iBind[™] Western System

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Instructions for using the iBind[™] Western Device in a western blot workflow are described below. For detailed instructions and guidance on optimizing results, refer to the manual available from **thermofisher.com/ibind**.

General Guidelines

- Store membranes in iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution, in distilled water, or dry.
- If you mark your membrane with ink, mark the membrane near the low molecular weight region.
- **Important!** Make sure that the wells are not positioned over the membrane when the lid of the iBind[™] device is closed.
- Do not move the iBind[™] device or open the lid until the incubation is complete (2.5 hours to overnight).
- Perform the western detection protocol according to the following steps:
 - Prepare 1X iBind[™] Solution (HRP or AP detection) or 1X iBind[™] FD Solution (fluorescent detection).
 - Prepare membrane (membranes should only be blocked with iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution).
 - Prepare diluted antibody solutions.
 - Perform western blot procedure and detection.

Prepare solutions





* For the Optional 1X iBind[™] FD Solution, add 300 μL 100X Additive, and 1.5 mL iBind[™] FD 5X Buffer to 28.2 mL distilled water.

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Component	HRP detection
1X iBind [™] Sol'n	2 mL
2° Antibody	Final antibody concentration at 5X the manufacturer's recommended dilution.
Component	Novex [™] AP Detection Kit only
1X iBind™ Sol'n	2 mL
Anti-Mouse 2° Antibody	 2 μL (1:1000 dilution)
OR	
Anti-Rabbit 2° Antibody	1 μL (1:2000 dilution)
Component	Fluorescent detection
1X iBind™ FD Sol'n	2 mL
iBind [™] FD 10% SDS	10 µL
Alexa Fluor™ 680 OR	 1 μL (1:2000 dilution)
IRDye [™] 680LT	 0.5 µL (1:4000 dilution)
■ Alexa Fluor [™] 790 OR	 1 μL (1:2000 dilution)
■ IRDye [™] 800CW	 0.67 μL (1:3000 dilution)

Table 1.1 Prepare primary antibody solutions

Component	HRP detection
1X iBind [™] Sol'n	2 mL
1° Antibody	Final antibody concentration equal to the manufacturer's recommended dilution.
Component	Novex [®] AP Detection Kit only
1X iBind™ Sol'n	2 mL
1° Antibody	Final antibody concentration equal to the manufacturer's recommended dilution.
Component	Fluorescent detection
1X iBind™ FD Sol'n	2 mL
1° Antibody	Final antibody concentration equal to the manufacturer's recommended dilution.



Description of parts



Western blot procedure



- Immerse blotted membrane in 5 mL 1X iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution.
- 2. Dilute antibodies right after wetting the membrane (refer to Table 1).



 Place the iBind[™] Card on the stage and pipette 5 mL of 1X iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution evenly across the Flow Region.

Note: Do not wet the Stack.



4. Add 1 mL of 1X iBind[™]/ iBind[™] FD Solution so that it pools at the center of the membrane region on the iBind[™] Card.



 Place the membrane on top of the pooled solution with the protein-side down, and the low molecular weight region closest to the stack.





Table 2

Add solutions in the following order:
 Well 1: 2 mL diluted 1° antibody
 Well 2: 2 mL iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution
 Well 3: 2 mL diluted 2° antibody
 Well 4: 6 mL iBind[™]/iBind[™] FD Solution

- **6.** Use the Blotting Roller to remove any air bubbles.
- 7. Close the lid and add solutions sequentially to the iBind[™] Wells starting with Well 1 (see Table 2).
- 8. Place the window cover over the viewing window, and close the well cover. Incubate 2.5 h to overnight.
- 9. Rinse the membrane in water and proceed to immunodetection protocol.

Maintenance

Rinse the iBind[™] Western Device under running water after each use and allow the device to dry before additional usage. Store the iBind[™] Western Device with the latch unlocked, and the lid open.

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