



# *Thermodesulfobacterium commune* Zeikus et al.

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## Description

*Thermodesulfobacterium commune* strain YSRA-1 is a thermophilic bacterium isolated from a hot spring in Yellowstone National Park. This bacterial type strain is propagated anaerobically at 70°C.

**Strain designation:** YSRA-1 [DSM 2178, VKM B-1767]

**Deposited As:** *Thermodesulfobacterium commune* Zeikus et al.

**Type strain:** Yes

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## Storage Conditions

**Product format:** Freeze-dried

**Storage conditions:** 2°C to 8°C

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## Intended Use

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## Growth Conditions

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 1249: Modified Baar's medium for sulfate reducers

**Temperature:** 70°C

**Atmosphere:** Anaerobic

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## Handling Procedures

1. Open vial according to enclosed instructions.
2. Perform all steps under anaerobic conditions (*see below*).
3. Aseptically transfer 0.5 mL of #1249 broth to the vial and rehydrate the entire freeze-dried pellet. Immediately place the rehydrated pellet under a stream of

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oxygen-free sterile gas. Then transfer the suspension back into the tube of broth. Inoculate a plate of non-selective medium with 0.1 mL of the culture. Inoculate a non-selective tube of broth.

4. Seal the test tube with a rubber stopper and incubate anaerobically at 70°C. Incubate the plate(s) and aerobic broth at 30°C as a purity check.
5. After one or two days, growth should be evident by turbidity throughout the broth. Once growth has been established, the culture should be transferred to fresh broth every 24 to 48 hours.
6. This culture is very sensitive to oxygen; therefore, steps should be taken to avoid exposure to oxygen. When the culture exhibits good growth, it will remain viable for up to 1 week if stored at 4°C under anaerobic conditions.

#### ANAEROBIC CONDITIONS:

- Tubes of media are placed under a gassing cannula system hooked to a source of oxygen-free gas.
- All transfers are performed while the test tubes are on the cannula system with a gentle stream of oxygen-free gas flowing through the system.
- As the test tubes are removed from the cannula system, each is sealed with a butyl rubber stopper, thus maintaining the anaerobic headspace.
- Alternatively, the culture can be grown using the Hungate Method, which uses Balch Tubes for cultivation (*see below*).

#### Hungate method:

- 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. Syringes can be made anaerobic by one of two methods:
  1. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a sterile oxygen-free gas.
  2. Displace the dead space in the syringe with a reducing agent.

## Material Citation

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## References

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