

# Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I

**Catalogue number:** MB00901, 300 U

## Description

Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I is a truncated fragment of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I that lacks the 5' → 3' exonuclease activity while retaining the 3' → 5' exonuclease activity (proofreading activity). The enzyme is well suited for use in 3'-end labelling of DNA fragments for sequence analysis, for the creation of blunt-ends by the filling-in of 5'-overhangs or by the removal of 3'-overhangs, for second-strand synthesis of cDNA and for random primer labelling of DNA fragments.

## Storage temperature

Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I should be stored at -20 °C in a constant temperature freezer. The protein will remain stable till the expiry date if stored as specified.

## Unit definition

One unit of enzyme activity is defined as the amount of enzyme that will incorporate 10 nmol of total nucleotides into an acid-insoluble material in 30 min at 37 °C.

**Enzyme concentration:** 5 U/μL

## Inactivation

Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I is heat inactivated at 75 °C for 10 min.

## System components and Reaction Conditions

Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I is provided with a dedicated highly optimized NZYtech reaction buffer and displays an optimum temperature of 37 °C.

## Standard protocol for blunt ends formation

The following standard protocol serves as a general guideline for blunting ends by 3' overhang removal and 3' recessed (5' overhang) end fill-in using Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I. Preferably the enzyme should be added last.

1. Prepare the following 50 μL reaction:

Component	Volume
Substrate DNA	≤ 1 μg
Klenow reaction buffer (10x)	5 μL
dNTPs (2 mM) (not provided)	1 μL
Klenow DNA polymerase	1 μL (5 U)
Nuclease-free H <sub>2</sub> O (Cat. No. MB11101)	up to 50 μL

**Note:** Precautionary care should be taken to avoid create recessed ends due to the 3' → 5' exonuclease activity of the enzyme; for this, avoid elevated temperatures, excessive amounts of enzyme or long reaction times as well as use appropriate amounts of dNTPs.

2. Gently mix and pulse.

3. Incubate at 25 °C for 15 minutes.

4. Stop reaction by adding EDTA to a final concentration of 10 mM and heating to 75°C for 10 minutes.

5. To obtain a highly pure product, perform a column purification step using NZYGelpure kit (Cat. No. MB011). Best results may be achieved by separating cleaved DNA through agarose gel electrophoresis prior to DNA clean-up.

## Quality control assays

### Purity

Recombinant Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I is >95% pure as judged by SDS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis followed by BlueSafe (NZYtech, Cat. No. MB152) staining.

### Nuclease assays

0.2-0.3 μg of pNZY28 plasmid DNA are incubated with 5 U of Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I in 1× Reaction buffer for 14-16 hours at 37 °C. Following incubation, the DNA is visualized on a GreenSafe-stained agarose gel. There must be no visible nicking or cutting of the DNA.

### Functional assay

Klenow Fragment of DNA Polymerase I is tested for activity in a reaction to create blunt-ends in a plasmid DNA containing 3'- and 5'-overhangs. After conversion, the vector is re-ligated using T4 DNA Ligase (NZYtech, Cat. No. MB007). The efficiency of Klenow's reaction is evaluated by the number of bacterial colonies transformed with the re-ligation product.

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