Labnet Labpette FX

Single-channel, Fixed
Volume Pipettors

Instruction Manual

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1. Product Description

Labnet Labpette FX single-channel, fixed volume pipettor is a volumetric instrument designed to measure and transfer liquids precisely and safely. It can accommodate volumes from 2 µL to 1,000 µL depending on the model.

Nominal Volume (µL)	Cat. No.	Color Code
2	P3900-2	Red
5	P3900-5	Red
10	P3900-10	Red
20	P3900-20	Yellow
40	P3900-40	Yellow
50	P3900-50	Yellow
70	P3900-70	Yellow
75	P3900-75	Yellow
100	P3900-100	Yellow
120	P3900-120	Yellow
150	P3900-150	Yellow
200	P3900-200	Yellow
250	P3900-250	Green
300	P3900-300	Green
400	P3900-400	Green
500	P3900-500	Green
1,000	P3900-1000	Green

Labnet 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

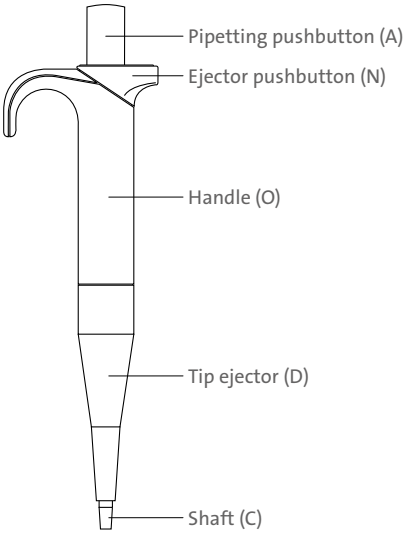
The pipettors are delivered with the following:

Description	Qty/Pk
Instruction manual	1
Quality control certificate	1
Calibration key	1
Shelf clip	1
Lubricant	1

3. Pipettor Design

Model Identification

The volume of the pipettor is shown on its pushbutton.



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:

⚠	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 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.

Nominal Volume (µL)	Cat. No.	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Non-filter Tips (µL)
2	P3900-2	±3.0	≤1.5	200
5	P3900-5	±2.0	≤1.0	200
10	P3900-10	±1.2	≤0.5	200
20	P3900-20	±0.9	≤0.4	200
40	P3900-40	±0.9	≤0.3	200
50	P3900-50	±0.9	≤0.3	200
70	P3900-70	±0.9	≤0.3	200
75	P3900-75	±0.9	≤0.3	200
100	P3900-100	±0.9	≤0.3	200
120	P3900-120	±0.8	≤0.3	200
150	P3900-150	±0.7	≤0.3	200
200	P3900-200	±0.6	≤0.2	200
250	P3900-250	±0.6	≤0.2	1,000
300	P3900-300	±0.6	≤0.2	1,000
400	P3900-400	±0.6	≤0.2	1,000
500	P3900-500	±0.6	≤0.2	1,000
1,000	P3900-1000	±0.6	≤0.2	1,000

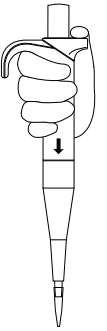
The accuracy and precision were obtained gravimetrically using manufacturer tips performing at least 10 measurements of distilled water at a temperature of 20°C ± 1°C according to EN ISO 8655 standards.

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

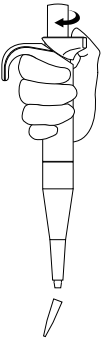


- Attach the correct tip corresponding to the model number displayed on the pipettor finger rest (Section 5).
- Position the pipettor vertically when attaching tips.
- Press the pipettor against the tip positioned in the rack box. The suspension system will ensure even and airtight sealing of the pipet tips.
- Hold down the tip ejector button in order to ensure a tighter fit of the tip.

NOTE:

- Do not attach the tips with a rocking movement, as this may damage the shaft or plunger.
- Never draw liquids directly into the pipettor without the tip attached.

Ejecting the Tip



- Place your thumb against the ejector pushbutton side and press it to the side.

7. Operating Instructions

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

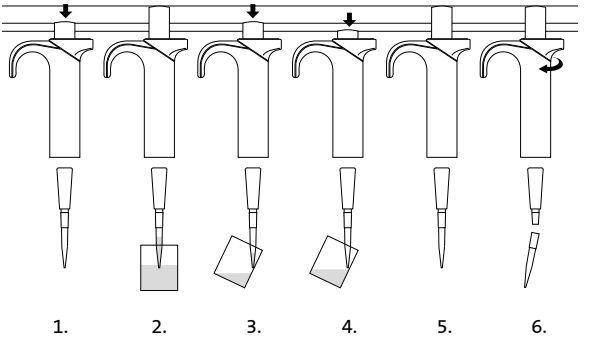
- During operation, the volume setting should be locked, with black adjustment knob in the lower position.
- Ensure smooth and slow operation of the pipettor.
- Immersion of the tip into the sample liquid should be kept to a minimum depth, which should remain constant during aspiration. The recommended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

Model Volume Range (µL)	Immersion Depth (mm)
0.1-1	≤1
1-100	2-3
101-1,000	2-4

- 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 to the side (left or right).

⚠ 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.

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 liquid volume drawn by the pipettor 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 exceeds the permissible value given in the table in Section 5, pipettor recalibration should be carried out. Recalibration of the pipettor involves adjusting the settings according to the table on page 10.

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 (V, µL)	Balance Sensitivity (mg)
0.1≤V≤10	0.001
10≤V≤100	0.01
100≤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 (°C)	Pressure (kPa)		
	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

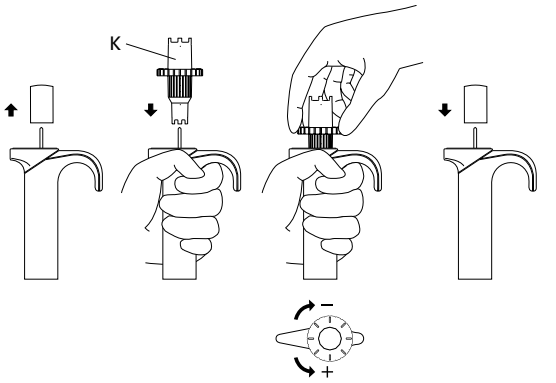
- Set the preset volume depending on the pipettor volume according to the following table.

Nominal volume (µL)	Permissible values (µL)	Volume Change ΔV (µL) for a Turn of a Calibration Key by	
		1 Turn	1 Increment
2	1.933 - 2.053	0.7	0.03
5	4.833 - 5.082		
10	9.846 - 10.085	1.3	0.05
20	19.751 - 20.110	1.7	0.07
40	39.502 - 40.219	3.5	0.15
50	49.377 - 50.274		
70	69.128 - 70.384	7.0	0.30
75	74.066 - 75.411		
100	98.85 - 100.45		
120	118.62 - 120.54	13.0	0.54
150	148.43 - 150.52		
200	198.11 - 200.50		
250	247.63 - 250.62	31.0	1.3
300	297.16 - 300.75		
400	396.21 - 401.00		
500	495.27 - 501.25		
1,000	990.53 - 1,002.49	60.0	2.5

- Perform 10 aspirations, and calculate the 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, the pipettor should be recalibrated.

Pipettor Recalibration



1. Remove the pipetting pushbutton.
2. Insert the calibration key into the calibration screw.
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.

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.labnetlink.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 and handgrip, 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

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:

- 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.

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 liquid remain in the pipet tip.	The pipet tip is emptied too fast.	Decrease the speed of pressing the pipettor pushbutton.
	The pipet tip wettability has increased due to extensive use.	Replace the tip with a new one.
Droplets of air appear in the liquid aspirated into the pipet tip.	The pipet tip immersion depth is too shallow.	Immerse the tip to the recommended depth according to the instructions.
	The pipet tip is incorrectly pressed onto the pipettor shaft.	Press the pipettor tip firmly onto the pipettor.
	The tip is damaged or worn out due to extensive use.	Replace the tip with a new one.
The pipettor incorrectly aspirates the liquid or the liquid drops out from the tip.	The pipettor tip is incorrectly pressed onto the pipettor shaft.	Press the pipet tip firmly onto the pipettor.
The pipettor incorrectly aspirates the liquid or the liquid drops out from the tip.	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 drops out from the tip.	The plunger or the O-ring is damaged due to prolonged aspiration of corrosive liquids.	Disassemble the shaft set; wash the shaft, the plunger and the seal (Section 10: Cleaning). Replace the elements with new ones if necessary. Apply a small amount of lubricant onto the plunger and reassemble the set in the correct order.
	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated.	
	The sealing elements are not sufficiently lubricated.	

Problem	Cause	Solution
Uneven work of the pipetting set, the pipetting pushbutton gets blocked.	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated due to aspiration of corrosive 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 reassemble the set in the correct order.
	The inside of the pipettor is contaminated due to the liquid entering the pipettor.	
	The sealing elements are not sufficiently lubricated, e.g. after repeated autoclaving procedures.	
Incorrect aspiration.	Liquid with properties other than water (density, viscosity).	Calibrate the pipettor using the liquid which is to be pipetted.
	Tips with a filter with increased flow resistance.	Calibrate the pipettor using the tips which are to be used for pipetting.

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

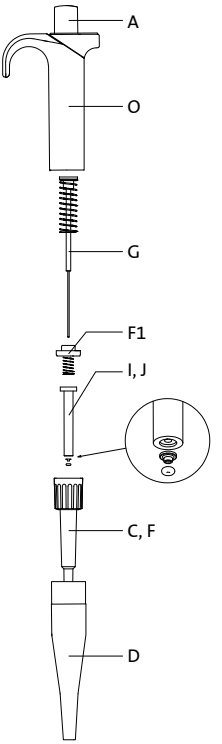
Before returning the pipettor, please ensure the pipettor is completely free of any chemical, radioactive, or microbiological contamination which could pose a threat during transport and repair.

12. Spare Parts

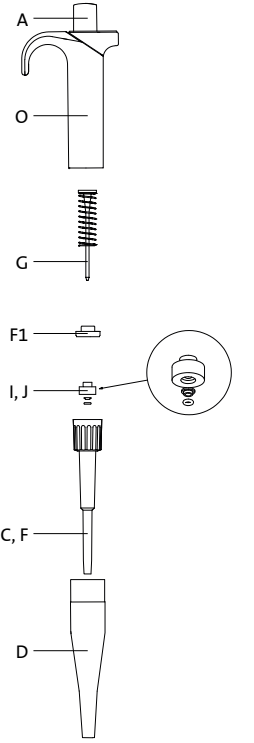
Contact our Customer Service to inquire about availability of spare parts. Pipettor model and name of the part required should be specified. The most common parts are depicted below.

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

2-20 µL



40-1,000 µL



Item	Description	Model	Cat. No.	Qty/Pk
A	Pipetting pushbutton	2 - 20 (red)	SP9175	1
		40 - 200 (yellow)	SP9176	1
		250 - 1,000 (green)	SP9177	1
C, F, F1	Shaft Kit	2 - 20	SP9095	1
		40, 50	SP9140	1
		70 - 200	SP9031	1
		250 - 500	SP9141	1
		1,000	SP9032	1
D	Tip ejector	2 - 200	SP9178	1
		250 - 1,000	SP9161	1
I, J	Seal, O-ring and Bush set	2 - 10	SP9054	1
		20	SP9055	1
		40, 50	SP9132	1
		70 - 100	SP9070	1
		120 - 200	SP9073	1
		250 - 500	SP9133	1
		1,000	SP9076	1
K	Calibration key	All	SP9174	1

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