## PrimeTime® qPCR Probes

# Double- and single-quenched probes for use in 5' nuclease assays

#### Dyes and quenchers for every experiment

PrimeTime qPCR Probes provide reliable sensitivity even in demanding applications such as multiplexing and digital PCR. PrimeTime qPCR Probes are available in a wide variety of dye-quencher combinations (Figure 1) that are compatible with common qPCR instruments.

#### Achieve consistent results

All PrimeTime Probes are HPLC purified, and then verified by mass spectrometry, to deliver batch-to-batch consistency and minimize the need for troubleshooting.

Fluorophore*		Emission wave- length (nm)	Quencher
	6-FAM	520	
	TET™	539	
	HEX™ JOE Yakima Yellow® VIC®‡	555 555 549 554	ZEN–Iowa Black® FQ†
	Cy <sup>®</sup> 3	564	
	<b>ATTO™ 550</b> § NED™‡	575 575	
	TAMRA ABY®‡	583 580	
	ATTO 565§ PET <sup>®‡</sup>	591 595	Iowa Black RQ"
	ROX	608	
	Texas Red®-X JUN <sup>®‡</sup>	617 617	
	ATTO 633§ LIZ®‡	657 655	
	ATTO 647§	669	
	Су 5	668	TAO–lowa Black RQ <sup>1</sup>

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### benefits

**Choose from a wide range** of dyes and quenchers, including several license-free combinations

**Reduce costs and waste** with convenient sizes, starting from 0.5 nmol

**Successfully multiplex** with ZEN<sup>™</sup> or TAO<sup>™</sup> Double-Quenched Probes for:

- Lower background fluorescence
- Increased endpoint signal
- Reduced crosstalk

**Begin your project sooner** with rapid shipment for most probes

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### Figure 1. Commonly used fluorophores and quenchers.

- \* Except where noted, the fluorophores in this chart are free of licensing fees and can be ordered from www.idtdna.com/qPCRprobes.
- † Probes with 6-FAM, TET, HEX, or JOE fluorophores are also available as traditional, single-quenched probes with Black Hole Quencher®-1 (BHQ®-1, additional third-party licenses required for diagnostic use).
- ‡ For reference only. Not available through IDT.
- § Probes with ATTO Dyes can be ordered from www.idtdna.com, Custom DNA Oligos page.
- II Black Hole Quencher-2 (BHQ-2) may also be used as a quencher. However, additional third-party licenses are required for diagnostic use.
- ¶ Cy 5 is also available as a traditional, singlequenched probe with Iowa Black RQ (license free) or BHQ-2 (additional third-party licenses required for diagnostic use).



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# Improve assay sensitivity with double-quenched probes

Reduce background and increase assay sensitivity with ZEN or TAO Double-Quenched Probes. Our exclusive internal quenchers are always 9 bases from the 5' fluorophore and work in combination with the 3' Iowa Black quencher for maximum probe performance (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Schematic of a PrimeTime qPCR 5' Nuclease Assay using a doublequenched probe that includes a dye, a ZEN or TAO internal quencher, and a 3' quencher.

With nearly 4 times lower background fluorescence

(Figure 3A) and approximately 30% increased signal (Figure 3B), ZEN Double-Quenched Probes simply perform better. See performance data for TAO Double-Quenched Probes at **www.idtdna.com/qPCRprobes**.



**Figure 3. Increased signal detection and assay sensitivity from ZEN Double-Quenched Probes. (A)** ZEN Probes (blue) provide greater dye quenching, producing lower background and, therefore, higher signal intensities than standard single-quenched probes (BHQ Probes; green). **(B)** ZEN Probes increase assay sensitivity, as demonstrated by the earlier C<sub>q</sub> values observed compared to standard, BHQ single-quenched probes.

### Achieve maximum quenching for long probes

Effective quenching for ZEN Double-Quenched Probes as long as 40 bases means more effective designs, even for AT-rich targets.



**Figure 4. Only ZEN Double-Quenched Probes maintain low background signal with increasing probe length.** Probes of 2 lengths (20 or 40 bases) with 5 different quenchers were compared in 10 singleplex qPCRs. Six replicate reactions with each probe type were run with 50 ng of cDNA and the TaqMan® Gene Expression Master Mix (Thermo Fisher) under standard cycling conditions on the Applied Biosystems 7900HT system. Key: IBFQ = Iowa Black FQ Quencher (IDT); BHQ-1 = Black Hole Quencher-1 (Biosearch Technologies); Eclipse® = Eclipse quencher (ELITech Group).

### Ordering information

Visit www.idtdna.com/qPCRprobes to enter your sequence and choose modifications.

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