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Master Any Type of Liquid

Type of Liquid		Potential problems	Workaround	Recommendations		
		Observations	Air-cushion pipettes	Positive displacement dispenser	Positive displacement pipettes	Bottletop dispenser and burets
Water		> Air-cushion pipettes are optimized to the physical properties of water	 > Optimally suitable for the use of water > No adaptation necessary 	 Serial pipetting for multiple samples and vessel formats 	> 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		 > High resistance to flow > Liquid residues stay attached to inside tip wall > Imprecise results 	 > Work slowly > Reverse pipetting > Adjust to liquid type*1 	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing > No adjustment to liquid type needed 	> Varitip P* ² allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	 > Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles (with Varispenser® 2/2x up to a viscosity of 500 mm^{2/s}
Dense e.g. sulfuric acid, caesium chloride		 > Influence on size of air-cushion > Dispensed volume too low or too high 	 > Adjust pipette to liquid density > Adjust to liquid type*1 	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing > No adjustment to liquid type needed 	> 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 ³
Volatile e.g. acetone, ethanol	555	 > Air-cushion expands > Liquid drips out of the tip > Imprecise results 	 > Prewet at least 5 times > Reverse pipetting > Adjust to liquid type*1 	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing > No adjustment to liquid type needed 	 Varitip P*² allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers Varitip S system and valve for drip-free dispensing 	 > Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles up to a vapor pressure of 500 mbar
Infectious / radioactive e.g. biohazard material		 > Aerosols contaminate pipette > Threat to human health and sample safety 	 > Use filter tips > Automated systems protect user and sample 	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing 	> Varitip P* ² allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	 Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles
Detergent / detergent- containing e.g. Tween 20, Triton™ X-100		 > Reduced surface tension > Liquid residues stick to the inner wall of the tip > Imprecise results 	 > Use tips with low retention effect > Adjust to liquid type*1 	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing 	> Varitip P* ² allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	> Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles (with Varispenser® 2/2x up to a viscosity of 500 mm ^{2/s}
Foaming e.g. protein- containing liquids	••• • •	 > Foam is created > Liquid residues remain in the tip > Imprecise results 	> Reverse pipetting	 > Higher precision regardless of physical properties of liquid > Serial dispensing 	> Varitip P* ² allows accurate pipetting, for example from beakers	 Liquid dispensing directly from supply bottles
*1 This option is only available c *2.3.4 See Varipette® 4720 for co	rresponding Eppendorf V					
Eppendorf Solutio	ons					
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