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CAUTION: Elevated temperatures, excessive amounts of enzyme, failure to supplement with dNTPs or long reaction times will result in recessed ends due to the 3' → 5' exonuclease activity of the enzyme.

T4 DNA Polymerase can be used in [NEBuffers 1.1, 2.1](#), and [CutSmart Buffer](#) as well as [NEBuffers 1, 2](#), and [4](#) and [T4 DNA Ligase Reaction Buffer](#). Optimal activity is observed in [NEBuffer 2.1](#). BSA supplementation is recommended when using a buffer that does not already contain BSA.

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MATERIALS

 [T4 DNA Polymerase - 150 units](#) **New England**

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Please refer to the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for health and environmental hazards.

- 1 Dissolve DNA in any [\[M\]1 X reaction buffer](#) supplemented with [\[M\]100 Micromolar \(µM\) dNTPs](#) .

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Add 1 unit of T4 DNA Polymerase per microgram DNA.

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Incubate  **00:15:00** at  **12 °C** .

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Stop reaction by adding EDTA to a final concentration of  **10 Milimolar (mM)** .

See references 1, 2 for information on stopping reaction using EDTA and 75°C.

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Heat for  **00:20:00** at  **75 °C** .

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