

Vinegar Eel

A CAROLINA™ CareSheet

Immediate Care and Handling

When your vinegar eels arrive, open the shipping container, remove the culture jars, and inspect the culture. Once you have verified that the shipment is OK, loosen the lids on the jars.

Using the supplied pipettes, aerate the cultures to replace any oxygen depleted by the shipping process. Place the pipette tip in the culture liquid (vinegar) and squeeze the bulb, bubbling air into the liquid. Withdraw the pipette and release the bulb, allowing it to refill with air. Repeat about 4 times.

It is important to note that it is almost impossible to remove all traces of vinegar from these pipettes. Never use the pipette with any other culture, as even a trace of vinegar can kill most microorganisms, including algae.

After aerating, place the lids loosely on the jars. Store the cultures at room temperature out of direct sunlight (a dim corner of the room works well), and use them as soon as possible.

Culturing

Vinegar eels are among the easiest of organisms to continuously culture. Add vinegar eel medium to a clean glass or plastic jar, filling it $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way. This medium

Problems? We hope not, but if so contact us. We want you to have a good experience.