

# **Product Information**

GreenView™ Plus DNA Gel Stain, 10,000X in DMSO

Catalog Number	Packaging Size
N101	500 μL

### Storage upon receipt:

•	2-25°C
•	Protect from light
Ex/Em:	500/530 nm. bound to nucleic acid

## **Product Description**

**GreenView Plus** is a highly sensitive fluorescent stain for detecting nucleic acids in agarose and polyacrylamide gels. This single stain gives high sensitivity detection of double-stranded or single-stranded DNA and RNA. Gels can be post-stained or alternatively the stain can be added to agarose gels during gel casting. **GreenView Plus** is compatible with a standard 300 nm transilluminator, a 254 nm transilluminator, a blue-light transilluminator, or a gel reader equipped with visible light excitation such as a 488 nm laser-based gel scanner.

**GreenView Plus** Nucleic Acid Gel Stain, 10,000X is a concentrated **GreenView Plus** solution that can be diluted 10,000 times for use in precast gel staining or 5,000 times for use in post gel staining according to the procedures described below. One vial of 10,000X solution can be used to prepare at least 100 precast minigels or post-stain at least 100 minigels.

Gel staining with **GreenView Plus** is compatible with downstream applications such as gel extraction and cloning. **GreenView Plus** is efficiently removed from DNA by phenol/chloroform extraction and ethanol precipitation.

## **Spectral Characteristics**



Excitation (blue) and emission spectra (red) of GreenView Plus bound to dsDNA in TBE buffer

## **Staining Protocols**

#### 1. Post-staining Protocol

1.1 Run gels as usual according to your standard protocol.

1.2 Dilute the **GreenView Plus** 10,000X stock reagent 5,000 fold to make a 2X staining solution in TE, TBE, or TAE buffer.

1.3 Carefully place the gel in a suitable polypropylene container. Gently add a sufficient amount of the 2X staining solution to submerge the gel.

1.4 Agitate the gel gently at room temperature for 30 min.

1.5 Wash the gel with DI water to remove excess dye. Image the stained gel with a transilluminator, or a laser-based gel scanner using a long path green filter such as a SYBR Filter or GelStar filter.

#### 2. Pre-cast Protocol

2.1 Prepare molten agarose gel solution using your standard protocol.

2.2 Dilute the **GreenView Plus** 10,000X stock reagent into the molten agarose gel solution at 1:10,000 and mix thoroughly.

2.3 Cast the gel and allow it to solidify.

2.4 Load samples and run the gels using your standard protocol.

2.5 Image the stained gel with a transilluminator, or a laser-based gel scanner using a long path green filter such as a SYBR Filter or GelStar filter.

**Note:** The pre-cast protocol is not recommended for polyacrylamide gels. Use the post staining protocol for acrylamide gels.



GreenView Plus in pre-cast gel staining

## **Related Products**

Cat. No	Product Name	Unit Size
N100	GreenView <sup>™</sup> DNA Gel Stain, 10,000X in H <sub>2</sub> O	500 μL
N102	RedView <sup>™</sup> DNA Gel Stain, 10,000X in DMSO	500 μL
N103	GreenView <sup>™</sup> Ultra DNA Gel Stain, 10,000X in DMSO	500 μL

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Suggestion
Smeared DNA bands in precast gel	<ol> <li>Reduce the amount of DNA loading. Smeared bands can be caused by overloading.</li> <li>Perform post-staining instead of pre-casting.</li> <li>Prepare a lower percentage agarose gel for better resolution of large fragments.</li> <li>Change the running buffer. TBE buffer has a higher buffering capacity than TAE.</li> </ol>
Discrepant DNA migration in precast gel	<ol> <li>Reduce the amount of DNA loading.</li> <li>Reduce the amount of dye used, i.e. use 0.5X in precast gels.</li> <li>Perform post-staining instead of pre-casting.</li> </ol>
Weak fluorescence signal	<ol> <li>The dye may be precipitated out of solution. Vortex to redissolve.</li> <li>Increase the amount of dye used, i.e. use 2X in precast gels</li> </ol>

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Question	Answer
Can GreenView Plus be used to stain ssDNA or RNA?	Yes.
Is GreenView Plus compatible with downstream applications such as cloning, ligation and sequencing?	Yes. We recommend Qiagen or Zymo gel extraction kits or phenol-chloroform extraction to remove the dye from DNA.
Is GreenView Plus compatible with Southern or Northern blotting?	GreenView Plus has not been validated in blotting applications.
Can I reuse an GreenView Plus precast gel after electrophoresis?	We do not recommend reusing GreenView Plus precast gels as signal decreases with subsequent electrophoresis.
What is the lower detection limit of GreenView Plus?	Some users have reported being able to detect less than 50 pg DNA. However, the limit of detection will depend on instrument capability and exposure settings.
Does GreenView Plus need to be used in the dark?	You can use the dye in room light, however we recommend storing the dye in the dark.

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