# ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase Kit



Polymerase, buffers, and dNTPs for high-fidelity PCR amplification

Catalog #76026 1 Kit 500 Reactions

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## **Product Description**

ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase Kit is optimized for robust, high-fidelity DNA amplification (> 50X higher than *Taq* polymerase). It may be used in applications requiring ultra-low error rates, such as detection of genome editing with ArciTect™ T7 Endonuclease I Kit (Catalog #76021; refer to the Technical Bulletin: Evaluation of Genome Editing, Document #27126), as well as sequencing, cloning/subcloning, synthetic biology, and SNP analysis. ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase is a fusion protein with a double-stranded DNA-binding domain and a *Pyrococcus*-like proofreading polymerase domain.

ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase Kit includes ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase, dNTP Mix (10 mM; containing dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP sodium salts), and two buffers: ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer (for standard high-fidelity reactions) and ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer (for difficult-to-amplify templates that are rich in G and C bases). Reactions using ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer have increased sensitivity with a slightly higher error rate. All components of this kit are animal component-free.

ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase exhibits a 50- to 60-fold lower error rate than standard *Taq* using the lacI mutagenesis assay. It has an extension rate of 67 nucleotides per second and can successfully amplify long targets (up to 5 kb of human genomic DNA and 8 kb of lambda DNA). This enzyme generates blunt-end products.

## **Product Information**

PRODUCT NAME	CATALOG #	SIZE	COMPONENTS
ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase Kit	76026	1 Kit - 500 Reactions	<ul> <li>dNTP Mix, 1 mL</li> <li>ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase, 250 µL</li> <li>ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer, 6 x 1.5 mL</li> <li>ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer, 3 x 1.5 mL</li> </ul>

# Component Storage and Stability

The following components are sold as a complete kit (see Product Information).

dNTP Mix (Catalog #76027) is also available for individual sale.

COMPONENT NAME	COMPONENT #	SIZE	STORAGE	SHELF LIFE
dNTP Mix	76027	1 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.
ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase	76029	250 μL	Store at -20°C.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.
ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer	76030	1.5 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.
ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer	76031	1.5 mL	Store at -20°C.	Stable until expiry date (EXP) on label.



## Specifications for ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase

Formulation: 20 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM KCl, 1 mM DTT, 0.1 mM EDTA, stabilizer, 50% glycerol, pH 7.4 at 25°C

Molecular Weight: 97.7 kDa
Source: E. coli

**Activity:** 2 U/μL; 1 Unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to incorporate 10 nmol of dNTPs into

acid-insoluble form at 74°C in 30 minutes.

Extension Rate: 67 kb/second

3' to 5' Exonuclease Activity: Yes

(proofreading)

5' to 3' Exonuclease Activity: No

(nick translation)

## Materials Required but Not Included

PRODUCT NAME	CATALOG #	
Genomic DNA Purification Kit	79020	
Microcentrifuge tubes	e.g. 38089	
PCR tubes or strips	e.g. 38091 or 38094	
Forward and reverse primers		
DNA template		
Nuclease-Free Water	79001	

### Directions for Use

- 1. Purify DNA sample using the Genomic DNA Purification Kit. Store on ice.
- 2. Thaw either ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer or ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer at room temperature (15 25°C).

NOTE: Use ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer for standard high-fidelity amplifications; use ArciTect™ High GC Buffer for GC-rich/difficult templates.

NOTE: If not used immediately, aliquot and store at -20°C. Do not exceed the expiry date as indicated on the label. After thawing the aliquots, use immediately; do not re-freeze.

- 3. Centrifuge polymerase briefly to collect material at bottom of tube. Store on ice until use.
  - NOTE: ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase may appear cloudy due to the presence of stabilizer. Product performance will not be affected.
- 4. To prepare the Reagent Mix, combine components in a microcentrifuge tube on ice as indicated in Table 1. Indicated volumes are for preparing 50 μL of Reagent Mix. If preparing other volumes, adjust accordingly.



#### Table 1. Preparation of Reagent Mix

COMPONENT	VOLUME (µL)	FINAL AMOUNT/ CONCENTRATION
ArciTect™ High-Fidelity Buffer OR ArciTect™ High GC Content Buffer	10	1X MgCl₂: 1.5 mM*
dNTP Mix	1	200 μM each
10 μM Forward primer	1**	0.2 μΜ
10 μM Reverse primer	1**	0.2 μΜ
DNA template	Variable	50 - 250 ng <sup>†</sup>
ArciTect™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase	0.5	1 U <sup>††</sup>
Nuclease-free water	Variable	Bring solution to total volume of 50 µL

<sup>\*</sup> If desired, increase [MgCl2] in 0.2 µM increments, up to 3.0 mM; [MgCl2] > 3 mM may reduce fidelity.

- 5. Briefly centrifuge the Reagent Mix.
- 6. Perform PCR in a thermocycler using the conditions indicated in Table 2. For PCR troubleshooting, see Notes and Tips.

#### **Table 2. Recommended PCR Cycling Conditions**

STEP	TEMPERATURE	TIME
Initial denaturation	98°C	30 seconds to 3 minutes*
Denaturation, annealing, extension for 15 - 35 cycles	98°C	5 - 10 seconds
	Varies**	10 - 30 seconds
	72°C	15 - 30 seconds per kilobyte of DNA
Final extension	72°C	5 - 10 minutes
Hold	4°C	Up to 24 hours

<sup>\*</sup> For difficult templates, initial denaturation can be extended up to 3 minutes.

## Notes and Tips

- To improve PCR yield, increase the extension time and/or template concentration. PCR enhancers can be used (e.g. betaine, DTT, BSA, or DMSO) to help with complex targets.
- DMSO may be used to reduce secondary structure of GC-rich templates. DMSO is usually used at a 3% (v/v) final concentration, but up to 9% has been used to improve success rate on difficult PCR templates. If using DMSO, a lowered annealing temperature is recommended.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Use up to 5 μL (1 μM final concentration); 1 μL (0.2 μM) is recommended for most applications.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For low-complexity genomes (e.g. plasmid, virus, or bacterial artificial chromosome), 1 pg - 10 ng is recommended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>††</sup> For long targets (> 1 kb), difficult templates, or for higher yield, use up to 2 U polymerase.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For primers over 20 nucleotides long, the annealing temperature should be ~3°C higher than the lowest melting temperature (Tm). For primers shorter than 20 nucleotides, the annealing temperature should equal the lowest Tm. If the Tm of the primer pairs is ≥ 72°C, the annealing and extension steps can be combined into a two-step cycling program.