

	Package contents	Catalog number 11966-018 11966-026 11966-034 11966-083	Size 120 rxns 300 rxns 600 rxns 5000 rxns	Kit contents
	Storage conditions	▪ Store all contents at -20°C.		
	Required materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Template: cDNA, gDNA, λDNA ▪ Forward and reverse gene-specific primers ▪ Invitrogen™ 10 mM dNTP mix (Cat. no. 18427-088) ▪ Water, nuclease-free ▪ Invitrogen™ E-Gel™ General Purpose Gels, 1.2% (Cat. no. G5018-01) ▪ Invitrogen™ TrackIt™ 1 kb Plus DNA Ladder (Cat. no. 10488-085) ▪ 0.2 or 0.5-mL nuclease-free microcentrifuge tubes 		
	Timing	Varies depending on amplicon length		
	Selection guide	PCR Enzymes and Master Mixes Go online to view related products.		
	Product description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Platinum™ Taq DNA Polymerase is a recombinant Taq polymerase complexed with a proprietary antibody that blocks the polymerase activity at ambient temperatures. ▪ Activity is restored after the initial denaturation step in PCR cycling at 94°C, providing an automatic “hot start” and offering increased sensitivity, specificity, and yield, while allowing reaction assembly at room temperature. ▪ 10X Green PCR buffer is supplemented with two tracking dyes (a blue dye and a yellow dye) and a density reagent for direct loading of PCR products on gels. The dyes in the buffer do not interfere with PCR performance and are compatible with downstream applications such as fluorescent automatic DNA sequencing, ligation, and restriction digestion. ▪ This enzyme has a non-template-dependent, terminal transferase activity that adds a single deoxyadenosine (A) to the 3' ends of PCR products. Like standard Taq polymerase, it has both 5' to 3' polymerase and 5' to 3' exonuclease activity, but lacks 3' to 5' exonuclease activity. 		
	Important guidelines	Click here for important PCR guidelines.		
	Online resources	Visit our product page for additional information and protocols. For support, visit thermofisher.com/techresources .		

Enzyme characteristics

Hot-start:	Antibody
Length:	Up to 5 kb
Fidelity vs. Taq:	1X
Format:	Separate components

PCR setup

Use the measurements below to prepare your PCR experiment, or enter your own parameters in the column provided.

Component	25-µL rxn	50-µL rxn	Custom	Final conc. in 50-µL rxn
Water, nuclease-free	to 25 µL	to 50 µL	to µL	—
10X Green PCR Buffer, – Mg	2.5 µL	5 µL	µL	1X
50 mM MgCl ₂	0.75 µL	1.5 µL	µL	1.5 mM
10 mM dNTP mix	0.5 µL	1 µL	µL	0.2 mM each
10 µM forward primer	0.5 µL	1 µL	µL	0.2 µM
10 µM reverse primer	0.5 µL	1 µL	µL	0.2 µM
Template DNA	varies	varies	µL	<500 ng/rxn
KB Extender (optional)*	varies	varies	µL	3–9%
Platinum™ Taq DNA Polymerase	0.1 µL	0.2 µL	µL	2 U/rxn

* Recommended for targets >5 kb or with >65% GC sequences.

PCR protocol

See page 2 for instructions to prepare and run your PCR experiment.






Optimization strategies

Click here for guidelines to optimize your PCR experiment.

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The example PCR procedure below shows appropriate volumes for a single 50-µL reaction. For multiple reactions, prepare a master mix of components common to all reactions to minimize pipetting error, then dispense appropriate volumes into each 0.2–0.5 mL PCR tube prior to adding template DNA and primers.

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1 	Thaw reagents	Thaw, mix, and briefly centrifuge each component before use.																					
2 	Prepare PCR master mix	<p>Add the following components to each PCR tube.</p> <p>Note: Consider the volumes for all components listed in steps 2 and 3 to determine the correct amount of water required to reach your final reaction volume.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>50-µL rxn</th> <th>Final conc.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Water, nuclease-free</td> <td>to 50 µL</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10X Green PCR Buffer, minus Mg</td> <td>5 µL</td> <td>1X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50 mM MgCl₂</td> <td>1.5 µL</td> <td>1.5 mM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 mM dNTP mix</td> <td>1 µL</td> <td>0.2 mM each</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KB Extender (<i>optional</i>)*</td> <td>1.5–4.5 µL</td> <td>3–9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Platinum™ Taq DNA Polymerase</td> <td>0.2 µL</td> <td>2 U/rxn</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*For targets >5 kb or with >65% GC sequences.</p> <p>Mix and then briefly centrifuge the components.</p>	Component	50-µL rxn	Final conc.	Water, nuclease-free	to 50 µL		10X Green PCR Buffer, minus Mg	5 µL	1X	50 mM MgCl ₂	1.5 µL	1.5 mM	10 mM dNTP mix	1 µL	0.2 mM each	KB Extender (<i>optional</i>)*	1.5–4.5 µL	3–9%	Platinum™ Taq DNA Polymerase	0.2 µL	2 U/rxn
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5 	Analyze with gel electrophoresis	<p>Analyze the sample using agarose gel electrophoresis.</p> <p>Note: PCR mixes prepared using the 10X Green PCR buffer are ready for direct loading on the gels; addition of loading buffer is not needed.</p> <p>Use your PCR product immediately in down-stream applications, or store it at –20°C.</p>																					