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# Hot Diamond *Taq*® DNA Polymerase Specification Sheet

Reference: TAQ-I033

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#### Source

Hot Diamond *Taq*<sup>®</sup> is a highly thermostable enzyme produced and purified from recombinant *Escherichia coli* bacterium containing the *Thermus aquaticus* DNA Polymerase gene.

#### Intended use

Hot Diamond *Taq*® is a DNA polymerase exhibiting **unique Hot Start characteristics**. A proprietary agent prevents non-specific polymerisation; thereby preventing primer-dimer formation and increasing the PCR yield of specific products.

Hot Diamond  $Taq^{\circ}$  is particularly suited for PCR applications that require high sensitivity and ultra low levels of bacterial & fungal DNA. The GMP manufacturing & purification processes minimize the risk of false positive results due to residual DNA contamination (bacterial or fungal). The enzyme is QC-tested to verify that < 1fg of genomic *E. coli* DNA (or 0.2 copy) is present in a standard aliquot containing 1 unit of Taq. Bioburden is guaranteed  $\leq$  10 CFU/ml, but is typically = 0 CFU/ml.

# Package contents

Reference	Units	Volume	Concentration	<b>Volume</b> Hot Diamond <i>Taq®</i> reaction buffer (10 X)*	Volume 25 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub>
TAQ-I033-100 (sample)	100	20 µl	5 U/µl	1 ml	1 ml
TAQ-I033-1000	1000	200 μΙ	5 U/μl	6 ml	6 ml
TAQ-1033-5000	5000	1 ml	5 U/μl	30 ml	30 ml
TAQ-1033-25000	5 x 5000	5 x 1 ml	5 U/μl	5 x 30 ml	5 x 30 ml

<sup>\*750</sup> mM Tris-HCl pH 8.8 (at 19 °C), 200 mM (NH $_d$ ) $_2$ SO $_d$ , 0.1% (v/v) Tween 20 and stabilizer.

# 4. Shipping conditions

Shipping at room temperature

# 5. Storage conditions

Storage at -20°C is recommended

# Storage and dilution buffer

20 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EDTA, 0.1 M KCl, 0.5% (v/v) Nonidet P40, 0.5% (v/v) Tween 20, 50% (v/v) glycerol, pH 8.0 (4°C) and stabilizer

# **Enzyme Specifications**

Each lot of enzyme, buffer and MgCl<sub>2</sub> is functionnaly tested and quality controlled to ensure the following specifications of the IVD-GMP products.

Appearance	Colourless solution	
Identity (SDS-PAGE)	MW approx. 95 kDa	
Volume activity	≥ 5 U/µl	
Purity (SDS-PAGE)	> 98%	
Performance test: PCR on $\lambda$ DNA	0.5 kb fragment positive down to 5 pg	
Performance test: PCR on genomic DNA – 18S	0.1 kb fragment positive down to 10 pg	
Performance test: PCR on genomic DNA – Numb	0.3 kb fragment positive down to 10 pg	
Ribonucleases (up to 10 U, 1h, 37 °C)	Not detectable	
Endonucleases (up to 30 U, 16h, 65 °C)	Not detectable	
Exonucleases (up to 30 U, 16h, 65 °C)	Not detectable	
Nicking activity (up to 30 U, 16h, 65 °C)	Not detectable	
E. coli residual DNA	< 1 fg / Taq Unit	
Bioburden	≤ 10 CFU/ml	
Stability	24 months (at -20°C) from date of manufacture	
Animal-derived additives	None	

# **Unit definition**

One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme that incorporates, after activation step, 10 nmoles of dNTPs into acid insoluble form in 30 minutes at 74 °C.

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# **Reaction Conditions**

# For a 100 µl Reaction

Hot Diamond  $Taq^{@}$  Reaction Buffer (10x) 10  $\mu$ l MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution 6  $\mu$ l (1.5 mM)
Hot Diamond  $Taq^{@}$  0.8 to 2.5 units dNTP
Primers 200  $\mu$ M each dNTP
Primers 0.1 nmol each
H<sub>2</sub>O As required
DNA template As required

# Magnesium

This DNA polymerase is a magnesium-dependent enzyme. We recommend increasing the magnesium concentration for long DNA fragments. Excess Mg<sup>2+</sup> stabilizes the DNA double strand and consequently prevents complete denaturation of DNA, which reduces the extension yield. It may also stabilize spurious primer/template annealing, thus decreasing specificity.

#### Recommendation

Homogenize Hot Diamond Taq® solution by flipping the tube 4 to 5 times.

# Cycling conditions

The Hot Diamond  $Taq^{\circ}$  PCR protocol is compatible with all existing Hot start protocols. Nevertheless, a first heat shock pulse of only 20 sec. at 95 °C is sufficient to activate the enzyme

#### Classical PCR protocol used for 500 bp lambda DNA amplification\*

95°C 3 min
(including the 20 sec
of enzyme activation)

25 cycles  $\begin{cases}
94°C & 30 \text{ sec} \\
72°C & 1 \text{ min/kb} \\
72°C & 7 \text{ min} \\
4°C & \text{end temperature}
\end{cases}$ 

\*Condition will vary from reaction to reaction and may need optimization for maximal performances. Duration and temperature for denaturation and annealing steps depend on the type of cycler and primers design. We advise you to check primer design by using primer design software

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