



Product Sheet

# *Nitrobacter sp.* (ATCC® 25387™)

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**Freeze-Dried: 2°C to 8°C**  
**Live Culture: See Propagation Section**

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Biosafety Level  
**1**

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## Description

**Designation:** Nb-223 [Santa Cruz soil sample 1]

**Deposited Name:** *Nitrobacter sp.*

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 480: Nitrobacter medium 203

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 26°C

**Atmosphere:** Aerobic, with shaking

### Propagation Procedure

1. Rehydrate entire vial contents with 0.5 mL of #480 broth. Aseptically transfer this aliquot to 5.0 mL of the broth contained in a large test tube (20 X 150 mm).
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 NO<sub>2</sub> Reagent A followed by one drop of NO<sub>2</sub> Reagent B, mixing after each addition. Pink color development occurs within 10 minutes and is directly related to amount of NO<sub>2</sub> present. Initial tests will probably be dark magenta reflecting the 20 mM NO<sub>2</sub> concentration of medium #480; but as culture grows and NO<sub>2</sub> is oxidized, color will become magenta, pink and finally clear. This process can take from 3 to 20 days, or possibly longer, depending on the viability of the stock.
4. When all NO<sub>2</sub> 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 NO<sub>2</sub> concentration daily.
5. When NO<sub>2</sub> is again depleted in the culture medium, either transfer the culture to fresh media or feed the culture by adding additional NO<sub>2</sub>. A 10% inoculum is recommended for transfers. To feed cultures, aseptically add sterile NaNO<sub>2</sub> solution, returning NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations to approximately 10 mM (3.5 mL of 2% NaNO<sub>2</sub> per 100 mL culture). Cells should be harvested or sub-cultured to fresh media when cultures can utilize 10 mM NO<sub>2</sub> in less than 24 hours and cell numbers are greater than 10 cells per field at 1000X magnification.
6. Cells may be harvested by centrifugation. For long-term storage, 1.0 mL aliquots of concentrated cells can be frozen with glycerol as the cryoprotectant at a final concentration of 10%. The frozen vials should be stored at -70°C or colder for best preservation.

## Notes

NO<sub>2</sub> Reagent A:  
Sulfanilic acid, 8 g  
5 N Acetic acid, 1.0 L

NO<sub>2</sub> Reagent B:  
N,N-Dimethyl-1-naphthylamine, 6.0 mL  
Acetic acid, 1.0 L

The 5 N acetic acid consists of 1 part glacial acetic acid and 2.5 parts distilled water. Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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