

# Universal DNA Cloning Kit

## pSpark® Universal DNA Cloning kit

Highly efficient, robust and easy-to-use system compatible with Blunt and TA DNA cloning

### Ordering info:

| Cat No. | Size   |
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| C0019   | 20 rxn |

### Includes for 20 rxn:

- 20 µL pSpark® II (20 ng/µL)
- 20 µL pSpark® TA DNA Cloning vector (50 ng/µL)
- 20 µL T4 DNA Ligase (5U/Weiss)
- 200 µL T4 DNA Ligase Buffer (5x)
- 150 µL PEG 6000 (10x)
- 5 µL Insert Control 1 kb (20 ng/µL)
- 5 µL Insert Control 600 bp (30 ng/µL)



### Related Products:

- pSpark® II DNA Cloning vector (p.14)
- pSpark® TA DNA Cloning vector (p.17)
- FastPANGEA™ Long PCR DNA Polymerase (p.106)
- Horse-Power™ Taq DNA Polymerase (p.103)
- CVX5α™ Chemically Competent cells (p.18)
- CleanEasy™ PCR Purification kit (p.91)
- ITPG (p.19)
- X-Gal (p.19)
- Ampicillin (p.126)

### Description:

pSpark® Universal is a highly efficient, accurate and easy-to-use DNA cloning kit ideal for a broad range of PCR fragments cloning applications. There is a range of DNA polymerases available that do not generate PCR products with identical ends: proofreading DNA polymerases leave blunt ends while blends of polymerases and non-proofreading DNA polymerases leaves 3'A overhangs. Therefore, it is necessary to employ different vectors to clone both kinds of PCR fragments.

pSpark® Universal DNA cloning kit has been designed to save time, looking for a kit for several cloning scenarios. It is mainly composed of two cloning vectors which allow blunt or TA DNA cloning. For blunt DNA cloning and TA DNA cloning, pSpark® II DNA cloning vector and pSpark® TA DNA cloning vector, respectively, are included.

### Advantages & Features:

- ✓ **Compatible with Blunt and TA DNA cloning:** it is composed by pSpark® II (p.14) and pSpark® TA DNA cloning vector (p.16).
- ✓ **Convenient:** ideal for a broad range of PCR fragments cloning applications.
- ✓ **Versatile:** compatible with any DNA polymerase.

### Applications:

- ✓ Cloning of high fidelity PCR amplified products into pSpark® II Blunt DNA cloning vector.
- ✓ Cloning of non-proofreading PCR fragments into pSpark® TA DNA Cloning vector.
- ✓ Production of ssDNA.
- ✓ *In vitro* transcription from T7/SP6 dual-opposed promoters.

### Quality control:

- ✓ Functionally test using 1.0 kb PCR fragment (pSpark® II) and 600 bp PCR fragment (pSpark® TA).

# Chemically Competent Cells

## CVX5α™ (1 x 10<sup>7</sup> CFU/µg)

Versatile, convenient and cost-effective solution for routine subcloning procedures



### Ordering info:

| Cat No. | Size                |
|---------|---------------------|
| C0031   | 40 rxn (4 x 500 µl) |
| C0032   | 40 rxn (40 x 50 µl) |
| C0033   | 90 rxn (9 x 500 µl) |

### Includes for 40 rxn:

- 2,000 µl CVX5α™ (1 x 10<sup>7</sup> CFU/µg)
- 10 µl pUC18 Transformation Control Plasmid (10 ng / µl)
- 50 mL SOC Medium
- Dry ice



### Description:

CVX5α™ Chemically competent cells are a versatile, convenient and cost-effective solution for routine subcloning procedures or any application where the starting DNA is not limiting.

CVX5α™ are calcium chloride-treated to facilitate attachment of the plasmid DNA to the competent cell membrane.

### Advantages & Features:

- ✓ **Versatile:** proven performance for high-efficiency transformation in a wide variety of applications.
- ✓ **Convenient:** ideal for routine.
- ✓ **Compatible:** with blue/white screening of colonies on bacterial plates containing BluO-gal or X-gal.
- ✓ **Cost avoidance:** dry ice free of charge.

### CVX5α™ Genotype:

F<sup>-</sup>, gyrA96, recA1, endA1, thi1, hsdR17 (rK - mK +), deoR, supE44, Δ (*lacZYA-argF*) U169 Φ80*lacZ*ΔM15.

### Applications:

- ✓ Routine cloning and subcloning of genes into plasmid vectors.

### Quality control:

- ✓ Each lot of competent cells is tested to verify transformation efficiencies using 100 pg pUC18 supercoiled DNA and the recommended protocol.
- ✓ Under these conditions, transformation efficiency will be ≥ 1 x 10<sup>7</sup> cfu/µg pUC18.
- ✓ Transformation efficiency is defined as the number of colony forming units (cfu) produced by transforming 1 µg of plasmid (3 kb) into a given volume of competent cells.

### Note:

Optimal competence for cloning but it is not enough for the generation of cDNA libraries.

### Related Products:

- pSpark® Blunt-end DNA Cloning vectors (p.12)
- pSpark® TA DNA Cloning vectors (p.16)
- pOnebyOne™ Mammalian Expression vectors (p.22)
- pColiExpress™ Glue Enzyme kits (p.34)
- Custom Cloning services (p.140)