

# DyNAzyme™ I

## DNA Polymerase Kit

### Product codes:

F-550S, 100 U

F-550L, 500 U

Stable for one year from the packaging date. Store at -20°C.

## 1. Introduction

Finnzymes' DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase is a thermostable DNA polymerase for routine DNA amplification in the laboratory. It is isolated and purified from *Thermus brockianus*, Finnzymes' proprietary strain. DyNAzyme I DNA polymerase possesses 5'→3' DNA polymerase activity and 5'→3' exonuclease activity but lacks 3'→5' proofreading activity.

DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase Kit includes all necessary reagents for 100 (F-550S) or 500 (F-550L) amplification reactions of 50 µl. It also includes lambda DNA control template and primers for 500 bp amplicon. The template amount is sufficient for performing 40 control amplifications.

## 2. Kit Components

Component	Concen.	F-551S	F-551L
DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase	2 U/µl	100 U	500 U
Optimized DyNAzyme™ buffer		1 x 1.5 ml	2 x 1.5 ml
Mg <sup>2+</sup> -free DyNAzyme™ buffer		1 x 1.5 ml	2 x 1.5 ml
dNTP Mix	10 mM each	100 µl	500 µl
Mg <sup>2+</sup> -solution	50 mM	1 x 1.5 ml	1 x 1.5 ml
Control lambda template	0.5 ng/µl	40 µl	40 µl
500 bp control primers	25 µM each	40 µl	40 µl
DNA size standard		400 µl	400 µl

## 3. Guidelines for Using DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase

### 3.1 Basic reaction conditions for DNA amplifications

For standard PCR reactions, optimized DyNAzyme buffer is recommended (1x buffer contains 1.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup>). In case lower Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentrations are required, use the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-free DyNAzyme buffer with 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution provided. See section 5.2 for more information.

Mix and centrifuge all tubes before opening to improve recovery of the contents. Pipette DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase always carefully and gently. The high glycerol content (50 %) in the storage buffer may otherwise lead to pipetting errors.

Table 1. Pipetting instructions (add items in this order).

Component	Volume	Final conc.
H <sub>2</sub> O	Add to 50 µl	
10x Optimized DyNAzyme™ buffer	5 µl	1x (1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> )
10 mM dNTPs	1 µl	200 µM each
Primer A	x µl	0.5 µM*
Primer B	x µl	0.5 µM*
Template DNA	x µl	
DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase	0.25-1 µl**	0.01-0.04 U/µl (0.5-2 U/50 µl)

\* The recommendation for final primer concentration is 0.5 µM but it can be optimized in a range of 0.2-1.0 µM, if needed.

\*\* Possible enzyme dilutions are recommended to be made in 1x reaction buffer or H<sub>2</sub>O immediately before use.

## 4. Cycling Conditions

Table 2. Cycling instructions.

Cycle step	2-step protocol		3-step protocol		Cycles
	Temp.	Time	Temp.	Time	
Initial denaturation	94°C	1-2 min	94°C	1-2 min	1
Denaturation	94°C	15 s-1 min	94°C	15 s-1 min	25-35
Annealing (see 6.2)	-	-	T <sub>m</sub> - 5°C	10-30 s	
Extension	72°C	40 s/1 kb	72°C	40 s/1 kb	
Final extension	72°C 4°C	5-10 min hold	72°C 4°C	5-10 min hold	1

## 5. Notes About Reaction Components

### 5.1 Enzyme

The optimal amount of the enzyme depends on the amount of the template and the length of the PCR product. Usually 1 unit of the DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase per 50 µl reaction gives good results, but optimal amounts can range between 0.5-2.0 units per 50 µl reaction.

### 5.2 Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration and dNTP concentration

Optimization of Mg<sup>2+</sup> is critical since DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase is a magnesium dependent enzyme. In addition to DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase, the template DNA, primers, and dNTPs bind Mg<sup>2+</sup>. Therefore, the optimal Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration will depend on the dNTP concentration, the specific template DNA, and the sample buffer composition.

If the optimized buffer (1.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> final concentration) does not give satisfactory results, optimize the Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration between 0.75 and 4.0 mM. Excessive Mg<sup>2+</sup> stabilizes the DNA double strand and prevents complete denaturation of DNA, which reduces the yield. Excess Mg<sup>2+</sup> can also stabilize spurious annealing of primer to incorrect template sites, decreasing specificity. Conversely, inadequate Mg<sup>2+</sup> may lead to lower product yield. In

general, the acceptable Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration range narrows as the length of the amplicon increases. Usually the optimal Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration is 0.5 to 1 mM above the total dNTP concentration for standard PCR. **Note:** If the primers and/or template contain chelators such as EDTA or EGTA, the apparent Mg<sup>2+</sup> optimum may be shifted.

High quality dNTPs (e.g. F-560) should be used for optimal performance with DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase.

### 5.3 Incorporation of nucleotide analogs

DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase incorporates dUTP, dITP and fluorescently-labeled nucleotides.

### 5.4 Template

General guidelines are: 1 pg - 10 ng/50 µl reaction with low complexity genomes (e.g. plasmid, lambda or BAC DNA); 50-500 ng/50 µl reaction with high complexity genomic DNA.

### 5.5 PCR additives

DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase tolerates high DMSO concentrations (up to 10 %) needed for opening of difficult templates. Also other additives which help DNA denaturation can be used with DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase (formamide, glycerol, betaine, or combinations of these). We recommend using PCR additives in the following concentrations: DMSO 2-10 %, Formamide 2-10 %, Glycerol 5-10 %. Recommended starting point is 5 % DMSO. **Note:** In high DMSO concentrations the annealing temperature must be lowered, because DMSO decreases the melting point of the primers. For example, 10 % DMSO decreases the annealing temperature by 5.5-6.0°C.<sup>1</sup>

## 6. Notes About Cycling Conditions

### 6.1 Denaturation

After an initial 1-2 min denaturation at 94°C, keep the denaturation as short as possible (usually 30 seconds or less at 94°C). **Note:** The denaturation time and temperature also depend on the ramp rate and temperature control mode of the cycler.

### 6.2 Primer annealing

We suggest the primers to be annealed for one minute or less at the highest temperature that will permit annealing of the primers to the template. A guideline for determination of the annealing temperature is to use a temperature 5°C lower than the lower T<sub>m</sub> calculated by the nearest-neighbor method<sup>2</sup>. If necessary, use a temperature gradient to find the optimal annealing temperature for each template-primer pair combination. The annealing gradient should extend up to the extension temperature (two-step PCR). Two-step cycling without annealing step is recommended also for high T<sub>m</sub>

primer pairs. Instructions for T<sub>m</sub> calculation and a link to a calculator using the nearest-neighbor method can be found on Finnzymes' website ([www.finnzymes.com](http://www.finnzymes.com)).

### 6.3 Extension

The extension for standard PCR should be performed at 72°C (40 seconds per one kilobase of amplified product).

## 7. Amplifying Control Template

### 7.1 Reaction conditions

Table 3. Pipetting instructions for control template.

Component	Volume	Final conc.
H <sub>2</sub> O	41.5 µl	
10x Optimized DyNAzyme™ buffer	5 µl	1x (1.5 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> )
10 mM dNTPs	1 µl	200 µM each
500 bp control primer mix	1 µl	0.5 µM each
Control template DNA	1 µl	0.5 ng/50 µl
DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase	0.5 µl	1 U/50 µl

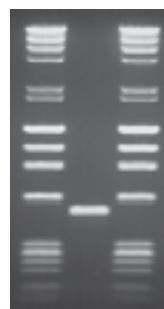
### 7.2 Cycle conditions

Table 4. Cycling instructions for control template.

Cycle step	Temp.	Time	Cycles
Initial denaturation	94°C	1 min	1
Denaturation	94°C	15 s	20
Annealing	60°C	30 s	
Extension	72°C	30 s	
Final extension	72°C	10 min	1

The cycling protocol above is a recommendation. If you wish to run the control together with your experimental samples, please note that the control has been shown to work in a variety of conditions.

### 7.3 Analysis of the control reaction



In the image on the left the control reaction has been run on an ethidium bromide stained agarose gel (1 %). For this run, 15 µl of the reaction mixture was loaded on the gel.

**Lanes 1 and 3:** DNA size standard (F-303 SD)  
**Lane 2:** Amplified 500 bp product of control PCR.

After running your control reaction on a gel, compare the results to the image on the left to check for specificity and efficiency of the reaction.

## 8. Component specifications

### 8.1 DyNAzyme™ I DNA Polymerase (F-500)

The native thermostable DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase is purified from *Thermus brockianus*, Finnzymes' proprietary bacterial strain. DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase has a half life of 3 h at 96°C. DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase is purified free of contaminating endo- and exonucleases.

**Storage buffer:** 20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4 at 25°C), 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 100 mM KCl, stabilizers, 200 µg/ml BSA and 50 % glycerol.

**Unit definition:** One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme that will incorporate 10 nmoles of dNTPs into acid-insoluble form at 74°C in 30 minutes under the stated assay conditions.

**Unit Assay Conditions:** Incubation buffer: 25 mM TAPS-HCl, pH 9.3 (at 25°C), 50 mM KCl, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol, 100 µM dCTP, 200 µM each dATP, dGTP, dTTP. Incubation procedure: 20 µg activated calf thymus DNA and 0.5 µCi [ $\alpha$ -<sup>32</sup>P] dCTP are incubated with 0.1 units DNA polymerase in 50 µl incubation buffer at 74°C for 10 minutes. The amount of incorporated dNTPs is determined by trichloroacetic acid precipitation.

**DNA Amplification Assay:** Performance in PCR is tested by the amplification of 500 bp lambda DNA and 6 kb M13 DNA.

**Exonuclease Activity:** Incubation of 10 U for 4 hours at 72°C in 50 µl assay buffer with 1 µg sonicated <sup>3</sup>H ssDNA (2 x 10<sup>5</sup> cpm/µg) released < 1 % of radioactivity.

**Endonuclease Assay:** No endonuclease activity is observed after incubation of 10 U of DNA polymerase with 1 µg of lambda DNA or lambda *Hind*III DNA fragments in assay buffer at 72°C for 4 hours.

### 8.2 10x Optimized DyNAzyme™ buffer (F-511)

In final 1x reaction concentration the Optimized DyNAzyme buffer contains 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.8 at 25°C), 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 0.1 % Triton® X-100.

### 8.3 10x Mg<sup>2+</sup>-free DyNAzyme™ buffer (F-510)

In final 1x concentration the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-free DyNAzyme buffer contains 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.8 at 25°C), 50 mM KCl and 0.1 % Triton® X-100.

### 8.4 dNTP Mix (F-560)

The dNTP Mix is ready-to-use solution consisting of the following compounds: dATP, dGTP, dCTP and dTTP dissolved in ddH<sub>2</sub>O at 10 mM each.

### 8.5 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution (F-510MG)

The 50 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> solution can be used with the Mg<sup>2+</sup>-free DyNAzyme buffer or to supplement the Mg<sup>2+</sup> concentration in the Optimized DyNAzyme Buffer.

### 8.6 Lambda control template (F-304K)

The control template is bacteriophage lambda DNA (GenBank accession number J02459, 48 502 bp). The concentration is 0.5 ng/µl in TE-buffer.

### 8.7 500 bp control primers (F-557)

The control primer #1 is a 23-mer upper primer. The sequence is 5'-GATGAGTTCGTGTCCGTACAAC-3' and the melting point is 64.4°C. The primer coordinates are 7131 - 7153 on the lambda template. The control primer #2 is a 23-mer lower primer. The sequence is 5' GGTTATCGAAATCAGC-CACAGCG-3' and the melting point is 70.5°C. The primer coordinates are 7608 - 7630 on the lambda template. Each primer concentration is 25 µM.

### 8.8 Ready to Use DNA standard (F-303SD)

The DNA standard is a mix of lambda DNA *Hind*III digest and bacteriophage φX174 DNA *Hae*III digest, each at 50 ng/µl (100 ng/µl total). It is supplied in 8 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 12 mM EDTA, 12 % glycerol and 0.012 % (w/v) bromophenol blue dye.

The DNA standard solution contains 19 fragments of the following sizes and mass amounts (per 10 µl):

Fragment	Base pairs	DNA amount ng/10 µl
1	23 130	238
2	9 416	97
3	6 557	68
4	4 361	45
5	2 322	24
6	2 027	21
7	1 353	126
8	1 078	100
9	872	81
10	603	56
11	564*	6
12	310	29
13a	281	26
13b	271	25
14	234	22
15	194	18
16a	125*	1
16b	118	11
17	72	7

\* Due to the low amount of DNA these bands are almost invisible.

## 9. References

- Chester & Marshak (1993) *Analytical Biochemistry* 209, 284-290.
- Breslauer *et al.* (1986) *PNAS* 83, 3746-3750.

### Storage and shipping

DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase Kit is shipped on gel ice. Upon arrival, store the components at -20°C. DyNAzyme I DNA Polymerase Kit is stable for one year from the packaging date when stored and handled properly.

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