

Product Components

Components	Component number	Concentration	Size-1 250 U	Size -2 2,500 U
T4 Polynucleotide Kinase	RM20514	10,000 U/mL	25 µL	250 µL
10X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer	RM20122	10X	1.25 mL	1.25 mL

Product Description

T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (T4 PNK) catalyzes the transfer and exchange of Pi from the γ position of ATP to the 5'-hydroxyl terminus of polynucleotides (double- and single-stranded DNA and RNA) and nucleoside 3'-monophosphates. T4 Polynucleotide Kinase also catalyzes the removal of 3'-phosphoryl groups from 3'-phosphoryl polynucleotides, deoxynucleoside 3'-monophosphates and deoxynucleoside 3'-diphosphates.

T4 PNK is applicable to end-labeling DNA or RNA for probes and DNA sequencing, addition of 5'-phosphates to oligonucleotides to allow subsequent ligation and removal of 3'-phosphoryl groups.

Product Source

An *E. coli* strain that carries the cloned T4 Polynucleotide Kinase gene.

Unit Definition

One unit of enzyme catalyzes the phosphorylation of 20 pmol of fluorescently labeled oligo in 30 min at 37°C.

Storage Buffer

10 mM Tris-HCl, 50 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EDTA, 50% Glycerol, 0.1 µM ATP pH7.4 @ 25°C

Storage Temperature

-20°C.

Reaction Conditions

1X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer, Incubate at 37°C

1X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer

70 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM DTT, pH7.6 @ 25°C

Heat Inactivation

65°C for 20 min

Instructions

Radioactive Labeling with T4 PNK or T4 PNK (3' phosphatase minus)

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

Components	Amount
ddH ₂ O	Up to 50 µL
10X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer	5 µL
DNA	Up to 50 pmol of 5' termini
[γ - ³² P] ATP (10 mM)	0.25 µL (50 pM)
T4 PNK	2 µL (20 U)

2. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes.

3. Heat inactivate by incubating at 65°C for 20 minutes.

Note: [³³P] ATP may be substituted for [³²P] ATP.

Non-radioactive Phosphorylation with T4 PNK or T4 PNK (3' phosphatase minus)

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

Components	Amount
ddH ₂ O	Up to 50 µL
10X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer	5 µL
DNA	Up to 300 pmol of 5' termini
ATP (10 mM)	5 µL
T4 PNK	1 µL (10 U)

2. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes.

3. Heat inactivate by incubating at 65°C for 20 minutes.

Note: ATP is not supplied; 1X T4 DNA Ligase Buffer contains 1 mM ATP and can be substituted in non-radioactive phosphorylations (T4 Polynucleotide Kinase exhibits 100% activity in this buffer).

End-labeling Protocol

5' overhangs can be end-labeled radioactively with T4 Polynucleotide Kinase (PNK), or filled in using the Klenow fragment with labeled dNTPs:

Components	Amount
ddH ₂ O	Up to 20 µL
10X T4 PNK Reaction Buffer	2 µL
DNA Ladder	1 or 2 µL (1 µg)
[γ - ³² P] ATP ((3,000 Ci/mM, 5 mCi/mL)	1 µL
T4 PNK	1 µL (10 U)

1. Incubate at 37°C for 30 minutes.

2. Run the samples for 50 to 60 minutes at 100V in TBE buffer in a 4-20% acrylamide gel (10 cm x 10 cm). A 20 minutes exposure gives very readable signals. The signal strength is about twice that signal when ADP is added to 100 µM.

Notes

- Gaps can be phosphorylated with elevated levels of ATP. Nicks are not phosphorylated efficiently. CTP, GTP, TTP, UTP, dATP or dTTP can be substituted for ATP as a phosphate donor.
- Dephosphorylation prior to end-labeling can be avoided by utilizing the exchange reaction, although this results in lower specific activity labeling.
- Sufficient incorporation levels can be attained using the supplied buffer supplemented with 100 µM ADP in the final reaction.