

FAST Probe SG qPCR Master Mix (2x) REAL TIME PCR KIT FOR LABELED PROBES



Kit Components:

Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x)

Component	Cat. No. E0422-01	Cat. No. E0422-02	Cat. No. E0422-03
	100 reactions, 25 µl each, 2.5 ml [1x] final volume	200 reactions, 25 µl each, 5 ml [1x] final volume	1.000 reactions, 25 µl each, 25 ml [1x] final volume
Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x)	1 x 1.25 ml	2 x 1.25 ml	10 x 1.25 ml
UNG (uracil-N- glycosylase) 1 U/µl	30 µl	55 µl	270 µl
Water, nuclease free	1 x 1.25 ml	2 x 1.25 ml	10 x 1.25 ml

Storage:

Store at -20°C in the dark for long-term storage
or at 4°C for up to 1 month.

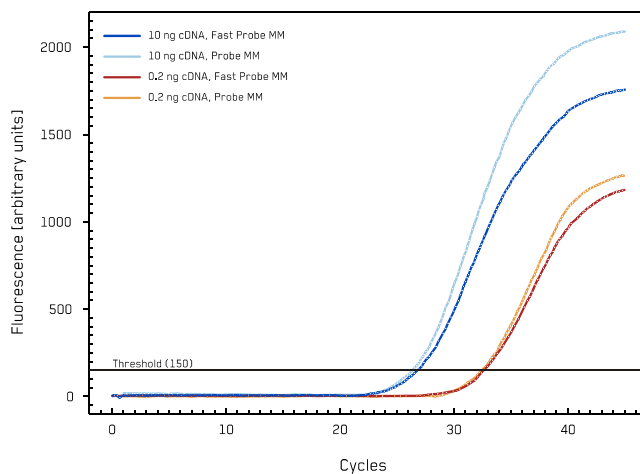
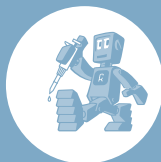


Figure 1: Performance comparison between EURx Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x) and Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x). Fluorescent probe based real-time PCR was performed by using primers and a FAM-labeled probe specific for TUBB (beta-tubulin). Both, Fast Probe and "Standard" Probe qPCR reactions were performed by a 2-step cycling protocol. Extension time was 30 sec for Fast Probe, and 60 sec for "Standard" Probe qPCR reactions, resulting in a 40% time saving for Fast Probe vs. "Standard" Probe qPCR reactions. Reactions were run in duplicate using human leukocyte cDNA (10 ng and 0.2 ng) as template, respectively. CT of equivalent reactions were very similar and differed by max. 0.5 between Fast Probe qPCR and "Standard" Probe qPCR assays. For each template concentration, amplification plots for one of both duplicates are displayed, respectively. A ~90% PCR efficiency was measured in all assays.

Description:

- Optimized fast qPCR master mix for 2-step and 3-step qPCR protocols.
- Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x) is a universal solution for fast-cycling quantitative real-time PCR and two-step real-time RT-PCR and is compatible with most real-time PCR cyclers available.
- The master mix contains Perpetual *Taq* DNA Polymerase, optimized reaction buffer, and dNTPs (dTTP is partially replaced with dUTP).
- Perpetual *Taq* DNA Polymerase contains a recombinant *Taq* DNA Polymerase bound to anti-*Taq* monoclonal antibodies that block polymerase activity at moderate temperatures.
- The polymerase activity is restored during the initial denaturation step, when amplification reactions are heated at 95°C for at least two minutes.
- Use of the "hot start" enzyme prevents extension of misprimed products and primer-dimers during reaction setup leading to higher specificity and sensitivity of PCR reactions.
- The polymerase enables convenient reaction setup at room temperature.
- Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x) contains thermolabile dUTP, which partially replaces dTTP. It allows the optional use of a thermolabile uracil-N-glycosylase (UNG) to prevent carryover contamination between reactions. UNG removes uracil from any dU-containing contaminating amplicons, leaving abasic sites and making DNA molecules susceptible to hydrolysis during the initial denaturation step.
- There are two variants of the kit: without ROX and with ROX Solution provided separately. The use of ROX passive reference dye is required for all real-time PCR cyclers from Applied Biosystems and optional for cyclers from Stratagene. ROX compensates for variations of fluorescent signal between wells due to slight differences in reaction volume and fluorescence fluctuations. ROX is not involved in PCR reaction, and does not interfere with real-time PCR on any instrument. Refer to the table below to determine the recommended amount of ROX (25 µM) required for a specific PCR cycler.



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REAL TIME PCR PROTOCOL (1)

qPCR- Protocol

Recommended amounts of ROX for a specific real-time PCR cycler

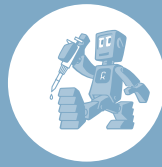
Instrument	Amount of ROX per 25 μ l reaction	Final ROX concentration
Applied Biosystems: 7300, 7900HT, StepOne, StepOnePlus, ABI PRISM 7000 and 7700	0.3-0.5 μ l	300-500 nM
Applied Biosystems: 7500 Stratagene: Mx3000P, Mx3005P, Mx4000	0.3-0.5 μ l 10 x diluted (in water)	30-50 nM
PCR machines from other manufacturers: Bio-Rad, Roche, Corbett, Eppendorf, Cepheid, etc.	Not required	-

Preparation of PCR Reaction:

Component	Volume/Reaction	Final Concentration
Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x)	12.5 μ l	1 x 3.5 mM MgCl ₂
Forward Primer	Variable	0.5 μ M
Reverse Primer	Variable	0.5 μ M
Probe	Variable	0.2 μ M
Template DNA	Variable	500 ng
Optional: ROX Solution, 25 μ M	0.3-0.5 μ l or 0.3-0.5 μ l 10 x diluted	300-500 nM 30-50 nM
Optional: Thermolabile UNG (uracil-N- glycosylase) 1 U/ μ l	0.25 μ l	0.25 U / reaction
Water, nuclease free	To 25 μ l	-
Total volume	25 μ l	-

Notes:

- Minimize Light Exposure.** Minimize exposure of ROX to light during handling to avoid loss of fluorescent signal intensity.
- Recommended Reaction Volume.** A reaction volume of 25 μ l should be used with most real-time cyclers. Other reaction volumes may be used if recommended for a specific instrument.
- The optimal amplicon length** in real-time PCR using probes is 70-150 bp.
- Mix Before Use.** Thaw, gently vortex and briefly centrifuge all solutions.
- Setup at Room Temperature.** Set up PCR reactions at room temperature. Use of Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x) allows room temperature reaction setup.
- Prepare a reaction master mix** by adding all the reaction components except template DNA.
- Mix and Dispense.** Mix the reaction mix thoroughly and dispense appropriate volumes into PCR tubes or plates.
- Add Template DNA.** Add template DNA/cDNA (500 ng/reaction) to the individual PCR tubes or wells containing the reaction mix. For two-step RT-PCR, the volume of cDNA added should not exceed 10% of the final PCR volume.
- Remove Air Bubbles.** Centrifuge briefly to settle down the reaction components and remove bubbles. Bubbles interfere with fluorescent detection.
- Start.** Place the samples in the cycler and start the program.
- MgCl₂ Concentration.** The standard concentration of MgCl₂ in probe real-time PCR reactions is 3.5 mM (as provided with the 1 x Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix). In most cases this concentration will produce optimal results. However, if a higher MgCl₂ concentration is required, prepare a 25 mM MgCl₂ stock solution (or request us to ship an aliquot along with your order) and add an appropriate amount to the reaction. Adding 1 μ l of a 25 mM MgCl₂ solution to a total reaction volume of 25 μ l will add 25 nmol MgCl₂ and thus increase total MgCl₂ reaction concentration in 1.0 mM.
- Primer Concentration.** A final primer concentration of 0.4 - 0.5 μ M is usually optimal, but can be individually optimized in a range of 0.4 μ M to 1 μ M. The recommended starting concentration is 0.5 μ M. Raising primer concentration may increase PCR efficiency, but negatively affects PCR specificity. The optimal primer concentration depends on the individual reaction and the real-time PCR cycler used
- Optimal Melting Temperature.** The optimal melting temperature (T_m) of primers should be near 60°C. The T_m of dual-labeled probes should be 8-10°C higher than the T_m of the primers.
- Avoid G at the 5'-end** of the dual-labeled probe, which causes quenching of fluorescence signal.
- Readjust the threshold value** for analysis of every run.



Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x)

REALTIME PCR PROTOCOL (2)

qPCR- Protocol - Thermal Cycling Conditions

Thermal Cycling Conditions:

2-step cycling

Step	Temperature	Time	Number of Cycles
Optional: UNG pre-treatment	37°C	2 min	1
Initial Denaturation	95°C	3 min	1
Denaturation	95°C	5-10 s	35-45
Annealing / Extension	60°C	30 s	
Cooling	4°C	Indefinite	1

3-step cycling

Step	Temperature	Time	Number of Cycles
Optional: UNG pre-treatment	37°C	2 min	1
Initial Denaturation	95°C	3 min	1
Denaturation	95°C	5-10 s	35-45
Annealing	50-60°C	10 s	
Extension	72°C	15 s	
Cooling	4°C	Indefinite	1

Notes:

- Two-Step and Three-Step Cycling.** Fast Probe qPCR Master Mix (2x) is developed and optimized for use in a two-step cycling protocol. This protocol works well for most primers (even for primers with a Tm well below 60°C).
- UNG Incubation Step (Optional).** An incubation step of 37°C for 2 minutes must be added if a uracil-N-glycosylase is used to prevent carryover contamination. UNG degrades any dUMP-containing PCR products.
- UNG / Anti-*Taq* Antibody Heat Inactivation.** During the initial denaturation step UNG and antibodies that block *Taq* DNA Polymerase are inactivated. The anti-*Taq* antibody and UNG require 2 min incubation at 95°C, respectively.
- Agarose Gel Check During Assay Development.** Always check the PCR product specificity by gel electrophoresis when designing a new assay. Melting temperatures of the specific product and primer-dimers may overlap.