# Axygen® Axypet® Pro Pipettors

Single-channel, 8-channel, and 12-channel Pipettors

# Instruction Manual





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## 1. Product Description

The Axygen® Axypet® Pro single-channel pipettor is a volumetric instrument designed to measure and transfer liquids precisely and safely. It can accommodate volumes from  $0.1~\mu L$  to  $1000~\mu L$  depending on the model.

Axygen Axypet Pro 8-channel and 12-channel pipettors have been designed for microplate filling. The pipettors enable precise and simultaneous delivery of 8 or 12 preset volume doses of liquid. These pipettors are available in four volume ranges: 0.5-10 µL, 5-50 µL, 10-200 µL, and 30-300 µL.

Model Volume Range (μL)	Cat. No.	Range of Pipettor Volumes (μL)	Pushbutton Color Code
Single-channel P	ipettors		·
2	AP-2-P	0.1-2	Red
10	AP-10-P	0.5-10	Red
20	AP-20-P	2-20	Yellow
50	AP-50-P	5-50	Yellow
100	AP-100-P	10-100	Yellow
200	AP-200-P	20-200	Yellow
1000	AP-1000-P	100-1000	Blue
8-channel and 12	2-channel Pipettor	s	
8-10	AP-8-10-P	0.5-10	Red
12-10	AP-12-10-P	0.5-10	Red
8-50	AP-8-50-P	5-50	Yellow
12-50	AP-12-50-P	5-50	fellow
8-200	AP-8-200-P	10-200	Yellow
12-200	AP-12-200-P	10-200	TEHOW
8-300	AP-8-300-P	30-300	Green
12-300	AP-12-300-P	30-300	Green

Axygen pipettors operate on the air-cushion principle (i.e., the aspirated liquid does not come into contact with the shaft or plunger of the pipettor). The liquid is drawn to the disposable tips that are attached to the pipettor.

## 2. Packing

The pipettors are delivered with the following:

Description	Quantity
Pipettor	1
Instruction manual	1
Quality control certificate	1
Calibration key	1
Pipettor hanger	1
Lubricant (single-channel pipettor)	1

## 3. Pipettor Design

## **Single- and Multi-channel Pipettors**



# A. Pipetting pushbutton

- **B. Volume adjustment knob:** Used to set and lock the preset volume.
- C. Cap: Protects the calibration spot.

#### D. Ejector pushbutton

- **E.** Calibration switch: Switches the pipettor from operating mode to calibration mode (CAL).
- **F. Volume counter:** Four-digit volume counter indicates the preset volume.
- **G. Counter overlay:** The overlay is printed with the range of the aspirated volume according to the pipettor model.
- H. Tip ejector: For multi-channel pipettors, the tips are ejected sequentially, which reduces the required force.
- I. Shaft holder set: Made of high quality plastic, ensuring high chemical and mechanical strength.
- **R. Multi-channel manifold:** Contains a set of plungers and a set of flexible-suspension shafts, reducing the required tip attachment force.

#### Model Identification

Pipettor model volume range is printed on the counter overlay. Additionally, it is printed on the tip ejector bar in the multi-channel pipettors.

## Materials Used

Handle parts:

- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polycarbonate (PC)
- Polyacetal (POM)
- Stainless steel

Shaft and piston area parts:

- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF)
- Polyphenylene sulfide (PPS)
- Polyamide (PA)
- Fluoropolymer elastomer
- · Stainless steel

# 4. Safety Recommendations

Long-term and correct pipettor operation depends mainly on the method of use. Please read the Instructions for Use of the pipettor carefully and follow the rules described herein. Symbols used:

$\triangle$	Danger, risk of injury.
NOTE	Risk of damage to the pipettor or errors in pipetting.

#### NOTE

- The pipettor is designed for the transfer of liquids only in the tip. Do not draw liquids without the tip attached. The aspirated liquid should not get inside the pipettor, as it may damage the pipettor.
- The single use of the tip reduces the risk of contamination of samples.
- Keep the pipettor clean, avoiding the use of aggressive substances (e.g., acetone) for cleaning purposes.
- Do not place the pipettor horizontally if 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: -5°C to 45°C.
- Ambient storage conditions: -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 protective clothing, goggles, and protective gloves.
- Avoid pointing the pipettor with the tip attached and filled at yourself or at others.
- 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 Axygen® pipet tips. It is recommended to use these tips to obtain proper compatibility with the pipettors and proper parameters of accuracy and precision of the aspirated liquid.

Nine   Pipettors   Nine   Pipettors	10 10 200 200
2	10
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Max.         2         ±1.5         1.97-2.03         ≤0.7           Min.         0.5         ±4.0         0.48-0.52         ≤2.8           1         ±2.5         0.975-1.025         ≤1.8           5         ±1.5         4.925-5.075         ≤0.7           Max.         10         ±1.0         9.9-10.1         ≤0.4           20         10         ±1.0         9.9-10.1         ≤0.5           Max.         20         ±0.8         19.84-20.16         ≤0.3           Min.         5         ±3.5         4.825-5.175         ≤1.3           50         25         ±1.0         24.75-25.25         ≤0.5           Max.         50         ±0.8         49.6-50.4         ≤0.3           Min.         10         ±3.0         9.7-10.3         ≤1.0	10
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Min. 100 ±2.5 97.5-102.5 ≤0.6	
1000 500 ±0.8 496-504 ≤0.3	1000
Max. 1000 ±0.6 994-1006 ≤0.2	
8-channel and 12-channel Pipettors	
Min. 0.5 ±10.0 0.45-0.55 ≤8.0	
8 - 10 1 ±8.0 0.92-1.08 ≤6.0	
12 - 10 5 ±4.0 4.8-5.2 ≤2.0	10
Max. 10 ±2.0 9.8-10.2 ≤1.2	
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8-50 25 +3.0 24.25-25.75 <1.2	200
12 - 50	
Min. 10 ±5.0 9.5 - 10.5 ≤3.0	
8 - 200 20 ±3.0 19.4 - 20.6 ≤1.5	
12 - 200 100 ±1.5 98.5-101.5 ≤0.8	200
Max. 200 ±1.0 198-202 ≤0.6	
Min. 30 ±3.0 29.1-30.9 ≤2.0	
8 - 300 150 ±1.2 148.2-151.8 ≤1.0	300
12 - 300 Max. 300 ±1.0 297-303 ≤0.6	_

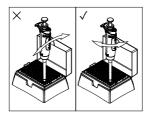
The accuracy and precision are obtained gravimetrically using Axygen® pipet tips performing at least 10 measurements of distilled water at a temperature of 20°C  $\pm$  1°C according to the EN ISO 8655 standard.

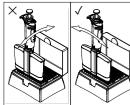
The design of the pipettor enables the user to recalibrate it according to the information presented in Section 9.

## 6. Pipettor Operation

#### **Attaching the Tips**

- Attach the tip corresponding to the model on the pipettor on the shaft (Section 5).
- Position the pipettor vertically when putting on the tips.
- Single-channel pipettors, when attaching the tip, press the pipet tip on firmly using a slight twisting motion. This will ensure an airtight seal.
- Multi-channel pipettors, when attaching the tips on the shafts, press the pipettor against the tips in the rack box until the shafts retract approximately 1.5 mm into the manifold. The suspension system of the shafts ensures even and tight sealing of the pipet tips. The rocking movement does not have to be performed to seal the pipet tips tightly.





#### NOTE:

- Do not attach the tips with a swinging 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.

## **Volume Setting**

**NOTE:** The red calibration switch above the counter should remain in the lower position during operation. Otherwise, any change in volume will result in a loss of calibration of the pipettor.









- **A.** To enable volume selection, set the black adjustment knob to the upper position.
- B. To set a certain value, turn the knob. The volume is indicated by the counter and its value consists of four digits that should be read from top to bottom. Digits on the bottom drum represent the scale division for the pipettor model. See scale intervals in Section 5. The volume range of the pipettor model is shown on the counter overlay.
- C. After the desired volume has been set, move the knob down to avoid an inadvertent change of the volume.

## Examples of counter indications:

The white mark separates the integer part from the decimal part of the aspirated liquid volume in µL.







Volume Ranges	0.1-2 μL	5-50 μL	100-1000 μL
Set Volume	0.1 μL	5 μL	100 μL

To attain the maximum accuracy, the set volume must be approached from a higher value by diminishing counter readings. Before reaching the desired value, reduce the speed of turning the adjustment knob to not exceed this value.

# 7. Operating Instructions

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

 During operation, the pipettor's volume setting should be locked, the black adjustment knob should be in the lower position.

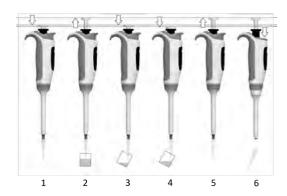
- The pipettor is equipped with a counter operating mode switch, the calibration switch located under the CAL sign on the counter overlay. This switch should only be used when the pipettor is calibrated (upper position marked as CAL on the switch).
- Make sure to operate the pipettor slowly and smoothly.
- The depth of immersion in the sample liquid should be the minimum necessary and should remain constant during aspiration. The recommended immersion depths are given in the table below:

Model Volume Range [μL]	Immersion Depth [mm]
0.1-1	≤1
1-100	2-3
101-1000	2-4

- The pipettor should be held in a vertical position.
- Change the pipet tip when volume setting is changed or when a different liquid is to be aspirated.
- Change the pipet tip 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 its recommended limits
- When pipetting liquids with temperatures different from the ambient temperature, it is recommended to pre-rinse the tip several times before use.
- Do not pipette 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 piston and seal with distilled water after finishing the pipetting operation.

## 8. Aspiration and Dispensing Instructions



#### **Aspirating Liquid**

- 1. Press the pushbutton to the first positive stop.
  Holding the pipettor vertically, immerse the pipet tip into the sample liquid. The depth to which the pipet tip is immersed in the sample liquid depends on the model (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 disposable 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.

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°. Then, press the pushbutton smoothly to the first stop. Wait one second.
- **4.** Press the pushbutton to the second stop to expel any remaining liquid. Keep the pushbutton depressed to the very end, and remove the pipettor by drawing the pipet tip against the inside surface of the receiving vessel.
- **5.** Release the pushbutton to its starting position.
- **6.** Eject the pipet tip by pressing the tip ejector button.
- A 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 is formed on the inside wall of the pipet tip. This film can create an error. As the film remains relatively constant in successive pipetting operations with the same tip, this error can be eliminated by forming the film before transferring the first sample. This is done by aspirating a sample and dispensing it back into the same vessel. Now, as the film is already formed, all of the following samples will have better 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 heavy or viscous liquids is negligible if pipetting is done slowly and carefully. It is most important to give the liquids some time to react to the change of pressure by holding the pipet tip in its position for at least 2 seconds after the aspiration and the blow out stroke.

If in extreme cases, this method of operation does not result in accurate values, recalibrate the pipettor out in accordance with Section 9.

After calibration, it is recommended to record the recalibration and the size of the correction introduced, to facilitate reverse calibration to the standard liquid.

# 9. Checking Pipetting Accuracy Parameters and Pipettor Recalibration

The pipettors are factory-calibrated using the gravimetric method with Axygen® 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 volume according to the values given (Section 5).

The design of the pipettors enable their recalibration and adaptation to other pipetting techniques or liquid properties (i.e., temperature, density and viscosity). It is recommended to carry out periodic checks of the

It is recommended to carry out periodic checks of the operation of the pipettor at least once a year, the period of operation of the pipettor with no checks depends on the type of workload (liquids collected), and other conditions (load intensity and sterilization in the autoclave, replacement of components) in which the pipettor is used. If during pipettor operation you find that 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, the pipettor recalibration procedure should be carried out.

Recalibration of the pipettor consists in setting on the counter the value of the liquid volume obtained in weighing. Recalibration of the pipettor is performed only for one liquid volume drawn by the pipettor. The recommended volume for recalibration is 10% of the maximum (nominal) value.

## **Conditions for Checking the Pipetting Accuracy Parameters**

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

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

- Ambient temperature and the 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 (μL)	Balance Sensitivity (mg)
0.1 ≤V ≤10	0.001
10 ≤V ≤100	0.01
V >100	0.1

 When calculating the liquid volume aspirated by the pipettor, the values of conversion factor Z [μL/mg] for distilled water or a liquid with comparable density should be taken into account. Sample values of this conversion factor 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 the value of the conversion factor 7

**NOTE:** Pipetting should be performed in accordance with the rules described in Sections 7 and 8.

### **Checking the Pipetting Accuracy Parameters**

- Set the pipettor to the calibration volume.
- Perform 10 aspirations, and calculate their average value in [mg].
- Calculate the volume in [μL] by multiplying the value in [mg] by the conversion factor Z [μL/mg].

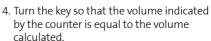
If the average aspirated volume exceeds the permissible values of the range given in Section 5, the pipettor should be recalibrated.

#### **Pipettor Recalibration**

Make sure that the pipettor is set to the calibration volume and the volume adjustment knob is locked.



- 1. Remove the cap from the ejector pushbutton.
- Set the calibration switch to the upper position (CAL) using the flat end of the calibration key.
- Insert the calibration key with the cross end vertically into the hole in the ejector pushbutton, placing it in the counter's calibration knob.



- 5. Remove the calibration key.
- 6. Set the calibration switch in the operating position.
- 7. Fit the ejector pushbutton cap.
- 8. Repeat the pipetting accuracy check (Section 9: Checking the pipetting accuracy parameter). If the accuracy error value is exceeded, repeat the calibration process.



"Calibration" position



"Operating position

## 10. Pipettor Maintenance

Depending on the applications and the intensity of use, the pipettor requires periodic maintenance.

The components most exposed to vapors of aggressive solutions, such as shaft elements, should be regularly checked and cleaned.

To properly carry out the maintenance, familiarize yourself with the design of the shaft holder set shown in Figures 10A, 10B, 10C, and follow the instructions given in this Section.

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

#### Cleaning

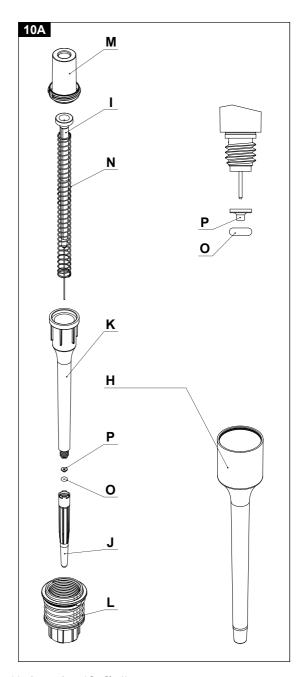
External surfaces of the pipetting pushbutton, the ejector pushbutton, the handgrip, the shaft nut, and the adjustment knob may be cleaned using a cloth dampened in isopropyl alcohol. The remaining parts removed from the pipettor during pipettor disassembly may be washed with distilled water or isopropyl 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: PP, PC, POM, PA, PPS, PVDF used to produce the pipettor parts.

Dismantling shaft elements of the single-channel pipettor:

- Holding the pipettor handle, slightly unscrew the shaft holder set and pull the Ejector (H) out of it;
- Still holding the handle, unscrew the remaining part of the shaft holder set from it.

Then proceed according to the pipettor models shown below:



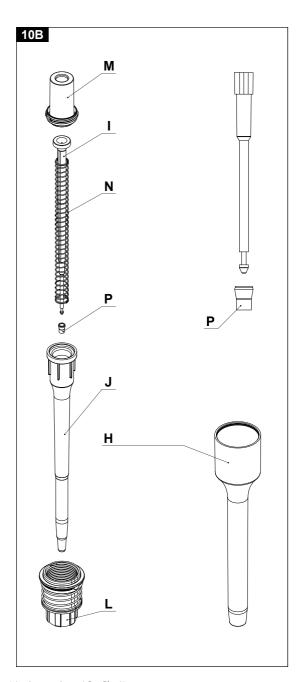
## Single-channel pipettors 0.1-2, 0.5-10, 2-20 µL (Figure 10A)

To check and clean the shaft and the seal, it is not necessary to dismantle the entire set. Unscrew the Shaft (J) from the Shaft holder (K) and remove the O-ring (O), and in the case of pipettor  $2~\mu$ L, also the Seal (P).

If you need to clean other components:

- Unscrew the Shaft Cap (M)
- Remove from the Plunger (I) and pipetting Spring (N)
- Remove the Shaft (J) from the Connecting Bush (L)
- Check the condition of components, and clean as recommended
- Replace any damaged parts
- Assemble the components in reverse order

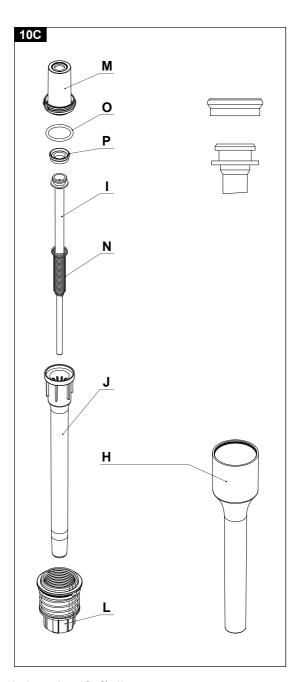
**NOTE:** When disassembling, care should be taken so that the plunger does not pop out under the action of the pipetting spring.



## Single-channel pipettors 10-100, 20-200 µL (Figure 10B)

- Unscrew the Shaft Cap (M)
- Remove the Plunger (I) with the Seal (P) and pipetting Spring (N) from the shaft
- Remove the Shaft (J) from the Connecting Bush (L)
- If necessary, remove the Seal (P) from the Plunger (I)
- Check the condition of components, and clean as recommended
- Replace any damaged parts
- Assemble the components in reverse order

**NOTE:** When disassembling, care should be taken so the plunger does not pop out under the action of the pipetting spring.



## Single-channel pipettors 100-1000 μL (Figure 10C)

- Unscrew the Shaft Cap (M) and slide it off the Seal (P) at the end of the Plunger (I)
- If necessary, remove the O-ring (O) from the Shaft Cap (M) remove the Plunger (I) with the Seal (P) and pipetting Spring (N) from the shaft
- Remove the Shaft (J) from the Connecting Bush (L)
- If necessary, remove the Seal (P) from the Plunger (I) check the condition of components and clean as recommended
- Replace any damaged parts
- Assemble the components in reverse order

When inserting the shaft or the shaft holder set into the Connecting Bush, make sure that they are inserted all the way to the end by gently rotating the shaft or the shaft holder while pulling on its end.



Incorrect assembly of the shaft or the shaft holder set in the threaded bush assembly may result in damage to the components.

After cleaning the plunger, apply onto its surface a thin layer of lubricant attached to each pipettor.

**NOTE:** After replacing the plunger, it is necessary to recalibrate the pipettor. In the case of any signs of incorrect operation of the pipet, check the correctness of assembly.

#### Sterilization in 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 prior to sterilization and re-tighten after autoclaving.
- Set the locking ring in upper (unlocked) position prior to sterilization.
- Sterilize the pipettors in autoclave with an initial vacuum and drying cycle.
- After sterilization, the pipettor should be dried and cooled to room temperature.

The precision of the results should not alter if the pipetting process and autoclaving are carried out as described in this manual. Because a slight change in the accuracy of the dosage may occur, it is recommended to:

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

## Ultra Violet (UV) Sterilization

The pipettors are UV resistant. However, the recommended distance from the radiation source to the exposed element should be not less than 50 cm. Prolonged and very intense UV exposure can cause discoloration of pipettor parts without effecting their performance.

# 11. Troubleshooting

If you notice an improper pipettor operation, identify the cause and eliminate the fault. Follow the instructions in the sequence provided. Replacement of parts should be required only occasionally and should not occur under normal pipettor use.

Problem	Cause	Solution
Droplets of liquid remain	The pipet tip is emptied too fast.	Decrease the speed of pressing the pipettor pushbutton.
in the pipet tip.	The pipet tip wettability has increased due to extensive use.	Replace the tip with a new one.

Problem	Cause	Solution	
Droplets	The pipet tip immersion is too shallow.	Immerse the tip deeper according to the instructions.	
of air appear in the liquid aspirated into the pipet	The pipet tip is incorrectly pressed onto the pipettor shaft.	Press the pipettor firmly.	
tip.	The tip is damaged or worn out due to extensive use.	Replace the tip with a new one.	
	The pipettor tip is incorrectly pressed onto the pipettor shaft.	Press the pipet tip firmly.	
	The shaft surface is damaged or contaminated at the sealing site.	Clean the shaft or replace it with a new one.	
The pipettor incorrectly aspirates the liquid or the liquid	The plunger or the seal is damaged due to prolonged aspiration of aggressive liquids.	Disassemble the shaft set; wash the shaft, the plunger and	
drops out from the tip.	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated.	the seal (Section 10: Cleaning). Replace the elements with new	
	No lubrication on the sealing elements.	ones if necessary.  Apply a small amount of lubricant onto the plunger and reassemble the set in the correct order.	
Uneven work of the pipetting set, the pipetting pushbutton gets blocked.	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated due to aspiration of aggressive substances.	Unscrew the shaft set, wash the parts. Replace the elements with new ones if necessary. Apply a small amount of lubricant on the plunger and	
	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated due to the liquid entering the pipettor.		
0-10 J.	No lubrication on the sealing elements, (e.g., after repeated autoclaving procedures).	reassemble the set in the correct order.	

Problem	Cause	Solution
Incorrect	Liquid with properties other than water (density, viscosity).	Calibrate the pipettor using the liquid which is to be pipetted.
aspiration.	The volume adjustment knob used in the "CAL" mode.	Calibrate the pipettor according to Section 9.

If the problem continues after carrying out the above steps, contact your Corning 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 Corning Customer Service to inquire about availability of spare parts. Pipettor model and name of the part required should be specified.

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

Item	Description	Model	Cat. No.	Qty/Pk
Α	Pipetting pushbutton	All	SP19685	1
M, I, N, K, L	Plunger assembly	2	SP9801	1
		10	SP9802	1
		20	SP9803	1
I, N, P	Piston (with seal and spring)	50/100	SP9804	1
		200	SP9805	1
		1000	SP9806	1
M	Shaft cap (with O-ring)	1000	SP9807	1
J, P, O	Shaft kit (with seal and O-ring)	2	SP9811	1
J, O	Shaft kit (with O-ring)	10	SP9812	1
		20	SP9813	1
J	Shaft	50/100	SP9814	1
		200	SP9815	1
		1000	SP9816	1
L	Connecting bush	All	SP9810	1
н	Tip ejector	2/10	SP9817	1
		20-200	SP9818	1
		1000	SP9819	1

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