### Imaging



## ChemiDoc<sup>™</sup> MP Imaging System

Confidence in every step of your imaging workflow.



# ChemiDoc<sup>™</sup> MP Imaging System

### Because results always matter.

Bring a new level of capability and efficiency to your experiments with an imaging system designed for multitasking. The ChemiDoc MP imager is a unique imaging system that enables stain-free operation and lets you visualize proteins at every stage of your blotting experiment. Its flexibility and sensitivity are complemented by simple, intuitive operation that integrates seamlessly into your workflow.



## Superior Sensitivity

Get quantitative, reproducible data without relying on outmoded film processes. The ChemiDoc MP imaging system offers advanced detection technology that creates optimal exposure for even the faintest bands. Rely on it for fast, super-sensitive chemiluminescence and fluorescence detection and for colorimetric gel and blot documentation.

Fig. 1. Sensitivity comparison of the ChemiDoc MP system versus X-ray film using blots of serial dilution of transferrin. A, the ChemiDoc imager delivers superior dynamic range and comparable limit of detection to film. B, a 10-second exposure on film reveals a more limited dynamic range than the ChemiDoc MP system. Saturated pixels are highlighted in red.





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## Exceptional Image Quality

With patented focus calibration technology, images are always in focus at any zoom level. Exceptional dynamic range enables visualization of faint and intense bands on same blot or gel. With Image Lab<sup>™</sup> software you can edit and analyze images on the spot without exporting to other programs.



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Minimal cross-talk between blue and green channels.

## Unmatched Application Versatility

The ChemiDoc MP imager is the only system you need when your experiments include a variety of sample types or require different detection methods. It is the perfect imager to accompany your protein and DNA electrophoresis runs as well as your western blotting experiments. And it delivers quantitative, reproducible results every time.



file allows multichannel and individual channel view. Image of multiplexed fluorescent blot with Alexa Fluor 488, Alexa Fluor 555, and Alexa Fluor 647.

Fig. 7. Multiplex image



Fig. 8. Multiple applications of the ChemiDoc MP Imager.



DIGE Criterion<sup>™</sup> gel

Silver-stained 2-D Criterion gel

Flamingo<sup>™</sup>-stained Mini-PROTEAN TGX gel



mini ReadyAgarose™ gel



Coomassie-stained Mini-PROTEAN<sup>®</sup> TGX<sup>™</sup> gel



GelRed-stained mini ReadyAgarose gel



SYPRO Ruby-stained large-format 2-D gel



SYBR<sup>®</sup> Green-stained wide mini ReadyAgarose gel



## Ease of Use

The ChemiDoc MP system is designed for productivity. With little or no training, users can acquire publication-quality images in seconds. The system is precalibrated to provide the precise focus for any zoom setting or sample height; automated hands-free operation ensures consistent, reproducible, and high-throughput performance.

| Protocol4   | I = ChemiDoc <sup>1</sup> MP.  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 1. Gel Imaging  |  |   |
| Configure at least two channels:  |  |   |
| Channel 1   | Channel 2  | Channel 3   |
| Alexa 647<br>595/95 filter<br>Red Epi illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands | Alexe 555<br>605/50 Filter<br>Green Epi Illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands  | Alexa 488<br>530/28 filter<br>Blue Epi flumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands   |
| Imaging Area  |  |   |
| Select gel type: Enter image area: 15.0                                       | ad Criterion Gel   |   |
|   | 1. Gel Imaging<br>Configure at least two channels:<br>Channel 1<br>Configure<br>Aleas 647<br>S95(95) filter<br>Red Epi illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands<br>Imaging Ana<br>Select gel type: Sile-R<br>O Enter Image area: 15.0 | 1. Gel Imaging<br>Configure at least two channels:<br>Channel 1<br>Configure<br>Alexa 647<br>S95/95 filter<br>Red Epi illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands<br>Imaging Ana<br>Market State<br>Configure<br>Alexa 535<br>605/50 filter<br>Green Epi illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands<br>Imaging Ana<br>Market State<br>Configure<br>Alexa 535<br>605/50 filter<br>Green Epi illumination<br>Auto Exp: Intense Bands<br>Imaging Ana<br>Select gel type:<br>Configure<br>Deter image area:<br>State<br>State<br>State<br>Configure<br>Alexa 535<br>Configure<br>Alexa 535<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Configure<br>Con |

Fig. 9A. The application selected automatically determines the excitation sources and emission filters.



Fig. 9B. The ChemiDoc MP system is always in focus at any zoom level — no more out-of-focus gel or blot images.



## Stain-Free Enabled

Stain-free technology, offered only by Bio-Rad, eliminates extra steps and unproductive delays in your western blotting experiments.

Stain-free technology is the keystone of the **Bio-Rad V3 Western Workflow**<sup>™</sup>, a portfolio of products that enables researchers to visualize, verify, and validate results at each step of their western blotting experiment.

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|---|--|---|
| Stain-free gel  | Stain-free blot  | Total protein quantification  |
|   |  | U1       U2       U3       U4       U5       U6         U1       U2       U3       U4       U5       U6         Description       Description       Description       Description         Protein of interest probed with Alexa Fluor 649       Description       Description |
| Visualize   | Verify   | Validate  |
|   |  |   |
| The ChemiDoc MP system will activate<br>and provide immediate visualization<br>of protein separation in all lanes with<br>stain-free gels before blot transfer. | The ChemiDoc MP paired with<br>stain-free technology enables instant<br>verification of protein transfer before<br>blot detection. | Flexible Image Lab software tools<br>normalize for protein of interest using<br>total protein stain from stain-free blot<br>and provide quantitative blot results.  |

### Stain-Free Normalization: An Alternative to Housekeeping Proteins

Traditionally, normalization of western blot signals is performed by probing the membrane with antibodies against a housekeeping protein (HKP) such as  $\beta$ -tubulin. This process usually requires stripping the first antibodies from the membrane prior to reprobing with the HKP antibodies, or performing tedious multiplex immunodetections. Stain-free technology allows you to normalize your western blot data by directly quantifying the total amount of protein bound to the membrane.

### **Benefits of Total Protein Normalization**

- Stain-free normalization is consistently reliable normalization using housekeeping protein (HKP) expression may give different results based on experimental conditions and sample type
- Stain-free normalization saves time quantitation of total membrane-bound protein using stain-free technology takes only a few minutes
- Stain-free normalization is a single-step procedure prior probing of the membrane does not affect stain-free total protein detection; there is no need to strip the membrane



Plot of signal intensity versus protein load. Normalization using total lane signal intensity from stain-free technology exhibits comparable linearity to normalization using the tubulin signal.



## Instrument Tour

Optimized emission and excitation filters for discrete detection of multiplexed visible fluorescence.



### Red

Automatic detection of red fluorescence using dyes such as Cy5, Cy5.5, Alexa Fluor 647, Alexa Fluor 680, DyLight 649, DyLight 680, IRDye 680.



#### Green

Automatic detection of green fluorescence using dyes such as Cy3, Flamingo, Krypton, Pro-Q Diamond, Alexa Fluor 546, DyLight 549, Rhodamine.



### Blue

Automatic detection of blue fluorescence using dyes such as Cy2, Coomassie Fluor Orange, Alexa Fluor 488, DyLight 488, Pro-Q Emerald 488, Qdot 523, Qdot 605, Qdot 625, Qdot 705.











Multiplexed fluorescent imaging Multicolor LEDs optimized for quantitative western blot imaging

Sample tray with UV, white, and blue imaging Flexible transillumination source for easy and uniform imaging of gels and blots Cooled CCD with autofocus for all zoom levels Unmatched sensitivity and image quality

**6-position automated filter wheel** Broad application flexibility

**Touch-pad operation** For positioning and band excision

Go to **www.bio-rad.com/chemidocmp** to see the complete ChemiDoc MP video.



### **Specifications**

| Automation Capabilities                                 |   |
|---|---|
| Workflow automated selection                            | Application driven; user selected or recalled by a protocol   |
| Workflow automated execution                            | Controlled by a protocol via<br>application-specific setup for<br>image area, illumination source, filter,<br>analysis, and reporting   |
| Workflow reproducibility                                | 100% repeatability via recallable<br>protocols; from image capture to<br>quantitative analysis and reports  |
| Autofocus (patent pending)                              | Precalibrated focus for any<br>zoom setting or sample height  |
| Image flat fielding*                                    | Dynamic; precalibrated and optimized for every application  |
| Autoexposure  | 2 user-defined modes<br>(intense or faint bands)  |
| Hardware specifications                                 |   |
| Maximum sample size (L x W)                             | 28 x 36 cm  |
| Maximum image area (L x W)                              | 26 x 35 cm  |
| Maximum image area for standard UV-excited gels (L x W) | 25 x 26 cm  |
| Excitation source                                       | Trans-UV (302 nm included; 254 nm<br>and 365 nm available as options)<br>and epi-white; optional trans-white<br>conversion screen, XcitaBlue <sup>™</sup><br>conversion screen, and epi-red,<br>-green, and -blue LED modules |
| Illumination control                                    | 8 modes available. Trans-UV,<br>epi-white, and no illumination for<br>chemiluminescence are standard;<br>epi-red, epi-green, epi-blue, trans-<br>white, and XcitaBlue conversion<br>screens are optional                      |
| Detector  | Supercooled CCD   |
| Image resolution  | 4 megapixels  |
| Pixel size (H x V)                                      | 6.45 x 6.45 µm  |
| Cooling system  | Peltier   |
| Camera cooling temperature                              | -30°C absolute and regulated  |
| Filter holder   | 6 positions (5 for filters, 1 without filter for chemiluminescence)   |
| Emission filters  | 1 included (standard), 4 optional   |
| Dynamic range   | >4.0 orders of magnitude  |
| Pixel density (gray levels)                             | 65,535  |
| Instrument size (L x W x H)                             | 36 x 60 x 96 cm   |
| Instrument weight                                       | 32 kg   |
| Operating Ranges  |   |
| Operating voltage                                       | 110/115/230 VAC nominal   |
| Operating temperature                                   | 10–28°C (21°C recommended)  |
| Operating humidity                                      | <70% noncondensing  |

\*U.S. patent 5,951,838

#### **Ordering Information**

| Catalog #   | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 170-8280    | ChemiDoc MP Imaging System with Image Lab<br>Software, PC or Mac, includes darkroom,<br>UV transilluminator, epi-white illumination, camera,<br>power supply, cables, Image Lab software |
| Accessories |  |
| 170-8283    | Red LED Molecular Kit, pkg of 2 epi-red LED<br>modules and 1 red emission filter, for use with<br>applications requiring red fluorophore detection                                       |
| 170-8284    | <b>Green LED Molecular Kit</b> , pkg of 2 epi-green LED modules and 1 green emission filter, for use with applications requiring green fluorophore detection                             |
| 170-8285    | <b>Blue LED Molecular Kit</b> , pkg of 2 epi-blue LED modules and 1 blue emission filter, for use with applications requiring blue fluorophore detection                                 |
| 170-8001    | White Light Conversion Screen  |
| 170-8182    | XcitaBlue Conversion Screen, includes view   |
| 170 0100    | goggles; blue conversion screen for viewing<br>SYBR® Green, SYBR® Safe, GFP, Flamingo, and<br>other fluorescent gel stains   |
| 170-8183    | view goggles and SYBR® Safe filter (170-8075,<br>560DF50); blue conversion screen for viewing<br>SYBR® Green, SYBR® Safe, and other fluorescent<br>gel stains                            |
| 170-8083    | Filter 520DF30 62 mm, for SYBR® Green/GFP/SYBR® Gold/fluorescein   |
| 170-8098    | 254 nm UV Lamps, pkg of 6  |
| 170-6887    | 365 nm UV Lamps, pkg of 6  |
| 170-8097    | Standard 302 nm UV Lamps, pkg of 6   |
| 170-8089    | Mitsubishi Thermal Printer   |
| 170-7581    | Mitsubishi Thermal Printer Paper, 4 rolls  |
| 170-8184    | Gel Alignment Templates, pkg of 3  |
| Software    |  |
| 170-9690*   | Image Lab Software, PC or Mac, for automated   |

Image Lab Software, PC or Mac, for automated image capture, optimization, and 1-D data analysis

\* Included with the imaging system.



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