

Agilent BioTek MultiFlo FX Multimode Dispenser

Product description

The Agilent BioTek MultiFlo FX multimode dispenser is a versatile tool for liquid handling workflows. The MultiFlo FX automates fast dispensing and washing, gentle media exchange for non or loosely-adherent cell-based assays and dispensing into individual wells. Its unique Parallel Dispense design allows up to four independent reagents to be dispensed in parallel without cross-contamination.

The MultiFlo FX can incorporate one or two peristaltic dispense pumps, two syringe dispense pumps, plus an available microplate wash module. The unique Random Access Dispensing (RAD) module can automatically dispense varying volumes into discrete wells of a 96- or 384-well plate for normalization protocols. The Automated Media Exchange Module (AMX) module gently automates critical steps in spheroid and non-adherent cell-based assays – all in one compact platform.

The MultiFlo FX, when integrated to the Agilent BioTek BioSpa 8 automated incubator with an Agilent BioTek imager or multimode reader provides complete walkaway workflow automation for many biochemical and cellular assays.

Features

- Multimode dispensing replaces up to four dispensers and a washer
- Automated Media Exchange (AMX) module protects 3D cell structures (e.g. spheroids, tumoroids), and suspension cells
- Random Access Dispensing (RAD) enables mapped dispensing to individual wells for normalization applications
- Wash module for 6- to 384-well plates combines dispensing and washing automated on one platform
- Parallel Dispense: peristaltic or syringe dispensing of up to four reagents with no cross-contamination
- Cell-friendly angled dispense and wash tubes, adjustable flow rates using lidded plates
- BioSpa 8 automated incubator compatible for live and fixed cell assay automation
- Compatible with Agilent BenchCel microplate handler to automate many workflows



Typical applications

- Primary/secondary screening assays
- Compound storage
- Genomics and proteomics research
- ELISA
- Cell-based washing, fixing and staining
- Volume or concentration normalization

Configurations

- MFXP1: MultiFlo FX with 1 module arm, 1 peristaltic dispense pump
- MFXP2: MultiFlo FX with 2 module arms, 1 peristaltic dispense pump
- MFXP2R: MultiFlo FX with 2 module arms and RAD module

Optional modules

- Wash module
- AMX module
- RAD module
- Dual syringe pump module
- Secondary peri-pump module

Optional accessories

- BioStack 4 microplate stacker
- BioSpa 8 automated incubator
- Liquid Handling Control (LHC) software
- Product qualification package
- Agilent BenchCel microplate handler



Figure 1. Wash 6- to 384-well plates with the wash module.



Figure 2. Dispense to custom-mapped wells with Random Access Dispensing (RAD).

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Figure 3. Automated Media Exchange (AMX) module (A) enables gentle media exchange for 3D cell structures as illustrated in (B).



Figure 5. The Agilent BioTek MultiFlo FX integrates with the Agilent BioTek BioStack microplate stacker for automated processing of up to 50 plates.

	General	
Microplate Types	Dispense, wash, Random Access Dispensing (RAD): 6- to 384-well Automated Media Exchange (AMX): 96- and 384-well (manifold dependent)	
User Interface	Color touchscreen. Create, edit or run multiple protocols onboard.	
Software	LHC2 software LHC2 Secure for 21 CFR Part 11 compliance (option) SiLA compliant driver (option)	
Shaking and Soaking	Programmable up to 60 minutes	
Automation	BioStack microplate stacker and 3 rd party automation compatible BioSpa 8 automated incubator compatible	
Dispensing: Peristaltic pump (multi-channel)		
Fluid Delivery	1 or 2 peristaltic pumps	
Dispense Speed	96 wells, 5 μ L cassette, 10 μ L/well: 3 seconds 384 wells, 1 μ L cassette, 1 μ L/well: 6 seconds 1536 wells, 1 μ L cassette, 1 μ L/well: 21 seconds	
Dispense Volume Range	500 nL - 3,000 $\mu L/well,$ selectable in 1 μL increments	
Flow Rates	User programmable rates from high to low	
	1 μL cassette: recommended range: 1 - 50 μL Accuracy: + 5% at 1 μL, Precision: < 5% CV at 1 μL	
Dispense Performance	5 μL cassette: recommended range: 5 - 2,500 μL Accuracy: + 2.0% at 5 μL , Precision: < 2.5% CV at 5 μL	
	10 μL cassette: recommended range: 10 - 3,000 μL Accuracy: + 2.0% at 10 μL, Precision: < 2.0% CV at 10 μL	
Dispensing: Syringe pump (multi-channel)		
Dispense Speed	20 µL/well, 1 x 16 tubes, 96/384: 5 s/14 s 3 µL/well, 1536 wells, 2 x 32 tubes: 7 seconds	
Volume Range	3 - 3,000 $\mu L/well,$ selectable in 1 μL increments	
Dispense Accuracy	\pm 1 µL at 5 µL and 20 µL; \pm 1% at 100 µL	
Dispense Precision	< 2.5% CV at 20 $\mu\text{L};$ < 1% CV at 100 μL	
Washing		
Wash Volume Range	20 - 30,000 μL/well	
Wash Cycles	1-10	
Wash Speed	96 wells, 8-tube manifold, 3 cycles, 300 µL/well: < 130 seconds	
Dispense Accuracy	± 3%	
Dispense Precision	96-/384-well plates, 300 µL/well: < 3 % CV 6-well plates, 5560 µL/well: < 5 % CV	
Residual Volume	96-well plate, 300 µL/well: < 2 µL/well	
Flow Rates	140 - 422 μL/well	
Supply/Waste Bottles	2 L, waste bottle level detection	

Technical details

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Media Exchange: Automated Media Exchange (AMX) module		
Manifold Types	Two 8-channel autoclavable manifolds	
Cassettes	Autoclavable cassettes with 5 µL tubing	
Performance	Precision: ≤ 5% CV, Accuracy: ≤ 5%	
Aspiration Uniformity	≤ 5%	
Random Access Dispensing (RAD)		
Other Labware	96-well cluster tubes (minitubes) up to 50 mm height (requires custom carrier)	
Manifold Types	RAD single, plastic or steel tip with 1, 5 or 10 μL tubing, 7° angle RAD 8-to-1 plastic tip, with 5 μL tubing, angled bulk dispense chute	
Volume Range	500 nL - 30,000 μL	
Minimum Prime Volume	1 µL cassette 18": 90 µL ; 1 µL cassette 30": 150 µL 5 µL cassette 18": 320 µL; 1 µL cassette 30": 530 µL 10 µL cassette 18": 555 µL; 10 µL cassette 30": 920 µL	
Dispense Speed (High Flow Rate)	1 μLcassette 1 μL/well: 19 s (96 wells) 55 s (384 wells) 5 μL cassette 5 μL/well: 19 s (96 wells), 58 s (384 wells) 10 μL cassette 10 μL/well: 21 s (96 wells), 66 s (384 wells)	
Physical characteristics		
Power	100 - 240 Volts AC. 50/60 Hz, 90 W max consumption	
Weight	Base instrument: 19.5 lbs (8.8 kg)	
Dimensions	Base instrument: 11.75" D x 17.19" W x 8" H (29.21 x 43.51 x 20.32 cm)	
Connectivity	Two USB ports: Protocol storage/transfer and for optional external mouse or keyboard	

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