



Catalog #	Aliquot Size
TQ04-E012-5	5 x 1 mL
TQ04-E012-15	15 x 1 mL
TQ04-E012-50	50 x 1 mL

## **Taq Plus Master Mix II (Dye Plus)**

**Catalog # TQ04-E012**

Lot # 1L1969-2

### **Product Description**

Taq Plus Master Mix II (Dye Plus) is a special premix for PCR. This product contains 2X master mix to which primers and template can be added. Loading dyes in the mix facilitate easy loading and tracking of DNA samples in agarose or native polyacrylamide gels.

### **Formulation**

This master mix contains Taq Plus DNA Polymerase, dNTPs, an optimized buffer system, and loading dyes in a proprietary formulation.

### **Storage and Stability**

Store at -30°C to -15°C.

### **Scientific Background**

Compared to Taq DNA Polymerase, Taq Plus DNA Polymerase has higher fidelity, stronger amplification performance, and higher yield. Taq Plus Master Mix II (Dye Plus) can be used for PCR amplification of animal, plant, and microbial DNA. The Master Mix can perform amplifications within 10 kb when genomic DNA is used as a template and within 15 kb when plasmid and λDNA is used as template. A protective agent in the buffer system allows 2 × Master Mix to maintain stable activity after repeated freezing and thawing. The PCR product generated has A-tailing at the 3' end and can be cloned into T vectors. Loading dyes in the master mix allow the PCR products to be directly loaded for electrophoresis after the reaction. On a typical 1% agarose gel in a 1X TAE buffer or TBE buffer, the dye fronts migrate at the same rate as DNA fragments of about 4000 and 500 base pairs each (Blue band 4000bp, Purple band 500bp).

**This product is manufactured in an ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 certified facility.**

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Stability	12 months from date of shipment at -30°C to -15°C.
Storage & Shipping	Store at -30°C to -15°C. Transport at ≤0 °C.

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# PCR Protocol

## Guidelines for primer design:

1. It is recommended that the last base at the 3' end of primer should be G or C.
2. Consecutive mismatches should be avoided in the last 8 bases at the 3' end of the primer.
3. Avoid hairpin structures at the 3' end of the primer.
4. Differences in the T<sub>m</sub> value of the forward primer and the reverse primer should be no more than 1°C and the T<sub>m</sub> value should be adjusted to 55 ~ 65 °C (Primer Premier 5 is recommended to calculate the T<sub>m</sub> value).
5. Extra additional primer sequences that are not matched with the template, should not be included when calculating the primer T<sub>m</sub> value.
6. Control the GC content of the primer to be 40% - 60%.
7. The overall distribution of A, G, C and T in the primer should be as even as possible. Avoid using regions with high GC or AT contents.
8. Avoid the presence of complementary sequences of 5 or more bases either within the primer or between two primers and avoid the presence of complementary sequences of 3 or more bases at the 3' end of two primers.
9. Use the NCBI BLAST function to check the specificity of the primer to prevent non-specific amplification.

## Protocol:

### 1. General reaction mixture for PCR:

Keep all components on ice. Thaw, mix and briefly centrifuge each component before use.

Component	Volume in 50 µl system
2 × Taq Plus Master Mix II (Dye Plus)	25 µl
Primer 1 (10 µM)	2 µl
Primer 2 (10 µM)	2 µl
Template DNA*	Variable
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	to 50 µl

\* Optimal reaction concentration varies for different templates. The following table shows the recommended template concentration for a 50µl reaction system:

Template Type	Amount
Animal or plant genomic DNA	0.1-1µg
<i>Escherichia coli</i> genomic DNA	10-100ng
cDNA	1 - 5 µl **
λDNA	0.5-10ng
Plasmid DNA	0.1-10ng

\*\* Do not exceed 1/10 of the total volume of the PCR reaction

### 2. PCR Thermocycling conditions:

Steps	Temperature	Time	Cycle number
Initial Denaturation <sup>a</sup>	95 °C	3 min	
Denaturation	95 °C	15 sec	} 30-35 cycles
Annealing	60 °C <sup>b</sup>	20 sec	
Extension	72 °C	60 sec / kb	
Final Extension	72 °C	5 - 10 min	

<sup>a</sup>. The initial denaturation conditions are suitable for most amplification reactions and can be adjusted according to the complexity of the template structure. If the template structure is complex, the initial denaturation time can be extended to 5 - 10 min to improve the initial denaturation effect.

<sup>b</sup>. The annealing temperature needs to be adjusted according to the T<sub>m</sub> value of the primer. It should generally be set 3 ~ 5°C lower than the T<sub>m</sub> value of the primer; For complex templates, it is necessary to adjust the annealing temperature and extend the extension time to achieve efficient amplification.

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## FAQ & Troubleshooting:

	<b>No amplification products or low yield</b>	<b>Unspecific products or smear bands</b>
Primer	Optimize primer design	Optimize primer design
Annealing temperature	Set annealing temperature gradient and find the optimal annealing temperature	Gradually increase the annealing temperature up to 65°C at 2°C intervals
Primer concentration	Increase the primer concentration appropriately	Decrease the final concentration of primers to 0.2 µM
Extension time	Increase the extension time	Decrease the extension time when there are unspecific bands larger than the target bands
Cycles	Increase the number of cycles up to 36 - 40 cycles	Reduce the number of cycles to 25 - 30 cycles
Template purity	Use templates with high purity	Use templates with high purity
Input amounts of template	Reduce input amount of crude templates; for other kinds of templates refer to the recommended amount for the reaction system and increase in moderation	Adjust the template amount according to the recommend amount

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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Article 1 - Product Identification

**Product Name: Taq Plus Master Mix II (Dye Plus)****Catalog # TQ04-E012**

This product is sold only for research use by qualified laboratory personnel, and is not to be used as a drug, medical device, food additive, cosmetic, nor household chemical. It is not to be used in diagnostic, therapeutic, consumer, agricultural, nor pesticidal applications.

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Country: Canada  
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1-778-326-0223 (local)

## Article 2 - Hazard Identification

- **WHMIS Classification:** Not WHMIS controlled.
- **GHS classification:** Not GHS classified.
- **Hazard Pictograms:** No labelling applicable.
- **Signal words:** None.
- **Hazard statements:** None.
- **Precautionary statements:** Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/ face protection. Avoid breathing dust. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
- **Other hazards:** May cause eye and skin irritation. May cause respiratory and digestive tract irritation.

## Article 3 – Composition/Information on Ingredients

**Chemical Characterization:** Mixture.

**Description:** The components of this product which may be hazardous are listed below.

Common name	Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration
Water	H <sub>2</sub> O	7732-18-5	≤50%
Glycerol	Glycerol	56-81-5	≤30%
Tris	Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	77-86-1	≤10%

## Article 4 – First-aid Measures

- **General information:** Consult a physician by providing the SDS.
- **After inhalation:** Breath in fresh air. If casualty cannot breathe, give artificial respiration and consult a physician.
- **After skin contact:** Immediately wash with soap and plenty of water and rinse thoroughly. Consult a physician.
- **After eye contact:** Rinse opened eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so. Consult a physician.
- **After swallowing:** Not expected to present a significant ingestion hazard under anticipated conditions of normal use. If you feel unwell, seek medical advice.

## Article 5 - Fire-fighting Measures

- **Suitable extinguishing media:** Use water spray, extinguishing powder, carbon dioxide, or other appropriate measure that is suitable to the environment.
- **Specific hazards arising from the substance or mixture:** None known.
- **Special protective equipment and precautions for fire-fighters:** Self-contained breathing apparatus if necessary.

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## Article 6 – Accidental Release Measures

- **Personal precautions, protective equipment, and emergency procedures:** Apply standard laboratory practices and personal protective equipment. Avoid breathing vapors, mist, or gas. Ensure adequate ventilation.
- **Environmental precautions:** Do not allow to enter drains.
- **Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up:** Absorb on sand or vermiculite and place in closed containers for disposal.

## Article 7 - Handling and Storage

- **Precautions for safe handling:** Wear chemical safety goggles and compatible chemical-resistant gloves. Avoid inhalation, contact with eyes, skin or clothing.
- **Conditions for safe storage:** Store according to product label instructions. Keep container upright and tightly closed.

## Article 8 - Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

- **Components with limit monitoring values at workplace:**

Glycerol (CAS-No: 56-81-5)

Values	Control parameters	Regulations
TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> for mist	British Columbia, Canada
TWA	3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> for respirable mist	British Columbia, Canada
TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Alberta, Canada
TWAEV	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Ontario, Canada
TWAEV	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Quebec, Canada
TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	USA

- **Appropriate engineering controls:**  
Apply adequate ventilation including mechanical exhaust or laboratory fume hood. Follow standard laboratory practices.
- **Individual protection measures:**  
**Respiratory protection:**  
Use appropriate respirator if there is inadequate ventilation by following the government standards.  
**Hand protection:**  
Wear gloves and use proper glove removal technique to avoid skin contact. Discard gloves after use by following the applicable laboratory regulations. Wash and dry hands.  
**Eye/face protection:**  
Safety goggles with side-shields approved under appropriate government standards.  
**Skin/body protection:**  
Use appropriate clothing, footwear and any additional protection measures to protect from splashing or contamination.

## Article 9 – Physical and Chemical Properties

<b>Appearance:</b> Blue liquid.	<b>Danger of explosion:</b> Product does not present an explosion hazard.
<b>Odour/Odour Threshold:</b> Not determined.	<b>Explosion limits:</b> Not available.
<b>pH:</b> Not available.	<b>Decomposition temperature:</b> Not available.
<b>Melting point/freezing point:</b> Not determined.	<b>Vapor pressure at 20 °C:</b> Not available.
<b>Boiling point/Boiling range:</b> Not determined.	<b>Density:</b> Not determined.
<b>Flash point:</b> Not determined.	<b>Relative density:</b> Not determined.
<b>Flammability (solid, gaseous):</b> Not determined.	<b>Vapor density:</b> Not determined.
<b>Ignition temperature:</b> Not determined.	<b>Evaporation rate:</b> Not determined.
<b>Auto-igniting:</b> Product is not self-igniting.	<b>Solubility in / Miscibility with Water:</b> Fully miscible.

## Article 10 - Stability and Reactivity

- **Reactivity:** Stable under recommended transport and storage conditions.
- **Chemical stability:** Stable under recommended transport and storage conditions.
- **Possible hazardous reactions:** No dangerous reactions known.
- **Conditions to avoid:** Heat and moisture.
- **Incompatible materials:** Not determined.
- **Hazardous decomposition products:** Not determined.

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## Article 11 - Toxicological Information

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- **Acute toxicity:** Not available.
- **LD/LC50:** Not available.
- **Skin corrosion/irritation:** Not available.
- **Serious eye damage/eye irritation:** Not available.
- **Respiratory or skin sensitization:** Not available.
- **Germ cell mutagenicity:** Not available.
- **Carcinogenicity:** No components are listed in IARC, or NTP, or OSHA, or ACGIH.
- **Reproductive toxicity:** Not available.
- **Teratogenicity:** Not available.
- **Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure/ - repeated exposure (GHS):** Not available.
- **Aspiration hazard:** Not available.
- **Potential health effects:**
  - Inhalation: No data available
  - Ingestion: No data available
  - Skin: No data available
  - Eyes: No data available
- **Signs and Symptoms of Exposure:** No data available
- **Synergistic effects:** Not available.

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## Article 12 - Ecological Information

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- **Eco-toxicity:** No data available.
- **Biodegradability:** Not applicable.
- **Bio-accumulative potential:** Not applicable.
- **Mobility in soil:** Not applicable.
- **PBT and vPvB assessment:** Not applicable.
- **Other adverse effects:** Not applicable.

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## Article 13 - Disposal Considerations

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- **Disposal methods:** In accordance to applicable national, regional, or local laws and regulations. For additional handling information and protection of employees please refer to Article 7 and 8.
- **Contaminated packaging:** Disposal should be made in accordance to official regulations. Use water or cleansing agents to clean the area.

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## Article 14 - Transport Information

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- **DOT:** Not dangerous goods.
- **IMDG:** Not dangerous goods.
- **IATA:** Not dangerous goods.

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## Article 15 - Regulatory Information

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- **WHMIS Classification:** Non-hazardous.
- **GHS label elements:** Not applicable.
- **Signal word:** Not applicable.
- **Hazard statements:** Not applicable.

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## Article 16 - Other Information

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The above information is believed to be correct but does not purport to be all-inclusive and shall be used only as a guide. SignalChem shall not be held liable for any damage resulting from handling or from contact with the above product. See the Technical Specification, Packing Slip, Invoice, and Product Catalog for additional terms and conditions of sale.

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