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Autodrop Pipettes



Technology

Autodrop Pipettes are based on piezo-driven inkjet printing technology. The fluid is aspirated through the nozzle tip into the glass capillary.

The integrated piezo actuator induces a shock-wave into the fluid contained in the pipette, which causes a droplet to be emitted from the nozzle.

Criteria to find the best Autodrop Pipette

- What kind of fluid is to be dispensed (Viscosity, concentration of additives etc.)?
- What kind of solvent is used?
- Are there particles in the liquid: Size and concentration of particles?
- Desired diameter of the droplets
- Desired droplet emission frequency
- Dispensing volume:
 - a) single droplet
 - b) throughput of droplets per second
- How many pipettes are necessary for the application?
- Is there an interest to upgrade the system to more than one dispenser head later?
- Is an xyz-positioning system required? Need help? Please send us a short description of the application and a datasheet of the fluid.

ADVANTAGES

- Fast liquid change
- Contactless dispensing
- Single droplet volumes from 20pl to 180pl *
- Variation of dispensed volume approx. 1% *
- Very small storage volume, depending on pipette type: 25µl up to 37µl
- Very small dead volume of 12µl 14µl
- Droplet rate 1 ... 2000Hz * (provided by a standard driver electronics)
- Droplet velocity approx. 2m/s *
- It is possible to dispense fluids with a viscosity up to about 20mPas *

Features

- The inner nozzle diameter of the Autodrop Pipettes strongly influences the droplet size.
- The relation between inner nozzle diameter, droplet size and droplet volume is:

inner nozzle	droplet size	droplet
diameter	in flight *	volume *
30µm	35µm	20pl
50µm	55µm	90pl
70µm	70µm	180pl

 $\ensuremath{^*}$ depending on the fluid used

- The spot size on the substrate depends on the wetting behaviour between the fluid and the surface material.
- microdrop Technologies GmbH are specialized in customized solutions. Please ask for application-optimized dispenser heads!

Autodrop Pipette AD-K-901

The design of the pipette AD-K-901 with a transparent body makes it easy to read the filling level at any time. Like pipette AD-K-501 the long designed glass capillary enables a dipping in microtiter plates of 9,5mm or smaller. The nozzle tip outer diameter of 1mm even enables a dipping in a 384-well plates.



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Autodrop Pipette, storage volume 37µl

Viscosity range: Standard inner nozzle diameter: Droplet volume: Variation of dispensed volume: Droplet velocity: Standard drop rate: Life time: Storage volume: Dead volume: Materials in contact with fluid:

0.4 ... 20mPas * 30µm, 50µm, 70µm 20 ... 180pl * < 1% * 2m/s * 1 ... 2000Hz * > 100 billion cycles approx. 37µl approx. 14µl glass (PEEK, FEP, ETFE, PTFE)**

Dimensions:

- Pipette AD-K-901: ø 8,5mm / l: 140mm
- Holder with electrical contacts AD-H-901: w: 20mm / h: 138mm / d: 31mm
- Pipette with holder: w: 20mm / h: 148mm / d: 31mm

AD-K-501



Autodrop Pipette, storage volume 25µl

Viscosity range: Standard inner nozzle diameter: Droplet volume: Variation of dispensed volume: Droplet velocity: Standard drop rate: Life time: Storage volume: Dead volume: Materials in contact with fluid:

0.4 ... 20mPas * 30µm, 50µm, 70µm 20 ... 180pl * < 1% * 2m/s * 1 ... 2000Hz * > 100 billion cycles approx. 25µl approx. 12µl glass

Dimensions:

- Pipette AD-K-501: ø 7mm / l: 73mm
- Holder with electrical contacts AD-H-501: w: 8.5mm / h: 45mm / d: 29mm
- Pipette with holder: w: 8.5mm / h: 97mm / d: 29mm

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* depending on the fluid used



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