Performance Testing for Axygen® Automation Tip (PK-200-BK-R)

Application Note



Method

The PerkinElmer Janus® liquid handling workstation was used to assess precision as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D), for Axygen 200 μ L tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 20 μ L and 200 μ L, a rack of 96 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 20 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 20 μ L of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 20 μ L into 180

μL of diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 200 μL test volume, each tip aspirated 200 μL of Range A solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-203) and dispensed 200 μL into 0 μL of diluent solution in each well. To determine the volume of liquid dispensed in each well, absorbance readings for the solutions (diluted Range B solution for 20 μL dispense and Range A solution for 200 μL dispense) were measured using an Artel ELx800NB® plate reader (Artel Cat. No. 1311197). Each study was performed 3 independent times for a total of 288 tip dispenses. Evaluation criteria include % D from the set dispense volume and % CV of the measured dispense volume for the 288 tip dispenses.

Results

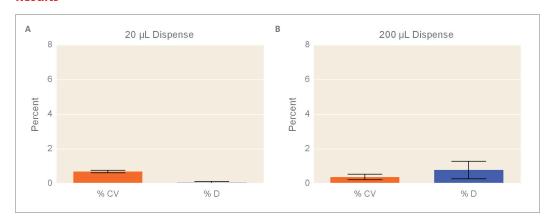


Figure 1. Analysis of PK-200-BK-R tip with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen PK-200-BK-R tips dispensing (A) 20 μL and (B) 200 μL volumes using the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS° system. The % CV and % D were below 1% for both 20 μL and 200 μL dispenses, n = 288.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	20	200	
n	288	288	
% CV	0.70 ± 0.07	0.38 ± 0.16	
% D	0.06 ± 0.07	0.79 ± 0.50	
Outliers	0	0	

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation PK-200-BK-R tips dispensing 20 μ L and 200 μ L were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation PK-200-BK-R tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 20 μ L and as high as 200 μ L for aqueous solutions using the PerkinElmer Janus liquid handling workstation.



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