



# RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix Green

High ROX™



Cat. No.: A325402 400 Reactions (25 µl)

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ID No.	5000830	
Colour code	Amber	
A325402	4 x 1.25 ml	

#### Introduction

The RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix Green with high ROX<sup>™</sup> is a single-tube 2x reagent including all components necessary to perform real-time DNA amplification for DNA-binding dye based PCR. Just add your primers and DNA. The ROX<sup>™</sup> internal reference dye level is optimized for real-time instruments that require high ROX<sup>™</sup> as internal reference dye. See *instrument capability*.

Detection limit of RealQ Plus Green with high ROX™ is approximately 1 copy. Quantification limit is approximately 24 copies (~0.08 ng of human gDNA, correlating to 12 diploid genomes, with 2 gene copy per diploid genome).

Real-time PCR is an important tool for SNP and gene expression analysis.

Composition of RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix Green, High ROX™:

- TEMPase Hot Start DNA Polymerase
- Optimized buffer system including dNTPs, fluorescent dye and ROX™ reference dye

# **Recommended Storage and stability**

Long term storage at -20  $^{\circ}$ C. Product expiry at -20  $^{\circ}$ C is stated on the label.

Option: Store at +4 °C for up to 3 months.

#### **Quality Control**

TEMPase Hot Start DNA Polymerase is tested for contaminating activities, with no traces of endonuclease activity, nicking activity or exonuclease activity. The RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix Green with high ROX™ is functionally tested for efficiency and absence of contaminating human genomic DNA.

# **Pre-protocol Considerations**

#### **ROX™** Reference Dye

 $\mathsf{ROX}^\mathsf{TM}$  is used as passive reference dye to compensate for non-PCR related variations in the fluorescence. The  $\mathsf{ROX}^\mathsf{TM}$  fluorescence does not change during the course of the PCR reaction nor does it influence the PCR reaction. It provides a stable baseline to which samples are normalized.

#### PCR Primers

It is important - especially in fluorescent DNA dye based quantitative PCR applications - to minimize the formation of non-specific amplification products. Particularly at low target concentration it is important to use the lowest possible primer concentration without compromising the efficiency of the PCR. The optimal concentration of primer pairs is the lowest concentration that results in the lowest  $C_{\rm q}$  and an adequate fluorescence for a given target concentration with minimal or no formation of primer-dimers. The optimal concentrations of upstream and downstream primers are not always of equal molarity. Optimal concentrations of primers are in the range of 100 nM to 800 nM.

### **Preventing Template Cross-Contamination**

Due to the high sensitivity of quantitative PCR there is a risk of contaminating the reactions with the products of previous runs. To minimize this risk, tubes or plates containing reaction products should not be opened or analysed by gel electrophoresis in the same laboratory area used to set up reactions.

Instrument compatibility: Real-time instruments which require high ROX™ such as: Applied Biosystems® 5700, 7000, 7300, 7700, 7900, 7900 HT, StepOne™ and StepOnePlus™.

#### **Protocol**

#### Note:

- Prior to the experiment, it is crucial to carefully optimize experimental conditions and to include controls at every stage. See pre-protocol considerations for details.
- Thaw the RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix. Following initial thawing of the master mix, store the unused portion at +4 °C. Important: Multiple freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided. Solutions containing Green DNA dye should be protected from light whenever possible.
- 1. Prepare the experimental reaction by adding the components in the order shown in table 1.

Table 1. Reaction components (reaction mix and template DNA)

Component	Vol./reaction*	Final concentration*
RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix	12.5 μΙ	1x
Primer A (10 μM)	0.5 μl (0.25 – 2 μl)	0.2 μM (0.1 – 0.8 μM)**
Primer B (10 μM)	0.5 μl (0.25 – 2 μl)	0.2 μM (0.1 – 0.8 μM)**
PCR-grade H <sub>2</sub> O	ΧμΙ	-
Template DNA	ΧμΙ	genomic DNA: 20 ng (1 – 100 ng) plasmid DNA: 0.5 ng (0.1 – 1 ng) bacterial DNA: 5 ng (1 – 10 ng)
TOTAL volume***	25 μΙ	-

- \* Suggested starting conditions; theoretically used conditions in brackets.
- \*\* Optimization of primer concentrations is highly recommended.
- \*\*\* If using smaller reaction volumes, scale all components proportionally. Reaction volumes < 10  $\mu$ l is not recommended. Smaller reaction volumes decrease signal intensity.
- Gently mix without creating bubbles\* (do not vortex).
  - \* Bubbles interfere with detection of fluorescence.
- 3. Place the reaction in the instrument and run the appropriate program according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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# **Three-step PCR Program**

Cycles	Duration of cycle	Temperature
<b>1</b> <sup>a</sup>	15 minutes	95 °C
40	15 – 30 seconds <sup>b</sup>	95 °C
	30 seconds <sup>c</sup>	55 – 65 °C <sup>d</sup>
	30 seconds	72 °C

# **Two-step PCR Program**

Cycles	Duration of cycle	Temperature
1 <sup>a</sup>	15 minutes	95 °C
40	15 – 30 seconds <sup>b</sup>	95 °C
	60 seconds <sup>c</sup>	55 – 65 °C <sup>d</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a.</sup> For activation of the TEMPase hot start enzyme.

# **Related Products**

Real-time PCR Master Mixes (400 x 25 µl reactions)	Cat. No.
RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix for probe,	
<ul> <li>without ROX<sup>™</sup></li> </ul>	A313402
<ul> <li>with low ROX<sup>™</sup></li> </ul>	A314402
<ul> <li>with high ROX<sup>™</sup></li> </ul>	A315402
RealQ Plus 2x Master Mix Green	
<ul> <li>without ROX<sup>™</sup></li> </ul>	A323402
• with low ROX <sup>TM</sup>	A324402
with high ROX <sup>™</sup>	A325402

ROX and PCR Grade Water	Cat. No.
ROX Internal Reference Dye 200 μM, 3 x 0.2 ml	A351513
PCR Grade Water, 6 x 5 ml	A351513

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b. Denaturation time is varying between thermocyclers.

c. Set the qPCR instrument to detect and report fluorescence during the annealing/extension step of each cycle.

d. Choose an appropriate annealing temperature for the primer set used.