INSTRUCTIONS

PageRuler™ Broad Range Unstained Protein Ladder

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Number	Description
26630	**PageRuler Broad Range Unstained Protein Ladder,** 2 × 250µL

Storage Buffer: 62.5mM Tris•H_3PO_4 (pH 7.5 at 25°C), 1mM EDTA, 2% (w/v) SDS, 100mM DTT, 1mM NaN_3, 0.01% (w/v) bromophenol blue and 33% (v/v) glycerol.

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

Introduction

The Thermo Scientific PageRuler Broad Range Unstained Protein Ladders are supplied as a mixture of eleven recombinant, highly purified proteins ranging from 5kDa to 250kDa. The ladder is visualized by SDS-PAGE using coomassie or silver stains or detected in Western blots with protein stains. For easy reference, the 100kDa, 50kDa and 20kDa protein bands have greater intensity than the other proteins (see website for product images). The ladder is conveniently packaged and ready to use with no heating, diluting or additional reducing agent necessary.

Important Product Information

- Do not boil the marker mix.
- Linear gradient gels allow for adequate resolution of both small and large proteins.
- In high-percentage gels (> 14%), large proteins (150-250kDa) may not separate.
- In low-percentage gels (< 8%), low-molecular weight proteins (5-15kDa) may migrate with the dye front.
- The large proteins (> 100kDa) in the ladder may require longer transfer times or higher transfer voltages for Western blotting.
- Before coomassie or silver staining, fix proteins with 5% glutaraldehyde to preserve the low-molecular weight proteins in the ladder.
- For silver stain applications, dilute the protein ladder approximately 1/50 in reducing sample buffer.
- If additional bands appear in the protein ladder, add newly prepared dithiothreitol (DTT) solution to 100mM final concentration. DTT oxidation in the storage buffer can cause the appearance of additional bands.

Procedure for Use in Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis

1. Thaw the ladder at room temperature. Do not boil the protein ladder.
2. Mix gently and thoroughly to ensure that the solution is homogeneous.
3. Load an appropriate volume of the ladder onto the gel.
    - Mini-gel: 5µL per well (0.75-1.0mm thick) or 10µL per well (1.5mm thick)
    - Midi gel: 10µL per well (0.75-1.0mm thick) or 20µL per well (1.5mm thick)
4. Return the unused portion to -20°C.

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24615	**Imperial™ Protein Stain,** 1L
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General References

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