



Complete, innovative western workflow solutions



iWestern workflow— the intelligent western workflow solution

Modern solutions that help maximize results
and minimize hands-on time

Streamline your western blotting without sacrificing the
quality of your results.

The Invitrogen™ iWestern™ workflow features our
innovative, modern western blotting devices: the Mini Gel
Tank, the iBlot 2 Gel Transfer Device, the iBind Western
System, and the iBright FL1000 Imaging System.



Request a quote or build your own custom
workflow bundle at [thermofisher.com/iwestern](https://www.thermofisher.com/iwestern)

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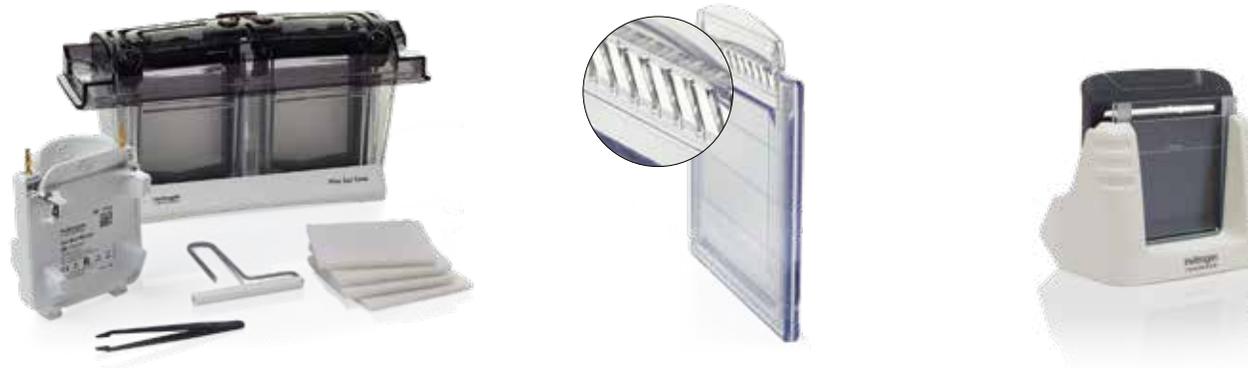
Separate. Transfer. Detect.

Forget your past western blotting frustrations. Now you can get the tools designed to improve the quality of your western blot data while simultaneously reducing your time and effort. For each of the three steps of the western workflow, we offer high-performance tools and technologies to make the process quick and easy.

For a complete listing of all available products, go to [thermofisher.com/western](https://www.thermofisher.com/western)

Separate

- **Invitrogen™ Mini Gel Tank** for convenient electrophoresis: a versatile tank compatible with more than 180 gels, with an innovative side-by-side design for clear visualization and faster sample loading
- **Invitrogen™ Bolt™ and NuPAGE™ Bis-Tris Gels** for optimal separation of a broad molecular weight range of proteins under denaturing conditions: offers preserved protein integrity with a neutral-pH buffering system
- **Invitrogen™ Novex™ Tris-Glycine Mini Gels (WedgeWell™ format)** based on traditional Laemmli chemistry and enabling sample load volumes of up to 60 μ L
- **Invitrogen™ SureCast™ Gel Handcast System** for protein gel casting: 100% leak-free,* with glass plates that are up to 20 times more durable than other suppliers' plates**
- **Protein ladders** available in a broad range of prestained and unstained ready-to-use formats for consistent band migration and intensity during gel electrophoresis and western blotting



* Restrictions apply. For full details, go to [thermofisher.com/surecastterms](https://www.thermofisher.com/surecastterms). ** Based on internal testing.

Transfer

- **Invitrogen™ Mini Blot Module** for seamless transfer in the Mini Gel Tank: requires less methanol-based transfer buffer than other commercially available transfer systems
- **Invitrogen™ Power Blotter** for rapid semi-dry transfer of proteins, offering flexible throughput and transfer stack options to fit your needs
- **Invitrogen™ iBlot™ 2 Dry Blotting System** for ultimate western blot transfer performance and convenience, with unique dry blotting technology



Detect

- **Invitrogen™ iBind™ and iBind™ Flex Western Systems** for automated western processing: requires no power source or battery; just load your solutions and allow the sequential lateral flow technology to work for you
- **Invitrogen™ primary and secondary antibodies** for reproducible western blot analysis: purchase with confidence knowing we stand behind the quality of our antibodies with the Invitrogen™ Antibody Performance Guarantee*
- **Chemiluminescent HRP substrates** for excellent performance in western blotting: Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ ECL, Pierce™ ECL Plus, and SuperSignal™ chemiluminescent substrates enable high sensitivity, long signal duration, strong signal intensity, and low background
- **Invitrogen™ iBright™ Imaging Systems** for stunningly easy gel and western blot imaging

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Separate

The first step of the western workflow process is the separation of proteins. We offer several options for protein separation, including precast gels, reagents, and accessories for pour-your-own gels, ladders, electrophoresis gel tanks, and power supplies.

For a complete listing of all available protein gel electrophoresis products, go to [thermofisher.com/separate](https://www.thermofisher.com/separate)

Precast gels

Precast gels offer convenience, speed, and consistency. Our precast gels are available in four different chemistries and a wide variety of percentages, gradients, and sample well configurations. The choice of whether to use one chemistry or another depends on the abundance of the protein you're separating, the size of the protein, and your downstream application.



Four gel chemistry options to fit your protein separation needs:

- **Bis-Tris chemistry** for broad-range, low-abundance protein separation or for downstream applications requiring high protein integrity, such as posttranslational modification analysis, mass spectrometry, or sequencing
- **Tris-glycine chemistry** for broad-range, high-abundance protein separation
- **Tris-acetate chemistry** for high molecular weight protein separation, up to 500 kDa
- **Tricine chemistry** for low molecular weight protein and peptide separation

Explore protein gel options at [thermofisher.com/proteingels](https://www.thermofisher.com/proteingels)

Pour-your-own gels

The SureCast Gel Handcast System is designed for 100% leak-free protein gel casting. The SureCast system is fully compatible with our Mini Gel Tank.

Benefits offered by the SureCast Gel Handcast System include:

- **Leak-free design**—gels that are more usable, less wasted time
- **Superior glass plate durability**—up to 20 times more durable compared to other suppliers' plates
- **Unique tilt feature**—helps minimize spillage when pouring acrylamide solutions
- **Simple assembly of casting components**—uses a single-motion, load-and-lock mechanism

Use Invitrogen™ SureCast™ handcasting reagents as well as other popular polyacrylamide gel casting reagents.



SureCast handcasting reagents

SureCast Stacking Buffer and Resolving Buffer

Invitrogen™ SureCast™ Stacking Buffer and Resolving Buffer are pouches of dry-blend powder, each sufficient to make 500 mL of stacking or resolving buffer.

Benefits include:

- **Convenient pouches of dry-blend powder**—dissolve contents of a single packet in water and the buffer is ready to use
- **Time- and space-saving**—no weighing, no calculations, no pH adjustment, and no need to stock individual components
- **Long shelf life**—stocking and storage as dry powder eliminates concerns about long-term stability of stock solutions



Invitrogen™ SureCast™ Acrylamide Solution, 40%

SureCast Acrylamide Solution can be used to prepare single-percentage and gradient gels using the SureCast Gel Handcast System or other comparable casting systems.

Features include:

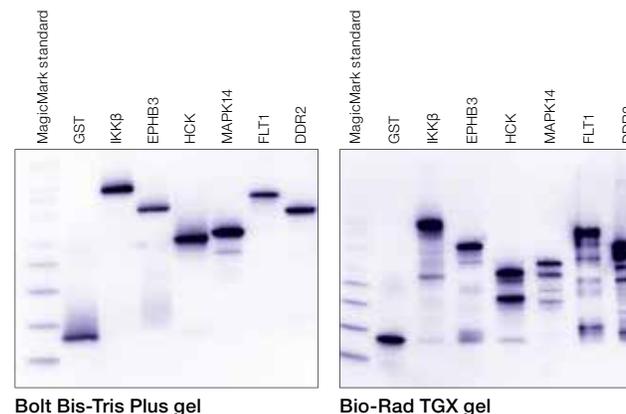
- Room-temperature storage
- Long shelf life
- High purity
- Safer alternative to powdered acrylamide
- Concentrated to enable a broader range of gel percentages to cast

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Invitrogen™ Bolt™ Bis-Tris Plus gels are precast polyacrylamide gels designed for optimal separation of a broad molecular weight range of proteins under denaturing conditions. The high-capacity, WedgeWell design accommodates more sample volume. Bolt gels are designed to deliver western performance superior to that of Tris-glycine-based gels.

- **Preserved protein integrity**—neutral-pH formulation minimizes protein modifications
- **High sample-volume capacity**—WedgeWell design with up to 60 μ L sample capacity allows detection of proteins in very dilute samples or visualization of low-abundance proteins
- **Better band quality and band volume**—Bolt Bis-Tris Plus gel chemistry is designed to deliver sharp, straight bands with higher band volume
- **High lot-to-lot consistency**—coefficient of variation (CV) of only 2% for R_f values (migration)
- **Optimized run conditions**—separate your proteins using constant voltage in approximately 35 min

Learn more at thermofisher.com/bolt



Bolt Bis-Tris Plus mini gels help provide better western blotting results. A western blot of a Bolt gel shows clean, sharp protein signals corresponding to only full-length proteins, whereas a western blot of a Bio-Rad™ TGX™ gel shows multiple low molecular weight degradation products. Protein kinases implicated in cancer (IKK, EPHB3, HCK, MAPK14, FLT1, and DDR2) were analyzed on a Bolt Bis-Tris Plus gel and a Bio-Rad TGX Tris-Glycine gel. The purified kinases (50 ng each), along with Invitrogen™ MagicMark™ XP Western Protein Standard and purified recombinant GST protein, were loaded on a 10-well, 4–12% Bolt gel and a 10-well, 4–20% Bio-Rad TGX gel. The samples were separated and transferred to 0.45 μ m PVDF membranes using the respective manufacturers' protocols. Immunodetection was performed using an anti-GST antibody and Invitrogen™ WesternBreeze™ chemiluminescence detection. The blots were imaged using an imaging system.



Learn about our protein gel performance guarantee at thermofisher.com/proteingelguarantee

NuPAGE gels, similar to Bolt gels but configured with standard wells, simulate the denaturing conditions of the traditional Laemmli system (Tris-glycine SDS-PAGE gels). NuPAGE gels have a unique buffer formulation to maintain a neutral operating pH during electrophoresis, helping to minimize the “smiles” and poor resolution seen with Tris-glycine SDS-PAGE gels. NuPAGE Bis-Tris gels offer:

- **Preserved protein integrity**—neutral-pH formulation minimizes protein modifications or degradation
- **High lot-to-lot consistency**—coefficient of variation (CV) of only 2% for R_f values (migration)
- **Long shelf life**—16 months at room temperature

Learn more at thermofisher.com/nupage

Novex Tris-glycine mini gels are polyacrylamide gels based on traditional Laemmli chemistry that enable the use of Laemmli sample and running buffers. Novex Tris-glycine mini gels provide high-quality performance and separation of a wide range of proteins into well-resolved bands.

Highlights:

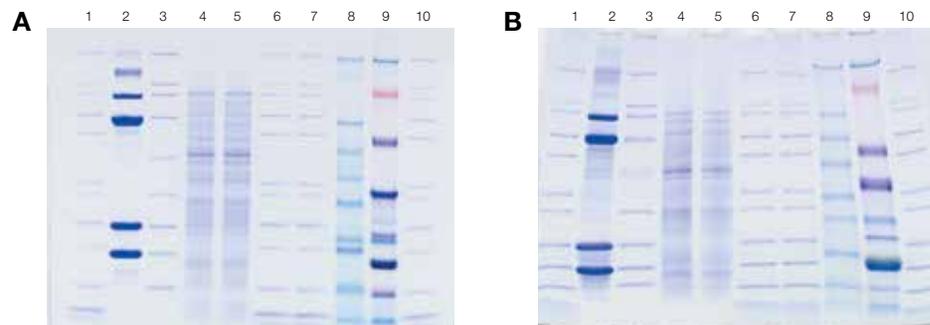
- **Wedge-shaped wells**—easily load up to 60 μ L of sample without sacrificing gel width or length
- **High performance**—excellent protein band resolution and sharpness
- **Fast run conditions**—quickly separate your proteins using constant voltage in less than 60 min
- **Flexible**—Novex Tris-glycine gels do not contain SDS and can be used to run proteins in native or in denatured form

Learn more at thermofisher.com/novexwedge

Protein gel welcome packs

Protein gel welcome packs contain the components for outstanding protein separation and are available for each of our protein gels. The typical protein gel welcome pack provides all of the necessary gels, buffers, and reagents you need, as well as our Mini Gel Tank.

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Protein separation using (A) a NuPAGE gel and (B) a Bio-Rad traditional Tris-glycine gel.

Protein ladders

We offer a broad range of prestained and unstained protein ladders supplied in a ready-to-use format to facilitate easy protein analysis during gel electrophoresis and western blotting.

Prestained protein ladders are recommended for:

- Approximate determination of molecular weight
- Monitoring the progress of electrophoresis runs
- Estimating the efficiency of protein transfer to the membrane during western blotting

Unstained protein ladders are recommended for:

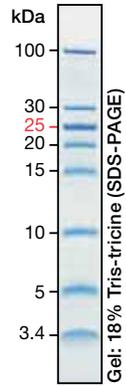
- Precise determination of target protein molecular weights in any buffer system

Our protein ladders offer extraordinary value—high quality without the high price.

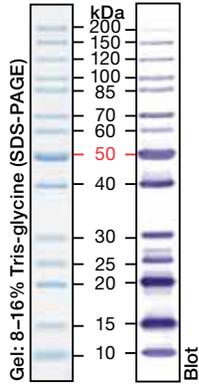
- **Performance**—sharp protein bands and consistent migration patterns enable easy molecular weight determination
- **Convenient**—protein ladders are ready to load, with no heating required
- **Reliable**—exceptional lot-to-lot consistency and reproducibility

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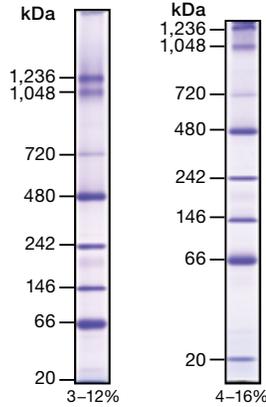
Protein ladders				
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Unstained	Low	PageRuler Unstained Low Range Protein Ladder	8	3.4–100 kDa
	Broad	PageRuler Unstained Protein Ladder	14	10–200 kDa
	High	NativeMark Unstained Protein Standard	8	20–1,200 kDa
Prestained	Low	PageRuler Prestained Protein Ladder	10	10–170 kDa
	Broad	PageRuler Plus Prestained Protein Ladder	9	10–250 kDa
	High	HiMark Prestained Protein Standard	9	30–460 kDa
Multicolor prestained	Broad	Spectra Multicolor Broad Range Protein Ladder	10	10–260 kDa
	High	Spectra Multicolor High Range Protein Ladder	8	40–300 kDa
Other	Western	iBright Prestained Protein Ladder	12	11–250 kDa
		MagicMark XP Western Protein Standard	9	20–220 kDa
	Specialty	PageRuler Prestained NIR Protein Ladder	10	11–250 kDa
		BenchMark Fluorescent Protein Standard	7	11–155 kDa
		BenchMark His-tagged Protein Standard	10	10–160 kDa
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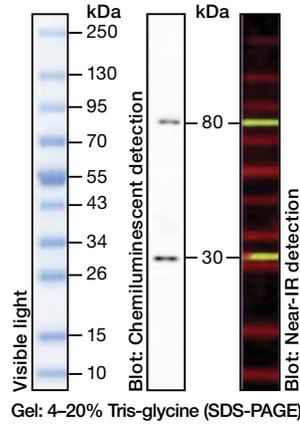
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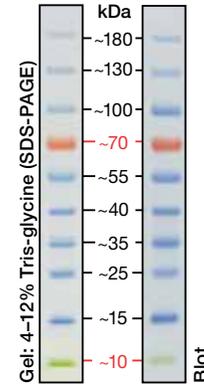
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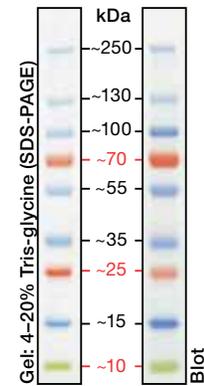
Invitrogen™ NativeMark™ Unstained Protein Standard
Cat. No. LC0725
NativePAGE Bis-Tris Gels



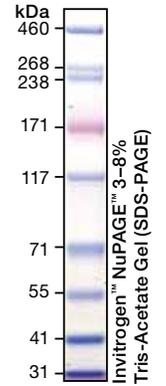
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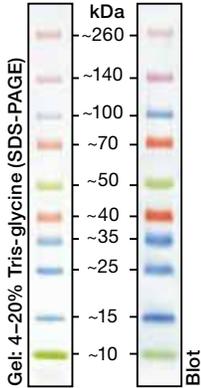
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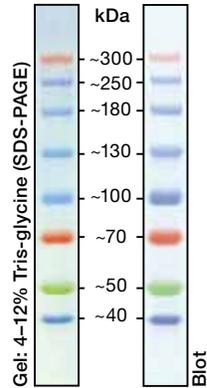
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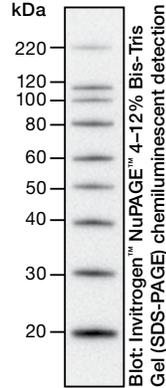
Invitrogen™ HiMark™ Prestained Protein Standard
Cat. No. LC5699



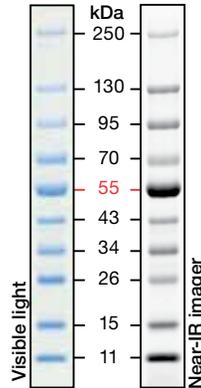
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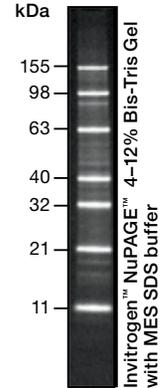
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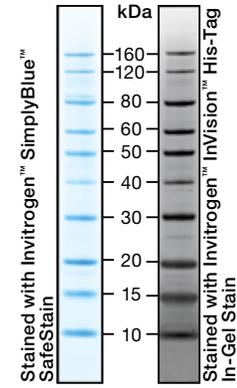
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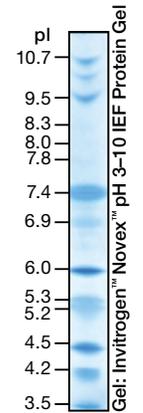
Thermo Scientific™ PageRuler™ Prestained NIR Protein Ladder
Cat. No. 26635
4-20% Tris-glycine (SDS-PAGE)



Invitrogen™ BenchMark™ Fluorescent Protein Standard
Cat. No. LC5928



Invitrogen™ BenchMark™ His-tagged Protein Standard
Cat. No. LC5606
NuPAGE 4-12% Bis-Tris Gel with MES SDS buffer



Invitrogen™ IEF Marker 3-10
Cat. No. 39212-01

Power supplies

The Invitrogen™ PowerEase™ 90W Power Supply is designed specifically for mini-gel electrophoresis. The straightforward, intuitive interface makes the powering of gel runs a simple and easy process. In addition, the PowerEase 90W Power Supply features:

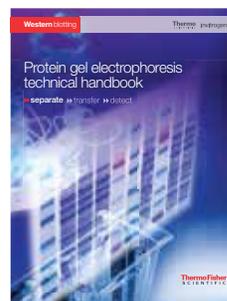
- Constant voltage or current settings
- Built-in timer for walk-away gel electrophoresis
- Output jacks that are compatible with most electrophoresis devices

The Invitrogen™ PowerEase™ 300W Power Supply is a fully programmable power supply designed for high-throughput gel electrophoresis. This power supply easily accommodates the running and transferring of 8 mini gels and accommodates up to 10 user-defined programs for your most common electrophoresis runs.

Each program can include up to 10 steps, for precise control over electrophoresis conditions. In addition, the PowerEase 300W Power Supply features:

- Constant voltage, current, or power settings
- Built-in timer for walk-away gel electrophoresis
- Up to 10 custom programs with 10 steps each
- Four sets of output jacks that are compatible with most electrophoresis devices

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Download the Protein Gel Electrophoresis Technical Handbook to access comprehensive, easy-to-understand information, including technical data, protocols, and troubleshooting tips.

Learn more at thermofisher.com/pagehandbook

Gel tanks

The **Mini Gel Tank** is designed for more intuitive use and convenience compared to traditional electrophoresis tanks.

- **Versatile**—compatible with NuPAGE, Bolt, or Tris-glycine gels
- **Easy sample loading**—with forward-facing well configuration
- **Simultaneous visualization of both gels**—streamlined, side-by-side tank configuration
- **Simplified monitoring of prestained protein markers**—with white tank stand
- **Less running buffer required**—two separate gel chambers, so you only need to load sufficient buffer for each gel to the specified fill line

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The **Invitrogen™ XCell4 SureLock™ Midi-Cell** allows simultaneous vertical electrophoresis of 1–4 midi gels without leaking, enabling consistent performance. It uses proprietary technology to make electrophoresis easier and more reliable, and is designed to dissipate heat effectively and evenly to enable high-resolution results when using Invitrogen™ midi gels.

Learn more at thermofisher.com/surelock



Protein stains

Once protein bands have been separated by electrophoresis, they can be visualized using different methods of in-gel detection. Whether you just need a quick visual confirmation or require a highly sensitive stain to detect low-abundance proteins, we offer a variety of easy-to-use, effective protein stains for in-gel detection.

Check out our comprehensive collection of stains and choose the protein stain most suitable for you:

Protein stains			
	Coomassie staining	Silver staining	Fluorescent protein staining
Sensitivity	25 ng	0.5 ng	0.5 ng
Ease of use	+++	+	+
Mode of action	In acidic buffer conditions, Coomassie stain binds to basic and hydrophobic residues of proteins, changing from dull reddish-brown to intense blue.	Silver ions interact and bind with carboxylic acid groups (Asp and Glu), imidazole (His), sulfhydryls (Cys), and amines (Lys). Silver ions are reduced to metallic silver, resulting in a brown-black color.	Most fluorescent stains involve simple dye-binding mechanisms rather than chemical reactions that alter protein functional groups.
Detection	Visual	Visual	Compatible imaging system
Compatibility with downstream applications	Mass spectrometry (MS)- and sequencing-compatible	Certain formulations are MS-compatible	Most stains are MS-compatible
Products	Value: PageBlue Protein Staining Solution	Value: Pierce Silver Stain Kit	Value: SYPRO Red Protein Gel Stain
	Performance: SimplyBlue SafeStain	Performance: SilverXpress Silver Staining Kit	Performance: SYPRO Orange Protein Gel Stain
	Premium: Imperial Protein Stain	Mass spec: Pierce Silver Stain for MS	Premium: SYPRO Ruby Protein Gel Stain



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Transfer

After proteins have been separated by gel electrophoresis, the next step in the western workflow is to transfer the proteins to a nitrocellulose or PVDF membrane. We offer several protein transfer options: wet, semi-dry, and dry electroblotting.

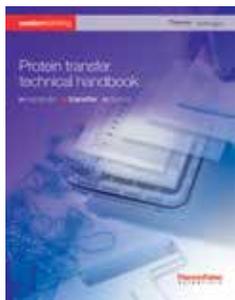
Find out more about all of the options at [thermofisher.com/transfer](https://www.thermofisher.com/transfer)

Wet electroblotting system

The **Mini Blot Module** is a wet transfer device for use with the Mini Gel Tank. The tank accommodates one blot module per chamber, or two blot modules total with the side-by-side layout. This affordable, leak-resistant module requires less transfer buffer than other transfer systems, and the constant resistance across the blotting electrodes helps ensure uniform field strength for highly efficient western transfers.

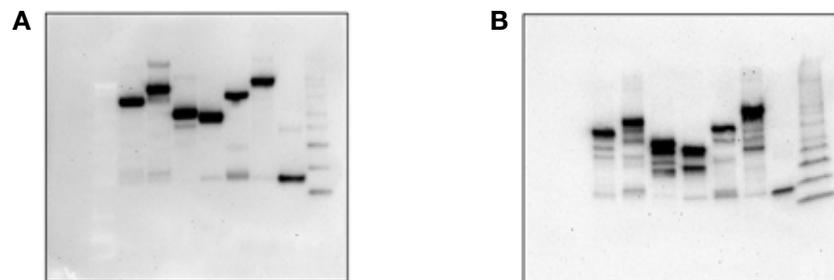
- **Unique gasket seal**—helps prevent buffer leakage so there is less mess during setup of your western transfer
- **½ inch buffer chamber**—requires only half the volume of methanol-based transfer buffer
- **Standard 60-minute transfer protocol**—accelerates your western workflow so you can get results fast

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Download our Protein Transfer Technical Handbook for practical information on improving protein transfer efficiency and getting better-quality western blot results.

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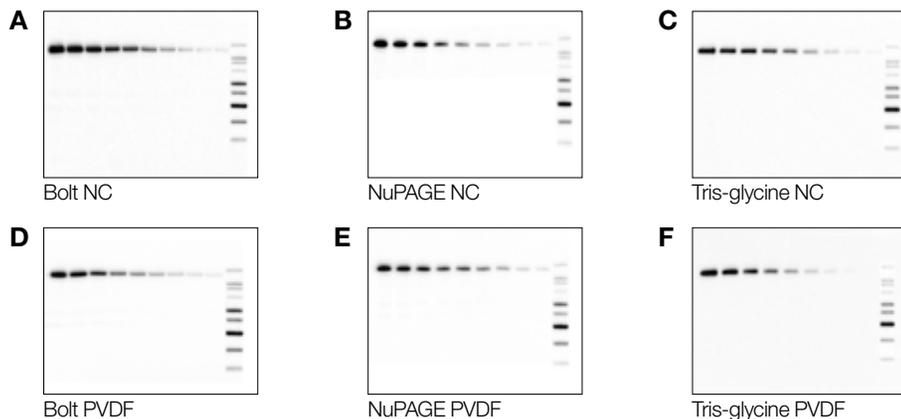
Dry electroblotting system

The **iBlot 2 Dry Blotting System** is our premium western blot transfer device, delivering high performance and convenience. A unique, innovative dry blotting system, the iBlot 2 device utilizes optimized, pre-assembled transfer stacks, with transfer buffer incorporated into gel matrices, so there's no need to prepare messy transfer buffers. Just insert your gel and go.

- **Engineered for rapid transfer**—the short distance between electrodes, along with high field strength and current, reduces transfer time to just 7 minutes
- **Minimal preparation and clean-up**—dry transfer stacks streamline transfer setup and tear-down
- **Convenient**—touchscreen interface, preprogrammed optimized transfer protocols, and prepackaged ready-to-use stacks for transferring midi and mini blot formats (1 midi blot or up to 2 mini blots at a time)



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Membranes processed on the iBlot 2 Dry Blotting System show consistent transfer across various protein gel chemistries to both nitrocellulose (NC) and PVDF membranes. Total cell extracts from A431 cells were transferred to NC membranes from 4–12% Bolt, 4–12% NuPAGE, and 4–20% Tris-glycine precast gels (**A–C**), and also to PVDF membranes from the same types of gels (**D–F**), using the iBlot 2 Dry Blotting System.

Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ Reversible Protein Stain kits for membranes are rapid and sensitive alternatives to Ponceau S stain for protein detection on nitrocellulose or PVDF membranes after transfer from polyacrylamide gels.

These kits for membrane staining use a nondestructive, reversible, reliable, and sensitive method to stain and detect proteins on nitrocellulose and PVDF membranes. The lower limit of detection with this method is 25–50 ng per band (at least five times more sensitive than traditional Ponceau S staining). The staining protocols are simple, quick, and result in turquoise-blue bands that do not fade and are easily photographed for future reference.



Semi-dry electroblotting system

The **Power Blotter** is our flexible solution for western blot transfer, from interchangeable blotting cassettes to suit your required throughput, to multiple transfer-stack consumable choices.

Designed for rapid 5–10 minute semi-dry transfer of proteins from polyacrylamide gels to nitrocellulose or PVDF membranes, the Power Blotter utilizes an integrated power supply, LCD touchscreen, and preprogrammed optimized transfer protocols.

- **Versatile**—can be used with do-it-yourself, ready-to-build, or ready-to-use transfer stacks
- **Efficient**—high transfer efficiency for a broad range of protein sizes
- **High throughput**—transfer up to 4 mini or 2 midi gels simultaneously with the Power Blotter XL System

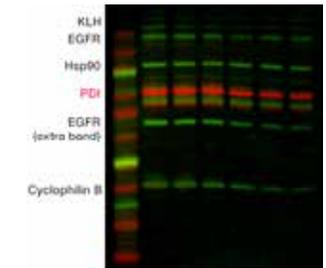
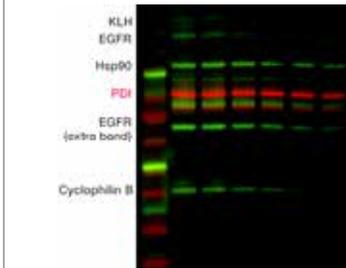
Designed to grow around your lab's needs

The Power Blotter platform offers options based on throughput requirements. The Power Blotter Cassette allows for simultaneous transfer of one or two mini-size gels or one midi-size gel. The Power Blotter XL Cassette provides the potential for increased throughput, for simultaneous transfer of up to four mini-size gels or up to two midi-size gels. Both cassettes are interchangeable with the Power Blotter Station power supply and control base to form the Invitrogen™ Power Blotter System or Power Blotter XL System.

<p>Power Blotter System Transfer 1–2 mini-size gels or 1 midi-size gel</p> 	<p>Power Blotter XL System Transfer 1–4 mini-size gels or 2 midi-size gels</p> 
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Learn more at thermofisher.com/powerblotter

The Invitrogen Power Blotter offers high transfer efficiency for a broad range of protein sizes		
Apparatus and consumables	Power Blotter with Select Transfer Stacks	Power Blotter with Pre-cut Membranes and Filters and Power Blotter 1-Step Transfer Buffer
Transfer time	5–10 min	5–10 min
Transfer efficiency		

Power Blotter Select Transfer Stacks and Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters stacks efficiently transfer high, mid, and low molecular weight proteins. Western blot analysis of several targets (KLH, EGFR, Hsp90, PDI and cyclophilin B protein) was performed by loading serially diluted HeLa cell lysate with KLH spike (starting at 7.5 µg HeLa lysate, 7.5 µg KLH spike per well, serially diluted 2:3) onto Bolt 4–12% Bis-Tris Plus gels. Proteins were transferred in 7 minutes using a Power Blotter Select Transfer Stack (left, PB5310; PB3310) or Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters stack (right, PB9320; PB7320), probed with target-specific primary antibodies and fluorescently conjugated secondary antibodies. Images were captured using automatic exposure on an iBright FL1000 Imaging System.

Detect

The last step in the western workflow is detection. In this step, primary antibodies specific to the protein of interest bind to the protein on the membrane. Secondary antibodies conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (HRP) or alkaline phosphatase (AP) are then added, and they bind to the primary antibody to allow for visualization of the protein bound to the membrane. We offer thousands of primary and secondary antibodies, along with buffers and substrates for use in western blot analysis. In addition, the revolutionary iBind Western Systems provide automated convenience for primary and secondary antibody binding as well as all wash steps. To complete the detection step, we offer Invitrogen™ iBright™ Imaging Systems, featuring push-button optimized exposure and advanced automated features.

Find out more at thermofisher.com/detect

Automated western blot processing systems

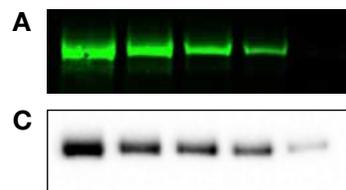
The **iBind Western System** is an automated western blot processing platform. Simply load primary antibody, secondary antibody, and wash solutions, and then walk away. In less than 3 hours, the blot is ready for final detection.

- **Antibody savings**—use up to 80% less primary antibody
- **Load and go**—processes solutions using sequential lateral flow technology, with no batteries, shakers, trays, or timers required
- **Reproducibility**—automated blot processing enables improved blot-to-blot consistency

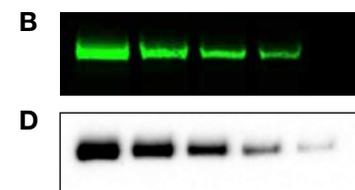


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Phospho-EGFR



Manual processing



iBind Western Device process with 80% less primary antibody than manual method

The iBind Western System enables excellent western blot results with less primary antibody. Proteins in an A431 cell extract were separated using the Mini Gel Tank electrophoresis system and transferred to PVDF or NC membranes using the iBlot 2 Dry Blotting System. The blots were probed with an anti-phospho-EGF receptor [Tyr1068] (1H12) mouse monoclonal antibody (1:1,000 dilution, using 2 μ L antibody for the iBind device method and 10 μ L antibody for the manual method). **(A, B)** A goat anti-mouse conjugate was used as a secondary antibody. **(C, D)** A peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (H+L) secondary antibody was used.

Automated blot processing workflow

Load iBind card and transferred membrane

Load primary Ab, secondary Ab, and wash solutions

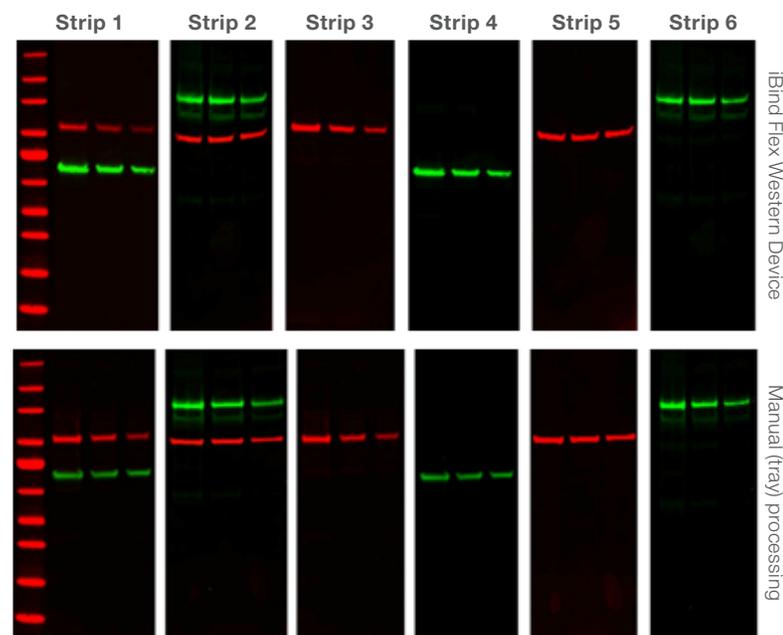
Incubate 3 hr

The **iBind Flex Western Device** offers the same automated blot processing technology as the original iBind Western System, but comes with interchangeable wells. These interchangeable wells provide blot-format flexibility and enable the use of different primary and secondary antibody conditions in a single experiment.

- **Flexibility**—process up to one midi blot, two mini blots, or six vertically cut strips using the same or different conditions
- **Load and go**—processes solutions using sequential lateral flow technology, with no batteries, shakers, trays, or timers required
- **Antibody savings**—use up to 80% less primary antibody than with traditional tray-based incubation steps for western blotting
- **Reproducibility**—automated blot processing enables improved blot-to-blot consistency



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Excellent western blot results with vertically cut strips and fluorescence detection.

Comparison of mini blots processed manually (probing and washing steps performed in a tray) vs. with the iBind Flex Western Device. Blots were produced by separating samples on Bolt 4–12%, 10-well gels with MES SDS running buffer, rapid-dry transfer to nitrocellulose membrane using the iBlot 2 system and then cutting each into three-lane strips. Final imaging was performed using a fluorescence imaging instrument.

Samples and lanes were as follows:

Lane 1: Thermo Scientific™ PageRuler™ Prestained NIR Protein Ladder (3 μ L)

Strip 1: Phosphorylated Akt cell extract (15 μ g, 7.5 μ g, 3.75 μ g) and Elk-1 fusion protein (150 ng, 75 ng, 37.5 ng)

Strip 2: HeLa cell extract (30 μ g, 15 μ g, 7.5 μ g)

Strip 3: Phosphorylated Akt cell extract (15 μ g, 7.5 μ g, 3.75 μ g)

Strip 4: Elk-1 fusion protein (150 ng, 75 ng, 37.5 ng)

Strip 5: HeLa cell extract (30 μ g, 15 μ g, 7.5 μ g)

Strip 6: HeLa cell extract (30 μ g, 15 μ g, 7.5 μ g)

Get more information about the target proteins and antibodies used, at thermofisher.com/ibindflex

Antibodies

Get the right antibodies for western blot detection

We have an extensive selection of high-quality primary and secondary antibodies for western blot applications. We offer thousands of primary antibodies in over 50 research areas such as cancer, epigenetics, immunology, and neuroscience.

Our secondary antibodies are available unconjugated or conjugated and can be used for fluorescent, colorimetric, and chemiluminescent detection. These include highly cited research antibodies, many of which are conjugated to a broad range of dyes and enzymes:

- Invitrogen™ Alexa Fluor™ and Alexa Fluor™ Plus dyes
- Classic fluorescent dyes (FITC, RPE, APC)
- Enzyme conjugates (HRP, AP)

We also offer both unconjugated and conjugated loading control primary antibodies to help ensure quality results in western blot experiments.



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Reagents for manual western detection

The traditional manual blot probing procedure includes a series of essential steps before the addition of the detection substrate, as shown below. The target protein on the membrane is then detected by X-ray film or CCD imaging systems. At this point, the blot can be stripped and reprobed, if necessary.



We offer a wide range of ready-to-use western blotting reagents, including blocking buffers, wash buffers, detergents, membrane-stripping buffers, and western blot signal enhancers. Our blocking buffers include traditional protein blocking agents, such as BSA, casein, and milk, as well as exclusive blocking buffers, such as Thermo Scientific™ SuperBlock™, StartingBlock™, and Pierce™ Protein-Free Blocking Buffers, for efficient blocking in western blotting and other immunoassay detection methods. Our wash buffers include pouches of preblended powder mixtures of commonly used buffers, such as PBS and TBS for western blotting; simply add water to dissolve and they're ready for use.

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We also offer nitrocellulose and PVDF transfer membranes, available in rolls and as precut sheets and X-ray film for chemiluminescence and other western blot detection techniques. Our specially formulated membrane-stripping buffers are designed to dissociate and strip primary and secondary antibodies from western blots, so that membranes can be reprobed under alternate conditions or with another antibody to detect a different protein target. Included in our specialty reagents for western blotting is our Thermo Scientific™ SuperSignal™ Western Blot Enhancer that is designed to help increase both signal intensity and sensitivity 3- to 10-fold compared to detection performed without it.

Explore our reagents for manual western detection on pages 22–25 to select products most suitable for your western application.



Download our Protein Detection Technical Handbook to explore our complete line of western detection products.

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Blocking

Block unreacted sites on the membrane to reduce the amount of nonspecific binding

We have a complete selection of blocking buffers to improve the sensitivity of your western blot. The proper choice of buffer depends on the antigen and type of enzyme conjugate to be used. With the wide range we offer, you can achieve the highest signal-to-noise ratio possible for your blots.

- Thermo Scientific™ StartingBlock™ Blocking Buffer in PBS (Cat. No. 37538) and in TBS (Cat. No. 37542)
- Thermo Scientific™ StartingBlock™ T20 Blocking Buffer (contains 0.05% Tween-20) in PBS (Cat. No. 37539) or TBS (Cat. No. 37543)
- Thermo Scientific™ SuperBlock™ Buffer in PBS (Cat. Nos. 37515 and 37518) and in TBS (Cat. No. 37535)
- Thermo Scientific™ SuperBlock™ T20 Blocking Buffer (contains 0.05% Tween-20) in PBS (Cat. No. 37516) or TBS (Cat. No. 37536)
- Thermo Scientific™ SuperBlock™ Blocking Buffer—blotting in PBS (Cat. No. 37517) and in TBS (Cat. No. 37537)
- Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ Protein-Free Blocking Buffer (Cat. Nos. 37570, 37571, 37572, and 37573)

Wash

Remove unbound primary reagents and reduce background

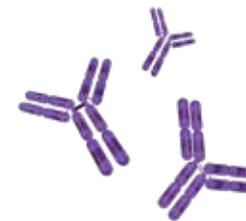
Our dry buffers and high-purity detergents all serve to enhance your signal-to-noise ratio.

- Buffered saline solutions:
 - Thermo Scientific™ BupH™ Phosphate Buffered Saline Packs (Cat. No. 28372)
 - Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ 20X Phosphate Buffered Saline (Cat. Nos. 28348, 28358)
 - Thermo Scientific™ BupH™ Tris Buffered Saline (Cat. Nos. 28376, 28379)
 - Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ Modified Dulbecco's PBS Buffer (Cat. Nos. 28344, 28374)
- Thermo Scientific™ Surfact-Amps™ detergents, including:
 - Thermo Scientific™ Tween™-20 Detergent (Cat. No. 28320)
 - Thermo Scientific™ Tween™-80 Detergent (Cat. No. 28328)
 - Thermo Scientific™ Triton™ X-100 Detergent (Cat. No. 28314)
 - NP-40 Detergent (Cat. No. 28324)

Primary and secondary antibody incubation

Probe blot with primary and secondary antibodies

We offer thousands of primary and secondary antibodies to fit your research needs. For more information, see page 20.



Incubation with substrate

Add the detection reagent to your blot

Choose the appropriate substrate for your needs from the Pierce ECL and SuperSignal families of chemiluminescent HRP substrates. Our ECL and SuperSignal substrates offer excellent performance in western blotting with longer light emission and stronger signal intensity.

Learn more about our substrates on page 24.



Target detection

Capture and analyze your image

Our Thermo Scientific™ CL-XPosure™ Film is an affordable, convenient, high-performance clear-blue X-ray film for your chemiluminescent western blot detection needs. The handy Thermo Scientific™ Pierce™ Background Eliminator Kit (Cat. No. 21065) helps retrieve data from overexposed films. For speed and performance, consider digital data acquisition with the iBright Imaging Systems, featuring push-button optimized exposure and advanced automated features.

- Thermo Scientific CL-XPosure Film (Cat. Nos. 34089, 34090, and 34091)
- iBright Imaging Systems (Cat. Nos. A32749 and A32752)



Stripping (if necessary)

Reprobe the blot if needed

Using our Thermo Scientific™ Restore™ products, you can quickly strip and reprobe, as well as reuse the blot again and again. We help you save time, money, and aggravation in reprobing your blots.

- Thermo Scientific™ Restore™ Western Blot Stripping Buffer (Cat. No. 21059)
- Thermo Scientific™ Restore™ PLUS Western Blot Stripping Buffer (Cat. No. 46430)
- Thermo Scientific™ Restore™ Fluorescent Western Blot Stripping Buffer (Cat. Nos. 62299 and 62300)

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Chemiluminescent substrates

Choose the appropriate chemiluminescent substrate for western blot detection

As with other components in a western blotting system, there are many chemiluminescent substrate choices available. The appropriate substrate selection depends on the detection level (sensitivity) required, the target protein abundance, and the sample availability.

Our chemiluminescent substrates offer:

- **Excellent sensitivity**—five substrates providing picogram- to femtogram-level sensitivity
- **Strong light emission**—signal duration of up to 24 hours allows for multiple exposures
- **High intensity**—signal is twice as intense as other luminescence-based systems
- **Antibody savings**—our substrates are optimized to work with more dilute primary and secondary antibodies



We offer five types of chemiluminescent substrates for western blot detection with HRP:

	Pierce ECL	Pierce ECL Plus	SuperSignal West Pico PLUS	SuperSignal West Dura	SuperSignal West Femto
Advantage	Same signal, lower price than other entry-level ECL substrates	Same signal and lower price than competing ECL Plus substrates	Excellent sensitivity, intensity, and duration than other ECL substrates in its class	Best for use with imaging equipment	Most sensitive substrate for HRP detection
Detection level	Low to mid picogram	Low picogram	Low picogram to high femtogram	Mid femtogram	Low to mid femtogram
Signal duration	30 min–2 hr	5 hr	Up to 24 hr	24 hr	8 hr
Detection methods	X-ray film, CCD imager	X-ray film, CCD imager, fluorescence imager	X-ray film, CCD imager	X-ray film, CCD imager	X-ray film, CCD imager
Recommended primary and secondary antibody dilutions	1° 1:1K 2° 1:1K–1:15K	1° 1:1K 2° 1:25K–1:200K	1° 1:1K 2° 1:20K–1:100K	1° 1:5K 2° 1:50K–1:250K	1° 1:5K 2° 1:100K–1:500K
Select when:	Target is abundant, sample is abundant, and substrate is for everyday use	Target is less abundant, sample is limited, and for chemifluorescent detection	Target is less abundant, sample is limited, and you need more sensitivity than an entry-level ECL substrate	Target is less abundant, sample is limited, and for CCD image capture	Target is least abundant, sample is precious, and for maximum sensitivity
Value to you	Low cost; easy to switch from other entry-level ECL substrates	Best detection flexibility with chemifluorescent detection option	Best value; works for majority of western blots	Best signal duration	Best sensitivity

For data above: STAT3 detection in HeLa cell lysate (lane 1: 20 µg total protein; lanes 2–6: serially diluted 1:1) was performed using Thermo Scientific™ HRP chemiluminescent substrates. The blots were developed using Invitrogen™ Anti-STAT3 Antibody (Cat. No. MA1-13042) and Goat Anti-Mouse IgG Secondary Antibody, HRP conjugate (Cat. No. 31430). Images were captured using a CCD camera-based imaging instrument.



Don't know where to start?

Try Thermo Scientific™ SuperSignal™ West Pico PLUS Chemiluminescent Substrate, designed to work for the majority of westerns.

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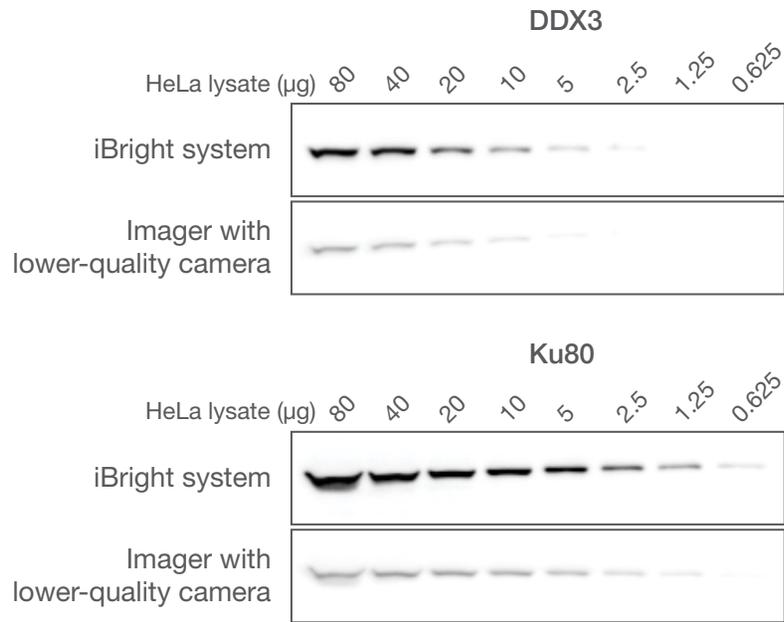
Western blot and gel imaging

Experience an easier time capturing and analyzing data from gels and western blots with **iBright Imaging Systems**. Designed with a streamlined, intuitive interface and workflows, iBright Imaging Systems are easy to use for researchers of all experience levels. Two iBright Imaging System models are available: the iBright CL1000 and the iBright FL1000. The iBright CL1000 model is capable of imaging chemiluminescent western blots in addition to stained protein and nucleic acid gels. The iBright FL1000 model features the same imaging modes as the iBright CL1000 system, yet also offers fluorescent blot imaging capability, in both visible and near-IR channels.

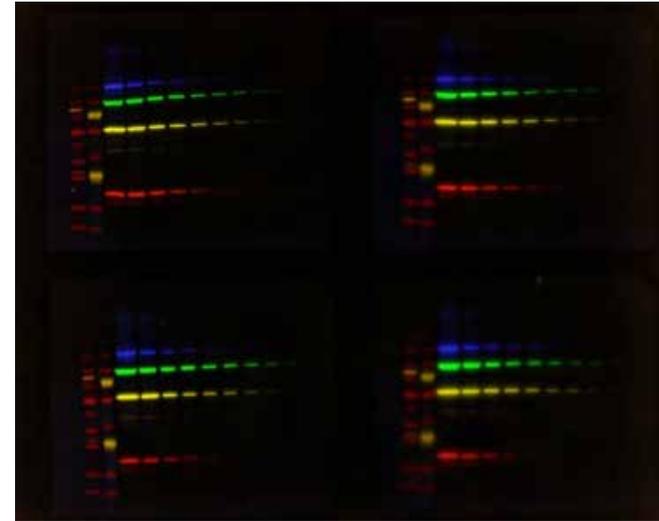
iBright Imaging Systems provide:

- **Push-button optimized exposure**—Smart Exposure™ acquisition technology for the rapid determination of optimal exposure times—helps minimize the need to repeat exposures to get the desired signal
- **Powerful 9.1 megapixel (MP) camera**—capture crystal-clear images with robust imaging potential
- **Advanced automated features**—automatic sample rotation, auto-zoom, auto-focus, and automatic on-board data analysis provide for a smooth imaging experience
- **5-channel fluorescent blotting**—multiplex with the 5 fluorescent channels of the iBright FL1000 model; capture up to 4 proteins in a single blot for more meaningful and representative experiments





iBright Imaging Systems feature a powerful 9.1 MP camera for greater sensitivity compared to instruments with a lower-resolution camera. Two-fold serial dilutions of HeLa cell lysate (starting at 80 µg/lane) were loaded and run on Novex Tris-glycine gels, transferred, and probed with antibodies against DDX3 or Ku80 proteins. Blots were then probed with relevant HRP-conjugated secondary antibodies, developed with SuperSignal West Pico PLUS chemiluminescent substrate and visualized on the iBright FL1000 Imaging System and another imaging device with a lower-quality, 4.1 MP camera—each with 10-second exposures.



High-throughput fluorescent western blot detection on the iBright FL1000 Imaging System, with 4 mini blots captured in a single image. Proteins detected with target-specific primary antibodies and the following Invitrogen™ Alexa Fluor™ secondary antibodies: Alexa Fluor 488 (blue), Alexa Fluor 546 (yellow), Alexa Fluor Plus 680 (red), and Alexa Fluor Plus 800 (green). This high degree of multiplexing potential enables one to study multiple proteins in a blot so that more meaningful and representative blotting experiments are possible—combine what could be several blotting experiments into one high-throughput experiment.

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Separate	Quantity	Cat. No.
Mini Gel Tank	1 unit	A25977
Bolt Welcome Pack, 10-well	1 kit	NW0412A
Bolt Welcome Pack, 15-well	1 kit	NW0412B
NuPAGE Bis-Tris Welcome Pack, 4–12%, 10-well	1 kit	NP032A
NuPAGE Bis-Tris Welcome Pack, 10%, 10-well	1 kit	NP030A
Novex WedgeWell Welcome Pack, 10-well, 10%	1 kit	XP0010A
Novex WedgeWell Welcome Pack, 10-well, 4–12%	1 kit	XP0412A
Novex WedgeWell Welcome Pack, 15-well, 10%	1 kit	XP0010C
Novex WedgeWell Welcome Pack, 15-well, 4–12%	1 kit	XP0412C
SureCast Gel Handcast Bundle A	Multiple	HC1000SR
SureCast Gel Handcast Bundle B	Multiple	HC1000S
SureCast Gel Handcast System	1 casting system	HC1000
SureCast Glass Plates	2 glass plate sets (2 front and 2 back)	HC1000S
SureCast Sealing Pads	2 sealing pads	HC1002
SureCast 10-Well Multi-Use Tool	1 multi-use tool	HC1010
SureCast 12-Well Multi-Use Tool	1 multi-use tool	HC1012
SureCast 15-Well Multi-Use Tool	1 multi-use tool	HC1015
SureCast Gel Spacer	10 spacers	HC1003
SureCast Stacking Buffer (1 L), 2-pack	2 x 500 mL dry packs	HC2112
SureCast Stacking Buffer (2.5 L), 5-pack	5 x 500 mL dry packs	HC2115
SureCast Resolving Buffer (1 L), 2-pack	2 x 500 mL dry packs	HC2212
SureCast Resolving Buffer (2.5 L), 5-pack	5 x 500 mL dry packs	HC2215
SureCast APS	25 g	HC2005
SureCast Acrylamide Solution, 40%	450 mL	HC2040
SureCast TEMED	30 mL	HC2006

Separate	Quantity	Cat. No.
MagicMark XP Western Protein Standard	250 µL	LC5602
NativeMark Unstained Protein Standard	5 x 50 µL	LC0725
PageRuler Unstained Low Range Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26632
PageRuler Unstained Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26614
PageRuler Prestained Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26616
PageRuler Plus Prestained Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26619
Spectra Multicolor Broad Range Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26634
Spectra Multicolor High Range Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	26625
HiMark Prestained Protein Standard	250 µL	LC5699
iBright Prestained Protein Ladder	2 x 250 µL	LC5615
Bolt Bis-Tris Plus Precast Gels	Varies	Varies
XCell4 SureLock Midi-Cell	1 each	WR0100
Novex Tris-Glycine Mini Gels (WedgeWell format)	Varies	Varies
NuPAGE Bis-Tris Precast Gels	Varies	Varies
NuPAGE Tris-Acetate Precast Gels	Varies	Varies
Novex Tris-Glycine Precast Gels	Varies	Varies
PowerEase 90W Power Supply (115 VAC)	1 each	PS0090
PowerEase 300W Power Supply (115 VAC)	1 each	PS0300
PageBlue Protein Stain	1 L	24620
SimplyBlue SafeStain	1 L	LC6060
Imperial Protein Stain	1 L	24615
Pierce Silver Stain	1 L kit	24612
SilverXpress Silver Stain	1 kit	LC6100
Pierce Silver Stain for MS	1 L kit	24600
SYPRO Orange/Red/Ruby Protein Gel Stains	Varies	Varies

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Transfer	Quantity	Cat. No.
Mini Gel Tank and Blot Module Set	1 kit	NW2000
Mini Blot Module	1 unit	B1000
iBlot 2 Gel Transfer Device	1 device	IB21001
iBlot 2 Starter Kit	1 kit	IB21001S
iBlot 2 Transfer Stacks, Nitrocellulose, Regular	10 stacks	IB23001
iBlot 2 Transfer Stacks, Nitrocellulose, Mini	10 stacks	IB23002
iBlot 2 Transfer Stacks, PVDF, Regular	10 stacks	IB24001
iBlot 2 Transfer Stacks, PVDF, Mini	10 stacks	IB24002
Bolt Welcome Pack with iBlot 2 Dry Blotting System	1 kit	NW0412AIB2
Power Blotter Station	1 unit	PB0010
Power Blotter Cassette	1 cassette	PB0002
Power Blotter Cassette XL	1 cassette	PB0003
Power Blotter System	1 system	PB0012
Power Blotter XL System	1 system	PB0013
Power Blotter Welcome Pack	1 kit	PB0112
Power Blotter XL Welcome Pack	1 kit	PB0113
Power Blotter Select Transfer Stacks, nitrocellulose, mini	10 stacks	PB3210
	40 stacks	PB3240
Power Blotter Select Transfer Stacks, PVDF, mini	10 stacks	PB5210
	40 stacks	PB5240
Power Blotter Select Transfer Stacks, nitrocellulose, regular size	10 stacks	PB3310
	40 stacks	PB3340
Power Blotter Select Transfer Stacks, PVDF, regular size	10 stacks	PB5310
	40 stacks	PB5340
Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters, nitrocellulose, mini	20 stacks	PB7220
Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters, PVDF, mini	20 stacks	PB9220
Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters, nitrocellulose, regular size	20 stacks	PB7320
Power Blotter Pre-cut Membranes and Filters, PVDF, regular size	20 stacks	PB9320
Power Blotter 1-Step Transfer Buffer (5X)	250 mL	PB7100
	1 L	PB7300
Pierce Reversible Protein Stain for NC/PVDF Membranes	Varies	Varies

Ordering information

Detect	Quantity	Cat. No.
iBind Western Starter Kit	1 kit	SLF1000S
iBind Western Device	1 device	SLF1000
iBind Cards	10 cards	SLF1010
	40 cards	SLF1010X4
iBind Solution Kit	1 kit	SLF1020
	4 kits	SLF1020X4
iBind Flex Western Starter Kit	1 kit	SLF2000S
iBind Flex Western Device	1 device	SLF2000
	2 devices	SLF20002PK
iBind Flex Cards	10 cards	SLF2010
	40 cards	SLF2010X4
iBind Flex Solution Kit	1 kit	SLF2020
	4 kits	SLF2020X4
iBright CL1000 Imaging System	1 instrument	A32749
iBright FL1000 Imaging System	1 instrument	A32752
Pierce ECL Substrate	500 mL	32106
Pierce ECL Plus Substrate	100 mL	32132
SuperSignal West Pico PLUS Chemiluminescent Substrate	500 mL	34580
SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate	200 mL	34076
SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate	200 mL	34096



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