Bio-Rad's Camera Imaging Devices

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If you understand:

Sample properties – what is the sample, how abundant is it, how large are the features (spot, band, etc), what size is the gel or blot

Sensitivity Resolution Imaging/Scan Area

Properties of the detection reagent – fluorescent, colorimetric (visible) or luminescent detection, multiplexing, multiple detection types, dynamic range

> Illumination (laser, UV wavelength, white light) Detector (camera, PMT) Filters (excitation & emission)



Bio-Rad CCD Products



Gel Doc XR	ChemiDoc XRS	VersaDoc 4000	VersaDoc 5000
• Basic gel documentation 1-D DNA, RNA, & protein gels or blots), colony counting, X-ray film	 Basic gel documentation (1-D DNA, RNA, & protein gels or blots), colony counting, X-ray film Chemi imaging of robust and "faint" chemi signal 	 2-D protein gel imaging 1-D imaging Flexible – SYPRO ruby, Coomassie, silver + chemi Uniform data over large sample (2-D) area 	 Highest limit of detection (sensitivity) Imaging of very faint chemi signal Excellent chemi detection
High resolution imaging	 High resolution imaging 	 Highest resolution imaging 	 Low resolution imaging
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Gel Documentation

Gel Doc XR, ChemiDoc XRS

- Basic gel documentation & chemiluminescence
- Rarely use multi-fluorescent dyes
- Economical
- MZL
- Fast C-Mount optics

Multi Imager

VersaDoc 4000, 5000

- Automated application selection
- Frequently use different dyes
- Imaging of fluorescently labeled blots
- Highly uniform F-Mount optics
- Excellent multi image registration

Gel Doc XR – eXtra Resolution

- Mega-pixel gel documentation
- 1.4M pixels
- 12-bit, 3 orders dynamic range
- FireWire interface
- PC and Mac (OS X) compatible
- \$9995



Key Applications – Gel Doc XR

Nucleic Acid Detection

Ethidum bromide SYBR green

SYBR gold

Texas red

Rhodamine

Coumarin

Hoechst

1D & 2D Protein Gels/ Colorimetric Blots

SYPRO ruby SYPRO red

SYPRO orange

Copper Stain Silver Stain Zinc stain Coomassie DAB NBT-BCIP Densitometry

Negative X-ray film

Colony counting

Betagalactocidase

GFP

Carbohydrate Analysis ANTs



The benefits are obvious......Greater Resolution....





Gel Doc EQ 0.4M pixels

Gel Doc XR 1.4M pixels



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.....Greater Dynamic Range.



* Greatest number of LEDs detected w/o saturation (red) = Greatest Dynamic Range

Key Advantages of Gel Doc XR system

- Motorized zoon lens #1 Feature
 - Software or manual control
- 1.4M pixels & FireWire
- Different UV illumination intensities
 - Analytical and Preparative mode for cutting bands/reduce nicking
- 3 position filter slider
- 4 Optional emission filters
- Upgradeable to ChemiDoc XRS
- Quantity One Analysis, Basic Mode, Networking
- On-screen integration
- Print from acquisition window
- Direct links from acquisition to annotation, transformation and analysis

XRS Customers:

Gel Doc XR customers (Basic gel documentation)

PLUS

- Imaging of robust and "faint" chemi signal
- Customer's primary imaging need is for chemiluminescence
- Customer's routine chemi samples require an exposure time greater than 7 minutes

Key Advantages

- High resolution (1.4M pixel) camera
- Standard computer & instrument controlled MZL
- 3-position filter slider
- Optional filters available
- Optional lenses available for maximum detection
- 3.4 Orders dynamic range
- 1392 x 1040 pixels
- PC & Mac compatible
- Dynamic Flat Fielding
- List price \$24,995



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Key Advantages of ChemiDoc XRS system

ChemiDoc XRS – many of the same features as Gel Doc XR

- Motorized zoon lens #1 Feature
 - Software or manual control
- 1.4M pixels
- Different UV illumination intensities
 - Analytical and Preparative mode for cutting bands/reduce nicking
- 3 position filter slider
- 4 Optional emission filters
 - Same or better than most competitors
- Quantity One Analysis, Basic Mode, Networking
- On-screen integration
- Print from acquisition window
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PLUS

- Super cooled camera at -35°C for excellent signal to noise ratio
- Excellent quantum efficiency for chemi detection
- Two optional (manual) lenses low f/stop for faster imaging
- Dynamic Flat Fielding

Blotting





Typical Chemiluminescent Reagents

Luminols – Immun-star HRP (Bio-Rad),

- Horseradish Peroxidase mediated
 - Brighter Signal, shorter half-life (less than 60 minutes)
- 1,2-Dioxetanes CDP-*Star* (Tropix)
 - Alkaline Phosphatase mediated
 - Less intense signal, long half-life (24 hours +)

- Film manufacturers
 - Kodak and Fuji
- Film Advantages
 - Fast exposure times
 - Very fine resolution (approx. 3 micron silver grains)
- Film Disadvantages
 - Poor dynamic range (1.5 orders of magnitude, which is less than a chemi reaction!)
 - Must be scanned to use in presentation/publication

The efficiency at which photons of light are converted into electronic signal. If a detector had 100% QE every photon that reaches it would be converted to electronic signal.



What Is Flat Fielding?

- It is a patent pending Bio-Rad technology for the elimination of nonuniformity's caused by variations in the optical path due to zoom setting, illumination, and/or lens.
- It is available for Trans UV and white light illumination.
- Bio Rad's VersaDoc CCD technology improves image quality by reducing background noise and enhancing the signal to noise ratio.
- Flat fielding is featured in the ChemiDoc XRS & VersaDoc

Gels Without Flat Fielding



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Three Gels With Flat Fielding



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