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# Application Manual

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**100 Preps**

**Storage temperature:**

Ambient temperature (15–30°C)

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## 1. Introduction to the FastDNA<sup>®</sup> Kit and the FastPrep<sup>®</sup> Instrument

The FastDNA<sup>®</sup> Kit quickly and efficiently isolates genomic DNA from a wide variety of sources. Designed for use with the FastPrep<sup>®</sup> Instrument, plant and animal tissues, bacteria, algae, fungi and many other samples are easily lysed within 40 seconds. This benchtop device uses a patented vertical angular motion to homogenize samples by multidirectional, simultaneous impaction with lysing matrix particles. The FastPrep<sup>®</sup> Instrument provides an extremely quick, efficient and highly reproducible homogenization that surpasses traditional extraction methods using enzymatic digestion, sonication, blending, douncing and vortexing.

Samples are placed into 2.0 ml tubes containing Lysing Matrix A, irregularly shaped garnet particles and a single 1/4 inch ceramic sphere. While almost all samples are easily processed with this pre-filled combination, additional 1/4 inch ceramic spheres are provided for hard samples such as bone, cartilage or seeds.

Homogenization in the FastPrep Instrument with Lysing Matrix A takes place in the presence of sample-specific Cell Lysis Solutions (CLS). For plant tissues, CLS-VF is used in conjunction with a Protein Precipitation Solution (PPS). Yeast, algae and fungi are lysed in the presence of CLS-Y. For all other samples, CLS-TC is used during sample lysis. For maximum flexibility, all buffers are provided in the kit.

Following lysis, samples are centrifuged to pellet debris and lysing matrix. DNA is purified from the supernatant with a silica-based GENE CLEAN<sup>®</sup> procedure. Eluted DNA is ready for digestion, electrophoresis, PCR and any other desired application.

## 2. Kit Components and User Supplied Materials

### 2.1 FastDNA<sup>®</sup> Kit Components

Lysing Matrix A	100 2 ml tubes
1/4 Ceramic Spheres	100 spheres
Binding Matrix	66 ml
Concentrated SEWS-M	12 ml
DES	25 ml
CLS-VF	90 ml
PPS	25 ml
CLS-TC	110 ml
CLS-Y	110 ml
User manual	1 each
MSDS	1 each
Certificate of Analysis	1 each

## 2.2 User Supplied Materials

FastPrep® Instrument (Cat # 6001-100, -120, or -220)

Microcentrifuge that can freely spin 2.0 ml tubes

Microcentrifuge tubes (2.0ml and 1.5ml)

Rotator or low-speed vortex

(Optional) SPIN Filters and Catch Tubes, 100 (Cat # 2080-800)

## 3. Important Considerations Before Use

### 3.1 Preparation of SEWS-M Wash Solution

The FastDNA® Kit contains a bottle with 12 ml of Concentrated SEWS-M Wash Solution. Before using this solution, add 100 ml of 100% ethanol and mark on the bottle label the date ethanol was added. Ensure that the bottle is securely closed to prevent evaporation, and store at room temperature.

### 3.2 Precipitate Material in CLS-TC Buffer

If the FastDNA® Kit was shipped or stored at a low temperature, a harmless precipitate may form in the CLS-TC Buffer. If a precipitate is seen, incubate the bottle in a 45-55°C water bath for several minutes and mix to bring the precipitate back into solution. Allow solution to cool to room temperature.

### 3.3 Sample Lysis with the FastPrep® Instrument

The fill volume in the lysing matrix tube after the addition of the Cell Lysis Solution to the sample should allow sufficient air space in the sample tube for efficient FastPrep® Instrument processing. Qbiogene recommends using 100 – 200 mg of starting material as long as there is between 250 – 500 µl of empty space in the tube. Sample loss or tube failure may result from overfilling the matrix tube. The matrix tube caps must be secure, but not over-tightened, to prevent sample leakage. If the sample is too large for processing in a single tube, divide the sample and process using multiple tubes.

Qbiogene's Lysing Matrix particles and tubes have been rigorously tested and validated in the FastPrep® Instrument. The use of non-Qbiogene products with the FastPrep® Instrument is not recommended and may result in sample loss or instrument failure.

A single 40 second run at a speed setting of 6.0 in the FastPrep® Instrument is sufficient to lyse almost all samples. If the user experimentally determines that additional processing time is required, the sample should be incubated on ice in the Lysing Matrix A tube for at least 2 minutes between successive FastPrep® Instrument homogenizations to prevent overheating the sample and tube.

Qbiogene recommends that all researchers begin the protocol with the Lysing Matrix A as supplied in the kit (garnet matrix and single sphere). If lysis is inefficient even after multiple runs of 40 seconds, an additional 1/4 inch ceramic sphere can be added on top of the sample. Depending on the sample, lysis and/or

yield may or may not improve and shearing of existing genomic DNA may begin to occur. Samples with 2 spheres should be processed carefully in order to balance increased yield and lysis against increased DNA shearing by varying speed and/or time settings.

### 3.4 Use of Optional SPIN Filters

Qbiogene strongly recommends the use of SPIN filters during the silica-based GENE CLEAN® procedure for final purification of genomic DNA. Although the traditional bind-wash-elute procedure is fine for almost all standard applications, the use of SPIN filters eliminates accidental transfer of silica particles and can also lead to increased purity of the final DNA sample. Spin filters and catch tubes can be purchased separately (Cat # 2080-800), or a FastDNA® SPIN Kit can be purchased (Cat # 6540-600).

### 3.5 Recovery of DNA from Dry Samples

To optimize DNA recovery from extremely dry samples, leave the lysed sample at room-temperature in the Lysing Matrix A tube for an incubation period of 15 minutes to 2 hours after processing in the FastPrep® Instrument.

### 3.6 Co-Purification of RNA

Some tissues (i.e. liver, kidney) contain very high levels of RNA which may co-purify with the genomic DNA. If absolute control of RNA contamination is necessary, the final eluted DNA can be treated with RNase as per the manufacturer's protocol.

## 4. Safety Precautions

Binding Matrix contains components that, when in contact with human tissue, may cause irritation. Wear personal protective equipment to prevent contact with the skin or mucus membranes (gloves, lab coat, and eye protection). Consult the enclosed Material Safety Data Sheet for additional details.

## 5. Protocol

1. Add sample to Lysing Matrix A tube. Place up to 100 - 200 mg tissue (fresh, frozen, dried etc.) or 200 µl of cells suspended in water or isotonic saline solution. For bacteria, yeast, algae, or tissue culture cells grown in suspension: Centrifuge a sufficient volume of culture to provide a pellet size of 50-100 mg wet weight or up to  $10^9$  bacteria,  $10^8$  yeast/algae, or  $10^7$  mammalian cells. Resuspend pellets in water or isotonic saline to give a maximum suspension volume of 200 µl.

**NOTE:** See section 3.3 for other important guidelines.

2. Add appropriate Cell Lysis Solution (CLS) according to table below:

<u>Processing Tissue From:</u>	<u>Add to Sample Tube:</u>
Plant tissue	800 $\mu$ l CLS-VF and 200 $\mu$ l PPS
Animal tissue, cultured cells, insects, bacteria, bone, etc.	1.0 ml CLS-TC
Yeast, algae or fungi	1.0 ml CLS-Y

3. Homogenize in the FastPrep<sup>®</sup> Instrument for 40 seconds at a speed setting of 6.0.

4. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 5-10 minutes to pellet debris.

5. Transfer supernatant (600 – 700  $\mu$ l) to a 2.0 ml microcentrifuge tube and add an equal volume of Binding Matrix. Invert to mix.

**NOTE:** It is important to use a tube that is large enough to allow room for complete mixing of the entire volume during the course of the next step. Tubes with conical bottoms are not recommended. A 2.0 ml microcentrifuge tube will work well at this step.

6. Incubate with gentle agitation for 5 minutes at room temperature on a rotator.

**NOTE:** A low-speed vortex may be used at this point, but care must be taken not to shear the DNA.

7. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 10 seconds to pellet Binding Matrix. Discard supernatant.

8. Add 500  $\mu$ l prepared SEWS-M and gently resuspend the pellet using the force of the liquid from the pipet tip.

**NOTE:** Ensure that ethanol has been added to the Concentrated SEWS-M. See section 3.1.

9. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 minute and discard supernatant.

**NOTE:** If using a SPIN filter, transfer resuspended Binding Matrix to a SPIN<sup>™</sup> Filter. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 minute and discard contents of Catch Tube.

10. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 10 seconds and remove residual liquid with a small pipet tip.

**NOTE:** If using a SPIN filter, centrifuge a second time at 14,000 x g for 1 minute and replace the Catch Tube with a new, clean tube.

11. Elute DNA by gently resuspending Binding Matrix in 100  $\mu$ l of DES. Incubate for 5 minutes at 55°C in a heat block or water bath.



12. Centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 minute. Transfer eluted DNA to a clean microcentrifuge tube. DNA is now ready for downstream applications. Store at -20°C for extended periods or 4°C until use.

**NOTE:** Avoid transferring particles of Binding Matrix with eluted DNA. To avoid shearing, transfer the DNA carefully using a pipet tip.

**NOTE:** If using a SPIN Filter, centrifuge at 14,000 x g for 1 minute to bring eluted DNA into the clean catch tube. DNA is now ready for downstream applications. Store at -20°C for extended periods or 4°C until use.

## 6. Recommended Reference Format for Publications

DNA was isolated from (specific sample) using the FastDNA® Kit and the FastPrep® Instrument (Qbiogene, Inc., CA).

## 7. References

A wide variety of references for lysis and purification with the FastPrep® products can be found on our website at <http://www.qbiogene.com/fastprep/FastPrepDB/index.shtml>.

## 8. Related Products

<u>Item</u>	<u>Size/Description</u>	<u>Catalog #</u>
FastPrep® FP100A Instrument	100V	6001-100
FastPrep® FP120A Instrument	120V	6001-120
FastPrep® FP220A Instrument	220V	6001-220
FastDNA® SPIN Kit	100 preps	6540-600
FastDNA® SPIN Kit for Soil	50 preps	6560-200
FastRNA® Pro Soil-Direct Kit	50 preps	6070-050
FastRNA® Pro Soil-Indirect Kit	50 preps	6075-050
FastRNA® Pro Red Kit (Yeast)	50 preps	6035-050
FastRNA® Pro Green Kit (Plant & Animal)	50 preps	6045-050
FastRNA® Pro Blue Kit (Bacteria)	50 preps	6025-050
FastProtein™ Blue Matrix	50 preps	6550-400
FastProtein™ Red Matrix	50 preps	6550-600

Lysing Matrix A	50 x 2 ml tubes	6910-050
Lysing Matrix A	100 x 2 ml tubes	6910-100
Lysing Matrix A	50 x 2 ml tubes	6910-500
QA-Agarose, Molecular Biology Grade	500 g	AGAH0500
BBG (general purpose neutral gel RNA and DNA loading dye, with glycerol)	1 ml	2327-104
BBS (general purpose neutral gel RNA and DNA loading dye, with sucrose)	1 ml	2325-104
SPIN Filters and Catch Tubes	100 filters/tubes	2080-800

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