Fidelity at its finest.

**Q5 and Q5 Hot Start High-Fidelity DNA Polymerases**

Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase sets a new standard for both fidelity and performance. With the highest fidelity amplification available (~280X higher than Taq and > 5X higher than Thermo Scientific® Phusion®), Q5 DNA Polymerase results in ultra-low error rates. Q5 DNA Polymerase is composed of a novel polymerase that is fused to the processivity-enhancing Sso7d DNA binding domain, improving speed, fidelity and reliability of performance.

**Five quality features of Q5:**

1. Fidelity – the highest fidelity amplification available (~280X higher than Taq and > 5X higher than Phusion)
2. Robustness – high specificity and yield with minimal optimization
3. Coverage – superior performance for a broad range of amplicons (from high AT to high GC)
4. Speed – short extension times
5. Amplicon length – robust amplifications up to 20 kb for simple template, and 10 kb for complex

“Q5 works great. It was able to amplify a very difficult product, one I honestly didn’t think would work. I am extremely happy with the Q5 enzyme.”

**Scientist – Vanderbilt University**

Visit Q5PCR.com to request a sample and to view the latest video tutorials on Q5 DNA Polymerase from NEB scientists.

Mandarin Ducks (*Aix galericulata*) are frequently featured in Chinese art and are regarded as a symbol of fidelity.
Choose Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase for ALL your high-fidelity PCR needs.

Comparison of high-fidelity polymerases

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<th>PRODUCT NAME (SUPPLIER)</th>
<th>POLYMERASE FIDELITY (Reported by supplier)</th>
<th>MAXIMUM AMPLECTON LENGTH</th>
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<td>Q5 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (NEB)</td>
<td>~280X Taq(^1)</td>
<td>20 kb simple; 10 kb complex</td>
<td>10 s/kb</td>
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<td>12X Taq(^2)</td>
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\(^2\) PCR-based mutation screening in lacZ (NEB), lacI (Agilent) or rpsL (Life).

\(^3\) Template not specified.

\(^4\) Simple templates include plasmid, viral and E. coli genomic DNA. Complex templates include plant, human and other mammalian genomic DNA.

\(^5\) Values provided by individual manufacturers.

Q5 provides superior amplification performance across a wide range of genomic targets

PCR was performed with a variety of amplicons, with GC content ranging from high AT to high GC, with Q5 and several other commercially available polymerases. All polymerases were cycled according to manufacturers’ recommendations, including use of GC Buffers and enhancers when recommended. Yield and purity of reaction products were quantitated and represented, as shown in the figure key, by dot color and size. A large dark green dot represents the most successful performance. Q5 provides superior performance across the range of GC content.
The five quality features of Q5

1. Highest fidelity DNA amplification available
At ~280X higher than Taq, Q5 offers unparalleled fidelity for your most important samples, but with a protocol and pricepoint that makes it accessible for routine amplifications.

2. Robust amplification with minimal optimization
High specificity and yield are absolute requirements for today's molecular biology techniques. Q5 delivers both for a wide range of templates.

3. Superior coverage for a broad range of amplicons, regardless of GC content
While other DNA polymerases can have difficulty amplifying high-GC or high-AT amplicons, Q5 DNA Polymerase displays superior performance for a wide range of templates.

4. Shorter PCR protocols
Achieve precision without sacrificing speed. Q5's unique design incorporating the SSo7d processivity-enhancing domain enables shorter extension times, as low as 10 seconds per kb. Additionally, aptamer-based hot start requires no initial denaturation.

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High Fidelity DNA Polymerase

For a broad range of amplicons, regardless of GC content, enzymes can have difficulty amplifying high-GC or high-AT amplicons, Q5 DNA Polymerase displays wide range of templates.

5. Templates up to 20 kb

With Q5, you can reliably amplify simple templates up to 20 kb. Complex templates up to 10 kb can also be amplified with a high degree of confidence.

Q5 = Q5 Hot Start High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (NEB)
K = KOD DNA Polymerase (EMD)
P = Phusion® High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (NEB)
PU = PfuUltra™ High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Agilent)
AP = AccuPrime™ Pfx DNA Polymerase (Invitrogen/Life)
PT = Platinum® Taq DNA Polymerase High Fidelity (Invitrogen/Life)

The stand-alone enzyme comes with a reaction buffer that supports robust amplification of high AT to routine targets. Addition of the High GC Enhancer allows amplification of GC rich and difficult targets. For added convenience, the master mix formats allow robust amplification of a broad range of targets with a single formulation.

For more information, visit Q5PCR.com
Choose from a Selection of Standalone Enzymes, Master Mixes and Kits

For your high-fidelity PCR needs.

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