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Taq DNA Polymerase

Cat. Number: 101-9012-90-2

Storage: Store at -20°C.

Unit: 5U/μL, 100μL/vial

Sources: *Thermus aquaticus*

Error Rate: 1/10⁵

Application

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

DNA labeling reactions

Sequencing/cycle sequencing

Primer extension

Description

Taq DNA Polymerase was originally isolated from the thermophilic eubacterium *Thermus aquaticus*, a strain lacking Taq I restriction endonuclease. Taq catalyzes the polymerization of nucleotides into duplex DNA in the 5'→3' direction in the presence of magnesium. The enzyme has an apparent molecular weight of 94,000 daltons by SDS-PAGE and exhibits 5'→3' exonuclease activity, lacks 3'→5' exonuclease activity. Taq is recommended for use in PCR and primer extension reactions at elevated temperature.

Taq DNA Polymerase has the independent terminal transferal activity which results in the addition of a single nucleotide (adenosine) at 3' end of the extension product. TA cloning vector is recommended if the extension product is needed to be cloned.

Buffers components

10x Reaction Buffer (with Mg²⁺):

500 mM KCl, 100 mM Tris HCl (pH 9.0 at 25°C), 15 mM MgCl₂, 1% Triton X-100 Buffer. This buffer is optimized for use with 200 μM dNTPs.

Note: If not using this buffer, 0.1% Triton X-100 (final concentration) is a must to ensure high activity.

or 10X Reaction Buffer (without Mg²⁺) with one vial 25mM MgCl₂ Buffer

500mM KCl, 100mM Tris HCl (pH9.0) at 25°C, 1% Triton X-100 Buffer. This buffer is optimized for use with 200uM dNTPs.



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In general, 1.5-2.5mM final concentration of MgCl₂ is recommended.

*The final MgCl₂ concentration may be variable according to individual experiment requirements.

Storage Buffer:

20mM Tris HCl (pH8.0), 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 0.1% Triton X-100, 50% glycerol.

Recommended Basic PCR Components

We recommend assembling all reaction components on ice and quickly transferring the reactions to a thermocycler preheated to the denaturation temperature (95°C).

Component	25 µl reaction	50 µl reaction	Final Concentration
10X Taq Reaction Buffer	2.5µl	5µl	1x
20 µM Forward Primer	0.5µl	1µl	0.2 µM (0.05–1 µM)
20 µM Reverse Primer	0.5µl	1µl	0.2 µM (0.05–1 µM)
10 mM dNTPs	0.5µl	1µl	200 µM
Template DNA	variable	variable	<1,000 ng
Taq DNA Polymerase	0.25µl	0.5µl	2.5 units/50 µl PCR
ddH ₂ O	to 25µl	to 50µl	

Thermocycling conditions for a routine PCR

Step	Temp	Time
Initial Denaturation	95°C	30sec
Denaturation	95°C	15-30sec
Annealing	45-68°C	15-60sec
Extension	72°C	1min/kb
Final Extension	72°C	5min
Hold	4°C	

*Annealing temperature: 5°C below the T_m of your primers.