# **Technical Data Sheet**

# Rainbow Calibration Particles (8 peaks), 3.0 - 3.4 µm

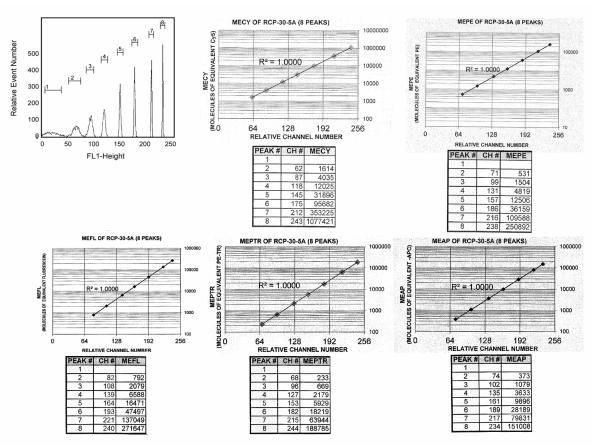
#### **Product Information**

Material Number: 559123 Size: 5 mL

**Storage Buffer:** Aqueous solution containing 0.01%NP40 and  $\leq 0.02\%$  sodium azide.

#### Description

The vial contains a mixture of 3.0 - 3.4 µm Rainbow Particles that are dyed to eight different fluorescent intensities. Every Rainbow Particle contains a mixture of fluorophores that are excited at any wavelength from 365 - 650 nm. The Rainbow Particles have emission spectra compatible with many common fluorophores used for immunofluorescent staining with flow cytometric analysis.



Upper Left: Rainbow Particle peak separation based on FL1 fluorescence intensity expressed in relative channel numbers.

Upper Center: Molecules of Equivalent Cy5™ (MECY) versus relative channel number for the 8 peaks present in the Rainbow Particles.

Upper Right: Molecules of Equivalent Phycoerythrin (MEPE) versus relative channel number for the 8 peaks present in the Rainbow

Lower Left: Molecules of Equivalent Fluorescein (MEFL) versus relative channel number for the 8 peaks present in the Rainbow Particles.

Lower Middle: Molecules of Equivalent Phycoerythrin-TR (MEPTR) versus relative channel number for the 8 peaks present in the Rainbow Particles.

Lower Right: Molecules of Equivalent APC (MEAP) versus relative channel number for the 8 peaks present in the Rainbow Particles.

## **Preparation and Storage**

Store undiluted at 4°C and protected from prolonged exposure to light. Do not freeze.

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## **Application Notes**

## **Recommended Assay Procedure:**

This particle mixture ( $\sim$ 10x10 $^{\circ}$ 6 particles/ml) is useful for routine calibration of flow cytometers. Before use, resuspend the particles by vortexing. Dilution of 3 - 5 drops of particles to 1 ml of sheath fluid will provide an adequate number of particles for flow cytometric analysis.

## **Product Notices**

- 1. Since applications vary, each investigator should titrate the reagent to obtain optimal results.
- 2. Caution: Sodium azide yields highly toxic hydrazoic acid under acidic conditions. Dilute azide compounds in running water before discarding to avoid accumulation of potentially explosive deposits in plumbing.
- 3. Cy is a trademark of GE Healthcare.
- 4. Please refer to www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols for technical protocols.

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