



DNase I - RNase free

Deoxyribonuclease I

DNase I Endonuclease

Nonspecific deoxyribonuclease that degrades both double-stranded and single-stranded DNA endonucleolytically releasing 5'-phosphorylated di-, tri-, and oligonucleotide products (2).

Cat. No.	Size
E1345-01	1.000 units
E1345-02	5.000 units

Unit Definition:

One unit is the amount of enzyme required to completely degrade 1 µg of plasmid DNA in 10 min at 37°C.

One functional DNase I unit is approximately equivalent to 0.3 Kunitz units (1)

Storage Conditions:

Store at -20°C

Quality Control:

Functionally tested for digesting of template - plasmid DNA. The absence of RNase confirmed by appropriate quality test utilizing spectrophotometry assays of RNA sample concentration before and after incubation with an excess of enzyme.

Note 1: This DNase solution does not contain RNase inhibitor. Please handle with care to avoid RNase contamination. Ribonuclease inhibitor is available as a separate product (Cat. No. E4210).

Note 2: DNase I is sensitive to physical denaturation. Therefore, do not vortex solutions containing DNase I. Mix by gently flipping the tube or by pipetting.

Applications:

- Preparation of DNA-free RNA (degradation of contaminating DNA after RNA isolation) (3)
- Preparation of DNA-free RNA prior to RT-PCR and RT-qPCR (4)
- Removal of template DNA following *in vitro* transcription.
- Studies of DNA-protein interactions (footprinting).
- DNA labeling by nick-translation.
- Production of random fragments (generation of libraries) (5)

Enzyme activity:

DNase I requires Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ for hydrolyzing double-stranded DNA. In the presence of Mg²⁺, DNase I cleaves each strand of double-stranded DNA independently in a statistically random fashion (recommended Reaction Buffer I). In the presence of Mn²⁺, the enzyme cleaves both DNA strands at approximately the same site, producing DNA fragments with blunt-ends or with overhang termini of only one or two nucleotide (recommended Reaction Buffer II) (5).

10 x Reaction Buffer I:

100 mM Tris-HCl, 25 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM CaCl₂, pH 7.4 @ 25°C.

10 x Reaction Buffer II:

20 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5 at 22°C), 300 mM KCl, 0.1 mM dithiothreitol, 7 mM EDTA, 20 mM magnesium acetate, 200 µg/ml bovine serum albumin and 50% [v/v] glycerol.

Inactivation:

Inactivated by heating at 65°C for 10 min in the presence of EDTA or EGTA.

Inhibitors:

Metal chelators (EGTA, EDTA), transition metals, SDS, reducing agents (DTT, β-mercaptoethanol).

References:

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3. Although not required for most applications please see the additional DNase I digestion conditions in Manual for GeneMATRIX UNIVERSAL DNA/RNA/Protein Purification Kit (E3597) and GeneMATRIX UNIVERSAL RNA Purification Kit (E3598).
4. Sanyal, A., et al., An effective method of completely removing contaminating genomic DNA from an RNA sample to be used for PCR. *Mol. Biotechnol.*, 8, 135-137, (1997).
5. Sambrook, J., Fritsch, E.F. and Maniatis, T. (1989) *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual 2nd ed.*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, New York.