

## PerfeCta® SYBR® Green FastMix® for iQ™

Cat. No.	95071-250	Size:	250 x 20- $\mu$ L reactions (2 x 1.25 mL)
	95071-012		1250 x 20- $\mu$ L reactions (10 x 1.25 mL)
	95071-05K		5000 x 20- $\mu$ L reactions (1 x 50 mL)

Store at -20°C protected from light

### Description

PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ is a 2X concentrated, ready-to-use reaction cocktail that contains all components, except primers and template for real-time quantitative PCR (qPCR) on Bio-Rad iCycler iQ® systems. This unique combination of proprietary buffer, stabilizers, and AccuFast™ Taq DNA polymerase deliver maximum PCR efficiency, sensitivity, specificity and robust fluorescent signal using fast, or conventional, cycling protocols with SYBR Green qPCR.

Highly specific amplification is crucial to successful qPCR with SYBR Green I dye technology because this dye binds to and detects any dsDNA generated during amplification. AccuFast Taq DNA polymerase contains a proprietary mixture of monoclonal antibodies that bind to the polymerase and keep it inactive prior to the initial PCR denaturation step (> 48 hours at room temperature). Activation of AccuFast Taq is instantaneous at 95°C. Rapid recovery of fully active, unmodified Taq DNA polymerase is critical for efficient extension kinetics. Replication of fragments up to 200 bp is complete in less than 20s at 60°C.

### Instrument Compatibility

Different real-time PCR systems employ different strategies for the normalization of fluorescent signals and correction of well-to-well optical variations. It is critical to match the appropriate qPCR reagent to your specific instrument. PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ contains fluorescein for experimental plate well factor collection on iCycler iQ real-time detection systems or the MyiQ™ detection system. Please consult the following table, or visit our web site at [www.quantabio.com](http://www.quantabio.com) to find the optimal kit for your instrument platform.

Reagent	Cat Nos	Compatible Real-Time PCR Systems
PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix, ROX	95073-250, 95073-012, 95073-05K	Applied Biosystems 7000, 7300, 7700, 7900, 7900HT, 7900HT Fast, StepOne™, StepOnePlus™
PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix, Low ROX	95074-250, 95074-012, 95074-05K	Applied Biosystems 7500, 7500 Fast, ViiA™ 7 Stratagene MX4000™, MX3005P™, MX3000P™
PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ	95071-250, 95071-012, 95071-05K	Bio-Rad iCycler iQ®, iQ™5, MyiQ™
PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix	95072-250, 95072-012, 95072-05K	Bio-Rad CFX96™, CFX384™, Opticon™, MiniOpticon™, Chromo4™ Cepheid Smart Cycler®; Qiagen/Corbett Rotor-Gene® Eppendorf Mastercycler® ep realplex Roche Applied Science LightCycler® 480

### Components

PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ (2X): 2X reaction buffer containing optimized concentrations of MgCl<sub>2</sub>, dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP), AccuFast Taq DNA Polymerase, SYBR Green I dye, 20 nM fluorescein, and stabilizers.

### Storage and Stability

PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ is stable for 1 year when stored in a constant temperature freezer at -20°C, protected from light. It may be stored unfrozen at +2 to +8°C for up to 6 months. After thawing, mix thoroughly by gently vortexing before using.

Repeated freezing and thawing is not recommended; however, the product demonstrated no loss of performance after 20 freeze-thaw cycles or 2 months at +20°C.

### Guidelines for Fast Cycle SYBR Green qPCR

- The design of highly specific primers is the single most important parameter for successful real-time PCR with SYBR Green I dye. The use of computer aided primer design programs is encouraged in order to minimize the potential for internal secondary structure and complementation at 3'-ends within each primer and the primer pair. PerfeCta SYBR Green FastMix for iQ can readily amplify fragments between 400 and 500 bp; however, to take full advantage of fast cycling protocols, amplicon size should be limited to less than 150 bp. Optimal results may require titration of primer concentration between 100 and 500 nM. A final concentration of 300 nM for each primer is effective for most reactions.
- Preparation of a reaction cocktail is recommended to reduce pipetting errors and maximize assay precision. Assemble the reaction cocktail with all required components except sample template (genomic DNA or cDNA) and dispense equal aliquots into each reaction tube. Add the DNA template to each reaction as the final step. Addition of samples as 5 to 10- $\mu$ L volumes will improve assay precision.
- Suggested input quantities of template are: cDNA corresponding to 1 pg to 100 ng of total RNA; 100 pg to 100 ng genomic DNA

## Reaction Assembly

Component	Volume for 20- $\mu$ L rxn.	Final Concentration
PerfeCt <sub>a</sub> SYBR Green FastMix for iQ (2X)	10.0 $\mu$ L	1x
Forward primer	variable	100 – 500 nM
Reverse primer	variable	100 – 500 nM
Nuclease-free water	variable	
Template	5 – 10 $\mu$ L	variable
Final Volume ( $\mu$ L)	20 $\mu$ L	

Final reaction volume may vary from 10 to 50  $\mu$ L, scale all components proportionally.

After sealing each reaction, vortex gently to mix contents. Centrifuge briefly to collect components at the bottom of the reaction tube.

## PCR Cycling Protocol

	Fast 2-Step Cycling	Fast 3-Step Cycling	Standard Cycling
Initial denaturation:	95°C, 30s *	95°C, 30s *	95°C, 2-3 min *
PCR cycling (30-45 cycles):	95°C, 3 to 5s	95°C, 3 to 5s	95°C, 10 to 15s
		55 to 65°C, 15 s	
Collect data at end of extension step	60°C, 20 to 30s †	68°C, 10s †	60°C, 30 to 60s †
Melt Curve (dissociation stage)	Refer to instrument instructions (optional)		

\* Full activation of AccuFast Taq DNA polymerase occurs within 1 second at 95°C; however, optimal initial denaturation time is *template dependent* and will affect qPCR efficiency and sensitivity. Amplification of genomic DNA or supercoiled plasmid DNA targets may require 5 to 10 min at 95°C to fully denature and fragment the template. Short double-stranded DNA template (PCR product) or single-stranded DNA template, may require as little as 1s at 95°C. Use 30s at 95°C as a general starting point.

† Extension time is dependent upon amplicon length and minimal data collection time requirement for your qPCR instrument. Some primer sets may require a 3-step cycling protocol for optimal performance. Optimal annealing temperature and time or primer concentration may need to be empirically determined for any given primer set and real-time instrument.

## Quality Control

Kit components are free of contaminating DNase and RNase. PerfeCt<sub>a</sub> SYBR Green FastMix for iQ is functionally tested in qPCR. Kinetic analysis must demonstrate linear resolution over six orders of dynamic range ( $r^2 > 0.995$ ) and a PCR efficiency  $> 90\%$ .

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