



## Exonuclease III (*E.coli*)

Product	Quantity	Cat. No.	Remarks
Exonuclease III ( <i>E.coli</i> )	10,000 unit	EBT-3025	100 unit/ $\mu$ l

### Description

Exonuclease III (*E.coli*) catalyzes the stepwise removal of mononucleotides starting from a 3'-OH at nicks, blunt ends, recessed ends and 3'-overhangs of less than 4 bases. Exonuclease III is used in conjunction with S1 nuclease for unidirectional deletion of sequences from the termini of DNA fragments to construct a series of deletion mutants. Exonuclease III is purified from a recombinant *E.coli* strain.

### Concentration & Storage Condition

100 unit/ $\mu$ l. Store at -20°C.

### Storage Buffer

20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 1 mM DTT, 100 mM KCl, 50% glycerol .

### 10x Reaction Buffer

660 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 6.6 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> .

### Unit Definition

One unit is defined as the amount of enzyme required to produce 1 nmole of acid-soluble nucleotides from double-stranded DNA within 30 min at 37°C.

### QC Tests

Activity, exo and endonuclease activity test, SDS-PAGE purity, performance tests.

### Usage Information

#### 1. Timed, Unidirectional Deletions Using Exo III and S1 Nuclease

- 1) Dissolve 5 $\mu$ g of double cut DNA (one restriction enzyme should produce a 4-base, 3'-overhang, which will be protected from Exo III digestion, and the other enzyme should produce a 5'-overhang or blunt end adjacent to the region from which the deletions will proceed) in 60 $\mu$ l 1x Exo III Reaction Buffer.
- 2) Add 7.5 $\mu$ l of S1 nuclease mix (200 $\mu$ l final volume containing 40 mM potassium acetate (pH 4.6), 340 mM NaCl, 1.35 mM ZnSO<sub>4</sub>, 6.8% glycerol and 60 units S1 nuclease) to each of 25 x 0.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes and leave on ice.
- 3) Warm the DNA tube to the digestion temperature in a water bath.
- 4) Add 250–500 units of Exo III, mixing as rapidly as possible.  
At 30-second intervals, transfer 2.5  $\mu$ l samples into the S1 tubes on ice, pipetting briefly to mix. After all the samples have been taken, move the tubes to room temperature for 30 min.
- 5) Add 1 $\mu$ l of S1 stop buffer (0.3 M Tris base, 0.05 M EDTA),
- 6) Heat at 70°C for 10 min to inactivate the S1 nuclease.
- 7) Fill in with Klenow fragment to flush the ends.
- 8) To determine the extent of digestion, remove 2  $\mu$ l samples (about 40 ng DNA) from each time point for analysis on a 1% agarose gel.

#### 2. 3'→5' Double-Ended Deletions

- 1) Add 2  $\mu$ g of digested DNA with either blunt ends or 5'-overhangs to a 50  $\mu$ l reaction containing 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 5mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 5 mM DTT and 50  $\mu$ g/ml BSA.
- 2) Add 10 units of Exo III and mix.
- 3) Incubate at 37°C for 1–30 min, depending upon the amount of digestion required.
- 4) Stop the reaction by adding 2  $\mu$ l of 0.5 M EDTA or by heating at 75°C for 10 min.

**Note:** Unidirectional digestion proceeds at approximately 500 bases/min at 37°C.

There is a 20–30 sec lag before the reaction begins when incubated at 37°C.

The rate of Exo III digestion can vary depending on the incubation temperature (lag times will increase as the temperature is decreased), the DNA template used and the NaCl concentration.

#### 3. Temperature Dependence of Exonuclease III Digestion Rate.

Temperature	Rate of Exonuclease III Digestion
22°C	approximately 60bp / min
25°C	approximately 100bp / min
30°C	approximately 200bp / min
37°C	approximately 500bp / min
40°C	approximately 600bp / min