

# Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity

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## Product description

The Invitrogen™ Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity is used for high-fidelity PCR amplification of DNA templates. It is effective over a large range of target sizes (up to 15 kb of genomic DNA). The mix contains anti-*Taq* DNA polymerase antibody, Mg<sup>++</sup>, deoxyribonucleotide triphosphates, recombinant *Taq* DNA polymerase, and *Pyrococcus* species *GB-D* thermostable polymerase.

Anti-*Taq* DNA polymerase antibody inhibits polymerase activity, providing an automatic “hot start” and permitting room-temperature setup. Antibody-mediated hot starts improve PCR specificity and yield. The polymerase activity is restored after a denaturation step in PCR cycling at 94°C. *Pyrococcus* species *GB-D* polymerase possesses 3' to 5' exonuclease proofreading activity. Mixing the proofreading enzyme with *Taq* DNA polymerase increases fidelity ~6 times over that of *Taq* DNA polymerase alone.

The Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity is supplied at a 1.1X concentration to allow ~10% of the final reaction volume to be used for the addition of primer and template solutions.

## Contents and storage

Contents	Cat. No.		Storage
	12532-016 (100 rxns)	12532-024 (5,000 rxns)	
Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity <sup>[1]</sup>	4 × 1.125 mL	4 × 56.25 mL	-20°C in a non-frost-free freezer <sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> 22 U/mL of complexed recombinant *Taq* DNA polymerase, *Pyrococcus* species *GB-D* thermostable polymerase, and Platinum™ *Taq* Antibody; 66 mM Tris-SO<sub>4</sub> (pH 8.9); 19.8 mM (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; 2.4 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>; 220 μM dNTPs; and stabilizers.

<sup>[2]</sup> After thawing, store the mix at 4°C for 3 months or -20°C for 1 year. If you store the mix at 4°C, you do not have to thaw the mix before assembling the reactions. There is no detectable decrease in enzyme activity or performance after storage at 4°C for 3 months, or after 15 freeze-thaw cycles.

## Procedural guidelines

- Take appropriate precautions to avoid cross-contamination.
- The reactions can be assembled at room temperature or on ice. We have observed no significant difference in reaction efficiency between these setup conditions.
- For multiple reactions, prepare a master mix of Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity and the component(s) common to all reactions.
- If the PCR efficiency is not optimal, repeat the reaction with different primer concentrations. Start at 100 nM, then increase in 100 nM increments up to 500 nM.
- For longer genomic DNA targets (>15 kb), add 1–1.5 units of Platinum™ *Taq* DNA Polymerase (Cat. No. 10966-018) to the reaction mix and increase the extension time as specified (1 minute per kb).
- At higher volumes of primer and template, the MgSO<sub>4</sub> concentration in the reaction drops to suboptimal levels and yield decreases. For combined primer-template volumes of >15 μL (in solution with 45 μL of Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity), adjust the final MgSO<sub>4</sub> concentration in the reaction to 2.2 mM.

## Perform the PCR

1. Add the following components in any order to each reaction tube:

Component	Amount for one 50- $\mu$ L reaction
Platinum™ PCR SuperMix High Fidelity	45 $\mu$ L
Primer solution	200 nM final concentration of each is recommended
Template DNA solution	1–200 ng of genomic DNA

**Note:** A standard 50- $\mu$ L PCR reaction includes a combined primer and template volume of 5  $\mu$ L. We have observed no decrease in product yield if the amount of primer and template solution is between 1  $\mu$ L and 15  $\mu$ L.

2. Cap the tubes, tap gently to mix, then centrifuge briefly to collect the contents.
3. Load the tubes in a thermal cycler and incubate at 94°C for 30 seconds to 2 minutes to completely denature the template and activate the enzyme.
4. Perform 25–35 cycles of PCR amplification as follows:

Step	Temperature	Time
Denature	94°C	15–30 seconds
Anneal	55°C	15–30 seconds
Extend	68°C	1 minute per kb

5. Maintain the reactions at 4°C after cycling. Samples can be stored at –20°C until use.

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