

# Multipette® pro

Bedienungsanleitung · Instruction Manual · Mode d'emploi

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## Technische Daten / Technical Data / Spécifications techniques

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	Vol.	Max. No. Steps/ N° étapes max.	1/10 max. Vol./ 1/10 vol. max	max. Vol./ Vol. max.	1/10 max. Vol./ 1/10 vol. max.	max. Vol./ Vol. max.
0.1 mL Combitip	1.0, 1.2, 1.4,100.0 µL	100	± 1.0 %	± 1.0 %	< 2.5 %	≥ 0.5 %
0.2 mL Combitip	2.0, 2.4, 2.8,200.0 µL	100	± 1.0 %	± 1.0 %	≤ 1.5 %	≥ 0.5 %
0.5 mL Combitip	5, 6, 7,500.0 µL	100	% 6:0 <del>+</del>	% 6:0 <del>+</del>	≥ 0.8 %	≥ 0.3 %
1.0 mL Combitip	10, 12, 14,1000 µL	100	± 0.9 %	± 0.6 %	≥ 0.55 %	≤ 0.2 %
2.5 mL Combitip	25, 30, 35,2500 µL	100	± 0.8 %	± 0.5 %	≤ 0.45 %	≤ 0.15 %
5.0 mL Combitip	50, 60, 70,5000 µL	100	± 0.8 %	± 0.5 %	≤ 0.35 %	≤ 0.15 %
10.0 mL Combitip	0.10, 0.12, 0.14,10.00 mL	100	± 0.5 %	± 0.4 %	≤ 0.25 %	≤ 0.15 %
25.0 mL Combitips	0.25, 0.3, 0.35, 25.00 mL	100	± 0.3 %	± 0.3 %	≤ 0.25 %	≤ 0.15 %
50.0 mL Combitip	0.5, 0.6, 0.7,50.00 mL	100	± 0.3 %	± 0.3 %	≤ 0.25 %	< 0.15 %

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### 1 Operating controls

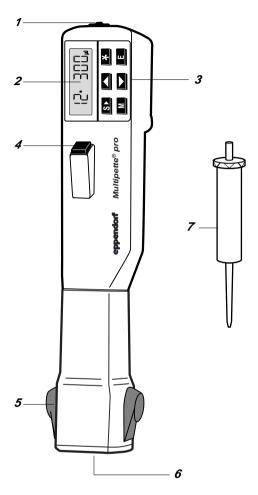


Fig. 1

- 1 ON/OFF switch (To switch on the pipette, push slide to the right, see Section 6, Fig. 3).
- 2 Display
- 3 Keypad
- 4 Start button
- 5 Eject buttons
- 6 Combitip mounting
- 7 Combitip<sup>®</sup> plus

The battery set compartment is located behind the control panel at the rear of the housing.

### 2 Overview of display and keypad

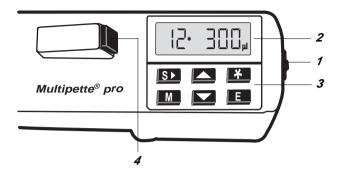


Fig. 2



(Enter) This key is used to confirm all programming processes. It simultaneously serves as a Reset key to interrupt dispensing in the modes Dispensing **d** and Automatic dispensing **Ad** prematurely.

- Hold the Multipette pro over a test tube.
- Press the Enter key. [ appears in display (2).
- Press the Start button (4) twice, the liquid is dispensed.



(Mode) Pressing this key makes it possible to select between Dispensing **d**, Automatic dispensing **Ad** and Pipetting **P** modes. Selection is confirmed with the Enter key



After selecting the desired mode with the **M** key, the last volume set appears in the display.

Pressing this key activates the dispensing values display which can then be altered using the arrow keys. Selection is confirmed with the Enter key





The arrow keys are for altering dispensing volume, the number of steps for dispensing and speed. The selection is confirmed with the Enter key



(Speed) After this key has been pressed, the speed of aspiration and dispensing of the liquid can be set in 5 steps.

(5 = the most rapid movement) Selection is confirmed with the Enter key **E**.

### 3 Applicational limitations and safety precautions

The Multipette pro can be used to dispense liquid with a viscosity up to that of moderately heavy mineral oils (400 mPa  $\cdot$  sec with Combitip<sup>®</sup> plus  $\leq$  10.0 ml).

The technical data is based on the use of degassed distilled water (see Section 4).

When liquids with a high vapor pressure (e.g. hexane) are dispensed, it is advisable to saturate the air bubble in the Combitip plus with the vapor pressure by aspirating and dispensing liquid several times.

Once the Combitip plus has aspirated liquid, a relaxation stroke needs to be executed before the first dispensing. This **relaxation stroke** is performed by the Multipette automatically (exception: following **StOP**, see Section 9.6)

**Caution:** Do not remove the Multipette pro from the liquid prematurely during automatic execution of the relaxation stroke to avoid uncontrolled dispensing of liquid.

Please note that even brief contact with the Start button may trigger a dispensing.

Handle the device with care when dispensing toxic liquids or those containing pathogens (use the charging stand for storage during pauses in work) and maintain a safe working environment (flue, laboratory which conforms to the appropriate safety class).

Extensive instructions on handling germs or biological material are laid down in national and international regulations.

In order to end dispensing in Dispensing **d** and Automatic dispensing **Ad** modes prematurely (Reset), press the Enter key. 

Tappears in the display.

The remaining liquid is dispensed if the Start button is pressed twice.

**Caution:** The charging stand may only be used with the transformer contained in the delivery package. We do not honor any warranty or accept any liability for damage resulting from the use of other transformers.

### 4 Technical data / 5 Delivery package

#### 4 Technical data

Details of the inaccuracy and imprecision of the Multipette pro can be found on the cover at the front of this manual. The abbreviations used there are as follows:

**Vol.** = volume

**Max. No.Steps** = maximum number of dispensing steps with one Combitip filling

**1/10 max.Vol.** = 1/10 of maximum volume (max. Vol)

Test conditions to DIN 12650 and ISO 8655;

liquid: double-distilled water, degassed

Test temperature:  $15 - 30 \,^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$  constant,

with original Eppendorf Combitips plus.

Mains supply for charging station: 230 V / 50 Hz

Power consumption of charging station: 1.8 VA
The right to make technical modifications is reserved!

#### 5 Delivery packages

- 1 Multipette pro
- 1 Charging stand (pipette stand)
- 1 Transformer
- 1 Instruction manual
- 1 Combitip plus

### 6 Switching on the Multipette pro



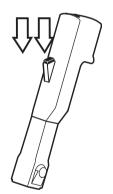
**Caution:** Charge the device before using it for the first time (see Section 11).



- Push the red slide switch to the right.



- "E" appears in the display.



 Press the Start button twice. The motor moves the piston mounting right down to the Zero Position.

- The Multipette pro no longer needs to be switched off (see Section 11.3).
- 'tiP' appears in the display. A Combitip plus can now be attached.

Fig. 3

#### 6.1 Combitip recognition

The Multipette pro registers the size of the Combitip which has been attached only

- when the device is switched on;
- in the Zero Position.

If a Combitip is changed while the device is being programmed (dispensing values or speed) "tiP" briefly appears in the display after the values have been set. The most recently created set of dispensing values and speeds for this Combitip is then loaded.

### 7 Zero Position

Programming of the Multipette pro and attachment/ejection of Combitips plus are possible only if the Multipette pro is in the Zero Position. The piston of an attached Combitip is then in the lowest position. If a Combitip has not yet been attached, "tiP" appears in the display.

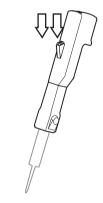
It is possible to move to the **Zero Position** at any time when the motor is at a standstill (Fig. 4):



- Press the **E** key.



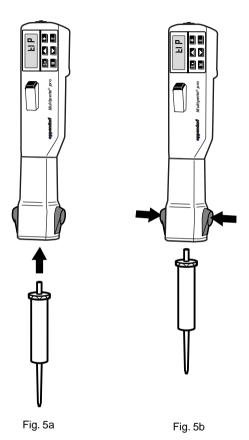
- **E** appears in the display.



 Press the Start button twice.
 The last function programmed for that Combitip size appears in the display, marked by an abbreviation, e.g. d:

Fig. 4

### 8 Attaching / ejecting a Combitip plus



## Attaching the Combitip plus (Abb. 5a):

- With the piston end facing forwards, push the Combitip up into the piston mounting until it clicks into place. Do not press the eject buttons during this process.
- After the Combitip has been attached, the function which was last called up and programmed for this Combitip size appears in the display.

The function can be executed immediately.

## Ejecting the Combitip plus (Fig. 5b)

- Move the Multipette into the Zero Position (see Section 7).
- Press both blue eject buttons on the piston mounting simultaneously. The Combitip drops out of the piston mounting.
   "tiP" appears in the display.

**Dispensing "d":**Multiple dispensing of a partial volume from the Combitip plus. Each dispensing of the liquid is effected by a

single press of the Start button.

**Automatic dispensing "Ad":** As for dispensing, except that each dispensing is

triggered **automatically** at intervals as long as the Start button is held down. The time interval between dispensings is freely selectable (between 0.1 and 1.0

seconds).

Pipetting "P": Simple transfer of a volume of liquid using the Combitip

plus.

#### 9.1 Programming and executing functions

Multipette pro in **Zero Position**, desired Combitip is attached (see Sections 7 and 8). If a new function is to be selected, proceed as follows:





 Press the M key repeatedly until the function symbol d, P or Ad appears in the display.

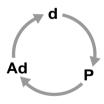


Fig. 6

- Press E:

to select the new function. It can be executed immediately or after new dispensing values have been programmed.

### 9.2 Dispensing: Function "d"

#### Key sequence

### M

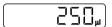
Select Function d and confirm with E.

#### Display



 Multipette pro is ready to aspirate liquid. Most recently set volume appears in the display.

- \*
- or
- to activate the dispensing volume.





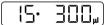


 To set the new dispensing volume desired.



Е

- To confirm the entry.



 To display the repeat number (maximum possible number/ number most recently set).

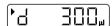


- To set the new repeat number.



E

- To confirm the entry.



 The Multipette pro is now ready to dispense 12 x 300 μl.

Caution: The repeat number 100 appears in the display as 00!



e.g. dispensing 100 x 25 µL from a 2.5 ml Combitip.

### **Executing the Dispensing function with the Multipette pro:**

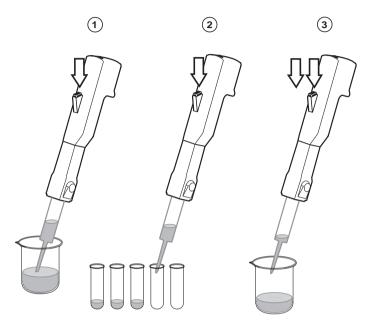


Fig. 7

- 1) Press the Start button briefly with the Combitip in the liquid to aspirate liquid.
- 2) Press the Start button briefly to dispense liquid.
- 3) After the last volume has been dispensed, press the Start button briefly twice: the remaining stroke volume is then dispensed (see Section 10.1.).

The dispensing cycle can be repeated immediately.

### 9.3 Automatic dispensing: Function "Ad"

### Key sequence



 Select Function Ad and confirm with E.

Keypad sequence as for Dispensing, Function d, but additionally, after repeat number has been set:



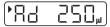


- To set the new time interval.



To confirm the entry.

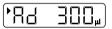
### Display





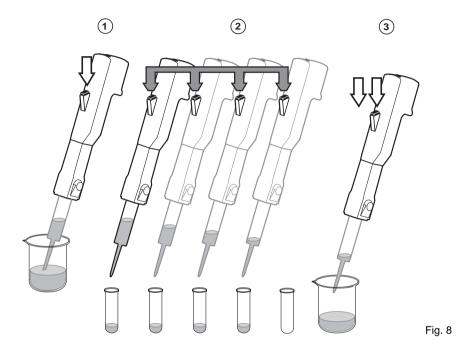
 The time interval which was last set between two automatic dispensings appears in the display (0.1 to 1 sec, in increments of 0.1 sec)





 The Multipette pro is now ready to dispense 12 x 300 µl automatically.

### Executing the automatic dispensing function with the Multipette pro



- 1) Press the Start button briefly to aspirate liquid.
- 2) The Start button is held down; dispensing occurs automatically at the set time interval. Automatic dispensing is interrupted when the button is released and continues when the button is held down again.
  - Individual dispensings are also possible by pressing the Start button briefly.
- After the last dispensing volume has been dispensed, press the Start button briefly twice to dispense the remaining stroke volume (see Section 10.1.).

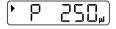
### 9.4 Pipetting: Function "P"

#### Key sequence

M

- Select Function P and confirm with E.

### Display



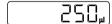
- Multipette pro is ready to aspirate liquid. The most recently set volume appears in the display.







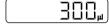
To activate dispensing volume.





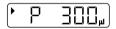


- To set the new pipetting volume.



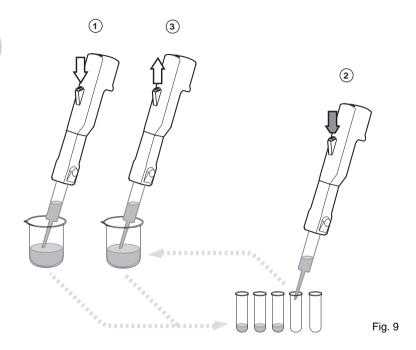


- To confirm the function.



- The Multipette is now ready to pipette 300 µl.

#### **Executing the pipetting function with the Multipette pro**



- 1) Press the Start button to aspirate liquid.
- 2) Press the Start button to dispense liquid; hold down the Start button.
- 3) Immerse Combitip in the liquid and release Start button to aspirate liquid.

**Note:** If the Start button is not held down during dispensing, the process occurs as per Dispensing with repeat number 1.

### 9.5 Speed of piston movement

Key sequence

Piston speed can be set separately for the upward and downward movement in five steps from 1 to 5 (5 = the most rapid movement). Speed can only be modified before liquid is aspirated, when the piston is in the Zero Position.

itey sequence		Display
S	<ul> <li>To activate speed values for piston movement.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>5PR 3</li><li>Display of aspiration speed.</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>To set the speed value.</li> </ul>	SPR 5
E	<ul> <li>To confirm the entry.</li> </ul>	SP4 3
		<ul> <li>Display of dispensing speed.</li> </ul>

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Display

Dispensing speed is set in the same way as aspiration speed.

At top speed (Step 5), free-jet dispensing of aqueous solutions is possible using Combitips plus  $\geq$  2.5 ml (see also Section 10.3).

SPA = Speed aspirate

SPd = Speed dispense

#### 9.6 Stop

**Stop** enables aspiration of liquid to be interrupted during Functions **d** and **Ad** if insufficient liquid is available.

It is then possible for the quantity of liquid which has been aspirated into the Combitip plus up to that point to be dispensed using the preselected values. The repeat number which is possible is calculated automatically by the Multipette pro.

### Key sequence

- Pressing the Start button stops piston movement during the filling motion.
- -5 L OP -

Display

 Pressing the Start button again reverses piston movement, the relaxation stroke is initiated (see Section 10.2).



 Pressing the Start button again triggers the dispensing of the relaxation stroke. The Multipette pro is ready to dispense liquid.



The partial volume and the repeat number appear in the display.

#### 9.7 Storing and calling up the dispensing values

The Multipette pro automatically saves two sets of dispensing values for each Combitip size when the values are entered:

- For Functions d and Ad together: the most recently entered volume, the repeat number and the time interval for Ad.
- For Function **P**: the most recently entered volume.

When a Combitip plus is attached, the volumes applicable for that particular Combitip are automatically available. The function last executed with the Combitip appears in the display. A set of speed values SPA/SPd is stored for each Combitip size.

**Caution:** Leave the Multipette switched on in the stand after work has finished! If the device is switched off, the values which have been programmed are cancelled. When the device is switched back on, the programmed values are replaced by standard values.

### 10 Useful information

#### 10.1 Remaining stroke

After liquid has been aspirated, a small air bubble always remains in the Combitip. This is due to the fact that the contours of the piston base never absolutely fit the contours of the cylinder, even if the piston has been pushed down fully.

This air bubble does not affect dispensing precision. However, this air bubble would cause a dispensing error if the piston were pushed down completely to the base of the cylinder and an aliquot of air instead of liquid were dispensed.

In the Multipette pro, this is prevented by the **residual stroke lock**. The last 1/33 of the Combitip is not used as a dispensing volume. E appears in the display of the Multipette pro and pressing the Start button has no effect, indicating that the previous dispensing step was the last one. If the Start button is pressed again, the piston moves to the basic position (**Zero Position**, see Section 7).

#### 10.2 Relaxation stroke

After the Combitip plus has aspirated liquid, it is necessary to execute a relaxation stroke before the first dispensing. This **relaxation stroke** is executed automatically by the Multipette (exception: after **StOP**, see Section 9.6).

**Caution:** Do not remove the Multipette pro prematurely from the liquid during automatic execution of the relaxation stroke to avoid uncontrolled dispensing of liquid.

#### 10.3 Free-jet dispensing

When the top dispensing speed is set, free-jet dispensing volumes (aqueous solutions) are possible using Combitips plus  $\geq$  2.5 ml. If smaller Combitips are used, the tip of the Combitip must be placed against the inside of the tube during dispensing. The technical data quoted (see front inner fold-back cover and Section 4) for all Combitips is tested by dispensing liquid from a tip placed against the inside of the tube.

### 11 Charging the Multipette pro

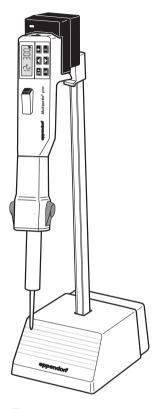


Fig. 10

#### 11.1 Charging stand

Plug the charging stand into the mains supply using the black transformer contained in the accessories. Ensure that the voltage quoted on the transformer matches the voltage of the local mains power supply!

Hang the Multipette pro in the charging stand, where it will be held in place magnetically. The green control lamp in the stand lights up, indicating that the charging process has begun. The charging process proceeds whether the Multipette pro is switched on or off.

#### 11.2 LobAt

Shortly before the battery set is completely run down, 'LobAt' appears in the display. The Multipette pro should then be recharged. The LobAt display can be skipped by pressing the E key. As a rule, one more dispensing with the whole length of the Combitip is then possible.

#### 11.3 Battery set capacity

 $50 \times 100$  dispensings of 1/100 of a Combitip volume (aqueous solutions) may be carried out using a fully-charged Multipette pro. If regularly placed in the charging stand after use, the device is thus always ready to use.

The power consumption of the device is very low when it is switched on, but not in use and not in the charging stand. The device should only be switched off if it is not being used for several weeks and placed in the charging stand so as to prevent total discharge of the battery.

**Caution:** If the device is left with a full Combitip attached for a relatively long period (piston is not in the Zero Position), it discharges more quickly. For this reason, the Multipette pro should always be hung in the charging stand after use.

#### 11.4 Changing the battery set

The function of the battery set is constant for approximately 1,000 charging cycles. The capacity of the battery then decreases and it should be replaced:

- Open the battery compartment in the rear of the housing by undoing the screw (screwdriver, coin).
- Remove the battery set. When inserting the new battery set, ensure that the battery contacts (in the form of a metal strip) are facing forwards/upwards (forwards = in the direction of the battery compartment - see sketch in battery compartment).

### 12 Maintenance and cleaning

The Multipette pro is maintenance-free. See Section 11 for information on charging and replacing the battery set. The housing of the Multipette pro should be cleaned using a moist cloth (diluted soap solution). Alcohol-based disinfectants may be used, but ensure that no liquid enters the device.

#### 12.1 Decontamination prior to dispatch



If the Multipette pro is to be tested or repaired by Eppendorf AG or other service partner, the Multipette pro must be free of hazardous substances and clean!

Hazardous substances are understood to refer to

- health-damaging solutions
- potentially infectious agents
- organic solvents and reagents
- radioactive substances
- health-damaging proteins
- and DNA.

Such decontamination is essential to prevent any risk to health for all persons who come into contact with the pipette.

A form "Decontamination certificate for pipettes" is included with the packaging on delivery of the pipette.

A form "Decontamination certificate for returned goods" and general information about decontamination can also be found on our homepage www.eppendorf.com.

The signed decontamination certificate must be included with the pipette in the event of return delivery.

The serial number of the Multipette pro must be entered in the decontamination certificate. The serial number can be found on the rear of the housing below the battery compartment.

The surfaces of the Multipettes can be disinfected using alcohol (ethanol, propanol) or with a disinfectant containing alcohol. Likewise, the Combitip mounting may be carefully wiped using a cotton tip – impregnated in alcohol or alcohol-based disinfectant. However, no liquid should enter the Multipette pro.

## 13 Troubleshooting

Fault	Cause	Solution
Combitip drips.	<ul><li>Combitip not attached properly (at an angle).</li><li>Combitip leaking.</li></ul>	<ul><li>Attach Combitip correctly.</li><li>Replace Combitip.</li></ul>
LobAt appears in the display.	- Battery set needs recharging.	- Charge Multipette pro.
Number of dispensing steps/ charging cycle decreases, <b>LobAt</b> appears more often.	<ul> <li>Charging capacity of battery set is decreasing.</li> </ul>	Insert a new battery set. (See ordering information).
Error message in display.	Battery set needs recharging or electronics fault.	Charge Multipette pro, switch on/off if necessary. If this is unsuccessful, contact service.
"tiP" in display	- No Combitip attached.	- Attach Combitip plus.

### 14 Ordering information

<b>Multipette<sup>®</sup> pro</b> (230 V / 50 Hz), incl. charging stand	4985 000.013
Battery set	4985 801.008
Combitips plus standard, Minimum ordering quantity: bag of 100	
0,1 ml (beige piston) 0,2 ml (blue piston) 0,5 ml	0030 069.200 0030 069.218 0030 069.226
1,0 ml 2,5 ml	0030 069.234 0030 069.242
5,0 ml, long 10 ml 25 ml*	0030 069.250 0030 069.269 0030 069.293
50 ml*	0030 069.277
* Adapter plus, autoclavable, required (1 pc.): for Combitip plus 25 ml, navy blue for Combitip plus 50 ml, anthracite	0030 069.528 0030 069.161
Combitips plus assortment pack – standard (5 pcs. of each size plus one each of 50 ml and 25 ml adapter)	0030 069.285
<b>Eppendorf Biopur Combitips plus</b> Individually packaged, sterile, pyrogen-free, DNA-free, RNase-free and ATP-free	
Minimum ordering quantity: 100	
0,1 ml (beige piston)	0030 069.404
0,2 ml (blue piston)	0030 069.412
0,5 ml	0030 069.420
1,0 ml 2,5 ml	0030 069.439 0030 069.447
5,0 ml	0030 069.447
10 ml	0030 069.463
25 ml**	0030 069.390
50 ml**	0030 069.471
**Adapter plus Eppendorf biopur required, individually packaged (7 pcs.):	
for Combitip plus 25 ml, navy blue	0030 069.498
for Combitip plus 50 ml, anthracite	0030 069.480
Combitip Rack	0030 069.897

Please only use the accessories recommended by Eppendorf. Using spare parts and disposables which we have not recommended can reduce the precision, accuracy and life of our devices. We do not honor any warranty or accept any liability for damage resulting from such action.

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The product named below fulfills the relevant fundamental requirements of the EC directives and standards listed. In the case of unauthorized modifications to the product or an unintended use this declaration becomes invalid.

Produktbezeichnung, Product name:	
Multipette pro 4985	
Produkttyp, Product type:	
elektrischer Handdispenser / electr	onic hand dispenser
Einschlägige EG-Richtlinien/Normen, Relev	vant EC directives/standards:
73/23/EWG, EN 61010-1	
89/336/EWG, EN 55011/B, EN 610	00-6-1, EN 61000-3-2, EN 61000-3-3
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