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## **SERVA** IPG BlueStrips

Gel strips with immobilized pH-gradients

Since three decades SERVA is well known as a manufacturer of precast gels and carrier ampholytes (SERVALYT™). Derived from proprietary development and production, the new SERVA IPG BlueStrips for isoelectric focusing are available in different pH-ranges and lengths (see overleaf). Reproducible quality and high resolution of the gel strips are ensured by an especially developed process which allows to prepare gel strips with high accuracy and reproducibility, based on protocols published formerly by Prof. K. Altland (University Giessen).

#### **Product features**

SERVA IPG BlueStrips are dried gel strips with immobilized pH-gradient used in high resolution 2D-gelelectrophoresis of proteins. The strips have to be rehydrated before use. The homogeneous polyacrylamide gel matrix is covalently bound to GEL-FIX™ to stabilize



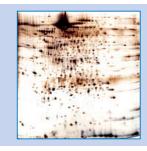
the gel. Additionally, a non-binding cover film (GEL-FIX™ for Covers) protects the gel from damage and contamination. Each gel strip has its own lot number printed on and, therefore, is suitable for documentation according GMP/GLP.

## Rehydration

The rehydration process is very simple. Strips are incubated in a buffer mixture containing SERVALYT™ for at least 6 hours (preferrably over night). For many protein samples a common buffer to be used contains 8 M urea, 1% CHAPS, 13 mM DTT and 0.5% SERVALYT™ (the pH-range of the SERVALYT™ should correspond to the pH-range of the SERVA IPG BlueStrip, see overleaf).

## Sample application

The total protein content that can be applied to a SERVA IPG *Blue*Strip is  $5 - 100 \mu g$  for a 7 cm gel strip,  $50 - 300 \mu g$  for a 18 cm gel strip and  $80 - 700 \mu g$  for a 24 cm gel strip. Samples can be loaded either by (I) the "sample in-gel hydration method" (the sample is solved in the same buffer used for rehydration of the gel strip) or by (II) the "cup-loading method" (the sample is applied via a small silicone cup placed on top of the rehydrated gel strip).



Separation of a protein sample (endometrium) in 2D-gelelectrophoresis by use of SERVA IPG BlueStrips 3 - 10. With friendly authorization of F. Berendt, Genzentrum, LMU Munich.

## **Isoelectric focusing (IEF)**

SERVA IPG BlueStrips can be operated in any commercially available electrophoresis apparatus suited for IEF. Typically, strips can be run in any flatbed system compatible with high-voltage applications (e. g. the flatbed system BH-2C from SERVA or the IEF100 unit as part of the large-sized 2D-GE system from Hoefer Inc., USA). Focusing time is depending on the voltage applied and on the length of the strip. A detailed user manual describes the procedure step by step and is delivered with each single package of SERVA IPG BlueStrips.

- Consistent performance
  - 12 strips per package, all derived from same production lot
- Reliability

Accurate casting procedures ensures lot-to-lot reproducibility of pH-gradient

GMP/GLP-conformity

Each strip has its individual lot number



## **Electrophoresis**

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## **Ordering Information**

Product	SERVA IPG BlueStrips (12 strips)*					
pH Range	3 – 10	3 – 10 NL	3 – 6	4 – 7	5 – 8	6 – 10
Length 7 cm	43001.01	43002.01	43005.01	43003.01	43006.01	43004.01
Length 11 cm	43031.01	43032.01	43035.01	43033.01	43036.01	43034.01
Length 17 cm	43041.01	43042.01	43045.01	43043.01	43046.01	43044.01
Length 18 cm	43011.01	43012.01	43015.01	43013.01	43016.01	43014.01
Length 24 cm	43021.01	43022.01	43025.01	43023.01	43026.01	43024.01
Product	Recommended for rehydration: <b>SERVALYT™</b> , 2 ml**					
pH Range	3 – 10	3 - 10 Iso-Dalt	3 – 6	4 – 7	5 – 8	6 – 9
Cat. No.	42940.04	42951.04	42944.04	42948.04	42949.04	42913.04

<sup>\*</sup> Each package contains 12 gel strips (all gel strips are 3 mm wide). Every gel strip has its own lot number and hence, can be traced distinctively, important for work conducted and in compliance to GMP/GLP. Other pH-gradients and gel strip lengths are available upon request.

## **SERVA Related Reagents for Proteomics**

## SERVA*Gel*™ TG 2D Gels

precast 2D gels in mini format (10 x 10 cm)

Product	Quantity	Cat. No.
SERVA <i>Gel</i> ™ TG Vertical Tris-Glycine 2D Gel 10%	10 gels	43225.01
SERVA <i>Gel</i> ™ TG Vertical Tris-Glycine 2D Gel 12%	10 gels	43226.01
SERVA <i>Gel</i> ™ TG Vertical Tris-Glycine 2D Gel 14%	10 gels	43227.01
SERVA <i>Gel</i> ™ TG Vertical Tris-Glycine 2D Gel 8 – 16%	10 gels	43228.01

## Trypsin NB Premium Grade, MS approved

from porcine pancreas, for highly specific protein digestion

Product	Quantity	Cat. No.
Trypsin NB Premium Grade, MS approved	4 x 25 μg	37384.01

#### SERVA ICPL™ Kit

isotope-coded protein labelling for quantative MS analysis of proteins

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Product	Quantity	Cat. No.
SERVA ICPL™ Kit	1 kit (6 x 2 reactions)	39230.01
SERVA ICPL™ Triplex Kit	1 kit (6 x 3 reactions)	39231.01
SERVA ICPL™ Quadruplex Kit	1 kit (6 x 4 reactions)	39232.01
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PLUS Kit		

### **SERVA Protein Standards**

for IEF. SDS PAGE and 2D-GE

Protein Standard	Application	Quantity	Cat. No.
IEF Marker 3 – 10, liquid mix	IEF (9 proteins/13 bands)	500 μl	39212.01
SERVA Unstained SDS PAGE Protein Marker 6.5 – 200 kDa, liquid mix	SDS PAGE (9 native proteins)	500 <i>μ</i> l	39215.01
SERVA Prestained SDS PAGE Protein Marker 6.5 – 200 kDa, liquid mix	SDS PAGE (9 native proteins are stained blue)	2 x 250 μl	39216.01
SERVA Recombinant SDS PAGE Protein Marker 10 – 150 kDa, liquid mix	SDS PAGE (8 recombinant proteins)	500 <i>μ</i> l	39217.01
SERVA Recombinant SDS PAGE Protein Marker 10 – 150 kDa PLUS, liquid mix	SDS PAGE (one additional protein at 29 kDa is stained blue)	500 <i>μ</i> Ι	39218.01
SERVA Unstained Protein Standard III	SDS PAGE (10 recombinant proteins)	500 <i>μ</i> l	39249.01
SERVA Dual Color Protein Standard III	SDS PAGE (10 recombinant proteins, proteins at 70 and 25 kDa are stained)	500 μl	39252.01
SERVAChrom Protein Standard III (7 – 240 kDa)	SDS PAGE (10 proteins are stained in 6 colors)	500 <i>μ</i> l	39255.01
SERVA Western Blot Protein Standard	SDS PAGE/ Western Blot (8 recombinant proteins, bind primary/secondary antibody)	250 μl	39256.01
SERVA Proteome Markers	2D-GE (8 proteins)	5 vials	39220.01





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<sup>\*\*</sup> Please find many other pH ranges (available at packing sizes of 10 ml, 25 ml and 100 ml) in the SERVA main catalogue or online (www.serva.de).