# RNase Inhibitor, Murine



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**Source:** An *E. coli* strain that carries the Ribonuclease Inhibitor gene from mouse.

### **Applications:**

- RT-PCR
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Supplied in: 50 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES-KOH (pH 7.6), 8 mM DTT and 50% glycerol.

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## **Quality Control Assays**

**Endonuclease Activity:** Incubation of a 10  $\mu$ l reaction containing 40 units of RNase Inhibitor, Murine with 300 ng supercoiled plasmid for 4 hours at 37°C produced < 10% nicked molecules as determined by gel electrophoresis.

RNase Assay: Incubation of a 10  $\mu$ l reaction containing 40 units of RNase Inhibitor, Murine with 40 ng of RNA transcript for 4 hours at 37°C resulted in no detectable degradation of RNA as determined by gel electrophoresis.

**Latent RNase Assay:** Heating the RNase Inhibitor, Murine for 20 minutes at 65°C, followed by incubation of a 10  $\mu$ I reaction containing 40 units of RNase Inhibitor with 40 ng of RNA transcript for 4 hours at 37°C resulted in no detectable degradation of RNA as determined by gel electrophoresis.

**Exonuclease Assay:** Incubation of a 50  $\mu$ l reaction containing 200 units of RNase Inhibitor, Murine with 1  $\mu$ g of a mixture of single and double stranded [ $^{3}$ H] *E. coli* DNA ( $^{105}$  cpm/ $\mu$ g) for 4 hours at 37°C released < 0.5% of the total radioactivity.

Notes On Use: Since ribonucleases typically retain activity under denaturing conditions, care must be taken to avoid denaturing RNase Inhibitor molecules which have complexed with a ribonuclease. To prevent the release of active ribonuclease, temperatures greater than 50°C and high concentrations of urea or other denaturing agents should be avoided.

The recommended concentration of RNase Inhibitor in a reaction is 1 unit/µl. During assembly of a reaction, RNase Inhibitor should be added before other components that are a possible source of RNase contamination (i.e. enzymes, plasmid from a mini prep.)

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