







Affix cartridge label to the front of the cartridge

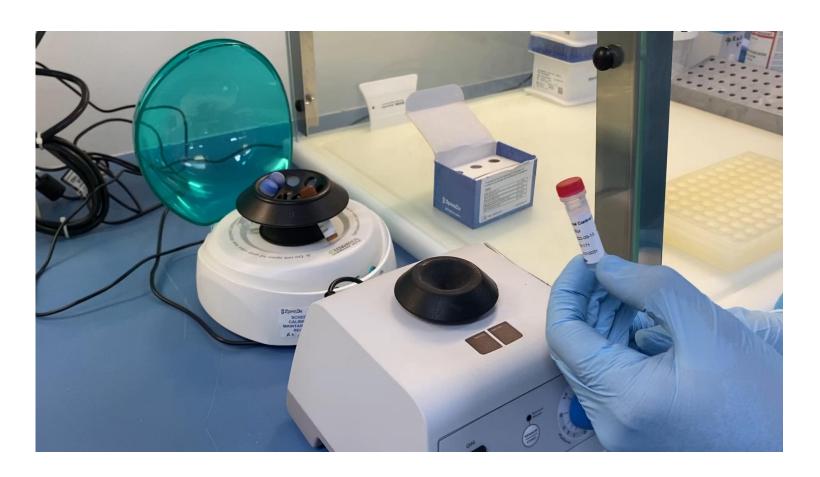
Note: Ensure label on cartridge is straight



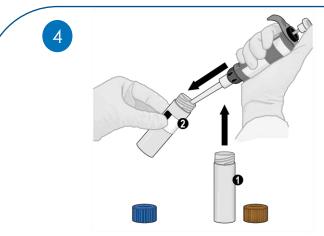




Thaw reagents and internal control. Vortex tubes for 5 - 10 seconds and centrifuge for 5 - 10 seconds at a low speed to collect liquid in the bottom of the tube

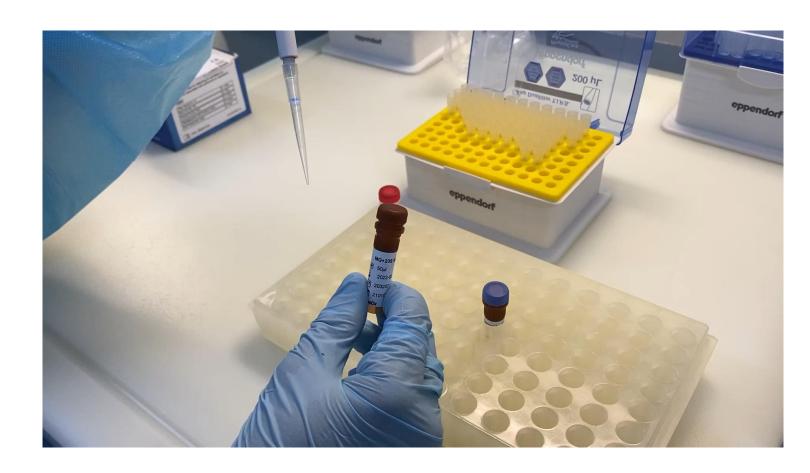






Pipette 44 µL of MG+23S(GX) (**Brown lid**) directly into **Plex** Mastermix tube (**Blue lid**). Recap and tighten lid of the Plex Mastermix tube (**Blue lid**). This is now your combined **Reaction** mix.

Discard the empty MG+23S (GX) tube (Brown lid) after transferring contents







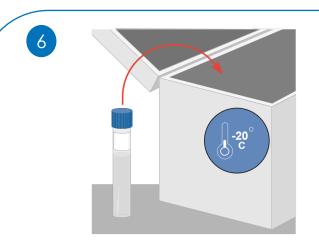
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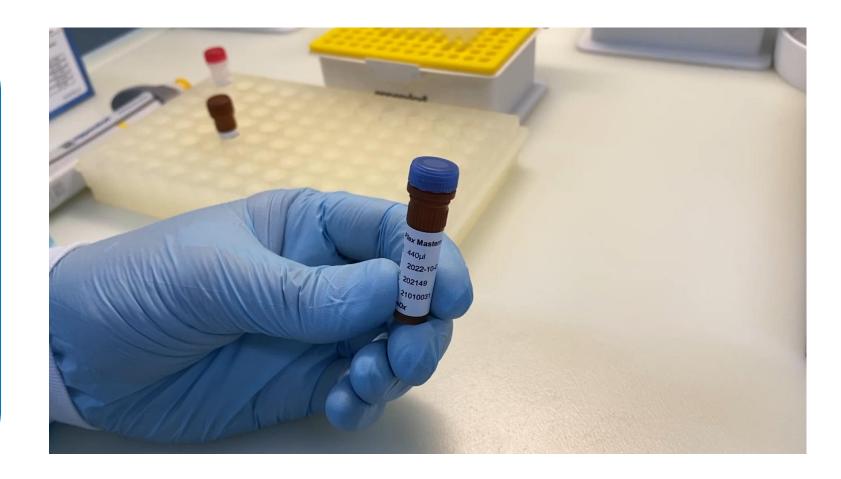




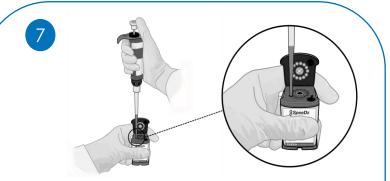
The combined Reaction mix is now sufficient for 10 reactions

Note: Combined Reaction mix can be stored between -25°C to -15°C for up to 8 weeks or no more than 8 freeze-thaw cycles

Note: Do not prepare aliquots





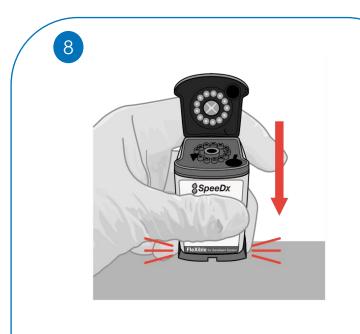


Open lid cartridge and Pipette 44 μ L of combined Reaction Mix (**blue lid**) into Reaction Chamber (left)

Insert pipette tip vertically as far as it will go inside chamber before expelling liquid







<u>Gently</u> tap bottom of cartridge on bench to settle liquid and prevent any air bubbles



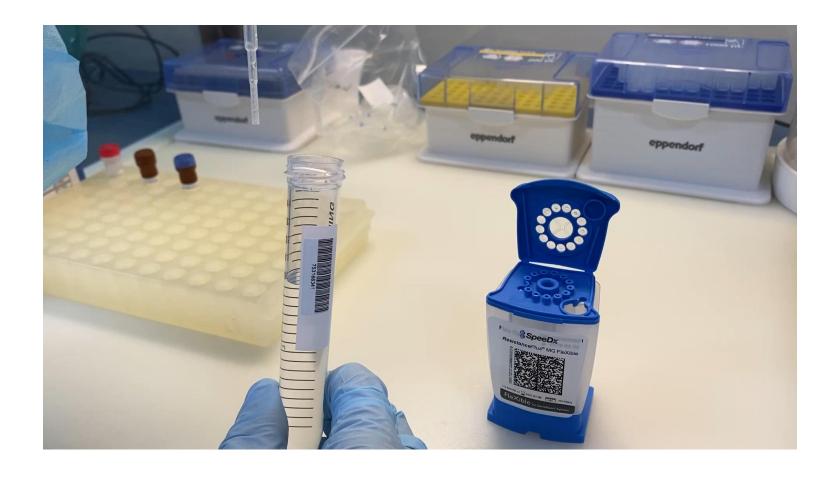




Open sample tube lid. Take provided transfer pipette and **slowly** compress the bulb.

Insert pipette into the sample tube and slowly release the bulb to fill the transfer pipette above the 1 mL mark on the pipette shaft

Note: The aspirated sample should not contain air bubbles

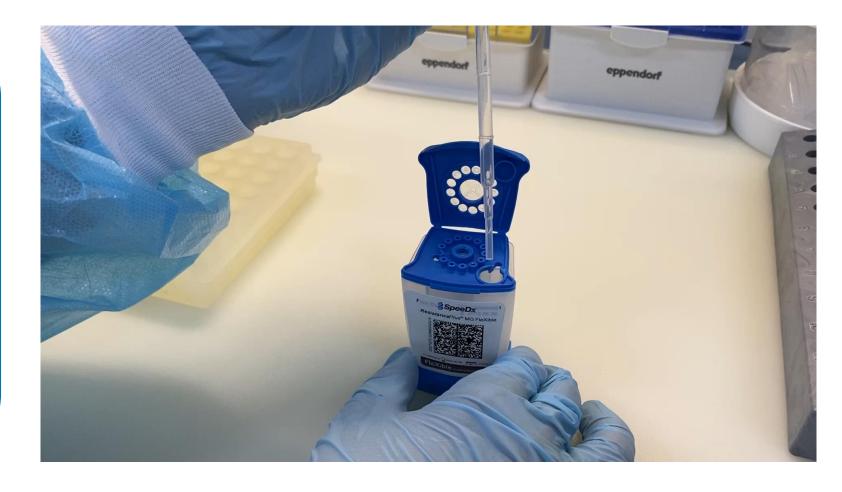




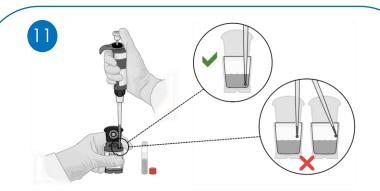


Slowly compress bulb to dispense sample from the transfer pipette into the Sample Chamber of the cartridge (right)

Note: Excessive force can create bubbles. Gently pipette to avoid unnecessary bubbles







Pipette 10 µL of Internal Control Cells (**Red lid**) into Sample Chamber (Right)

Note: Ensure pipette tip is correctly immersed in the sample before expelling the liquid

Note: The Internal Control Cells can be stored between -25°C to -15°C and undergo no more than 8 freeze-thaw cycles







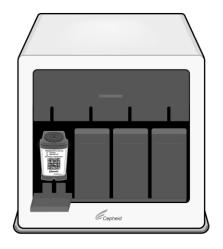
Close the cartridge lid. **Do not mix or shake cartridge**

Note: The cartridge should be loaded within 30 minutes of preparation









Place in the GeneXpert® instrument. Start test

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ResistancePlus® MG FleXible box 2 storage

Tip:

Usual GeneXpert® cartridges boxes are larger than GeneXpert cartridge boxes.







As for any GeneXpert® cartridges, ensure FleXible boxes are stored with label on top to avoid buffer leaks.



Lab settings recommendations

The **Resistance**Plus[®] MG FleXible Instructions For Use Section 6 state:

6 Associated products and consumables

General lab consumables

- Gloves and clean lab coats
- Vortex mixer
- Benchtop centrifuge for 1.5 mL tubes
- Micropipettors covering the range 10 100 μL
- Sterile aerosol-resistant, DNAse/RNAse free, pipette tips
- Sterile transfer pipettes capable of transferring at least 1mL volume

The **vortex mixer** is important to ensure proper homogenization of the reagents (which can be slightly viscous) after thawing or mixing. Poor homogenization may cause errors and inconsistent results

Centrifuging after vortexing is crucial to collect all liquid at the bottom and avoid volume loss.

It is recommended for the user to pipette microvolumes whilst sitting down in a stable position



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Micropipetters must be calibrated to guarantee precise microvolume dispensing. They should be paired with the manufacturer-recommended **tips**. Many generic tips exist on the market but are not all equivalent and well adapted to any pipet, even though they seem to fit.

At the µL level, imprecision can impact performance. From what we have observed with users:

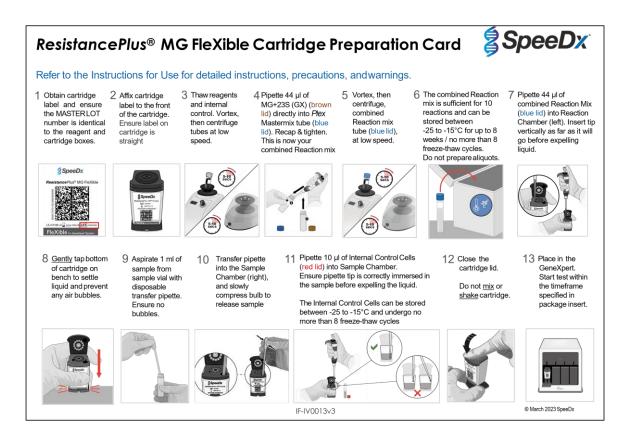
- When adding MG+23S(GX) mix (**Brown** lid) into Plex Mastermix tube (**Blue** lid), more than 44 µL may lead to probe check failure error 5006. Less may lead to probe check failure error 5007/5017.
- Adding too much combined reaction mix may lead to error 5006, as well as a cumulated volume loss that would in the end prevent using the kit for the expected 10 reactions. This is despite the extra volume (44 µL) that is provided in the combined reaction mix.



Processing recommendations

The **Quick Reference Guide** is very helpful to guide users step by step, it is designed to be placed at the bench.

Details are significant, do not skip or modify the order*.



* Dispensing the internal control cells before the sample or not immersing the tip in the sample may cause IC failure. 10 µL is a small volume that may remain attached to the tip and be discarded with it, or it could remain on the inside of the cartridge wall instead of falling into the sample at the bottom.