

Smart Notes Brochure

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Select adjustable tip spacing pipettes with the lowest tip attachment and ejection forces

Do the tip attachment and ejection forces vary significantly among different adjustable tip spacing pipette brands?

Yes. The Thermo Scientific™ E1-ClipTip™ Electronic Adjustable Tip Spacing Multichannel Equalizer Pipette has up to 87% lower tip attachment and up to 93% lower tip ejection forces compared to the other adjustable tip spacing pipettes. Several companies claim their pipettes have the lowest tip attachment and ejection forces, but fail to prove it with data. We have tested the adjustable tip spacing pipettes available on the market today to show the E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette requires the lowest forces to operate.



Reducing the force needed to attach and eject tips plays a crucial part in Good Laboratory Pipetting (GLP) as it supports better accuracy and precision and helps to avoid the risk of Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI). Pipetting forces should be taken into consideration when selecting a pipette. Adjustable tip spacing pipettes are often used to save time when pipetting samples between different labware formats. By reducing the amount of time and number of repetitive motions, pipetting is more efficient and less likely to have accidental errors¹. With the E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette there is the added benefit of interlocking ClipTip technology, which ensures secure tip attachment with a light touch². Combined with electronic tip ejection, index-finger operation and an adjustable finger rest, the E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette offers a more comfortable experience and improves ergonomics in pipetting.

The E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette has up to 87% lower tip attachment and up to 93% lower tip ejection forces compared to other adjustable tip spacing pipettes.

Tip attachment forces

Tip attachment forces were measured using the 8-channel E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette, and two other 8-channel adjustable tip spacing pipettes (Manufacturers A and B) with a volume range of 15–1250 µl. The tip attachment forces were measured ten times in a standardized way using a balance. The tests were performed with pipette tips and an attachment technique recommended by the manufacturer of each pipette model. Tip attachment forces of the E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipettes were up to 87% lower compared to the other adjustable tip spacing pipettes tested (Figure 1).

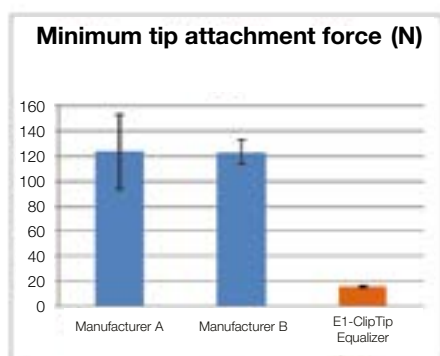


Figure 1. Average results from the tip attachment force measurements. Measurement unit is converted to Newton [N]. Error bars show standard deviation.

Tip ejection forces

The tip ejection forces were measured ten times, with the same pipette and tip models as the tip attachment forces, in a standardized way using a digital force gauge. Tip ejection forces of the E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipettes are up to 93% lower compared to the other adjustable tip spacing pipettes tested (Figure 2). The tip ejection forces of E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipettes are minimal, since tips are ejected electronically, triggered by a light touch on one of the tip ejection keys. This unique feature is not offered by other adjustable tip spacing pipette manufacturers, and significantly contributes to optimum comfort and ease of pipetting.

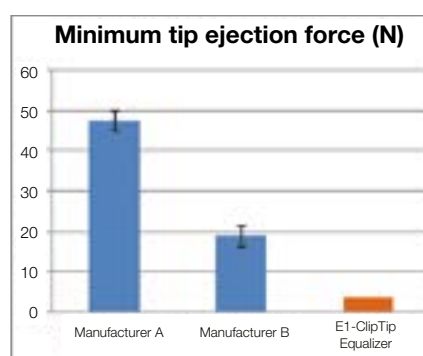


Figure 2. Average results from the tip ejection force measurements. Error bars show standard deviation. The E1-ClipTip Equalizer pipette is the only adjustable tip spacing pipette that has electronic tip ejection, requiring only a light press of the tip ejection keys. The ejection force is, therefore, constant and very low.



Summary

Tip attachment and ejection forces play a significant role in Good Laboratory Pipetting (GLP) ergonomics, which optimizes pipetting comfort, accuracy and precision. The E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipette requires 87% lower tip attachment forces and up to 93% lower tip ejection forces compared to other pipettes tested due to the unique ClipTip technology and the electronic tip ejection. This, combined with a personalized and versatile user interface, makes E1-ClipTip Equalizer Pipettes an ideal option for higher throughput and more complex applications by offering increased efficiency and improved pipetting ergonomics. The Thermo Scientific ClipTip Pipetting System is available in both manual and electronic pipettes.

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