# Western Blotting





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### All you need for... Blotting and Detection of Proteins

Blotting of proteins onto a membrane after separation by electrophoresis is a routine method in all protein labs around the world. By applying the Western blot technology proteins first are separated by gel electrophoresis like SDS PAGE, native PAGE, Isoelectric Focusing or 2D electrophoresis. Subsequently, the proteins are transferred by electro transfer (semi-dry, tank blotting) or capillary transfer from the gel onto a membrane, either nitro-

cellulose, nylon or PVDF. To check transfer efficiency blotted proteins could be reversible stained on the membrane with Ponceau S. Also the use of a prestained protein standard helps to visualize the transfer and to judge the overall qualtity of the blot. After blocking of the membrane specific proteins could be detected by primary/secondary antibodies coupled with a chromogenic or luminescence detection system.



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### Molecular Weight Markers for Western Blotting

VisiBlot Standard I is a mixture of 10 recombinant proteins with molecular weight range from 25 kDa to 150 kDa. The prestained protein bands of 25 kDa, 45 kDa and 85 kDa allow monitoring of the protein separation during SDS PAGE. The remaining seven proteins contain several IgG binding sites. The binding of primary or secondary antibodies in Western blotting facilitates marker visualization on the transfer membrane. Because the proteins have no chromophore attached, the marker enables accurate molecular weight estimation. Recommended loading volume for a mini gel is 5 µl/lane.

Beside applying prestained standard proteins to visualize blotting efficiency (see table below) the VisiBlot Standard I offers important advantages:

- Ready-to-use, no reconstitution, further dilution or heating required
- Prestained bands for monitoring electrophoresis and membrane transfer efficiency
- Visualization of marker proteins on Western Blots by horseradish peroxidase or alkaline phosphatase-based immuno-detection methods
- Molecular weight determination of proteins detected on transfer membrane



SERVA VisiBlot Standard I <sup>+</sup> proteins with antibody binding sites

\* prestained proteins

Product	Size	Cat. no.
SERVA VisiBlot Standard I	500 µl	39260.01
SERVA Prestained SDS PAGE Protein Marker 6.5 - 200 kDa, liquid mix	2 x 250 µl	39216.01
SERVA Dual Color Protein Standard III	500 µl	39252.01
SERVAChrom Protein Standard III	500 µl	39255.01
SERVA Triple Color Protein Standard II	500 µl	39257.01
SERVA Triple Color Protein Standard III	500 µl	39258.01
SERVA Pink Color Protein Standard II	500 µl	39259.01

VisiBlot Standard I covers all musts of a modern protein standard for Western blotting experiments

A set of prestained protein markers to check electrophoresis run and blotting efficiency

### SDS PAGE Gels for Western Blotting

Top resolution, efficient transfer and a sensitive detection system are the most important requirements for best results in Western blotting experiments. By applying SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ precast gels excelIent separation of your protein sample will be achieved. SERVAGe/<sup>™</sup> Neutral HSE is optimized for very short running times. Use BlueVertical<sup>™</sup> PRiME<sup>™</sup> mini slab gel unit to run SERVAGe/<sup>™</sup> precast gels.

#### SERVAGeI™ TG PRiME™ Precast Gels

High resolution

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- Available as homogeneous or gradient gel, with 10, 12 or 15 wells, or 2D well
- Laemmli buffer system, comparable separation patterns to standard Laemmli gels
- In stable plastic cassette (10 cm x 10 cm x 0.7 cm)
- Long shelf life (9 to 12 months, depending on acrylamide concentration)



1 SERVA Unstained SDS PAGE Protein Marker (cat. no. 39215) 2 E. coli extract

Gel type	15 sample wells	12 sample wells	10 sample wells	2D well	Size
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 8 %	43284.01	43260.01	43261.01	-	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 10 %	43285.01	43263.01	43264.01	-	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 12 %	43286.01	43266.01	43267.01	43268.01	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 14 %	43287.01	43269.01	43270.01	43271.01	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 4-12 %	43288.01	43273.01	43274.01	-	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 4-20 %	43289.01	43276.01	43277.01	-	10 gels
SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ 8-16 %	43290.01	43279.01	43280.01	43281.01	10 gels

- Short set-up times, gels are ready-to-use
- Separation distance: 7 cm

### SERVAGeI<sup>™</sup> Neutral HSE

- High Speed Electrophoresis (HSE) run your gel in 20 minutes
- Best suited for tank and semi-dry blotting due to lower acrylamide concentration compared to standard Laemmli gels
- Top resolution, pattern comparable to SERVAGe/™ TG PRiME™ gradient gel 4 20 %
- Long shelf life (15 months)

Product	Sample Wells	Size	Cat. no.
SERVAGe/™ Neutral HSE	10	10 gels	43246.01
SERVAGe/™ Neutral HSE	12	10 gels	43245.01
SERVAGe/™ Neutral HSE	15	10 gels	43249.01
SERVAGe/™ Neutral HSE	2D well	10 gels	43247.01



### BlueVertical<sup>™</sup> PRiME<sup>™</sup>

The BlueVertical<sup>™</sup> PRiME<sup>™</sup> is a dual mini tank system with the option to operate one or two precast gels. It accomodates SERVAGe/<sup>™</sup> TG PRiME<sup>™</sup>, all other types of SERVAGe/<sup>™</sup> and all other commercially available precast gels with an outer cassette dimension of 10 x 10 x 0.7 cm. The

fixture of the inner core unit has been reengineered to provide four robust clamps (two on both sides) which fix two precast gel cassettes properly and tightly in their correct position. When quality becomes an issue – choose BlueVertical<sup>TM</sup> PRiME<sup>TM</sup>.

Dual mini tank systems Accommodates 1 – 2 gels in cassettes with outer dimensions of 10 cm x 10 cm x 0.7 cm Unique, leak-free clamp system



Product BlueVertical<sup>™</sup> PRiME<sup>™</sup> Size Cat. no. 1 unit BV 104

SERVAGe/™ Neutral HSE gels - Best suited for Blotting

BlueVertical<sup>™</sup> PRiME<sup>™</sup>: High quality electrophoresis tank for top results in electrophoresis

### **Transfer Buffers**

### **Xpress Blotting Klt**

fast and efficient semi-dry transfer of proteins in only 15 minutes. With the ready-to-use SERVA Xpress Blotting Buffer the efficient simultaneous semi-dry blotting of high and low molecular weight proteins is possible. The use of SERVA's newly developed Blotting Fleece instead of blotting paper enables an undisturbed transfer in a

The SERVA Xpress Blotting Kits allow short time. The buffer system is compatible with nitrocellulose and PVDF membranes. Any semi-dry blotter with a capacity of 400 mA can be used. The kit includes 250 ml 10x SERVA Xpress Blotting Buffer and 20x Blotting Fleece sheets (size 80 mm x 85 mm). Kits including additionally precutted NC or PVDF membranes (10x, 80 mm x 85 mm) are available.

Fast and efficient transfer in only 15 min

Ready- to-use - no preparing of buffer or cutting of blotting papers or membranes

Blotting Fleece instead of several layers of blotting paper for undisturbed transfer

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Lane: 1: 5 µg Collagenase, 2: 2.5 µg Collagenase, 3: 1.25 µg Collagenase, 4: 0.625 µg Collagenase, 5: 0.313 µg Collagenase, 6: 0.156 µg Collagenase, 7: 78 ng Collagenase, 8: 39 ng Collagenase

### **Other Transfer Buffers**

As an alternative, for standard proce- consisting of three buffers for effidures Towbin Buffer for Western Blot- cient transfer of small and large proting and Semi-Dry Blotting Buffer Kit teins are available.

Product	Size	Cat. no.
Xpress Blotting Kit	1 kit	42662.01
Xpress NC Blotting Kit	1 kit	42663.01
Xpress PVDF Blotting Kit	1 kit	42664.01
Towbin Buffer for Western Blotting, 10x concentrated	1 L	42558.02
Semi-Dry Blotting Buffer Kit	3x 500 ml	42559.01

### Transfer Membranes

For blotting of proteins SERVA offers all types of membranes: Nitrocellulose, Nylon and PVDF.

- The "supported" nitrocellulose membranes are fibre-reinforced, enabling easier handling and cutting, stripping and repeated hybridization as well as automated immobilizing
- Nylon-Bind membranes feature low background, high sensitivity and high binding capacity
- The PVDF membranes are non-fluorescent with excellent mechanical stability and compatibility with most staining and immunological methods

Product	Pore size	Format	Size	Cat. no.
NC 2 Nitrocellulose Membrane (roll)	0.22 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	71224.01
NC 2 Nitrocellulose Membrane (sheets)	0.22 µm	20 cm x 20 cm	5 sheets	71223.01
NC 2 Supported Nitrocellulose Membrane (roll)	0.22 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	71226.01
NC 45 Nitrocellulose Membrane (roll)	0.45 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	71208.01
NC 45 Nitrocellulose Membrane (sheets)	0.45 µm	88 mm x 88 mm	10 sheets	42516.01
NC 45 Supported Nitrocellulose Membrane (roll)	0.45 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	71225.01
Nylon-Bind B Membrane, positive surface (sheets)	0.45 µm	20 cm x 20 cm	10 sheets	42570.01
Nylon-Bind B Membrane, positive surface (roll)	0.45 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	42569.01
Fluorobind Membrane, surface PVDF (roll)	0.22 µm	25 cm x 3 m	1 roll	42571.01
Fluorobind Membrane, surface PVDF (sheet)	0.22 µm	20 cm x 20 cm	10 sheets	42572.01
Immobilon <sup>™</sup> -P-Membrane (roll)	0.22 µm	26.5 cm x 3.75 m	1 roll	42574.01
Immobilon <sup>™</sup> -P-Membrane (roll)	0.45 µm	26.5 cm x 3.75 m	1 roll	42581.01
PVDF 0.2 Transfer Membrane (roll)	0.22 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	42515.01
PVDF 0.45 Transfer Membrane (roll)	0.45 µm	30 cm x 3 m	1 roll	42514.01

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## **Blocking Reagents**

It is important to block all free membrane surface areas by unspecific proteins to avoid false signals from antibodies. Mainly used as blocking agent in Western blotting are:

- Albumin bovine (BSA)
- Skim Milk powder

Product	Size	Cat. no.
	10 g	11930.01
Albumin Bovine Fraction V, pH 7.0 (BSA)	25 g	11930.02
	100 g	11930.03
	500 g	42590.01
Skim Milk Powder	1 kg	42590.02
	5 kg	42590.03

### **Detection Systems**

SERVALight HRP Chemiluminescence Kits are a family of highly sensitive ready-to-use kits for chemiluminescence detection of membrane bound antigens (Western Blot) or nucleic acid sequences (Southern and Northern Blot), labelled directly with Horseradish Peroxidase (HRP) or indirectly with HRP-conjugated antibodies/streptavidin. They are easy to use, have an excellent stability, extended signal duration and save money and precious antibodies due to high dilution of antibodies.

### SERVALight CL HRP WB Substrate Kits

- SERVALight Vega directly compatible with protocols of standard ECL western blot substrates of other vendors, no change of protocol but superior performance and less costs
- Extended signal duration all substrates show long light emission, but signal duration is optimized for SERVALight EosUltra with an outstanding light emission for 18 – 20 hours at a very high signal
- Easy to use simply mix the two components, a luminol/enhancer solution and a stabilized peroxide solution in a one-to-one ratio.
- Excellent stability at least one year stable when stored at room temperature
- Economical save money and precious antibodies due to high dilution of antibodies







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SERVA <i>Light</i> type	Signal intensity	Signal duration	Protein quantity	Detection limit	SERVA <i>Light</i> type	Primary Ab dilution	Secondary Ab dilution	Working solution stability	Concentration
Vega	Standard	Short	High abundance	Low picogram	Vega	1:100 - 1:5,000	1:1,000 - 1:15,000	5 days	
Polaris	Medium	Good	High abundance	Low picogram	Polaris	1:500 - 1:5,000	1:20,000 - 1:100,000	24 h	
Eos	High	Long	Medium abundance	High femtogram	Eos	1:1,000 - 1:15,000	1:25,000 - 1:150,000	24 h	0.1 ml/1 cm <sup>2</sup>
EosUltra	Very high	Very long	Low abundance	Mid femtogram	EosUltra	1:5,000 - 1:50,000	1:50,000 - 1:250,000	8 h	
Helios	Extreme	Moderate	Very low abundance	Low femtogram	Helios	1:5,000 - 1:100,000	1:100,000 - 1:500,000	8 h	

- Easy and safe to use, excellent stability and an extended signal duration for best results in chemilumninescence detetction
- Five different substrate kits for standard application with the Vega kit up to highest sensitivity with the Helios kit

### **Detection Reagents for Western Blotting**

Beside SERVALight kits SERVA offers reagents for protein detection in Western blot experiments.

- BCIP/NBT
  - Ready-to-use substrate for AP

Chemiluminescence reagent for HRP

- Ready-to-use substrate for HRP
- I High resolution and high sensitivity
- Short exposure time

#### TMB substrate

- 10fold concentrate
- For HRP detection

Product	Size	Cat. no.
	50 ml	42588.01
SERVALight Vega CL HRP WB Substrate Kit	250 ml	42588.02
	500 ml	42588.03
	100 ml	42584.01
SERVALight Polaris CL HRP WB Substrate Kit	250 ml	42584.02
	500 ml	42584.03
	50 ml	42585.01
SERVALight Eos CL HRP WB Substrate Kit	250 ml	42585.02
	500 ml	42585.03
	20 ml	42586.01
SERVALight EosUltra CL HRP WB Substrate Kit	100 ml	42586.02
	200 ml	42586.03
	20 ml	42587.01
SERVALight Helios CL HRP WB Substrate Kit	100 ml	42587.02
	200 ml	42587.03
BCIP/NBT Ready-to-use Substrate	100 ml	15246.01
Chemiluminescence Reagent for Horseradish Peroxidase	250 ml	42582.01
	500 ml	42582.02
TMB Ready-to-use Substrate for Blotting	100 ml	37070.01
3 3' 5 5'-Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB)	5 g	35926.02
	25 g	35926.03
Luminol	5 g	28085.01
	25 g	28085.02
5-Bromo-A-chloro-3-indolvl-phosphate:p-toluidine salt (BCIP)	100 mg	15247.02
S-bromo-4-chloro-S-maolyr-phosphate.p-tolaidine Sait (Boh )	500 mg	15247.03
	250 mg	30550.01
Nitro Blue Tetrazolium Chloride (NBT)	1 g	30550.02
	5 g	30550.03
Amido Black 10 B	25 g	12310.01
Ponceau S	5 g	33429.01
	25 g	33429.02
Ponceau S Solution for Electrophoresis	500 ml	33427.01



Human Transferrin was diluted (5 to 0.5 ng) and electrophoresis was performed. The gel was transferred to PVDF membranes, blocked and incubated with 1:20,000 rabbit anti-transferrin. After washing, the membranes were incubated with 1:100,000 of HRP-conjugated goat anti-rabbit antibody. The membrane was washed again and then incubated with SERVALight EOSUltra. Exposure time was 300 sec.

### For your convenience: NBT/BCIP substrate ready-to-use

Ponceau S for reversible staining of proteins bound to membranes

### **BlueBlot Semi-Dry Blotter**

The BlueBlot semi-dry blotter forms a homogeneous electrical field that guarantees fast and efficient transfer of proteins from gel to membrane. As associated with semi-dry blotting compared to tank blotting less heat is generated for gentle protein transfer. It is fast and requires less

buffer. By applying the Xpress blotting buffer (cat. no. 42662) semi-dry transfer of high and low molecular weight proteins is done fast and efficient within 15 minutes. Moreover, all common continuous and discontinuous buffer systems can be applied without any limitations.

Platinum-covered steel net as anode, spring-mounted Stainles steel plate as cathode Versatile blotting areas (11 cm x 11 cm, 17 cm x 17 cm, 24 cm x 26 cm) Deployable for thicker gels and blotting stacks

The anode is made from a steel net cov- the electro-chemically blotting process ered by platinum, the cathode is a stainless steel plate. The spring-mounted anode allows blotting of thicker gels and gel stacks. To avoid air bubbles within the blotting system the cathode carries drill holes to transport gas generated by

from inside to outside. The electrodes are built into a stable acrylic housing that is resistant to 10 % ethanol and easy to clean. The long-lasting electrodes can be detached and cleaned separately.

Product	Blot Area	Size	Cat. no.
BlueBlot Semi-Dry Blotter SD 11	11 cm x 11 cm	1 unit	BB-SD11
BlueBlot Semi-Dry Blotter SD 17	17 cm x 17 cm	1 unit	BB-SD17
BlueBlot Semi-Dry Blotter SD 26	24 cm x 26 cm	1 unit	BB-SD26
Electrode Set for BB-SD11	11 cm x 11 cm	1 unit	BB-E11
Electrode Set for BB-SD17	17 cm x 17 cm	1 unit	BB-E17



The BlueBlot Semi-Dry Blotter consists of a spring-mounted anode and a drill holes carrying cathode made from stainless steel. The housing is closed with the lid and secured by a newly developed rotating device mechanism. Due to the design of the cable pins wrong connection is excluded.



Best blot results for small and large proteins.



### Additional Instruments for Western Blotting

#### **Gravity Blotter**

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The SERVA Gravity Blotter allows to blot film-based IEF, SDS PAGE and 2D gels at high efficiency. The unit consists of a base plate with a transfer area of 14 x 29 cm. The pressure is provided by aluminum plates that are placed on top of the blotting stack. The results are comparable to tank or semi-dry transfer methods. Transfer time is 4 h or overnight.





#### **MP Power Supply**

The MP-3AP power supply easily handles all your blotting applications including large format gels up to 24 cm x 26 cm. MP-3AP is fully programmable, offering up to 6 multi-step settings and saving up to 30 programs (300 V, 3000 mA, 300 W, 4 pairs of outlet terminators). For blotting of mini gels the MP 300 V Power Supply (300 V, 700 mA, 150 W, 4 pairs of outlet terminators) is best suited and less expensive than the MP-3AP.

#### **BIO-5000P**

The BIO-5000 Plus VIS Gel Scanner is a dual platform scanner specially designed for scanning of electrophoresis gels and blots by visual detection. It is equipped with energy-saving LEDs and an optical CCD whose resolution is up to 4,800 dpi.





#### GeneGnome

The GeneGnome XRQ is dedicated to chemiluminescence imaging. A very simple set-up process means a single click will automatically capture a quality image of any Western blot. Built-in white light LEDs are included so that coloured markers can be imaged.

Product	Size	Cat. no.
Gravity Blotter	1 unit	GB-14X29
MP 3AP Power Supply	1 unit	MP-3AP
MP 300 V Power Supply	1 unit	MP-300V
Bio-5000 Plus VIS Gel Scanner	1 unit	Bio-5000P
GeneGnome XRQ-NPC	1 unit	GGNOME-XRQ-NPC



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