# **T4 DNA Ligase**

**Catalog:** NP100052 **Size:** 16,000 U

Concentration: 400,000 U/ml

Components:

T4 DNA Ligase (400,000 U/ml) 10X T4 DNA ligase Reaction Buffer

# **Product Description**

T4 DNA Ligase can catalyze the formation of a phosphodiester bond between juxtaposed 5' phosphate and 3' hydroxyl termini in duplex DNA or RNA. This enzyme joins blunt-end and cohesive-end termini as well as repairs single-stranded nicks in duplex DNA and some DNA/RNA hybrids. T4 DNA Ligase seals nicks for these DNA substrates. T4 DNA Ligase is applicable to cloning restriction fragments and to joining linkers and adapters to blunt-ended DNA.

**Product Source:** An *E. coli* strain that carries the T4 DNA ligase gene.

#### **Unit Definition:**

One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to give 50% ligase of HindIII fragments ligate and 50% of *Hin*dIII digestion fragments of  $\lambda$  DNA (5´ DNA termini concentration of 0.12  $\mu$ M, 300  $\mu$ g/ml) in a total reaction volume of 20  $\mu$ l over 30 minutes at 16°C in 1X T4 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer.

**Storage Conditions:** 10 mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EDTA, 50% Glycerol, pH7.4 @ 25°C

Storage Temperature: -20°C

### **Reaction Conditions:**

1X T4 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer.

**1X T4 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer:** 50 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 10 mM DTT, 1 mM ATP, pH7.5 @ 25°C

Heat Inactivation: 65°C for 10 min.



## Instructions

 Set up the following reaction in a microcentrifuge tube on ice.

Composition	Amount
10X T4 DNA Ligase	2 μΙ
Reaction Buffer*	
Vector DNA (4 kb)	50 ng (0.02 pmol)
Insert DNA (1 kb)**	37.5 ng (0.06 pmol)
Nuclease-free dH₂O	up to 19 μl
T4 DNA Ligase ***	1 μΙ
Volume	20 μΙ

<sup>\*:10</sup>X T4 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer should be thawed and resuspended at room temperature.

- ◆ Short centrifugation after gentle percussion.
- Gently mix the reaction by pipetting up and down and microfuge briefly.
- ◆ For cohesive (sticky) ends, incubate at 16°C overnight or room temperature for 10 minutes.
- ◆ For blunt-ends or single-base overhangs, incubate at 16°C overnight or room temperature for 2 hours (alternatively, high-concentration T4 DNA Ligase can be used in a 10-minute ligation).
- ♦ Heat inactivate at 65°C for 10 minutes.
- Chill on ice and transform 1-5 μl of the reaction into 50 μl competent cells.

#### QC Process:

- Purity is above 95% detected by SDS-PAGE.
- No exonuclease, nuclease, RNase contamination.
- No residual host genomic DNA detected by PCR.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Insert DNA (1 kb): A ligation using a molar ratio of 1:3 vector to insert for the indicated DNA sizes.

<sup>\*\*\*:</sup>T4 DNA Ligase should be added last.