## Instructions for use

# **ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x)**

Recombinant Taq DNA polymerase master mix for all standard PCR amplifications followed by direct gel-loading 9241

#### 1. Description

Optimised pre-mixed 2x PCR solution containing the recombinant TaqS DNA polymerase from the thermophilic bacterium *Thermus aquaticus*, dNTPs, MgCl<sub>2</sub>, and all other components required for PCR (except primers and template DNA) plus components for direct gel electrophoresis.

For research use only. Not approved for use in clinical or in vitro diagnostics.

#### 2. Applications

ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) is recommended for use in all standard PCR applications, particularly if PCR is to be followed directly by gel electrophoresis.

PCR assays with ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) master mix not only reduces contamination risks, but is also time-saving, highly reproducible and very easy to prepare. ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) can be applied to all standard Taq-based cycling protocols and is, therefore, the optimal choice for high throughput PCR as being performed in, for instance, analysis of cloning efficiency or colony screening, for routine screening processes, and for student's courses.

Due to the optimised composition of the master mix, the TaqS polymerase delivers specific PCR amplification of good yield with a wide range of PCR templates. ROTI $^{\circ}$ Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) is able to amplify PCR products up to 3 kb with genomic DNA, and is appropriate for use with pure DNA solutions, cDNA, and bacterial colonies as templates. The TaqS polymerase included in the master mix possesses a 5' $\rightarrow$  3' polymerase- as well as a 5'-flap endonuclease activity, and generates a 3'dA (adenine)-overhang which may well be used for TA-cloning purposes.

ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) contains components for direct gel loading after PCR, which do not hinder PCR reactions in any way. In 1 % agarose gels, the included red dye migrates approx. as fast as a 1 kb DNA fragment. During denaturation in Southern blotting, the dye turns yellow at an acidic pH.

#### 3. Content

ROTI<sup>®</sup>Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x) (Art. No. 9241) in 2x reaction buffer containing TaqS polymerase, 0,4 mM each dNTP, 4 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 0.02 % cresol red (ready-to-load) Filled in red-capped tubes.

Reagent	Lid colour	9241.1	9241.2
ROTI <sup>®</sup> Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x)	red	2 tubes	10 tubes

The red master mix contains a red dye which functions as a loading dye. The buffer has sufficient density for direct loading of PCR reactions onto an agarose gel for PCR product analysis. The red dye migrates in a 1% agarose gel at the same rate as a ~1kb DNA fragment. The dye turns yellow at an acidic pH, for instance during Southern-Blotting. The use of the colourless PCR master mix is adequate for all general PCR applications and is particularly recommended when direct fluorescence or absorbance readings are required.

#### 4. Reaction volume

The ready-to-use 2x master mix has been optimised for 25 µl reaction volumes. Use 12.5 µl of the 2x master mix solution and add up to 25 µl with primers, target DNA and water as described below.

#### 5. Suggested pipetting scheme

Prepare on ice:

Components	Apply for PCR reaction of 25 µl volume	Final concentration (recommended)
ROTI®Pol TaqS red master mix (2x)	12.5 µl	1x
Forward primer (e.g. 5 pmol/µl)	variable (e.g. 1 µl)	0.1-0.5 μM
Reverse primer (e.g. 5 pmol/µl)	variable (e.g. 1 µl)	0.1-0.5 μM
Template DNA	variable	0.01-10 ng / reaction
Sterile dest. water	adjust to 25 µl final volume	

#### 6. Basic amplification protocol

Step	Time	Temperature
Initial denaturation	2 minutes	92-95 °C
25-35 cycles		
Denaturation	2-10 seconds	92-95 °C
Annealing	2-10 seconds	55-68 °C
Extension	variable, depends on the length of product	72 °C

#### 7. Notes

For maximum yield and specificity, annealing temperatures and annealing time as well as extension time and cycle numbers should be optimised for each template target and primer pair. Usually the optimal annealing temperature is 2-5 °C below the melting temperature of the primers. Elongation times of 30 secs. per 1 kb may be sufficient but longer elongation times may be necessary depending on the complexity of the template DNA.

Further optimization may still be necessary by increasing MgCl<sub>2</sub> concentrations, primer concentrations and PCR cycle parameters depending on your DNA source and quality or your primers.

Product is not covered by pending or issued patents or may have certain limitations. To our best knowledge, however, this product does not provide any conflict with pending or issued patents.

### 8. Recommended MgCl<sub>2</sub> concentration

2-4 mM

When the 2x master mix is diluted 1:2 the final concentration of  $MgCl_2$  is 2 mM. In case the  $MgCl_2$  concentration has to be adjusted, use a separate  $MgCl_2$  solution (100 mM) in PCR quality and add in appropriate amounts according to the scheme below. We recommend doing PCR with a  $MgCl_2$  gradient in order to find the optimal concentration.

#### Pipetting scheme for additional MgCl<sub>2</sub>

Final MgCl₂ conc. in mM	2.5	3	3.5	4
Add 100 mM MgCl <sub>2</sub> solution in following amounts to 25 µl reaction volume	0.125 µl	0.25 µl	0.375 µl	0.5 µl

### 9. Storage conditions

Store at -20 °C. Avoid extensive freeze/thaw cycles or prepare and store working aliquots. However, the master mix is stable for at least 8 freeze/thaw cyles. Infrequent short term storage (few hours) of the master mix may be done at +4 °C.

### 10. Additionally recommended products

For our Thermal cyclers please contact us under 0721 / 5606 - 0

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PCR water for molecular biology, sterile, ready-to-use Magnesium chloride solution 25 mM, for PCR, for molecular biology Mineral oil (for or overlaying PCR and other enzymatic reactions)	Art. No. 1HPE Art. No. 1HY7 Art. No. HP50
ROTI®Nucleic acid-free (ready-to-use solution for removal of DNA from surfaces) ROTI®Nucleic acid-free eXtra (ready-to-use, gentle solution for DNA removal) DNA AWAY® (ready-to-use solution for removal of DNA from surfaces)	Art. No. HP69 Art. No. 1312 Art. No. X996
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ROTI®Pol TaqS Red-Mix (2x)	2 ml 2x Master mix	9241.1
	10 ml 2x Master mix	9241.2

