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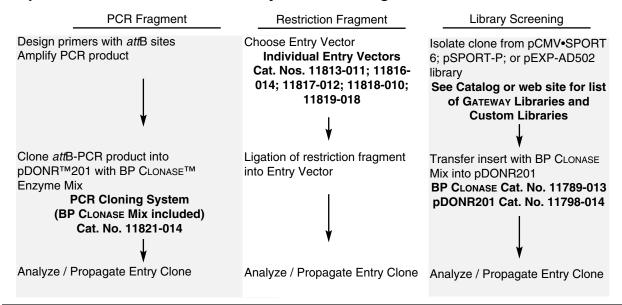
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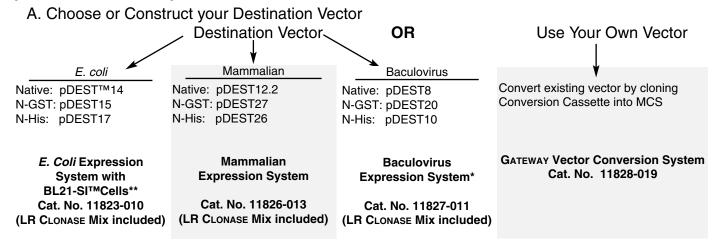
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Choosing Products to Build Gateway™ Expression Clones

Step 1: Construct or Select an Entry Clone starting from:

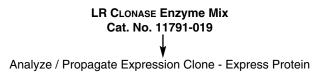


Step 2: Construct an Expression Clone



Choose a complete Expression System(s) OR purchase Destination Vector(s) individually

B. Transfer gene from Entry Clone into Destination Vector with LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix to make Expression Clone



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cDNAs, partial or complete genes, or genomic DNA (including non-coding sequences) can be transferred from Entry Clones to Destination Vectors using the GATEWAY Cloning System. In the following discussion, "gene" is meant to include all types of DNA sequences.

GATEWAYTM Cloning Technology is a novel universal system for cloning and subcloning DNA sequences, facilitating gene functional analysis, and protein expression (Figure 1). Once in this versatile operating system, DNA segments are transferred between vectors using site-specific recombination. This powerful system can easily transfer one or more DNA sequences into multiple vectors in parallel reactions, while maintaining orientation and reading frame.

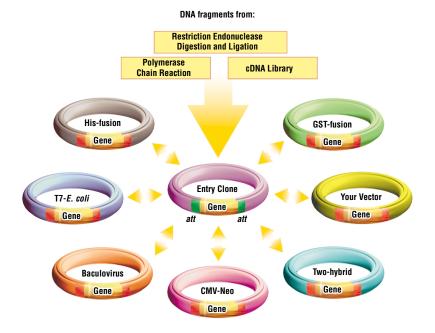


Figure 1. The power of GATEWAY Cloning Technology. The gene of interest can be moved into an Entry Vector via PCR, restriction endonuclease digestion and ligation, or site-specific recombination from a cDNA library constructed in a GATEWAY-compatible vector. A gene in the Entry Clone can then be transferred simultaneously into Destination Vectors. This is done by combining the Entry Clone with a GATEWAY Destination Vector and CLONASE Enzyme Mix in a single tube, incubating for 1 h, transforming *E. coli*, and plating.

The Gateway Cloning System uses phage lambda-based site-specific recombination instead of restriction endonucleases and ligase. This recombination system is used by λ during the switch between the lytic and lysogenic pathways (1). The key DNA recombination sequences (att sites) and proteins that mediate the recombination reactions are the foundation of Gateway Cloning Technology. For a general review of λ recombination, see reference 2.

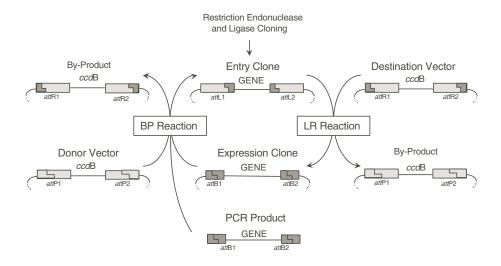


Figure 2. GATEWAY Cloning Technology as an operating system for cloning and subcloning DNA. Genes are transferred between vectors easily using LR or BP reactions.

2.1 Recombination Reactions of the GATEWAY Cloning System

Two reactions constitute the Gateway Cloning Technology (Figure 2, Table 1). The LR Reaction is a recombination reaction between an Entry Clone and a Destination (pDEST™) Vector, mediated by a cocktail of recombination proteins, to create an Expression Clone. It is used to move the sequence of interest to one or more Destination Vectors in parallel reactions. The BP Reaction is a recombination reaction between an Expression Clone (or an *att*B-flanked PCR product) and a Donor (pDONR™) Vector to create an Entry Clone.

Table 1. Summary of reactions and nomenclature.

Reaction	Reacting Sites	Catalyzed by	Product	Structure of Product
LR Reaction	attL x attR	LR CLONASE™ Enzyme Mix	Expression Clone	attB1-gene-attB2
BP Reaction	attB x attP	BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix	Entry Clone	attL1-gene-attL2

The recombination reactions are equivalent to concerted, highly specific, cutting and ligation reactions. The reactions are conservative, *i.e.*, there is no net synthesis or loss of nucleotides. The DNA segments that flank the recombination sites are merely switched. The recombination (*att*) sites of each vector comprise a hybrid sequence, donated by the sites on the parental vectors. The recombination can occur between DNAs of any topology (supercoiled, linear, or relaxed), although efficiency varies.

2.1.1 The GATEWAY LR Cloning Reaction

The LR reaction is used to create an Expression Clone (Figure 3). The recombination proteins cut to the left and right of the gene within the *att*L sites in the Entry Clone and ligate it to the corresponding *att*R site in the Destination Vector, creating an Expression Clone. The resultant 25-bp *att*B sites [*att*B1 on the left (N-

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terminus) and $\it att$ B2 on the right (C-terminus)] created by the LR reaction are derived from the $\it att$ L sites (adjacent to the gene), whereas the distal sequences are derived from the $\it att$ R sites. The LR Clonase Enzyme Mix mediates the Gateway LR Reaction and contains λ recombination proteins Int, Xis, and the $\it E. coli\text{-}encoded$ protein IHF.

The wild type λ *att*L and *att*R recombination sites have been modified in the following manner to improve the GATEWAY Reactions.

- Mutations have been made to the core regions of the att sites to eliminate stop codons and to ensure specificity of the recombination reactions to maintain orientation and reading frame (i.e., attL1 reacts only with attR1, attL2 reacts only with attR2). The attL sites are 100 bp.
- A part (43 bp) of attR has been removed to make the in vitro attL × attR reaction irreversible and more efficient (3). The attR sites in the Destination Vectors are 125 bp.

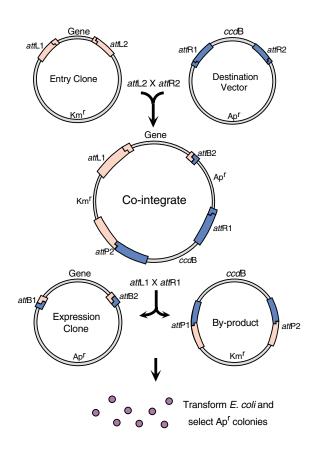


Figure 3. The LR reaction. attL1 and attR1 (or attL2 and attR2) recombine to form a cointegrate. The co-integrate resolves to form two daughter molecules by a second recombination reaction. The two daughter molecules have the same structure regardless of which pair of sites, attL1 and attR1 or attL2 and attR2, react first to form the co-integrate. Selection of the Expression Clone is achieved by introduction of the mixture into E. coli by transformation. Only plasmids without the ccdB gene that are ampicillin-resistant (Apr) yield colonies.

2.1.2 The GATEWAY BP Cloning Reaction

The BP reaction is used to create an Entry Clone from Expression Clones (Figure 4) or PCR products (Figure 6). Once a gene is flanked by $\it{att}L$ sites (Entry Clone), it can be transferred into any number of Destination Vectors to generate new Expression Clones. The BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix mediates the BP Reaction and contains λ recombination protein Int and the $\it{E. coli-}$ encoded protein IHF.

The wild type λ attB and attP recombination sites have been modified to improve the GATEWAY Reactions.

- Mutations have been made to the core regions of the att sites to eliminate stop codons and to ensure specificity of the recombination reactions to maintain orientation and reading frame (i.e., attB1 reacts only with attP1, attB2 reacts only with attP2). The attP sites are 200 bp.
- Mutations have been introduced into the short (5 bp) regions flanking the 15-bp core regions of the attB sites to minimize secondary structure formation in single-stranded forms of attB plasmids, e.g., in phagemid ssDNA or in mRNA. The attB sites are 25 bp.

The BP Reaction permits rapid, directional cloning of PCR products synthesized with primers containing terminal 25-bp *att*B sites (+4 Gs). The result is an Entry Clone containing the PCR fragment (Figure 6). Similarly, DNA segments flanked by *att*B sites in Expression Clones can be transferred to generate Entry Clones (Figure 4).

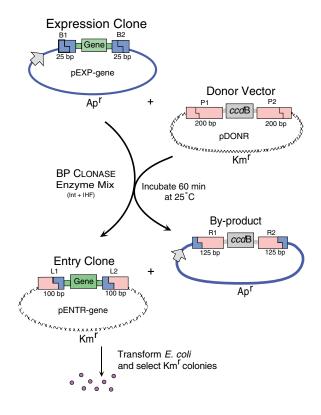


Figure 4. The BP cloning reaction. Only plasmids without the *ccd*B gene that are kanamycin resistant (Km^r) yield colonies.

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2.2 Generating Entry Clones

The design of an Entry Clone is dictated by the particular DNA and what is to be done with it. Because the DNA sequence between the attL sites transfers as a unit, all the sequences included between these sites transfer into the Destination Vectors. A variety of Destination Vectors (permitting native or fusion protein expression) can be used, making the choice of whether to include translation start and stop signals an important decision in the planning of Entry Clones. For example, expression of native proteins requires that translation initiation signals (ribosome recognition site and ATG) be included between the attL1 sites, whereas Entry Clones used to make N-terminal fusion proteins typically lack these elements since they are donated by the Destination Vector. Note that Entry Clones used to transfer DNA into Destination Vectors for expression require that the encoded N-terminus be oriented proximal to the attL1 site. For a more thorough discussion see Section 1.3.

Entry Clones can be made in one of several ways (Figure 5).

- A PCR product made with modified primers can be used to generate and Entry Clone using the BP reaction (Figure 6). Primers consist of the structure GGGG[25 bp attB][gene-specific sequence] (see Section 2.3.3).
- An Expression Clone (generated by the LR reaction) can be converted to an Entry Clone using the BP reaction (Figure 4). In addition, clones from cDNA libraries made in vectors in which attB sites flank the cDNA (such as pCMV•SPORT6 or pEXP-AD502) can be transferred to generate an Entry Clone.

Considerations in Designing an Entry Clone

The DNA:

- —Does it contain a gene?
- —Is the sequence known?
- —Is the reading frame known?
- —Are there 5' and 3' untranslated regions?
- —Do these regions contain stop codons?
- —Does the gene fragment carry its own promoter and/or translation signals?
- —Is the DNA a restriction fragment, or a PCR product?
- —Are there unique restriction endonuclease sites at the amino and carboxy ends?

How is the gene to be expressed?

- —In eukaryotes or in E. coli?
- —As native protein, or as a fusion protein?
- -With or without a protease cleavage site?

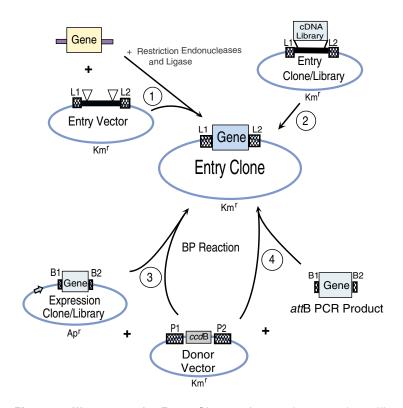


Figure 5. Ways to make Entry Clones. Approaches 3 and 4 utilize recombination with a Donor Vector that provides the Entry Vector backbone carrying Km^r.

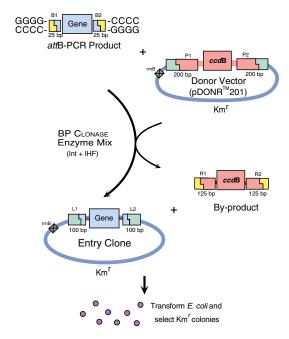


Figure 6. Cloning a PCR product by the BP Reaction.

 A gene can be cloned between the attL1 and attL2 sites of an Entry Vector using restriction endonucleases and ligase. The starting DNA segment can be generated by restriction digestion or as a PCR product containing restriction sites on the ends. Several Entry Vectors are available (Figure 7, Table 2). These differ as to the translation signals and multiple cloning sites (MCS) available. Detailed vector maps can be found in Section 5.6. Note: Entry Clones made in pENTR1A, 2B, 3C, 4 or 11 are transcriptionally silent and can not be screened with antibodies.

2.3 Designing Entry Clones for Protein Expression

Protein expression consists of transcription (DNA into RNA) and translation (RNA into protein). (For information on protein synthesis see references 4-7.) Both have signal sequences that determine the start sites. In GATEWAY Technology, the promoters typically are provided on the Destination Vectors outside of the att sites. The translational start site for nearly all proteins is the AUG (methionine) codon. Ribosomes must be able to distinguish between AUG codons in the middle of proteins from those at the start. Most often ribosomes choose an AUG that is first in the RNA (toward the 5' end) following the proper sequence context. In E. coli, the favored context (8) is a run of purines (As and Gs) from 5 to 12 bases upstream of the initiating AUG, especially AGGAGG or some variant (known as a Shine-Dalgarno sequence). In eukaryotes, the preferred sequence context is --GCC ACC ATG G-- around the initiating methionine, with the A at -3 being most important, and a purine at +4 (where the A of the ATG is +1), preferably a quanine (G), being next most influential (9). Having an A at -3 is enough to make most ribosomes choose the first AUG of an mRNA in plants, insects, yeast, and mammals (known as a Kozak sequence). Shine-Dalgarno and Kozak sequences are referred to here as ribosome recognition sequences (RRS). For a review of initiation of protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells, see reference 10.

Overview Table 2. Entry Vectors. All Entry Vectors carry the kanamycin resistance gene.

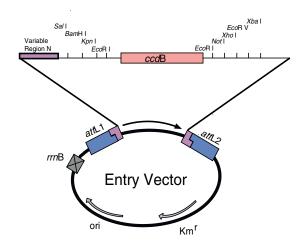
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Vector	Cloning Features	Dalgarno	Kozak	Expression Features
pENTR1A (reading frame 0)	Represent the 3 reading frames for N-terminal fusions.			N-terminal or C-terminal fusions in <i>E. coli</i> or eukaryotic cells.
(reading frame+1)	Multiple cloning sites (MCS) immediately follows attL1. First restriction endonuclease site after attL1 yields blunt ends.			Native expression and C-terminal fusions require addition of ribosome recognition sequence and ATG translation initiation codon. C-terminal fusions require that
				no stop codons precede attL2.
pENTR4	Same as pENTR1A, except that the first restriction endonuclease site after <i>att</i> L1 is <i>Nco</i> I.		•	
pENTR11	E. coli and eukaryotic ribosome binding sites (Shine-Dalgarno and Kozak) downstream of attL1.	•	•	Native, N-terminal or C-terminal fusions in <i>E. coli</i> or eukaryotic cells. (ATG also needed for native and C-terminal.)
	Blunt (<i>Xmn</i> I) and <i>Nco</i> I sites each preceded by Shine-Dalgarno and Kozak.			C-terminal fusions require that no stop codons precede <i>att</i> L2.

In GATEWAY Cloning, the placement of translation signals is determined by whether the protein being expressed is native, or a fusion protein (Figure 8). For native proteins and C-terminal fusions, the translation signals are included downstream of the attB1 site. Therefore, these signals must be present in the Entry Clone. In this case the attB1 sequence will reside in the 5' untranslated region of the mRNA. (Note: For C-terminal fusions, the stop codon is provided by the Destination Vector and must be absent from the 3'-end of the gene.) In N-terminal or N+C-terminal fusions, the translational signals and the fusion protein sequences are provided by the Destination Vector and will be upstream of the attB1 site. Consequently, the 25-bp attB1 site becomes part of the coding sequence and inserts 8 amino acids between the fusion domain and the protein encoded by a gene. The attB1 sequence has not been observed to affect protein yield in E. coli, insect, or mammalian cells.

2.3.1 Location of Translation Start Sequences

For native protein expression, the RRS and the ATG needs to be downstream of the attL1 site in the Entry Clone. If the Destination Vector provides a promoter without any N-terminal fusion sequence, protein synthesis will initiate exclusively at the translation start signals of the native open reading frame (ORF).

An Entry Clone containing the RRS and ATG downstream of the attL site can be used with a Destination Vector providing an N-terminal fusion peptide if the ATG is in frame with the att site. However, protein synthesis will result in production of both N-terminal fusion protein plus some native protein. Even though ribosomes most often initiate protein synthesis at the 5'-most ATG, internal ATGs can serve to initiate protein synthesis. The better the translation context around the internal ATG, the more internal initiation of translation will be seen. Also, the production of native protein can be more pronounced with short N-terminal fusion tags, such as the 6X histidine affinity tag. If the amount of native protein is large or interferes with your applications, construction of different Entry Clones to express native protein may be necessary.

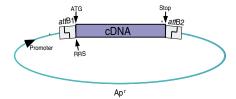


Variable Region N Options:

- Blunt sites [(Dra I, Xmn I; pENTR1A,3C) (Ehe I, Xmn I; pENTR2B)] close to attL1 site, in the 3 reading frames
- Nco I site close to attL1 site (pENTR4)
- Blunt (Xmn I) and Nco I sites each preceded by E. coli and eukaryotic ribosome recognition site (pENTR11)

Figure 7. Schematic of Entry Vectors. The *rm*B transcriptional terminator sequence (11) makes clones transcriptionally silent in contrast to standard *lac* promoter systems. The *ccd*B gene inhibits growth in most *E. coli* strains which facilitates recovery of only the desired clones. The *Xmn* I site has 4 of the 6 most favored bases for the Kozak sequence involved in eukaryotic expression. The restriction sites shown on the figure are in all Entry Vectors. Unique enzymes in the variable Region N are shown below the circle map.

Native Protein Expression Construct



Fusion Protein Expression Construct

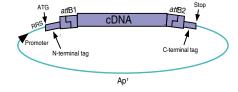


Figure 8. Gateway Protein Expression Clones. RRS refers to a ribosome recognition sequence.

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2.3.2 Reading Frame

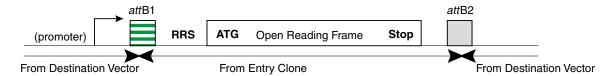
For native expression, reading frame is determined by the translation start site located between the two *att* sites so the reading frame in the Entry Clone relative to that of *att*B1 or *att*B2 is not typically an issue (see example below). For fusion proteins, it is essential to establish the correct reading frame. For N-terminal fusions, construct the Entry Clone so that the DNA sequence is in frame with the two lysine codons (AAA - AAA) found in *att*L1 (or *att*B1 for PCR primer design). For C-terminal fusions, construct Entry Clones so that the DNA sequence is in frame with the Tyr-Lys (TAC-AAA) in *att*L2. (See below and the Entry Vector maps in Section 5) Destination Vectors that make amino-terminal fusions have been constructed with the *att*R1 site in this (AAA - AAA) reading frame, so amino terminal fusions will automatically be correctly phased, for N-terminal fusion tags. For C-terminal fusion Destination Vectors, align the fusion in phase with the -TAC-AAA- (Tyr-Lys) sequence so C-terminal fusions will automatically be in frame.

2.3.3 Examples of Protein Expression Constructs

The following examples of Expression Clone sequences and *att*B-PCR primer sequences (for preparing Entry Clones) have been used successfully to express both native and fusion proteins in *E. coli*, insect, and mammalian cells using Gateway Cloning. Other sequence options and motif combinations are possible, and may be preferable in some situations. These examples are a starting point for recombinant protein expression in the Gateway Cloning System.

Native Expression

A. Expression clone structure:



B. Expression clone sequence (for *E. coli* and eukaryotic expression):

Shine-Dalgarno Kozak Open reading frame (amino end)
5' - ACA AGT TTG TAC AAA AAA GCA GGC TTC GAA GGA GAT AGA ACC ATG* NNN NNN NNN --3' - TGT TCA AAC ATG TTT TTT CGT CCG AAG GTT CCT CTA TCT TGG TAC NNN NNN NNN --
attB1 *Translation start

Open reading frame (carboxy end)

- --- NNN NNN NNN <u>TAG</u> GAC CCA GCT TTC TTG **TAC AAA** GTG GT 3'
- --- NNN NNN NNN ATC CTG GGT CGA AAG AAC ATG TTT CAC CA 5'

Translation stop attB2 (TAG)

Note: The ATG in this example is in frame with the *att*B1sequence so this construction can be used in both native and N-terminal fusion Destination Vectors.

C. Oligonucleotides for *att*B-PCR cloning of gene for native expression:

attB1 forward oligo: (attB1 sequence bold; translation start codon underlined; sequence includes Shine-Dalgarno and Kozak)

attB1 Shine-Dalgarno Kozak

5' - GGGG **ACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCT** TCGAAGGAGATAGAACC<u>ATG</u> (18-25 genespecific nucleotides in frame with start codon) - 3'

attB2 reverse oligo: (attB2 sequence bold; translation stop codon [complement strand] underlined)

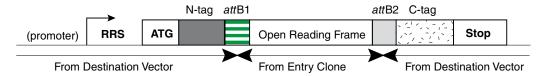
ttB2 STOP

5' - GGGG **ACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGT** C<u>CTA(</u>18-25 gene-specific nucleotides [complement strand] in frame with stop codon) - 3'

Note: See section 5.2 for adapter-primer method primer design.

Fusion Protein Expression

A. Expression clone structure:



Note: Here the Destination Vector provides the ATG and Stop codon.

B. Expression clone sequence:

Open reading frame (amino end)

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5' - ATG NNN --- --- NNN ACA AGT TTG TAC AAA AAA GCA GGC TTC NNN NNN NNN --- 3' - TAC NNN --- --- NNN TGT TCA AAC ATG TTT TTT CGT CCG AAG NNN NNN NNN --- N-fusion attB1
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Open reading frame (carboxy end)

- --- NNN NNN NNN GAC CCA GCT TTC TTG **TAC AAA** GTG GTN NNN --- --- NNN (Stop) 3'
 --- NNN NNN NNN CTG GGT CGA AAG AAC **ATG TTT** CAC CAN NNN --- --- NNN NNN -- 5'

 attB2

 C-fusion
- **C.** Suggested oligonucleotides for *att*B-PCR cloning of gene for N-terminal and C-terminal fusion expression:

attB1 forward oligo: (attB1 sequence bold)

attR1

5' - GGGG ACAAGTTTGTACAAAAAAGCAGGCT \underline{TC}^+ (18-25 gene-specific nucleotides in frame with attB1) - 3'

attB2 reverse oligo: (attB2 sequence bold)

attB2

- 5' GGGG ACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGT \underline{C}^+ (18-25 gene-specific nucleotides [complement strand] in frame with attB2) 3'
- + Other nucleotides may be substituted for the underlined sequences. For attB1, maintain the reading frame and do not create a stop codon. For N-terminal fusion proteins, the attB2 primer **must** contain a stop codon in the gene-specific region. For C-terminal or N-terminal plus C-terminal fusion proteins, the attB2 primer **must not** contain any in-frame stop codons.

2.4 Destination Vectors

Once a gene is configured as an Entry Clone, it can easily be moved into any Destination Vector using the LR Reaction. The currently available Destination Vectors concentrate on protein expression applications (Table 3). However, it is possible to convert any vector (for maximal compatibility, the Destination Vector should not be kanamycin-resistant) into a GATEWAY Destination Vector using the GATEWAY Vector Conversion System. To convert a vector, a DNA cassette (Figure 10) containing the *ccd*B gene and a chloramphenical resistance gene flanked by *att*R sites is cloned into your vector (at the multiple cloning site) using restriction endonucleases that generate blunt ends and ligase. The *ccd*B protein interferes with *E. coli* DNA gyrase and thereby inhibits growth of most *E. coli* strains. Since the Destination Vector contains the *ccd*B gene, it must be propagated in the *E. coli* DB3.1 strain (parent strain RR1) containing a gyrase mutation (*gyr*A462) (12-14) Strains of *E. coli* that contain an F' episome also carry the *ccd*A gene which is

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an antidote to $\it ccd$ B protein toxicity. Therefore, do not use strains with F episomes for selection following BP or LR Reactions.

DB3.1 strain genotype: F⁻ gyrA462 endA1 D(sr1-recA) mcrB mrr $hsdS20(r_B^-, m_B^-)$ supE44 ara-14 galK2 lacY1 proA2 $rpsL20(Sm^r)$ xyl-5 λ ⁻ leu mtl-1.

Table 3. Destination Vectors. See vector maps (in section 5).

			His6	GST			
	Expression	Protein	-		TEV Protease	Promoter for	_
Vector	Host	Expressed	Tag	Tag	Cleavage Site	Expression	Comments
pDEST14	E. coli	Native				T7 (<i>E. coli</i> strain must express T7 RNA polymerase)	pBR ori to aid in regulation of expression
pDEST15	E. coli	N-terminal		•		T7	pBR ori to aid
		fusion				(<i>E. coli</i> strain must express T7 RNA polymerase)	in regulation of expression
pDEST17	E. coli	N-terminal	•			T7	pBR ori to aid
		fusion				(<i>E. coli</i> strain must express T7 RNA polymerase)	in regulation of expression
pDEST8	Insect	Native				polyhedrin (baculovirus)	
pDEST10	Insect	N-terminal fusion	•		•	polyhedrin (baculovirus)	
pDEST20	Insect	Native fusion		•		polyhedrin (baculovirus)	
pDEST12.2	Mammalian	Native				CMV	neo resistant
pDEST26	Mammalian	N-terminal fusion	•			CMV	neo resistant
pDEST27	Mammalian	N-terminal fusion		•		CMV	neo resistant

More Destination Vectors will be available soon. Refer to the GATEWAY website for the most up-to-date listing (www.lifetech.com/gateway).

2.5 GATEWAY Nomenclature

For subclones, the following naming convention has been adopted: the name of the vector is placed first, followed by the name of the transferred gene.

Plasmid Type	Descriptive Name	Individual Vector or Clone Names
attL Vector	Entry Vector	pENTR1,2,
attL subclone	Entry Clone	pENTR3-gus,; pENTR201-gus The number 3 refers to the Entry Vector. 201 refers to the Donor Vector used to make the Entry Clone. Gus is the subcloned gene.
attR Vector	Destination Vector	pDEST1,2,3,
attB Vector	Expression Vector	pEXP501, 502, (nos. 501-599). These vectors are used to prepare Expression cDNA libraries. Other nomenclature has also been used for cDNA libraries, <i>e.g.</i> , pCMV*SPORT6.
attB subclone	Expression Clone	pEXP3-cat, 3 refers to the Destination Vector (pDEST3) used to make the expression subclone. Cat is the subcloned gene.
attP Vector	Donor Vector	pDONR™201

Examples:

An LR Reaction:

pENTR201-tet x pDEST10 \rightarrow pEXP10-tet

Two BP Reactions:

attB-p53 PCR product x pDONR207 → pENTR207-p53 pEXP14-lacZ x pDONR201 → pENTR201-lacZ

See www.lifetech.com/gateway for current information on additions/modifications to the protocols and an increasing selection of GatewayTM-compatible vectors and libraries.

3.1 Components

GATEWAY Cloning Technology is the basis for several systems whose components are listed below. Most of the components are also available separately (see section 7). Store the BP Clonase™ Enzyme Mix, LR Clonase Enzyme Mix and the competent cells at -70°C. All other components can be stored at -20°C or -70°C.

PCR Cloning System with GATEWAY Technology

(Cat. No. 11821-014; Size: 20 reactions)

Component	Amount
BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix	80 μl
BP CLONASE Reaction Buffer	100 µl
GATEWAY pDONR TM 201 Vector (150 ng/μl)	40 μΙ
pEXP7-tet Positive Control (50 ng/µl)	20 μΙ
proteinase K solution (2 μg/μl)	40 μΙ
30% PEG/Mg Solution	1 ml
LIBRARY EFFICIENCY® DH5α™ Competent Cells	1 ml
pUC19 DNA	100 µl
manual	

E. coli Expression Systems with GATEWAY Technology (Size: 20 reactions)

Component	Amount
LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix	80 μΙ
LR CLONASE Reaction Buffer	100 μl
GATEWAY pDEST™14 Vector (150 ng/µl)	40 μΙ
GATEWAY pDEST15 Vector (150 ng/μl)	40 μl
GATEWAY pDEST17 Vector (150 ng/μ)	40 μΙ
pENTR™-gus Positive Control (50 ng/μl)	20 μl
proteinase K solution (2 µg/µl)	40 μl
LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5α Competent Cells*	1 ml
BL21-SI™ Competent Cells**	1 ml
pUC19 DNA	100 μl
manual	one

^{*}Included with Cat. No. 11822-012. See section 3.5.1.

^{**}Included with Cat. No. 11823-010. See section 3.5.1.

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Baculovirus Expression System with GATEWAY Technology

(Cat. No. 11827-011; Size: 20 reactions)

(Designed for use with the Bac-To-Bac® technology.)

Component	Amount
LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix	80 μl
LR CLONASE Reaction Buffer	100 μl
GATEWAY pDEST8 Vector (150 ng/μl)	40 μl
GATEWAY pDEST10 Vector (150 ng/μl)	40 μl
GATEWAY pDEST20 Vector (150 ng/μl)	
pENTR-gus Positive Control (50 ng/µl)	20 µl
proteinase K solution (2 μg/μl)	
LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5\(\text{Competent Cells} \)	1 ml
pUC19 DNA	100 µl
manual	one

Refer to section 3.5.1 for additional materials required for protein expression in insect cells.

Mammalian Expression System with GATEWAY Technology

(Cat. No. 11826-013; Size: 20 reactions)

Component	Amoun
LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix	80 μ
LR CLONASE Reaction Buffer	
GATEWAY pDEST12.2 Vector (150 ng/μl)	40 μ
GATEWAY pDEST26 Vector (150 ng/µl)	40 μ
GATEWAY pDEST27 Vector (150 ng/µl)	40 μ
pENTR-gus Positive Control (50 ng/μl)	
proteinase K solution (2 μg/μl)	40 u
LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5α Competent Cells	
pUC19 DNA	
manual	one

3.2 Creating Entry Clones Using Restriction Endonucleases and Ligase

Materials:

- Entry Vector
- Restriction endonucleases and buffers
- Calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase
- T4 DNA ligase and buffer
- LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5α competent cells
- S.O.C. Medium
- LB plates with 50 µg/ml kanamycin
- TE [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA]
- CONCERT™ Gel Extraction System (or equivalent)
- Prepared DNA restriction fragment(s)

3.2.1 Preparing the Entry Vector

It is necessary to restriction digest the Entry Vector on each side of the *ccd*B gene to remove the gene during cloning. It is recommended that the Entry Vector be dephosphorylated and gel purified after restriction digestion so that there is less competition between the *ccd*B fragment and the DNA of interest for the Entry Vector during ligation.

Note: When digesting with two separate restriction endonucleases, the most rigorous procedure is to perform the digests one at a time in the recommended REACT® Buffer and purify the DNA before the second digest. When performing a double digest, choose the buffer that has 100% activity for each enzyme. If no single buffer fulfills these requirements, then choose a buffer that ensures the highest activity possible without causing nonspecific cleavage.

Alternatively, perform a sequential digest by using the restriction endonuclease that requires the lowest salt conditions first. If the enzyme can be heat-inactivated, stop the first reaction by heating for 10 min at 65°C. Adjust the salt with minimal increase in volume to approximate the optimal conditions for the second enzyme. Keep the glycerol concentration ≤5% when both enzymes are present.

- 1. Digest 1 μ g of the Entry Vector with the selected restriction endonucleases.
- 2. Ethanol precipitate the DNA by adding 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate followed by 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol.
- 3. Dephosphorylate the Entry Vector DNA.
 - a. Determine the mass of DNA required for 1 pmol of the type of DNA 5' end.
 - b. To a 1.5-ml microcentrifuge tube, add 4 μ l of calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase (CIAP) 10X Buffer [500 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 1 mM EDTA] and 1 pmol of DNA ends.
 - c. Add autoclaved, distilled water to 39 µl.
 - d. Dilute CIAP in dilution buffer such that 1 μ l contains the amount of enzyme required for the appropriate 5' end (*i.e.*, 1 unit for 5'-recessed and blunt ends and 0.01 units for a 5' overhang).
 - e. For 5'-recessed and blunt-ended DNA, incubate at 50°C for 60 min. For DNA with a 5' overhang, incubate at 37°C for 30 min.
 - Heat-inactivate CIAP at 65°C for 15 min.
- Purify the DNA fragment by agarose gel electrophoresis and extract the DNA from the gel with a silica-based system like Concer™ Gel Extraction System (15) (optional).

3.2.2 Preparing the Insert DNA

Restriction endonuclease fragments, cDNA, or PCR products can be cloned into Entry Vectors using restriction endonucleases and ligase.

A. Restriction fragments:

Digest DNA (0.5 to 1.0 μ g) with selected restriction endonucleases (16,17). Purify the DNA fragment by agarose gel electrophoresis and extract the DNA from the gel with a silica-based system like ConcertTM Gel Extraction System (15) (optional).

B. PCR Products with restriction endonuclease sites in primers:

Materials:

- PCR product
- phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1)
- Restriction endonuclease and buffer
- 2-butanol
- TE [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA]
- 3 M sodium acetate
- ethanol
- 30% PEG 8000/30 mM MgCl₂

Efficient cloning of PCR products made using primers containing restriction endonuclease sites on their 5'-ends depends on 3 steps:

- 1. inactivation or removal of the DNA polymerase (because *Taq* DNA polymerase can fill in sticky ends and add bases to blunt ends of PCR products),
- 2. efficient restriction endonuclease digestion, and
- removal of small DNA fragments such as primers and primer-dimers and dNTPs.
- B1. Phenol Extraction of PCR Products to Remove the DNA Polymerase
 The DNA polymerase can be removed before restriction endonuclease
 digestion by phenol extraction (protocol below) or a silica membrane spin
 cartridge such as the Concert Rapid PCR Purification System. (18).
 Alternatively, TAQUENCHTM PCR Cloning Enhancer can be used to inactivate
 the DNA polymerase (19).

See Section 5 for information on cloning blunt PCR products.

For the best efficiency, see section 3.3 for cloning *att*B-PCR products.

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- 1. Add TE to the PCR to 200 μ l. Add 200 μ l of buffer-saturated phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1). Vortex vigorously for 20 s. Centrifuge for 1 min at 15,000 \times g at room temperature. Remove the upper aqueous phase.
- 2. Add an equal volume of 2-butanol. Vortex briefly. Centrifuge for 15 s at 15,000 × *g* at room temperature. Remove the lower aqueous phase.
- 3. Repeat the extraction with 2-butanol. This time the volume of the lower aqueous phase will decrease significantly. Remove the lower aqueous phase.
- 4. Ethanol precipitate the DNA by adding 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate followed by 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol.
- 5. Dissolve in 200 µl of a restriction endonuclease buffer.
- B2. Restriction Digestion of PCR Products

The efficiency of restriction endonuclease digestion can be improved by adding extra bases on the 5'-end of each PCR primer (20). Depending on the enzyme, the number of nucleotides recommended varies. Also, use 5 times excess restriction endonuclease to ensure complete digestion.

- 1. Digest with the appropriate restriction endonuclease(s).
- 2. Inactivate the restriction endonucleases by heat or phenol extraction, depending on the enzyme.
- 3. Precipitate the DNA by adding 100 μ l of 30% PEG 8000/30 mM MgCl₂ to the 200 μ l reaction mix. Mix well and immediately centrifuge at 10,000 \times g for 10 min at room temperature. Remove the supernatant (pellet is clear and nearly invisible).
- Dissolve the pellet in 50 μl TE. Check quality and recovery on a gel.

3.2.3 Ligation of Entry Vectors and Restriction Fragments

 Ligate the prepared Entry Vector and insert fragments under appropriate conditions.

For cohesive ends, add the following to a 1.5-ml tube:

Component	Amount
5X ligase reaction buffer	4 μl
vector DNA	3 to 30 fmol
insert DNA	9 to 90 fmol
autoclaved distilled water	≤15 μl
T4 DNA ligase	1 unit (in 1 μl)
Final volume	20 μl
Mix gently. Incubate at room temperature for 1 to 2 h.	

- 2. Transform 2 μ I of ligation reaction into LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5 α Competent Cells according to the instructions on the product profile sheet.
- 3. Plate transformants on LB plates containing 50 $\mu g/ml$ **kanamycin**.
- 4. Isolate miniprep DNA from single colonies (16). Treat the miniprep with RNase A and store in TE. Cut with the appropriate restriction endonuclease to determine the orientation of the PCR fragment. Choose clones with the attL1 site next to the amino end of the open reading frame. Notes: BsrG I cleaves within all att sites and can be used to help characterize clones. To sequence clones in Entry Clones see section 3.4.3.

Note: When digesting with two separate restriction endonucleases, the most rigorous procedure is to perform the digests one at a time in the recommended REACT® Buffer and purify the DNA before the second digest. When performing a double digest, choose the buffer that has 100% activity for each enzyme. If no single buffer fulfills these requirements, then choose a buffer that ensures the highest activity possible without causing nonspecific cleavage.

Alternatively, perform a sequential digest by using the restriction endonuclease that requires the lowest salt conditions first. If the enzyme can be heat-inactivated, stop the first reaction by heating for 10 min at 65°C. Adjust the salt with minimal increase in volume to approximate the optimal conditions for the second enzyme. Keep the glycerol concentration ≤5% when both enzymes are present.

Note: For blunt-end ligation, increase the amount of insert and vector DNA 2 to 4 times (maintaining a 3:1 molar ratio) and use 5 units of ligase.

3.3 Creating Entry Clones from *att*B-flanked PCR Products via the BP Reaction

Materials:

- attB-modified GATEWAY primers
- DNA polymerase, reaction buffer, and dNTPs for PCR
- PCR Cloning System with GATEWAY Technology
- TE [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA]
- S.O.C. Medium
- LB plates with 50 μg/ml kanamycin

Addition of 5'-terminal attB sequences to PCR primers allows synthesis of a PCR product that is an efficient substrate for recombination with a Donor Vector via a GATEWAY reaction. This is typically more efficient than classic restriction endonuclease cloning of PCR products (see section 3.2.2.B.) and results in directionally cloned PCR products flanked by attL1 and attL2 sites. For high throughput applications or unusually long primers (>70 nucleotides), the attB adapter protocol can be used (section 5.2).

3.3.1 Preparation of attB-PCR Products

PCR primers for amplification and subsequent cloning by GATEWAY technology have the structure: 4Gs - 25 bp attB site - 18 to 25 bp gene-specific sequence. 50 nmol of standard purity oligonucleotides are adequate for most applications. Dissolve oligonucleotides to 20-50 mM and verify the concentration by spectrophotometry. For cloning of large PCR products (>5 kb), colony output can be increased if oligonucleotides (>65 bases) are further purified (*i.e.*, HPLC or PAGE).

Design primers to contain the *att*B1 and *att*B2 primer sequences (Figure 9). The four guanine (G) residues at the 5' end are required to make the 25-bp *att*B sequences an efficient substrate for GATEWAY cloning. The *att*B1 primer ends with a thymidine (T). To maintain proper reading frame for N-terminal fusions the primer must donate two additional nucleotides. These two nucleotides cannot be AA, AG, or GA, because these additions would create translation termination codons. Similarly, for C-terminal fusions, the *att*B2 primer requires one nucleotide from the rest of the primer to maintain the proper reading frame into the *att*B2 region. Also, any in-phase termination codons present between the coding region of the PCR sequence and the *att*B2 region need to be eliminated if C-terminal fusions will be generated (see section 2.3.3).

Figure 9. attB Sequences to Add to Primers for PCR Cloning into a pDONR Vector.

attB1 forward primer (amino-terminal):

Lvs-Lvs

5'-GGGG -ACA-AGT-TTG -TAC-AAA-AAA-GCA-GGC-TNN--(template-specific sequence)-3'

attB1

attB2 reverse primer (carboxy terminal):

Lys-Tyr

5'-GGGG -AC -CAC- TTT- GTA- CAA-GAA-AGC-TGG- GTN--(template-specific sequence)-3' attB2

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If the PCR template is a plasmid that contains the Km^r gene, treat the PCR products with Dpn I to degrade the plasmid. To a 50- μ I reaction, add 5 μ I of 10X REACT® 4 Buffer and \geq 5 units of Dpn I. Incubate for 15 min at 37°C. Heatinactivate the Dpn I at 65°C for 15 min.

Note: Standard PCR product clean-up protocols with exclusion limits <100 bp don't efficiently remove large primer-dimer products and are therefore not recommended for cleaning up *att*B-PCR products.

Longer centrifugation times and higher speeds will increase the amount of PCR product recovered.

It is possible to install a protease cleavage sequence to permit the removal of N-terminal or C-terminal peptides from the fusion proteins. Include this sequence between the gene-specific and the *att*B sequences of the primer. For examples of *att*B-PCR primer sequences for native and fusion protein expression clones, refer to Section 2.3.3.)

Standard PCR conditions can be used to prepare the *att*B-PCR product. Genomic DNA, mRNA, cDNA libraries, and cloned DNA sequences have been used successfully for amplification with *att*B-containing primers. In general, the *att*B sequences have not been observed to affect PCR product yield or specificity. The suggested polymerase, if you are cloning PCR products <5-6 kb for protein expression is PLATINUM® *Pfx* DNA Polymerase due to its high fidelity and high specificity (21). For all other applications, PLATINUM *Taq* DNA Polymerase High Fidelity results in high-yield, robust, and high-specificity PCR of products 100 bp to 12 kb.

Following PCR, analyze 1-2 μI on an agarose gel to assess the yield and purity of the product.

3.3.2 Purification of attB-PCR Products

Purification of the PCR product is recommended to remove *att*B primers and any *att*B primer-dimers which can clone efficiently into the Entry Vector. The following protocol is fast and will remove DNA <300 bp.

- 1. Add 150 μl of TE to a 50-μl amplification reaction.
- 2. Add 100 μ l of 30% PEG 8000/30 mM MgCl₂. Mix well and centrifuge immediately at 10,000 \times g for 15 min at room temperature. Remove the supernatant (pellet is clear and nearly invisible).
- 3. Dissolve the pellet in 50 µl TE. Check quality and recovery on a gel.
- Proceed to section 3.4.2.

Note: For some PCR products, agarose gel electrophoresis followed by excision of the PCR product may be needed. Purify the excised product using the CONCERT Rapid Gel Extraction System.

3.4 Creating Entry Clones via the BP Reaction

The BP Reaction transfers a gene present in an *att*B Expression Clone (or *att*B-flanked PCR products) to generate an *att*L-flanked Entry Clone. The gene can then be subcloned into any number of new Expression Vectors using the LR Reaction. See section 5.1 for a one-tube protocol to directly go from a PCR product or Expression Clone into Destination Vectors.

Purify plasmid DNA with the Concert Rapid Plasmid Systems for best results. Alternatively, DNA can be purified using an alkaline lysis protocol, with or without RNase treatment. During alkaline lysis treatment, keep the NaOH \leq 0.125 M to minimize irreversible denaturation of the supercoiled plasmid DNA..

The most efficient *att*B substrates are linear (Expression Clones linearized by restriction endonucleases or *att*B-flanked PCR products). Supercoiled or relaxed Expression Clones (*att*B) react less efficiently than linearized Expression Clones. The *att*P-containing pDONR Vector should be supercoiled.

3.4.1 Preparation of Expression Clone DNA

- 1. Linearize 1 to 2 μg of the Expression Clone with a unique restriction endonuclease that does not digest within the gene of interest and is located outside the *att*B region.
- 2. Ethanol precipitate the DNA after digestion by adding 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate followed by 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol. Dissolve DNA in TE.

See the calculation in the Troubleshooting section for determining the amount of *att*B DNA to use in the reaction.

To convert an even higher percentage of starting plasmid carrying your gene to product, incubate 4 to 18 h. An overnight incubation typically gives 5 to 10 times more product than a 1-h incubation.

Do not use an *E. coli* strain containing an F' episome, since it contains the *ccd*A gene and prevents negative selection with *ccd*B.

The most common cause of an unsuccessful BP Cloning Reaction is not plating the transformations on plates containing kanamycin.

3.4.2 The BP Reaction

1. Add the following to 1.5-ml tubes at room temperature and mix.

Component	Negative Control Tube 1	Positive Control Tube 2	Sample Tube 3
attB Expression Clone DNA, linearized, ≥10 ng/ml or attB PCR product (use 40- 100 fmol*; a 1-kb PCR product is ~0.65 ng/	fmol)		1-10 μl
pEXP7-tet Positive Control [†] , 50 ng/ml		2 μΙ	
pDONR201 Vector, 150 ng/ml	2 μΙ	2 μΙ	2 μΙ
BP Reaction Buffer (5X)	4 μΙ	4 μΙ	4 μΙ
TE	10 μΙ	8 μΙ	To 16 μl

*For PCR products >4 kb, use at least 100 fmol of PCR product, but no more than 500 ng.

[†]pEXP7-tet is a ~1.4-kb linear DNA encoding the tetracycline resistance gene and its promoter for expression (Tc^r), used to verify the BP reaction. The resulting Entry Clones can be used to estimate Km^r transformants that contain transferred DNA (Tc^r).

- 2. Remove the BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix from -70°C and thaw on ice (~2 min).
- 3. Vortex BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix briefly (2 s) twice.
- Add 4 μl of BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix. Mix well by vortexing briefly twice. Return vial to -70°C.
- 5. Incubate reactions at 25°C for 60 min.
- Add 2 μl of Proteinase K Solution. Incubate for 10 min at 37°C.
- Transform 1 μl into 50 μl of LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5α Competent Cells. Incubate on ice for 30 min. Heat-shock the cells at 42°C for 30 s. Place on ice for 1-2 min. Add 450 μl S.O.C. Medium and incubate at 37°C for 1 h. Alternatively, electroporation can be used to transform 1-2 μl of the BP

Alternatively, electroporation can be used to transform 1-2 μ l of the BP Reaction into 25 to 40 μ l electrocompetent *E. coli*. Add 450 μ l S.O.C. Medium and incubate at 37°C for 1 h.

- 8. Spread 10 μl and 100 μl on LB plates containing 50 μg/ml **kanamycin**. (For *E. coli* cells with a transformation efficiency of 10⁸ CFU/μg, the BP Reaction gives ~3,000 colonies if the entire transformation is plated.)
- 9. If desired, the percent correct clones in the positive control reaction can be confirmed by streaking the kanamycin-resistant colonies onto LB plates containing 20 μ g/ml tetracycline.

3.4.3 Sequencing of pENTR Clones Generated by Recombination with Donor Vectors

pENTR (attL) clones can be sequenced with dye-labeled terminator chemistries such as DYEnamicTM energy transfer or BigDyeTM reaction chemistries. The primer sequences are:

For Entry Clones derived from recombination with pDONR201:

proximal to attL1	TCGCG TTAAC GCTAG CATGG ATCTC
proximal to attL2	GTAAC ATCAG AGATT TTGAG ACAC

Use the BigDye chemistry and the following conditions:

5-min at 95°C followed by 30 cycles of PCR:

96°C for 10 s: 50°C for 5 s; 60°C for 4 min.

For small inserts (a couple of hundred bases), the following cycling conditions are recommended:

5-min at 98°C followed by 30 cycles of PCR:

98°C for 10 s; 60°C for 4 min.

3.5 Creating Expression Clones via the LR Reaction

Materials:

- Entry Clone
- Appropriate Expression System with GATEWAY Technology or your converted Destination Vector and LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix.
- S.O.C. Medium
- LB plates with 100 μg/ml ampicillin
- Appropriate host and cell growth media for expression

The reaction of an Entry Clone (attL) with a Destination Vector (attR) creates a new Expression Clone (attB).

Purify plasmid DNA with the CONCERT Rapid Plasmid Systems for best results. Alternatively, DNA can be purified using an alkaline lysis protocol, with or without RNase treatment. During alkaline lysis treatment, keep the NaOH ≤0.125 M to minimize irreversible denaturation of the supercoiled plasmid DNA.

The efficiency of the LR Reaction depends on the topology of the plasmids in the following order (most efficient to least efficient):

Either or both plasmids linear > both plasmids relaxed >> both plasmids supercoiled

All Gibco BRL® Destination Vectors are provided linearized. If you have converted a plasmid to a Destination Vector, linearize it by cleaving at a restriction site within the region of the GATEWAY Cassette, taking care to avoid the ccdB gene. When suitable restriction sites are unknown, relax the DNA with topoisomerase I treatment (see modified LR Reaction protocol in section 5.4).

Add the following to 1.5-ml tubes at room temperature and mix.

	Negative Control	Positive Control	Sample
Component	Tube 1	Tube 2	Tube 3
LR Reaction Buffer (5X)	4 μΙ	4 μΙ	4 μΙ
pENTR-gus*, 50 ng/μl		2 μΙ	
Entry Clone (100-300 ng/reaction)			1-11 μl
Destination Vector, linearized (~300 ng/reaction) TE	1-11 µl To 16 µl	1-11 μl Το 16 μl	1-11 μl To 16 μl

*Note: pENTR-gus is a ~1.8 kb plasmid DNA encoding the gus gene and is used to verify the LR Reaction. The resulting Expression Clone contains both E. coli and eukaryotic translational signals upstream of the gus gene, allowing for native expression in E. coli, yeast, insect, and mammalian cells when reacted with the appropriate Destination Vector. Also, the ATG of gus is in frame with the att site for expression of N-terminal fusions.

the calculation in the Troubleshooting section for determining the amount of Entry Clone to use in the reaction.

To convert an even higher percentage of starting plasmid carrying your gene to product, incubate longer, 4 to 18 h. An overnight incubation often gives 5 times more product than a 1-h incubation. Longer incubation times are recommended for large plasmids (≥10 kb).

Do not use an *E. coli* strain containing an F' episome, since it contains the *ccd*A gene and prevents negative selection with *ccd*B.

- 2. Remove LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix from -70°C and thaw on ice (~2 min).
- 3. Vortex LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix briefly (2 s) twice.
- 4. Add 4 μ l of LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix. Mix well by vortexing briefly twice. Return vial to -70°C.
- 5. Incubate reactions at 25°C for 60 min.
- 6. Add 2 μl of Proteinase K Solution to all reactions. Incubate for 10 min at 37°C.
- 7. Transform 1 μ l into 50 μ l LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5 α Competent Cells. Incubate on ice for 30 min. Heat-shock the cells at 42°C for 30 s. Add 450 μ l S.O.C. Medium and incubate at 37°C for 1 h.
 - Alternatively, electroporation can be used to transform 1 to 2 μ l of the LR Reaction into 25-40 μ l electrocompetent *E. coli.* Add 450 μ l S.O.C. Medium and incubate at 37°C for 1 h.
- 8. Plate 20 μ l and 100 μ l on LB plates containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin. For *E. coli* cells with a transformation efficiency of 10⁸ CFU/ μ g, the LR Reaction should give about 8,500 colonies if the entire transformation is plated.
 - Note: BsrG I cleaves within all att sites, and can be used to help characterize clones.

3.5.1 Protein Expression from Gateway Expression Clones

The *E. coli* Expression Systems with Gateway Technology provide the components to construct *E. coli* Expression Clones from Entry Clones. Use LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5 α cells to select for Expression Clones. (Note: DH5 α cells do not express T7 RNA polymerase and cannot be used for expression from T7 promoters.) Use BL21-SI cells for protein expression. In BL21-SI cells, expression of T7 RNA polymerase is under control of a salt-inducible promoter, allowing for salt induction of expression of proteins from T7 promoters (such as found in Gibco BRL *E. coli* Destination Vectors).

The Baculovirus Expression System with Gateway Technology (cat. no. 11827-011) provides the components necessary to construct the Gateway version of the pFastBac™ clone. Once constructed, this clone can be used in conjunction with the Bac-to-Bac® Baculovirus Expression System to generate (by *in vivo* recombination with a bacmid) a recombinant baculovirus for expression in insect cells. In addition to the Baculovirus Expression System with Gateway Technology, components from the Bac-to-Bac system are also required (including DH10Bac™ cells, CellFECTIN® Reagent, and insect cells for expression.) Refer to the Bac-to-Bac System manual (on the web site) for more information.

The Mammalian Expression System with GATEWAY Technology (cat. no. 11826-013) supplies the components to construct mammalian Expression Clones from Entry Clones. These Expression Clones contain the *neo^r* marker and the CMV promoter for expression. See the related products list in section 6 for cell lines and transfection reagents for mammalian expression.

3.6 Converting a Vector into a GATEWAY Destination Vector

For any vector to serve as a Destination Vector, it must have *att*L sites flanking the *ccd*B gene. Conversion of any vector to a GATEWAY Destination Vector is done by simply ligating a blunt-ended cassette, containing *att*R sites and *ccd*B (and a chloramphenical resistance marker to select for successful ligation of the cassette) into the multiple cloning site (MCS) of the vector. The GATEWAY Vector Conversion System provides conversion cassettes in all three reading frames (see Table 4, Figures 10 and 11) for N- and C-terminal fusion vectors as well as for native expression vectors.

Mlu I (reading frame A, 897)

Bgl II (reading frame B, 898)

Xba I (reading frame C, 899)

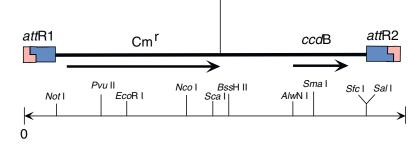


Figure 10. Schematic of the Gateway Cloning System Reading Frame Cassettes. Each cassette contains an *att*R1 site at the 5'-end, the chloramphenicol resistance gene (Cm'), the *ccd*B gene, and the *att*R2 site. Each of the cassettes provides N-terminal and C-terminal fusions in one of three possible reading frames. The unique restriction sites *Mlu* I, *Bgl* II, and *Xba* I distinguish the reading frame cassettes. Restriction endonucleases common to all the cassettes are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Location of Cleavage Sites for a Selection of Restriction Endonucleases.

Restriction Endonuclease Cleavage Site

DNA	Not I	Pvu II	<i>Eco</i> R I	Nco I	Sca I	<i>Bss</i> H II	AlwN I	Sma I	Sfc I	Sal I
RfA	129	348	450	751	865	944	1224	1319	1572	1578
RfB	130	349	451	752	866	945	1225	1320	1573	1579
RfC.1	131	350	452	753	867	946	1226	1321	1574	1580

3.6.1 Protocol for Constructing a GATEWAY Destination Vector

Materials:

- GATEWAY Vector Conversion System
- restriction endonucleases
- calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase
- PEG
- TE [10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), 1 mM EDTA]
- T4 DNA ligase
- LB plates with 30 μg/ml chloramphenicol
- Destination Vectors must be constructed and propagated in DB3.1 cells, a gyrA462 strain of E. coli because the ccdB gene is lethal to other strains.
- If linearizing a vector using restriction endonucleases that generate 5' overhangs, the ends of the DNA molecules must first be made blunt (by a Klenow fill-in reaction) before the blunt-end cassette may be ligated into the vector.
- Because the reading frame cassettes are blunt-ended, they will clone in both orientations and must be screened to identify the construct with the cassette in the proper orientation.
- If you are converting a vector that encodes kanamycin resistance, use the
 resulting Destination Vector with Entry Clones that carry a selection marker other
 than Km^r. You can make this Entry Clone in a BP Reaction using a Donor Vector
 with a marker such as gentamicin resistance (pDONR207).

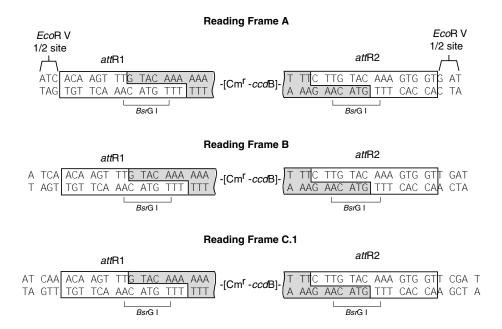


Figure 11. Sequences at ends of GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassettes. The staggered cleavage sites for the CLONASE enzymes are indicated in the boxed regions. Following recombination with an Entry Clone, only the outer (unshaded) sequences in *att*R sites contribute to the resulting *att*B sites in the Expression Clone. *Bsr*G I cleaves within all *att* sites and can be used to help characterize clones.

- Determine the GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette to use.
 If the Destination Vector will be used to make a fusion protein, use a GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette with the correct translation reading frame. For an amino-terminal fusion protein, keep the -AAA-AAA- triplets in attR1 (see Figure 11) in phase with the translation reading frame of the fusion protein. This is the reading frame convention used in N-terminal fusion Destination Vectors from Life Technologies. For C-terminal fusion proteins, align the coding sequence in phase with -TAC-AAA- of the attR2 sequences.
- A. Write out the nucleotide sequence of your vector near the restriction site where the GATEWAY Cassette will be cloned. These must be written in triplets corresponding to the amino acid sequence of the fusion domain.
- B. Draw a vertical line through the sequence that corresponds to the restriction site end, after it has been digested and made blunt, (*i.e.*, after filling in a protruding 5'-end or polishing a protruding 3'-end).

For N-terminal fusions:

- —If the coding sequence of the blunt end terminates after a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette A. (See Figure 12.)
- —If the coding sequence of the blunt end encodes two bases of a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette B.
- —If the coding sequence of the blunt end encodes one base of a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette C.1.

For C-terminal fusions:

- —If the coding sequence of the blunt end terminates after a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette B. (See Figure 11.)
- —If the coding sequence of the blunt end encodes two bases of a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette C.1.

Reading Frame Cassette A

Reading Frame Cassette B

- *cannot be TG or TA

Reading Frame Cassette C.1

Figure 12. Choosing the Correct GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette for N-terminal fusions.

—If the coding sequence of the blunt end encodes one base of a complete codon triplet, use the Reading Frame Cassette A.

For a combined N- and C-terminal fusion, the restriction endonuclease chosen must produce ends (after generating blunt ends) that are compatible with one of the three cassettes.

- 2. Digest your plasmid vector (1 to 5 μg) with the appropriate restriction endonucleases [where you wish your gene flanked by att sites to be after recombination]. Note: It is better to remove as many of the MCS restriction sites as possible to minimize the number of additional amino acids added to the fusion and to increase the number of unique restriction endonuclease sites in the new plasmid, which is important for linearizing the Destination Vector for the LR Reaction.
- If necessary, convert the ends of the vector to blunt double-stranded DNA using either T4 DNA polymerase or Klenow fragment according the manufacturer's recommendations.
- 4. Remove the 5' phosphates with alkaline phosphatase. This increases the probability of success by decreasing background associated with self-ligation of the vector.
 - a. Determine the mass of DNA required for 1 pmol of the type of DNA 5' end.
 - b. To a 1.5-ml microcentrifuge tube, add 4 μ l of calf intestinal alkaline phosphatase (CIAP) 10X Buffer [500 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.5), 1 mM EDTA] and 1 pmol of DNA ends.
 - c. Add autoclaved, distilled water to 39 μl.
 - d. Dilute CIAP in dilution buffer such that 1 μ l contains the amount of enzyme required for the appropriate 5' end (*i.e.*, 1 unit for 5'-recessed and blunt ends and 0.01 units for a 5' overhang).

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- e. For 5'-recessed and blunt-ended DNA, incubate at 50°C for 60 min. For DNA with a 5' overhang, incubate at 37°C for 30 min.
- f. Heat-inactivate CIAP at 65°C for 15 min.
- 5. Adjust the DNA to a final concentration of 20 to 50 ng/μl in TE. Electrophorese 20 to 100 ng on an agarose gel to confirm digestion and recovery.
- 6. Combine the following at room temperature:

Component	Amount
5X T4 DNA ligase buffer	2 μΙ
vector	
GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette	10 ng
T4 DNA ligase	1 unit (in 1 μl)
Final volume	

- 7. Incubate for 1 h at room temperature (or overnight at 16°C, whichever is most convenient).
- Transform 1 μl into 100 μl DB3.1 Competent Cells. (Note: E. coli DB3.1 cells must be used. The ccdB gene on the GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette will inhibit growth of other E. coli strains.)
- 9. After expression in S.O.C. Medium, plate 10 μ l, 100 μ l, and 500 μ l on agar plates containing 30 μ g/ml chloramphenicol. Incubate at 37°C for 16 to 20 h.
- 10. Isolate miniprep DNA from single colonies (16).
- 11. Treat the miniprep with RNase A, ethanol precipitate, and store in TE. Digest with the appropriate restriction endonuclease to determine the orientation of the cassette. Choose clones with the attR1 site next to the amino end of the protein expression function of the plasmid (see Table 4, Figure 10).

3.6.2 Analysis of Destination Vector

Besides checking for proper orientation of the cassette, it is important to check for the presence of any contaminating ampicillin-resistant plasmid and demonstrate that the *ccd*B gene is functioning in your Destination Vector. Even minute amounts of ampicillin-resistant plasmid result in a high background.

- 1. Transform equal amounts (10 50 pg) of Destination Vector into 100 μ l of LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5 α cells and DB3.1 Competent Cells using the protocol provided with the cells.
- 2. Plate onto LB plates containing the ampicillin.
- 3. Transform 50 pg pUC19 into both strains. Plate onto LB plates containing $100 \mu g/ml$ ampicillin.
- 4. Calculate the transformation efficiency of both strains with the pUC19 control to ensure transformation reactions worked well.

Transformation efficiency (CFU/ μ g) = colonies/pg of DNA × (1 × 10⁶ pg/ μ g) × dilution factor(s)

For example, if 50 pg of pUC19 yields 100 colonies when 100 μ l of a 1:10 dilution of the transformation mix is plated, then:

CFU/ μ g = 100 CFU/50 pg × (1 × 10⁶ pg/ μ g) × (1 ml/0.1 ml plated) × 10 = 2 × 10⁸

- Calculate the number of colonies obtained in both strains from transformations using the Destination Vector.
- 6. The Destination Vector should give >10,000 times the number of colonies in DB3.1 cells than in LIBRARY EFFICIENCY DH5 α Competent Cells. Any ratio <10,000 suggests contamination of the plasmid prep with another ampicillin-resistant plasmid, or an inactive *ccd*B gene. DNA with ratios <10,000 will result in higher background.

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3.6.3 Preparing the Destination Vector for Cloning

Linearize the Destination Vector with a restriction endonuclease or relax the DNA with topoisomerase I. About 10 times more colonies result from a GATEWAY reaction if the Destination Vector is linear or relaxed.

The site or sites used for linearization must be within the GATEWAY Reading Frame Cassette, but not within the *ccd*B gene. A sampling of the sites that cut within a cassette is shown in Figure 10. After restriction digestion, ethanol precipitate the DNA by adding 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate, followed by 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol. The linear Destination Vector is now ready for the LR Reaction.

Problem	Possible Cause	Suggested Solution
For Both LR and BP React	tions:	
Few or no colonies obtained from sample reaction, and the transformation control with pUC19 gave colonies	Transformation was plated with incorrect antibiotic	Use kanamycin for most Entry Clones. Use ampicillin for most Destination Vectors.
	Reactions were not treated with proteinase K	Treat reactions with proteinase K before transformation.
	Used incorrect att sites for reaction	Use Entry Clone (attL) and Destination Vector (attR) for the LR Reaction. Use Expression Clone (or attB-PCR product) and Donor Vector (attP) for BP Reaction.
	DNA topology is not optimal for reaction	For the LR Reaction, linearize the Destination Vector within the <i>att</i> R Cassette, avoiding the <i>ccd</i> B gene.
		For the BP Reaction, linearize the <i>att</i> B Expression Clone outside the <i>att</i> B sites with an appropriate restriction endonuclease or relax with topoisomerase I. Use supercoiled Donor Vector.
	CLONASE™ Enzyme Mix is	Test another aliquot of the CLONASE Enzyme Mix.
	inactive	Check that the CLONASE Enzyme Mix is being stored at -70°C.
		Do not freeze any aliquot more than 10 times to minimize loss of activity.
		pENTR-gus can be used in an LR Reaction (section 3.5) to test LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix activity.
		pEXP7-tet can be used in a BP Reaction (section 3.4) to test BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix activity.
	Used incorrect CLONASE Enzyme Mix	Use the LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix for the LR Reaction and the BP CLONASE Enzyme Mix for the BP Reaction.
	Too much PCR product was used in a BP Reaction	Reduce the amount of PCR product used. Remember to use ~100 fmol of Donor Vector. Therefore, to obtain an equimolar ratio of PCR product and Donor Vector, use 100 fmol of PCR product. If the PCR product is 2.5 kb, convert to nanograms using the following equation:
		$ng = (fmol)(N)(660 fg/fmol)(1 ng/10^6 fg)$ where N is the size of the DNA in bp.
		$(100 \text{ fmol})(2500 \text{ bp})(660 \text{ fg/fmol})(1 \text{ ng}/10^6 \text{ fg}) = 165 \text{ ng}.$
		Therefore, 165 ng of PCR product are required for this reaction.
	Too much Entry Clone was used in an LR Reaction	Use equal fmol of Destination Vector and Entry Clone.
Two distinct types of colonies appear, large and small	colonies can be unreacted Entry Clone that co-transforms	Reduce the amount of Entry Clone to 100 ng per 20- μ l reaction. Reduce the volume of sample used for transformation to 1 μ l.
		Increase the ampicillin to 300 $\mu \text{g/ml}.$ I)

Problem	Possible Cause	Suggested Solution
	For the BP Reaction, deletions or point mutations of the <i>ccd</i> B gene within the Donor (<i>att</i> P) Plasmid can allow <i>E. coli</i> to grow, although at lower rates. The negative control will give a similar number of colonies.	Obtain a new attP Donor Plasmid.
	Plasmids carrying large genes may be deleted during culture, leading to two populations of colonies. Generally, larger	Incubate plates at 30°C instead of 37°C. Confirm whether a deletion is occurring by analyzing the DNA derived from the colonies.
	colonies contain the deletions.	Use STBL2 [™] cells to help stabilize large genes (22).
For the LR Reaction, high background in absence of Entry Clone	Contamination of solution(s) with another plasmid carrying the same antibiotic resistance, or by bacteria carrying a resistance plasmid	Test for plasmid contamination by transforming with aliquots of each of the separate solutions used in the LR Reaction. Test for bacterial contamination by plating an aliquot of each solution directly onto LB ampicillin plates.
	Reactions transformed into an F´-containing <i>E. coli</i> which has the <i>ccd</i> A gene	Use $\emph{E. coli}$ strains without an F´ episome such as DH5 α cells.
	Some Destination Vectors have an inherently higher background than others, possibly due to tendency to delete some or all of the <i>ccd</i> B gene	Prepare miniprep DNA from one or more background colonies. Unstable Destination Vectors often reveal multiple bands on agarose gels. If this is the case, try using a different vector backbone in the Destination Vector.
Few or no colonies obtained from the transformation control with pUC19	Transformation performed incorrectly, or competent cells stored improperly	Verify that competent cells are stored at -70°C.
	Dilutions were performed incorrectly	Repeat transformation paying special attention to dilution steps.
	ese are in addition to general BP F	Reaction problems above.)
Few or no colonies obtained from BP Reaction with new attB-PCR product, and both attB-positive control and	attB-PCR primers have a mistake in the attB1 or attB2 sequences, or are missing the four 5' terminal Gs	Replace with correct attB-PCR primers.
ransformation control gave expected number of colonies	attB primers have high percentage of incomplete sequence	Purify long (>65 nucleotides) attB-PCR primers by PAGE, to remove incomplete sequences.
	- 340000	Alternatively, use the Adapter PCR protocol (section 5.2).
	For large PCR products (>5 kb), too few PCR molecules added to BP Reaction	Increase the amount (ng) of PCR product to 40 to 80 fmol of PCF DNA/20- μ l reaction (<i>e.g.</i> , for an 8 kb DNA, 1 fmol ~5 ng.) Note: Do not exceed 400 ng DNA/20- μ l reaction.
	Incubation time not sufficient	Increase incubation time to 6 to 18 h.
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Problem Entry Clones migrate as	Possible Cause BP recombination reaction may	Suggested Solution Purify PCR products >500 bp by precipitating with PEG/MgCl ₂ solution.		
2.2-kb supercoiled plasmids	have cloned primer-dimers	Alternatively, excise the correct size DNA product from an agarose gel, and use the eluted, purified DNA in the BP Reaction.		
		Use a PLATINUM™ DNA polymerase for automatic hot-start PCR giving higher specificity.		
		Redesign primers to minimize potential mutual priming sites leading to primer-dimers.		
Low yield of PCR product from PEG	PCR product not diluted with TE	Dilute with 150 μl TE before adding the PEG MgCl_2 solution.		
precipitation	Centrifugation step too short or centrifugation speed too low	Increase time and speed of the centrifugation step to 30 min and 15,000 x g .		
	Loss of PEG pellet	Take care when removing the tube from the microcentrifuge and keep track of the orientation of the outer edge of the tube where the pellet is located.		
Preparing Entry Clones w	ith Restriction Endonucleases and	d Ligase:		
Few or no colonies obtained	ccdB Cassette still present within Entry Vector	Excise with appropriate restriction endonuclease(s).		
	Ligation did not work	Include ligation positive control linearized plasmid, with and without ligase.		
	Transformation was plated with incorrect antibiotic	Use kanamycin for most Entry Clones. Use ampicillin for most Destination Vectors.		
Protein Synthesis using a	ttB Expression Clones:			
No protein of expected molecular weight seen on SDS-PAGE	Protein is being degraded by endogenous proteases, especially for proteins >100 kDa	Use lon ⁻ and ompT ⁻ strains for <i>E. coli</i> expression (such as BL21-SI cells).		
on obo i nal	especially for proteins >100 kDa	Incubate plates at 30°C instead of at 37°C.		
		Compare expression using different N-terminal and/or C-terminal fusion tags, and in other types of host cells, such as yeast, insect, or mammalian cells.		
		For expression in <i>E. coli</i> from T7 promoters (such as pDEST™14, pDEST15, and pDEST17), use a strain such as BL21-SI cells that express T7 RNA polymerase. DH5α cells cannot be used for expression from T7 promoters.		
		Expression Clones made from pDEST8, pDEST10, and pDEST20 must first be recombined with bacmid DNA (Bac-to-Bac® system). The resultant baculovirus can then be used for expression in insect cells.		
	Protein contains secondary modifications that increase apparent molecular weight	Compare expression in other types of host cells, such as yeast, insect, or mammalian cells.		
No fusion protein of expected molecular weight seen on SDS- PAGE	Incorrect reading frame of Entry Clone	Verify that attB-PCR primers were designed with gene in correct reading frame.		
		Verify that Entry Clone was constructed with gene in correct reading frame.		
		Verify that Destination Vector was constructed with correct reading frame.		

If the PCR template is a plasmid that contains the Km^r or Ap^r gene, treat the PCR products with Dpn I to degrade the plasmid. To a 50- μ I reaction, add 5 μ I of 10X REACT[®] 4 Buffer and \geq 5 units of Dpn I, and incubate for 15 min at 37°C. Heat-inactivate the Dpn I at 65°C for 15 min.

To convert an even higher percentage of starting plasmid carrying your gene to product, incubate 6 to 20 h. An overnight incubation often gives 5 times more product than a 1-h incubation. Longer incubation times are recommended for large plasmids (≥10 kb) and PCR products (≥5 kb).

When the template for PCR or starting Expression Clone has the same selectable marker as the final Destination Vector (most commonly Apr), plate on LB plates containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin to determine the amount of false-positive colonies carried over to the LR Reaction.

To convert an even higher percentage of starting plasmid carrying your gene to product, incubate 3 h or overnight.

Do not use an *E. coli* strain containing an F' episome, since it contains the *ccd*A gene and prevents negative selection with *ccd*B.

5.1 "One-Tube" Protocol: A Protocol for Cloning *att*B-PCR Products Directly into Destination Vectors

This one-tube protocol moves *att*B-PCR products into a Destination Vector in 2 steps - a BP Reaction followed by an LR Reaction without purification of the intermediate Entry Clone. This protocol is more rapid than the protocol in section 3.3. However, here the Expression Clone is obtained from an Entry Clone that was not unique, so this protocol requires sequence validation of the Expression Clone.

Also, this protocol can transfer a gene from one Expression Clone into another Destination Vector. Linearize the Expression Clone within the plasmid backbone for an optimal BP Reaction and to eliminate false-positive colonies due to cotransformation.

1. In a 1.5-ml tube, prepare a 25-μl BP Reaction as follows:

Component	Volume (μl)
attB DNA (100-200 ng)	5
attP DNA (pDONR™201, 150 ng/µl)	2.5
	5
TE	
BP CLONASETM Enzyme Mix	5
Final volume	25

- 2. Mix and incubate for 4 h at 25°C.
- 3a. Remove 5 μ l of the reaction to a separate tube. Add 0.5 μ l of proteinase K solution. Incubate for 10 min at 37°C.
- 3b. Transform 100 μ l of competent cells with 1 μ l of the mixture. Plate on LB plates containing 50 μ g/ml kanamycin. These colonies can be used to isolate Entry Clones and assess the BP Reaction efficiency.
- To the remaining 20-μl reaction, add:

Component	Volume (μl)
NaCl (0.75 M)	1
Destination Vector linearized (150 ng/ml)	
LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix	6
Final volume	

- 5. Mix and incubate for 2 h at 25°C.
- 6. Add 3 μl of proteinase K solution. Incubate for 10 min at 37°C.
- Transform 100 μl of competent cells with 1 μl of the reaction. Plate on LB plates containing 100 μg/ml ampicillin (for Apr Destination Vectors).
 The total number of Expression Clone colonies is usually 10% to 20% of the total number of Entry Clone colonies.

5.2 attB Adapter PCR for Preparation of attB-flanked PCR Products

Use this protocol to replace the standard protocol (section 3.3.1) to prepare *att*B-flanked PCR products when primers are >70 bases. This protocol requires 2 sets of primers, one for the gene-specific amplification and the second set to install complete *att*B sequences (adapter-primers *att*B1 and *att*B2).

The addition of greater than 10 pmol of gene-specific primers can decrease the yield of clonable full-attB PCR product generated in the second PCR.

Design template-specific primers with 12 bases of attB1 and attB2 at their 5'-ends as shown below:

12 attB1: AA AAA GCA GGC TNN - forward template-specific primer

12 attB2: A GAA AGC TGG GTN - reverse template-specific primer

In addition, the following adapter-primers will be needed to install the full 29-b attB sequences:

attB1 adapter primer: G GGG ACA AGT TTG TAC AAA AAA GCA GGC T attB2 adapter primer: GGG GAC CAC TTT GTA CAA GAA AGC TGG GT

- 1. Prepare a 50-μl PCR containing 10 pmol of each template-specific primer (with 12 *att*B) and the appropriate amount of template DNA.
- 2. Incubate at 95°C for 2 min. Perform 10 cycles of PCR:

94°C for 15 s; 50-60°C for 30 s; 68°C for 1 min/kh of targe

- 68°C for 1 min/kb of target.
- 3. Transfer 10 μl to a 40-μl PCR mixture containing 40 pmol each of the *att*B1 and *att*B2 adapter-primers.
- 4. Incubate at 95°C for 1 min. Perform 5 cycles of PCR:

94°C for 15 s; 45°C for 30 s; 68°C for 1 min/kh of tarr

68°C for 1 min/kb of target.

Perform 15-20 cycles of PCR:

94°C for 15 s; 55°C for 30 s; 68°C for 1 min/kb of target.

- 6. Check quality and recovery on a gel.
- 7. Refer to section 3.3.2 to purify the attB-flanked PCR product.

5.3 Blunt Cloning of PCR Products

Generally PCR products do not have 5' phosphates (because the primers are usually 5'-OH), and they are not necessarily blunt (23). The following protocol simultaneously creates blunt, 5'-phosphorylated ends.

Materials:

- PCR product
- T4 polynucleotide kinase and buffer
- T4 DNA polymerase
- 30% PEG/30 mM MgCl₂
- T4 DNA ligase and buffer
- Dephosphorylated Entry Vector
- LIBRARY EFFICIENCY[®] competent cells
- S.O.C. medium
- LB plates containing 50 μg/ml kanamycin
- In a 0.5-ml tube, precipitate ~40 ng of PCR product (as judged from an agarose gel) by adding 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate followed by 2.5 volumes of 100% ethanol.
- Add the following to the DNA:

Component	Volume (μl)
distilled H ₂ O	4
10 mM ATP	
2 mM dNTPs (i.e., 2 mM each dATP, dCTP, dTTP, and dGTP)	1
5X T4 Forward Reaction Buffer [350 mM Tris-HCl (pH 7.6),	
50 mM MgCl ₂ , 500 mM KCl, 5 mM 2-mercaptoethanol]	2
T4 polynucleotide kinase (10 units/μl)	
T4 DNA polymerase	

- 3. Incubate at 37°C for 10 min, then at 65°C for 15 min. Cool on ice for 5 min. Centrifuge briefly to bring any condensate to the bottom of the tube.
- 4. Add 5 μ l of 30% PEG 8000/30 mM MgCl $_2$. Mix and centrifuge immediately at room temperature for 10 min.
- 5. Carefully remove and discard supernatant.
- Dissolve the invisible pellet in 10 μl containing 2 μl 5X T4 DNA ligase buffer, 0.5 units T4 DNA ligase, and about 50 ng of blunt, dephosphorylated Entry Vector.
- 7. Incubate at 25°C for 1 h, then at 65°C for 10 min.
- 8. Add 40 μ l TE, transform 2 μ l into 100 μ l of of Library Efficiency DH5 α Competent Cells.
- 9. Plate on LB plates containing 50 μg/ml kanamycin.
- 10. Isolate miniprep DNA from single colonies (16). Treat the miniprep with RNase A and store in TE. Cut with the appropriate restriction endonuclease to determine the orientation of the PCR fragment. Choose clones with the attL1 site next to the amino end of the open reading frame.

5.4 Modified LR Reaction with Topoisomerase I

Use this protocol to relax Destination Vectors when suitable restriction sites are unavailable. The expected colony output for this modified protocol is ~50% less than when using linear Destination Vectors, and 5-10 times greater than reactions using supercoiled Destination Vectors.

 Prepare the LR Reaction (described in section 3.5) by adding the following to a 1.5-ml tube at room temperature.

Component	Volume (μl)
LR Reaction Buffer (5X)	4
Supercoiled Entry Clone (100-300 ng)	
Supercoiled Destination Vector (300 ng)	1-9
Topoisomerase I (15 units/μg total DNA)	0.6-2
TE	

- 2. Remove LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix from -70°C and thaw on ice (~2 min).
- 3. Vortex LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix briefly (2 s) twice.
- Add 4 μl of LR CLONASE Enzyme Mix. Mix well by vortexing briefly twice. Return vial to -70°C.
- 5. Incubate reactions at 25°C for 60 min.
- 6. Add 2 μl of proteinase K solution. Incubate for 10 min at 37°C.
- 7. Proceed with transformation of E. coli.

5.5 Transferring Clones from cDNA Libraries Made in GATEWAY™ Vectors

There are several things to consider when working with a clone isolated from a cDNA library constructed in a Gateway vector, such as SuperScript™ cDNA libraries supplied in pCMV•SPORT6 (which contains *att*B sites). These include whether the clone is full-length and whether the protein will be expressed as a native protein or as a fusion protein.

While libraries contain many full-length open reading frames, some clones may be a partial reading frame, or may contain the entire ORF plus 5' untranslated (5' UTR) sequence as well. Contained within the 5' UTR of a cDNA is the ribosome recognition sequence for the organism from which the cDNA was derived. Therefore, a full-length cDNA derived from mammalian cells can be used for native expression in mammalian cells without prior characterization but cannot be used for native expression in *E. coli*, as no Shine-Dalgarno sequence is present. A Shine-Dalgarno sequence can be supplied either by cloning the cDNA into an Entry Vector that contains a Shine-Dalgarno sequence, or by introducing a Shine-Dalgarno

sequence by PCR when amplifying the cDNA with primers containing *att*B sequences and cloning the PCR product by recombination. (See Section 3.3 for cloning of PCR products).

The length and content of the clone is important in expressing fusion proteins. For full-length cDNA, the 5' UTR will be translated as a part of the fusion protein. This may present problems as the additional codons may interfere with the expression or function of the protein, or the 5' UTR may contain stop codons. If the ORF is not full-length, a truncated portion of the protein of interest will be expressed within the fusion. To express any cDNA isolated from a library as an N-terminal fusion protein, the reading frame of the gene must be in frame with the reading frame of the attB1 site (see Figure 9). There is one chance in three that the cDNA will be in frame with the attB1 site and allow for fusion protein expression. A researcher can construct three Destination Vectors representing the three reading frames through the attB1 sites so that any given cDNA clone can be expressed in one of the three vectors. Alternatively, to assure that the ORF encoded by the cDNA will be in frame with an N-terminal fusion protein sequence, use PCR to install attB sites, so that the AAA-AAA sequence within attB1 is in phase with the ORF.

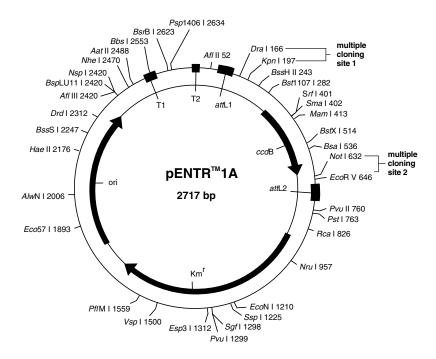
The major consideration in generating C-terminal fusion proteins from cDNAs is that cDNAs contain one or more stop codons, which must be removed before C-terminal fusion expression is possible. This may be done by subcloning the gene into an Entry Vector by classic methods, so that no stop codon is present. Alternatively, it may be done by amplifying the gene by PCR using *att*B primers where the stop codon has been eliminated from the gene-specific sequence.

5.6 GATEWAY™ Vector Restriction Maps

5.6.1 Entry Vectors

Entry Vectors contain a pUC origin of replication and the kanamycin resistance gene (Km^r) for maintenance in *E. coli*.

All Entry Vectors consist of the same vector backbone (outside of the *att*L sites) but differ in the sequences and cloning sites provided between the *att*L sites. Details of the regions between the *att*L1 and *att*L2 sites for each Entry Vector follow the circle map as well as endonucleases that do not cleave the vectors.



Restriction endonucleases that cleave pENTR1A once are shown on the outer circle. The positions refer to the 5´-base of the recognition site.

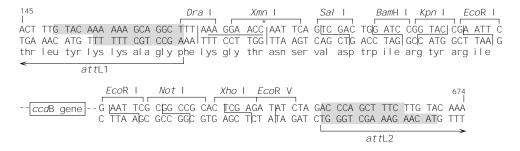
The sequence has not been confirmed by sequence analysis. It was assembled from the known sequence of fragments used to construct the vector. The sequence and the location of sites for restriction endonucleases that cleave up to 10 times can be found in the Tech-Online™ section of Life Technologies' web page, http://www.lifetech.com.

Sequences within the attL sites of Entry Vectors:

The amino acids shown before the *ccd*B gene are added to the N-terminus of your protein only if a translation start site is provided in the Destination Vector (such as with an N-terminal fusion). Clone your sequence in frame with the AAA AAA for N-terminal fusion proteins. Clone your sequence in frame with TTT GTA for C-terminal fusion proteins.

If a blunt-ended fragment containing a 5'-ATG is cloned into the *Xmn* I site of pENTR1A, 2B, 3C, or 4, the adenine at position –3 of the underlined ACC sites provides a Kozak eukaryotic ribosome recognition sequence for initiation of translation.

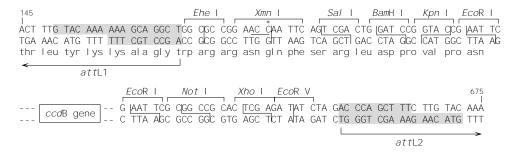
pENTR1A sequence: 145-674 nucleotides



Restriction Endonucleases that do not cleave pENTR1A:

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Cla I	Нра І	Pme I	Sph I
Cvn I	Kpn2 I	PshA I	<i>Sse</i> 8387 I
Dra III	Mlu I	Psp5 II	Sst I
Dsa I	Mun I	Rsr II	Sst II
Eam1105 I	Narl	Sap I	Stu I
Eco47 III	Nco I	Sca I	Sty I
Eco72 I	Nde I	SexA I	Sun I
Fse I	NgoA IV	Sfi I	Swa I
Fsp I	Nsp V	SgrA I	<i>Tth</i> 1111
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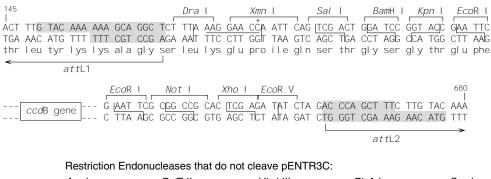
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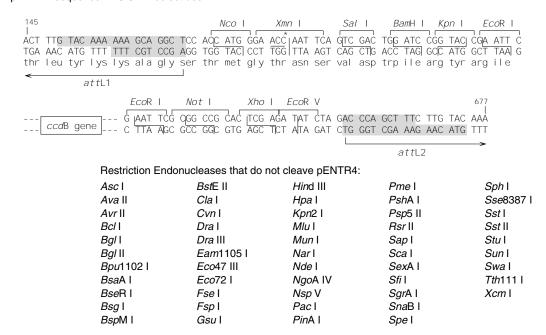
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Dra I	Kpn2 I	<i>Psp</i> 5 II	Sst I
Dra III	Mlu I	Rsr II	Sst II
Dsa I	Mun I	Sap I	Stu I
Eam1105 I	Nco I	Sca I	Sty I
Eco47 III	Nde I	SexA I	Sun I
Eco72 I	NgoA IV	Sfi I	Swa I
Fse I	Nsp V	SgrA I	<i>Tth</i> 1111
Fsp I	Pac I	<i>Sna</i> B I	Xcm I
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pENTR3C sequence: 145-680 nucleotides



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pENTR4 sequence: 145-677 nucleotides



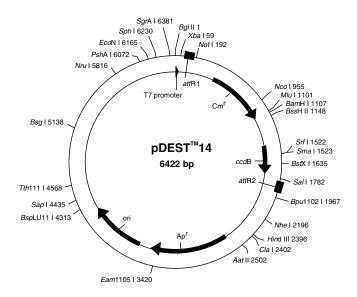
pENTR11 sequence: 145-701 nucleotides

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*The AAGGAG/A and ACC sites correspond to the Shine-Dalgarno (prokaryotes) and Kozak eukaryotic ribosome recognition sequences preceding the initiating ATG

5.6.2 E. coli Destination Vectors

pDEST14 Vector for Native Protein Expression from a T7 Promoter



Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST14 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 75 and 1897. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST14 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST14.

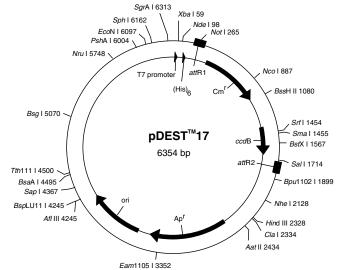
Restriction endonucleases that do not cleave pDEST14 DNA:

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Apa I	Cvn I	Mun I	Pme I	Spe I	Swa I
Asc I	Dra III	Nde I	Rsr II	<i>Sse</i> 8387 I	Xcm I
Avr II	Eco72 I	Nsi I	SexA I	Sst I	Xho I
Bcl I	Fse I	Nsp V	Sfi I	Sst II	
<i>Bse</i> R I	Нра І	Pac I	Sgf I	Stu I	

Restriction endonucleases that cleave pDEST14 DNA twice:

Afl III	1101	4313	<i>Bst</i> 1107 I	1187	4544	Pvu I	3053	6139
AlwN I	1428	3899	Drd I	4205	4620	Pvu II	552	4724
Apo I	654	2427	Earl	2631	4435	Sca I	1069	2942
Ava I	1523	5363	<i>Eco</i> 57 I	2738	3786	Ssp I	964	2618
Ban II	6307	6321	EcoR I	654	2427	Vsp I	19	3249
BsaA I	345	4563	EcoR V	2049	2240	Xma III	193	5849
<i>Bsp</i> M Ⅰ	1778	5725	Psp5 II	5307	5349	Xmn I	2821	4755
BsrB I	2581	4382	Pst I	1776	3179			

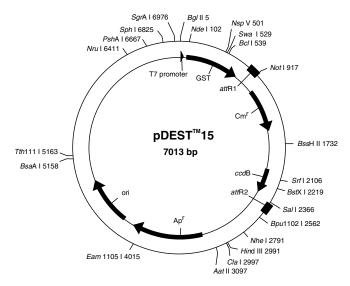
pDEST17 Vector for N-terminal Histidine Fusion Protein Expression from a T7 Promoter



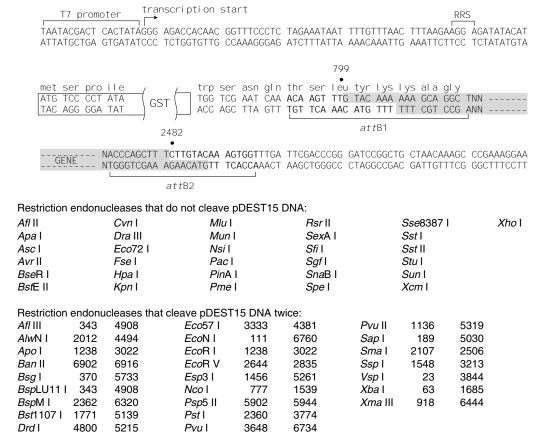
Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST17 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 148 and 1829. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST17 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST17.

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Asc I		Dra III		Mun I			Rsr II			Sse	8387 I		Xcm I
Avr II		Eco72	I	Nsi I			SexA	1		Sst			Xho I
Bcl I		Fse I		Nsp \	/		Sfi I			Sst			
<i>Bse</i> R I		Нра І		Pac I			Sgf I			Stu	l		
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Ava I	1455	5295	Ea		2563	436			Pvu II	-	84	4656	
BamH I	336	1039	Ec	<i>o</i> 57 I	2670	371			Sca I	10	01	2874	
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pDEST15 Vector for N-terminal GST Fusion Expression from a T7 Promoter

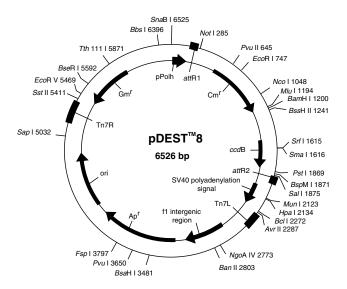


Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST15 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 800 and 2481. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST15 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST15.

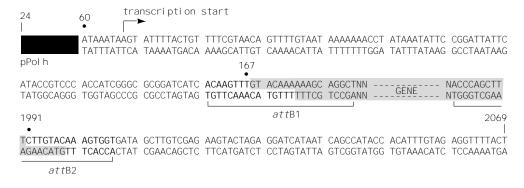


5.6.3 Baculovirus Destination Vectors

pDEST8 Vector for Native Protein Expression from a Polyhedrin Promoter



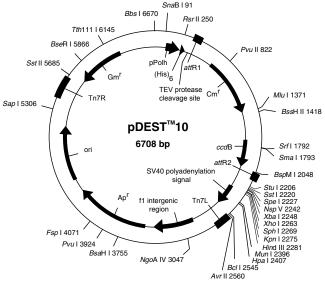
Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST8 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 168 and 1990. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST8 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST8.



Restriction endonucleases that do not cleave pDEST8 DNA:

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Bsg I		EcoO109 I	Nru I		Psp5	II	Sph I		Xcm I
BstE Ⅱ		Fse I	Nsi I		Rsr II		<i>Sse</i> 8387 I		Xho I
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Ban I	2837	4069	BstX I	1728	5356	<i>PfI</i> M I	406	973	
<i>Bgl</i> II	5193	5663	Dra III	2876	6224	Rca I	3182	4190	
BspLU11	l 4910	5892	<i>Eam</i> 1105 I	2522	4017	Tfi I	1097	4936	
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pDEST10 Vector for N-terminal Histidine Fusion Proteins Expression from a **Polyhedrin Promoter**

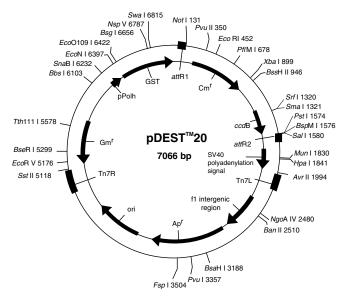


Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST10 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 345 and 2167. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST10 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST10.

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Restriction	endonu	cleases that cle	ave pDEST1	0 DNA tw	rice:					
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The sequence has not been confirmed by sequence analysis. It was assembled from the known sequence of fragments used to construct the vector. The sequence and the location of sites for restriction endonucleases that cleave up to 10 times can be found in the Tech-OnLinesm section of Life Technologies' web page, http://www.lifetech.com.

pDEST20 Vector for N-terminal GST Fusion Protein Expression from a Polyhedrin Promoter

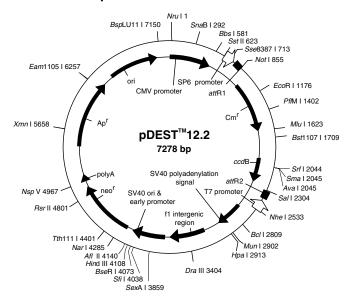


Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST20 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 14 and 1696. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST20 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST20.

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	Bpu110	2	Hind III		si I	Sex		Sst I	.07 1	
	<i>Bst</i> E Ⅱ		Kpn I		ac I	Sfi l		Stu I		
	Cla I		Mlu I	Pi	nA I	Sgf	1	Sun I		
	Restrict	ion endor	nucleases tha	t cleave pDE	ST20 DN	A twice:				
	A/wN I	1226	4203	Bst1107		6235	Gsu		3639	
	Bcl I	1979 4900	6825 5370	BstX I Dra III	1433 2583	5063 5931	Nco Rca		6389 3997	
	<i>Bgl</i> II <i>Bsm</i> F I	1228	6368	Eam1105		3724	nca Sap		3997 6475	
	BssS I	3060	4444	Esp3 I	670	5529	Tfi I	802	4643	

5.6.4 Mammalian Destination Vectors

pDEST12.2 Vector for Native Protein Expression from a CMV Promoter



Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST12.2 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 738 and 2419. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST12.2 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST12.2. Transcription starts at nucleotide 537.

15 	TGCCTATTG	A ATTTCACACA T TAAAGTGTGT							
		737						2420	
		C ACAAGTTTGT G TGTTCAAACA				ĒNĒ	NACCCAGCTT NTGGGTCGAA	TCTTGTACAA AGAACATGTT	AGTGGTGATC TCACCACTAG
			attB1			2498		attB2	
		G CTCTCTCCCT C GAGAGAGGGA							
Restriction	on endonucl	eases that do	not cleave p	DEST12.2	2 DNA:				
Apa I Asc I Bgl II Bpu1102 Bsg I	21	BstE II Cvn I Eco47 III Eco72 I EcoN I	EcoR Fse I Pac I PinA I Pme I		Psh Psp Sgf Sgri Spe	5 	Sun I Swa I Xba I Xcm I Xho I		
Restriction	on endonucl	eases that cle	ave pDEST	12.2 DNA	twice:				
Acc I Aff III AlwN I Avr II Bsa I BssH II	1709 2 1623 7 1950 6 617 4 2179 6	304 (150 1736 1792 1790 1790 1790	Cla I EcoO109 I Kpn2 I Kpn I Vde I	3048 2781 605 719 187 3301	5066 5281 1172 3742 2662 4786	Sca Sst Stu Vsp Xm	I 518 I 669	5779 7275 4089 6086 4192	

The sequence has not been confirmed by sequence analysis. It was assembled from the known sequence of fragments used to construct the vector. The sequence and the location of sites for restriction endonucleases that cleave up to 10 times can be found in the Tech-ONLINESM section of Life Technologies' web page, http://www.lifetech.com.

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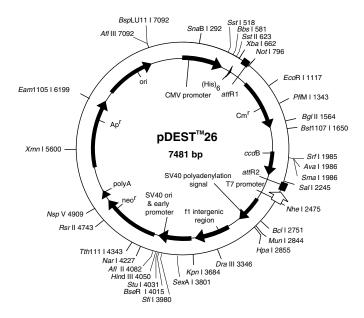
Pvu I

BstX I

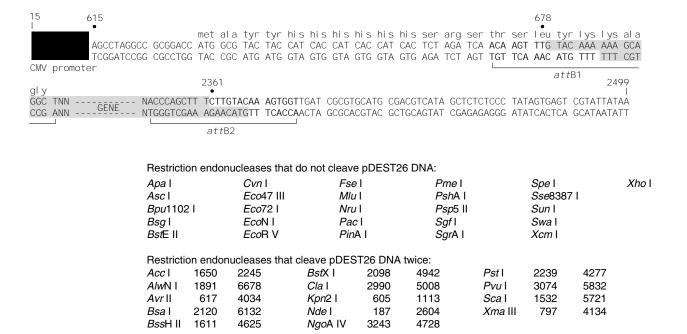
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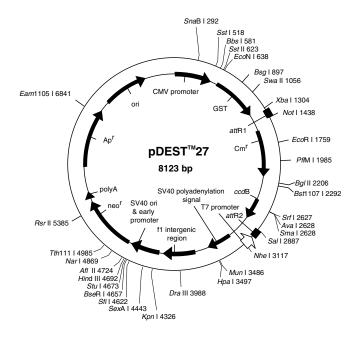
pDEST26 Vector for N-terminal Histidine Fusion Protein Expression from a CMV Promoter



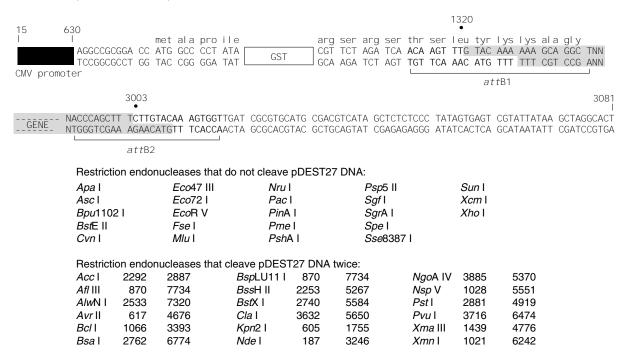
Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST26 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 679 and 2360. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST26 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST26. Transcription starts at nucleotide 537.



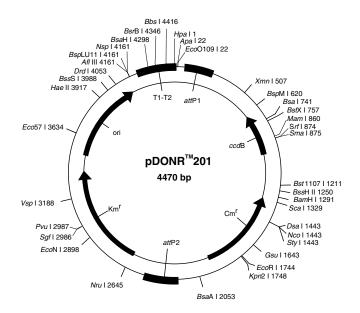
pDEST27 Vector for N-terminal GST Fusion Protein Expression from a CMV Promoter



Recombination Region of the Expression Clone resulting from pDEST27 × Entry Clone. DNA from the Entry Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 1321 and 3002. Shaded regions correspond to those DNA sequences transferred from the Entry Clone into pDEST27 by recombination. Non-shaded regions are derived from pDEST27. Transcription starts at nucleotide 537.



5.6.5 Donor Vector for BP Reactions pDONR™201 Vector for Production of Km^r Entry Clones



pDONR201 Vector. DNA from the PCR product or Expression Clone replaces the region between nucleotides 111 and 2352. The vector contains T1-T2 transcription terminators to minimize possible toxic effects of cloned genes expressing from vector-encoded promoters. pDONR201 Vector must be propagated in DB3.1™ cells because of the *ccd*B gene.

Restriction Endonucleases that do not cleave pDO	NR201.

Aat II	Bsg I	Kpn I	PshA I	Sst I
Afl II	BstE II	Mlu I	<i>Psp</i> 5 II	Sst II
Asc I	Cla I	Mun I	Rsr II	Stu I
Ava II	Cvn I	Nar I	Sap I	Sun I
Avr II	Dra III	Nde I	SexA I	Swa I
Ban I	Eco47 III	NgoA IV	Sfi I	<i>Tth</i> 111 l
Bcl I	Eco72 I	Not I	SgrA I	Xba I
Bgl I	EcoR V	Nsp V	SnaB I	Xcm I
<i>Bgl</i> II	Fse I	Pac I	Spe I	Xho I
<i>Bpu</i> 1102 I	Fsp I	PinA I	Sph I	Xma III
<i>Bse</i> R I	Hind III	Pme I	<i>Sse</i> 8387 I	

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