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Product Specification

Product Name:	*Quick-Load® Taq 2X Master Mix*
Catalog #:	*M0271S/L*
Concentration:	*2X Concentrate*
Shelf Life:	*24 months*
Storage Temp:	*-20°C*
Composition (1X):	*10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.6 @ 25°C), 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.2 mM dATP, 0.2 mM dCTP, 0.2 mM dGTP, 0.2 mM dTTP, 5 % Glycerol, 0.08 % IGEPAL® CA-630, 0.05 % Tween® 20, 0.024 % Orange G, 0.0025 % Xylene cyanol, 33 units/ml Taq DNA Polymerase*
Specification Version:	*PS-M0271S/L v1.0*
Effective Date:	*13 Jul 2016*

Assay Name/Specification (minimum release criteria)

Endonuclease Activity (Nicking) - A 50 µl reaction in ThermoPol® Reaction Buffer containing 1 µg of supercoiled PhiX174 DNA and a minimum of 20 units of *Taq* DNA Polymerase incubated for 4 hours at either 37°C or 75°C results in <10% conversion to the nicked form as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

Non-Specific DNase Activity (16 hour, Buffer) - A 50 µl reaction in 1X Quick-Load® *Taq* Master Mix containing 1 µg of T3 DNA in addition to a reaction containing Lambda-HindIII DNA incubated for 16 hours at 37°C results in a DNA pattern free of detectable nuclease degradation as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

PCR Amplification (5 kb Lambda, Master Mix) - A 25 µl reaction in 1X Quick-Load® *Taq* Master Mix and 0.2 µM primers containing 5 ng Lambda DNA for 25 cycles of PCR amplification results in the expected 5 kb product.

Phosphatase Activity (pNPP) - A 200 µl reaction in 1M Diethanolamine, pH 9.8, 0.5 mM $MgCl_2$ containing 2.5 mM *p*-Nitrophenyl Phosphate (pNPP) and a minimum of 100 units of *Taq* DNA Polymerase incubated for 4 hours at 37°C yields <0.0001 unit of alkaline phosphatase activity as determined by spectrophotometric analysis.

Protein Purity Assay (SDS-PAGE) - *Taq* DNA Polymerase is ≥ 99% pure as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis using Coomassie Blue detection.

qPCR DNA Contamination (*E. coli* Genomic) - A minimum of 5 units of *Taq* DNA Polymerase is screened for the presence of *E. coli* genomic DNA using SYBR® Green qPCR with primers specific for the *E. coli* 16S rRNA locus. Results are quantified using a standard curve generated from purified *E. coli* genomic DNA. The measured level of *E. coli* genomic DNA contamination is ≤ 1 *E. coli* genome.

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RNase Activity (Extended Digestion) - A 10 µl reaction in NEBuffer 4 containing 40 ng of a 300 base single-stranded RNA and a minimum of 1 µl of Quick-Load® *Taq* 2X Master Mix is incubated at 37°C. After incubation for 4 hours, >90% of the substrate RNA remains intact as determined by gel electrophoresis using fluorescent detection.
Single Stranded DNase Activity (FAM-Labeled Oligo) - A 50 µl reaction in ThermoPol® Reaction Buffer containing a 10 nM solution of a fluorescent internal labeled oligonucleotide and a minimum of 25 units of *Taq* DNA Polymerase incubated for 30 minutes at either 37°C or 75°C yields <10% degradation as determined by capillary electrophoresis.

Date 13 Jul 2016

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