



# RealMasterMix™ Fast Probe Kit

For quantitative fast-cycling real-time PCR using sequence-specific probes

## Product specifications

### Product description

RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit is a 2X concentrated, ready-to-use reaction mix that contains all required reaction components, except primers, probe(s) and template for real-time quantitative PCR systems using sequence-specific probes that do not require an internal reference dye. The light blue color of the RealBlue dye simplifies reaction assembly in white, or clear, plates and helps to minimize pipetting and mixing errors. The RealBlue dye does not interfere with qPCR performance.

### Product limitations

RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit is developed, designed, and sold for research purposes only. It is not to be used for human diagnostic or drug purposes or to be administered to humans unless expressly cleared for that purpose by the Food and Drug Administration in the USA or the appropriate regulatory authorities in the country of use. All due care and attention should be exercised in the handling of the materials described in this text.

### Materials supplied

Kit	Catalog no.	Size
RealMasterMix Fast SYBR Kit - 250 Rxn	2200740	2 x 1.25 ml
RealMasterMix Fast SYBR Kit - 2500 Rxn	2200750	20 x 1.25 ml

The RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit contains optimized concentrations of MgCl<sub>2</sub>, dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP), SpeedAB *Taq* Polymerase, RealBlue dye, and stabilizers.

### Storage and stability

The RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit is shipped on dry ice, but retains full activity at 20°C for up to 2 months.

RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit is stable until the expiration date indicated on the kit label if it is stored in a constant temperature freezer at -20°C. The product can be stored at 2-8°C, but this will reduce the shelf life of the product to one fourth.

After thawing, mix thoroughly by gently vortexing before using. The product retains full functional performance after repeated free-thaw cycles.

### Safety information

All due care and attention should be exercised in the handling of this product. We recommend all users of 5 PRIME products to adhere to the NIH guidelines that have been developed for recombinant DNA experiments, or to other applicable guidelines. Specifically, always wear a suitable lab coat, disposable gloves, and protective goggles when working with chemicals.

Neither of the vials contains hazardous substances in reportable quantities. The usual precautions taken when handling chemicals should be observed. Used reagents can be disposed of in waste water in accordance with local regulations. In case of eye contact, flush eyes with water. In case of skin contact, wash off with water. In case of ingestion, seek medical advice.

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5 PRIME products are manufactured using quality chemicals and materials that meet our high standards. All product components are subjected to rigorous quality assurance testing process:

- **Component testing:** each component is tested to ensure the composition and quality meet stated specifications.
- **Performance testing:** each product is tested to ensure it meets the stated performance specification.

Additional quality information is available from [www.5PRIME.com](http://www.5PRIME.com). Certificate of analysis sheets for 5 PRIME products and 5 PRIME product components can be obtained on request.

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## Protocol

### Product principle

The RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit provides rapid real-time quantification of DNA and cDNA targets in an easy-to-handle format. RealMaster Mix Fast Probe Kit can be used for fast, or conventional, cycling protocols.

Ultimate sensitivity and maximum PCR efficiency using a variety of fluorogenic probe chemistries, including TaqMan® hydrolysis probes, are achieved by the use of proprietary buffer, stabilizers, and SpeedAB Taq Polymerase. The SpeedAB Taq 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 h at RT). For efficient extension kinetics and maximum yield the rapid recovery of fully active, unmodified Taq DNA Polymerase is critical. The SpeedAB Taq Polymerase is fully inactive at room temperature and is activated instantaneously at 95°C. This enables convenient reaction set up at room temperature with specific and efficient primer extension during the cycling. Replication of fragments up to 200 bp is complete in less than 20s at 60°C.

The Speed AB Taq Polymerase is free of detectable *E. coli* DNA<sup>5</sup>.

It is critical to match the appropriate reference dye to each specific optical detection system, because different real-time PCR systems employ different strategies for the normalization of fluorescent signals and correction of well-to-well optical variations. The RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit does not contain an internal reference dye.

<sup>5</sup> Testing of bulk enzyme for residual *E. coli* genomic DNA is validated to be less than 1 copy / unit.

Reagent	Rxns	Order No	Compatible Real-Time PCR Systems
RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit	250	2200740	Bio-Rad CFX96™, CFX384™, iCycler iQ™, iQ™5, MyiQ™, MiniOpticon™, Opticon®, Opticon 2, Chromo4™; Cepheid SmartCycler®; Eppendorf Mastercycler® ep realplex, realplex 2 s; Illumina Eco qPCR, Qiagen /Corbett Rotor-Gene® Q, Rotor-Gene® 3000, Rotor-Gene® 6000; Roche Applied Science LightCycler™ 480; Thermo Scientific PikoReal Cyler
	2500	2200750	
RealMasterMix Fast Probe ROX Kit	250	2200760	Applied Biosystems 5700, 7000, 7300, 7700, 7900, 7900HT, 7900HT Fast; StepOne™, StepOnePlus™
	2500	2200770	
RealMasterMix Fast Probe Low ROX Kit	250	2200780	Applied Biosystems 7500, 7500 Fast, ViiA™7; Stratagene MX4000™, MX3005P™, MX3000P™
	2500	2200790	

### Guidelines for Fast Cycle qPCR

- The single most important parameter for successful real-time PCR is the design of highly specific primers and probes. In order to minimize the potential for internal secondary structure and complementation at 3'-ends within each primer, the primer pair, and primer/probe combination the use of computer aided primer design programs is beneficial. For best results, amplicon size should be limited to 65 – 200 bp. A final concentration of 300 nM for each primer and 100 to 250 nM probe is effective for most reactions. However, optimal results may require titration of primer concentration between 100 and 900 nM.
- To reduce pipetting errors and maximize assay precision the preparation of a reaction cocktail is recommended. Dispense equal aliquots into each reaction tube. After assembling the reaction cocktail with all required components except sample template (genomic DNA or cDNA), add the DNA template to each reaction as the final step. Addition of samples as 2 to 5 µL volumes will improve assay precision.
- Recommended input quantities of template for cDNA corresponding to 1 pg to 100 ng of total RNA, or 10 pg to 1 µg genomic DNA.

### Reaction setup

Component	Volume for 20 µl Rxn	Final Concentration
RealMasterMix Fast Probe Kit (2X)	10 µl	1x
Forward primer	variable	100 – 900 nM
Reverse primer	variable	100 – 900 nM
Probe	variable	100 – 250 nM
Nuclease-free water	variable	
Template	2 – 5 µl	variable
Final Volume (µl)	20 µl	

Final reaction volume may vary from 10 to 50 µl, scale all components proportionally. After sealing each reaction, vortex gently to mix contents and centrifuge briefly to collect components at the bottom of the reaction tube.

### PCR cycling conditions

	Fast 2-Step Cycling	Fast 3-Step Cycling	Standard Cycling
Initial denaturation:	95°C, 30 s*	95°C, 30 s*	95°C, 2-3 min*
PCR cycling (30-45 cycles):	95°C, 3 to 5 s	95°C, 3 to 5 s	95°C, 10 to 15 s
		55 to 65°C, 15 s	
	60°C, 20 to 30 s <sup>†</sup>	68 to 72°C, 10 s <sup>†</sup>	60°C, 30 to 60 s <sup>†</sup>

The appropriate step for fluorescent data collection varies for different probe assay formats. For 5'-nuclease probe assays (TaqMan probe) data collection should be carried out at the end of the extension step. With hybridization probe assays (HybProbe® FRET hybridization probes, Molecular Beacons, Solaris® qPCR Assays, Scorpions® primers, etc.) use the annealing step for data collection. End-point analysis should be carried out at a suitable temperature for your detection probe chemistry.

\* Although, the full activation of the SpeedAB Taq Polymerase occurs within 1 second at 95°C the qPCR efficiency and sensitivity will be affected also by the optimal denaturation time, which is template dependent. 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 1 s at 95°C. Use 30 s at 95°C as a general starting point.

<sup>†</sup> Extension depends on amplicon length and minimal data collection time requirement for your qPCR instrument. Use 30 s at 60°C as a general starting point. Some assay designs and/or detection chemistries 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.

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