INSTRUCTIONS



SuperSignal[®] Molecular Weight Protein Ladder

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Description

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SuperSignal Molecular Weight Protein Ladder, 250μL, sufficient for 50 lanes at 5μL per lane

Storage: Upon receipt store at -20°C. Product is shipped with an ice pack.

Introduction

The Thermo Scientific SuperSignal Molecular Weight Protein Ladder is supplied as a ready-to-use mixture of eight recombinant proteins ranging from 20K to 150K (Figure 1). Each protein in the mixture contains an IgG-binding site and is proportioned to yield comparable gel electrophoresis and Western blotting band intensities. The ladder contains a pink tracking dye in the buffer for monitoring electrophoresis and transfer. The ladder can be used with chemiluminescent, fluorescent, chromogenic and other detection types.

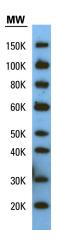


Figure 1. Chemiluminescent detection of the molecular weight protein ladder. The protein ladder ($10\mu L$) was applied to a NuPAGE® Novex® 4-12% Bis-Tris gel and transferred to PVDF membrane. The membrane was probed with mouse monoclonal anti-Cdk2 antibody (1/1,000 dilution; Thermo Scientific Lab Vision) followed by goat anti-mouse horseradish peroxidase-conjugated antibody (10ng/mL; Product No. 31430). SuperSignal West Femto Chemiluminescent Substrate (Product No. 34080) was used for detection.

Important Product Information

- Do not boil the marker mix.
- Store the SuperSignal Molecular Weight Protein Ladder for up to one month at room temperature, up to three months at 4°C, or for one year at -20°C.
- Empirically determine the volume of ladder to use. Antibody concentrations, antibody-binding affinity, blocking buffers and substrate sensitivity will affect band detection.
- If the protein ladder requires diluting, use a reducing sample loading buffer (e.g., Thermo Scientific Lane Marker Reducing Sample Buffer, Product No. 39000).



Procedure for Using the Molecular Weight Protein Ladder

1. Load $1-10\mu$ L of the protein ladder onto the gel. The volume to load depends on the detection method that will be used. See Table 1 for loading volume suggestions.

Table 1. Loading suggestions for various detection methods.

Detection System	Loading Volume (µL)
Colorimetric	10
Fluorescent	5-10
Chemiluminescence	1-10
ECL Substrate	5-10
SuperSignal West Pico Substrate	5-10
SuperSignal West Dura Substrate	2-5
SuperSignal West Femto Substrate	1-5

Note: The amount of marker applied to the gel may require optimization. When low volumes are required, dilute the ladder in reducing sample loading buffer to ensure loading consistency and adequate well coverage.

- 2. Stop the electrophoresis when the pink dye front has reached the bottom of the gel.
- 3. Proceed with the transfer and Western blot detection.

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No bands of the protein standard were detected	Loading volume was insufficient	Use a greater volume of the ladder
	Transfer was incomplete	Optimize transfer conditions
	A mouse monoclonal primary antibody was used	Use a greater volume of the ladder or use SuperSignal Enhanced Molecular Weight Protein Ladder
Bands of the protein standard were oversaturated (i.e., no visible band separation)	Antibody concentrations were too high for the amount of standard loaded onto the gel	Use less volume of the ladder
	The protein ladder was boiled	Do not boil the ladder

Related Thermo Scientific Products

Please see the catalog or website for a complete listing of protein gels and Western blotting products.

21059	Restore TM Western Blot Stripping Buffer, 500mL
46430	Restore PLUS Western Blot Stripping Buffer, 500mL
88600	Western Blotting Filter Paper, 8cm × 10.5cm, 100 sheets
32106	Pierce ECL Western Blotting Substrate, 500mL
34080	SuperSignal West Pico Chemiluminescent Substrate, 500mL
34075	SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate, 100mL
34095	SuperSignal West Femto Maximum Sensitivity Substrate, 100mL
34090	CL-XPosure TM Film (5" \times 7"), 100 sheets
34091	CL-XPosure Film (8" \times 10"), 100 sheets
21065	Pierce Background Eliminator Kit, for eliminating background from X-ray film
46640	SuperSignal Western Blot Enhancer, 25 blots
84786	SuperSignal Enhanced Molecular Weight Protein Ladder, 250µL



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