

***Geobacillus stearothermophilus*, Strain NCA 1518**

Catalog No. NR-52265

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Bacillaceae*, *Geobacillus*

Species: *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (formerly *Bacillus stearothermophilus*)¹

Strain: NCA 1518 (also referred to as CIP 52.81 and NRS-T17)

Original Source: *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (*G. stearothermophilus*), strain NCA 1518 was isolated from under-processed canned food at the National Canners Association, Washington, D.C., USA.²

Comments: *G. stearothermophilus*, strain NCA 1518 was deposited to ATCC® in 1941 by Dr. C. P. Hegarty of Georgetown University Medical School. This strain has been used as a bioindicator for testing the efficiency of sterilizers.^{3,4,5} The complete genome of *G. stearothermophilus*, strain NCA 1518 has been sequenced (GenBank: [JALS000000000](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JALS000000000)).

G. stearothermophilus is a non-motile, Gram-positive, spore-forming, aerobic obligate thermophile. Like other *Geobacillus* species, *G. stearothermophilus* is widely distributed in nature and has been isolated from geothermal areas, hot springs, deep sea hydrothermal vents, as well as artificial environments, such as hot water pipes, heat exchanges and waste treatment plants.⁶ It is a common food contaminant, particularly in dairy products.⁷ It is of interest of the biotechnology industry due to its ability to degrade diverse materials, its numerous biosynthetic pathways and its production of thermostable enzymes.⁸

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Nutrient broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

NR-52265 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Media:

Nutrient broth or Tryptic Soy broth or equivalent

Nutrient agar or Tryptic Soy agar or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 55°C

Atmosphere: Aerobic

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 55°C for 1 day.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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