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Modified T7 RNA Polymerase with higher tolerance towards modified nucleotides. Extremely useful for radioactive and non radioactive labeling as well as for RNA synthesis for preparative scale.

Cat. No.	Size
E1290-01	5 000 units
E1290-02	25 000 units

Unit Definition:

One unit is the amount of enzyme required to incorporate 1 nmol of labeled UTP into acid-soluble material in 1 hr at 37°C.

Storage Conditions:

Store at -20°C

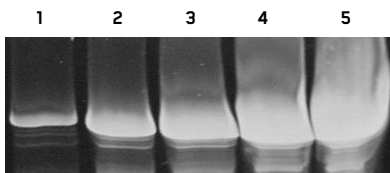


Fig. T7 RNA transcription of 400 nt RNA.

5 µl of T7 transcription were mixed with 5 µl of 2 x RNA loading buffer and loaded on a 7 % polyacrylamide gel supplemented with 8 M urea. The gel was ethidium bromide stained. 1-5, respectively 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 U of T7 RNA Polymerase used for T7 transcription.

Description:

- DNA-dependent RNA polymerase which has stringent specificity for T7 phage promoters sequence (1).
- Ultrapure recombinant enzyme.
- Efficiently synthesizes *in vitro* transcripts from almost any DNA that is downstream from a T7 promoter (2).
- Suitable for preparing labeled single-stranded RNA probes of high specific activity(3).
- Transcripts can be used as hybridization probes, templates for *in vitro* translation, substrates in RNA processing systems, or exon and intron mapping of genomic DNA.

T7 *in vitro* transcription, Example reaction protocol:

Component	Final Concentr. / amount	Add Per Reaction
5 x Reaction Buffer	1 x	10 µl
NTP mix [25 mM each]	1.875 mM per NTP	3.75 µl*
DTT [100 mM]	2.5 mM	1.25 µl*
Thermostable Pyrophosphatase [20 U/µl] (Cat. No. E1267)	2.4 U	0.12 µl*
DNA template for T7 transcription	2 µg	Variable
T7 RNA Polymerase	50 - 800 U**	Variable
RNase-free H ₂ O		@ 50 µl

* dependent on concentration of stock solution

**50U is most efficient for labeling, more units are recommended for preparative scale

Incubate up to 2 hours at 37°C and check transcription on appropriate denaturing polyacrylamide gel. Load 5 µl of reaction mixed with 5 µl of 2 x RNA loading buffer (2.6 M urea, 2 x TBE, 0.02 % (w/v) BPB, 0.02 % (w/v) XCB, 66 % (v/v) formamid).

Storage Buffer:

20 mM potassium phosphate (pH 7.5), 0.1 M NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 100 µg/ml bovine serum albumin and 50 % (v/v) glycerol.

5 x Reaction Buffer:

0.4 M HEPES (pH 7.5), 16 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM spermidine, 0.6 mg/ml bovine serum albumin.

Assay Conditions:

40 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.9 at 22°C), 8.0 mM MgCl₂, 5 mM dithiothreitol, 4 mM spermidine-(HCl)₃, 2.5 µg T7 DNA, 0.4 mM each of ATP, CTP, GTP and 0.4 mM [α -³²P]UTP. Incubation is at 37°C for 10 min in a reaction volume of 50 µl.

Quality Control:

All preparations are assayed for contaminating exonuclease, endonuclease and nonspecific RNase and single- and double-stranded DNase activities. Typical preparations are greater than 90 % pure, as judged by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis.

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