



# *Methanosarcina mazei* (Barker) Mah and Kuhn

BAA-159™

## Description

**Strain designation:** DSM 3647 [Go1, OCM 88]

**Deposited As:** *Methanosarcina mazei* (Barker) Mah and Kuhn

**Type strain:** No

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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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## Growth Conditions

**Medium:**

ATCC Medium 2467: MS - OCM Base Medium

**Temperature:** 30°C

**Atmosphere:** 80% H<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% H<sub>2</sub> 20% CO<sub>2</sub>; do not go above 5 PSI.
3. If the medium is pink (see discussion about resazurin) add 0.1 ml reducing agent (1.5% Na<sub>2</sub>S·9H<sub>2</sub>O, stock solution) per each 5-6 ml of medium. Let the medium sit at

room temperature for 10 to 20 minutes - until the resazurin becomes colorless - before inoculating.

4. When the Balch tube is ready to inoculate, open the vial thaw in an oxygen free environment.

5. For inoculation, use a 1.0 ml syringe tipped with 22 gauge needle. Make the syringe anaerobic (see discussion below) and draw the thawed cell suspension up into the syringe. Transfer the cell suspension into a tube of pre reduced #2467 broth and incubate at 30°C. Secondary tubs can be inoculated by transferring 0.5 ml of the primary tube. Plate 0.1 ml of the inoculated culture onto a non-selective medium and incubate aerobically at 30°C. Inoculate a nonselective anaerobic and aerobic broth and incubate at 30°C

6. Growth should be detected in the #2467 broth within 5 to 7 days. The gas in the head space of the Balch tube should be exchanged for fresh 80% H<sub>2</sub> 20% CO<sub>2</sub> every 2 to 3 days. There should be no growth detected on the aerobic plate. There should be no growth in the nonselective aerobic or anaerobic broth.

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## Notes

If acetate or methanol is included in the medium then the 80% Hydrogen-20% Carbon dioxide gas does not need to be exchanged.

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Resolution: 1000X

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## Material Citation

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## References

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