
4. Allow the frozen vial to thaw under anaerobic conditions. Once thawed, take a gassed 1.0 ml syringe tipped with 22-gauge needle and withdraw the entire contents of the thawed vial and immediately transfer it to a Balch tube.

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5. Plate 0.1 ml on a non-selective medium to check for aerobic and anaerobic contamination.
6. Incubate tubes at 26°C and one plate under an anaerobic atmosphere at 37°C. Incubate non-selective plate aerobically at 37°C to check for purity.
7. In 7 to 10 days, growth should be evident by the clearing of the broth. No growth should occur on the non-selective plate incubated aerobically or anaerobically.

### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

- a. Balch tubes (available from Bellco Glass, Vineland, NJ) are specially designed for anaerobic work and use an aluminum crimp cap to hold a rubber stopper in place. Needles can easily be inserted through the stopper, and the tubes can be pressurized to 2 atm. Alternatively, serum vials may be used, or screw cap tubes with butyl rubber stoppers, in the latter case the stopper may be removed and the tube placed under a cannula system that dispenses sterile, oxygen free gas for addition of reducing agents or inoculation.
- b. To obtain a fully reduced medium, it is necessary that the medium be anoxic and that a reducing agent be added. Common reducing agents are sodium sulfide, cysteine, dithiothreitol, and titanium citrate.

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## Notes

At inoculation, media is brown to orange in color, but after incubation, the media should be clear with black-brown precipitant. The culture has a very low cell density, with only 10 to 12 cells per view under a phase microscope. Cells are rods that are very motile and appear in both singles and pairs. No growth should occur on Tryptic soy agar with 5% Defibrinated Sheep blood.

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

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