



# **TC10<sup>™</sup> Automated Cell Counter**

- Cell counting
- Cell viability
- Analysis options



# The Truly Automated Cell Counting Solution

Counting cells with a microscope and a hemocytometer is a tedious task with varying results. The TC10 cell counter is truly automated, providing a total count of mammalian cells and a live/dead ratio in one simple step with accurate, reproducible results. Speed up your cell counting and accelerate your research.

- Fit cell counting into your schedule count cells quickly, accurately, and consistently within 30 sec using the built-in auto-focus
- Configure results to your needs —
   determine total cell count without dye or use
   trypan blue dye to assess total cell count
   and cell viability
- Have results at your fingertips print count results and dilution calculations from the TC10 thermal label printer
- Easily archive your results transfer counts and cell images using a USB key and access up to 100 counts stored in the onboard memory
- Trust your counts confirm instrument functionality with the TC10 verification slide
- Conserve precious cells use only 10 μl of suspended cells

# **One-Step Counting**



Load the sample onto a slide.



Insert the slide into the TC10 cell counter; counting automatically begins.



Obtain a total cell count (without trypan blue dye) or total and live cell counts (with trypan blue dye) in 30 seconds.



#### **Total Cell Count**

Bio-Rad's TC10 automated cell counter utilizes microscopy with auto-focus and a sophisticated image analysis algorithm. The TC10 counter analyzes multiple focal planes, determines the best plane to measure total cell count against the background, and then counts cells based on physical properties such as size and shape. TC10 cell counting accuracy is comparable to results obtained with a hemocytometer for cells within the ranges of 5 x 10<sup>4</sup>–1 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells/ml and 6–50 µm cell diameter.

#### **Cell Viability**

The TC10 counter auto-detects the presence of the trypan blue dye in the sample to assess cell viability via trypan blue dye exclusion by scoring cells across multiple focal planes.

### **Analysis Options**

After viewing cell count results, users can choose to view an image of the counted cells on the TC10 counter. An annotated JPEG file of the cell image can be exported via the USB port for further analysis.

Users can access the onboard dilution calculator to determine the volume adjustments required to achieve the cell concentration needed for the next experiment.

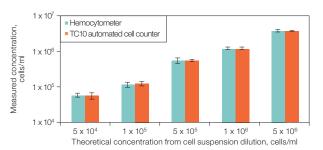
A TC10 thermal label printer can print count results onto labels. These can be placed into a laboratory notebook as a record of the count.

Results from 100 counts are stored in the TC10 cell counter so you can always go back and recover them. Previous count results can be exported via the USB port and opened in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, allowing easy comparison of data between experiments and traceability of the count results.

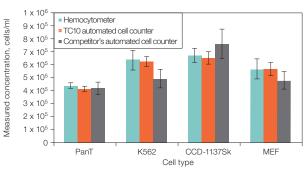
#### **Specifications**

Counting time 30 sec Cell concentration range 5 x 10<sup>4</sup>-1 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells/ml 1 x 105-5 x 106 cells/ml Optimal cell concentration range Cell diameter range 6-50 µm Total count Live count 10-50 µm Sample volume 10 µl Data storage 100 counts Data export Via USB kev 19 x 15 x 25.4 cm (7.5 x 6 x 10") Dimensions (W x D x H) Weight 2.2 kg (4.8 lb) (without the

external power supply)



The TC10 cell counter demonstrates accurate cell counts across an extended range of cell concentrations. MEF cells were concentrated, serially diluted, and counted with a hemocytometer and a TC10 automated cell counter. The TC10 counter and hemocytometer cell counts showed no statistically significant differences. Precision is indicated by the standard deviations; error bars represent average standard deviations. Cell counts on the TC10 counter were performed on four different instruments with six sample replicates.



The TC10 cell counter demonstrates accurate cell counts across a range of cell sizes. Small (PanT), medium (K562), and large (CCD, MEF) cells were counted with a hemocytometer, a TC10 automated cell counter, and a competitor's automated cell counter. The TC10 counter and hemocytometer cell counts showed no statistically significant differences. Precision is indicated by the standard deviations; error bars represent average standard deviations. Cell counts on the TC10 counter were performed on four different instruments with six sample replicates.

# **Ordering Information**

Catalog # Description

# **TC10 Automated Cell Counter**

145-0001 TC10 Automated Cell Counter, 100–240 V, includes instrument, USB key, 30 TC10 dual-chamber counting slides (60 counts), 1.5 ml TC10 trypan blue dye

145-0009 TC10 Automated Cell Counter with Printer, 100–240 V, includes instrument, USB key, TC10 thermal label printer, 1 roll of 185 labels, 30 TC10 dual-chamber counting slides (60 counts), 1.5 ml TC10 trypan blue dye

#### **Kits and Reagents**

145-0003 TC10 Counting Kit, includes 30 TC10 dual-chamber counting slides (60 counts), 1.5 ml TC10 trypan blue dye
145-0014 TC10 Verification Kit, includes TC10 verification slide, protocol

## Accessories

145-0005 TC10 Thermal Label Printer, includes label printer, USB cable, 1 roll of 185 labels
 145-0007 Thermal Printer Labels, 1 roll of 185 labels, for TC10

thermal label printer

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