**ATCC Product Sheet**

**Staphylococcus aureus subsp. aureus** (ATCC® 6538™)

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**Description**

**Designation:** FDA 209  
**Deposited Name:** *Staphylococcus aureus* subsp. *aureus* Rosenbach  
**Product Description:** Used in testing media, sterility, sanitizers, disinfectants, antimicrobial preservatives, bacterial resistance in carpets and textiles, and as a control strain for Biosynth products. This strain is recommended by ATCC® for use in the tests described in military specification MIL G-13734B where only the taxon is specified.

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**Propagation**

**Medium**  
ATCC® Medium 18: Trypticase Soy Agar/Broth

**Growth Conditions**

**Temperature:** 37°C  
**Atmosphere:** Aerobic

**Propagation Procedure**

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.  
2. Using a single tube of #18 broth (5 to 6 mL), withdraw approximately 0.5 to 1.0 mL with a Pasteur or 1.0 mL pipette. Rehydrate the entire pellet.  
3. Aseptically transfer this aliquot back into the broth tube. Mix well.  
4. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate a #18 agar slant and/or plate.  
5. Incubate the tubes and plate at 37°C for 24 hours.

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**Notes**

Two colony types may be observed when growing ATCC® 6538™ on blood agar plates: Colony type 1 is yellow, circular, entire, low convex, and β-hemolytic; and colony type 2 is white, circular, entire, low convex, and β-hemolytic. Only colony type 1 has been observed on TSA maintenance medium. This strain is also available as certified reference material ATCC® CRM-6538™. Additional information on this culture is available on the ATCC® web site at www.atcc.org.

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**References**

References and other information relating to this product are available online at [www.atcc.org](http://www.atcc.org).

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**Biosafety Level:** 2  

Appropriate safety procedures should always be used with this material. Laboratory safety is discussed in the current publication of the *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories* from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes for Health.

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Storage Temp.
- Frozen: -80°C or colder
- Freeze-Dried: 2°C to 8°C
- Live Culture: See Propagation Section

Biosafety Level 2

Intended Use

This product is intended for research use only. It is not intended for any animal or human therapeutic or diagnostic use.

Citation of Strain

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