

## Technical Data Sheet

## PE Rat Anti-Mouse CD8a

## Product Information

<b>Material Number:</b>	<b>561095</b>
<b>Alternate Name:</b>	Ly-2, Lyt-2
<b>Size:</b>	25 µg
<b>Concentration:</b>	0.2 mg/ml
<b>Clone:</b>	53-6.7
<b>Immunogen:</b>	Mouse thymus / spleen Cells
<b>Isotype:</b>	Rat (LOU) IgG2a, κ
<b>Reactivity:</b>	QC Testing: Mouse
<b>Storage Buffer:</b>	Aqueous buffered solution containing ≤0.09% sodium azide.

## Description

The 53-6.7 antibody has been reported to react with the 38 kDa  $\alpha$  and 34 kDa  $\alpha'$  chains of the CD8 differentiation antigen (Ly-2 or Lyt-2) of all mouse strains tested. The CD8  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  chains (CD8a) form heterodimers with the CD8  $\beta$  chain (CD8b, Ly-3, or Lyt-3) on the surface of most thymocytes. A subpopulation of mature T lymphocytes (i.e., MHC class I-restricted T cells, including most T suppressor/cytotoxic cells) expresses almost exclusively the CD8  $\alpha\beta$  heterodimer (the  $\alpha'$  chain is absent). Subsets of  $\gamma\delta$  TCR-bearing T cells, intestinal intraepithelial lymphocytes, and dendritic cells express CD8a without CD8b. It has been suggested that the expression of the CD8a/CD8b heterodimer is restricted to T lymphocytes which matured in the thymus or in an extrathymic environment that had been influenced by thymus-initiated neuroendocrine signals. CD8 is an antigen coreceptor on the T-cell surface which interacts with MHC class I molecules on antigen-presenting cells or epithelial cells. It participates in T-cell activation through its association with the T-cell receptor complex and protein tyrosine kinase lck (p56 [lck]). The CD8  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  chains arise from alternatively spliced messengers of a single *CD8a* gene. The longer  $\alpha$  form associates with p56 [lck] via a CXCP motif in its cytoplasmic domain, which it shares with CD4, but not with CD8b. The truncated  $\alpha'$  chain is unable to associate with p56 [lck], and it may function to attenuate the CD8-mediated costimulatory signal during intrathymic T-cell maturation. In vivo and in vitro treatment with 53-6.7 mAb has reportedly been effective at depleting CD8+ peripheral T lymphocytes. The 53-6.7 antibody has also been reported to cross-react with CD8  $\alpha$ - and  $\alpha'$ -like polypeptides on subsets of thymic and peripheral lymphocytes in the Egyptian toad, *Bufo regularis*.

This antibody is routinely tested by flow cytometric analysis and is compatible with intracellular staining protocols using the BD Cytotfix/Cytoperm™ Kit (Cat. No. 554714). Other applications were tested at BD Biosciences Pharmingen during antibody development only or reported in the literature.

## Preparation and Storage

The monoclonal antibody was purified from tissue culture supernatant or ascites by affinity chromatography.

The antibody was conjugated with R-PE under optimum conditions, and unconjugated antibody and free PE were removed.

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

## Application Notes

## Application

Flow cytometry	Routinely Tested
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## Suggested Companion Products

Catalog Number	Name	Size	Clone
554714	BD Cytotfix/Cytoperm™ Fixation/Permeabilization Kit	250 tests	(none)
553930	PE Rat IgG2a, κ Isotype Control	0.1 mg	R35-95

## Product Notices

1. Since applications vary, each investigator should titrate the reagent to obtain optimal results.
2. Please refer to [www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/pharmingen/protocols) for technical protocols.
3. For fluorochrome spectra and suitable instrument settings, please refer to our Fluorochrome Web Page at [www.bdbiosciences.com/colors](http://www.bdbiosciences.com/colors).

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4. 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.

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