Performance Testing for Axygen[®] Automation Tip (VT-250-R)

Application Note



Method

The Agilent[®] Bravo/Velocity11 liquid handling platform was used to assess precision, as coefficient of variation (% CV), and accuracy as percent deviation (% D), for Axygen 250 µL tips.

To test the ability of the tip to dispense accurately and precisely at two dispense volumes, 25 μ L and 250 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 25 μL test volume, each tip aspirated 25 μL of Range B solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-204) and dispensed 25 μL into

175 μ L of diluent solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-202) in each well. For the 250 μ L test volume, each tip aspirated 250 μ L of Range HV solution (Artel Cat. No. MVS-214) and dispensed 250 μ L into 0 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 25 μ L dispense and Range HV solution for 250 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

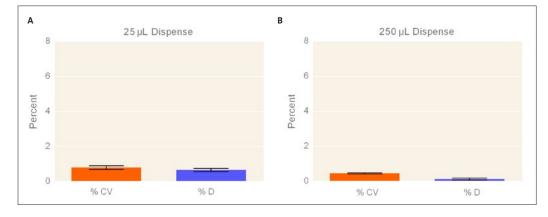


Figure 1. Analysis of VT-250-R with aqueous dispense. The precision (assessed by % CV) and accuracy (assessed by % D) of Axygen VT-250-R tips dispensing (A) 25 μ L and (B) 250 μ L volumes using the Agilent Bravo/Velocity11 liquid handling platform were determined using the Artel MVS[®] system. The % CV and % D were below 1% for both 25 μ L and 250 μ L dispenses, n = 288.

Table 1. Aqueous Dispense Results

Target Volume (μL)	25	250
n	288	288
% CV	0.81 ± 0.11	0.47 ± 0.03
% D	0.67 ± 0.09	0.14 ± 0.06
Outliers	0	0

Conclusion

The % CV and % D for the Axygen automation VT-250-R dispensing 25 μ L and 250 μ L volumes were 5% or below. Therefore, Axygen automation VT-250-R tips can precisely and accurately dispense volumes as low as 25 μ L and as high as 250 μ L for aqueous solution using the Agilent Bravo/Velocity11 liquid handling platform.



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