

Standards for  
**Electrophoresis and Blotting**

A Wide Range for All Applications



# A Wide Range of Standards

Bio-Rad's standards provide an excellent means of monitoring electrophoresis and blotting experiments. Bio-Rad has formulated and blended a variety of protein standards for a large range of applications, including SDS-PAGE, western blotting, 2-D PAGE, and isoelectric focusing (IEF). These standards can be used for gel and blot orientation, to monitor transfer efficiency, and for molecular weight (MW) estimation and determination.

The variety of standards available from Bio-Rad can be divided into the following general categories:

## SDS-PAGE and Western Blotting Standards

- Recombinant prestained protein standards
- Recombinant unstained protein standards
- Natural prestained SDS-PAGE protein standards
- Natural unstained SDS-PAGE protein standards

## Specialty Standards

- Protein standards for IEF
- Protein standards for 2-D SDS-PAGE

**Bio-Rad's protein standard selection guide.**

Application	Recombinant	Natural							
	Precision Plus Protein™ all blue, dual color, Kaleidoscope™, and unstained	Prestained SDS-PAGE high, low, and broad range	Kaleidoscope prestained and polypeptide	SDS-PAGE high, low, and broad range	Biotinylated SDS-PAGE high, low, and broad range	Silver stain SDS-PAGE high and low range	IEF	2-D SDS-PAGE	Unstained polypeptide
<b>Electrophoresis</b>									
SDS-PAGE	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○
Peptide electrophoresis	○	○	●*	○	○	○	○	○	●
IEF	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	○	○
2-D electrophoresis	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○
MW determination	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	●
MW estimation	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	○	●
Silver staining	○**	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	○
<b>Blotting</b>									
Transfer efficiency	●***	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○
Immunodetection compatibility	●**	○	○	○	●	○	○	○	○
Catalog numbers, in order listed above	161-0373 161-0374 161-0375 161-0363	161-0309 161-0305 161-0318	161-0324 161-0325	161-0303 161-0304 161-0317	161-0311 161-0306 161-0319	161-0315 161-0314	161-0310	161-0320	161-0326

● = Good  
○ = Acceptable  
○ = Not applicable

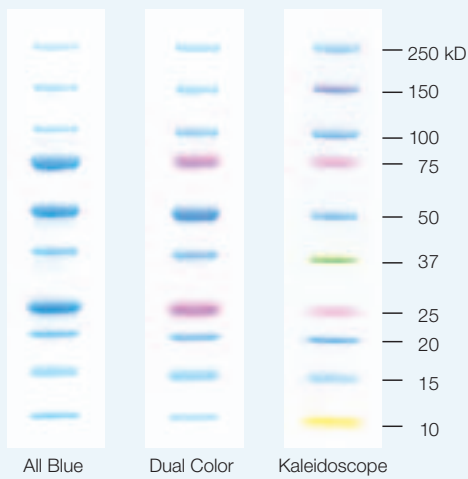
\* Polypeptide standards only  
\*\* Unstained standards only  
\*\*\* All blue, dual color, and Kaleidoscope standards only

## Recombinant Prestained Protein Standards

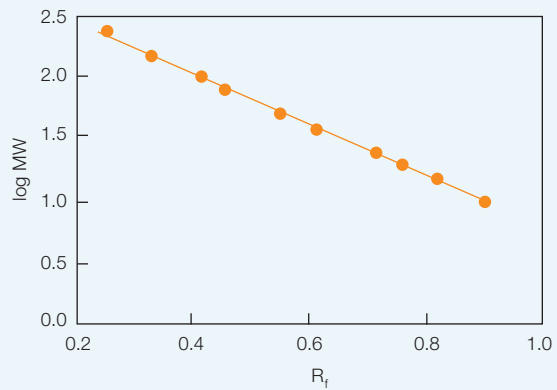


Bio-Rad offers a complete family of Precision Plus Protein prestained standards, including all blue, dual color, and Kaleidoscope options. All standards show the same pattern, with only minimal shift, and can be used for MW determination of unknown proteins in gels and on blots. Precision Plus Protein prestained standards offer:

- Exceptional linearity ( $r^2 > 0.99$ ) for determining MW
- 10 sharp, nonshifting bands (10–250 kD)
- Lot-to-lot consistency
- Matching migration patterns among the entire Precision Plus Protein standards family
- 3 high-intensity reference bands in the all blue and dual color standards — at 25, 50, and 75 kD



Precision Plus Protein prestained standards family.



### Exceptional linearity of Precision Plus Protein standards.

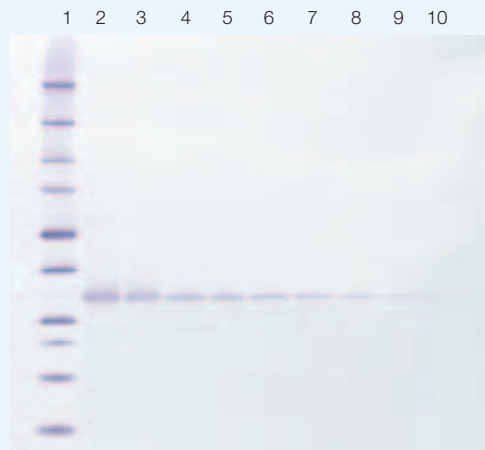
The standard curve was generated by plotting log MW vs. migration distance ( $R_f$ ) of each protein standard band through an SDS-PAGE gel. Precision Plus Protein Kaleidoscope standards showed  $r^2 = 0.996$ , demonstrating a strong linear relationship between the proteins' log MW and migration distance on a gel. All Precision Plus Protein prestained and unstained standards generate standard curves with  $r^2$  values  $\geq 0.99$ .

## Recombinant Unstained Protein Standards



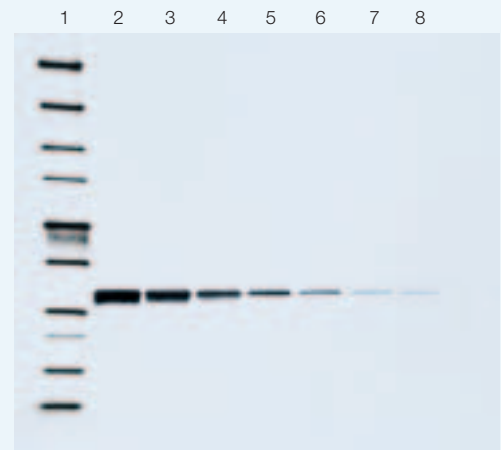
Recombinant unstained protein standards allow accurate MW determination on SDS-PAGE gels and western blots. Precision Plus Protein unstained standards have the following attributes:

- The bands in every batch have the same MW, confirmed by mass spectrometry and migration in a Laemmli SDS-PAGE buffer system
- Unique *Strep*-tag affinity sequence allows detection and MW determination on western blots
- 10 sharp, nonshifting bands (10–250 kD)
- 3 high-intensity reference bands — at 25, 50, and 75 kD



### Western blot detection of Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) and Precision Plus Protein unstained standards using the Immun-Blot® alkaline phosphatase (AP) colorimetric detection kit.

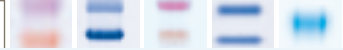
Maximum sensitivity achievable with Immun-Blot AP is 100 pg. A gel run with 4  $\mu$ l of standards (lane 1) and a dilution series of *E. coli* lysate containing overexpressed GFP (lanes 2–10) was transferred to a PVDF membrane. The blot was probed with a primary antibody specific for GFP, then incubated with StrepTactin-AP and a secondary antibody conjugated to AP. The blot was developed using the Immun-Blot AP kit.



### Western blot detection of GFP and Precision Plus Protein unstained standards using the Immun-Star™ horseradish peroxidase (HRP) chemiluminescent detection kit.

Maximum sensitivity achievable with Immun-Star HRP is 1–3 pg. A gel run with 0.5  $\mu$ l of standards (lane 1) and a dilution series of *E. coli* lysate containing overexpressed GFP (lanes 2–8) was transferred to a PVDF membrane. The blot was probed with a primary antibody specific for GFP, then incubated with StrepTactin-HRP and a secondary antibody conjugated to HRP. The blot was developed using the Immun-Star HRP kit.

## Natural Prestained SDS-PAGE Protein Standards



Prestained standards are visualized before the gel is stained, making them ideal for monitoring protein migration during an electrophoretic run, for gel and blot orientation, and for assessing transfer efficiency.

### Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards

- Available in high, low, and broad ranges
- Blended proteins give uniform band intensities
- Covalently bound dye will not dissociate during normal staining or destaining

### Kaleidoscope Prestained and Polypeptide Standards

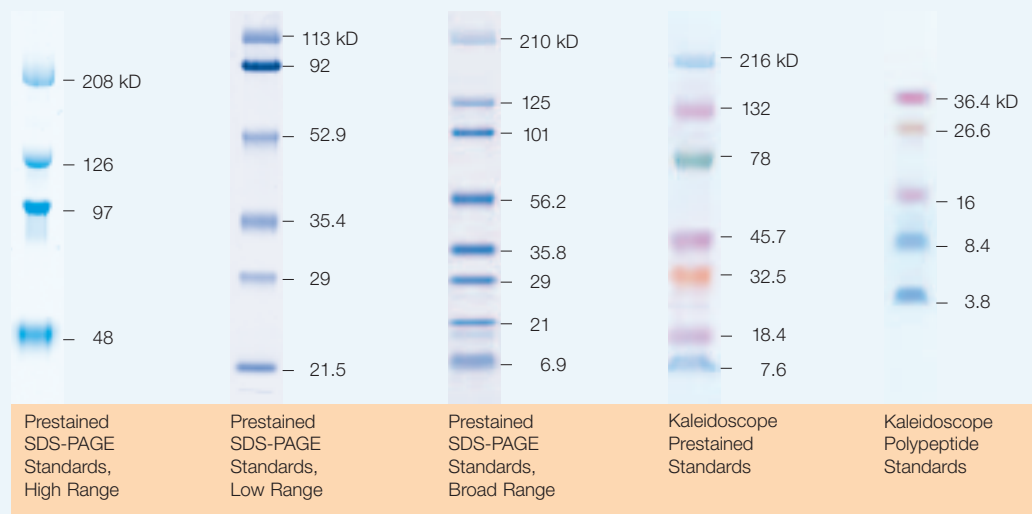
These standards include all attributes of the prestained SDS-PAGE standards, plus:

- Individually colored proteins for instant band recognition
- Good transfer efficiency for western blotting
- Specially formulated polypeptide standards for resolving peptides on Tris-Tricine gels

### Constituent proteins of natural prestained SDS-PAGE standards.

Protein	Source	Approximate MW* (kD)	Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards			Kaleidoscope Standards	
			High	Low	Broad	Prestained	Polypeptide
Myosin	Rabbit skeletal muscle	200.0	●		●	●	
β-Galactosidase	<i>E. coli</i>	116.3	●		●	●	
Phosphorylase b	Rabbit muscle	97.4		●			
Serum albumin (BSA)	Bovine	66.2	●	●	●	●	
Ovalbumin	Hen egg white	45.0	●	●	●		
Carbonic anhydrase	Bovine	31.0		●	●	●	●
Trypsin inhibitor	Soybean	21.5		●	●	●	●
Lysozyme	Hen egg white	14.4		●	●	●	●
Aprotinin	Bovine pancreas	6.5			●	●	●
Insulin, B chain, oxidized	Bovine	3.5					●

\* MW will vary from lot to lot; see lot-specific calibration included with standards.



**Natural prestained standards.** Molecular weights shown are of representative lots. Actual weights may vary.

## Natural Unstained SDS-PAGE Protein Standards



Natural unstained protein standards allow accurate MW determination on SDS-PAGE gels. Every batch is tested for proper mobility, providing a reliable control for gel-to-gel variability.

### SDS-PAGE Standards

- Available in high, low, and broad MW ranges
- Blended to give uniform band intensities with Coomassie Blue R-250 stain

### Polypeptide SDS-PAGE Standards

- Formulated for MW determination of peptides and small proteins resolved on Tris-Tricine gels
- Contain 6 polypeptides with MW ranging from 1.4 to 26.6 kD
- Blended to stain uniformly with Coomassie G-250 stain

### Silver Stain SDS-PAGE Standards

- Blended to give uniform band intensities with high-sensitivity silver stain kits
- Available in high and low MW ranges

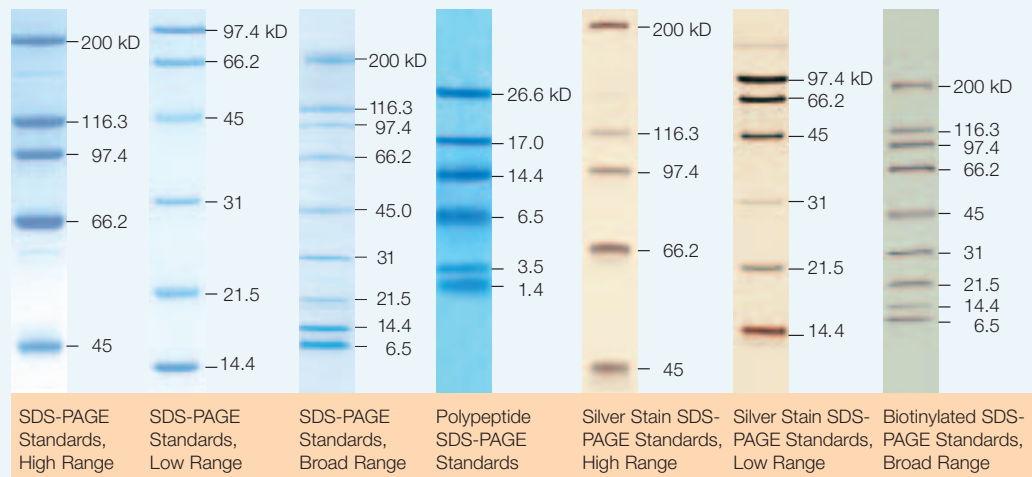
### Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards

- Contain proteins conjugated to biotin, which can be detected with either avidin or streptavidin conjugates
- Available in high, low, and broad MW ranges

## Constituent proteins of natural unstained SDS-PAGE standards.

Protein	Source	MW (kD)	Ranges Available*			
			High	Low	Broad	Polypeptide
Myosin	Rabbit skeletal muscle	200.0	●		●	
β-Galactosidase	<i>E. coli</i>	116.3	●		●	
Phosphorylase b	Rabbit muscle	97.4	●	●	●	
Serum albumin	Bovine	66.2	●	●	●	
Ovalbumin	Hen egg white	45.0	●	●	●	
Carbonic anhydrase	Bovine	31.0		●	●	
Triosephosphate isomerase	Rabbit	26.6				●
Trypsin inhibitor	Soybean	21.5		●	●	
Myoglobin	Equine	17.0				●
β-Lactalbumin	Bovine	14.5				●
Lysozyme	Hen egg white	14.4		●	●	
Aprotinin	Bovine pancreas	6.5			●	●
Insulin B chain, oxidized	Bovine	3.5				●
Bacitracin	<i>Bacillus licheniformis</i>	1.4				●

\* SDS-PAGE — high, low, broad, and polypeptide; silver stain — high and low; biotinylated — high, low, and broad.



Natural unstained standards.

## Specialty Protein Standards for IEF

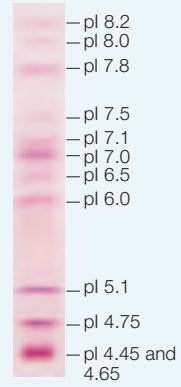
### IEF Standards

- Allow reproducible, dependable pI calibration in native polyacrylamide and agarose IEF gels
- Contain 9 native proteins with pI ranging from 4.45 to 9.6
- 5 of the 9 proteins are naturally colored to monitor focusing

### Constituent proteins of IEF standards.\*

Protein	Color	pI
Cytochrome c	Red	9.6
Lentil lectin (3 bands)	—	7.8, 8.0, 8.2
Human hemoglobin C	Red	7.5
Human hemoglobin A	Red	7.1
Equine myoglobin (2 bands)	Brown	7.0
Human carbonic anhydrase	—	6.5
Bovine carbonic anhydrase	—	6.0
β-Lactoglobulin B	—	5.1
Phycocyanin (3 bands)	Blue	4.45, 4.65, 4.75

\* Because the IEF standards are in native form, they cannot be used with reducing or denaturing agents such as urea, β-mercaptoethanol, or dithiothreitol. For calibration of IEF tube gels containing urea, use 2-D SDS-PAGE standards.



**IEF standards.**  
The gel was stained with Crocein Scarlet.

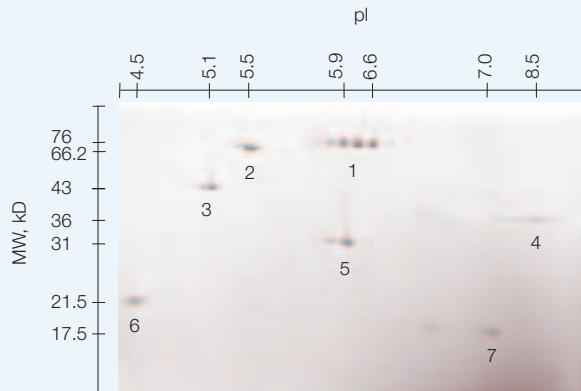
## Specialty Protein Standards for 2-D SDS-PAGE

### 2-D SDS-PAGE Standards

- Provide calibrated references for the pI and MW of proteins in 2-D SDS-PAGE applications
- Consist of 7 reduced, denatured proteins that can be visualized with silver or Coomassie Blue staining

### Constituent proteins of 2-D SDS-PAGE standards.

Protein	pI	MW (kD)
1. Hen egg white conalbumin	6.0, 6.3, 6.6	76
2. Bovine serum albumin (BSA)	5.4, 5.5, 5.6 (empirically determined)	66.2
3. Bovine muscle actin	5.0, 5.1 (empirically determined)	43
4. Rabbit muscle GAPDH	8.3, 8.5	36
5. Bovine carbonic anhydrase	5.9, 6.0	31
6. Soybean trypsin inhibitor	4.5	21.5
7. Equine myoglobin	7.0	17.5



**Two-dimensional electrophoretic protein pattern of 2-D SDS-PAGE standards.** The standards (2.5 μl) were run on 7 cm ReadyStrip™ IPG strips, then in the Mini-PROTEAN® II cell. For method details, see Klose (1975), Klose and Feller (1981), and Jungblut and Seifert (1990). The gel was stained with Bio-Rad's silver stain kit.

## References

Jungblut PR and Seifert R, Analysis by high-resolution two-dimensional electrophoresis of differentiation-dependent alterations in cytosolic protein pattern of HL-60 leukemic cells, *J Biochem Biophys Method* 21, 47–58 (1990)

Klose J, Protein mapping by combined isoelectric focusing and electrophoresis of mouse tissues. A novel approach to testing for induced point mutations in mammals, *Humangenetik* 26, 231–243 (1975)

Klose J and Feller M, Two-dimensional electrophoresis of membrane and cytosol proteins of mouse liver and brain, *Electrophoresis* 2, 12–24 (1981)

## Ordering Information

Catalog # Description

### Recombinant Prestained Protein Standards

161-0373 Precision Plus Protein All Blue Standards, 500 µl  
161-0374 Precision Plus Protein Dual Color Standards, 500 µl  
161-0375 Precision Plus Protein Kaleidoscope Standards, 500 µl

### Recombinant Unstained Protein Standards

161-0363 Precision Plus Protein Unstained Standards, 1 ml

### Natural Prestained SDS-PAGE Protein Standards

161-0324 Kaleidoscope Prestained Standards, 500 µl  
161-0325 Kaleidoscope Polypeptide Standards, 500 µl  
161-0305 Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards, low range, 500 µl  
161-0309 Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards, high range, 500 µl  
161-0318 Prestained SDS-PAGE Standards, broad range, 500 µl

### Natural Unstained SDS-PAGE Protein Standards

161-0303 SDS-PAGE Standards, high range, 200 µl  
161-0304 SDS-PAGE Standards, low range, 200 µl  
161-0317 SDS-PAGE Standards, broad range, 200 µl  
161-0326 Polypeptide SDS-PAGE Standards, 200 µl  
161-0315 Silver Stain SDS-PAGE Standards, high range, 200 µl  
161-0314 Silver Stain SDS-PAGE Standards, low range, 200 µl  
161-0311 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards, high range, 250 µl  
161-0306 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards, low range, 250 µl  
161-0319 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards, broad range, 250 µl

### Specialty Protein Standards

161-0310 IEF Standards, 250 µl  
161-0320 2-D Standards, 250 µl

### Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kits

161-0312 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, high range, avidin-HRP  
161-0313 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, high range, avidin-AP  
161-0307 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, low range, avidin-HRP  
161-0308 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, low range, avidin-AP  
161-0321 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, broad range, avidin-HRP  
161-0322 Biotinylated SDS-PAGE Standards Kit, broad range, avidin-AP

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### Accessory Reagents

161-0380 Precision Protein™ StrepTactin-HRP Conjugate, 300 µl  
161-0382 Precision Protein StrepTactin-AP Conjugate, 300 µl  
170-6528 Avidin-HRP, 2 ml  
170-6533 Avidin-AP, 1 ml  
170-3554 Streptavidin-AP, 0.5 ml

### Premixed Sample Buffers

161-0737 Laemmli Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0738 Native Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0739 Tricine Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0768 TBE-Urea Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0763 IEF Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0764 Zymogram Sample Buffer, 30 ml  
161-0767 Nucleic Acid Sample Buffer, 5x, 10 ml  
161-0791 XT Sample Buffer, 4x, 10 ml

### Gel-Casting Buffers

161-0799 Stacking Gel Buffer, 0.5 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8, 1 L  
161-0798 Resolving Gel Buffer, 1.5 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.8, 1 L

### Premixed Electrophoresis Buffers

161-0732 10x Tris/Glycine/SDS, 1 L  
161-0772 10x Tris/Glycine/SDS, 5 L cube  
161-0734 10x Tris/Glycine, 1 L  
161-0771 10x Tris/Glycine, 5 L cube  
161-0744 10x Tris/Tricine/SDS, 1 L  
161-0761 10x IEF Anode Buffer, 250 ml  
161-0762 10x IEF Cathode Buffer, 250 ml  
161-0733 10x Tris/Boric Acid/EDTA (TBE), 1 L  
161-0770 10x Tris/Boric Acid/EDTA (TBE), 5 L cube  
161-0741 10x Tris/Boric Acid/EDTA (TBE), extended range, 1 L  
161-0743 50x Tris/Acetic Acid/EDTA (TAE), 1 L  
161-0773 50x Tris/Acetic Acid/EDTA (TAE), 5 L cube  
161-0765 10x Zymogram Renaturation Buffer, 125 ml  
161-0766 10x Zymogram Development Buffer, 125 ml

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