



E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-free Plasmid DNA Mini Kit I

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Introduction and Overview

The E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-Free Plasmid DNA Mini Kits combine the power of HiBind[®] technology with the Omega Bio-tek's innovative ETR technology to deliver high-quality plasmid DNA with low endotoxins levels for use in eukaryotic transfections and *in vitro* experiments.

Endotoxins are lipopolysaccharides (LPS) found in the outer cell membrane of gram-negative bacteria such as *E. coli*. One *E. coli* cell contains around 2 million LPS molecules, each having hydrophobic, hydrophilic, and charged regions. Bacteria release small quantities of endotoxins during growth, and large quantities at death. At the time of lysis during plasmid purification, endotoxins are shed into the lysate. The chemical and physical properties that endotoxin molecules possess lead to their co-purification with plasmid DNA by behaving similarly on the surface of silica and anion-exchange resins. The E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-Free Plasmid System uses a specially formulated buffer which will almost completely remove the endotoxin. Endotoxin contamination lowers transfection efficiencies for endotoxin sensitive cell lines. For gene therapy, endotoxin contamination should be of major concern since endotoxins have the potential to cause fever, endotoxic shock syndrome, and interfere with *in vitro* transfection into immune cells.

New in this Edition:

- HB Buffer has been replaced by HBC Buffer. Isopropanol is required and supplied by the user.
- An optional Column Equilibration Protocol has been added to the protocol for your convenience.
- Equilibration Buffer is replaced with 3M NaOH provided by the user.

Kit Contents

| Endo-Free Plasmid Mini Kit I | D6948-00 | D6948-01 | D6948-02 |
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| Purifications | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| HiBind® DNA Mini Columns | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| 2 mL Collection Tubes | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| Solution I | 5 mL | 20 mL | 60 mL |
| Solution II | 5 mL | 20 mL | 60 mL |
| N3 Buffer | 2.5 mL | 10 mL | 30 mL |
| ETR Solution | 1 mL | 5 mL | 20 mL |
| HBC Buffer | 3 mL | 25 mL | 80 mL |
| DNA Wash Buffer | 1.5 mL | 15 mL | 3 x 20 mL |
| RNase A | Pre-added | 100 µL | 400 µL |
| Endotoxin-free Elution Buffer | 5 mL | 10 mL | 30 mL |
| User Manual | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

| Endo-Free Plasmid Mini Kit II | D6950-00 | D6950-01 | D6950-02 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Purifications | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| HiBind® DNA Mini Columns II | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| 2 mL Collection Tubes | 5 | 50 | 200 |
| Solution I | 5 mL | 30 mL | 120 mL |
| Solution II | 5 mL | 30 mL | 120 mL |
| N3 Buffer | 2.5 mL | 15 mL | 60 mL |
| ETR Solution | 1.2 mL | 10 mL | 30 mL |
| HBC Buffer | 3 mL | 25 mL | 80 mL |
| DNA Wash Buffer | 1.5 mL | 15 mL | 3 x 20 mL |
| RNase A | Pre-added | 150 µL | 600 µL |
| Endotoxin-free Elution Buffer | 5 mL | 10 mL | 50 mL |
| User Manual | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

Note: HBC Buffer contain chaotropic salts. Use gloves and protective eye wear when handling this solution.

Preparing Reagents

1. Add the vial of RNase A to the bottle of Solution I and store at 2-8°C. (50 and 200 prep size only).
2. Dilute DNA Wash Buffer with 100% ethanol as follows and store at room temperature.

| Kit | 100% Ethanol to be Added |
|----------|--------------------------|
| D6948-00 | 6 mL |
| D6948-01 | 60 mL |
| D6948-02 | 80 mL |
| Kit | 100% Ethanol to be Added |
| D6950-00 | 6 mL |
| D6950-01 | 60 mL |
| D6950-02 | 80 mL |

3. Dilute HBC Buffer with isopropanol as follows and store at room temperature.

| Kit | Isopropanol to be Added |
|----------|-------------------------|
| D6948-00 | 1.2 mL |
| D6948-01 | 10 mL |
| D6948-02 | 32 mL |
| Kit | Isopropanol to be Added |
| D6950-00 | 1.2 mL |
| D6950-01 | 10 mL |
| D6950-02 | 32 mL |

4. Check Solution II for precipitates before use. Redissolve any precipitates by warming to 37°C.

Storage and Stability

All of the E.Z.N.A.® Endo-Free Plasmid DNA Mini Kit components are guaranteed for at least 24 months from the date of purchase when stored as follows. Solution I (once RNase A is added) and ETR Solution should be stored at 2-8°C for a long-term storage. All other materials should be stored at room temperature. Solution II must be tightly capped when not in use.

Recommended Settings

Growth and Culture of Bacteria

Bacterial Strain Selection

It is strongly recommended that an end A negative strain of *E. coli* be used for routine plasmid isolation. Examples of such strains include DH5 α [™], DH1, and C600. These host strains yield high-quality DNA with E.Z.N.A.[®] Plasmid DNA Mini Kit Protocols. XL1-Blue, although a slower growing strain is also recommended due to its yield of high-quality DNA.

Host strains derivatives from HB101 such as TG1 and the JM100 series release large amounts of carbohydrates during lysis, which may inhibit enzyme activity when not completely removed. Some strains may also lower DNA quality due to having high levels of endonuclease activity, and therefore are not recommended (i.e. JM101, JM110, HB101). One may reduce the amount of culture volume or double the volumes of Solution I, Solution II, and Solution III, if problems are encountered with strains such as TG1 and Top10F.

Inoculation

Bacterial cultures for plasmid preparations should always be grown from a single colony picked from a freshly streaked plate. Subculturing directly from glycerol stock or liquid cultures may lead to uneven yields or plasmid loss. Optimal results are obtained by using one single isolated colony from a freshly transformed or freshly streaked plate to inoculate an appropriate volume of starter culture containing the appropriate antibiotic, and then incubated for 12-16 at 37°C with vigorous shaking (~300 rpm; shaking incubator).

Note: Aeration is very important. The culture volume should not exceed 1/4 the volume of the container.

Culture Media

The E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-Free Plasmid DNA Mini Kit is specially designed for use with cultures grown in Luria Bertani (LB) medium. Richer broths such as TB (Terrific Broth) or 2 x YT lead to high cell densities that can overload the purification system, and therefore are not recommended. If rich media has to be used, growth times have to be optimized, and the recommended culture volumes must be reduced to match the capacity of the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column.

Note: As culture ages, DNA yield may begin to decrease due to cell death and lysis within the culture.

Recommended Settings

Culture Volume and Cell Density

Do Not Exceed Maximum Recommended Culture Volumes

For optimal plasmid yields, the starting culture volume should be based on culture cell density. A bacterial density between 2.0 and 3.0 at OD₆₀₀ is recommended. When using nutrient-rich media, care should be taken to ensure that the cell density does not exceed an OD₆₀₀ of 3.0. Using a high-density culture outside of the recommended OD range may overload the purification system.

Yield and Quality of DNA

Determine the absorbance of an appropriate dilution (20- to 50-fold) of the sample at 260 nm and then at 280 nm. The DNA concentration is calculated as follows:

$$\text{DNA concentration} = \text{Absorbance 260} \times 50 \times (\text{Dilution Factor}) \mu\text{g/mL}$$

A ratio greater than 1.8 indicates greater than 90% nucleic acid. Alternatively, quantity (as well as quality) sometimes can be determined best by agarose gel/ethidium bromide electrophoresis by comparison to DNA samples of known concentrations. Typically, the majority of the DNA eluted is in monomeric supercoil form, though concatemers may also be present.

Low Copy-Number Plasmid and Cosmid DNA Purification

Low copy number plasmids generally give 0.1-1 μg DNA per mL overnight culture. For the isolation of plasmid DNA from low copy-number plasmids (0.1-1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ culture) or low mini copy-number plasmid (1-2 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ culture) bacteria, use the following modified protocol.

1. Double the volume of starting culture from that of high copy number plasmids. Use up to 10 mL for Mini Kit I and 20-30 mL for Mini Kit II. Pellet the bacterial cells by centrifugation.
2. Perform resuspension, lysis and N3 Buffer steps by using double volumes of Solution I, Solution II, N3 Buffer, and ETR Solution. Additional buffer for Solution I, Solution II, N3 Buffer, and ETR Solution can be purchased separately.
3. Continue with each step of the standard protocol by following the wash, drying and elution steps. There is no need to increase the volumes of HBC Buffer, DNA Wash Buffer, or Endotoxin-free Elution Buffer.

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All centrifugation should be performed at room temperature unless otherwise noted. For low copy number plasmids refer to Page 6. This protocol is designed to isolate plasmid DNA from *E. coli* grown in an overnight 1-5 mL LB culture.

Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- 100% ethanol
- Isopropanol
- Microcentrifuge capable of at least 13,000 x g
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL or 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Ice bucket
- Culture tubes
- Water bath or incubator capable of 42°C
- Water bath or incubator capable of 70°C
- Optional: sterile deionized water
- Optional: 3M NaOH

Before Starting:

- Chill N3 Buffer on ice
 - Set heating block or water bath to 42°C
 - Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C if plasmid DNA is >10 kb
 - Prepare DNA Wash Buffer, HBC Buffer, and Solution I according to the instructions in the Preparing Reagents section on Page 4
1. Isolate a single colony from a freshly streaked selective plate, and inoculate a culture of 1- 5 mL LB medium containing the appropriate selective antibiotic. Incubate for ~12-16 hr at 37°C with vigorous shaking (~300 rpm). Use a 10-20 mL culture tube or a flask with a volume of at least 4 times the volume of the culture. It is strongly recommended that *E. coli* be used for routine plasmid isolation. An OD₆₀₀ reading between 2.0 and 3.0 is an indication that bacterial cells are at an optimal density for harvesting, and plasmid DNA isolation
 2. Centrifuge at 10,000 x g for 1 minute at room temperature.
 3. Decant or aspirate and discard the culture media.

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4. Add 250 μ L Solution I/RNase A. Vortex or pipet up and down to mix thoroughly. Complete resuspension of cell pellet is vital for obtaining good yields.

Note: RNase A must be added to Solution I before use. Please see the instructions in the Preparing Reagents section on Page 4.

5. Add 250 μ L Solution II. Invert and gently rotate the tube several times to obtain a clear lysate. A 2-3 minute incubation may be necessary.

Note: Avoid vigorous mixing as this will shear chromosomal DNA and lower plasmid purity. Do not allow the lysis reaction to proceed more than 5 minutes. Store Solution II tightly capped when not in use to avoid acidification from CO₂ in the air.

6. Add 125 μ L ice cold N3 Buffer. Gently invert several times until a flocculent white precipitate forms.

Note: The Buffers must be mixed thoroughly. If the mixture appears still viscous, brownish and conglobated, more mixing is required to completely neutralize the solution. Complete neutralization of the solution is vital of obtaining good yields.

7. Centrifuge at maximum speed ($\geq 13,000 \times g$) for 10 minutes. A compact white pellet will form. Promptly proceed to the next step.

8. Transfer the cleared lysate to a new 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube. Measure the volume of the cleared lysate transferred.

9. Add 0.1 volume ETR Solution. Invert the tube 10 times to mix thoroughly.

Note: If you transferred 500 μ L cleared lysate, then add 50 μ L ETR Solution.

10. Incubate on ice for 10 minutes. Invert the tube several times during the incubation.

Note: After addition of ETR Solution, the lysate should appear turbid, but it should become clear after incubation on ice.

11. Incubate the lysate at 42°C for 5 minutes. The lysate should appear turbid again.

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12. Centrifuge at $12,000 \times g$ for 3 minutes at 25°C. The ETR Solution will form blue layer at bottom of tube.
13. Transfer the top aqueous phase (cleared lysate) to a new 1.5 ml tube, add 0.5 volume absolute ethanol (room temperature, 96-100%). Gently invert 6-7 times. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 minutes.
14. Insert a HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column into a 2 mL Collection Tube.

Optional Protocol for Column Equilibration:

1. Add 100 μ L 3M NaOH to the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column.
 2. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30-60 seconds.
 3. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
15. Transfer 700 μ L mixture from Step 13 into the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column.
 16. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
 17. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
 18. Repeat Steps 15-17 until all of the mixture has been transferred to the column.
 19. Add 500 μ L HBC Buffer.

Note: HBC Buffer must be diluted with isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
 20. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
 21. Discard the filtrate and reuse collection tube.
 22. Add 700 μ L DNA Wash Buffer.

Note: DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol prior to use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

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23. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
24. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
25. Repeat Steps 22-24 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.
26. Centrifuge the empty HiBind® DNA Mini Column for 2 minutes at maximum speed to dry the column matrix.

Note: It is important to dry the HiBind® DNA Mini Column matrix before elution. Residual ethanol may interfere with downstream applications.
27. Transfer the HiBind® DNA Mini Column to a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.
28. Add 30-100 µL Elution Buffer or sterile deionized water directly to the center of the column membrane.

Note: The efficiency of eluting DNA from the HiBind® DNA Mini Column is dependent on pH. If using sterile deionized water, make sure that the pH is around 8.5.
29. Let sit at room temperature for 1 minute.
30. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.

Note: This represents approximately 70% of bound DNA. An optional second elution will yield any residual DNA, though at a lower concentration.
31. Store DNA at -20°C.

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E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-Free Plasmid DNA Mini Kit II Protocol - Spin Protocol

For the isolation of 40-70 µg of high copy plasmid DNA from a 10-15 mL culture. All centrifugation should be performed at room temperature unless otherwise noted. For low copy number plasmids refer to Page 6. This protocol is designed to isolate plasmid DNA from *E. coli* grown in an overnight 1-5 mL LB culture.

Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- 100% ethanol
- Isopropanol
- Centrifuge capable of at least 5,000 x *g* with swing buckets
- Microcentrifuge capable of at least 13,000 x *g*
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL or 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Ice bucket
- Culture tubes
- Water bath or incubator capable of 42°C
- Water bath or incubator capable of 70°C
- Optional: sterile deionized water
- Optional: 3M NaOH

Before Starting:

- Chill N3 Buffer on ice
 - Set heating block or water bath to 42°C
 - Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C if plasmid DNA is >10 kb
 - Prepare DNA Wash Buffer, HBC Buffer, and Solution I according to the instructions in the Preparing Reagents section on Page 4
1. Isolate a single colony from a freshly streaked selective plate, and inoculate a culture of 10- 15 mL LB medium containing the appropriate selective antibiotic. Incubate for ~12-16 hr at 37°C with vigorous shaking (~300 rpm). Use a 50 mL culture tube or a flask with a volume of at least 4 times the volume of the culture. It is strongly recommended that *E. coli* be used for routine plasmid isolation. An OD₆₀₀ reading between 2.0 and 3.0 is an indication that bacterial cells are at an optimal density for harvesting, and plasmid DNA isolation
 2. Centrifugation at 5,000 x *g* for 10 minutes at room temperature.
 3. Decant or aspirate the medium and discard.

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4. Add 500 μ L Solution I/RNase A. Vortex or pipet up and down to mix thoroughly. Complete resuspension of cell pellet is vital for obtaining good yields.

Note: RNase A must be added to Solution I before use. Please see the instructions in the Preparing Reagents section on Page 4.

5. Transfer the cell suspension to a new 2 ml microcentrifuge tube.
6. Add 500 μ L Solution II. Invert and gently rotate the tube several times to obtain a clear lysate. A 2-3 minute incubation may be necessary.

Note: Avoid vigorous mixing as this will shear chromosomal DNA and lower plasmid purity. Do not allow the lysis reaction to proceed more than 5 minutes. Store Solution II tightly capped when not in use to avoid acidification from CO₂ in the air.

7. Add 250 μ L ice cold N3 Buffer. Gently invert several times until a flocculent white precipitate forms.

Note: The Buffers must be mixed thoroughly. If the mixture appears still viscous, brownish and conglobated, more mixing is required to completely neutralize the solution. Complete neutralization of the solution is vital of obtaining good yields.

8. Centrifuge at maximum speed ($\geq 13,000 \times g$) for 10 minutes. A compact white pellet will form. Promptly proceed to the next step.
9. Transfer the cleared lysate to a new 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube. Measure the volume of the cleared lysate transferred.

10. Add 0.1 volume ETR Solution. Invert the tube 10 times to mix thoroughly.

Note: If you transferred 500 μ L cleared lysate, then add 50 μ L ETR Solution.

11. Incubate on ice for 10 minutes. Invert the tube several times during the incubation.

Note: After addition of ETR Solution, the lysate should appear turbid, but it should become clear after incubation on ice.

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12. Incubate the lysate at 42°C for 5 minutes. The lysate should appear turbid again.
13. Centrifuge at 12,000 × g for 3 minutes at 25°C. The ETR Solution will form blue layer at bottom of tube.
14. Transfer the top aqueous phase (cleared lysate) to a new 1.5 ml tube, add 0.5 volume absolute ethanol (room temperature, 96-100%). Gently invert 6-7 times. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 minutes.
15. Insert a HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II into a 2 mL Collection Tube.

Optional Protocol for Column Equilibration:

1. Add 100 µL 3M NaOH to the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II.
 2. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 30-60 seconds.
 3. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
16. Transfer 700 µL mixture from Step 14 into the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II.
 17. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
 18. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.
 19. Repeat Steps 16-18 until all of the mixture has been transferred to the column.
 20. Add 500 µL HBC Buffer.
Note: HBC Buffer must be diluted with isopropanol before use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.
 21. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
 22. Discard the filtrate and reuse collection tube.

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23. Add 700 μ L DNA Wash Buffer.

Note: DNA Wash Buffer must be diluted with 100% ethanol prior to use. Please see Page 4 for instructions.

24. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.

25. Discard the filtrate and reuse the collection tube.

26. Repeat Steps 23-25 for a second DNA Wash Buffer wash step.

27. Centrifuge the empty HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II for 2 minutes at maximum speed to dry the column matrix.

Note: It is important to dry the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II matrix before elution. Residual ethanol may interfere with downstream applications.

28. Transfer the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II to a clean 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube.

29. Add 80-100 μ L Elution Buffer or sterile deionized water directly to the center of the column membrane.

Note: The efficiency of eluting DNA from the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column II is dependent on pH. If using sterile deionized water, make sure that the pH is around 8.5.

30. Let sit at room temperature for 1 minute.

31. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.

Note: This represents approximately 70% of bound DNA. An optional second elution will yield any residual DNA, though at a lower concentration.

32. Store DNA at -20°C.

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E.Z.N.A.[®] Endo-Free Plasmid DNA Mini Kit Protocol - Purification of plasmid DNA prepared by other methods

Materials and Equipment to be Supplied by User:

- 100% ethanol
- Isopropanol
- Microcentrifuge capable of at least 13,000 $\times g$
- Nuclease-free 1.5 mL or 2 mL microcentrifuge tubes
- Ice bucket
- Water bath or incubator capable of 42°C
- Water bath or incubator capable of 70°C
- Optional: sterile deionized water

Before Starting:

- Chill N3 Buffer on ice
- Set heating block or water bath to 42°C
- Heat Elution Buffer to 70°C if plasmid DNA is >10 kb
- Prepare DNA Wash Buffer according to the instructions in the Preparing Reagents section on Page 4

1. Bring the volume of plasmid DNA to 300 μL with nuclease-free water.
2. Add 0.5 volume N3 Buffer. Invert the tube 10 times to mix thoroughly.
3. Add 0.1 volume ETR Solution. Invert the tube 10 times to mix thoroughly.
4. Incubate on ice for 10 minutes. Invert the tube several times during the incubation.

Note: After addition of ETR Solution, the lysate should appear turbid, but it should become clear after incubation on ice.

5. Incubate the lysate at 42°C for 5 minutes. The lysate should appear turbid again.
6. Centrifuge at 12,000 $\times g$ for 3 minutes at 25°C. The ETR Solution will form blue layer at bottom of tube.

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7. Transfer the top aqueous phase (cleared lysate) to a new 1.5 ml tube, add 0.5 volume absolute ethanol (room temperature, 96-100%). Gently invert 6-7 times. Incubate at room temperature for 1-2 minutes.
8. Transfer the mixture to the HiBind[®] DNA Mini Column.
9. Centrifuge at maximum speed for 1 minute.
10. Continue to Steps 22-31 on Pages 9-10.

Troubleshooting Guide

Please use this guide to troubleshoot any problems that may arise. For further assistance, please contact the technical support staff, toll free, at **800-832-8896**.

Possible Problems and Suggestions

| Low DNA yields | |
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| Poor cell lysis | Reduce the initial volume of culture or increase the lysis time while monitoring the lysis visually. |
| | Cells may not have been dispersed adequately prior to the addition of Solution II. Vortex to completely resuspend the cells. |
| | Increase Solution II incubation time to obtain a clear lysate. |
| | Solution II, if not tightly closed, may need to be replaced. |
| Culture is overgrown or not fresh | Do not incubate cultures for more than 16 hours at 37°C. Storage of cultures for extended periods prior to plasmid isolation is detrimental. |
| Low elution efficiency | The pH of Elution Buffer or water must be pH 8.0-9.0. |
| Low copy number plasmid used | Such plasmids may yield as little as 0.1 µg DNA from a 1 mL overnight culture. Double the culture volume and follow the low copy number plasmid protocol. |
| Alkaline lysis is prolonged | Reduce the lysis time (Solution II) to 3 minutes or until the suspended cells form a clear viscous solution. |
| Too many or too few cells were used | Confirm the cell density by measuring OD ₆₀₀ . To calculate the volume of culture to use, take the desired cell mass and divide by the absorbance of the overnight culture at 600 nm. |
| No DNA eluted | |
| DNA Wash Buffer not diluted with ethanol | Prepare DNA Wash Buffer according to instructions on Page 4. |
| HBC Buffer not diluted with isopropanol | Prepare HBC Buffer according to instructions on Page 4. |

Troubleshooting Guide

| High molecular weight DNA contamination of product | |
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| Over mixing of cell lysate upon addition of Solution II | Do not vortex or mix aggressively after adding Solution II. |
| Culture overgrown | Overgrown cultures contain lysed cells and degraded DNA. Do not grow cell longer than 16 hours. |
| Plasmid DNA floats out of well while loading agarose gel | |
| Ethanol was not completely removed from column following wash steps | Centrifuge column as instructed to dry the column before elution. |
| Absorbance of purified DNA does not accurately reflect quantity of the plasmid (A_{260}/A_{280} ratio is high or low) | |
| DNA Wash Buffer is diluted with ethanol containing impurities | Check the absorbance of the ethanol between 250 nm and 300 nm. Do not use ethanol with high absorbance. Traces of impurities may remain on the binding column after washing and contribute to the absorbance in the final product. |
| Plasmid DNA is contaminated with RNA; RNase A treatment is insufficient | Confirm that the RNase A Solution was added to Solution I prior to first use. The RNase A solution may degrade due to high temperatures (>65 °C) or prolonged storage (> 6 months at room temperature). |
| Background reading is high due to silica fine particulates | Spin the DNA sample at maximum speed for 1 minute; use the supernatant to repeat the absorbance readings. |
| Purification is incomplete due to column overloading | Reduce the initial volume of culture. |
| Plasmid DNA is contaminated with chromosomal DNA | Do not use cultures that have grown for more than 24 hours or are in the cell death phase. Do not vortex or vigorously shake the cells during the lysis reaction or N3 procedure. |

Ordering Information

The following components are available for purchase separately.
(Call Toll Free at 1-800-832-8896)

| Product | Part Number |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Solution I (250 mL) | PS001 |
| Solution II (250 mL) | PS002 |
| DNA Wash Buffer (100 mL) | PS010 |

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Notes: