



# Taq DNA Polymerase

## Cat #: 42-401

**Unit Size:** 5000 Units

Buffers:

10X Ammonium Reaction Buffer:  
750mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.5; (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; Mg<sup>2+</sup> Free; 1% Tween® 20.

Separate 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution

**Concentration:** 1 unit/μl

**Storage:** -20°C.

Reagent for *in vitro* laboratory use only

### General Description

Apex Taq DNA Polymerase is a thermostable recombinant DNA polymerase, which exhibits very high activity in primer extension and other molecular biology applications. The enzyme is isolated from *Thermus aquaticus* and has a molecular weight of approximately 94 kDa.

Apex Taq DNA Polymerase has both a 5'→3' DNA polymerase and a 5'→3' exonuclease activity. The enzyme lacks a 3'→5' exonuclease activity (no proofreading ability). Taq DNA Polymerase leaves an A' overhang, which makes the enzyme ideal for TA cloning.

### Key Features

- The choice when high-fidelity is not required
- High performance thermostable DNA polymerase
- Ideal for rich amplifications
- Optimal for TA cloning

### Unit definition

One unit is defined as the amount that incorporates 10 nmol of dNTPs into acid-precipitable form in 30 minutes at 72°C under standard assay conditions.

### Storage and Dilution Buffer

Enzyme is supplied in 20mM Tris-HCl pH 8.3, 100mM KCl, 0.1mM EDTA, 1mM DTT, 0.5% Tween® 20, 50% glycerol.

### Quality control

Each lot of Taq DNA Polymerase is tested for contaminating activities with no traces of endonuclease, nicking or exonuclease activity.

### Protocol

This protocol serves as a guideline for primer extensions. Optimal reaction conditions such as incubation times, temperatures, and amount of template DNA may vary and must be individually determined.

- Set up reaction mixtures in an area separate from that used for DNA preparation or product analysis.
1. Thaw 10X Buffer, dNTP mix, and primer solutions. **It is important to mix the solutions completely before use to avoid localized concentrations of salts.**
  2. Prepare a master mix according to Table 1. The master mix typically contains all the components needed for extension except the template DNA.

In some applications, MgCl<sub>2</sub> is needed for the best results. For this reason, 50mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> is included with the kit. Table 2 provides the volume of 50mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> to add to the master mix if a certain MgCl<sub>2</sub> concentration is required.

3. Mix the master mix thoroughly and dispense appropriate volumes into reaction tubes. Mix gently, e.g., by pipetting the master mix up and down a few times.
4. Add template DNA to the individual tubes containing the master mix.

**Table 1. Reaction components (Master Mix and Template DNA) for a 50μl reaction**

Component	Vol./reaction	Final Conc.
10X Mg <sup>2+</sup> Free Buffer	5μl	1X
MgCl <sub>2</sub> 50 mM	0	1.5
dNTP mix (12.5 mM of each)	0.8μl	0.2mM of each dNTP
Primer A	Variable	0.1–1.0μM
Primer B	Variable	0.1–1.0μM
Taq DNA Polymerase	Variable	1 – 5 units
PCR Grade Water	Variable	----
Template DNA	Variable	Variable
<b>TOTAL volume</b>	50μl	----

**Table 2. MgCl<sub>2</sub> concentration in a 50μl reaction**

Final MgCl <sub>2</sub> conc. in reaction (mM)	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5
Additional volume of 50mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5

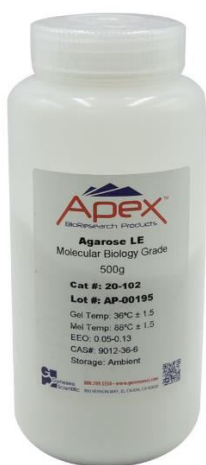
- Program the thermal cycler according to the manufacturer's instructions.

For maximum yield and specificity, temperatures and cycling times should be optimized for each new template target or primer pair.

- Place the tubes in the thermal cycler and start the reaction.

### Apex AGAROSE guarantee

- Low EEO (=0.12) - This means biological macro-molecules such as proteins or nucleic acids as well as larger particles such as viruses and subcellular fragments can migrate through gel's neutral properties.
- Sharp, finely resolved banding resolution as well as excellent transparency for easy reading.
- Extraordinarily low gel background after applying staining agents.
- Superior mechanical resistance for more reliable and easier handling.



Description	Cat#
General Purpose Agarose (500 g)	20-102

### Ethidium Bromide Dropper Bottle

Adding Ethidium Bromide has never been easier and safer! For the recommended final concentration of 0.5 µg/ml, simply add one drop for every 50 ml of solution.



Concentration:  
0.625mg/ml  
EtBr Capacity: 5mg

Description	Cat#
EtBr Dropper Bottle, 10ml	20-276

### Ethidium Bromide Destaining Bags



Solutions and gels for safe and easy disposal. Now with our activation solution (included) our destaining bags demonstrate increased absorption efficiency speed relative to other similar products. Simply add ~5 ml of activation solution to the bag

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EtBr Destaining Bags, 25 Bags	20-277

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### Related Products

Taq Polymerase kits (500 units)	Cat#
With 10X Standard and Ammonium Reaction Buffer	42-800B1
With 10X Combination Buffer	42-800B3
Glycerol Free	42-800B4

Hot Start DNA Polymerase (500 units)	Cat#
With 10X Ammonium and Combination Reaction Buffer	42-106

High Fidelity - Proof reading (500 units)	Cat#
Hi-Fi PR™ Taq 2.5 U/µl	42-110

All polymerases are also available in kits, Mg<sup>2+</sup> free buffers and 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>.

Master Mixes (500 reactions)	Cat#
2X Taq DNA Polymerase Master Mix, 1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	42-132
2X Taq RED Master Mix, 1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	42-138
2X Hot Start Master Mix Buffer I, 1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>	42-198

The shown master mixes are ammonium based. Also available with balanced ammonium and potassium based buffers.

Real-time PCR (400 reactions)	Cat#
qPCR 2X Master Mix for Probe, without ROX™	42-116P
qPCR 2X Master Mix for Probe, low ROX™	42-118P
qPCR 2X Master Mix for Probe, high ROX™	42-120P
qPCR 2X GREEN Master Mix, without ROX™	42-116PG
qPCR 2X GREEN Master Mix, low ROX™	42-118PG
qPCR 2X GREEN Master Mix, high ROX™	42-120PG

Ultrapure dNTPs	Cat#
dNTP set, 100 mM each: 250 µl of each dA, dC, dG and dT	42-410
dNTP Set, 100 mM each: 1 ml of each dA, dC, dG and dT	42-403
dNTP Mix 40 mM (1 x 500 µl): 10 mM each dA, dC, dG, dT	42-411
dNTP Mix 100 mM (2 x 1 ml): 25 mM each dA, dC, dG, dT	42-405
dNTP Mix 10 mM (10 x 1 ml): 2.5 mM each dA, dC, dG, dT	42-406

Other concentrations and Single dNTPs are available.

DNA Ladders	Cat#
Apex 100 bp-Low DNA Ladder, 250 applications	19-109
Apex 1 kb DNA Ladder, 333 applications	19-115
Apex 200 bp DNA Ladder, 200 applications	19-111
Apex ECON Mini DNA Ladder, 100 applications	19-130
Apex ECON Low DNA Ladder, 100 applications	19-131
Apex ECON PCR Ladder, 100 applications	19-132

Accessory reagents	Cat#
50 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> , 3 x 1.5 ml	42-303
Nuclease-Free Water, PCR Grade, 6 x 5 ml	42-710

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