BLOTTING

Trans-Blot Turbo Transfer System RTA Transfer Kits

Quick Start Guide

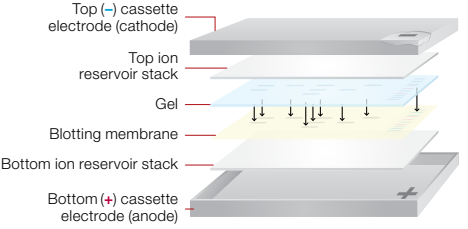
Instructions for Using Ready-to-Assemble Kits

Kit Contents

- 40 membranes (nitrocellulose, PVDF, or LF PVDF)
- 80 transfer stacks (1 stack comprises 7 layers of filter pads)
- 2 gel trays for wetting and equilibrating membranes and transfer stacks
- 5x transfer buffer (1 L for mini-sized kit, 2 L for midi-sized kit)

Instructions

1. Prepare 1 liter of 1x transfer buffer by mixing 200 ml of 5x transfer buffer with 600 ml of nanopure water and 200 ml of ethanol (reagent grade ~85% or molecular biology grade ~95–98% purity).
2. Wet and equilibrate membrane and two transfer stacks.
   - **Nitrocellulose membrane** — immerse in 30 ml of 1x transfer buffer for 2–3 min
   - **PVDF and LF PVDF membranes** — immerse in 100% methanol or ethanol until membrane is translucent, then transfer to a gel tray containing 30 ml of 1x transfer buffer. Ensure that membrane is submerged. Equilibrate membrane for 2–3 min
   - **Transfer stacks** — immerse 2 stacks separated by blue sheets in a gel tray containing 50 ml of transfer buffer for 2–3 min
3. Place one wetted stack on bottom of cassette. This will serve as the bottom ion reservoir stack.
4. Place wetted membrane on top of wetted stack in the cassette.
5. Place gel on membrane.
   - Do not equilibrate the gel before transfer
   - If needed, remove any air bubbles with blot roller
   - 2 mini gels: place foot of gel toward the center
6. Place second wetted transfer stack on top of gel. This will serve as the top ion reservoir stack.
   - Roll the assembled sandwich with the blot roller to expel trapped air bubbles
   - Do not add extra transfer buffer to the cassette; saturated transfer stacks provide ample buffer. Once assembled, remove excess transfer buffer by inverting the cassette base with the assembled stack and hold over a waste container for a few seconds
7. Close and lock cassette lid. Insert the cassette in the instrument and begin transfer.



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	Acceptable*		Not Acceptable*	
Combination	**1**	**2**	**1**	**2**
Upper bay A	1 mini gel	2 mini gels or 1 midi gel	1 mini gel	2 mini gels or 1 midi gel
Lower bay B	1 mini gel	2 mini gels or 1 midi gel	2 mini gels or 1 midi gel	1 mini gel

* Conditions hold if trays are swapped.

Bio-Rad Preprogrammed Protocols

Protocol Name	MW, kD	Time, min	2 Mini Gels or 1 Midi Gel	1 Mini Gel
STANDARD SD	Any	30	Up to 1.0 A; 25 V constant	
1.5 MM GEL	Any	10	2.5 A constant; up to 25 V	1.3 A constant; up to 25 V
HIGH MW	>150	10		
LOW MW	<30	5		
MIXED MW*	5–150	7		
1 Mini TGX*	5–150	3	N/A	2.5 A constant; up to 25 V

* Also accessed via the TURBO navigation button.

Notes

- It is essential to prepare the 1x transfer buffer using ethanol as described in step 1
- Gels do not require equilibration and can be transferred immediately after electrophoresis
- Assembled sandwiches will be warm after transfer. Avoid drying the membrane during sandwich assembly
- Clean and inspect the instrument and cassette after each use for damage. Contact Bio-Rad technical support if any damage is noted

Ordering Information

Catalog #	Description
1704270	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Mini Nitrocellulose Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots
1704271	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Midi Nitrocellulose Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots
1704272	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Mini PVDF Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots
1704273	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Midi PVDF Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots
1704274	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Mini LF PVDF Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots
1704275	**Trans-Blot Turbo RTA Midi LF PVDF Transfer Kit**, for 40 blots

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