

Pipette Information Table

Catalog Numbers

Description	Precision Models	D-Tipper Models	Seal Kits	
5µL Silver	1101	1141C	9031	
10µL Orange	1021	1051C		
15µL Silver	1102	1142C		
20µL Black	1022	1052C		
25µL White	1023	1053C		
30µL Silver	1103	1143C	9032	
40µL Silver	1104	1144C		
50µL Green	1024	1054C		
60µL Silver	1106	1146C		
70µL Silver	1107	1147C		
75µL Silver	1108	1148C		
80µL Silver	1109	1149C		
90µL Silver	1110	1150C		
100µL Blue	1025	1055C		
150µL Silver	1112	1152C		9033
200µL Red	1026	1056C		
200µL Red (Large tip)	1026LT	1056CLT	9034	
250µL Purple	1027	1057C		
300µL Brown	1028	1058C		
400µL Silver	1113	1153C	9035	
450µL Silver	1119	1154C		
500µL Yellow	1029	1059C		
600µL Silver	1115	1159C		
700µL Silver	1505	1162C		
800µL Silver	1117	1160C		
900µL Silver	1118	1163C		
1000µL Gray	1030	1060C		
50/100/200µL Silver		1132		9033

Accessories

Nozzle Inserts	Cat. No. 8066
Calibration Keys	Cat. No. 1099
Seal Lubricant	Cat. No. 9030
Pipette Stand	Cat. No. 1700

Pipette Tips

9025 Catalog Number

Precision, D-Tipper & Selectable Models:		10 to 50µL 50 to 200µL	201–1000µL
TIP SIZE:		SMALL	LARGE
NON-STERILE	VistaRak™ 192 tips/rack, 5 racks	4060-2004	4060-3004
	VistaStak™, 192 tips/layer, 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (large size)	4060-9025	4060-9026
	Stacked Rack, 200 tips/layer, 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (large size)	9025	9026
	Stacked Rack, Trace Metal Certified, 200 tips/layer, 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (large size)	9022	9023
	VistaBulk™, 1000 tips/bag	4058-2000	4058-3000
	Protectainer™ Bulk Pack, 1000 tips (small) or 750 tips (large)	4025	4026
STERILE	Econo-Pak™ Bulk Pack, 1000 tips	4225	4226
	VistaRak, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 192 tips/rack, 5 racks	4060-2132	4060-3132
	VistaTip™ Individually Wrapped Sterile, 200 tips	2025	2026
	VistaTip Individually Wrapped, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, 200 tips	2027	2028
	VistaRak, Filtered, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 192 tips/rack, 5 racks	4060-2332	4060-3332

Note: Filtered tips contain a unique hydrophobic filter which acts as a barrier to aqueous liquids and aerosols, protecting the pipette and sample from trace amounts of carryover.



Operator's Manual

MLA Precision, D-Tipper and Selectable Pipettes

Introduction

This manual provides information on the use and care of MLA Precision, D-Tipper and Selectable Pipettes.

Features

All MLA Precision, D-Tipper and Selectable Pipettes are “to deliver” air displacement instruments, i.e. they have a fixed stroke and consistently deliver the stated or calibrated volume when the plunger is fully depressed. Except for MLA Selectable Pipettes, each pipette may be adjusted or calibrated above or below its stated volume. The range of adjustment is approximately ± 10%. This calibration feature is useful when working with solutions whose viscosity and specific gravity differ from distilled water.

The new, improved MLA D-Tipper pipettes have added features:

- a glove guard to eliminate glove pinching
- a serial number for ease of traceability
- lower plunger and tip ejection forces to minimize the fatigue associated with repetitive pipetting.

MLA Precision and D-Tipper Pipettes

The MLA Precision Pipette has manual de-tipping and the MLA D-Tipper has mechanical de-tipping. Each model is available in 30 standard sizes ranging from 5 to 1,000 microliters and is available in special volume sizes to meet specific customer requirements. The stated volume is engraved on the bonnet/piston assembly. Pipettes are color coded according to volume size. (See Pipette Information Table)

MLA Selectable Pipettes

The Selectable Pipette is an adjustable model containing three pipette volumes – 50/100/200 microliters. Select the volume by setting the applicable value, engraved on the plunger, adjacent to the line on the bonnet.

Pipette Tips

It is recommended that MLA Pipettes be used with MLA or Ovation Pipette Tips. The use of tips from other sources may degrade the pipette performance. For information on MLA and Ovation Pipette Tips, refer to the Pipette Information Table.

See www.vistalab.com for the most current listing of tips and accessories



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Pipetting Procedure

- Using MLA or Ovation Pipette Tips, press the pipette nozzle firmly into a fresh tip.
- Fully depress the pipette plunger and then immerse the tip into the solution (approximately 1/8 inch - 3mm deep).
- Smoothly release the plunger and allow the solution to enter the pipette tip.
- Remove the tip from the solution and touch the tip against the side of the vessel to remove any solution that may have adhered to the outside of the tip.
- Place the tip against the side of the receiving vessel as close to the bottom as possible, or, if the vessel contains liquid, as close to the liquid as possible. Smoothly depress the plunger.
- While holding the plunger depressed, slowly withdraw the tip keeping it against the wall of the container.
- Release the plunger and remove the tip.

Hints

- When pipetting serum or other biological fluids, a liquid film may be retained in the tip that can change the pipetted volume. Pre-wetting the tip with the liquid to be pipetted can reduce this effect.
- Smoothly depress and release the plunger and maintain the same speed of action for all samples. Do not let the plunger snap back.
- Fully depress the plunger before inserting the pipette tip into a solution. This will prevent an air bubble from forming in the solution.
- Hold the pipette as vertically as possible at all times. Insert the tip to the same depth each time.
- If an air bubble forms in the tip during intake, return the sample, discard the tip and apply a fresh tip.
- Remove and clean the nozzle insert daily. Replace the nozzle insert if necessary.
- Check that the nozzle assembly is screwed firmly into the pipette body.

Tip Removal Procedure using the D-Tipper Pipette

- Grasp the pipette as shown in Figure 1.
- With thumb and forefinger, apply slight upward pressure to the pipette bonnet. This action will eject the tip.

Figure 1:
D-Tipping



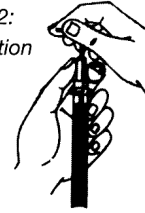
Calibration

D-tipper and Precision pipettes can be calibrated and are supplied with a calibration key. The pipette is factory calibrated to deliver the volume engraved on the pipette bonnet. Factory tests and calibration are performed at $21.5 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ using distilled water. To change volume, proceed as follows:

- Determine the pipette delivered volume by testing the pipette.

NOTE: Gravimetric or colorimetric techniques may be used to determine the pipette delivered volume. A procedure for the gravimetric method, or information about an MLA Pipette Calibration Kit using a color dilution principle, can be found in the support area of the VistaLab Technologies web site - www.vistalab.com.

Figure 2:
Calibration



- Insert the key into the plunger. (See Figure 2.)

- To increase volume, turn the key clockwise. To decrease volume, turn the key counter clockwise. Hold the plunger button while turning the key. NOTE: Do not turn the key more than 4 complete revolutions in the clockwise direction.

- Test the pipette again to determine the delivered volume.

Maintenance

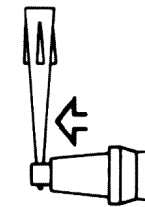
During factory assembly, the internal parts of the pipette are lubricated with a specified oil. Unless the pipette is used with corrosive chemicals or solvents, routine cleaning and lubrication should only be necessary at 6 month intervals. Pipettes used with stronger chemicals or solvents should be maintained on a more frequent basis. Lubrication and/or inner seal replacement may be necessary if the plunger is not moving smoothly or does not return to the "up" position. Additional lubricant is available as catalog no. 9030.

The nozzle, and the nozzle insert in particular, should be cleaned regularly. In case of accidental sample aspiration, the nozzle assembly and insert should be cleaned immediately. Cleaning should be done with a lint-free cloth, dampened with alcohol. Refer to Figure 3 for removing the nozzle insert.

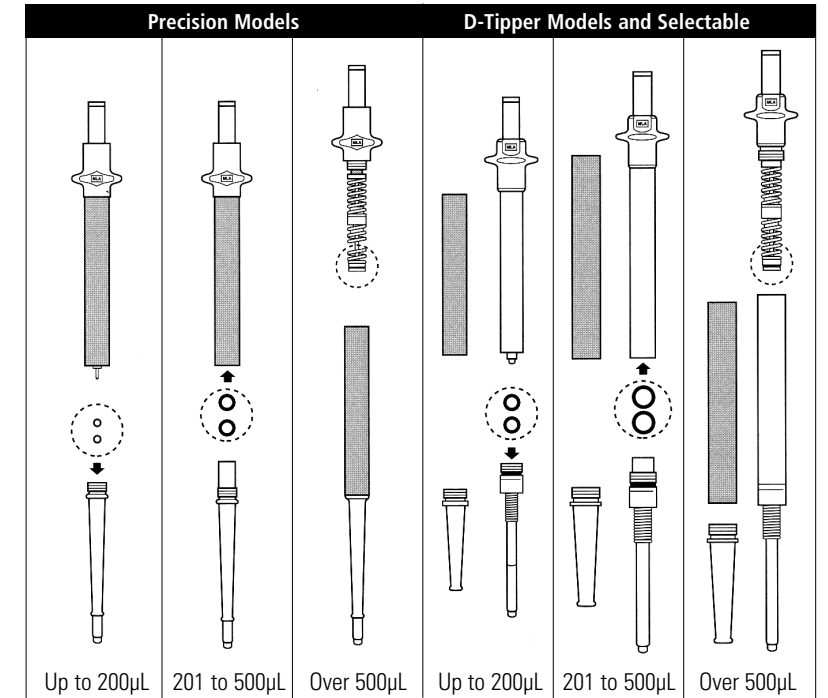
Should the pipette fail to aspirate or dispense, or if delivered volume is low, the seals should be checked for wear and replaced, if necessary.

To disassemble the pipette for lubrication or to replace internal seals, see instructions in the appropriate seal kit or call Technical Service for assistance.

Figure 3:
Nozzle
Insert
Removal



MLA Pipette Assembly



Key to Pipette Assembly

