

# VWR<sup>®</sup> Ergonomic High-Performance

# Instruction Manual Pipettors

- VWR EHP Fixed Volume
- VWR EHP Single-channel Variable Volume
- VWR EHP 8-channel Variable Volume
- VWR EHP 12-channel Variable Volume





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# 1. Product Description

# **Fixed Volume**

The VWR Ergonomic High-Performance (EHP) Fixed Volume Pipettor is a high quality volumetric instrument that eliminates the risk of erroneous volume setting. It can accommodate volumes from 5  $\mu$ L to 1,000  $\mu$ L depending on the model.

| Nominal Volume<br>(µL) | Cat. No.<br>(EU) | Cat. No.<br>(NA) |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 5                      | 613-0166         | 83009-758        |
| 10                     | 613-0167         | 83009-760        |
| 20                     | 613-0168         | 83009-762        |
| 25                     | 613-0169         | 83009-764        |
| 50                     | 613-0170         | 83009-766        |
| 100                    | 613-0171         | 83009-768        |
| 200                    | 613-0172         | 83009-770        |
| 250                    | 613-0173         | 83009-772        |
| 500                    | 613-0174         | 83009-774        |
| 1,000                  | 613-0175         | 83009-776        |

# Variable Volume

The VWR EHP single-channel pipettor is a volumetric instrument designed to measure and transfer liquids precisely and safely. It is available in volumes from 0.1  $\mu$ L to 10,000  $\mu$ L.

The VWR EHP 8-channel and 12-channel pipettors are designed for microplate filling. The pipettors enable precise and simultaneous delivery of 8 or 12 preset volumes of liquid. These pipettors are available in four volume ranges: 0.5-10  $\mu$ L, 5-50  $\mu$ L, 20-200  $\mu$ L, and 50-300  $\mu$ L.

| Nominal<br>Volume (µL) | Cat. No.<br>(EU) | Cat. No.<br>(NA) | Range of<br>Pipettor<br>Volumes (µL) |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Single-channel         | Pipettors        |                  |                                      |
| 2                      | 613-5258         | 89079-960        | 0.1 - 2                              |
| 10                     | 613-5259         | 89079-962        | 0.5 - 10                             |
| 20                     | 613-5260         | 89079-964        | 2 - 20                               |
| 50                     | 613-5261         | 89079-966        | 5 - 50                               |
| 100                    | 613-5262         | 89079-968        | 10 - 100                             |
| 200                    | 613-5263         | 89079-970        | 20 - 200                             |
| 250                    | 613-5264         | 89079-972        | 50 - 250                             |

| Nominal<br>Volume (µL)             | Cat. No.<br>(EU) | Cat. No.<br>(NA) | Range of<br>Pipettor<br>Volumes (µL) |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1,000                              | 613-5265         | 89079-974        | 100 - 1,000                          |  |  |  |
| 5,000                              | 613-5266         | 89079-976        | 500 - 5,000                          |  |  |  |
| 10,000                             | 613-5267         | 89079-978        | 1,000 - 10,000                       |  |  |  |
| 8-channel and 12-channel Pipettors |                  |                  |                                      |  |  |  |
| 8-10                               | 613-5250         | 89079-944        | 0.5 - 10                             |  |  |  |

| _ | 12-10           | 613-5254             | 890/9-952              |          |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|
|   | 8-50<br>12-50   | 613-5251<br>613-5255 | 89079-946<br>89079-954 | 5 - 50   |
|   | 8-200<br>12-200 | 613-5252<br>613-5256 | 89079-948<br>89079-956 | 20 - 200 |
|   | 8-300<br>12-300 | 613-5253<br>613-5257 | 89079-950<br>89079-958 | 50 - 300 |

VWR pipettors operate using an air-cushion (i.e., the aspirated liquid does not come into contact with the shaft or plunger of the pipettor). The liquid is drawn into the disposable tip attached to the pipettor.

# 2. Packing

The pipettors are delivered with the following:

| Description   | Qty/Pk |
|---|--------|
| Instruction manual  | 1      |
| Quality Control certificate   | 1      |
| Calibration key   | 1      |
| Pipettor hanger   | 1      |
| Identification labels   | 1      |
| Lubricant (for single-channel pipettor)                             | 1      |
| Ejector cap<br>(for pipettor models 2, 5, 10, 5,000, and 10,000 µL) | 1      |
| Filters (for pipettor models 5,000 µL and 10,000 µL)                | 3      |
| Ejector spacers (for models up to 1,000 $\mu$ L)                    | 2      |

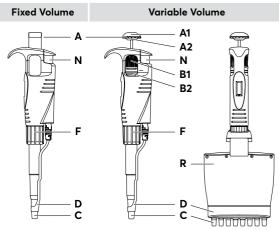
# Filters

The 5,000  $\mu$ L and 10,000  $\mu$ L pipettors include a replaceable filter, fitted at the bottom of the shaft which prevents aspirated liquid from entering the shaft and contaminating the inner surface and plunger. Use of the filter is particularly important when aspirating and dispensing large volumes of liquid. The filter should be replaced if it becomes wet.

# 3. Pipettor Design

# Model Identification

The volume range of the pipettor is shown on the pushbutton and on the tip ejector bar in multi-channel pipettors.



- **A. Pipetting pushbutton**: Consists of 2 parts: the pushbutton (A1) and the knob (A2).
- **B1. Volume adjustment knob**: Used to set the volume.
- **B2. Locking Ring**: Allows the volume setting to be locked by pushing the ring upwards.
- **C. Shaft**: Manufactured using high quality plastic, ensuring high chemical and mechanical strength.
- **D. Tip ejector**: For multi-channel pipettors, the tips are ejected sequentially, reducing the required force.
- F. Shaft nut
- N. Ejector pushbutton
- **R. Multi-channel manifold**: Contains a set of plungers and a set of flexible-suspension shafts, which function to reduce the force required to attach the tip.

# 4. Safety Recommendations

Long-term use of the pipettor relies on correct method of use. Please read and follow the instructions for use carefully. Symbols used:

| $\triangle$ | Danger, risk of injury.                                   |
|-------------|---|
| NOTE        | Risk of damage to the pipettor or errors<br>in pipetting. |

# NOTE:

- The pipettor is designed for the transfer of liquids only using the tip. Do not aspirate liquids without the tip attached. The aspirated liquid should not enter the pipettor, as it may cause damage.
- Single-use tips reduce the risk of contamination of samples.
- Keep the pipettor clean, avoiding the use of abrasive or corrosive cleaning agents (e.g., acetone).
- Keep the pipettor upright when there is liquid in the tip.
- Only using the pipettor in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions ensures the correct pipettor parameters are maintained.
- After replacing the plunger or the shaft, the pipettor should be calibrated.
- In the case of incorrect operation, the device should be cleaned in accordance with the Instructions for Use or transferred to a service point.
- Ambient operating temperature is +5°C to 45°C.
- Ambient storage conditions (in the original packaging during transport and short storage) is -25°C to 55°C.



When working with the pipettor:

- Follow general work safety regulations regarding hazards related to work in the laboratory.
- Take special care when pipetting aggressive substances.
- Use appropriate protective attire (e.g., clothing, goggles, and gloves).
- Avoid pointing the pipettor at yourself or others during use.
- Only use parts and accessories recommended by the manufacturer.

# 5. Specifications

The pipettor is a high quality instrument which offers excellent accuracy and precision. The accuracy and precision (repeatability) of the liquid volume depends on the quality of pipet tips used. The values for accuracy and precision shown in the table below were obtained using manufacturer non-filter pipet tips. Those tips are recommended for use to ensure compatibility, accuracy and precision when pipetting.

# Fixed Volume

| Nominal<br>Volume<br>(µL) | Accuracy<br>(%) | Precision<br>(%) | Non-filter<br>Tips<br>(µL) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 5                         | ± 1.0           | ≤ 0.8            | 10                         |
| 10                        | ± 0.5           | ≤ 0.4            | 10                         |
| 20                        | ± 0.8           | ≤ 0.4            | 200                        |
| 25                        | ±0 .8           | ≤ 0.4            | 200                        |
| 50                        | ± 0.8           | ≤ 0.4            | 200                        |
| 100                       | ± 0.8           | ≤ 0.3            | 200                        |
| 200                       | ± 0.6           | ≤ 0.3            | 200                        |
| 250                       | ± 0.6           | ≤ 0.3            | 1,000                      |
| 500                       | ± 0.5           | ≤ 0.3            | 1,000                      |
| 1,000                     | ± 0.4           | ≤ 0.3            | 1,000                      |

# Variable Volume

| Nominal<br>Volume<br>(µL) | Volum<br>(µL) |       | Accuracy<br>(%) | Precision<br>(%) | Non-filter<br>Tips<br>(µL) |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Single-ch                 | annel Pi      | petto | rs              |                  |                            |
|                           | Min.          | 0.1   | ±40.0           | ≤12.0            |                            |
| 2                         |               | 0.2   | ±12.0           | ≤6.0             | 10                         |
| 2                         |               | 1     | ±2.7            | ≤1.3             | - 10                       |
|                           | Max.          | 2     | ±1.5            | ≤0.7             | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 0.5   | ±4.0            | ≤2.8             |                            |
| 10                        |               | 1.0   | ±2.5            | ≤1.8             | 10                         |
| 10                        |               | 5.0   | ±1.0            | ≤0.6             | - 10                       |
|                           | Max. 1        | 0.0   | ±0.5            | ≤0.4             | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 2     | ±3.0            | ≤1.5             |                            |
| 20                        |               | 10    | ±1.0            | ≤0.5             | 200                        |
|                           | Max.          | 20    | ±0.8            | ≤0.3             | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 5     | ±2.5            | ≤2.0             |                            |
| 50                        |               | 25    | ±1.0            | ≤0.6             | 200                        |
|                           | Max.          | 50    | ±0.8            | ≤0.4             | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 10    | ±1.6            | ≤0.80            |                            |
| 100                       |               | 50    | ±0.8            | ≤0.24            | 200                        |
|                           | Max. 1        | 00    | ±0.8            | ≤0.20            | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 20    | ±1.2            | ≤0.60            |                            |
| 200                       | 1             | 00    | ±0.8            | ≤0.25            | 200                        |
|                           | Max. 2        | 200   | ±0.6            | ≤0.20            | -                          |
|                           | Min.          | 50    | ±1.0            | ≤0.4             |                            |
| 250                       |               | 125   | ±0.8            | ≤0.3             | 300                        |
|                           | Max. 2        | 250   | ±0.6            | ≤0.3             | -                          |
|                           | Min. 1        | 00    | ±1.6            | ≤0.40            |                            |
| 1,000                     | 5             | 500   | ±0.7            | ≤0.20            | 1,000                      |
|                           | Max. 1,0      | 000   | ±0.6            | ≤0.15            | -                          |
|                           | Min. 5        | 500   | ±1.2            | ≤0.50            |                            |
| E 0.00                    | 1,0           | 000   | ±0.6            | ≤0.25            | 5000                       |
| 5,000                     | 2,            | 500   | ±0.6            | ≤0.20            | - 5,000                    |
|                           | Max. 5,       | 000   | ±0.5            | ≤0.15            | -                          |
|                           | Min. 1,0      | 000   | ±2.5            | ≤0.6             |                            |
| 10,000                    | 5,            | 000   | ±0.8            | ≤0.3             | 10,000                     |
|                           | Max. 10,      | 000   | ±0.5            | ≤0.2             |                            |

| Nominal<br>Volume<br>(µL) | Volu<br>(µ | L)    | Accuracy<br>(%) | Precision<br>(%) | Non-filter<br>Tips<br>(µL) |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 8-channe                  | l and 1    | 2-cha | nnel Pipettor   | rs               |                            |
|                           | Min.       | 0.5   | ±10.0           | ≤8.0             |                            |
| 8 - 10                    |            | 1     | ±8.0            | ≤6.0             | 10                         |
| 12 - 10                   |            | 5     | ±4.0            | ≤2.0             | 10                         |
|                           | Max.       | 10    | ±2.0            | ≤1.2             |                            |
|                           | Min.       | 5     | ±4.0            | ≤2.5             |                            |
| 8 - 50<br>12 - 50         |            | 25    | ±3.0            | ≤1.2             | 200                        |
|                           | Max.       | 50    | ±1.6            | ≤0.6             |                            |
|                           | Min.       | 20    | ±3.0            | ≤1.5             |                            |
| 8 - 200<br>12 - 200       |            | 100   | ±1.5            | ≤0.8             | 200                        |
|                           | Max.       | 200   | ±1.0            | ≤0.6             |                            |
|                           | Min.       | 50    | ±1.6            | ≤1.5             |                            |
| 8 - 300<br>12 - 300       |            | 150   | ±1.2            | ≤1.0             | 300                        |
| 000                       | Max.       | 300   | ±1.0            | ≤0.6             | •                          |

The accuracy and precision were obtained gravimetrically using manufacturer tips performing at least 10 measurements of distilled water at a temperature of  $20^{\circ}C \pm 1^{\circ}C$  according to EN ISO 8655 standards.

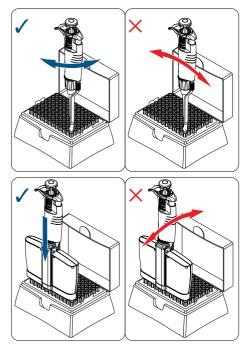
The use of tips from other manufacturers or filter tips may result in incorrect liquid aspiration and require pipettor recalibration.

The design of the pipettor enables the user to recalibrate it according to the information presented in Section 9.

# 6. Pipettor Operation

# Attaching the Tips

- Attach the correct tip corresponding to the model number displayed on the pipettor pushbutton (Section 5).
- Position the pipettor vertically when attaching tips.
- Single-channel pipettors: push the pipet tip on firmly using a slight twisting motion to ensure an airtight seal.
- Multi-channel pipettors: press the pipettor against the tips positioned in the rack box until the shaft retracts approximately 1.5mm into the manifold. The suspension system ensured even and airtight sealing of the pipet tips. The rocking motion does not have to be performed to seal the pipet tips tightly.



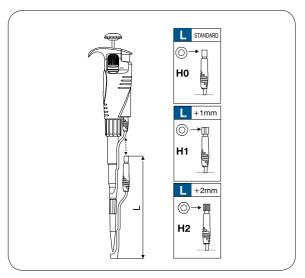
# NOTE:

• Do not attach the tips with a rocking movement, as this may damage the shaft or plunger. Observe this rule particularly with single-channel pipettors of low volume range. • Never draw liquids directly into the pipettor without the tip attached.

# Adjusting the tip ejector

The tip ejector can be adjusted by the user and can accommodate most types of tip available on the market. When using narrow tubes, it may be necessary to remove the tip ejector.

# 2-1,000 µL pipettors



# 1. Tip ejector disassembly

- Press the tip ejector pushbutton.
- Slide the ejector from the plastic arbor.

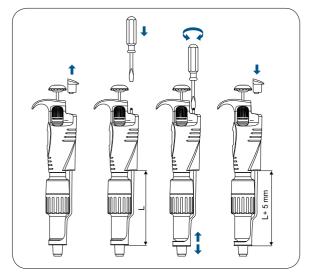
# 2. Tip ejector assembly

- Press the tip ejector pushbutton.
- Line the metal tip ejector up with the plastic arbor.
- Slide the ejector on the arbor.

### 3. Tip ejector adjustment

- Remove the tip ejector pushbutton.
- Remove "H0" spacer that is inserted on the ejector arbor. To increase the ejector length use "H" spacers, which allow for regulating the length of tip ejector by +1 mm (H1) or +2 mm (H2). The outside shape identifies the spacers.

# 5,000 and 10,000 µL pipettors



# 1. Tip ejector disassembly

- Remove the tip ejector pushbutton.
- Using a screwdriver, turn the metal arbor counterclockwise to unscrew the ejector from the arbor.
- Release the ejector.

### 2. Tip ejector assembly

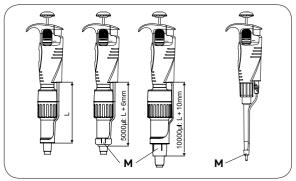
- Remove the tip ejector pushbutton.
- Using a screwdriver, turn the metal arbor clockwise to secure the ejector and adjust its length.
   NOTE: Leave a space of at least 1 mm between the shaft and tip ejector collar.

### 3. Tip ejector adjustment

- Remove the ejector pushbutton.
- Use the screwdriver to increase or decrease the ejector length.
- Following ejector assembly or adjustment, ensure the ejector pushbutton is relocated.

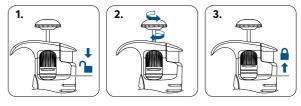
If the tip ejector cannot be adjusted sufficiently, or if the diameter of the ejector is insufficient to eject the tip, it may be necessary to attach the ejector cap "M" to the ejector.

In 2 and 10  $\mu L$  pipettors place the cap, supplied with the pipettor, on the bottom of the pipettor shaft and slide the cap upwards to the bottom of the tip ejector.



# **Volume Setting**

# Variable Volume Pipettors



- **1**. To enable volume selection, set the locking ring to the lower position.
- Aspiration volume can be set by either turning the pipetting pushbutton knob, or the adjustment knob. The volume setting is displayed as a three digit counter, which should be read from top to bottom. The smallest volume increment is printed on the bottom counter drum.
- **3**. After the volume has been set, set the locking ring to the upper position to avoid inadvertent changing of volume.

## Examples of counter indications

| The decimal point in<br>the volume of aspi-<br>rated liquid (µL or mL)<br>is indicated by change<br>in color of digits.<br>Black digits represent<br>integer numbers, and<br>red digits represent<br>decimal fractions<br>(sizes up to 20 µL). | 1<br>2<br>5 | 0<br>3<br>5 | 0<br>7<br>5      |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Volume Ranges  | 0.1-2 µL    | 5-50 µL     | 100-1,000 µL     |
| Set Volume   | 1.25 µL     | 35 µL       | 750 µL (0.75 mL) |
| Increment  | 0.002 µL    | 0.2 µL      | 2.0 µL           |

For maximum accuracy, the set volume must be approached from a higher value by decreasing counter readings. Before reaching the desired value, reduce the speed of turning the adjustment knob to avoid inadvertently exceeding the desired value.

# 7. Operating Instructions

Observing the following recommendations will ensure maximum possible accuracy and precision of liquid sampling.

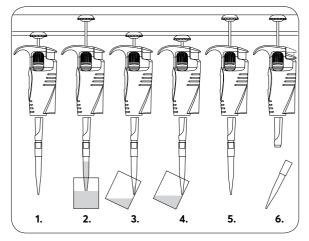
- During operation, the volume setting should be locked, with black adjustment knob in the lower position.
- Ensure smooth and slow operation of the pipettor.
- Immersion of the tip into the sample liquid should be kept to a minimum depth, which should remain constant during aspiration. The recommended immersion depths are given in the table below:

| Model Volume Range<br>(µL) | Immersion Depth<br>(mm) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0.1-1                      | ≤1                      |
| 1-100                      | 2-3                     |
| 101-1,000                  | 2-4                     |
| 5,000                      | 3-6                     |
| 10,000                     | 5-7                     |
|                            |                         |

- The pipettor should be held in a vertical position.
- The pipet tip should be changed whenever the volume setting is altered, and when a different liquid is to be aspirated.
- The pipet tip should be changed if a droplet remains on the end of the tip from the previous pipetting operation.
- Each new pipet tip should be pre-rinsed with the liquid to be pipetted.
- Liquid should never enter the pipettor shaft. To prevent this:
  - Press and release the pushbutton slowly and smoothly.
  - Never turn the pipettor upside down.
  - Never lay the pipettor on its side when there is liquid in the tip.
- Never force the volume setting beyond the recommended limits.
- When pipetting liquids with a different temperature from the ambient temperature, it is recommended to pre-rinse the tip several times prior to use.
- Do not pipettor liquids with temperatures above 70°C.

**NOTE:** When pipetting acids or corrosive solutions which emit vapors, it is recommended to disassemble the shaft and rinse the plunger and O-ring with distilled water after finishing the pipetting operation.

# 8. Aspiration and Dispensing Instructions



# **Aspirating Liquid**

- 1. Press the pushbutton to the first stop point. Holding the pipettor vertically, immerse the pipet tip into the sample liquid to the recommended depth (for recommended values see Section 7). If the pipet tip is not immersed to the recommended depth or if the pipetting pushbutton is rapidly released, air may enter the pipet tip.
- 2. Release the pipetting pushbutton slowly and smoothly to aspirate the sample. Wait one second and then withdraw the pipet tip from the liquid.

CAUTION: Do not touch the used tip.

### **Dispensing Liquid**

- **3**. Place the end of the pipet tip against the inside wall of the vessel at an angle of 10° to 40°. Press the pushbutton smoothly to the first stop. Wait one second.
- **4**. Press the pushbutton to the second stop to expel any remaining liquid. While keeping the pushbutton depressed, remove the pipettor from the vessel by drawing the pipet tip against the inside surface of the vessel.
- **5**. Release the pushbutton to its starting position.
- **6**. Eject the pipet tip by pressing the tip ejector pushbutton.



Remember to change the pipet tip whenever a different type of liquid is to be sampled.

# Aspirating High-density Liquids

When pipetting liquids of higher viscosity or lower surface tension than water (e.g., sera or organic solvents), a film of liquid may be formed on the inside of the pipet tip which may produce erroneous results. As the film remains relatively constant in successive pipetting operations with the same tip, this error can be eliminated by pre-rinsing the tip and allowing a film to form before transferring the first sample. This is achieved by aspirating a sample and dispensing it back into the same vessel. Allowing a film to form prior to sampling ensures optimal accuracy and repeatability.

This pre-rinsing operation should be repeated when the volume to be aspirated is changed or when a new pipet tip is used.

**NOTE:** Normally the degree of error resulting from viscous liquids is negligible if pipetting is performed slowly and carefully, however can be minimized further by holding the pipet tip in position for at least 2 seconds after aspiration to allow the liquid time to react to the change in pressure before it is dispensed.

If the above method does not result in accurate values, recalibrate the pipettor in accordance with Section 9.

It is recommended to record recalibration and correction values, in order to facilitate reverse calibration to a standard liquid.

### Filters

The 5,000  $\mu$ L and 10,000  $\mu$ L pipettors include a replaceable filter (L), fitted at the bottom of the shaft which prevents aspirated liquid from entering the shaft and contaminating the inner surface and plunger. Use of the filter is particularly important when aspirating and dispensing large volumes of liquid. The filter should be replaced if it becomes wet.

# 9. Checking Pipetting Accuracy Parameters and Pipettor Recalibration

The pipettors have been factory-calibrated using gravimetric methods with manufacturer pipet tips and distilled water, in accordance with ISO 8655 guidelines for the maximum (nominal) liquid volume drawn by the pipettor and for 10% of the maximum or minimum liquid volume according to the values given (Section 5).

The pipettors are designed to enable recalibration and adaptation to different pipetting techniques and liquid properties (e.g., temperature, density, and viscosity). Periodic checks of the operation of the pipettor are recommended at least once per year. Frequency of checks should be increased depending on workload, sterilization or autoclave processes, and frequency of replacement of component parts.

If during pipettor operation the accuracy error (the difference between the real aspirated volume and the preset volume) exceeds the permissible value given in the table in Section 5, pipettor recalibration should be carried out.

Recalibration of the pipettor involves setting the counter to the value of the liquid volume obtained by weighing. Recalibration of the pipettor is valid only for one liquid volume drawn by the pipettor.

The recommended volume for recalibration is 10% of the maximum (nominal) value or minimum volume depending on which of these values is greater. See table on page 18 for more details.

# **Parameters for Checking the Pipetting Accuracy**

The pipetting accuracy is influenced by factors such as: tips used, characteristics of the pipetted liquid (density, viscosity), and operating conditions (ambient temperature, pressure).

To determine the accuracy error of the pipettor, the following conditions should be met:

- Ambient temperature and temperature of the pipettor, pipet tips, and liquid should be within the range of 20°C to 25°C and stabilized during weighing within ±0.5°C.
- Measurements should be conducted using distilled water.
- Balance sensitivity should be suitable for the volume "V" to be measured:

| Volume Checked<br>(V, μL) | Balance Sensitivity<br>(mg) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0.1≤V≤10                  | 0.001                       |
| 10≤V≤100                  | 0.01                        |
| 100≤V≤1,000               | 0.1                         |
| V>1,000                   | 0.1                         |

• When calculating the liquid volume aspirated by the pipettor, the conversion factor (Z) (μL/mg) for distilled water or a liquid with comparable density should be taken into account. Sample values of conversion factors are given in the following table.

| Temperature |        | Pressure (kPa) |        |
|-------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| (°C)        | 95.0   | 101.3          | 105.0  |
| 20          | 1.0028 | 1.0029         | 1.0029 |
| 21          | 1.0030 | 1.0031         | 1.0031 |
| 22          | 1.0032 | 1.0033         | 1.0033 |
| 23          | 1.0034 | 1.0035         | 1.0036 |
| 24          | 1.0037 | 1.0038         | 1.0038 |
| 25          | 1.0039 | 1.0040         | 1.0040 |

See ISO 8655 for the full table of conversion factors (Z). **NOTE:** Pipetting should be performed in accordance with guidance described in Sections 7 and 8.

### Checking the Pipetting Accuracy Parameters

### Fixed Volume

| Nominal        | Permissible values<br>(μL) |          | (µL) for  | Change ∆V<br>a Turn of<br>tion Key by |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| volume<br>(µL) |                            |          | 1<br>Turn | 1<br>Increment                        |
| 5              | 4.95                       | 5.05     | 0,33      | 0.0137                                |
| 10             | 9.95                       | 10.05    | 0,33      | 0.0137                                |
| 20             | 19.84                      | 20.16    | 0,63      | 0.0262                                |
| 25             | 24.80                      | 25.20    | 0,63      | 0.0262                                |
| 50             | 49.60                      | 50.40    | 2,50      | 0.104                                 |
| 100            | 99.20                      | 100.80   | 2,50      | 0.104                                 |
| 200            | 198.80                     | 201.20   | 6,30      | 0.262                                 |
| 250            | 248.50                     | 251.50   | 25,0      | 1.04                                  |
| 500            | 497.50                     | 502.50   | 25,0      | 1.04                                  |
| 1,000          | 996.00                     | 1,004.00 | 25,0      | 1.04                                  |

# Variable Volume

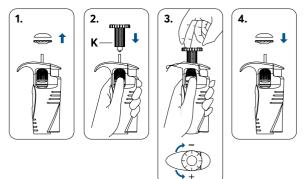
• Set the preset volume depending on the pipettor volume according to the following table.

| Nominal Preset Permissible |                | Permissible -   | Volume Change Δ\<br>(μL) for a Turn of<br>a Calibration Key b |        |  |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|--------|--|
| volume<br>(µL)             | volume<br>(µL) | values<br>(µL)  | 1 1<br>Turn Increme   |        |  |
| Single-cho                 | annel Pipe     | ttors           |   |        |  |
| 2                          | 0.2            | 0.176 - 0.224   | 0.06  | 0.0025 |  |
| 10                         | 1              | 0.975 - 1.025   | 0.33  | 0.0137 |  |
| 20                         | 2              | 1.94 - 2.06     | 0.63  | 0.0262 |  |
| 50                         | 5              | 4.875 - 5.125   | 2.50  | 0.104  |  |
| 100                        | 10             | 9.84 - 10.16    | 2.50  |        |  |
| 200                        | 20             | 19.76 - 20.24   | 6.30  | 0.262  |  |
| 250                        | 50             | 49.5 - 50.5     | 6.30  |        |  |
| 1,000                      | 100            | 98.4 - 101.6    | 25.00   | 1.04   |  |
| 5,000                      | 500            | 494 - 506       | 125.00  | 5.2    |  |
| 10,000                     | 1,000          | 975 - 1,025     | 250.00  | 10.4   |  |
| 8-channel                  | and 12-ch      | annel Pipettors | ;   |        |  |
| 10                         | 1              | 0.92 - 1.08     | 0.33  | 0.0137 |  |
| 50                         | 5              | 4.8 - 5.2       | 1.67  | 0.070  |  |
| 200                        | 20             | 19.4 - 20.6     | 6.30  | 0.262  |  |
| 300                        | 50             | 49.2 - 50.8     | 10.00   | 0.42   |  |

- Perform 10 aspirations, and calculate the average value in (mg).
- Calculate the volume in ( $\mu$ L) by multiplying the value in (mg) by the conversion factor Z ( $\mu$ L/mg).

If the average aspirated volume exceeds the permissible values of the range, the pipettor should be recalibrated.

# **Pipettor Recalibration**



- Remove the pipetting pushbutton.
  CAUTION: In the variable pipettors the pipetting pushbutton consists of 2 parts: the knob and the pushbutton. After removal of the pushbutton, both parts are separated.
- Insert the calibration key into the calibration screw.
  CAUTION: In variable pipettors hold the volume setting knob to prevent rotation.
- **3**. Turn the key clockwise to reduce the aspirated volume, or counter-clockwise to increase the aspirated volume. Use the values given in the above table to precisely adjust the volume.
- **4**. Remove the key and replace the pipetting pushbutton by first replacing the knob, then the pushbutton.

Determine the average aspirated volume. The average volume should be within the permissible range given in the table. If the volume exceeds the values stated, the recalibration procedure should be repeated.

When pipetting liquids with physical properties considerably different from those of water, follow the guidance given in Section 5.

More information on the calibration procedure can be found at **www.vwr.com** 

# **10. Pipettor Maintenance**

Depending on the applications and intensity of use, the pipettor requires periodic maintenance. The components exposed to corrosive vapors, such as shaft elements, should be regularly checked and cleaned.



Do not use sharp tools for pipettor maintenance. It may cause damage to the device and affect the user's safety.

# Cleaning

External surfaces of the pipettor such as the pushbutton, ejector pushbutton, handgrip, shaft nut, and adjustment knob may be cleaned using a cloth dampened in isopropyl alcohol. The remaining parts removed from the pipettor during pipettor disassembly may be washed with distilled water or isopropyl alcohol.

**NOTE:** Before using cleaning agents other than those recommended by the manufacturer, check the compatibility charts and consider chemical resistance of the following plastics which form components of the pipettor: PP, PC, POM, PA, PPS, PVDF.

# Sterilization

### Sterilization using an autoclave

The pipettor can be sterilized in an autoclave at 121°C for 20 minutes. Sterilization under other conditions may cause damage to the pipettor. It is recommended to:

- Unscrew the shaft nut slightly in the 2-1,000  $\mu$ L pipettors, and unscrew the shaft slightly in the 5,000 and 10,000  $\mu$ L. After autoclaving these parts should be screwed tight again.
- Set the locking ring to the lower (unlocked) position prior to sterilization.
- Sterilize the pipettors using an autoclave with an initial vacuum and drying cycle.
- After sterilization, the pipettor should be dried and cooled to room temperature.
- $\bullet$  The shaft of the 5,000 and 10,000  $\mu L$  models should be autoclaved without the filter.

Precision and accuracy should not alter if the pipetting processes including autoclaving are carried out as described in this manual. If a change in accuracy occurs, it is recommended to:

• Check the calibration of the pipettor after the first, third, and fifth autoclaving cycles and then after every 10 autoclaving cycles.

# Ultra Violet (UV) Sterilization

The pipettors are UV resistant. The distance from the radiation source to the exposed element of the pipettor should be at least 50 cm. Prolonged or intense UV exposure can cause discoloration of pipettor parts but does not affect its performance.

# 11. Troubleshooting

If a problem is encountered during pipettor operation, use the following table to identify and eliminate the fault following the instructions provided. Replacement of parts should be required only occasionally and should not be required with normal pipettor use.

| Problem   | Cause  | Solution   |
|---|--|--|
| Droplets of<br>liquid remain  | The pipet tip is emptied too fast.                                       | Decrease the speed<br>of pressing the<br>pipettor pushbutton.                    |
| in the pipet<br>tip.  | The pipet tip wettability<br>has increased due to<br>extensive use.      | Replace the tip<br>with a new one.   |
| Droplets<br>of air  | The pipet tip immersion depth is too shallow.                            | Immerse the tip<br>to the recommended<br>depth according to<br>the instructions. |
| appear in<br>the liquid<br>aspirated<br>into the<br>pipet tip.  | The pipet tip is incor-<br>rectly pressed onto the<br>pipettor shaft.    | Press the pipettor<br>tip firmly onto the<br>pipettor.                           |
|   | The tip is damaged<br>or worn out due to<br>extensive use.               | Replace the tip<br>with a new one.   |
| The pipettor<br>incorrectly<br>aspirates<br>the liquid<br>or the liquid<br>drops out<br>from the tip. | The pipettor tip is incor-<br>rectly pressed onto the<br>pipettor shaft. | Press the pipet<br>tip firmly onto<br>the pipettor.                              |

| Problem   | Cause   | Solution   |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| The pipettor<br>incorrectly<br>aspirates<br>the liquid<br>or the liquid<br>drops out<br>from the tip. | The shaft surface is<br>damaged or contami-<br>nated at the sealing site.                                     | Clean the shaft or<br>replace it with a new<br>one.  |  |
| The pipettor<br>incorrectly   | The plunger or the<br>O-ring is damaged due<br>to prolonged aspiration<br>of corrosive liquids.               | Disassemble the<br>shaft set; wash the<br>shaft, the plunger<br>and the seal (Section<br>10: Cleaning).<br>Replace the ele-<br>ments with new ones<br>if necessary. Apply<br>a small amount of<br>lubricant onto the<br>plunger and reas-<br>semble the set in the<br>correct order. |  |
| aspirates<br>the liquid<br>or the liquid<br>drops out   | The inside of the pipet-<br>tor is contaminated.  |  |  |
| from the tip.   | The sealing elements<br>are not sufficiently<br>lubricated.   |  |  |
| Uneven work<br>of the pipet-<br>ting set, the<br>pipetting<br>pushbut-<br>ton gets<br>blocked.        | The inside of the pipet-<br>tor is contaminated due<br>to aspiration of corrosive<br>substances.              | Unscrew the shaft<br>set, wash the parts.<br>Replace the ele-<br>ments with new ones<br>if necessary. Apply<br>a small amount of<br>lubricant on the<br>plunger and reas-<br>semble the set in the<br>correct order.   |  |
|   | The inside of the pipet-<br>tor is contaminated due<br>to the liquid entering the<br>pipettor.                |  |  |
|   | The sealing elements<br>are not sufficiently<br>lubricated, e.g. after<br>repeated autoclaving<br>procedures. |  |  |
| Incorrect<br>aspiration.  | Liquid with properties<br>other than water<br>(density, viscosity).   | Calibrate the<br>pipettor using the<br>liquid which is to be<br>pipetted.  |  |
|   | Tips with a filter<br>with increased flow<br>resistance.  | Calibrate the pipet-<br>tor using the tips<br>which are to be used<br>for pipetting.   |  |

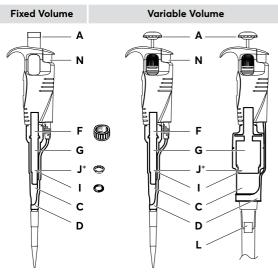
If the problem persists after carrying out the above steps, contact our regional representative.

Before returning the pipettor, please ensure the pipettor is completely free of any chemical, radioactive, or microbiological contamination which could pose a threat during transport and repair.

# 12. Spare Parts

Contact our Customer Service to inquire about availability of spare parts. Pipettor model and name of the part required should be specified. The most common parts are depicted below.

**NOTE:** The replacement of the plunger requires conducting the calibration procedure according to Section 9.



\*Seal (**J**) used only in models 2, 5,000 and 10,000 µL

| Item     | Description                               | Model<br>Variable | Model<br>Fixed | Cat. No. | Qty<br>/Pk |
|----------|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| В        | Volume<br>adjustment<br>knob set          | All               | -              | SP29327  | 1          |
|          |   | 2                 | -              | SP19131  | 1          |
|          | C, Shaft<br>I, with O-ring<br>J* and seal | 10                | 5, 10          | SP19132  | 1          |
|          |   | 20                | 20, 25         | SP19133  | 1          |
| C,       |   | 50, 100           | 50, 100        | SP19134  | 1          |
| ı,<br>J* |   | 200, 250          | 200            | SP19135  | 1          |
|          |   | 1,000             | 250-1,000      | SP19136  | 1          |
|          |   | 5,000             | -              | SP19138  | 1          |
|          |   | 10,000            | -              | SP19139  | 1          |

|     |                      | 2, 10            | 5, 10     | SP29307 | 1  |
|-----|----------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|----|
|     |                      | 20               | 20, 25    | SP29308 | 1  |
|     |                      | 50, 100          | 50, 100   | SP29309 | 1  |
| D   | Tip ejector          | 200, 250         | 200       | SP29310 | 1  |
|     |                      | 1,000            | 250-1,000 | SP29322 | 1  |
|     |                      | 5,000            | -         | SP19452 | 1  |
|     |                      | 10,000           | -         | SP19453 | 1  |
| F   | Shaft nut            | 2-1,000          | All       | SP29435 | 1  |
|     |                      | 2                | -         | SP19381 | 1  |
|     |                      | 10               | 5, 10     | SP19382 | 1  |
|     |                      | 20               | 20, 25    | SP19383 | 1  |
| ~   | Piston               | 50, 100          | 50, 100   | SP19384 | 1  |
| G   | assembly .           | 200, 250         | 200       | SP19385 | 1  |
|     |                      | 1,000            | 250-1,000 | SP19386 | 1  |
|     |                      | 5,000            | -         | SP19388 | 1  |
|     |                      | 10,000           | -         | SP19389 | 1  |
|     |                      | 2                | -         | SP19101 | 10 |
|     |                      | 10               | 5, 10     | SP19102 | 10 |
|     |                      | 20               | 20, 25    | SP19103 | 10 |
| I,  | O-ring               | 50, 100          | 50, 100   | SP19104 | 10 |
| (i) | (and seal*)          | 200, 250         | 200       | SP19105 | 10 |
|     |                      | 1,000            | 250-1,000 | SP19106 | 10 |
|     |                      | 5,000            | -         | SP19108 | 5  |
|     |                      | 10,000           | -         | SP19109 | 5  |
| к   | Calibration          | All              | -         | SP29334 | 1  |
| ĸ   | key                  | -                | All       | SP9233  | 1  |
| L   | Shaft filter         | 5,000,<br>10,000 | -         | SP19476 | 10 |
|     | Tip ejector .<br>cap | 2, 10            | 5, 10     | SP19378 | 3  |
| м   |                      | 5,000            | -         | SP19466 | 3  |
|     |                      | 10,000           | -         | SP19467 | 3  |
| S   | Shelf clip           | All              | All       | SP19483 | 1  |
|     |                      |                  |           |         |    |

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# **13. Technical Service**

### Web Resources

Visit the VWR website at **www.vwr.com** for:

- Complete technical service contact information
- Access to the VWR Online Catalogue, and information about accessories and related products
- Additional product information and special offers

# Contact us

For information or technical assistance contact your local VWR representative or visit **www.vwr.com** 

# 14. Warranty

**VWR** warrants that this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of three (3) years from date of delivery. If a defect is present, VWR will, at its option and cost, repair, replace, or refund the purchase price of this product to the customer, provided it is returned during the warranty period. This warranty does not apply if the product has been damaged by accident, abuse, misuse, or misapplication, or from ordinary wear and tear. If the required maintenance and inspection services are not performed according to the manuals and any local regulations, such warranty turns invalid, except to the extent, the defect of the product is not due to such non-performance.

Items being returned must be insured by the customer against possible damage or loss. This warranty shall be limited to the aforementioned remedies.

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