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IsoFast™ Bst Mix

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Product description

IsoFast™ Bst Mix is a convenient, ready-to-use 2x mix containing the versatile IsoFast™ Bst Polymerase enzyme.

IsoFast™ Bst Polymerase is a recombinant protein expressed in *E. coli* and represents the large fragment of *Geobacillus stearothermophilus* (formerly known as *Bacillus stearothermophilus*) DNA Polymerase. This portion of the protein maintains the protein 5' to 3' polymerase activity but lacks the 5' to 3' exonuclease activity.¹

IsoFast™ Bst Polymerase displays strong strand displacement activity and the mix is suitable for nucleic acid amplification methods such as whole genome amplification, multiple displacement amplification and isothermal amplification. We recommend a reaction temperature of 65°C, however IsoFast™ Bst Mix works well over a broad temperature range, from 55°C to 70°C. It is heat inactivated at 80°C.

Designed for fast amplification speed, IsoFast™ Bst Mix gives rapid and consistent results across different target sequences and sample types. The mix includes an advanced buffer system to ensure high yield and performance even under difficult conditions.

Real-time detection with any qPCR thermocycler can be achieved by adding the supplied 20x Fluorescent Dye to the reaction.

1. Mead DA, McClary JA, Luckey JA, Kostichka AJ, Witney FR, Smith LM. Bst DNA polymerase permits rapid sequence analysis from nanogram amounts of template. *Biotechniques*. 1991 Jul;11(1):76-8, 80, 82-87.

Component	100 Reactions	500 Reactions
2x IsoFast Bst Mix	1 x 1.25mL	5 x 1.25mL
20x Fluorescent Dye	1 x 125µL	1 x 625µL

Shipping and storage

On arrival the kit should be stored between -30°C and -15°C. Avoid prolonged exposure to light. If stored correctly the kit will retain full activity for 12 months.

We recommend aliquoting the enzyme at the first use to avoid more than 10 freeze/thaw cycles. All other components of the kit can go through 30 freeze/thaw cycles with no loss of activity. Please keep the components cold while in use.

Limitations of product use

The product may be used for in vitro research purposes only.

Technical support

Help and support is available on our website at <https://pcrbio.com/resources/> including answers to frequently asked technical questions. For technical support and troubleshooting you can submit a technical enquiry online, or alternatively email technical@pcrbio.com with the following information:

- Amplicon size
- Reaction setup
- Reaction conditions
- Screen grabs or images of amplification results

Important considerations

2x IsoFast Bst Mix: The 2x mix contains 6mM MgSO₄, 3.2mM dNTPs, enhancers and stabilizers and IsoFast Bst Polymerase. The mix composition has been optimised to maximise the rate of amplification.

Example usage: Strand displacement

Reaction temperature	Reaction time	Deactivation temperature	Deactivation time
Recommended: 65°C Optimal range: 55-70°C	30-60 minutes	80°C	10 minutes

Example usage: Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP)

1. Allow each components to reach room temperature, then briefly vortex.
2. Prepare a master mix based on the following table. Reactions should be set up on ice:

Reagent	25µL reaction	Final concentration	Notes
2x IsoFast Bst Mix	12.50µL	1x	
20x Fluorescent Dye	1.25µL	1x	
10x Primer set	2.50µL	1x	We recommend a predicted melting temperature of around 60°C using default Primer Explorer v5 settings. A primer set can be prepared with all 4 or 6 (if you include Loop) primers. A 10x primer set should contain: 16µM FIP, 16µM BIP, 2µM F3, 2µM B3, 4-8µM LoopF, 4-8µM LoopB in TE Buffer or water.
Template DNA	Variable		
PCR grade dH ₂ O	Up to 25µL final volume		

3. Incubate at 65°C for 30 minutes. Time can be extended and temperature can be modified (between 55°C and 70°C) as necessary for low copy targets, challenging templates, or whenever amplification times have been reported to be slow.

If a qPCR instrument is used for signal detection, follow the reaction using the FAM channel, acquiring data every 10-15 seconds. If final products are to be analysed after the reaction is complete, the enzyme can be inactivated by heating at 80°C for 10 minutes.

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