Performance Testing for Axygen® Automation Tip (RRF-25-C-R-S)

Application Note



Method

The Varispan™ arm on the PerkinElmer Janus® liquid handling workstation was used to assess precision as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D), for Axygen 25 µL tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 2.5 μ L and 25 μ L, a column of 8 tips aspirated from an Axygen low profile reservoir (Corning Cat. No. RES-SW96-LP) and dispensed into a Corning® 96-well, black, clear bottom microplate (Corning Cat. No. 3631).

For the 2.5 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 2.5 μ L of Range C solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-205) or DMSO Range C solution

(Artel Cat. No. MVS-217 solution) and dispensed 2.5 μ L into 197.5 μ L of diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 25 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 25 μ L of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 25 μ L into 175 μ L of diluent solution in each well. To determine the volume of liquid dispensed in each well, absorbance readings for the solutions (diluted Range C solution for 2.5 μ L dispense and Range B solution for 25 μ L dispense) were measured using an Artel ELx800NB® plate reader (Artel Cat. No. 1311197). Each study was performed 6 independent times for a total of 48 tip dispenses. Evaluation criteria include % D from the set dispense volume and % CV of the measured dispense volume for the 48 tip dispenses.

Results

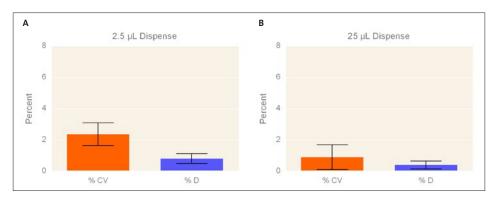


Figure 1. Analysis of RRF-25-C-R-S tip with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen RRF-25-C-R-S tips dispensing (A) 2.5 μ L and (B) 25 μ L volumes using the Varispan arm on the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS® system. The % CV and % D were below 2.5 % for both 2.5 μ L and 25 μ L dispenses, n = 48.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	2.5	25
n	48	48
% CV	2.37 ± 0.73	0.90 ± 0.79
% D	0.80 ± 0.31	0.40 ± 0.26
Outliers	0	1

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation RRF-25-C-R-S tips dispensing 2.5 μ L and 25 μ L were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation RRF-25-C-R-S tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 2.5 μ L and as high as 25 μ L for aqueous and DMSO solutions using the Varispan arm on the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation.

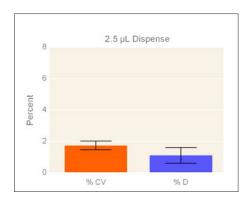


Figure 2. Analysis of RRF-25-C-R-S tip with DMSO dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen® RRF-25-C-R-S dispensing 2.5 μL volumes using the Varispan™ arm on the PerkinElmer Janus® liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS® system. The % CV and % D were below 3.0% for the 2.5 μL dispense, n = 48.

Table 2. DMSO Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	2.5
n	48
% CV	1.39 ± 0.36
% D	2.51 ± 0.30
Outliers	0



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