ABI Prism 310 Genetic Analyzer

A Benchmark in Laboratory Automation

Molecular biology laboratories need technology that is easy to use yet sufficiently flexible for a variety of applications. To meet this need, Applied Biosystems built upon its proven multicolor fluorescent labeling technology to achieve a completely automated, yet flexible system to sequence, size, and quantitate nucleic acids. This system is the ABI PRISM® 310 Genetic Analyzer.

The 310 Genetic Analyzer is the standard in laboratory convenience. After samples are placed in the sample tray, virtually all aspects of analysis are automated. There is no need to pour conventional polyacrylamide and agarose slab gels or to load samples for electrophoresis. Instead, every function—from sample and gel loading to data collection and analysis—is computer controlled. Equally important, preformulated ABI PRISM® polymers eliminate the guesswork involved with preparing gel materials. The convenience of the system is further enhanced by ABI PRISM® reagent kits for DNA sequencing or PCR product analysis.

Easy Instrument Set-up
Simply install the capillary, load the gel pump with polymer, place your samples in the autosampler tray, and instrument set-up is complete.

Automated Gel Loading
The 310 system gel pump automatically fills the capillary with either DNA sequencing or fragment analysis polymer. Switching from DNA sequencing to PCR product analysis is as easy as installing a different capillary and polymer.

Automated Sample Loading
The autosampler, using an electrokinetic injection, sequentially loads each sample into the capillary for electrophoresis.

ABI PRISM® Separation Polymers
The 310 Genetic Analyzer separates DNA fragments by using POP Performance Optimized Polymers, which yield extremely reproducible results. The POP™ polymer family includes POP-6™ polymer for high-resolution applications such as DNA sequencing, and POP-4™ polymer, which provides faster runs for applications such as microsatellite analysis, AFLP® Kit, and rapid sequencing. We also offer a general
purpose polymer that is usermodifiable for a variety of genotyping applications. This polymer allows you to alter polymer concentration or add reagents such as urea or glycerol.

**Multiple Dye Detection**
The 310 Genetic Analyzer simultaneously detects up to five different fluorescent dyes in a single capillary providing multicolor analysis. This process is further simplified by fluorescent terminator sequencing chemistry, which allows you to perform singletube sequencing reactions. For genotyping, multicolor detection increases throughput by allowing you to multiplex several PCR samples labeled with multiple dyes. A labeled internal standard can be added to each run to provide exceptional fragment sizing reproducibility.

**ABI PRISM® System Integration**
The 310 Genetic Analyzer is fully integrated with proven ABI PRISM reagents and software for DNA sequencing and genotyping applications. The ABI PRISM® 310 Analyzer Windows-compatible system allows data to be easily transferred between different platforms such as the ABI PRISM® 3100 and 3100-Avant Genetic Analyzers as well as to downstream analysis software, the industry standards for automated genotyping, sequencing, and mutation analysis.

### ABI PRISM® 310 System Consumables and Reagents

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<td><strong>Standard DNA Sequencing Protocol</strong></td>
<td>DNA Sequencing</td>
<td>98.5% basecalling accuracy</td>
<td>POP-6™</td>
<td>i.d. = 60 µm, Lt = 61 cm</td>
<td>2.75 h</td>
<td>600 bases</td>
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<td><strong>Rapid DNA Sequencing Protocol</strong></td>
<td>Resequencing</td>
<td>98.5% basecalling accuracy</td>
<td>POP-6™</td>
<td>i.d. = 60 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
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<td>400 bases</td>
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<td><strong>Standard POP-4™ DNA Sequencing Protocol</strong></td>
<td>DNA Resequencing</td>
<td>98.5% basecalling accuracy</td>
<td>POP-4™</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
<td>52 min</td>
<td>525 bases</td>
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<td><strong>Rapid POP-4 DNA Sequencing Protocol</strong></td>
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<td>98.5% basecalling accuracy</td>
<td>POP-4™</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
<td>30 min</td>
<td>425 bases</td>
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<td><strong>DNA Sizing</strong></td>
<td>Microsatellites, AFLPs</td>
<td>1 base detection up to 250 bases with 0.15 SD; 2 base detection between 250-350 bases with 0.3 SD</td>
<td>POP-4™</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
<td>30 min</td>
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<td><strong>Mutation Validation/Screening</strong></td>
<td>SNP Analysis</td>
<td>Single nucleotide polymorphism identification by four-color fluorescence up to 100 bases</td>
<td>POP-4™</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
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<td>&lt;100 bases</td>
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<td><strong>Mutation Screening</strong></td>
<td>SSCP</td>
<td>0.3% pattern matching precision or better</td>
<td>30% GenScan™ polymer, 10% glycerol</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
<td>20 min</td>
<td>300 bases</td>
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<td><strong>Quantitation</strong></td>
<td>RT-PCR</td>
<td>4% peak height precision or better</td>
<td>30% GenScan polymer</td>
<td>i.d. = 50 µm, Lt = 47 cm</td>
<td>22 min</td>
<td>1,000 bases</td>
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* i.d. = capillary interior diameter, Lt = total capillary length
† The amount of time for the size fragment to be detected (includes capillary filling and electrophoresis run time)
‡ Base calling begins at base 21
Prism 310 OPTIONS

DNA Sizing and Quantitation Template Types
• PCR fragments
• Restriction fragments
• cDNA

Fluorescent Dye-Labeling Strategies
• 5' dye-labeled primers

DNA Sequencing Template Types
• Single-stranded DNA
• Double-stranded DNA
• PCR-generated DNA

Fluorescent Dye-Labeling Strategies
• 5' dye-labeled primers
• Dye-labeled terminators (2'-, 3'- dideoxynucleoside triphosphates) for use with unlabeled primers

Standard Primers
• M13 reverse
• -21 M13
• T3
• T7
• SP6
• SK
• KS

Hardware/Electronics Detection Unit
CCD camera detector monitors fluorescent wavelengths from 525 to 650 nm. Virtual filter sets are optimized for ABI PRISM® dye sets.

Optics
Excites dyes by the 488 and 514 nm lines of the 10 mW argon ion laser.

Electrophoresis Power Supply
Controls voltage from 100 V to 15 kV.

Gel Pump
Loads capillary with polymer; generates pressures up to 1,800 psi.

Sample Trays
Holds 48 or 96 sample tubes for unattended operation.

Capillary Heat Plate
Controls capillary temperature between ambient and 60° C.

Windows® Computer
Controls all system functions for DNA sequencing and genotyping.

**Optional Compatible Color Printer**

**Dimensions**

**Electrophoresis Unit**
- Width 60.96 cm (24 in)
- Height 86.36 cm (34 in)
- Weight 94.5 kg (210 lbs)
- Depth 55.88 cm (22 in)

**DNA Sizing and Quantitation Reagents**
- Fluorescent Internal-Lane Size Standards
- Fluorescent Dye Amidites
- Fluorescent Genotyping Demonstration Kit
- ABI PRISM® Linkage Mapping Set
- StockMarks® for Canine Kit
- StockMarks® for Cattle Kit
- StockMarks® for Horses Kit
- AFLP® Plant Mapping Kit
- AFLP® Small Genome Plant Mapping Kit
- Microbial AFLP™ DNA Fingerprinting Kit
- AmpFlSTR® PCR Amplification Kits
- SNaPshot® Primer Focus Kit
- SNaPshot® Multiplex Kit

**DNA Sequencing Kits**
- ABI PRISM® BigDye Terminator Cycle Sequencing Kit
- ABI PRISM® BigDye Primer Cycle Sequencing Kit

**Custom Fluorescent Primer Service**
- Dye-labeled Sequencing Primer Sets
- Dye-labeled GeneScan® Primers
- Five-dye compatible GeneScan® Primers

**Software**
- 310 Data Collection Software
- GeneMapper® Software
- GeneMapper® ID Software
- Sequencing Analysis Software
- SeqScape® Software
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