

Introduction

The Vazyme Multiplex PCR Kit is specially designed for multiplex PCRs, which enables simultaneous amplification of multiple regions of a DNA template or multiple DNA templates. This kit, containing an optimized hot-start Multiplex DNA Polymerase and 2x Multiplex Buffer, are suitable for almost all multiplex PCR reactions, with high specificity and sensitivity.

Package Information

Components	PM101-01 (50 rxn/50 µl/rxn)	PM101-02 (200 rxn/50 µl/rxn)	PM101-03 (1,000 rxn/50 µl/rxn)
Multiplex DNA Polymerase	50 µl	200 µl	
2x Multiplex Buffer	1.25 ml	4 × 1.25 ml	PM101-02 × 5
5x Multiplex GC Enhancer	700 µl	4 × 700 µl	

Storage

Store at -20°C. Stable for one year.

Recommended PCR System

1. Prepare the 10x Primer Mix.

Mix all the primers into one tube. The final concentration for each primer in 10x Primer Mix is 1 µM.

2. Prepare the reaction solution as follows in a sterile tube:

Nuclease-free water	up to 50 µl
Template ^a	x µl
10x Primer Mix ^b	5 µl
2x Multiplex Buffer	25 µl
5x Multiplex GC Enhancer (Optional) ^c	5 - 10 µl
Multiplex DNA Polymerase	1 µl

Notes: a. In a 50 µl PCR system, the recommended template usage is as follows: human genomic DNA, 100 ng; plasmid, 100 pg; cDNA, 1 - 5 µl.

b. The recommended final concentration for each primer is 0.1 µM, which can be modified between 0.05 - 0.4 µM.

c. The 5x Multiplex GC Enhancer is **ONLY** recommended for templates with complex secondary structure or high GC-content. DON'T use it for normal multiplex PCRs.

Recommended PCR Program

Steps	Temperature	Time	Cycles
Pre-denaturation	95°C	5 min ^b	1
Denaturation	95°C	30 sec	} 35 ^e
Annealing	60°C ^a	90 sec ^c	
Extension	72°C	60 sec / kb ^d	
Final Extension	72°C	10 min	1

Notes: a. The default annealing temperature, 60°C, is suitable under most circumstances. However, it can be optimized using gradient PCR if the amplification performance is poor.

b. Per-denaturation at 95°C for 5 min is necessary to release the activity of Multiplex DNA Polymerase.

c. The annealing time can be extended to 3 min for multiplex PCRs using low-copy templates or with long-fragment amplicons or many amplicons.

d. The extension time can be determined by the longest amplicon. A proper longer extension time is helpful to increase the amplification yield. However, excessive extension may promote non-specific amplification. Therefore, reduce the extension time if specificity is poor.

e. The cycle number can be improved for for multiplex PCRs using low-copy templates. However, excessive PCR cycles may promote non-specific amplification. Therefore, reduce the cycle number if specificity is poor.

Primer Designing Notes

1. It is recommended to use primers with length between 21 - 30 bp, GC-content between 40% - 60%, and annealing temperature is > 68°C.

2. The sizes of amplicons should be < 1500 bp.

