




## Product Sheet


# *Staphylococcus aureus* *subsp. aureus* (ATCC®) 6538-MINI-PACK™)

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**-70°C or colder,**  
store upright.  
**Storage at -20°C**  
is acceptable for  
**up to 1 year.**

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Biosafety Level  
**2**

### Intended Use

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## Description

**Designation:** FDA 209

**Product Description:** ATCC® 6538-MINI-PACK™ consists of 6 ready-to-use vials of ATCC® 6538™ frozen in 200 µL of glycerol stock, eliminating the need to rehydrate and culture the strain prior to use. Each vial is provided with a 2-D barcode for easy storage and tracking, as well as peel-off labels for fast and reliable recordkeeping.

## Propagation

### Medium

ATCC® Medium 18: Trypticase Soy Agar/Broth

### Growth Conditions

**Temperature:** 37°C

**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

### Propagation Procedure

Frozen mini-cryovials packed in dry ice should either be thawed immediately for use or stored at or below -70°C until the expiration date printed on the label. Storage at -20°C is acceptable for up to 1 year.

1. Thaw the bacterial strain upright using gentle agitation in a 25°C to 30°C water bath. Thawing will be rapid; approximately 2-3 minutes or until all ice crystals have melted.
2. Immediately after thawing, wipe down the mini-cryovial with 70% ethanol and aseptically transfer the entire contents to a 5-6 mL tube of #18 broth or directly inoculate a #18 plate and/or #18 agar slant.
3. Discard the empty vial. Do not refreeze any unused portion as it will result in a loss of viability.
4. Incubate at 37°C for 24 hours.

## Notes

Colonies on #18 agar plates are entire, glistening, circular, smooth, low convex, opaque, and yellow pigmented. β-hemolysis is observed on Sheep Blood agar plates.

This strain is also available as certified reference material ATCC® CRM-6538™.

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