## Krypton™ Protein Stain

### Number Description

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<td>Krypton Protein Stain (10X), 20 ml, sufficient reagent to stain up to 4 mini gels</td>
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<td>46630</td>
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- **Excitation Wavelength:** 520 nm
- **Emission Wavelength:** 580 nm

**Storage:** Upon receipt store at 4°C. Product shipped at ambient temperature.

### Introduction

Thermo Scientific Krypton Protein Stain enables sensitive fluorescent staining of proteins separated by 1-D or 2-D SDS-PAGE. The stain is sensitive down to 0.25 ng using the standard protocol, or down to 2 ng using the rapid 30 minute protocol. The Krypton Protein Stain is supplied as a 10X stock solution that is diluted with water before use. This protein-specific stain allows band visualization using a variety of fluorescence imaging systems. The optimal imaging systems are laser-based fluorescence scanners capable of exciting and detecting at 520 nm and 580 nm, respectively; however, filtered-based CCD camera systems are also effective. The Krypton Protein Stain has a linear quantitative range of three to four orders of magnitude and is compatible with mass spectrometry analysis.

### Important Product Information

- For best results, equilibrate the Krypton Protein Stain to room temperature and dilute to 1X immediately before use. The 1X stain solution may be stored up to seven days at 4°C with minimal loss of sensitivity. A white cloudy precipitate may form when diluting cold 10X Krypton Protein Stain, but the precipitate rapidly dissolves when the 1X solution is mixed.

- Use sufficient volumes of stain, fixing and destain solutions to completely cover the gel and allow it to float freely. Typically, 35-50 ml is sufficient for an 8 x 8 cm gel and 75-100 ml is sufficient for a 13 x 9 cm gel.

### Additional Materials Required

- Gel Fixing Solution: 40% ethanol (v/v), 10% (v/v) acetic acid in ultrapure water
- Destaining Solution: 5% (v/v) acetic acid in ultrapure water

### Standard Procedure for Staining Gels

The standard procedure allows band visualization in ~2 hours, 40 minutes with sensitivity down to 0.25 ng.

1. Equilibrate the Krypton Protein Stain (10X) to room temperature and dilute 10-fold with ultrapure water. Prepare just enough reagent for the gel(s) being stained.

2. Remove the gel(s) from the gel cassette or plates. Place gel in a clean tray with a sufficient volume of Gel Fixing Solution to immerse the gel. Cover the tray, and place it on a rocker or shaker and gently agitate for 30 minutes.

3. Decant the fixing solution. Add more fixing solution and agitate gently for another 30 minutes.

4. Carefully decant the fixing solution. To remove residual solution from the gel, add ultrapure water to the tray and agitate the gel for 5 minutes.

5. Carefully decant the water and add a sufficient volume of 1X Krypton Protein Stain to immerse gel. Cover the tray with aluminum foil to minimize light exposure. Place tray on a shaker and agitate gel for 1 hour. Staining for 2 hours to overnight may improve band development for some proteins.
6. Carefully decant the stain solution. Add the Destaining Solution, cover the tray and agitate gently for 5 minutes.
7. Remove the Destaining Solution and replace with an equal volume of ultrapure water. Gently agitate for 15 minutes.
8. Carefully decant water and replace it with more ultrapure water. Agitate the gel gently for 15 minutes.
9. For best results, detect bands using visible laser-based imagers equipped with a 532 nm laser light source. Although the optimum emission filter is 580 nm, 600 nm filters are also compatible. The gel can be imaged on any platform with the respective excitation and emission filters.

Rapid Procedure for Staining Gels

The rapid procedure allows band visualization in 30 minutes with sensitivity down to 2 ng.

1. Equilibrate the Krypton Protein Stain (10X) to room temperature and dilute 10-fold with ultrapure water. Prepare just enough reagent for the gel(s) being stained.
2. Remove the gel(s) from the gel cassette or plates. Place gel in a clean tray with a sufficient volume of Gel Fixing Solution to immerse the gel. Cover the tray, place it on a rocker or shaker and gently agitate for 5 minutes.
3. Decant the fixing solution from the tray and add new fixing solution. Gently agitate tray for 5 minutes.
4. Carefully decant the fixing solution. To remove residual solution from the gel, add ultrapure water to the tray and agitate the gel for 1 minute.
5. Carefully decant the water and add a sufficient volume of 1X Krypton Protein Stain to immerse the gel. Cover the tray with aluminum foil to minimize light exposure. Place tray on a shaker and gently agitate for 15 minutes.
6. Carefully decant the staining solution. Add a sufficient volume of ultrapure water and gently agitate for 3 minutes.
7. For best results, detect bands using visible laser-based imagers equipped with a 532 nm laser light source. Although the optimum emission filter is 580 nm, 600 nm filters are also compatible. The gel can be imaged on any platform with the respective excitation and emission filters.

Troubleshooting

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<td>Imaging system malfunction</td>
<td>Check instrument manual for troubleshooting</td>
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<td>No proteins in the gel</td>
<td>Verify that there is protein in the gel by staining with another method</td>
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<td>Wrong filter sets selected</td>
<td>Check excitation and emission settings to confirm the correct filter sets are being used</td>
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Related Thermo Scientific Products

- **25200-25244** Precise™ Protein Gels, see catalog or web site for a complete listing
- **28398** BupH™ Tris-HEPES-SDS Running Buffer Packs, 10 packs
- **28378** BupH™ Tris-Glycine-SDS Running Buffer Packs, 40 packs
- **89871** In-Gel Tryptic Digestion Kit
- **89865** 2-D Sample Prep for Soluble Proteins Kit
- **89866** 2-D Sample Prep for Insoluble Proteins Kit
- **24615** Imperial™ Protein Stain, 1 L
- **24612** SilverSNAP® Stain Kit II

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