

# Taq DNA Polymerase Cat #: 42-402

Unit Size: 10,000 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<sup>®</sup> 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  $5' \rightarrow 3'$  DNA polymerase and a  $5' \rightarrow 3'$  exonuclease activity. The enzyme lacks a  $3' \rightarrow 5'$  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<sup>®</sup> 20, 50% glycerol.

# **Quality control**

Each lot of Taq DNA Polymerase is tested for contaminating activities with no trace 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.
- 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 more than  $1.5 \text{mM} \text{MgCl}_2$  is needed for the best results. For this reason,  $50 \text{mM} \text{MgCl}_2$  is included with the kit. Table 2 provides the volume of  $50 \text{mM} \text{MgCl}_2$  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 andTemplate 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	0.5-5 μl	0,5-5 mM
dNTP mix	0.8µl	0.2mM of
(12.5 mM of each)	υ.ομι	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
TOTAL volume	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



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.

6. 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.



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

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