

## T7 DNA Ligase



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**100,000 units**   **3,000,000 U/ml**   **Lot: 0021303**  
**RECOMBINANT**   **Store at -20°C**   **Exp: 3/15**

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reaction conditions blunt-end DNA ligation does not occur in the presence of T7 DNA Ligase, making it a good choice for applications in which blunt and cohesive ends of DNA are present but only the cohesive ends are to be joined.

**Source:** An *E. coli* strain containing a recombinant gene encoding T7 DNA Ligase

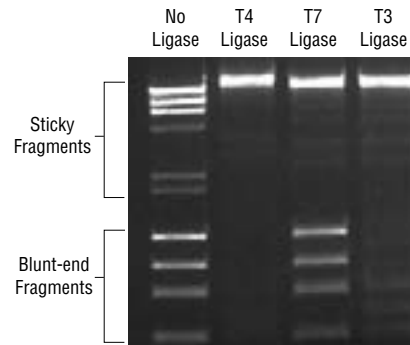
### Applications:

- Cloning of DNA fragments generated by restriction enzyme digestion
- Adding linkers or adapters to dsDNA
- Circularization of linear DNA
- Nick-sealing in dsDNA
- Site-directed mutagenesis

Supplied in: 50 mM KCl, 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.4 @ 25°C), 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT and 50% glycerol.

**Reagents Supplied with Enzyme:**  
2X T7 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer

**Reaction Conditions:** 1X T7 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer. **Incubate at 25°C.** Standard vector + insert ligations in 10–20  $\mu$ l reaction volumes are usually performed for 30 minutes at 25°C.



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### 1X T7 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer:

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10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>  
1 mM ATP  
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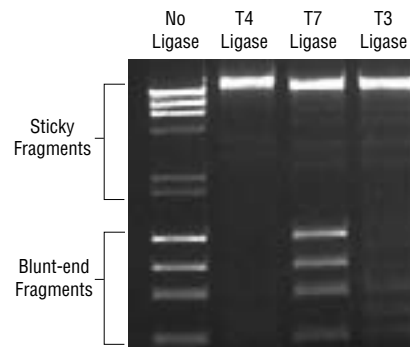
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**Unit Definition:** One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to give 50% ligation of 100 ng HindIII fragments of  $\lambda$  DNA in a total reaction volume of 20  $\mu$ l in 30 minutes at 25°C in 1X T7 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer.

**Concentration:** 3,000,000 units/ml.

**Heat Inactivation:** No

### Quality Control Assays

**Exonuclease Activity:** Incubation of 15,000 units of enzyme with 1  $\mu$ g sonicated <sup>3</sup>H DNA (2 x 10<sup>6</sup> cpm/ $\mu$ g) for 4 hours at 37°C in 50  $\mu$ l reaction buffer released < 0.1% radioactivity.

**Endonuclease Activity:** Incubation of a 50  $\mu$ l reaction containing 15,000 units of T7 DNA Ligase with 1  $\mu$ g of  $\phi$ X174 RF I DNA for 4 hours at 37°C resulted in < 5% conversion to RFI as determined by agarose gel electrophoresis.

**Physical Purity:** Purified to > 99% homogeneity as determined by SDS-PAGE analysis using Coomassie Blue detection.

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**Notes on Use:** ATP is an essential cofactor for the reaction. This contrasts with *E. coli* DNA Ligase which requires NAD.

Dilution of enzyme for long-term storage at -20°C should be performed with the storage buffer containing 50% glycerol. Diluent A (NEB #B8001) can also be used for those applications in which BSA, present in Diluent A, will not interfere.

T7 DNA Ligase is also active in buffers without PEG 6000, such as our T4 DNA Ligase Buffer and NEBuffer 1-4, for applications in which PEG 6000 is detrimental. Please remember to supplement the reaction with 1 mM ATP (final concentration). Using these buffers, the activity of T7 DNA Ligase is reduced approximately 10-fold.

Heating a reaction containing T7 DNA Ligase at 65°C for 10 minutes will inactivate the enzyme. However, the reaction needs to be performed in a buffer without PEG. **Do not** heat inactivate if there is PEG in the reaction buffer, as transformation will be inhibited.

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