

# Supercoiled pBR322



## Product Description (Product Numbers #S5001, S2502, S5003 and S1004)

Supercoiled plasmid pBR322 DNA is produced by the large-scale alkaline-lysis method (Sambrook et al., 1989) from a high-copy number derivative of pBR322 (Boros et al., 1984). It is then further supercoiled by treatment with topo I in the presence of an intercalator.

It is shipped on dry ice at a concentration of 1mg/ml in TE.

Store at -20°C.

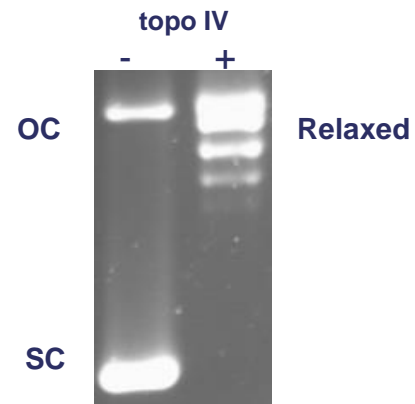
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### TE Storage Buffer

10 mM Tris.HCl (pH 7.5)  
1 mM EDTA

### Relaxation Assay

1 U (in 1µl) of topoisomerase IV will relax 0.4 µg of supercoiled pBR322 when incubated in 1X Assay Buffer in a total reaction volume of 30 µl at 37°C for 30 minutes. Gels are run in the absence of Ethidium Bromide or Chloroquine.



### Quality Control

Purity was determined spectroscopically using the ratio between the OD<sub>260</sub> and OD<sub>280</sub> readings.

Incubation under gyrase assay conditions (using 5X Assay Buffer) at 37°C for 30 minutes did not result in any detectable conversion of the DNA to either open circular or linear forms when assessed by agarose gel electrophoresis.

### References

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