Performance Testing for Axygen[®] Automation Tip (EVF-180-R-S)

Application Note



Method

The Multi Channel Arm (MCA) of the Tecan® Freedom EVO® liquid handling workstation was used to assess precision, as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D) for Axygen 180 µL tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 16.5 μ L and 165 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 16.5 μL test volume, each tip aspirated 16.5 μL of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 16.5 μL into

183.5 μ L of diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 165 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 165 μ L of Range A solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-203) and dispensed 165 μ L into 35 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 B solution for 16.5 μ L dispense and Range A solution for 165 μ L 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

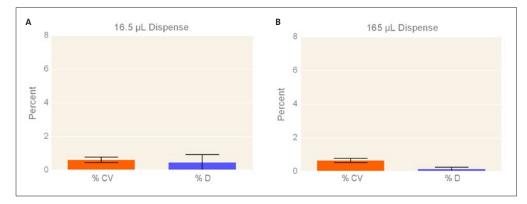


Figure 1. Analysis of EVF-180-R-S tip with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen EVF-180-R-S tips dispensing (A) 16.5 μ L and (B) 165 μ L volumes using the Tecan Freedom EVO liquid handling workstation were determined using the Artel MVS[®] system. The % CV and % D were below 1% for both the 16.5 μ L and 165 μ L dispenses, n = 288.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	16.5	165	
n	288	288	
% CV	0.63 ± 0.15	0.51 ± 0.41	
% D	0.46 ± 0.47	0.15 ± 0.08	
Outliers	0	1	

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation EVF-180-R-S tips dispensing 16.5 μ L and 165 μ L volumes were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation EVF-180-R-S tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 16.5 μ L and as high as 165 μ L for aqueous solutions using the MCA of the Tecan Freedom EVO liquid handling workstation.



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