

## Master Any Type of Liquid

Type of Liquid		Potential problems	Prevention	Recommendations		
		Observations	Air-cushion pipettes	Positive displacement dispenser	Positive displacement pipettes	Positive bottletop dispenser
Water		> Air-cushion pipettes are optimized to the physical properties of water	<ul><li>Optimally suitable for the use of water</li><li>No adaptation necessary</li></ul>	> Serial pipetting for multiple samples	> Varitip S*3,4 system allows accurate pipetting from large bottles and narrow vessels	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles
Viscous e.g. glycerol, oil		<ul><li>&gt; High resistance to flow</li><li>&gt; Liquid residues stay attached to inside tip wall</li><li>&gt; Imprecise results</li></ul>	> Work slowly > Reverse pipetting > Adjust liquid type*1	> Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial pipetting	> Varitip P*2 allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles up to a viscosity of 500 mm <sup>2/s</sup>
Dense e.g. sulfuric acid, caesium chloride	DANGER	<ul><li>Influence on size of air-cushion</li><li>Dispensed volume too low or too high</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Adjust pipette to liquid density</li> <li>Adjust liquid type*1</li> </ul>	> Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial pipetting	> Varitip P*2 allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles up to a density of 2.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Volatile e.g. acetone, ethanol	\$\$\$\$	<ul><li>&gt; Air-cushion expands</li><li>&gt; Liquid drips out of the tip</li><li>&gt; Imprecise results</li></ul>	> Prewet at least 5 times > Reverse pipetting > Adjust liquid type*1	> Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial pipetting	<ul> <li>Varitip P*² allows         accurate pipetting,         for example from beakers</li> <li>Varitip S system and         valve for drip-free         dispensing</li> </ul>	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles up to a vapor pressure of 500 mbar
Infectious / radioactive e.g. biohazard material		<ul><li>&gt; Aerosols contaminate pipette</li><li>&gt; Threat to human health and sample safety</li></ul>	<ul><li>Use filter tips</li><li>Automated systems protect user and sample</li></ul>	<ul><li>Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid</li><li>Serial pipetting</li></ul>	> Varitip P*2 allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles
<b>Detergent</b> e.g. Tween 20, Triton™ X-100		<ul><li>&gt; Reduced surface tension</li><li>&gt; Liquid residues stick to the inner wall of the tip</li><li>&gt; Imprecise results</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Use tips with low retention effect</li> <li>Adjust liquid type*1</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid</li><li>Serial pipetting</li></ul>	> Varitip P*2 allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles up to a viscosity of 500 mm <sup>2/s</sup>
Foaming e.g. protein- containing liquids	0:	<ul><li>&gt; Foam is created</li><li>&gt; Liquid residues remain in the tip</li><li>&gt; Imprecise results</li></ul>	> Reverse pipetting	<ul><li>Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid</li><li>Serial pipetting</li></ul>	> Varitip P*2 allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles
*1 This option is only available on automated systems and electric pipettes *2.3.4 See Varipette® 4720 for corresponding Eppendorf Varitips®  Eppendorf Solutions		-	-	-	-	
Mechanical pipettes		Advantages > Easy to clean > Economical > Lightweight	> Eppendorf Research® plus > Eppendorf Reference® 2 > Pipet Helper®	> Multipette® M4	> Varipette® 4720	> Varispenser® 2/2x
Electronical pipettes		Advantages > High reproducibility > Ergonomic working > Multifunctionality	> Eppendorf Xplorer® > Eppendorf Xplorer® plus > Easypet® 3 > epMotion®	> Multipette® E3/E3x		> Eppendorf Top Buret™