

Operator's Guide for Electronic Single Channel and Macro Volume Pipettes



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ELECTRONIC SINGLE CHANNEL AND MACRO OVATION PIPETTES

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Ovation BioNatural™ pipettes are the ideal ergonomic solution for handling repetitive and complex liquid handling tasks that contribute to repetitive stress injuries in today's laboratory. Ovation pipettes increase laboratory efficiency through automated liquid handling routines, while reducing fatigue and the effect of poor postures.

This manual describes how to use and care for your Ovation electronic single channel or macro pipette. As you can see from its appearance, it is different from every pipette that you have used before, therefore please read the instructions carefully.

Upon initial receipt of the pipette, the battery must be charged for 90 minutes prior to use. (See *instructions on page 5-5*). Also, please activate the warranty on the VistaLab Technologies web site – www.vistalab.com. The required on-line form can be found in the "support" menu. Retain all packing materials in the event that the pipette is to be sent back to VistaLab Technologies for calibration verification or service.

Product Description

Electronic single channel and macro Ovation BioNatural Pipettes are adjustable volume, air displacement, fully electronic motor-driven pipettes intended to aspirate and dispense precise fluid volumes.



Catalog#	Color	Volume Range	Dispensing Increments	Accuracy*	Precision*
20 L	Yellow	0.50% at 10 L	0.5 – 20 L	-1.0% at 20 L	0.30% at
10 L	Green	1.80% at 2 L	0.05 L	-1.5% at	-3.0% at 2 L
125 L	Blue	0.24% at 62.5 L	2 – 125 L	-0.8% at 125 L	0.15% at
62.5 L	Purple	1.00% at 12.5 L	0.5 L	-0.8% at	-2.9% at
125 L	Grey	0.25% at 125 L	5 – 250 L	-0.8% at 250 L	0.15% at
250 L	Grey	1.00% at 25 L	1 L	-0.8% at	-2.5% at
1250 L	Red	0.65% at 250 L	5 L	-0.75% at 1250 L	0.15% at
625 L		0.20% at 625 L	25 – 1250 L	-0.8% at	

Pipette Components



Recharging Port



Volume



Captive

Serial

<u>Description</u>	<u>Function</u>
Pipetting Trigger	Initiates pipetting action
Tip Eject Button	Ejects disposable pipette tips with minimal thumb force
Adjustable Hook	Accommodates left and right handed users
Ejector Sleeve	Stored energy from tip installation releases tips
Nozzle	Tapered, chemically resistant coupling that secure pipette tips
Body	Larger grip surface for comfort, eliminating tight hand grip
Keypad	Selects and sets up liquid handling functions, settings and calibration
LCD	Indicates liquid handling functions, status, settings, and remaining battery power
Battery	Lithium ion rechargeable, located in base of pipette (<i>not shown</i>)
Volume Label	Identifies volume range
Recharging Port	Power supply connection for battery recharging
Power Supply	AC adapter for recharging battery (<i>not shown</i>)
Captive Screw	When loosened, allows access to inside of pipette for battery replacement
Serial Number	Provides positive identification for the pipette

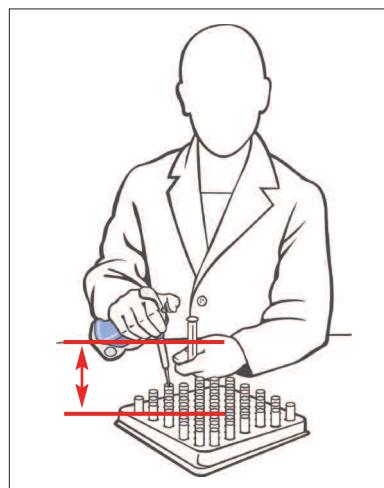
Introduction

Studies have shown that pipetting is the #1 cause of musculoskeletal disorders in the laboratory – it is, by nature, a repetitive process that puts strain on the body. While we can't change how repetitive pipetting is, we can and did change how comfortable you are while doing it.

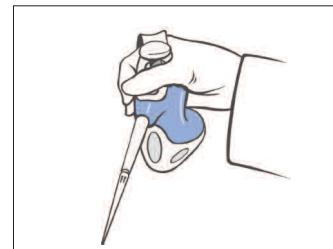
The Ovation BioNatural Pipette is the only pipette designed to keep your hand in the neutral position recommended by ergonomics experts. We call this BioNatural™ pipetting – it allows a lower hand location to ease stress in the shoulder, and a relaxed wrist angle eliminates uncomfortable extension and radial deviation movements in the arm. Force, velocity and exertion from repetition or duration have also been neutralized because of the Ovation pipette's unique working position and reduced forces required during operation.

Some practice may be required to change years of posture and habits developed using standard axial pipettes; the physical benefits of BioNatural pipetting are worth the practice! When using the Ovation pipette, arm/hand elevation should remain low to the work surface, wrist rotation should not exceed 90°, and hand posture should remain relaxed with the wrist and back of hand slightly flexed.

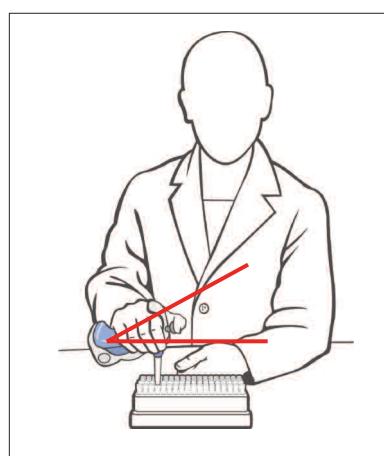
Posture



Arm elevation remains low, minimizing stress to elbow, shoulder and neck

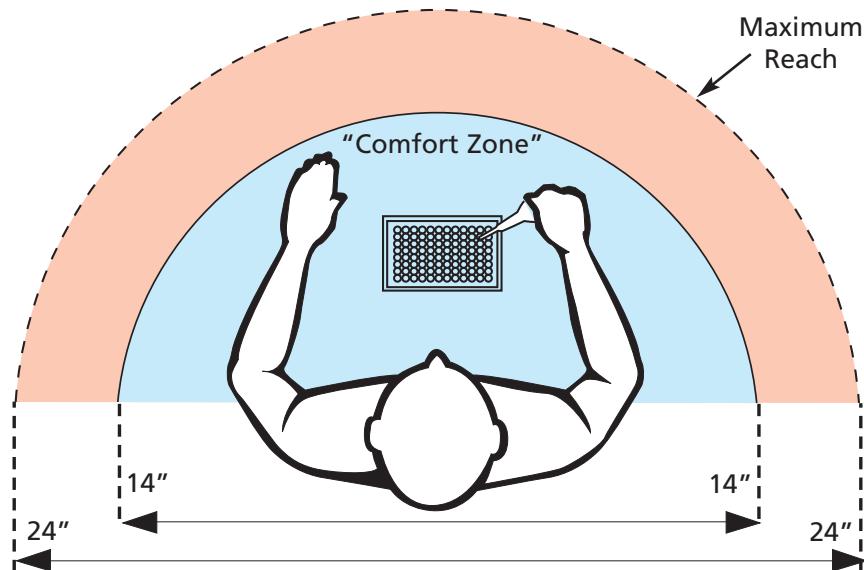


A loose, relaxed grip increases available strength in the hand, improving endurance and productivity during pipetting



Wrist remains in a neutral range of motion throughout all pipetting operations

Keep a "comfort zone" for pipetting



Ergonomics experts recommend establishing a "comfort zone" of movement for the task of pipetting. Position your body within 9" of the counter surface, and keep the items needed within easy reach. Ideally this should be 14" or less, and should not exceed 24" of occasional reaching. Wrist rotation should not exceed 90° from the work surface, and arm/hand elevations should remain low to the counter surface.



Ovation comfort-zone benefits:

1. Minimized tension and fatigue
2. Minimized exertion and contact stress
3. Low contact pressure
4. Lowest pressure in carpal tunnel and to median nerve
5. Minimized tension to shoulder and elbow

Picking Up the Pipette



The Ovation pipette has been designed to allow the body of the pipette to fill your palm. Rotate the adjustable hook to rest comfortably on your forefinger. The texture of the unit's back helps reinforce correct hand positioning.

The unique ergonomic design and adjustable hook is compatible for both right and left-handed use.

Keep hand posture relaxed – there's no need for a "firm grip" when using an Ovation pipette.

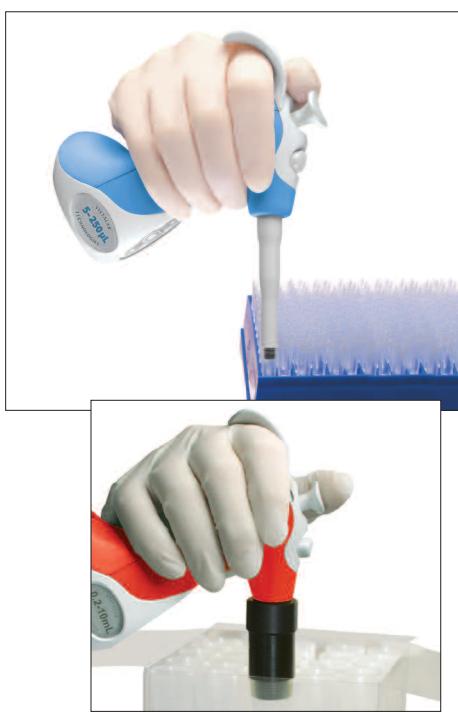
Selecting Liquid Handling Functions and Changing Settings



The Ovation pipette's keypad is easy to use and provides access to all liquid handling functions and settings. Simply press the buttons on the keypad, monitoring the selection of functions or changes to settings on the LCD display.

Complete information and examples of all liquid handling functions and settings are included in "Operating Procedures" - Chapter 3 of this guide.

Acquiring Tips



While maintaining a flat wrist-hand posture, insert the Ovation pipette nozzles into a tip. Press down until you hear or feel a "click". This "click" indicates that the tip is properly seated and ready for use.

Aspirating and Dispensing



Smooth gliding movements of the upper extremities with proper posture and minimal stress is the key to ergonomically correct pipetting. Maintain a low forearm elevation and neutral wrist posture throughout the pipetting cycle. With Electronic Single Channel models, immerse pipette tip to an appropriate depth (1mm for 0.5–20 μ L, 2 to 3mm for 2 μ L–125 μ L & 5–250 μ L, and 2 to 4mm for 25–1250 μ L). Press & release the pipetting trigger to aspirate sample. Press pipetting trigger again to dispense or mix sample.



Aspirating and dispensing large sample volumes traditionally create ergonomic challenges because of an axial pipette's design, elongated macro tips, or the overall length of typical serological pipets.

The Ovation macro pipette allows the operator to minimize wrist rotation and arm elevation.

Immerse pipette tip into sample, then press and release the pipetting trigger to aspirate. Wait **one second** after beep tone, then remove tip and place it into dispensing container **at same angle used during aspiration**. Press pipetting trigger again to dispense or mix sample.

Note: To interrupt aspirating cycle and/or prevent accidental overfilling of a pipet (as when set volume exceeds capacity of serological pipet), quickly press and release pipetting trigger. PURGE will be on display. Pressing pipetting trigger again then expels any liquid or air bubbles in the tip or pipet.

Ejecting Tips



Ovation pipettes store energy captured during the acquisition of a tip, and use it to discard tip when the tip eject button is pressed. Point pipette tip into a suitable waste container and press the tip eject button to discard the tip.

To minimize forearm elevation and "reaching", position the waste container below worksurface level or use shallow containers. Raising the arm to discard tips into a tall receptacle on the counter may negate some of the benefits of Ovation's low-profile design.

Using serological or volumetric pipets

(macro models only)

Note: Due to the additional length of the air column or variations in markings on serological or volumetric pipets, it may be necessary to adjust the Ovation's calibration factor. To optimize performance, review the calibration instructions in chapter 4.



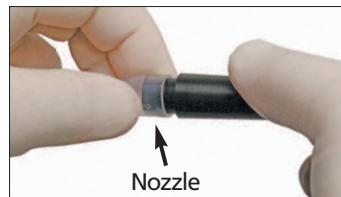
When extra length is needed to reach the bottom of tall vessels, glass or plastic serological or volumetric pipets can be used with Ovation macro volume models.

The nozzle on the 0.2-10mL model accommodates both tips and pipets. Insert the end of a pipet into the nozzle until it stops. To remove the pipet, manually pull it out of the nozzle.

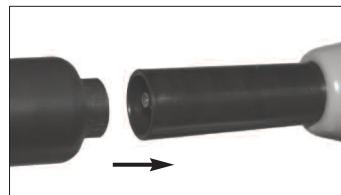
The 100-5000mL model requires installation of a Sero-Adapter prior to use with serological pipets. The adapter easily attaches to the pipette in place of its standard nozzle (See *instructions below*). Insert the end of a pipet into the Sero-Adapter until it stops. To remove the pipet, manually pull it out of the Sero-Adapter. Re-install the standard nozzle to use pipette tips.

Installing a Sero-Adapter (100-5000 μ L model only)

1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette. Store nozzle in a safe place.



2. Carefully screw on adapter (clockwise). Ensure adapter is square to threads for proper installation.



OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Getting Started

The general steps to set up and operate an electronic single channel or macro model Ovation pipette are:

1. Select a liquid handling function
2. Review and/or change settings as required
3. Acquire tip
4. Run the liquid handling function according to its protocol
5. Eject disposable tip into a proper waste container.

Familiarize yourself with the use of the keypad, display prompts, set-up and use of the pipette's liquid handling functions in this chapter before use.

Pipette Keypad



Button

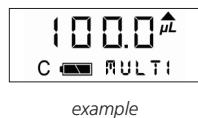


Description

Advances display to next liquid handling function in the run mode. When in set-up, the button advances display to the next setting within the *liquid handling* function that can be changed.

When changing the setting(s) within a *liquid handling* function, pressing the or button adjusts the settings. When pressed together and held, they are used to access pipette settings.

Pipette Display



Description

Displays volume and values during set-up, e.g. # of mix cycles, # of multiple dispenses

Displayed when cal factor has been changed from factory setting of 1.000



Icon indicates remaining battery capacity

Symbol indicates next portion of aspirate (up) or dispense (down) cycle to be performed

Displays **liquid handling function**, setting or prompt that is active

Function Indicator	Function	Description
P1 P2 P3	Pipette	Routine aspirating and dispensing at stored (user-defined) volumes (also known as TC or "to contain" pipetting). Sample volume is dispensed with blow-out to expel all liquid. <i>(P3 not available on macro models)</i>
PDB	Pipette with Delayed Blowout	Routine aspirating and dispensing at a stored (user-defined) volume ("to contain" pipetting) with a delayed blowout. This is especially useful when using viscous liquids or serological pipets. <i>(Available on macro models only)</i>
(no function shown)	Pipette	Aspirating and dispensing in pipette function at a dynamic user-defined volume.
MULTI	Multiple Dispense	Repetitive dispensing function of equal volumes. The pipette calculates and aspirates the total volume required, then dispenses in multiple aliquots. An automatic repetitive dispensing utility, PACE , can be activated by holding the pipette trigger while dispensing.
SDILU	Serial Dilute	A sequence of dilutions. Sample is aspirated, dispensed into diluent and mixed. Diluted sample is automatically aspirated for addition to the next diluent.
MIX	Mix	Repetitive cycles of aspirating and dispensing.
REVER (not available on Macro models)	Reverse Pipette	A sample transfer function based on delivered dispense volume (also known as TD or "to deliver" pipetting). Sample volume is aspirated with slight overage and the desired volume is dispensed, leaving some liquid in the tip that is then purged.
Setting Indicator		Description
FILL		Volume to be dispensed (when using P1 , P2 , P3 or PDB , this is also the volume that will be aspirated).
SPEED		Speed at which the pipette aspirates, dispenses and mixes within a liquid handling function. 5 settings are available. (1 is the slowest and 5 is the fastest)
DIS		Shows the number of dispenses remaining when using the MULTI function.
DISP		The volume of individual dispense(s) when setting up the MULTI function.
MIX		The volume of the dilution to be mixed when using the SDILU function.
VOL		The volume to be mixed when using the MIX function.

Setting Indicator	Description
COUNT	The number of dispenses when using the MULTI function, or the number of mix cycles (1-9) when using SDILU or MIX functions.
PURGE	Last step in some Liquid Handling Functions, or is displayed when a function has been interrupted.
ZERO	Indicates that the pipette pistons are at the blow-out or lowest position at the end of a MIX function.
PACE	Pace is an adjustable timed interval delay between automatic repetitive dispenses when using the MULTI function (1 is slowest setting, 4 is fastest).
TONE	Ovation pipettes use “beep” tones to indicate various actions, or can be disabled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A <u>single</u> beep tone indicates the end of a pipetting step. • A <u>double</u> beep tone indicates the completion of the (last) dispense cycle when using the MULTI function and REVER. • A <u>triple</u> beep tone indicates the end of a liquid handling function. • An alert tone indicates the pipetting trigger was pressed before set-up was completed, or an illegal action or programming error has occurred.
LCD	The contrast on the liquid crystal display can be adjusted as needed.
SLEEP	After 10 minutes of inactivity, the pipette automatically enters SLEEP to conserve battery power. Press any button or the pipetting trigger to resume operation.
HOME	When the pipette is first activated from SLEEP , the HOME prompt is displayed while the plungers are automatically reset.

Set-up of Liquid Handling Functions

Introduction

The Ovation pipette's keypad is easy to use and provides access to all liquid handling functions and settings. Simply press the buttons on the keypad to step through the various functions and make changes to settings. When a setting indicator is flashing, this indicates that the setting has been changed from a previously “saved” setting.

During setup, settings such as speed, count, and mix may appear within a liquid handling function. While their set-up is similar in all cases, they must be established independently within each liquid handling function.

Liquid Handling Functions

Pipette

Ovation pipettes provide user-defined pre-sets for routine pipetting (TC or “to contain”) at exact volumes with automatic blow-out (P1, P2 & P3 on electronic single channel models, P1 & P2 on macro models). An additional pipetting function (PDB) with a delayed blow-out is available on macro models which may be desirable when using viscous liquids or a serological pipet. Volume and speed settings are stored for easy recall and use.

To set-up and run a P1, P2, P3 or PDB liquid handling function, follow these steps:

Example: Pipette 500µL of sample



1. Press and release  until P1, P2, P3 OR PDB appears on the display.



2. Press  or  and the FILL appears on the display with the current volume setting. Press and hold  or  to rapidly scroll to the desired setting, or press and release  or  to step the volume measurement to the desired setting.



3. Press and release  to lock-in the new volume setting and advance to the current SPEED setting.



4. Press and release  or  until the desired speed is displayed. (1 is slowest setting, 5 is fastest).



5. Press and release  to lock-in the SPEED setting and exit setup.



6. Aspirate sample by pressing and releasing the pipetting trigger.



7. Press the pipetting trigger to dispense sample. When using P1, P2 or P3, blow-out is performed automatically to expel all liquid.

 To prevent accidental re-aspiration of sample after blow-out, the pipetting trigger can be held down during dispensing. Move tip away from the dispensing area before releasing the pipetting trigger.

If using the PDB function (macro models only), press the pipetting trigger again to initiate blow-out. This operator-controlled delayed blow-out may be desired when using viscous liquids or a serological pipette.

Setting a dynamic volume



To aspirate and dispense any volume, it is not necessary to store the new volume setting. Simply press and release  until P1, P2, P3 or PDB appears on the display, then press  or  until the desired volume is displayed. Press  and  or  to change speed if desired. Press and release the pipetting trigger to begin pipetting. Note: P1, P2 or P3 will not appear on the display. This volume will remain active until another liquid handling function or volume is selected; pre-set volumes for P1, P2, P3 or PDB remain unchanged.

Multiple Dispense

Multiple Dispense is a repetitive pipetting function for dispensing equal volumes. Once a dispense volume and the number of dispenses are established, the Ovation pipette automatically calculates the total fill volume required.

To set-up and run a *Multiple Dispense* liquid handling function, follow these steps:

Example: Dispense a 50 μ L aliquot, 10 times



1. Press and release \odot until **MULTI** appears on the display.



2. Press Δ or ∇ and **DISP** appears on the display with the current volume setting for individual dispenses. Press Δ or ∇ until the desired volume is displayed.



3. Press and release \odot to lock-in the new volume setting and advance to the current **COUNT** setting.

Note: The count setting will either be the last number of dispenses used or the maximum number of full dispenses that can be performed at the new volume setting.



4. Press and release Δ or ∇ until the desired number of dispenses is displayed.



5. Press and release \odot to lock-in the new **COUNT** setting and advance to the current **SPEED** setting.



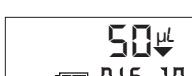
6. Press and release Δ or ∇ until the desired speed is displayed (1 is slowest speed, 5 is fastest).



7. Press and release \odot to lock-in the **SPEED** setting and exit setup.



8. Aspirate sample by pressing and releasing the pipetting trigger. The total volume required to complete all dispenses and **FILL** is displayed while the volume is being aspirated.



9. Press and release the pipetting trigger to dispense each aliquot. The display will indicate the volume being dispensed, and the number of dispenses remaining.

To activate **PACE**, press and hold the pipetting trigger when dispensing, and aliquots will be dispensed automatically at a timed interval until the pipetting trigger is released or the last dispense is performed. See the **PACE** instructions to set-up or change the interval setting (page 3-9).



10. After the final volume is dispensed, **PURGE** appears on the display. Press and release the pipetting trigger to discard any remaining liquid in the tip.

Note: **PURGE** can be used at any time to end any liquid handling function by pressing \odot . To cancel purge, press \odot again and resume dispensing.

Serial Dilute

The **SDILU** liquid handling function performs sequential dilutions. An initial sample volume is aspirated, dispensed into diluent and then mixed. The diluted sample is then aspirated for addition to the next diluent.

To set-up and run a *Serial Dilute* liquid handling function, follow these steps:

Example: Prepare a 1:2, 1:4, 1:8 . . . serial dilution using a sample volume of 100 μ L. Mix 125 μ L of each dilution three times.

1. Use the **MULTI** liquid handling function to dispense 100 μ L of diluent into each sample well.



2. Press and release **◎** until **SDILU** appears on the display.



3. Press **Ⓐ** or **Ⓑ** and **FILL** appears on the display with the current volume setting for aspiration. Press **Ⓐ** or **Ⓑ** until the desired setting is displayed.



4. Press and release **◎** to lock-in the new volume setting and advance to the current **MIX** volume.



5. Press **Ⓐ** or **Ⓑ** until the desired mix volume is displayed.



6. Press and release **◎** to lock-in the new mix volume and advance to the current **COUNT** setting.



7. Press **Ⓐ** or **Ⓑ** until the desired number of mix cycles (1-9) is displayed.



8. Press and release **◎** to lock-in the new **COUNT** setting and advance to the current **SPEED** setting.



9. Press and release **Ⓐ** or **Ⓑ** until the desired speed is displayed (1 is slowest, 5 is fastest).



10. Press and release **◎** to lock-in the **SPEED** setting and exit setup.



11. Aspirate 100 μ L of sample by pressing and releasing the pipetting trigger.

12. Place (filled) tip into the first diluent-filled row, and press and release the pipetting trigger to dispense sample into the diluent, followed by three mix cycles. After mixing, 100 μ L of the diluted sample is automatically aspirated. Move tip to next row and press pipetting trigger to dispense and mix the next dilution. Continue until all dilutions are prepared.

13. To empty the tip of liquid after the final dilution is made, press **◎** and **PURGE** appears on the display (or to cancel PURGE, press **◎** again). Press and release the pipetting trigger to dispense liquid into an appropriate container.

Mix

Mix is a liquid handling function with repetitive cycles of aspirating and dispensing of the same sample. The **MIX** function can be used independently of other functions and is included within the **SDILU** function.

To set-up and run the *Mix* liquid handling function, follow these steps:

Example: Mix 100 μ L of solution 5 times



1. Press and release \odot until **MIX** appears on the display.



2. Press Δ or ∇ and **VOL** appears on the display with the current volume setting for mixing. Press Δ or ∇ to scroll to the desired setting.



3. Press and release \odot to lock-in the new volume setting and advance to the current **COUNT** setting.



4. Press and release Δ or ∇ until the desired number of mix cycles is displayed (1-9).



5. Press and release \odot to lock-in the new **COUNT** setting and advance to the current **SPEED** setting.



6. Press and release Δ or ∇ until the desired speed is displayed (1 is slowest, 5 is fastest).



7. Press and release \odot to lock-in the **SPEED** setting and exit setup.



8. Mix 100 μ L of sample by pressing and releasing the pipetting trigger.



9. When **ZERO** appears on the display, remove tips from solution and press the pipetting trigger. The pipette is now ready to perform the next *Mix* function.



Reverse Pipette

(Not available on
Macro models)

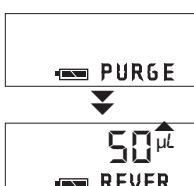
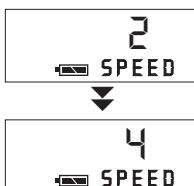
Reverse Pipette is a sample transfer function based on an exact dispense volume (TD or "to deliver" pipetting). Sample volume is aspirated with a slight overage and the exact amount is dispensed, leaving some liquid in the tip that is purged with the next press of the pipetting trigger. This method of pipetting is commonly used for highly volatile or viscous samples, and/or when working with small microvolumes.

To set-up and run a *Reverse Pipette* liquid handling function, follow these steps:



Example: Pipette 50 μL of sample

1. Press and release \odot until **REVER** appears on the display.
2. Press Δ or ∇ and **DISP** appears on the display with current volume setting. Press Δ or ∇ until the desired setting is displayed.
3. Press and release \odot to lock-in the new volume setting and advance to the current **SPEED** setting.
4. Press and release Δ or ∇ until the desired speed is displayed (1 is slowest, 5 is fastest).
5. Press and release \odot to lock-in the **SPEED** setting and exit setup.
6. Aspirate sample by pressing and releasing the pipetting trigger.
7. Press and release the pipetting trigger to dispense sample.
8. The **PURGE** prompt is displayed after sample is dispensed. Press and release the pipetting trigger to purge liquid remaining in the tip into a suitable container. The pipette is now ready to perform the next *Reverse Pipette* function.

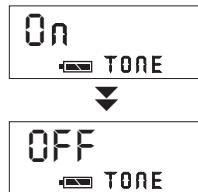


Set-up of Pipette Settings

Tone

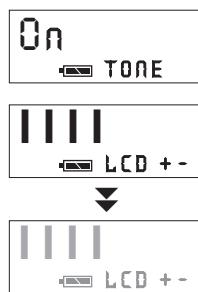
Ovation pipettes use “beep” tones to indicate various actions. A single beep tone indicates the end of a pipetting step. A double beep tone indicates the completion of the (last) dispense cycle when using the multiple dispense or reverse pipette function. A triple beep tone indicates the end of a liquid handling function. An alert tone indicates the pipetting trigger was pressed before set-up was completed or an illegal action or programming error has occurred.

Beep tones can be disabled if desired as follows:



1. Simultaneously press and hold the Δ ∇ buttons until **TONE** appears on the display.
2. Press Δ or ∇ to toggle the “beep” setting ON or OFF. Press \odot to step to **LCD** or press the pipetting trigger to return to routine operation.

LCD



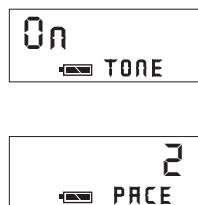
The contrast on the pipette’s liquid crystal display can be adjusted as needed. Note: disconnecting battery returns LCD to a default intensity.

1. Simultaneously press and hold the Δ ∇ buttons until **TONE** appears on the display.
2. Press and release \odot until **LCD** appears on the display.
3. Press Δ or ∇ to increase or decrease the contrast to desired level. Press \odot to step to **PACE** or press the pipetting trigger to return to routine operation.

Pace

The **PACE** setting represents the pause time between automatic repetitive dispenses while using the Multiple Dispense function.

To change **PACE** setting, follow the steps below:



1. Simultaneously press and hold the Δ ∇ buttons until **TONE** appears on the display.
2. Press and release \odot until **PACE** and a numeric value is displayed (1, 2, 3 or 4). Press the Δ or ∇ button until the desired pause interval is displayed (1 is slowest, 4 is fastest). The lower the number, the shorter the delay in milliseconds between automatic dispenses.
3. Press and release \odot to step to **CAL** or press the pipetting trigger to return to routine operation.

Note: To use **PACE** when in the *Multiple Dispense* liquid handling function, press and hold the pipetting trigger when dispensing; aliquots will be dispensed automatically at the specified interval setting. To interrupt **PACE**, release the pipetting trigger.

Introduction

Each Ovation pipette is factory calibrated to manufacturing specifications and a Certificate of Calibration traceable to NIST is enclosed in the unit's original packaging. The pipette is calibrated at 21.5°C (±2°) and relative humidity of 45%-75% using distilled water. It is recommended that calibration be verified every six months or on an as-needed basis, whichever is applicable.

The Ovation pipette can be easily in-lab calibrated ±10% for optimum performance at your operating conditions. In addition, the calibration factor can be pre-determined and set at the appropriate value for a liquid to be dispensed. Use Ovation's calibration software to quickly and easily determine an appropriate calibration factor. Returning the calibration factor to 1.000 will re-set the Ovation pipette to its original factory calibration.

For optimum performance over the entire pipetting range, verify and calibrate the pipette using the maximum volume setting. For a specific liquid at one volume, verify and calibrate at that volume.

The Ovation macro models can be used with a wide variety of serological pipets. In order to achieve optimum accuracy for a particular brand pipet, it may be necessary to adjust the Ovation's calibration.

Determining a New Calibration Factor

1. Perform a verification at the desired volume.
2. Simultaneously press and hold the Δ ∇ buttons (about 3 seconds) until **TONE** appears on the display. Press and release \odot until **CAL** appears.

Note: To interrupt the calibration sequence at any time, depress and release the pipetting trigger. No changes will be saved.
3. Press Δ or ∇ and **TARG** (target) and the pipette's maximum volume is displayed.
4. Press Δ or ∇ to change the volume, but only if calibrating at other than the maximum.
5. Press \odot and **MEAS** (measured) and the maximum volume is displayed.
6. Press Δ or ∇ to enter the actual volume dispensed during verification. (See Step 1)
7. Press \odot and **FACT** (factor) and a new calibration factor is displayed. Record this factor.
8. Press \odot again and **SET** (set) appears on the display. After one second, the pipette accepts and stores the new calibration factor. A "C" may now appear on the display.
9. Re-verify volume delivery with this new calibration factor.

* For additional information on calibration verification, go to our documentation library under Support at www.vistalab.com

Entering a known Calibration Factor

Ovation allows the user to enter a pre-determined calibration factor for a specific liquid or volume, or return to the factory setting of 1.000.

1. Repeat Step 2 under "Determining a New Calibration Factor. Press  until **CAL** appears on the LCD.
2. Press  or  , followed by  (2 times) to advance to **FACTR** on the display. Record this factor.
3. Press  or  to enter the known calibration factor.
4. Press  and **SET** (set) then appears on the display while the pipette homes the plungers. The pipette has accepted and stored the new calibration factor.
5. Verify volume delivery at this new factor, or begin to use the pipette.

Calibration when using serological or volumetric pipets (macro models only)

Due to the additional length of the air column or variations in serological or volumetric pipets, it may be desired to optimize performance by changing the internal calibration factor of the Ovation pipette. The factor may vary for different brands of serological or volumetric pipet used.

Note: For 100-5000µL models, install the Sero-adapter before beginning the calibration procedure. (See instructions on Page 2-5)

Record the current calibration factor as follows:

1. Simultaneously press and hold   (about 3 seconds) until **TONE** appears on the display. Press and release  until **FACTR** appears.
2. Record the number displayed. This is the calibration factor when using Ovation pipette tips. Record this value.

To set the calibration factor for use with serological pipets:

1. In the P1, P2 or PDB liquid handling function, set the macro Ovation to the maximum volume setting (i.e. 5000µl or 10.00mL).
2. Aspirate water or the liquid to be used with the serological pipet. Using the graduations on the pipet and the meniscus of the liquid, determine the volume aspirated. Dispense the liquid. Repeat aspiration and volume determination at least 3 more times. Average the results.
3. Simultaneously press and hold   (about 3 seconds) until **TONE** appears on the display. Press and release  until **CAL** appears.

**Calibration when
using serological or
volumetric pipets
(continued)**
(macro models only)

4. Press Δ once, and **TRIG** will appear. Volume on display should be set to the maximum volume of the pipette from Step 1. Use Δ and ∇ to adjust volume, if needed.
5. Press and release \odot and **MEAS** will appear. Use Δ or ∇ to adjust displayed value to the average volume dispensed in step 2 (ex. 4950 μ l).
6. Press \odot again. The new calibration factor is displayed. Record this value which is the calibration factor to be used with this liquid with this variety of serological pipets.
7. Press \odot and the Ovation Macro Pipette will automatically store this factor. A "C" may now appear on the display if the Cal factor is other than the factory setting of 1.000.
8. Verify accuracy of volume delivery by aspirating liquid and confirming that volume in serological pipet matches the volume displayed on the LCD.
9. In the event that a slight adjustment to calibration is needed, or to return to original factor, when **FACTR** is displayed, use Δ or ∇ to make the change.
10. Record final factor and enter factor into pipette whenever serological pipets are used.

MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

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The Ovation pipette requires minimal maintenance. Always store it in its "standing" position or on the Ovation Pipette Stand (Catalog No. 9058-4003) when not in use.

Cleaning Exterior

Clean outer surfaces as needed with a soft cloth dampened with warm water. To decontaminate outer surfaces, wipe with a 70% aqueous solution of ethanol or isopropanol.



WARNING! Before cleaning or decontaminating the pipette, make sure the power supply is disconnected.

Disinfecting Nozzles

The replaceable nozzle contains an internal aerosol/liquid barrier filter to prevent liquid from being aspirated into the pipette. Additionally, the nozzle filter offers protection to internal parts from routine exposure to hazardous liquids and vapors. If this filter becomes wet, the pipette will not aspirate fluid until a new nozzle is installed or the nozzle filter is replaced.

Wipe the exterior surface of nozzles with disinfectant or a 10% bleach solution. Care should be taken not to get the barrier filter inside the nozzle wet, as the channel will not aspirate and dispense properly until corrective action is taken.

Replacing a Nozzle on Single Channel Models

If the pipette is not aspirating and dispensing properly, it could be caused by (a) poor fitting alternate source tip, (b) nozzle is loose and needs to be tightened by turning it clockwise, or (c) a nozzle or nozzle filter needs to be replaced as liquid has been aspirated into it.

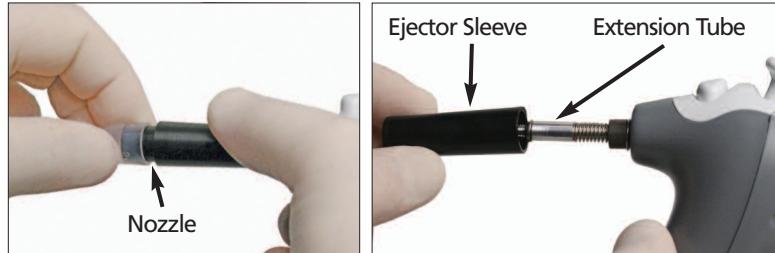


NOTE: Wear gloves when doing this procedure.

1. Remove ejector sleeve by pulling it away from the pipette body to expose the nozzle assembly.
2. Place tubing provided on nozzle, and unscrew it in a counterclockwise direction. If it is suspected that the air tube has been contaminated, gently wipe the end of the air tube with a slightly dampened, lint-free tissue, then dry it off.
Note: Do not block or dislodge the metal piece that extends from the air tube of all except the Ovation 1000 μ L.
3. Place tubing on a new nozzle, and screw the nozzle onto the extension tube in a clockwise direction. Firmly tighten and remove tubing.
4. Slide the ejector sleeve over the nozzle assembly.
5. Push the sleeve firmly into place while using a slight rocking or twisting motion.

Replacing a Nozzle on 100-5000 μ L Macro Models

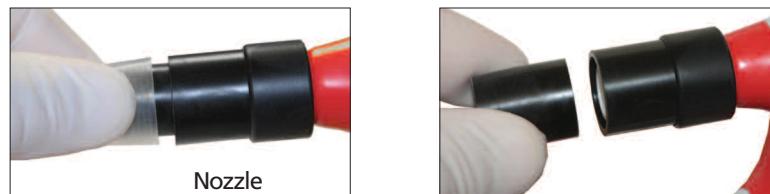
If the pipette is not aspirating and dispensing properly, it could be caused by (a) poor fitting alternate source tip, (b) nozzle is loose and needs to be tightened by turning it clockwise, or (c) a nozzle or nozzle filter needs to be replaced as liquid has been aspirated into it.



NOTE: Wear gloves when doing this procedure.

1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette.
2. Slide off the ejector sleeve. Place a gloved finger lightly against the end of the air tube, and press and release plunger to expel any liquid that may be present in the end of the tube. Gently wipe the end of the air tube with a slightly dampened, lint-free tissue, then dry it off.
3. Replace the ejector sleeve. Note: The ejector sleeve is slightly narrower on the end that is closer to the pipette body.
4. Screw a new nozzle onto the extension tube. Tighten by hand, or use a macro pipette tip to ensure the nozzle is firmly attached to the extension tube.

Replacing a Nozzle on 0.2-10mL Macro Models



1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette.
2. Screw new nozzle into the ejector sleeve. Tighten by hand, or use a macro pipette tip to ensure the nozzle is firmly attached to the pipette.

Replacing a Nozzle Filter on Single Channel Models

NOTE: Wear gloves when doing this procedure.

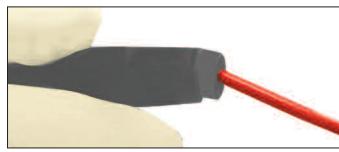
1. Remove the ejector sleeve.



2. Remove nozzle by placing the rubber tubing provided onto the nozzle, and unscrew it in a counterclockwise direction.



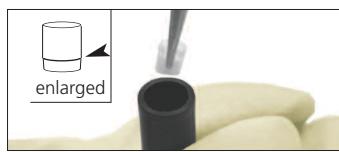
3. Remove the rubber plug at the tip end of the nozzle by inserting a straightened paperclip into the small hole in the plug. Use the inserted end of the paperclip to pry the plug out of the end of the nozzle.



4. Insert the paperclip into the threaded end of the nozzle and push out the old filter.



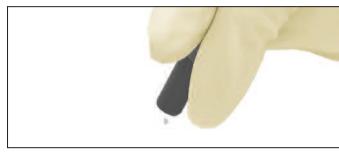
5. Pick up a new nozzle filter with tweezers and place it into the tip end (non-threaded) of the nozzle. The end of the filter with the visible ridge should be inserted first.



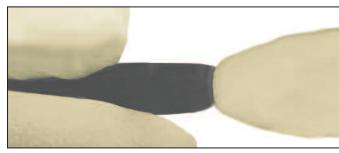
6. Use the filter insertion tool to push the filter into position. Firmly press down until the filter is pushed to the bottom of the nozzle.



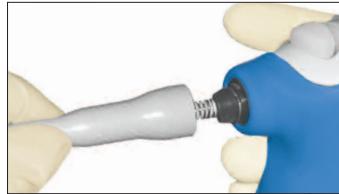
7. Tap the nozzle on the counter to remove any loose cellulose material.



8. Re-insert the rubber nozzle plug into the front end of the nozzle. The end of the plug without side ridges is inserted first. Press in until plug is even with surface edge of the nozzle. If filter is not completely seated, the plug will extend beyond the end of the nozzle. Remove plug and firmly seat filter with insertion tool.



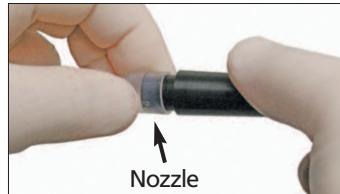
9. Place rubber tubing onto the nozzle, and screw the nozzle onto the pipette in a clockwise direction. Firmly tighten and remove tubing from nozzle. Re-install ejector sleeve.



Replacing a Nozzle Filter on 100-5000 μ L Macro Models

NOTE: Wear gloves when doing this procedure.

1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette.



2. Slide off the ejector sleeve and set aside.



3. Remove the rubber plug at the tip end of the nozzle by inserting a straightened paperclip into the hole in the plug. Use the inserted end of the paperclip to pry the plug out of the end of the nozzle.



4. Insert the paperclip into the threaded end of the nozzle and push out the old filter.



5. Pick up a new nozzle filter and place it into the tip end (non-threaded) of the nozzle. The rounded end of the filter should be inserted first. Use finger to push the filter into position. Firmly press until the filter is pushed as far as it will go.



6. Re-insert the rubber nozzle plug into the front end of the nozzle. Press in until plug is nearly even with surface edge of the nozzle. If filter is not completely seated, the plug will extend beyond the end of the nozzle. Press nozzle plug on countertop if necessary.



7. Place a gloved finger lightly against the end of the air tube, and press and release plunger to expel any liquid that may be present in the end of the tube. Gently wipe the end of the air tube with a slightly dampened, lint-free tissue, then dry it off. Replace the ejector sleeve.



8. Screw the nozzle onto the extension tube. Tighten by hand, or use a macro pipette tip to ensure the nozzle is firmly attached to the extension tube.



Note: The ejector sleeve is slightly narrower on the end that is closest to the pipette body.

Replacing a Nozzle Filter on 0.2–10mL Macro Models

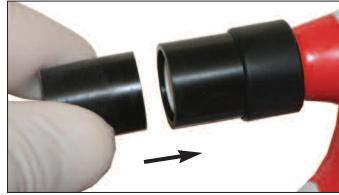
1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette.



2. If nozzle filter needs replacement, with a gloved finger or pipette tip, lift out filter from center of ejector sleeve. Place a new nozzle filter into the ejector sleeve, and use finger to push it into position.



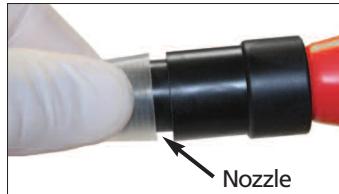
3. Screw nozzle (or new nozzle if replacing) into the ejector sleeve. Tighten by hand, or use a macro pipette tip to ensure the nozzle is firmly attached to the pipette.



Replacing a Nozzle Insert on 0.2–10mL Macro Models

The nozzle insert may need to be replaced if serological pipets leak or do not stay in.

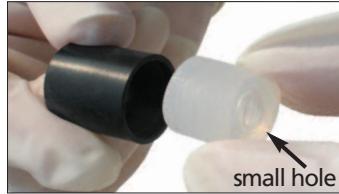
1. Place a macro pipette tip onto the nozzle and push on ejector sleeve until click is heard. Grip tip firmly near the nozzle, and turn it in a counterclockwise direction to unscrew and remove nozzle from pipette.



2. Using a pipette tip, push nozzle insert out of the large end of the nozzle.



3. Place end of insert with larger hole into nozzle and push in all the way until it makes contact with end of nozzle.



4. Screw nozzle (or new nozzle if replacing) into the ejector sleeve. Tighten by hand, or use a macro pipette tip to ensure the nozzle is firmly attached to the pipette.



General Battery Information

Note: To extend battery life, the pipette will automatically enter sleep mode after 10 minutes of inactivity. Press any key on the pipetting trigger to resume operation.

The Ovation pipette's battery must be recharged for approximately 90 minutes when the pipette is first received, or if the battery is fully discharged. To ensure the pipette has sufficient power for extended use, connect it to the power supply whenever it isn't being used or when the battery icon on the LCD is flashing (indicating a low charge). Insert the power plug into recharging port and connect power supply to AC outlet. It may be left connected to the power supply indefinitely.

When a battery is fully discharged or is replaced, settings for all liquid handling functions and the current calibration factor remain stored in the pipette's internal memory.

When fully charged, the pipette can perform approximately 600 cycles at full stroke at the highest speed setting. The number of cycles may vary, depending on pipette model, pipetting volume, and speed setting.

To Recharge the Battery:

1. Insert the power supply pipette plug into the recharging port and connect the power supply to an AC outlet.



The lithium ion battery is a user replaceable part. When the battery requires more frequent charging, is not recharging or holding a charge, it should be replaced. Ordering information is available at www.vistalab.com.

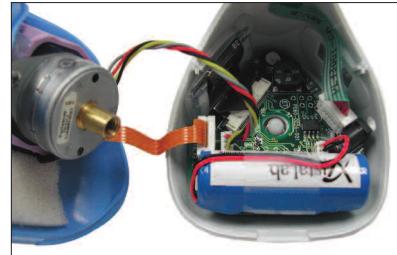
Replacing the Battery

Note: To extend battery life, the pipette will automatically enter sleep mode after 10 minutes of inactivity. Press any key on the pipetting trigger to resume operation.

Note: If no battery is installed for an extended time and/or the volume display is blank, when the unit is recharged or the new battery is installed, the volume display will show an r value. To return the LCD to its routine display, press F1 once. The LCD will display all character sets and then return to the last liquid handling function.

To Replace the Battery:

1. Loosen the captive screw on the base of the pipette and gently lower the base away from the body, being careful not to stretch, loosen or disconnect the cable from the circuit board.



! Do not separate the front and back sections of the pipette body at any time. Doing so will void the pipette warranty.

2. Note the orientation of the battery. Lift the battery and gently disconnect it.
3. Reconnect a new battery and place the battery in the base of the unit.
4. Carefully fit the base onto the body of the pipette and tighten the captive screw. Be certain that cables and wires do not get pinched. Do not overtighten the screw.
5. Recharge the new battery before using the pipette or plug into power supply.

Note: When the battery is removed, the LCD contrast

Troubleshooting

If the Ovation pipette fails to function as expected, review the following.

Symptom: Pipette display is blank

Probable cause:

Battery is drained, connector not tight, crimped or broken connector wire, faulty AC power supply or AC power source, or LCD contrast may need to be adjusted.

Recommended action:

If battery was recently replaced, check connector and wires for crimps or broken wire. Plug into an AC power supply and AC source. If Ovation display functions normally, then problem is a broken battery wire or the replacement battery is inoperative. Send to VistaLab for repair. See LCD contrast instructions on page 3-9 and adjust if possible.

Symptom: Pipette makes “alert” sound

Probable cause:

Pipetting trigger was pressed before set-up of a liquid handling function was completed or an illegal action was performed (e.g. trying to enter set-up before a liquid handling function was completed).

Recommended action:

Continue setting up function or exit setup. Continue pipette operation until liquid handling function is completed.

Symptom: Aspirating and dispensing is slow

Probable cause:

The pipette speed is set to a low setting

Recommended action:

Go to setup of the Liquid Handling Function and increase speed setting

Symptom: Battery icon is flashing

Probable cause:

The remaining battery charge is low

Recommended action:

Plug AC power supply into Ovation and to an AC source. Begin to use and allow to recharge at a convenient time.

Symptom: The pipette does not aspirate or dispense properly

Probable cause:

Aerosol/liquid barrier filter in nozzle(s) is plugged due to aspiration of fluid into nozzle, a nozzle is loose or the battery is low.

Recommended action:

Replace the nozzle for any channel(s) not aspirating. Check the battery status, and if necessary, recharge or operate with the pipette connected to the AC power supply.

Troubleshooting

(continued)

Symptom: Tips are not releasing from the nozzle

Probable cause:

Non-Ovation tips are being used

Recommended action:

Use Ovation tips.

Symptom: Pipette is leaking during pipetting

Probable cause:

Non-Ovation tips are being used, tip is not on securely, or inner piston or nozzle seal is worn

Recommended action:

Use Ovation tips. Tighten and/or replace the pipette nozzle. If it continues to leak, inner piston seal may need to be replaced. Send to VistaLab for maintenance

Symptom: ERROR 1 or ERROR 2 on display



Probable cause:

Motor stalled during aspirate (Error 1) or dispense (Error 2) cycle

Recommended action:

Press any keypad button and the pipette will automatically home its pistons. If error message continues, contact VistaLab Technical Service for assistance.

Symptom: ERROR 3 on display



Probable cause:

Sensor did not detect "home" position

Recommended action:

Press any keypad button and the pipette will automatically home the plunger. If error message continues, disconnect the battery for 3 seconds and retry. (Note: The LCD contrast returns to the factory setting when the battery is removed. See page 3-9 to change). If error message continues, contact VistaLab Technical Service.

Symptom: ERROR 4 on display



Probable cause:

Based on values entered for target and measured volumes, calculated CRL factor would exceed limits of .900 – 1.100.

Recommended action:

Verify entered values and change as needed.

Symptom: ERROR 20 on display



Probable cause:

Data corruption or check-sum error

Recommended action:

Contact VistaLab Technical Service for assistance.

Warranty

VistaLab Technologies, Inc. warrants the Ovation BioNatural Pipette against defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the date of purchase. To register your pipette and activate the warranty, register on the VistaLab Technologies web site at www.vistalab.com.

This warranty is void if failure or damage is the result of improper handling, unauthorized modification, or use of ancillary products not supported by VistaLab Technologies. This warranty is exclusive; no other warranty is expressed or implied.

Should the pipette need to be returned for calibration verification or service, go to support area of www.vistalab.com and follow the instructions for sending the pipette to VistaLab Technologies. Repack the pipette in its original packaging. Customer is responsible for shipping and insurance charges. If original packaging is unavailable, contact VistaLab Technologies for alternative packaging instructions.

Note: Damage to the pipette as a result of improper packaging is the responsibility of the customer.

Safety Compliance

Ovation pipettes have been tested and approved for safety labels:

EN 61010-1:1992 Safety Requirements CSA C22.2, No. 1010.1-92

EN 61326 EMC Requirements



Contact Information

To place an order or to send in your pipette for factory maintenance and/or calibration verification, see the support area of www.vistalab.com. Pipettes should be sent to:

**VistaLab Technologies, Inc.
Attn: Pipette Repair Department
2 Geneva Road
Brewster, NY 10509 USA**

For additional assistance with warranty repairs or other technical assistance, contact us at: **1-914-244-6226** (Worldwide) or (888) 652-6520 (North America only), or send an email to techservice@vistalab.com

Hazards and Precautions

Proper use of Ovation pipettes as specified in this manual will ensure safe operation. However, please be aware of the following situations that can damage the device or cause serious personal injury.



WARNING! Connect power supply to a compatible power source. Refer to the voltage configurations shown below. Use of an incompatible power source can cause shock and fire hazard.



WARNING! Unplug power supply before cleaning the exterior. The power supply should be positioned for easy access so in case of emergency it can be quickly disconnected from the pipette. Fluid contact with internal components can cause shock hazard.



WARNING! If the pipette is used in a manner not specified, the protections provided may be impaired.



WARNING! The pipette, battery and power supply should be processed in accordance with applicable local regulatory directives concerning the waste management of electronic equipment when they are no longer of use. Contact your dealer for more information.



CAUTION! Use only the power supply and batteries provided by VistaLab Technologies, Inc. Use of other power supplies can damage the pipette and invalidate the warranty.



CAUTION! Do not immerse pipette in liquid. Fluid contact with internal components can damage the electronics and display.



CAUTION! Pipette is not intended for autoclaving. Autoclaving will damage the electronics and display.



CAUTION! Use only cleaning solutions specified in this manual to clean the exterior of the pipette. Use of other solvents can damage the exterior surface and keypad.

Operating Temperature & Environment Conditions

Indoor use / Pollution Degree 2

Altitude up to 2000m

Temperature Range: 15°–35°C

Relative Humidity Range, non-condensing: 10%–85%

Atmospheric Pressure: 70–106kPa

Power Supply and Battery Specifications

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Mains voltage fluctuation –10%

Direct Plug in class II power supply

Installation class 2 for direct plug in power supply

Ingress protection normal (IPX0)

Battery: lithium ion

Power Supply:

Catalog #: 9060-9005 – Universal Power Supply, 100-240VAC, 50-60Hz. (Equivalent to 9060-9001, -9002, -9003 & -9004)

Symbols are visible on equipment:

Symbol	Description
~	Alternating current
—	Direct current
!	Attention - consult documents

Pipette Body Chemical Compatibility

Water, diluted ethanol or isopropanol, diluted bleach. For more information about chemical compatibility with internal seals or pipette tips, see the documentation library in the support area of our web site – www.vistalab.com.

**Tips and Accessories
for the Electronic
Single Channel and
Macro Models**

APPENDIX

B

4060-1002 Catalog number

Ovation – electronic single channel and macro volume models:		0.5-20µL	2-125µL 5-250µL	25-850µL 25-1250µL	100-5000µL	0.2-10mL
TIP SIZE:		MICRO	SMALL	LARGE	5 mL	10 mL
NON-Sterile	VistaRak 192 tips/rack, 5 racks	4060-1002	4060-2004	4060-3004		
	VistaStak, 192 tips/layer, 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (micro and large size)	4060-9024	4060-9025	4060-9026		
	Stacked Rack, 200 tips/layer, 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (large size)		9025	9026		
	Stacked Rack, Trace Metal Certified, 200 tips/layer 5 layers (small size) or 3 layers (large size)		9022	9023		
	Box 100 tips/box (5mL) or 35 tips/box (10mL)				9048	9050
	VistaClear Box 35 tips/box					4058-6100
	VistaBulk™, 1000 tips/bag, or 250 tips/bag (5mL) or 100 tips/bag (10mL)	4058-1000	4058-2000	4058-3000	4058-5000	4058-6000
	Protectainer™ Bulk Pack, 1000 tips (small) or 750 tips (large)		4025 ¹	4026 ²		
	Econo-Pak™ Bulk Pack, 1000 tips		4225 ¹	4226 ²		
STERILE	VistaRak, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 192 tips/rack, 5 racks	4060-1032	4060-2132	4060-3132		
	VistaClear Box – Sterile, 60 tips/box (5mL) or 35 tips/box (10mL)				4058-5102	4058-6102
	VistaTip™ Individually Wrapped Sterile, 200 tips		2025 ¹	2026 ²		
	VistaTip Individually Wrapped, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, 200 tips		2027 ¹	2028 ²		
FILTERED	VistaRak, Filtered, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 192 tips/rack, 5 racks † 2µL tip for Ovation 0.2-20µL, Ovation 1µL and Ovation 2µL only	4060-1332 4060-1333 [†]	4060-2332	4060-3332		
	VistaClear Box – Filtered, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 60 tips/box (5mL) or 35 tips/box (10mL)				4058-5133	4058-6133
	VistaTip Individually Wrapped, Filtered, Sterile, Pyrogen-free, RNase/DNase certified, 50 tips				4058-5332	4058-6332
ACCESSORIES	Single Channel Nozzles, 10/box	9057-1010	9057-2010	9057-3010		
	Single Channel Nozzle Filter Kit, 25/bag	n/a	9057-2009	9057-3009		
	Single Channel Type A Nozzles, 5/box		n/a	9057-1016		
	Single Channel Nozzle Extender		9057-1012	n/a		
	Single Channel Ejector Sleeve		9057-1011	9057-3011		
	Single Channel Cap Opener		9057-4004			
	Macro Nozzles, 1/box				9060-5010	9060-6010
	Macro Nozzle Filter Kit, 10/box or 5/box				9060-5009	9060-6009
	Macro Ejector Sleeve				9060-5011	9060-6011
	Macro Nozzle Insert, 1/box				n/a	9060-6008
	Macro Sero-Adapter for serological pipets				9060-5012	n/a
Power Supply (all Countries)					9060-9005	
Power Supply w/4 pipette connections					9060-9006	
Lithium Ion Battery					9060-4001	
Pipette Stand					9057-4003	

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