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FL 6500™ and FL 8500™ Fluorescence Spectrometers
WHEN DISCOVERY COMES TO LIGHT
The Complete Fluorescence Solution

Looking for high-performing, simple-to-operate instruments that help your lab achieve fast, accurate results? Our latest fluorescence spectrometers truly deliver.

Designed to maximize productivity, the FL 6500™ and FL 8500™ use interchangeable, plug-and-play accessories, intuitive software that mirrors your laboratory workflow, and support and services that validate your equipment and ensure standard compliance regulations are met.

Whether you’re looking for a pulsed lamp or a continuous source, we provide both solutions, allowing you to tackle any application challenges that come your way.
For biotech and life science researchers, fluorescence spectroscopy is a fast and accurate method of analyzing samples. For your most sensitive samples, the FL 6500 fluorescence spectrometer provides adjustable peak power for greater dynamic range. The high-energy pulsed Xenon light source enables you to get the most accurate results without photobleaching your sample.

The FL 6500 allows you to analyze even the smallest samples, such as proteins or enzymes, without destroying them. Using our microvolume cuvettes, the fluorescence is minimal and the results are precise.

Both FL 6500 and FL 8500 systems can be used to measure kinetic assays. In as little as a few minutes, it can help in understanding complex biological processes. The intuitive software includes a kinetics module that contains calculations that help to understand the mechanics of enzyme inhibition and provide a number of different plot formats to facilitate analysis and data presentation.

The FL 6500 system offers maximum performance in several different biological applications, including:

- Nucleic acid studies, such as DNA and RNA quantitation
- Protein studies, including quantitation and protein denaturation
- Enzyme kinetics, including fast kinetics, rapid mixing experiments, and inhibition studies
- Clinical applications, like characterization of porphyrins
- Cellular studies, including measurement of intracellular ions

Read more about measuring delayed fluorescence and phosphorescence lifetimes.
Industrial TESTING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

For industrial analysis, such as dye, tracing, printing manufacturing and R&D; agricultural and environmental analysis; and analysis of LEDs, solar cells, and organic electroluminescent materials, our two fluorescence spectrometers offer accurate results quickly.

The FL 6500 system provides a high-energy pulsed Xenon light source that prevents photobleaching and preserves the integrity of your sample. The FL 8500 system offers a continuous-wave excitation source that’s best for testing diluted or small samples.

Investigating Oil Spills

Oil spills are a global risk to environmental and human health. Our FL 6500 system provides a fingerprint of the oil and compares the spectra of possible sources. The technique analyzes environmental samples in fresh water or seawater to identify the type of oil involved and include or exclude a suspected source of contamination.
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**Discovering Excess Aluminum in Water**

Aluminum found in tap water can occur naturally or result from construction, automotive, aircraft, electric, or food packaging industries. Too much aluminum can pose a significant health hazard. Each country has a restricted level of aluminum allowed in tap water, and our **FL 8500** system is used to identify whether these values are within acceptable limits.
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Increasing the Brightness of Products

The FL 6500 is preferred when analyzing optical brightening agents (OBAs), dyes that are commonly used to increase the perceived whiteness and brightness of products such as paper, textiles, and detergents. These compounds absorb light in the UV-visible region of the electromagnetic spectrum and reemit the light as fluorescence in the blue-violet region of the visible spectrum. This results in a whiter appearance.
THE LIGHT THAT GUIDES YOU

International pharmaceutical standards are important to safeguarding drug quality and making medicine accessible to the public. Pharmaceutical laboratories have three chief concerns: remaining compliant, validating performance, and functioning properly from day to day. We’ve developed our FL 6500 and FL 8500 fluorescence spectrometers to work seamlessly with intuitive software that helps you meet standard guidelines and regulations.

Our Enhanced Security (ES) software helps labs maintain Title 21 CFR Part 11 compliance and adhere to stringent data integrity requirements, preventing you from incurring costly fines and downtime.

21 CFR Part 11 Compliance

You need an experienced, trusted vendor to confidently achieve compliance with CFR. After all, you know your lab’s workflow best and can determine how compliance fits into your day-to-day operations. Our Spectrum FL Enhanced Security (ES) software works with your lab, so you can meet 21 CFR technical requirements without sacrificing productivity.

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Validation

The U.S. Pharmacopoeia USP <853> method gives guidelines for measuring the performance of fluorescence spectrometers. The Spectrum FL software used in the FL 6500 and FL 8500 has intuitive validation modules that are used to test key specifications, such as raman band peak position, emission wavelength accuracy, excitation wavelength reproducibility, and more. The user-friendly modules guide you through the process, step by step, and allow you to run only the checks you want at any given time.
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Support

From instrument qualification to software assurance, OneSource® Laboratory Services can provide the service and support you need to stay compliant and keep your lab running smoothly every step of the way.

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And, as a global leader in nanomaterial analysis, we offer an array of analytical instrumentation that provides clean, rapid analysis of even the most challenging organic and hybrid nanomaterials.

Testing for Pesticides in Water
How do pesticides find their way into our water sources? Our FL 8500 can find out. Scientists measure the efficiency of crop-spraying techniques by spraying an ecologically friendly fluorescent dye and measuring the amount of fluorescence that’s been deposited. As long as the compound of interest fluoresces or can be tagged with a fluorescent molecule, it can be analyzed.
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Measuring Anticounterfeiting Features in Banknotes

Counterfeit currency costs governments and businesses vast amounts of time and money every year. A simple fluorescence test using our high-sensitivity FL 8500 can be used to verify the identity of currency through the security thread and the background fluorescence of the bill. Fluorescence is also used in drivers’ licenses and other security cards to prevent counterfeiting.
SHINE A LIGHT ON INNOVATION

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Assessing the Efficiency of Protective Clothing
Chemical protective clothing (CPC) such as cotton work shirts, work pants, and nonwoven garments is recommended for pesticide sprayers to limit their exposure to chemicals. Our FL 8500 can help determine CPC performance by measuring fluorescent tracer deposition on skin surfaces beneath garments with a video imaging analysis instrument (VITAE system) and by alpha-cellulose patches placed outside and beneath the garments.
From teaching labs to research experiments, academics everywhere are benefiting from fluorescence spectroscopy. Whether you’re determining the amount of quinine in tonic water or showcasing absolute quantum yield using our integrated sphere, the FL 6500 and FL 8500 are beneficial teaching tools in any academic lab.

We work closely with academic institutions around the world to help them reach their analysis goals, which can cross both sample types and markets.

**Studying Histamine in Fish**

Histamine levels rise in fish when the food is attacked by bacteria. This can result in a burning sensation and can cause anaphylactic shock if eaten. With the help of fluorescence and our FL 8500, histamine levels can be properly measured for safety.
Determining Whiskey’s Authenticity

Food adulterers are concocting cheap blends of whiskey and selling them as single-malt scotches. Luckily, FL 8500 can help detect the fakes by using colored dyes to compare different drinks.
This innovative technology is made for material characterization; industrial dye, tracing, printing manufacturing R&D; agricultural and environmental analysis; analysis of LEDs, solar cells, and organic electroluminescent materials. Its unique features and benefits include:

- Continuous wave excitation
- High-sensitivity measurements at scan speeds of up to 60,000 nm/min
- Accurate measurements of diluted and/or small sample amounts
- High-quality results the first time and every time

The FL 8500 is preferred when photobleaching isn’t a concern. And, like the FL 6500, it only occupies 66 cm (26 in.) of bench space, freeing up room in your lab.

**Power at the Speed of Light**

The FL 8500 uses a high-performance photomultiplier tube (PMT) detector, 150-watt Xenon lamp, and state of the art optics. They enable rapid scans and high sensitivity over wide wavelength range to increase productivity and capabilities.
Built for biological research and thin coatings, this groundbreaking technology boasts unique features and benefits such as:

- A pulsed xenon lamp and user-defined power settings increases dynamic range
- Better resolution that increases the number of spectral peaks that can be resolved, improving identification and qualification
- Recommended for phosphorescence and where photobleaching is a concern

And since it only occupies 66 cm (26 in.) of bench space, you can get the most out of your work area.

Adjustable Power Settings
With the unique FL 6500, the power is literally in your hands. Adjust the setting to optimize dynamic range and protect your sample – 20 kW, 40 kW, 80 kW, and 120 kW – you’re in control. How’s that for innovative?
Simple, intuitive, adaptable – our interchangeable, plug-and-play accessories make the FL 6500 and FL 8500 truly remarkable instruments. The accessories are automatically recognized by the software, minimizing downtime between changes and giving you more time to test.

Our convenient accessories — from the one-sample single cell holder to the 384-well microplate reader — are flexible enough to handle virtually any type of sample. The best part is that you don’t have to purchase all 27 accessories at once. Start with the ones you need now, and add more as your applications expand.

**Integrating Sphere**
Measure absolute quantum yield for liquid and powder samples with our integrating sphere. When used with either the FL 6500 or FL 8500, you can achieve flexibility even with low absorbency and low quantum yield samples.

**Absorbance Module**
This straightforward, simple-to-use accessory enables you to perform rapid measurements in the ultraviolet-visible region.

**Microplate Reader**
For DNA quantitation, enzyme-linked assays, protein measurements, cell viability testing, and drug research and testing, our microplate reader can be fitted with a 96- or 384-well plate, allowing for greater throughput.
# Accessorize to Suit Your Lab

Explore our full list of accessories that have been specially designed to work with both the FL 6500 and the FL 8500 spectrometers.

## Single-Cell Holder
Hold a singular sample in a multitude of volumes.

## Single-Cell Water-Jacket Holder
Temperature control for an external water bath to keep your sample at an ideal temperature.

## Single-Cell Water-Jacket Holder with Stirrer
Temperature control for an external water bath while stirring your solution.

## Microcell Holder
Analyze small amounts of sample (as low as 10 µL).

## Microcell Water-Jacket Holder with Stirrer
Analyze small amounts of sample (as low as 10 µL) via our water-jacket feature.

## Solid-Sample Holder
Analyze powders, films, paper, plastics, and more.

## Variable-Angle Solid-Sample Holder
Variable incidence angle measurement for analyzing powders, films, paper, plastics, and more.

## Precision Cell for Powder Sample
Use with Solid-Sample Holder or Variable-Angle Solid-Sample Holder for easy loading of powder or granular sample into the cell.

## Vis Automated Polarizer
Measure the polarization of your sample via the filter wheel. Usable wavelength range is 400 to 700 nm.

## Manual Polarizer Holder
Manually perform polarization and isotope measurements at multiple angles.

## Manual Rapid Mixing Accessory
Monitor kinetic reactions in solution with this stopped-flow technique.

## Rapid Mixing Accessory with Pneumatic Drive
Use with Manual Rapid Mixing Accessory or Rapid Mixing Accessory with Pneumatic Drive

## Absorbance Module
Calculate rapid absorbance measurements in the UV-visible region. Wavelength range is 200 to 900 nm.

## Fiber Optic Probe
Measure sensitive samples and run experiments outside of the instrument.

## Integrating Sphere
Measure absolute quantum yield for liquid and solid samples.

## Four-Position Multicell Water-Jacket Holder
Temperature control for external water bath. Hold up to four samples.

## Four-Position Multicell Water-Jacket Holder with Stirrer
Temperature control for a water bath while stirring your solution. Hold up to four samples.

## Single-Cell Peltier Holder
Use when precise temperature is necessary.

## Four-Position Multicell Peltier Holder
Use when precise temperature is necessary.

## Microplate Reader
Measure samples in 96- or 384-well plate.

## Fast Filter (excluding filters)
Analyze rapid intracellular ion movements into and out of cells.

## Autosipper (with front plate and FL flow cell)
Use for liquid sampling.

## S10 Autosampler
Automate standard and sample introduction for instrument calibration and sample analysis.

## Low Temperature Accessory
Plug-and-play low-temperature sampling accessory enables flow control of liquid nitrogen through an automatic valve.

## Thermostatic Accessory for Microplate Reader
Plug-and-play microplate reader accessory enables measurement of sample in 96- or 384-well plate.
Our intuitive software mirrors your workflow to streamline method development and get you accurate results quickly. Spectrum FL data acquisition and analysis software is available in both a standard version and 21 CFR Enhanced Security (ES) version for regulatory environments. Spectrum FL software controls both FL6500, FL8500 and the plug-and-play accessories.

Spectrum FL Enhanced Security (ES) data acquisition and analysis software is 21 CFR Part 11 compliant, encompassing data security, access control, data integrity, and audit trailing features, including user-defined electronic signature points and customizable signature reasons.

**Similar to Spectrum 10, the simple-to-use, intuitive software features:**

- Easy-to-build methods that can be run daily by chemists or technicians
- A user-friendly interface with step-by-step instructions that guide you through your sample run
- Ability to read LS 45 and LS 55 data files, as well as UV WinLab data files
Our intuitive software enables you to create methods, run the instrument, and analyze the data quickly and easily.

The following are the main sampling modes:

- **Fluorescence**
  - Single Read
  - 3D Synchronous Scan

- **Phosphorescence**
  - Pre-Scan
  - Synchronous Scan

- **Luminescence**
  - Validation

The following are featured data analysis tools:

- **Spectra Scan**
- **3D-Spectra Scan**
- **Quantification**
- **Anisotropy/Polarization**
- **Time Drive**

- Kinetics
- Intracellular Ion Concentration
- Quantum Yield
- Quenching
- Wavelength Program

- Lifetime
- Absorbance
- Validation
- Service Utility
- Sample Table

Additional software benefits include the readability of FLWinLab and UVWinLab data files, and accessory auto recognition.
Achieving regulatory compliance is important for your day-to-day lab productivity. From ensuring the quality performance of your instrument to making sure your software runs to specification, OneSource® Laboratory Services ensures that your equipment meets the standards of operation and safety.

Click on these services to learn more.

Instrument Qualification
When it comes to installing and maintaining your instruments, OneSource Laboratory Services can qualify your equipment, ensuring standard compliance regulations are met and providing installation qualification and operational qualification (IQ/OQ) peace of mind. OneSource offers both automated and traditional paper qualification methods. Standard recommended OQ protocols can be customized to fit your specifications.

Traditional Paper Qualification
For total lab efficiency, this qualification method ensures consistent, reliable, accurate data with instrument qualification services. Benefits include:

• Qualification protocols using calibration standards
• Applications-based custom protocol development
• Execution of customer developed protocols
• IQ/OQ protocols library
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Software Qualification
OneSource also provides several IQ/OQ offerings for software qualification and the assurance that instrument data is reliable and consistent for the highest quality results. Your lab can benefit from the features included in all enhanced security (ES) software including:
- Integration with your workflow
- Customizable methods and permissions
- Ensured validation
- Electronic records and reports that can’t be falsified
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Increase Uptime with Built-in Remote Monitoring
Avoid the high costs incurred with system downtime and failures with Radian™ remote monitoring service. With Radian, you benefit from real-time monitoring of your system’s diagnostic parameters. When something is out of spec, OneSource service engineers can diagnose the issue remotely and solve it faster. If an onsite visit is required, our specialists know what’s needed before they arrive, enabling faster resolution time.