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BIOHiT Picus electronic pipette

User Manual



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1. Introduction

Biohit Picus electronic pipette introduces the latest innovations in hand-held air displacement liquid handling devices. Together with laboratory workers, ergonomists and dedicated R&D, Sartorius Biohit has been able to create tools for safe and comfortable, yet versatile pipetting.

Picus is available in single-channel and multichannel models (8- and 12-channels). Together with Optiload tip loading mechanism and electronic tip ejection, tip ejection is safe and comfortable. To improve safety by avoiding contaminations in pipetting work, all Picus models > 10 µl feature replaceable Safe-Cone Filters.

In Picus electronic pipette ergonomics is brought to a completely new level with extremely lightweight, small size and comfortable operation.



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1.1 Intended use

Picus electronic pipette is intended to be used in liquid handling applications for dispensing liquids in a wide volume range from 0.2 µl to 10 ml. It is recommended that the Biohit Optifit Tips and SafetySpace Filter Tips are used to ensure the best compatibility and performance. This liquid handling device is designed and manufactured to be used with IVD-products as an IVD-accessory and as stand-alone laboratory equipment.

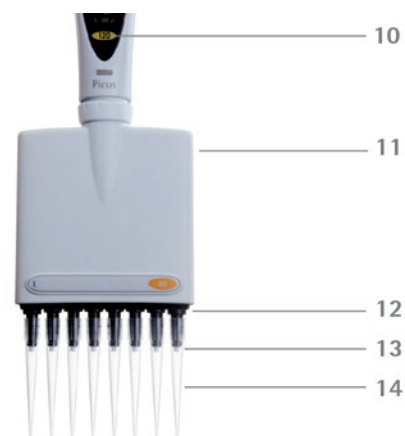


1.2 Product overview

Before using Biohit Picus electronic pipette for the first time, please review this operating manual carefully. This manual can be downloaded from Sartorius Biohit website www.biohit.com/liquid-handling/manuals or ordered from your local Sartorius representative.

1.2.1 Single- and multichannel pipettes

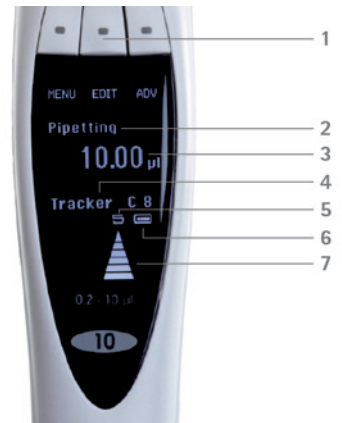
1. USB-charging socket
2. ON/OFF button
3. Charging contacts
4. Operating button
5. Adjustment wheel
6. Electronic tip ejector
7. Hot key for memory places
8. Soft keys for programming
9. Dot-matrix display
10. Volume range and colour coding
11. Dispensing head (tip ejector collar and tip cone), autoclavable (excl. 8/12-ch 1200 µl)
12. Optiload, spring loaded tip cones in multichannel pipettes
13. Safe-Cone Filters (excl. <10 µl pipettes)
14. Pipette tip



1.2.2 Display

The multicolour backlit dot-matrix display is clear and the structure is informative.

1. Soft key functions
2. Current mode
3. Pipetting volume and aliquots in multidispensing modes
4. Advanced (ADV) mode if selected
5. Speeds
6. Battery charging indicator
7. Arrows indicating aspiration and dispensing



1.2.3 Soft key functions

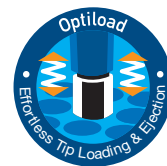
1. Left soft key (MENU, BACK, QUIT)
2. Middle soft key (EDIT, NEXT, SAVE, Alphabets/symbols)
3. Right soft key (ADV, OK, CLEAR)

1.2.4 Biohit Optifit Tips and SafetySpace™ Filter Tips

It is recommended that Optifit Tips or SafetySpace Filter Tips are used with Sartorius Biohit pipettes. This ensures the best possible compatibility and thus best possible accuracy and precision, as the tip is designed for the pipette in question.

Additional pipetting instructions to achieve good results are as follows

- The liquid and the pipette/tip combination should be approximately at the same temperature
- Choose the right tip volume for your pipette: the colour of the tip tray should match the colour coding on the pipette
- Use Optifit Tips in rack, refill or bulk packaging and choose the purity level your application requires: DNase, RNase and endotoxin-free and/or pre-sterilised
- In case you need to be aware of aerosol contamination, you may choose between Safe-Cone Filters, which are attached to the tip cone and should be changed daily, or SafetySpace Filter Tips, which are discarded after each pipetting
- Choose SafetySpace Filter Tips also when you want to avoid lost samples due to the sample reaching the filter. The small extra space between the sample and the filter ensures that neither foaming nor viscous liquids, nor any sample when you are using reverse pipetting or repetitive/multiple dispensing mode of the electronic pipette, will touch the filter.
- Pre-rinse the tip 3-5 times before pipetting (especially important in forward pipetting mode)
- After dispensing wipe the tip against the receiving vessel wall to retain the last droplet
- Change the tip after every pipetting



1.3 Content of delivery package

Picus is delivered ready for use in a box containing:

- Picus electronic pipette
- Universal AC-adaptor
- Biohit Optifit Tip rack (10x96 tips) with Picus up to 1000 µl single-channel models/ 1200 µl with multichannel models
- One tip with Picus 5 ml and 10 ml single-channel models
- Safe-Cone Filters and forceps with models >10 µl
- Autoclavable grease with single-channel models
- QC-certificate
- Quick Start Guide
- Tip-insert card

If any item in this delivery package is missing or damaged, please contact your local Sartorius representative.

2. Getting started

Please read this manual before using Picus electronic pipette.

1. Picus is delivered ready for use, battery placed on.
2. Place the replaceable Safe-Cone Filter(s) into the tip cone(s) before use to avoid contaminations.
3. Charge the pipette before first use for one (1) hour.
4. Press the ON/OFF button on top of the pipette to turn the power on.
5. Press tip ejector as advised on display.
6. Pipette is now ready to be programmed and operated.

2.1 Charging

It is recommended that you charge the pipette before first use for one (1) hour. Place the pipette onto the charging stand or connect to the AC-adaptor. Make sure that the charging stand is connected to the power outlet and that the charging contacts of the pipette are properly attached to the charging tracks of the charging stand.

- Charging with AC-adaptor:
Connect Picus to the USB-cable and plug in the power supply.
- Charging in charging stand or carousel:
Make sure the charging stand is connected to the power outlet and the charging contacts of the pipette are properly attached to the charging tracks of the charging stand.

Charging options for Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes:

- AC-adaptor, universal, included in the package.
- Biohit charging stand for one pipette, cat.no. 730981
- Biohit charging carousel for 4 pipettes, cat.no. 730991

Battery sign in bottom right-hand corner of the display indicates the charging level of the battery. When the battery charging level is low, the indicator sign blinks LOW and the pipette needs to be placed on the charger to be charged.

NOTE! Before connecting the AC-adaptor to the electrical outlet, make sure the voltage settings correspond to the local electrical outlet. Use of incorrect power supplies may damage the device. Only use the power supplies recommended by the manufacturer.

2.2 Power up

1. Press ON/OFF button: Pipette will turn on.
2. Press tip ejection button as advised on the display. The pipette is now ready to be programmed and operated.
3. While used and/or charged pipette is in active mode, all the processor functions are activated and the display backlight is on.
4. 1 minute after last activity: The pipette will turn to a power saving mode and the backlight is dimmed. The pipette returns to active mode, when any of its buttons are pressed or the adjustment wheel is turned.
5. 10 minutes after last activity: The backlight is turned off, but the display is still visible. The pipette turns on if the operating button or ON/OFF button is pressed, but does not complete the specific function of these buttons.
6. 60 minutes after last activity: The pipette turns OFF. To power up the pipette again, press operating button or ON/OFF button. The pipette will turn on also when charged.

If the pipette is turned off by pressing ON/OFF button, it can be turned on by pressing the same button.



3. Operation

3.1 Principle of operation

Picus is an electronic pipette operated by the air displacement principle. The unique DC-motor, electronic brake and piston control system inside the pipette complete with electronic tip ejection guarantees excellent accuracy, precision and safety. The unique adjustment wheel enables fast and comfortable operating and its location makes Picus yet several times more ergonomic and versatile than a mechanical pipette, due to its fully electronic function.

Pipetting functions are controlled with operating button, adjustment wheel and soft keys.

Operating button

- Used to confirm the settings (optional to soft key ok) and moves the piston in aspiration and dispensing.

Adjustment wheel - for fast volume setting

- Used for scrolling the menu and number settings.
- Moves the piston in manual and titrating modes for aspiration and dispensing.
- Unlocks the edit menu: turn the adjustment wheel to the end to unlock the pipette for editing in active mode.

Electronic tip ejector

- Ejects the tip(s) with a light touch

Soft keys

- MENU: Displays the mode selection.
- BACK: Returns to the previous screen without saving the changes
- QUIT: Quits the pipetting task

Middle soft key

- EDIT: Activates the changes to adjusted settings.
- NEXT: Active in edit mode. Moves the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
- SAVE: Active in memory settings. Saves the selected programme to the memory location.
- Alphabets/symbols: Active in memory settings and in setup settings for entering the letters, numbers or symbols

Right soft key

- ADV: Active in main screen of each mode. Activates the additional functions to be used in conjunction with main mode.
- OK: Confirms the selection
- CLEAR: Active in memory settings to clear the entered name



Hot key

All Picus models include 10 memory places for the favourite and most used pipetting settings.

Storing the programme in the memory place

1. Programme the pipetting mode and press the hot key. List of memory places opens.
2. Choose the desired memory location by turning the adjustment wheel.
3. Press SAVE.
4. Activate the name editor by pressing the operation button.
5. Turn the adjustment wheel to change the characters and press the operating button to confirm the selection. Middle soft key changes the characters/numbers/symbols and operating button or OK in right soft key confirms the setting.
6. Move to the next character by turning the adjustment wheel. Proceed as described above until all characters are set.
7. Save the programme name by pressing SAVE.
 CLEAR: Erases the character
 BACK: Cancels the overwriting
 OK: Confirms the selection



Activating the programme from the memory place

1. Press the hot key and choose the programme by turning the adjustment wheel.
2. Press the operating button or OK to activate saved programme.
3. The pipette is now ready for pipetting. The memory place indicator is displayed next to the mode name.

3.2 Pipetting modes

Picus electronic pipette has eight (8) pipetting modes and five (5) mode related additions.



M10 indicates that 300 µl pipetting has been saved on memory place 10.

Main mode – available in all Picus models		Additional functions – to be used in conjunction with the main mode				
		Tracker	Mixing	Counter	Excess Volume Adjustment	Auto Dispensing (Timed)
Pipetting	✓	•	•	•		
Reverse Pipetting	✓	•		•	•	
Manual Pipetting	✓					
Multi Dispensing	✓	•			•	•
Diluting	✓		•			
Sequential Dispensing	✓				•	
Multi Aspiration	✓					
Titrate	✓					

3.3 Programming

3.3.1 Pipetting (forward pipetting)

Pipetting (p) aspirates the selected volume of liquid and dispenses it with the blow out function. Recommended for aqueous liquids, liquids containing small amounts of detergent or proteins and solvents.

- Select Pipetting in main menu. The Pipetting mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Start pipetting by pressing the operating button.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT button (middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode has been activated.
- Turn the adjustment wheel to set the volume. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
- Press NEXT (middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
- Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
- Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.

Additional functions

Counter, Mixing and Tracker can be used in conjunction with the Pipetting mode.

- Press ADV in the right soft key to activate advanced functions.
- Turn the adjustment wheel to move the cursor to the desired function and confirm the selection by pressing the operating button or OK.
- Counter counts the number of dispensings. Counting can be selected to start in any desired number.
- Mixing mixes the liquids manually or automatically. the mixing volume can be adjusted according to the pipette's maximum volume.
- Tracker advises user in microplate dispensing by displaying the location for the next dispensing.

NOTE! Only one additional feature can be selected at a time.

3.3.2 Reverse Pipetting

Aspirates the selected volume as well as an excess volume. Recommended for biological, foaming and viscous liquids. In dispensing mode the excess is left inside the tip and is then discarded.

- Select Reverse mode in main menu. The Reverse mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Start pipetting by pressing the operating button.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT button (the middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that edit mode has been activated.
- Turn the adjustment wheel to set the volume. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
- Press NEXT (middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
- Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
- Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.



Press MENU



Choose mode



Press EDIT



Change settings and press OK or NEXT

HINT! Hold the START button down to reaspirate the liquid without emptying the tip! Or press NO (left soft key) to continue pipetting without emptying the tip.

Additional features

Counter, Excess adjustment and Tracker can be used in conjunction with Reverse Pipetting.

- Press ADV (the right soft key) to activate advanced functions.
- Turn the adjustment wheel to move to the desired function and confirm the selection by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Counter counts the number of dispensings. Counting can be selected to start in any wanted number.
 - Excess adjustment can be used to set the excess volume. When activated the excess volume is set to default. Turn the adjustment wheel to reset the excess volume and confirm the setting by pressing the operating button.
Default is the maximum excess volume and can only be decreased from default.
 - Tracker advises the user in microplate dispensing by displaying the location for the next dispensing.

NOTE! Only one additional feature can be selected at a time.

3.3.3 Multi Dispensing

Aspirates the total volume as well as an excess volume then repetitively dispenses equal volumes of liquid. Recommended in long pipetting series and microplate dispensing.

- Select Multi Disp. in menu. The Multi Disp. mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Start pipetting by pressing the operating button.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT button (the middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode is activated.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to set the volume and aliquot.
 - Press NEXT (middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.

HINT! Hold the operating button down to reaspirate the liquid without emptying the tip! Or press NO in left soft key to continue pipetting without emptying the tip.

Additional features

Timed Automated Dispensing, Excess adjustment and Tracker can be used in conjunction with Multi Dispensing.

- Press ADV (the right soft key) to activate extra features.
- Turn the adjustment wheel to move to the desired feature and confirm the selection by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Excess adjustment can be used to set the excess volume. When activated the excess volume is set to default.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to reset the excess volume and confirm the setting by pressing the operating button. Maximum excess volume is set as default and can only be decreased from default.
 - Automated dispensing dispenses the liquid automatically without the

need to press the operating button. Delay for the Dispensing can be set in timeframe 0.1 sec. to 9.9 sec.

- Tracker advises the user in microplate dispensing by displaying the location for the next dispensing.

NOTE! Only one additional feature can be selected at the time.

3.3.4 Manual pipetting

Pipetting where the piston movement in aspiration and dispensing is controlled by manually turning the adjustment wheel. Ideal in measuring reagent amounts and in applications in which the pipetting speed needs to be controlled manually.

- Select manual in main menu.
- Start pipetting by pressing the operating button or turning the adjustment wheel to aspirate the liquid.
Aspiration is controlled manually and is continued as long as the button is pressed or adjustment wheel is turned.
- When the aspiration is done, turn the adjustment wheel to change the direction of the dispensing.
- When dispensing is done, the pipette asks to empty the tip.
- Press NO (left soft key) to start the aspiration again without blow out.
- Pressing the operating button pipette will make blow out to empty the tip.
- Editing the mode:
 - Edit the maximum aspiration volume.
 - Press EDIT in the middle of the display. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode is activated.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to set the volume. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Press NEXT (the middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operation button or OK.

3.3.5 Diluting

Two different liquids separated by an air gap are aspirated and then dispensed simultaneously with automatic blow out.

- Select diluting in main menu.
- Start pipetting by pressing the operating button or by turning the adjustment wheel to aspirate the liquid.
 - 1st aspiration: dilutor
 - 2nd aspiration: air gap
 - 3rd aspiration: sample
- Dispense by emptying the tip into the receiving vessel.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT in the middle of the display. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode has been activated.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to set the volume. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Press NEXT (the middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operation button or OK.

Additional features:

Mixing can be used in conjunction with Diluting.

- Press ADV (the right soft key) to activate advanced functions.
 - Mixing mixes the liquids manually or automatically. The mixing volume

can be adjusted according to the pipette's maximum volume.

3.3.6 Sequential Dispensing

Dispenses repetitively different volumes in any desired order. Useful mode for example dilution series and in making the calibration curves.

- Select Seq. Disp. in menu. Seq. Disp. mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Aspirate the liquid into the tip and dispense in set aliquots.
- After last dispensing double click operating button to empty the tip or press NO to continue dispensing without emptying the tip.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT (the middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode has been activated.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to set the numbers. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Press NEXT (the middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.

Additional features

Excess adjustment can be used in conjunction with Sequential dispensing.

- Press ADV (the right soft key) to activate extra features.
 - Excess adjustment can be used to set the excess volume. When activated, the excess volume is set to default.
Turn the adjustment wheel to reset the excess volume and confirm the setting by pressing the operating button. Maximum excess volume is set as default and can be only decreased from default.

3.3.7 Multi-Aspirating

Select the volume and the number of aspirations desired. Repeat the aspiration until the series is completed, then discard the full aspirated volume in a single step. Multi-Aspirating is a useful mode for example for sample pooling and microplate washing.

- Select Multi-Aspirating. in menu. Multi Asp. mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Start pipetting by pressing operating button. Pipette aspirates the volumes set by the user in any desired order to the tip.
- Dispense the liquid from the tip to the receiving vessel.
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT (the middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode is activated.
 - Turn adjustment wheel to set the numbers. Confirm the setting by pressing operating button or OK.
 - NEXT in the middle soft key moves the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - BACK returns to the previous screen without saving the changes.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.

NOTE! No additional functions are available for Multi-Aspirating.

3.3.8 Titrate

Aspirates the selected volume automatically. Dispensing is manually controlled by the user.

- Select Titrate in menu. The Titrate mode is activated with the latest settings.
- Start pipetting by turning the adjustment wheel or by pressing the operating button. The aspirated volume is shown on the display
- Editing the mode:
 - Press EDIT (the middle soft key) or turn the adjustment wheel to the end. Parameter background colour is highlighted to indicate that the editing mode is activated.
 - Turn the adjustment wheel to set the numbers. Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.
 - Press NEXT (the middle soft key) to move the cursor to the next parameter to be edited.
 - Press BACK to return to the previous screen without saving the changes.
 - Confirm the setting by pressing the operating button or OK.

Additional features

Fast volume dispensing dispenses the first volume rapidly. After dispensing the fast volume, dispensing is continued manually.

3.3.9 Additional functions used in conjunction with the main mode, ADV in right soft key

1. Tracker (Pipetting, Rev. Pipetting, Multi Dispensing)

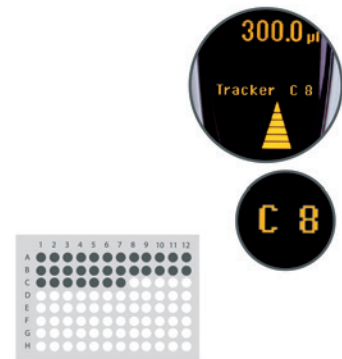
Tracker is a helpful feature for microplate dispensing and a unique feature only available in Picus. Activate the Tracker in main modes ADV menu (right soft key) by using the adjustment wheel to scroll on the Tracker and press the operating button to activate the Tracker.

Tracker ON = Tracker is currently OFF and pressing Tracker ON will turn

Tracker ON

Tracker OFF = Tracker is currently turned on and pressing Tracker OFF will turn

Tracker OFF



– Single-channel pipettes:

Select the microplate (96 or 384 wellplate) and if the pipetting is done in rows or columns, press the operating button or OK to activate the Tracker.

First dispensing is shown on display:

Rows: A1 - A2 - A3... B1 - B2 - B3... C1 - C2 - C3...

Columns: 1A - 1B - 1C... 2A - 2B - 2C... 3A - 3B - 3C...

The first dispensing location can be selected as desired.

– 8-channel pipettes:

Select the microplate (96 or 384 wellplate). Pipetting is possible in **columns**.

Press operating button or OK to activate the Tracker.

96-well plate (Columns): 1, 2, 3...

384-well plate (Columns):

1. Pipetting: A1 - C1 - G1...

2. Pipetting: B1 - D1 - F1...

3. Pipetting: A2 - C2 - G2...

4. Pipetting: B2 - D2 - F2...

The first dispensing column can be selected as desired.

– 12-channel pipettes:

Select the microplate (96 or 384 well plate). Pipetting is possible in **rows**.

Press operating button or OK to activate the Tracker.

96-well plate (Rows): A, B, C...

384-well plate (Rows):

1. Pipetting: A1 - A3 - A5...

2. Pipetting: A2 - A4 - A6...

3. Pipetting: B1 - B3 - B5...

4. Pipetting: B2 - B4 - B6...

The first dispensing row can be selected as desired.

2. Counter (Pipetting, Rev. Pipetting)

Cycle counter counts the pipetting cycles up to 99. It is possible to start counting from any desired number up to 99.

Counter ON = Counter is currently OFF and pressing Counter ON will turn

Counter ON

Counter OFF = Counter is currently turned on and pressing Counter OFF will turn Counter OFF

3. Mixing (Pipetting, Diluting)

Mixing ON = Mixing is currently OFF and pressing Mixing ON will turn Mixing ON

Mixing OFF = Mixing is currently turned on and pressing Mixing OFF will turn Mixing OFF

When mixing is activated, pipette will show the default volume for mixing (80% of the dispensed volume). Mixing volume can be adjusted by the user by turning the adjustment wheel and the settings can be confirmed by pressing the operating button, mixing volume cannot exceed the pipette's maximum volume.

To change the mixing from manual to automated, press the operating button. Manual mixing: hold the operating button pressed down.

Set the mixing times by turning the adjustment wheel and press the operating button to confirm the setting. Automated mixing can be paused by pressing the operating button. Press the operating button again to continue dispensing. Press QUIT (left soft key) to stop mixing and empty the tip by pressing the operating button.

4. Excess Adjustment (Rev. Pipetting, Multi Dispensing, Sequential Dispensing)

Excess Adjustment can be used to set the excess volume. When activated, the excess volume is set to default. Turn the adjustment wheel to reset the excess volume and confirm the setting by pressing the operating button.

NOTE! Default is the maximum excess volume and can only be decreased from default.

5. Automated Dispensing (Multi Dispensing)

Automated dispensing dispenses the liquid automatically without the need to press the operating button. The delay for the dispensing can be set in time frame from 0.1 sec. to 9.9 sec.

6. Fast dispensing (Titrant)

Fast volume dispensing dispenses the first volume rapidly. After dispensing the fast volume, dispensing is continued manually.

3.3.10 Setup

Setup is the menu for user settings for calibration adjustment, sound and backlight, user identification, GLP info and software reset function.

3.3.10.1 Calibration Adjustment

Adjustment enables the user to adjust the pipette in 1–3 calibration points.

1-point adjustment: calibration in one point, set the calibration volume

2-point adjustment: calibration in 10% and 100% of the nominal volume

3-point adjustment: calibration in 10%, 50% and 100% of the nominal volume

Adjustment is always done in P mode and the adjustment is valid in all modes when activated. When the Adjustment is activated ADJ – symbol is seen on display.

- Select Menu
- Select Setup
- Select Adjustment



- Factory: set the pipette to the default factory settings, press the operating button or OK.
- It is possible to store three (3) different adjustments in the adjustment memory: ADJ1, ADJ2, ADJ3
- Activate desired memory place by using the adjustment wheel and pressing the operating button.
- The pipette asks to set the custom adjustment values. Press the operating button or OK to activate the values.
- Editing the adjustment values:
 - Use the adjustment wheel to select the desired memory place (ADJ1, ADJ2 or ADJ3) and press EDIT.
 - Select the desired calibration (1-point, 2-points or 3-points)
 - First display shows the target volume, press OK.
 - Display shows the actual volume. Enter the volume by turning adjustment wheel and press operating button or OK.
 - Pipette will ask:
 - One (1) volume in 1-point adjustment
 - Two (2) volumes in 2-point adjustment
 - Three (3) volumes in 3-point adjustment

3.3.10.2 Sound

The sounds can be adjusted for the adjustment wheel and messages (errors and notifications). It is also possible to turn all the sounds OFF.

- Select menu
- Select Setup
- Select sound
- Use the adjustment wheel to set the sounds ON/OFF.
- Press the operating button or OK to save the settings
- Press BACK - the settings are not changed

3.3.10.3 Backlight

Display colours equal to the colour coding of the display cover and operating button colours. Colours are selected to indicate the tip compatibility.

Colour coding is active during charging, while pipetting the colour coding is off and the display is white to maximise the contrast.

- Select menu
- Select Setup
- Select backlight
- Use the adjustment wheel to set the backlight.

If the display colour is changed, the display is always set to the selected colour and the colour will not change to optimal contrast while pipetting.

3.3.10.4 User ID

This liquid handling device may be personalised by the user.

Personalising on software:

- Select menu
- Select User ID
- Press CLEAR - to clear the current ID or character
- Press the operating button, first character background turns white to indicate that it is being edited. Available characters are alphabet in capital and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols. Use middle soft key to change the characters.
- To select the alphabet/number/symbol turn the adjustment wheel
- Press the operating button or OK to save the choice
- Press the operating button to move the cursor to the next character and continue until the ID is completed.
- Press SAVE - the setting is saved
- Press BACK - the setting is not changed

NOTE! Clearing the current ID is not necessary, it can be overwritten.

3.3.10.5 GLP Info

GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) information indicates the date of the previous service/calibration and when the next service/calibration is due.

- Select menu
- Select Setup
- Select GLP Info
- Turn the adjustment wheel to set the date of previous service and/or calibration and press the operating button to move the cursor forward
- When the settings for the dates are set, press the operating button or OK to save the settings
- Press BACK - the settings are not changed

NOTE! Picus will not remind the user of the next service and/or calibration.

3.3.10.6 Reset

Resetting the pipette will reset all the settings user has done to the factory settings including programming in the memory places.

- Select menu
- Select Setup
- Select reset
- Pipette asks to set all the pipette settings to factory defaults:
Press the operating button or YES and tip ejection - the pipette will reset the settings to the factory default
Press BACK - the settings are not changed

3.3.10.7 Information

Software version and battery charging level are shown in information menu. Information menu cannot be edited by the user.

4. Care and maintenance

Any precision instrument, such as a pipette, comprises a great variety of mechanical and electronic parts that are subject to wear and tear. By taking care of your pipette and carrying out regular maintenance and calibration you can ensure the functionality and performance of the pipette.

To avoid contamination of the pipette and the sample and to extend pipette's lifetime use Biohit Safe-Cone Filters (available for pipettes >10 µl) or Biohit SafetySpace Filter Tips.

Sartorius provides service, maintenance and calibration services through its global network of service centres, please contact your nearest service center for assistance.

Please note that warranty will be voided in the event that the pipette is disassembled or assembled by an unauthorised person.

4.1 Cleaning and maintenance

Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes can be cleaned and decontaminated by using disinfection or decontamination liquids such as Biohit Proline Biocontrol decontamination fluid, 70% ethanol, 60% isopropanol, mild detergent or similar.

Always make sure of the chemical compatibility between the materials of the pipette and the disinfectant or decontamination liquid.

Turn off the pipette prior to cleaning.

It is recommended always to use gloves when cleaning the pipette.

Change the Safe-Cone Filter regularly with the forceps provided in the pipette package.

Cleaning is recommended always after possible contamination or dispensing corrosive or other aggressive chemicals.

Never let liquids enter the inner parts of the pipette.

Never use the pipette without tip attached to the tip cone.

Tools needed: lint-free cloth, cleaning solution (Biohit Proline Biocontrol)

4.1.1 Single-channel pipettes

All models

Outer surface:

Clean any visible dirt with mild detergent or similar and lint-free cloth and wipe dry.

Tip ejector collar, tip cone and piston

- Turn the pipette OFF
- Remove the Safe-Cone Filter if attached

Models 10 µl and 120 µl

- Unscrew the tip ejector collar counter clockwise and remove it
- Unscrew the tip cone locking ring counter clockwise and carefully remove it
- Unscrew the exposed piston counter clockwise
- Clean the tip ejector collar, tip cone locking ring, tip cone and piston with cleaning solution or similar and lint-free cloth
- Rinse with distilled water if needed and let the parts dry
- Install the piston by screwing it clockwise, do not overtighten
- Put a thin layer of autoclavable grease (cat. no. 731141) on the piston
- Carefully place the tip cone and attach it by screwing the tip cone locking ring clockwise
- Place the Safe-Cone Filter with forceps (Safe-Cone Filter in models >10 µl)
- Turn the pipette ON

Models 300 µl and 1000 µl

- Unscrew the tip ejector collar counter clockwise and remove it
- Unscrew the tip cone locking ring counter clockwise and carefully remove it
- Unscrew the exposed piston counter clockwise
- Clean the tip ejector collar, tip cone locking ring, tip cone and piston with cleaning solution or similar and lint-free cloth
- Rinse with distilled water if needed and let the parts dry
- Install the piston by screwing it clockwise, do not overtighten
- Put a thin layer of autoclavable grease (cat. no. 731141) around the seal
- Carefully place the tip cone on the piston attach it by screwing the tip cone locking ring clockwise
- Attach the tip ejector collar by screwing it clockwise
- Place the Safe-Cone Filter with forceps
- Turn the pipette ON

Model 5 ml

- Unscrew the tip ejector collar counter clockwise and remove it
- Unscrew the tip cone counter clockwise and remove it
- Unscrew the exposed piston counter clockwise
- Clean the tip ejector collar, tip cone locking ring, tip cone and piston with mild detergent or similar and lint-free cloth
- Rinse with distilled water if needed and let the parts dry
- Install the piston by screwing it clockwise, do not over tighten
- Put a thin layer of autoclavable grease (cat. no. 731141) on the seal and the interior of the tip cone, avoid excess grease
- Carefully place the tip cone on the piston and screw clockwise
- Attach the tip ejector collar by screwing it clockwise
- Place the Safe-Cone Filter with forceps
- Turn the pipette ON

Model 10 ml

- Unscrew the tip ejector collar counter clockwise and remove it

- Hold from tip cone with your finger and open bayonet locking by turning bayonet locking ring clockwise until it stops, remove tip cone.
- Unscrew the exposed piston counter clockwise
- Clean the tip ejector collar, tip cone locking ring, tip cone and piston with cleaning solution or similar and lint-free cloth
- Rinse with distilled water if needed and let the parts dry
- Install the piston by screwing it clockwise, do not overtighten
- Put a thin layer of autoclavable grease (cat. no. 731141) on the seal and the interior of the tip cone, avoid excess grease
- Carefully place the tip cone on the piston, hold the tip cone and turn bayonet locking ring counterclockwise until it stops to lock the tip cone
- Make sure that the tip cone is properly tightened, do not overtighten.
- Attach the tip ejector collar by screwing it clockwise
- Place the Safe-Cone Filter with forceps
- Turn the pipette ON

NOTE! It is always necessary to check the performance of the pipette after cleaning or maintenance.

4.1.2 Multichannel pipettes

Outer surface:

Clean any visible dirt with cleaning solution or similar and lint-free cloth and wipe dry

Lower part:

Opening of the lower part of the multichannel pipettes should always be done by an authorised Sartorius service provider. Please contact your nearest Sartorius service provider or distributor.



4.2 Sterilising

The Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes can be sterilised by autoclaving, UV or by using disinfection or decontamination liquids such as Biohit Proline Biocontrol decontamination fluid, 70% ethanol, 60% isopropanol, mild detergent or similar. Always make sure of the chemical compatibility between the materials of the pipette and the disinfectant or decontamination liquid. Always follow the autoclaving instructions below.

4.2.1 Autoclaving

Lower parts of Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes are autoclavable excluding multichannel 1200 µl.

Please see the autoclaving symbol printed on the lower part of the multichannel pipettes to make sure the lower part is autoclavable.

Autoclaving instructions

1. Remove the Safe-Cone Filter if attached.
2. Unscrew the lower part by turning the connecting collar and the dispensing head counterclockwise until it comes off.
3. Sterilise the part at 121°C, 1 bar overpressure for 20 minutes.
4. Let the parts cool and dry before reassembling.

NOTE! Multichannel pipette's lower parts can be autoclaved as one unit or separately as individual parts.

4.2.2 UV sterilising

Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes are manufactured using UV-resistant materials. The UV-resistance of the products has been tested under continuous

UV-light under the following test conditions:
Wave length: Shortwave ultraviolet (254 nm)
Power: 2x20W (twin tubes)
Distance from tube surface to table/product surface: 620 mm
Tested UV-dosage: 33000 mJ/cm²

4.2.3 Disinfection

Sartorius Biohit electronic pipettes can be cleaned and decontaminated using disinfection or decontamination liquids such as Biohit Proline Biocontrol decontamination fluid, 70% ethanol, 60% isopropanol, mild detergent or similar.

Always make sure of the chemical compatibility between the materials of the pipette and the disinfectant or decontamination liquid.

Single-channel pipettes

For complete decontamination of the parts (tip ejector collar, tipcone, spring and piston) can be placed into a dish containing Biohit Proline Biocontrol or similar. Leave the parts to soak for 30 minutes. Rinse the parts with distilled water and let dry before reassembling.

Multichannel pipettes

Wipe the outer surface of the multichannel pipettes with Biohit Proline Biocontrol decontamination fluid, 70% ethanol, 60% isopropanol and mild detergent or similar.

The lower part of the multichannel pipettes should be opened only by an authorised Sartorius service provider.

4.3 Performance testing

It is recommended that the performance of your Sartorius Biohit pipettes is checked regularly (e.g. every 3 months) and always after in-house maintenance. A regular testing routine should be established by the users for their pipettes having regard to the accuracy requirements of the application, frequency of use, number of operators using the pipette, nature of the liquid dispensed and the acceptable maximum permissible errors established by the user (ISO 8655-1).

Performance tests should take place in a draught-free room at 15–30°C, constant to $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ and relative humidity above 50%. The pipette, tips and the test water should have stood in the test room for long enough (at least 2 hours) to reach equilibrium with the room conditions. Use distilled or de-ionised water (ISO 3696, grade 3). Use an analytical balance with a readability according ISO 8655-6.

Weighting

1. Adjust the desired test volume V_s
2. Carefully fit the tip onto the tip cone.
3. Fill the tip with test water and expel to waste five times to reach humidity equilibrium in the dead air volume
4. Replace the tip. Pre-wet the tip by filling it once with the test water and expell to waste.
5. Aspirate the test water, immersing the tip only 2-3 mm below the surface of the water. Keep the pipette vertical.
6. Withdraw the pipette vertically and touch the tip against the side wall of the test water container
7. Pipette the water into the weighting vessel, touching the tip against the inside wall of the vessel just above the liquid surface at the angle of 30° to 45° . Withdraw the pipette by drawing one tip 8-10 mm along the inner wall of the weighing vessel.
8. Read the weight in mgs (m_i).
9. Repeat the tet cycle until 10 measurements have been recorded.
10. Convert the recorded masses (m_i) to volumes (v_i) by multiplying the mass with the correction factor Z (Z-values in the table below): $V_i = m_i Z$
11. Calculate the mean volume (V) delivered: $V = (\sum V_i)/10$
12. For conformity evaluation calculate the systematic error e_s of the measurement:
in μl : $e_s = V - V_s$ V_s =selected test volume
or in %: $e_s = 100 (V - V_s)/V_s$
13. For conformity evaluation calculate the the random error of the measurement:
as standard deviation:
$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (V_i - \bar{V})^2}{n - 1}}$$
 n = number of measurement (10)
or as coefficient of variation $CV=100s/V$
14. Compare the systematic error (inaccuracy) and random error (imprecision) to the performance specification values of your own laboratory.

Z-values (µl/mg)				
Temp. (°C)	Air Pressure (kPa)			
	95	100	101.3	105
20.0	1.0028	1.0028	1.0029	1.0029
20.5	1.0029	1.0029	1.0030	1.0030
21.0	1.0030	1.0031	1.0031	1.0031
21.5	1.0031	1.0032	1.0032	1.0032
22.0	1.0032	1.0033	1.0033	1.0033
22.5	1.0033	1.0034	1.0034	1.0034
23.0	1.0034	1.0035	1.0035	1.0036
23.5	1.0036	1.0036	1.0036	1.0037

NOTE! Systematic error is the difference between the dispensed volume and the selected test volume. Random error is the scatter of the dispensed volumes around the mean of the dispensed volume (ISO 8655-1)

NOTE! Sartorius Biohit specifications are achieved in strictly controlled conditions (ISO 8655-1). Users should establish acceptable maximum permissible errors based on the field of use and the accuracy requirements placed on the pipette (ISO 8655-1).

4.4 Replacing the battery

It is recommended that the Picus battery is replaced only by authorised Sartorius service provider. Please contact your nearest Sartorius representative.

4.5 Replacement parts

To replace broken or worn parts Sartorius Biohit offers a full range of spare parts.

Always contact the manufacturer or manufacturer's authorised representative for original spare parts for your Sartorius Biohit pipette.

4.6 Storage

When not in use it is recommended that the Biohit Picus electronic pipettes are stored in the charging unit. During long storage periods (several months) it is recommended that the charging unit is disconnected from the power outlet and the pipette is turned off by pressing the power button on the top of the pipette.

5. Warranty

Sartorius Biohit products are meant to be used as described in this user manual.

Biohit Picus electronic pipettes are covered by a warranty for two years against workmanship and defects in materials excluding battery.

ANY WARRANTY WILL, HOWEVER, BE DEEMED AS VOID IF THE FAULT IS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY MISTREATMENT, MISUSE, UNAUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE OR SERVICE OR NEGLIGENCE OF REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE, ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE, INCORRECT STORAGE OR USE OF THE PRODUCTS FOR OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THEIR SPECIFIED LIMITATIONS, OUTSIDE THEIR SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRARY TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN IN THIS MANUAL OR WITH TIPS OTHER THAN THE MANUFACTURER'S ORIGINAL ONES.

In the event of warranty claims or if the pipette fails to function according to specifications, please contact your local Sartorius representative.

Sartorius Biohit Quality Assurance Procedure guarantees that the Sartorius Biohit pipette you have purchased is tested before delivery and is ready for use. Each Sartorius Biohit electronic pipette is CE/IVD marked, fulfilling the requirements of the Essential Requirements listed in Annex I of EC Directive 98/79/EC (IVD Directive) and to the protection requirements of Council Directive 2004/108/EC, relating to Electromagnetic Compatibility, EN61326 and Safety IEC 61010-1 ed 3.0.



6. Disposal

In compliance with European Directive, WEEE (2002/96EC) on waste and reduction of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipments, this device must not be recycled as unsorted municipal waste. Instead this device must be collected separately in accordance the local recycling regulations.

Batteries should be disposed of in accordance with local legal regulations. Do not dispose of batteries with domestic waste.



7. Troubleshooting

7.1 Hardware reset

If the pipette is unresponsive it is possible to force a turning off and reset the hardware. This function will not affect the saved settings (e.g adjustment, memory). To turnoff an unresponsive pipette press simultaneously ON/OFF button and soft key for few seconds. Pipette will turn off and can then be turned on again by pressing ON/OFF button.

NOTE! Make sure the pipette is not placed on the charging unit or connected to the USB cable while being reset.

7.2 Troubleshooting guide

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Leakage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Incomaptible tip- Tip is loose- Pipette is dirty- Pipette is broken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Use original Sartorius Biohit tips- Attach the tip firmly- Clean the pipette- Replace the broken parts or send the pipette for service
Inaccuracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pipette is dirty- Pipette is broken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clean the pipette- Replace the broken parts or send the pipette for service
Pipette does not turn on	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pipette is in OFF mode- Empty battery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Turn the pipette ON by pressing ON/OFF button- Connect the pipette to the charger
Piston is jammed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inner lower parts are loose- Pipette is dirty- Pipette is broken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Open the lower part and tighten the parts- Clean the pipette- Replace the broken parts or send the pipette for service
Pipette does not aspirate liquid properly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safe-Cone Filter is dirty- Pipette is dirty- Pipette is broken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Replace the Safe-Cone Filter- Clean the pipette- Replace the broken parts or send the pipette for service

8. Technical data

Rechargeable battery

Type	Li-Polymer battery with protection circuit
Capacity	3.7 V/350 mAh
Charging time	Approx. 1 hour

AC-adaptors, charging stands

AC-adaptor for Picus pipette	For Indoor and Office Equipment Use Only
Input voltage	100 – 240V ~ 50/60Hz, 180mA
Output voltage	5V, 1A LPS
AC-adaptor for charging stand for 1 pipette	
Input voltage	According to local requirements
Output voltage	7.5 VDC/300 mA
AC-adaptor for charging stand for 4 pipettes	
Input voltage	According to local requirements
Output voltage	9 VDC/1200 mA

Picus electronic pipette

Operating temperature	+15°C to +40°C
Air humidity	Max. 80%
Weight, single-channel 10–300 µl	100 g
Weight, single-channel 50–1000 µl	110 g
Weight, 8-channel 10–300 µl	160 g
Length, single-channel 10–300 µl	21.0 cm
Length, single-channel 50–1000 µl	21.6 cm
Length, 8-channel 10–300 µl	21.6 cm
Pipetting force for single- and multichannel models	1.3 N
Tip ejecting force for single- and multichannel models	3.1 N

8.1 Performance specifications

1-channel	Increment (μl)	Test volume (μl)	Systematic (Inacc.)		Random (Impr.)	
			+/- %	+/- μl	+/- %	+/- μl
0.2-10 μl	0.02	10	0.90	0.09	0.40	0.04
		5	1.00	0.05	0.70	0.035
		1	2.50	0.025	1.50	0.005
5-120 μl	0.10	120	0.40	0.48	0.15	0.18
		60	0.60	0.36	0.20	0.12
		12	2.00	0.24	1.00	0.12
10-300 μl	0.20	300	0.40	1.2	0.15	0.45
		150	0.60	0.9	0.20	0.3
		30	1.50	0.45	0.80	0.24
50-1000 μl	1.00	1000	0.40	4.00	0.15	1.5
		500	0.60	3.00	0.20	1.0
		100	1.50	1.5	0.50	0.5
0.1-5 ml	5.00	5000	0.50	25.00	0.15	7.5
		2500	0.80	20.00	0.20	5.00
		500	1.00	5.00	0.40	2.00
0.5-10 ml	10.00	10000	0.60	60.00	0.20	20.00
		5000	1.20	60.00	0.30	15.00
		1000	3.00	30.00	0.60	6.00
8-channel						
0.2-10 μl		10	0.90	0.09	0.50	0.05
		5	1.50	0.075	0.80	0.04
		1	4.00	0.04	3.00	0.03
5-120 μl		120	0.50	0.6	0.20	0.24
		60	0.70	0.42	0.30	0.18
		12	2.00	0.24	1.50	0.18
10-300 μl		300	0.50	1.5	0.20	0.6
		150	0.70	1.05	0.30	0.45
		30	2.00	0.6	1.00	0.3
50-1200 μl		1200	0.50	6.00	0.20	2.4
		600	1.00	6.00	0.30	1.8
		120	2.50	3.00	1.00	1.2
12-channel						
0.2-10 μl		10	0.90	0.09	0.50	0.05
		5	1.50	0.075	0.80	0.04
		1	4.00	0.04	3.00	0.03
5-120 μl		120	0.50	0.6	0.20	0.24
		60	0.70	0.42	0.30	0.18
		12	2.00	0.24	1.50	0.18
10-300 μl		300	0.50	1.5	0.20	0.6
		150	0.70	1.05	0.30	0.45
		30	2.00	0.6	1.00	0.3
50-1200 μl		1200	0.50	6.00	0.20	2.4
		600	1.00	6.00	0.30	1.8
		120	2.50	3.00	1.00	1.2

8.2 Speed table

Speed is measured in Pipetting mode with the maximum volume.

Speed can be adjusted in all pipetting modes individually for aspiration and dispensing.

Speed range is from 1 (slow) to 9 (fast).

Single-channel pipettes (speed in seconds)

Speed	10 µl	120 µl	300 µl	1000 µl	5 ml	10 ml
1	2.5	6.0	7.7	10.1	10.2	10.2
2	1.8	4.2	5.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
3	1.3	2.9	3.7	5.4	5.4	5.4
4	1.0	2.1	2.7	3.8	3.8	3.8
5	0.8	1.5	1.9	2.8	2.7	2.9
6	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.2
7	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.7
8	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.3
9	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.9

Multichannel pipettes (speed in seconds)

Speed	10 µl	120 µl	300 µl	1200 µl
1	2.5	6.1	5.4	6.1
2	1.8	4.4	3.9	4.4
3	1.3	3.3	2.9	3.3
4	1.0	2.4	2.1	2.5
5	0.8	1.8	1.6	1.9
6	0.6	1.4	1.2	1.4
7	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.1
8	0.4	0.9	0.8	0.9
9	0.3	0.7	0.7	0.7

9. Ordering details

Cat. No.	Channels	Volume Range (µl)	Safe-Cone Filters		Optifit Standard Tips	SafetySpace™ Filter Tips
			Standard	Plus		
735021	1	● 0.2–10 µl	–	–	10	10
735041	1	● 5–120 µl	721008	721018	200, 350	120
735061	1	● 10–300 µl	721007	721017	350	300
735081	1	● 50–1000 µl	721006	721016	1000	1000
735101	1	● 100–5000 µl	721005	721015	5000	–
735111	1	● 500–10000 µl	721005	721015	10000	–
735321	8	● 0.2–10 µl	–	–	10	10
735341	8	● 5–120 µl	721008	721018	200, 350	120
735361	8	● 10–300 µl	721007	721017	350	300
735391	8	● 50–1200 µl	721006	721016	1200	1200
735421	12	● 0.2–10 µl	–	–	10	10
735441	12	● 5–120 µl	721008	721018	200, 350	120
735461	12	● 10–300 µl	721007	721017	350	300
735491	12	● 50–1200 µl	721006	721016	1200	1200

All pipettes include universal AC-adaptor (EU, UK, US|JPN, AUS and CHN plugs)



EC Declaration of Conformity

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the Product(s)

Biohit Picus Electronic Pipette

Conforms to the Essential Requirements listed in Annex I of Council Directive 98/79/EC (IVD Directive),
the EMC - requirements of Council Directive 2004/108/EEC, EN 61326
and
the safety requirements of Council Directive 2006/95/EEC, EN 61010, IEC 62133.

Product performance according ISO 86555-2

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