

# E4 XLS Electronic Pipettes

## Advanced Electronic Pipette with RFID



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# E4 XLS Electronic Pipettes

- **Single channel models with LTS or with traditional universal fit shafts**
- **Multichannel models with LTS**
- **Adjustable spacer multichannel models with LTS**
- **All models RFID enabled**

## **Contents of E4 XLS Box**

- E4 XLS Electronic Pipette
- Battery
- Quick Reference Guide
- CD containing this manual and trial RFID software
- Sample Tips
- Wall Power Supply
- Conformance Certificate and Warranty Card

The optional E4 XLS USB cable and E4XLS Rapid Charge Stand are available separately.

If any item is missing please call 800-472-4646 in the US, or contact your local METTLER TOLEDO office or distributor.

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# 1 E4 XLS Electronic Pipette

## 1.1 Introduction

Rainin's E4 XLS is a revolutionary electronic pipette fully laden with features and with a new graphical user interface that is extremely straightforward and intuitive in operation. The joystick control provides an easy to understand logic for setting operating modes and for aspiration and dispensing a variety of liquids. The pipette is designed for maximum comfort.

In models with the patented LTS™ LiteTouch™ Tip Ejection System, tip ejection forces are reduced by up to 85% in the single channel LTS models, and consistent sample pickup is easily attained across all channels in multichannel models, as well as tip ejection force reduction.

E4 XLS is available in single, multichannel and adjustable spacer versions.

All user settings and service settings are stored on non-volatile memory and are protected even if the pipette is reset or in the unlikely case of a battery failure.

E4's built-in Service GLP section help you track the pipette's service records and intervals. E4 XLS models also contain an RFID tag (radio-frequency identification) for facilitating calibration management for all your pipette assets.

## 1.2 E4 XLS Pipette Overview

Before using E4 XLS for the first time, please review the instrument components, user interface and pipette controls as described on the next few pages.



Figure 1: E4 XLS Single-channel Pipette

## Display

The high performance electronic color display is the user interface for E4 XLS. Screen navigation, pipette operation, settings and options selections are performed using the soft keys and joystick controls. Common screen information and the available functionality in menu and mode screens are shown in Figure 3.

1. Current menu or mode
2. Menu level, current operation or page number
3. Time
4. Battery charge indicator
5. Carousel of modes
6. Menu Level I and Level II access icon
7. Soft key functions
8. Joystick navigation icon
9. Tip Volume Indicator

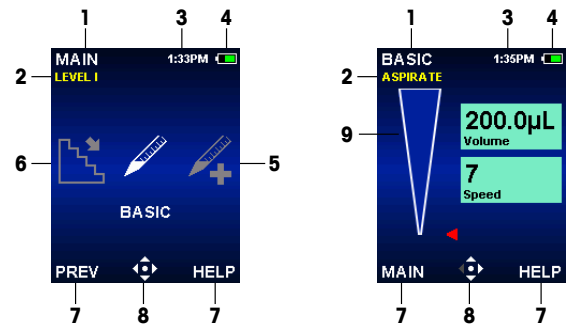


Figure 2: Display Components: Level I Menu (left), Basic Mode (right)

## Navigation

Navigation on E4 XLS is done using the soft keys and the joystick control. The functions of the soft keys and joystick control change according to the menu or mode displayed.

### Soft Key Functions

There are two soft keys below the display. Left and right soft key functions change according to the current menu or mode screen. Functions are shown in the display above each soft key, and the available joystick controls are highlighted in the navigation icon. In the example in Fig. 3 there is a function shown for the left soft key (RESET) but not for the right one.

#### Left soft key items that can be displayed:

- **MAIN:** Displays the Main Menu for the menu level selected
- **PREV:** Returns to the previously-used mode, allows toggling between modes
- **DONE:** Exits Settings and Options screens after activity is done
- **RESET:** Empties tip and resets operation
- **RETURN:** Exits a Help screen and returns to the previous screen
- **CONT:** Exits notification messages and allows the current operation to continue

#### Right soft key items that can be displayed:

- **OPTIONS:** Available mode options
- **CANCEL:** Cancels and exits the current action without saving changes
- **HELP:** Displays mode and menu information and operating instructions
- Other mode- and setting-specific functions

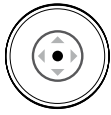


Figure 3: E4 XLS Controls

## Joystick (Thumbstick) Controls

Rainin recommends that users practice menu and mode screen navigation in order to familiarize themselves with the joystick's ease of use and sensitivity in control.

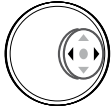
Press and click the center button to:



- Access menu items
- Edit settings or options
- Choose and save selections

Note: The circle icon (●) represents a center-press control in this manual.

Move the joystick control left or right to:



- Navigate between menu items and pages
- Access Settings screens
- Make coarse setting value adjustments

Note: Left (◀) and right (▶) arrows represent these joystick controls in this manual.

Move the joystick control up or down to:



- Aspirate and dispense
- Navigate between settings and options
- Make fine setting value adjustments

Note: Up (▲) and down (▼) arrows represent these joystick controls in this manual.

## 1.3 Getting Started

### Battery

E4 XLS is shipped without the main battery installed, and with the back-up coin cell battery insulated so that it will be fully-charged when you need it. To get started, open the battery cover on the back of the pipette head and remove the pull-tab shown in Figure 4 - the pull tab is used to insulate the battery during shipping.

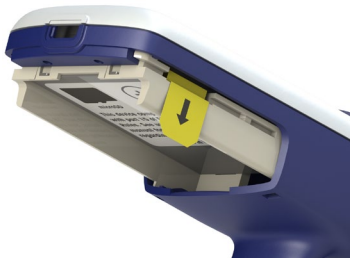


Figure 4: Insulating pull-tab

Locate the main battery and install it as shown below in Figure 5, then you will see a screen advising you to set your local time and language (the default language is set to English). Setting preferences is shown in section 1.9 - Setup Mode. Make sure the label faces outward and the battery is in the same orientation as shown in the photo. Replace the battery door.



Figure 5: Installing the main battery

Charge the battery for at least 15 minutes before using the pipette for the first time. Pipettes can be charged using the Wall Power Supply included with the pipette, the optional Rapid Charge Stand or with a computer using the optional USB cable. If the Wall Power Supply is used, E4 XLS can be operated while it is charging, as shown in Figure 6. Rainin does not recommend operating the E4 XLS when the pipette is connected to a computer for charging. Please refer to “Battery Charging” on page 44 for more information on charging the battery as well as installing and using the Wall Power Supply, Rapid Charge Stand and the optional USB cable.



Figure 6: Using E4XLS while connected by the power cord

## Power Up

Press one of the soft keys to turn E4 XLS on. The pipette will initialize and show the start-up screen momentarily before displaying the Level I Menu. See Figure 7.

Note that your start-up screen may have different text than this image.



Figure 7: Start-up Screen

## Basic Operation — Using Basic Mode

Rainin recommends learning basic pipetting operations as well as the selection and editing of settings in Basic Mode first before moving on to advanced operational modes. Rainin also recommends that users practice aspiration and dispense with water first prior to working with valuable samples.

At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the operating screen.

## Options and Settings

- Options: None
- Settings: Single Volume, Single Speed
- Blowout: Automatic and Manual

## Setup — Select Mode and Settings

1. In the Main Menu, ◀ or ▶ to highlight **BASIC** (Figure 8 left).
2. ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter Basic Mode (Figure 8 right).

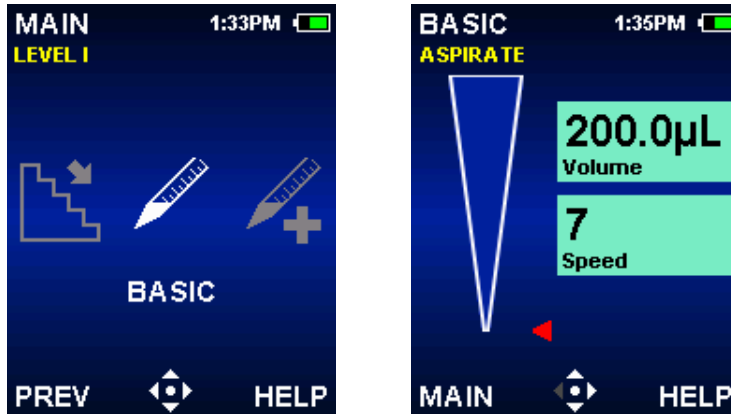


Figure 8: Basic Mode Highlighted in Level I Menu (left), Basic Mode Operating Screen (right).

3. ▶ to enter the Settings screen. The first setting box in the screen, Volume, will be highlighted. This is indicated by a white border around the settings box (Figure 9 left). ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight other settings.
4. ● or ▶ to edit the volume setting. The settings box will turn white to indicate it is in edit mode (Figure 9 right). ◀ or ▶ for coarse volume adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine volume adjustment. Hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

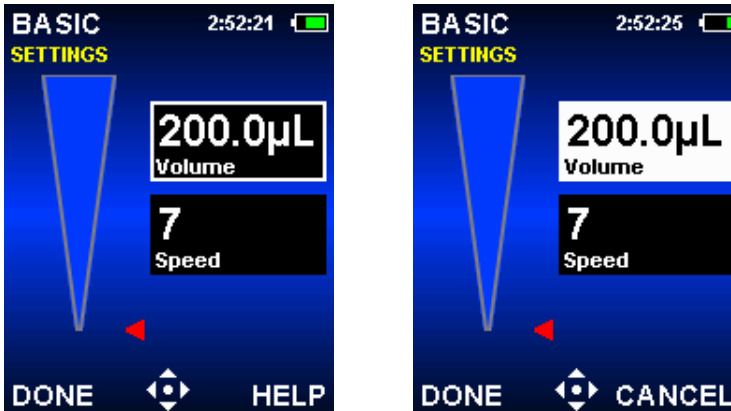


Figure 9: Basic Mode: Volume Highlighted (left), Volume in Edit Mode (right).

5. **DONE** or ● to save the volume setting. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. The next setting, speed, will be highlighted (Figure 10 left).
6. ● or ▶ to edit the Speed Setting. The settings box will turn white to indicate it is in edit mode (Figure 10 right). In Basic Mode, the same speed is used for both aspirate and dispense. ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits. Hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.



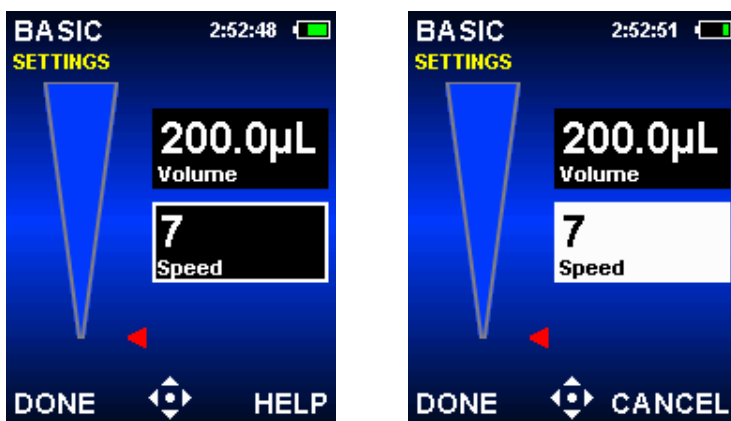


Figure 10: Basic Mode with Speed Highlighted (left), and Speed in Edit Mode (right).

7. **DONE** or ● to save the Speed Setting. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
8. **DONE** to exit the Settings screen and return to the operating screen.

If Basic Mode is exited, all settings are retained when the mode is accessed again.

## Aspiration

The mode operation will flash **ASPIRATE** indicating E4 XLS is ready to aspirate sample. The joystick controls used for aspiration will also flash in the navigation icon (Figure 11).

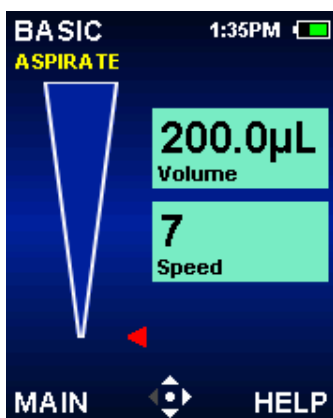


Figure 11: Basic Mode Aspirate Operation.

1. Attach a new Rainin tip. Press the shaft into the tip with only enough force to make a good seal.
2. Hold E4 XLS vertically or within 20 degrees of vertical. Place the tip into the sample at the recommended immersion depth – see section 1.6.3 on page 16.
3. ● or ▲ to aspirate the sample. It is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. The Tip Volume Indicator will mimic sample aspiration into the tip, and its red guide arrow and active volume display will adjust accordingly.
4. Pause for approximately one second (longer for large-volume pipettes) to ensure that the full volume of sample is drawn into the tip.
5. Withdraw the tip from the sample. If any liquid remains on the outside of the tip, touch it off carefully, taking care not to touch the tip orifice.

## Dispense

The mode operation will now flash **DISPENSE** indicating E4 XLS is ready to dispense sample. The joystick controls used for dispense will also flash in the navigation icon (Figure 12).

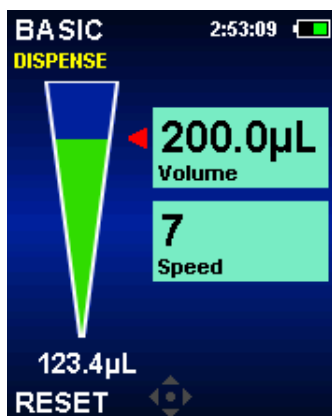


Figure 12: Basic Mode Dispense Operation.

1. Touch the tip end against the side wall of the receiving vessel. ● or ▼ to dispense the sample. It is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. The Tip Volume Indicator will mimic sample dispense from the tip, and its red guide arrow and active volume display will adjust accordingly. Wait 1 second for 2–300 µL volumes and 1–2 seconds for 1000 µL volumes or higher.
2. Withdraw the tip, sliding it along the wall of the vessel.
3. If needed, ▼ or **RESET** for tip blowout. ▼ or **RESET** again as needed for more blowout(s) (Figure 13). For viscous solutions, pause before blowout. Note that Blowout is automatic, but you can also perform blowout manually to repeat. You can delay piston return time if desired by holding down the joystick.

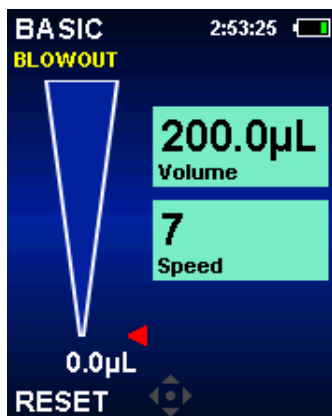


Figure 13: Basic Mode Blowout Operation.

4. Press the tip ejector button lightly to discard the tip. To prevent carry-over, use a new tip for each sample.

## 1.4 Menus and Modes

E4 XLS utilizes two menu levels that allow user selection of pipetting modes and provide access to general pipette information and settings:

- **Level I Menu:** Allows selection of common operational modes and access to the Level II Menu.
- **Level II Menu:** Provides selection of additional modes, pipette and personalization settings, service information and options, and access to Level I menu.

The following operational modes offer a wide variety of pipetting capabilities:

- **Basic Mode:** Basic pipetting operation. Selection of a single volume and one aspirate/dispense speed.
- **Advanced Mode:** Provides all E4 XLS advanced pipetting options such as Mix and Volume Sequencing.
- **Multi-Dispense Mode:** Provides multi-aliquot dispensing with user-settable automatic dispense intervals.
- **Manual Mode:** Provides joystick control of E4 XLS that simulates manual pipette operation. Fine control of precise volume increments allows aspiration and dispense of measured sample volumes.
- **Reverse Mode:** Aspirates the selected volume along with the pipette blowout volume. Recommended for dense or volatile liquids.
- **Dilute Mode:** Provides in-tip dilution of multiple sample volumes.
- **Titrate Mode:** Performs titration through measured dispensing. Allows an initial rapid dispense followed by precise control of the remaining titration volume.

## Level I Menu

The Level I Menu (Figure 14) is used to select some E4 XLS operational modes and access the Level II Menu. Please refer to "1.9 Level II Menu" on page 33 for more information on this menu.

The default Level I Menu operational mode selections include Basic Mode, Advanced Mode, Multi-Dispense Mode, Manual Mode and Setup Mode.

### Menu Navigation

In this manual we use the convention of showing the image of the control to denote the action of selecting that control. As examples, the ► key means move the joystick to the right, **OPTIONS** means "Select the OPTIONS soft key".

- ◀ or ▶ to view and select menu items
- ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter the selected Basic Mode or Level II Menu
- **PREV** Returns to the previously-used mode, allows toggling between modes
- **HELP** for a detailed description of the highlighted menu item
- **SETUP** to go directly to Setup Mode and change pipette settings



Figure 14: E4 XLS Controls

## 1.5 Options and Settings

The list of common options and settings is provided in the table below. A detailed description of these and other mode-specific options follows.

	Single Volume	Fixed Volume	Volume Sequencing	Single Speed	Multi-Speed	Mix	Auto Blowout	Cycle Counter	Auto Pace
Basic	■			■					
Advanced	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	
Multi-dispense	■		■		■				■
Manual	■	■		■*				■	
Reverse	■	■	■		■		■	■	
Dilute	■		■		■	■	■	■	
Titrate	■				■			■	

\*Speed in Manual Mode is variable.

### Options

If pipetting options are available in an operational mode, **OPTIONS** will be shown in the operating screen.

Options can be selected as follows:

1. **OPTIONS** to access the Options screen (Figure 15 left).
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight an option. When more than one page of options is available, **Options 1 of X** is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen. To navigate between pages, ▲ or ▼ at the first or last option on a page. (Figure 15 center and right).
3. ●, ◀ or ▶ to turn an option on or off.
4. **DONE** to save changes and return to the operating screen. When an option is on, an associated option icon will be displayed in the lower right corner of operating screen and/or an additional settings box will be shown.

If the operational mode is exited, all options are retained when the mode is accessed again.



Figure 15: Options in Advanced Mode: **OPTIONS** Soft Key in Operating Screen (left), Options 1 of 2 (center) and Options 2 of 2 (right)

## Volume Options

**Fixed Volume.** Provides the option of selecting up to 14 preset volumes from a table in the Volume Setting box. When this option is turned on, the Fixed Volume Setting box will display in the operating screen. This option is useful for routine work where standard volumes are used repetitively. Note repeat pressing ◀ will toggle through the values.



**Volume Sequencing.** Provides the option of selecting up to 16 preset volumes in series from a table in the Volume Setting box. This option is useful for preparative protocols that require multiple samples at various volumes. When this option is turned on, the Volume Sequencing icon and Setting box will display in the operating screen.

Note: Only one volume option can be on at a time. For example, if Fixed Volume is turned on when Volume Sequencing is already on, E4 XLS will automatically turn Volume Sequencing off. If both options are off, the mode defaults to Single Volume.

## Mix Option



Provides in-tip mixing of dispensed samples. When this option is turned on, the Mix icon and Mix Setting box will display in the operating screen. Users can specify mix volume and either manual mixing or up to 99 automatic mix cycles.

## Blowout Option



Allows automatic blowout to be turned off in operational modes where blowout is on by default. When this option is off, the Blowout Off icon will display in the operating screen. Users can still perform manual blowout(s) when the Blowout option is off.

## Cycle Counter Option



Counts each pipetting cycle which consists of one aspirate and one dispense and blowout operation. When this option is on, a Cycle Count Setting box is displayed in the operating screen.

## Auto Pace Option



Provides automatic dispensing of aliquots at user-settable time intervals between 0.1 and 30 seconds. Available in Multi-dispense Mode only. When this option is on, the Auto Pace icon is displayed in the operating screen.

## Settings

The pipette settings available in each operational mode are displayed in the boxes along the right side of the operating screen. Volume and speed settings are common to all operating modes. Cycle count and mix settings are displayed if the corresponding option is available and has been turned on in the operational mode.

In general, settings can be selected and changed as follows:

1. ► to access the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight a setting.
3. ● or ► to edit.
4. ◀ or ▶ for coarse value adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine value adjustment. Hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

Some option-specific settings may require additional steps. If the operational mode is exited, all settings are retained when the mode is accessed again.

## Volume Settings

Allow users to set the volume of sample to be aspirated. Minimum and maximum volumes are dependent on the E4 XLS pipette model. The type of Volume Setting displayed depends on what options are turned on or off in the operational mode.

**200.0ul**  
**Volume**

**Single Volume.** Allows one volume to be set and used for aspirate/dispense. When this setting is active, **Volume** is displayed in the **Volume Setting** box. This is the default volume setting for all operational modes, and the only volume setting available in Basic Mode.

**30.0ul**  
**Fixed Vol 4**

**Fixed Volume.** Allows one of 14 preset volumes to be selected from a volume table. This setting is shown only when the Fixed Volume option is on. When this setting is active, **Fixed Vol X** is displayed in the volume setting box. For example, **Fixed Vol 3** indicates the volume shown is the third volume selection in the table.

**100.0ul**  
**Vol 1 of 16**

**Volume Sequencing.** Allows up to 16 preset volumes to be selected for use in series from a volume table. This setting is shown only when the Volume Sequencing option is on. When this setting is active, **Vol X of X** is displayed in the volume setting box. For example, **Vol 2 of 4** indicates the volume shown is the second of four volumes in the series selected in the table. The volume value and number will increment as each cycle completes.

## Speed Settings

Allow users to set aspirate, dispense and mix speeds from 1 (slow) to 10 (fast). High speed settings are best for aqueous samples and lower speed settings are best for viscous, foaming, delicate or shear-sensitive samples. The maximum speed settings for large-volume E4 XLS Basic Models are limited to prevent 'fountaining', or air intake, during aspiration. See Appendix A for a complete speed table.

**10**  
**Speed**

**Single Speed.** Allows one speed value to be set which is used for both aspirate and dispense. This is the only speed setting available in Basic Mode.

**10 10**  
**Asp/ Dsp Spd**

**Multi-Speed.** Allows aspirate, dispense and mix speed settings to be set individually. Displays aspirate and dispense speeds (**Asp/Dsp Spd**) initially. During operation, the set value and current operation (**Asp Speed, Dsp Speed or Mix Speed**) will be shown in the settings box as each action is carried out.

## Cycle Count

**15**  
**Cycle Count**

Cycle is complete aspiration and dispense followed by blowout. Displays the operational mode's current cycle count, which increments after each cycle completes. Cycle count can be set to any value between 0 and 99,999. This setting is shown only when the Cycle Counter option is on.

## Mix

**40.0ul**  
**Mix Cyc 8**

Allows users to perform in-tip mixing after dispense. A mix volume, up to 99 automatic mix cycles or manual mixing can be selected. This setting is shown only when the Mix option is on.

**40.0ul**  
**Mix Manual**

Minimum and maximum volumes are dependent on the size of the E4 XLS pipette. When automatic mix cycles are used, the set volume and number of mix cycles (**Mix Cyc X**) are shown in the settings box. The cycle number will increment as each mix cycle completes until the set number of cycles is reached. When manual mixing is used, the set volume and **Mix Manual** are shown in the settings box.

# 1.6 Using the Pipette

## 1.6.1 Pipetting Guidelines

E4 XLS pipettes incorporate several features to enhance pipetting consistency. In addition, these guidelines should also be followed:

- Use a consistent immersion depth
- Pipette vertically or within 20 degrees of vertical
- Pre-rinse the tip twice by aspirating and dispensing sample before actual pickup
- Do not invert or lay the pipette flat with liquid in the tip

More information on Good Pipetting Technique, including a Lab Poster, can be found on the MT website: [www.mt.com/rainin](http://www.mt.com/rainin)

## 1.6.2 Tip Selection and Mounting

Rainin pipettes and tips are designed together as a pipetting system. E4 XLS pipettes are calibrated with Rainin tips. Performance to published specifications can only be guaranteed when Rainin tips are used.

To mount a tip, press the E4 XLS shaft into the end of the tip with light force. With both LTS and traditional versions, the tip will seal properly on the shaft with minimal force — do not use more force than is required.

### 1.6.3 Tip Immersion Depth

The recommended depth for tip insertion into the sample for each model is shown below:

Nominal Volume	Volume Range	Immersion Depth
10 $\mu\text{L}$	0.5 to 10 $\mu\text{L}$	1–2 mm
20 $\mu\text{L}$	2 to 20 $\mu\text{L}$	2–3 mm
100 $\mu\text{L}$	10 to 100 $\mu\text{L}$	2–3 mm
200 $\mu\text{L}$	20 to 200 $\mu\text{L}$	3–6 mm
300 $\mu\text{L}$	20 to 300 $\mu\text{L}$	3–6 mm
1000 $\mu\text{L}$	100 to 1000 $\mu\text{L}$	3–6 mm
2000 $\mu\text{L}$	200 to 2000 $\mu\text{L}$	3–6 mm
5000 $\mu\text{L}$	500 to 5000 $\mu\text{L}$	6–10 mm
10 mL	1 to 10 mL	6–10 mm
20 mL	2 to 20 mL	6–10 mm

Tip immersion depth is critical. If the recommended depths are exceeded, the volume measured may be inaccurate and possibly out of specification. The tip angle is also important. The pipette should always be used in a position within 20 degrees of vertical as shown in Figure 16.

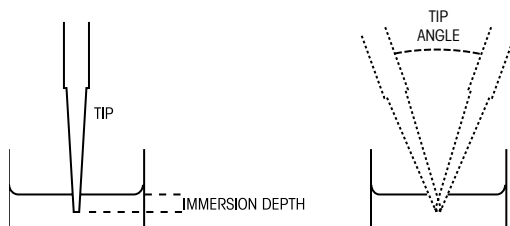


Figure 16: Tip Immersion Depth and Tip Angle

### 1.6.4 Sleep Modes

E4 XLS is equipped with display and sleep timeout features, both of which assist in conserving battery life - Sleep Mode reduces power consumption by 98%. E4 XLS will automatically sleep after a set period. To shut down the E4 XLS, hold both buttons, and ignore the warning message.

- **Display Timeout.** Dims the intensity of the display after a user-specified period of inactivity. To wake E4 XLS from a display timeout, press either soft key or move the joystick in any direction.

Note: The soft key or joystick action taken to exit a display timeout will return the E4 XLS to ready mode only. The associated soft key function or joystick command will not initiate.

- **Sleep Timeout.** Powers the display off and puts the unit into low power state after a user-specified period of inactivity. To wake E4 XLS from a sleep timeout, press either soft key. The pipette will initialize and show the splash screen momentarily before returning the display to the last screen accessed.

Please refer to "Setup Mode" on page 34 for information on how to change the time setting for these timeout features. Besides Sleep mode, the E4 XLS can also shut down completely. The E4 XLS automatically shuts down after 16 hours of non-use. If you wish to shut it down earlier, push and hold both soft keys simultaneously. After five seconds, the units beeps twice and a warning screen notifies you that you are about to shut down the unit. Keep holding the buttons and the unit will shut down five seconds later. To turn on unit, press any soft key.



## 1.6.5 Help

On-screen Help is available to assist users with step-by-step operation and provide detailed information for a particular screen, menu item, setting or option.

- **Menu Help.** To get more information on a specific carousel menu item, highlight the item and select **HELP**.
- **Settings and Options Help.** To get more information on a specific setting or option in the current screen, highlight the item and select **HELP**.

Note: For all advanced operational modes, operating instructions can be found in the Help for the first setting in the mode's operating screen.

- **General Information.** In some screens, general information and/or operating instructions can be accessed directly without having to highlight a particular item. In these screens, **HELP** will be an available function as soon as the screen is accessed.

Note: In Basic Mode only, operating instructions can be found in the general help for the mode's operating screen.

Select **RETURN** to exit Help and return to the previous screen.

## 1.6.6 Filter

E4 XLS 5000  $\mu$ L, 10 mL, and 20 mL pipettes use a filter in the end of the shaft. This helps prevent liquid from entering the shaft and contaminating the piston should the plunger snap up during aspiration. Using a filter is recommended when pipetting large volumes. The filter should be replaced if it gets wet.

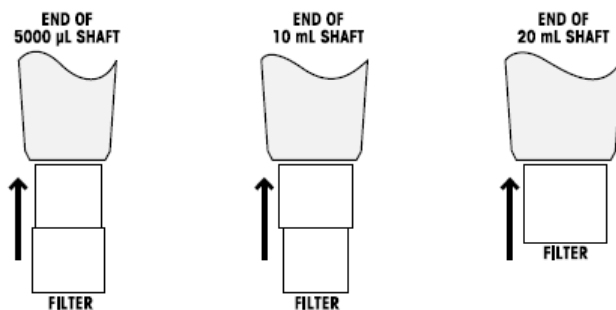


Figure 17: Filter Orientation

### 5000 $\mu$ L and 10 mL Pipettes

These models use the same filter as shown in Figure 17.

5000  $\mu$ L — insert the small diameter into the shaft

10 mL — insert the large diameter into the shaft

Filter part numbers:

6190-164 (pack of 100), 6190-165 (pack of 1000)

### 20 mL Pipettes

The filter for these models is a cylinder. Part numbers: 6190-221 (pack of 100) 6190-222 (pack of 500)

## 1.7 E4 XLS Volume Ranges and Increments

Volume ranges and increments for each E4 XLS model are shown in the following tables:

### Single Channel E4 XLS Models

Volume ( $\mu$ l)	Adjustable Range ( $\mu$ l)	Recommended Range ( $\mu$ l)	Increment ( $\mu$ L)
10	0 to 10	0.5 to 10	0.01
20	0 to 20	2 to 20	0.02
100	0 to 100	10 to 100	0.1
200	0 to 200	20 to 200	0.2
300	0 to 300	20 to 300	0.2
1000	0 to 1000	100 to 1000	1
2000	0 to 2000	200 to 2000	2
5000	0 to 5000	500 to 5000	5
10 ml	0 to 10 ml	1 to 10 mL	10
20 ml	0 to 20 ml	2 to 20 mL	20

### Multichannel and Adjustable Spacer Models

Volume ( $\mu$ l)	Adjustable Range ( $\mu$ l)	Recommended Range ( $\mu$ l)	Increment ( $\mu$ l)
10	0 to 10	0.5 to 10	0.01
20	0 to 20	2 to 20	0.02
50	0 to 50	5 to 50	0.05
100	0 to 100	10 to 100	0.1
200	0 to 200	20 to 200	0.2
300	0 to 300	20 to 300	0.2
1200	0 to 1200	100 to 1200	1

## 1.8 E4 XLS Sound Alerts

### General Sound Alerts

- Aspiration complete: High-tone ding
- Dispense complete: Mid-tone ding
- Blowout complete: Low-tone ding
- Reset activated: Two high-tone beeps
- Reset complete (piston in home position): Low-tone ding
- Soft key function accessed: Short click

- Menu navigation: Swoosh
- Menu item selected: Short click
- Setting or option selection: Short click
- Setting value or option edit: Short click
- Setting error (min/max setting has been reached): Buzz
- Cancel: Swoosh
- Low battery warning: Two high-tone beeps
- Service Alarm: Two high-tone beeps

### **Mode-Specific Sound Alerts**

- Multi-Dispense Mode: A second mid-tone ding will sound after the last aliquot is dispensed.
- Manual Mode: Aspirate and dispense complete alerts will sound only when the value set in the Volume Setting is fully aspirated or dispensed.
- Titrate Mode: After Fast Dispense, the dispense complete alert will sound again only if the value set in the Volume Setting is fully dispensed.

## **1.9 Setup Mode**

Setup Mode allows users to personalize general pipette settings. User-settable service alarms can also be activated. The default menu level for Setup Mode is Level I. To access Setup Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Main Menu to highlight **SETUP** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### **Navigation of Setup Pages**

- ▲ or ▼ to move between and highlight a setting
- To move between pages, ▲ or ▼ at the first or last setting on a page or ◀ at any time. The current page number is displayed in the upper left of each screen.
- **HELP** for a detailed description of the highlighted item
- **MAIN** to return to the Main Menu

## Sound and Display Settings

Available sound, display and timeout settings are shown in Figure 18.

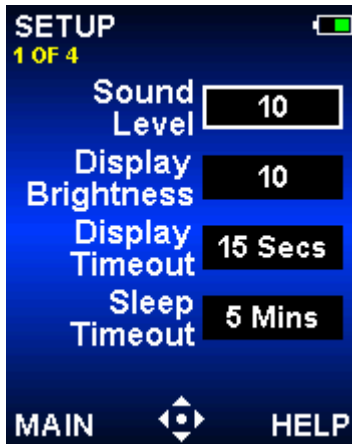


Figure 18: Setup Mode: Page 1 of 4

### Sound Level

This is the volume setting for E4 XLS audible activity alerts. Volume levels between 1 and 10, or Off, can be selected.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ◀ or ► for coarse adjustment of Off, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits. ▼ or ◀ at 1 for Off.
3. **DONE** or ● to save.

### Display Brightness

This is the light intensity setting for the E4 XLS display. Values between 1 and 10 can be selected, where 1 is the dimmest and 10 is the brightest setting.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ◀ or ► for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. The screen brightness will automatically adjust as the setting is changed.
3. **DONE** or ● to save.

### Display Timeout

The Display Timeout will dim the display after a period of inactivity in order to conserve battery life. Time intervals between 5 and 120 seconds, or Never, can be selected.

Note: To wake E4 XLS from a Display Timeout, press either soft key or move the joystick in any direction.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ◀ or ► for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save.

## Sleep Timeout

The Sleep Timeout will power the display off after a period of inactivity in order to conserve battery life. Time intervals between 1 and 60 minutes can be selected.

Note: If charging, E4 XLS will not enter a sleep timeout if a cycle is incomplete — for example, when a sample has been aspirated but not yet dispensed. To wake E4 XLS from a Sleep Timeout, press either soft key. If not charging, E4 XLS will not enter a sleep timeout if a cycle is incomplete for an additional 15 minutes. The interrupted cycle is recoverable for up to 18 hours when not charging.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ◀ or ► for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save.

## Time and Date Settings

Available time and date settings are shown in Figure 19.

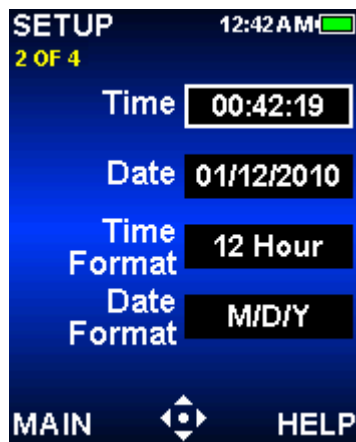


Figure 19: Setup Mode: Page 2 of 4

### Time

Shows the current time in a 24-hour, HH:MM:SS format. Time is displayed at the top right of all E4 XLS screens.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. Hour will be selected initially. ◀ or ► to navigate between hour, minute and second settings.
3. ▲ or ▼ to change value.
4. **DONE** or ● to save.

### Date

Shows the current date using the current Date Format Setting.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. The first field will be selected initially. ◀ or ► to navigate between the other two date fields.
3. ▲ or ▼ to change value.
4. **DONE** or ● to save.

### Time Display

This is the format of the on-screen time display. Select 24- or 12-hour formats or None to turn the time display off.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ▲ or ▼ to select display format.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. The format of the time display in all E4 XLS screens will update immediately.

### Date Format

This is the year, month and day format for the Date Setting. M/D/Y, Y/M/D, and D/M/Y formats can be selected.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ▲ or ▼ to select format.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. The Date Setting will update automatically.

### User Preference Settings

Available user preference settings are shown in Figure 20.



Figure 20: Setup Mode: Page 3 of 4

### Language

Users can select one of the following languages: English, Japanese, Chinese, French, Spanish or German.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. ▲ or ▼ to select language.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. The text displayed in all E4 XLS screens will update to the new language immediately.

### Owner

This setting identifies the pipette owner. Users can enter up to 16 characters. The owner will also display in the splash screen.

1. ● or ► to edit.

2. The first character will be selected initially. ◀ or ▶ to navigate between the other characters.
3. ▲ allows selection of characters in the following order: CAPITAL letters, numbers, lower case letters and special characters. ▼ to reverse the selection order at any time, and ▼ at A to insert a space.
4. **DONE** or ● to save.

### Mode Levels

The operational modes available for selection in either the Level I or Level II Menu can be customized by the user. Mode access can be moved between menu levels as needed. Once a mode's menu level is changed, it will be available only in the menu it was assigned to.

Mode	Level
BASIC	LEVEL I
ADVANCED	LEVEL I
MULTI-DISP	LEVEL I
MANUAL	LEVEL I
REVERSE	LEVEL II
DILUTE	LEVEL II
TITRATE	LEVEL II
SETUP	LEVEL I

1. ● or ▶ to view the mode menu table.
2. ▲ or ▼ to highlight a mode's level.
3. ● to edit.
4. ▲ or ▼ to select Level I or Level II Menu.
5. **DONE** or ● to save.
6. **DONE** to exit table. Modes will immediately display as menu items in the selected menu.

### Alarms

Users can set service alarms based on number of cycles executed or days in use. Alarm options and settings are shown in Figure 21.



Figure 21: Setup Mode: Page 4 of 4

### Cycle Alarm

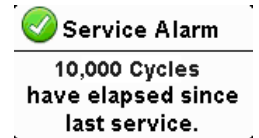
The Cycle Alarm will notify users that pipette service is due after a set number of aspirate/dispense cycles have been executed. To set a Cycle Alarm:

1. ●, ◀ or ▶ to turn the Cycle Alarm on.
2. ▼ to highlight the Number of Cycles Setting.
3. ● or ▶ to edit.

4. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment. Values between 1000 and 1,000,000 can be set.
5. **DONE** to save changes.

When the value set in the Number of Cycles Setting has been reached, E4 XLS will present the following:

- An on-screen Service Alarm notification  
Note: To exit a notification message, select **CONT**
- The Service Alarm icon will display in the Service Mode Identification Page



These notifications will continue to display until the Cycle Alarm is turned off, the Number of Cycles Setting is reset, or service is performed.

### Days Alarm

The Days Alarm will notify users that pipette service is due after the pipette has been in use for a set number of days. To set a Days Alarm:

1. ●, ◀ or ▶ to turn the Days Alarm on.
2. ▼ to highlight the Number of Days Setting.
3. ● or ▶ to edit.
4. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment. Values between 1 and 1,000 can be set.
5. **DONE** to save changes.

When the value set in the Number of Days Setting has been reached, E4 XLS will present the following:

- An on-screen Service Alarm notification  
Note: To exit a notification message, select **CONT**
- The Service Alarm icon will display in the Service Mode Identification Page



These notifications will continue to display until the Days Alarm is turned off, the Number of Days Setting is reset, or service is performed.

## 1.10 E4 XLS Operational Modes

General information on editing settings and operation are described in "Basic Operation – Using Basic Mode" on page 7. Detailed settings and options descriptions can be found in "Options and Settings" on page 7. This section will provide mode-specific information and operating instructions for each of the E4 XLS operational modes.



## Basic Mode



Basic Mode provides basic laboratory pipetting needs. Users can select a single volume and one speed that is used for both aspirate and dispense. The default menu level for Basic Mode is Level I. To access Basic Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Main Menu to highlight **BASIC** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Options and Settings

- Options: None
- Settings: Single Volume, Single Speed
- Blowout: Automatic and manually repeatable

## Advanced Mode



Advanced Mode provides the complete range of all E4 XLS advanced pipetting options. The default menu level for Advanced Mode is Level 1. To access Advanced Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Main Menu to highlight **ADVANCED** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Options and Settings

- Options: Fixed Volume, Volume Sequencing, Mix, Blowout, Cycle Counter
- Settings: Single and Fixed Volume, Volume Sequencing, Multi-Speed, Mix, Cycle Count
- Blowout: Automatic and manual

### Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight options. ▲ or ▼ at the first or last option on a page to navigate between pages.
3. ● or ▶ to turn option on or off.
4. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

### Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

1. ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

### Single Volume

**Volume** is displayed in the Volume Setting box.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Fixed Volume

**Fixed Vol** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ► to view the volume table. The volume currently selected will be highlighted in the table.

1.	6.0	8.	80.0
2.	10.0	9.	100.0
3.	20.0	10.	120.0
4.	30.0	11.	140.0
5.	40.0	12.	160.0
6.	50.0	13.	180.0
7.	60.0	14.	200.0

- To select a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight a volume. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **DONE** to set and exit table.
- To add or remove active cells in the table, use the joystick to highlight a cell that represents the last entry needed. **END VOL** to add cells up to or remove cells after the highlighted cell.
- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: If no other selection is made before exiting the table, the Volume Setting will be set to the last volume edited.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Volume Sequencing

**Vol X of X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ► to view the volume table.

1.	4.0	9.	10.0
2.	10.0	10.	20.0
3.	20.0	11.	2.0
4.	25.0	12.	22.0
5.	30.0	13.	100.0
6.	10.0	14.	100.0
7.	12.8	15.	100.0

- To select a series of preset volumes, use the joystick to highlight the last volume for the series. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **END VOL** to set. **DONE** to exit table.
- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: If an **END VOL** is not set before exiting the table, the **END VOL** last selected will be retained.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Speed

- or ► to view individual operation speeds.

Note: The mix operation speed is shown only when the Mix option is on.

- ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting, ● or ► to edit.
- ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

Aspirate	7
Dispense	10
Mix	5

## Mix

Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ► to view mix settings. ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting.

Volume	40.0ul
Cycles	8

1. To change volume, ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
2. To change cycles, ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine up to 99 cycles. ▼ at 1 for Manual. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
3. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Cycle Count

Option must be on for this setting to be shown.

1. ● or ► to edit.
2. **RESET** to zero counter. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Operation

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. When aspirating and dispensing, it is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

### Single and Fixed Volume Operation

1. Single Volume operation: skip to step 2. Fixed Volume operation: ◀ to select the next fixed volume in the table if needed.
2. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
3. ● or ▼ to dispense. Each dispense is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. If the Mix option is on:
  - When a set number of cycles is selected, mixing will execute automatically after each dispense followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. Select **PAUSE** at any time to pause mixing, then **RESUME** to continue.
  - If Manual is selected, continue to hold ▼ after dispense to execute mix cycle(s). Mixing will continue until the joystick is released. Mixing is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled.
4. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

### Volume Sequencing Operation

1. ◀ to select the next preset series volume in the table if needed.
2. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
3. ● or ▼ to dispense. Each dispense is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. The series number in the Volume Setting box will increment after each dispense. If the Mix option is on:
  - When a set number of cycles is selected, mixing will execute automatically after each dispense followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. Select **PAUSE** at any time to pause mixing, then **RESUME** to continue.

- If Manual is selected, continue to hold ▼ after dispense to execute mix cycle(s). Mixing will continue until the joystick is released. Mixing is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled.
- 4. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.
- 5. Repeat the steps above until the series is complete.

## Multi-Dispense Mode



Multi-Dispense Mode provides multi-aliquot dispensing with user-settable automatic dispense intervals. The default menu level for Multi-Dispense Mode is Level I. To access Multi-Dispense Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Main Menu to highlight **MULTI-DISP** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Options and Settings

- Options: Volume Sequencing, Auto Pace
- Settings: Single Volume (with Number of Aliquots and Aliquot Volume), Volume Sequencing, Multi-Speed
- Blowout: Manual

### Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight options.

### Volume Sequencing

- or ▶ to turn option on or off.

  1. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

### Auto Pace

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. Intervals from 0.1 to 30 seconds can be set. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. ◀ at 2.0 or ▼ at 0.1 for Off.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to return to the operating screen.

### Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

1. ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

### Single Volume — Dispensing Based on Number of Aliquots

1. Highlight the Aliquots Setting box (**Aliquots**). ● or ▶ to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.

Note: E4 XLS will only allow values in the Aliquots Setting that will not exceed the maximum pipette volume with the current Aliquot Volume Setting. If the desired value cannot be selected, change the Aliquot Volume

Setting to a lower value. The Volume Setting will automatically adjust based on the new Aliquots Setting and the existing Aliquot Volume Setting.

2. If needed, set the aliquot volume by highlighting the Aliquot Volume Setting box (**Aliquot Vol**). ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.

Note: E4 XLS will only allow values in the Aliquot Volume Setting that will not exceed the maximum pipette volume with the current Aliquots Setting. The Volume Setting will automatically adjust based on the new Aliquot Volume Setting and the existing Aliquots Setting.

3. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Single Volume — Dispensing Based on Aliquot Volume

1. Highlight the Aliquot Volume Setting box (**Aliquot Vol**). ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.

Note: E4 XLS will only allow values in the Aliquot Volume Setting that will not exceed the maximum pipette volume with the current Aliquots Setting. If the desired value cannot be selected, change the Aliquots Setting to a lower value. The Volume Setting will automatically adjust based on the new Aliquot Volume Setting and the existing Aliquots Setting.

2. If needed, set the number of aliquots by highlighting the Aliquots Setting box (**Aliquots**). ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.

Note: E4 XLS will only allow values in the Aliquots Setting that will not exceed the maximum pipette volume with the current Aliquot Volume Setting. The Volume Setting will automatically adjust based on the new Aliquots Setting and the existing Aliquot Volume Setting.

3. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Volume Sequencing

Option must be on for these settings to be shown. The first setting, Volume Information (**Vol X of X**), displays the total aspirate volume required to dispense the full or partial set of aliquots in the series. If only one aspiration is required to dispense the full series, **Vol 1 of 1** is shown. If the series volume exceeds the pipette maximum volume, it is split into multiple aspirations and **Vol 1 of X** is shown: e.g., if two aspirations are required, **Vol 1 of 2** is shown at the initial **ASPIRATE** operation. This will increment to **Vol 2 of 2** when the next volume must be aspirated.

1. To select a series of preset volumes, highlight the Aliquots Setting (**Alq X of X**). ● or ► to view the volume table. Use the joystick to highlight the last volume for the series. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **END VOL** to set. **DONE** to exit table.
2. To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: If an **END VOL** is not set before exiting the table, the **END VOL** last selected will be retained.

3. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Speed

1. ● or ► to view individual operation speeds.
2. ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting, ● or ► to edit.

Cycle Speeds	
Aspirate	7
Dispense	10
Mix	5

3. ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.
4. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
5. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Operation

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. When aspirating and dispensing, it is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

## Single Volume Operation

1. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
2. ● or ▼ to dispense into the first receiving vessel:
  - If the Auto Pace option is off, place the tip into the next receiving vessel. ▼ again to dispense. Repeat this step for each of the remaining aliquots. The series number in the Aliquot Setting will increment after each dispense.
  - If the Auto Pace option is on, **DISPENSE AUTO** will display. Place the tip into the next receiving vessel. An interval counter will display at the top of the operating screen. The aliquot will dispense automatically when the set interval is reached. Repeat this step for each of the remaining aliquots. The series number in the Aliquot Setting will increment after each dispense.
3. When aliquot dispensing is complete, **BLOWOUT** will display. ▼ or **RESET** to execute blowout. ▼ or **RESET** again if more blowout(s) needed.

## Volume Sequencing Operation

1. ◀ to select the next preset series volume in the table if needed.
2. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
3. ● or ▼ to dispense into the first receiving vessel:
  - If the Auto Pace option is off, place the tip into the next receiving vessel. ▼ again to dispense. Repeat this step for each of the remaining aliquots. The Aliquot Setting box will display the volume for each aliquot in the series, and the series volume number will increment after each dispense.
  - If the Auto Pace option is on, **DISPENSE AUTO** will display. Place the tip into the next receiving vessel. An interval counter will be shown at the top of the operating screen. The aliquot will dispense automatically when the interval is reached. Repeat this step for each of the remaining aliquots. The Aliquot Setting box will display the volume for each aliquot in the series, and the series volume number will increment after each dispense.
4. When aliquot dispensing is complete, **BLOWOUT** will display. ▼ or **RESET** to execute blowout. ▼ or **RESET** again if more blowout(s) needed.

5. If more than one aspirate volume is required to dispense the full series, the series number in the Volume Information Setting will increment and **ASPIRATE** will display.
6. Repeat the steps above until the series is complete.

## Manual Mode



Manual Mode provides joystick control of E4 XLS that simulates manual pipette operation. Additionally, fine control of precise volume increments allows aspiration and dispense of measured sample volumes. The default menu level for Manual Mode is Level I. To access Manual Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Main Menu to highlight **MANUAL** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

## Options and Settings

- Options: Fixed Volume, Cycle Counter
- Settings: Single and Fixed Volume, Single Speed, Cycle Count
- Blowout: Manual

## Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight options.
3. ● or ▶ to turn option on or off.
4. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

## Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

1. ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

## Single Volume

Volume is displayed in Volume Setting box. This value represents the maximum aspiration volume required for the desired measurement.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Fixed Volume

**Fixed Vol X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. This value represents the maximum aspiration volume required for the desired measurement. ● or ▶ to view the volume table. The volume currently selected will be highlighted in the table.

1. To select a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight a volume. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **DONE** to set and exit table.

- To add or remove active cells in the table, use the joystick to highlight a cell that represents the last entry needed. **END VOL** to add cells up to or remove cells after the highlighted cell.
- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: If no other selection is made before exiting the table, the Volume Setting will be set to the last volume edited.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Speed

- or ► to edit.
- ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Cycle Count

Option must be on for this setting to be shown.

- or ► to edit.
- RESET** to zero counter. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Operation

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

### Single and Fixed Volume Operation

- Single Volume operation: skip to step 2. Fixed Volume operation: ◀ to select the next fixed volume in the table if needed.
- ▲ and hold to aspirate, then ▼ and hold to dispense at any time. It is not necessary to aspirate the full amount in the Volume Setting before beginning dispense. The amount of sample aspirated or dispense is controlled directly through the joystick:
  - As the joystick is moved towards its maximum position, larger volumes will aspirate/dispense at a faster rate. To aspirate/dispense smaller volumes at slower rates, move the joystick slowly until the desired rate is achieved.
  - If the joystick is released operation will pause. When joystick control resumes, operation will continue from the same point.



- **STEP** will aspirate/dispense the pipette's minimum allowable increment each time the soft key is pressed.
  - If the value set in the Volume Setting is reached, aspiration control will halt.
3. When dispense is complete, ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

### Volume Measurement (Single or Fixed Volume Operation)

1. Single Volume operation: skip to step 2. Fixed Volume operation: ◀ to select the next fixed volume in the table if needed.
2. ▲ to aspirate the unknown volume of sample into the tip:
  - The amount of sample drawn into the tip is controlled directly through the joystick. As the joystick is moved towards its maximum upward position, larger volumes will be aspirated at a faster rate. To aspirate smaller volumes at slower rates, move the joystick slowly until the desired rate is achieved.
  - If the joystick is released, operation will pause. When joystick control resumes, operation will continue from the same point.
  - **STEP** will aspirate the pipette's minimum allowable increment each time the soft key is pressed.
3. If needed, ▼ slowly to release unwanted air from the tip.
4. If the value set in the Volume Setting is reached, aspiration control will halt. ▼ slowly to release sample or air from the tip, or **STEP** to release a minimum increment.
5. Repeat the steps above as necessary until the liquid in the tip is level with the tip orifice. The in-tip sample volume is displayed in the lower left of the operating screen and represents the measured volume.
6. ▼ and hold or **RESET** to release sample from the tip.
7. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

## 1.11 Level II Menu

The Level II Menu provides access to more advanced modes as well as Service mode, where users can view service information and set service alarms. The default Level II operational mode selections include Reverse Mode, Dilute Mode and Titrate Mode.

To access the Level II Menu, ◀ or ▶ in the Level I Menu to highlight **LEVEL II** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Level II Menu Navigation

- ◀ or ▶ to view and select menu items
- ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter the selected menu item
- Select **LEVEL 1** to return to the Level I Menu
- **PREV** to save changes and return to the previously viewed screen
- **HELP** for a detailed description of the highlighted menu item
- **SETUP** when Level I is highlighted to go directly to Setup Mode and change pipette settings



Figure 22: Level II Menu

## Reverse Mode



Reverse Mode is an established pipetting technique that enables users to aspirate the selected volume along with the pipette blowout volume, and is recommended for dense or volatile liquids. The default menu level for Reverse Mode is Level II. To access Reverse Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Level II Menu to highlight **REVERSE**, and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

## Options and Settings

- Options: Fixed Volume, Volume Sequencing, Mix, Blowout, Cycle Counter
- Settings: Single and Fixed Volume, Volume Sequencing, Multi-Speed, Cycle Count
- Blowout: Automatic and manual

## Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight options.
3. ● or ▶ to turn option on or off.
4. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

## Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

1. ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

## Single Volume

**Volume** is displayed in Volume Setting box.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

## Fixed Volume

**Fixed Vol X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ▶ to view the volume table. The volume currently selected will be highlighted in the table.

1. To select a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight a volume. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **DONE** to set and exit table.
2. To add or remove active cells in the table, use the joystick to highlight a cell that represents the last entry needed. **END VOL** to add cells up to or remove cells after the highlighted cell.

Fixed Volumes ul			
1.	6.0	8.	80.0
2.	10.0	9.	100.0
3.	20.0	10.	120.0
4.	30.0	11.	140.0
5.	40.0	12.	160.0
6.	50.0	13.	180.0
7.	60.0	14.	200.0

- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: If no other selection is made before exiting the table, the Volume Setting will be set to the last volume edited.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Volume Sequencing

**Vol X of X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ► to view the volume table.

- To select a series of preset volumes, use the joystick to highlight the last volume for the series. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **END VOL** to set. **DONE** to exit table.
- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ► to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

1.	4.0	9.	10.0
2.	10.0	10.	20.0
3.	20.0	11.	2.0
4.	25.0	12.	22.0
5.	30.0	13.	100.0
6.	10.0	14.	100.0
7.	12.8	15.	100.0

Note: If an **END VOL** is not set before exiting the table, the **END VOL** last selected will be retained.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Speed

- or ► to view individual operation speeds.
- ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting, ● or ► to edit.
- ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

Aspirate	7
Dispense	10

### Cycle Count

Option must be on for this setting to be shown.

- or ► to edit.
- RESET** to zero counter. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Operation

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. When aspirating and dispensing, it is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.

- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

### Single and Fixed Volume Operation

1. Single Volume operation: skip to step 2. Fixed Volume operation: ◀ to select the next fixed volume in the table if needed.
2. ● or ▲ to aspirate selected volume plus blowout volume.
3. ● or ▼ to dispense. If automatic blowout is enabled, **BLOWOUT** will display in the operating screen. ▼ to execute blowout.
4. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

### Volume Sequencing Operation

1. ◀ to select the next preset series volume in the table if needed.
2. ● or ▲ to aspirate the preset volume plus blowout volume.
3. ● or ▼ to dispense. The series number in the Volume Setting box will increment after each dispense. If automatic blowout is enabled, **BLOWOUT** will display in the operating screen. ▼ to execute blowout.
4. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.
5. Repeat steps above until the series is complete.

### Dilute Mode



Dilute Mode provides in-tip dilution of multiple sample volumes. Operation using the Single Volume setting allows aspiration of two volumes separated by an air gap. Operation using the Volume Sequencing option allows multiple volumes to be aspirated into the tip prior to dispense. The default menu level for Dilute Mode is Level II. To access Dilute Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Level II Menu to highlight **DILUTE** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Options and Settings

- Options: Volume Sequencing, Mix, Blowout, Cycle Counter
- Settings: Single Volume, Volume Sequencing, Multi-Speed, Mix, Cycle Count
- Blowout: Automatic and manual

### Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight options.
3. ● or ▶ to turn option on or off.
4. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

### Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

- ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
- ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

### Single Volume

**Volume X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. The Single Volume setting allows two dilution volumes to be set for aspiration. During operation, Asp 1 will be aspirated first, followed by an air gap, then Asp 2.

Note: Rainin recommends using Asp 1 for diluent and Asp 2 for sample.

- or ▶ to view Dilute Volumes. ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting.
- or ▶ to edit.
- ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.

Dilute Volumes	
Asp #1	80.0
Asp #2	20.0

Note: Selectable Asp 2 values will automatically adjust to only allow values that will not exceed the pipette maximum once the Asp 1 volume is aspirated.

- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Volume Sequencing

**Vol X of X** is displayed in Volume Setting box. Option must be on for this setting to be shown. During operation, each volume selected will be aspirated in series. ● or ▶ to view the volume.

Seq Volumes ul	
1.	4.0
2.	10.0
3.	20.0
4.	25.0
5.	30.0
6.	10.0
7.	12.8

- To select a series of preset volumes, use the joystick to highlight the last volume for the series. Only active table cells (white text) can be selected. **END VOL** to set. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: E4 XLS will not allow selection of an **END VOL** that will cause the total series volume to exceed the pipette maximum. If this occurs, edit the desired **END VOL** value until the total series volume is less than the pipette max volume.

- To edit a preset volume, use the joystick to highlight the volume, ● or ▶ to edit. Both active and inactive cells can be edited. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. Repeat as needed for other volumes. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.

Note: Preset volumes can be used for samples, diluents and air gaps. If an **END VOL** is not set before exiting the table, the **END VOL** last selected will be retained.

- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Speed

- or ▶ to view individual operation speeds.

Note: The mix operation speed is shown only when the Mix option is on.

- ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting, ● or ▶ to edit.
- ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.

Cycle Speeds	
Aspirate	7
Dispense	10
Mix	5

- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

**Mix**

Option must be on for this setting to be shown. ● or ► to view mix settings. ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting.



- To change volume, ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine. **DONE** or ● to save. **DONE** to exit table.
- To change cycles, ● or ► to edit. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine up to 99 cycles. ▼ at 1 for Manual. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

**Cycle Count**

Option must be on for this setting to be shown.

- or ► to edit.
- RESET** to zero counter. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
- DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
- DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

**Operation**

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. When aspirating and dispensing, it is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

**Single Volume Operation**

- Asp 1** will display in the Volume Setting box. ● or ▲ to aspirate diluent.
- Remove the pipette tip from the diluent. **AIR** will display in the Volume Setting box. ● or ▲ to aspirate an air gap.
- Place the pipette tip in the next sample. **Asp 2** will display in the Volume Setting box. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
- or ▼ to dispense. Each dispense is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. If the Mix option is on:
  - When a set number of cycles is selected, mixing will execute automatically after each dispense followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. Select **PAUSE** at any time to pause mixing, then **RESUME** to continue.
  - If Manual is selected, continue to hold ▼ after dispense to execute mix cycle(s). Mixing will continue until the joystick is released. Mixing is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled.
- ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

## Volume Sequencing Operation

1. **Vol 1 of X** will display in the Volume Setting box. ◀ to select the next preset series volume in the table if needed. Place the pipette tip in the first sample. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
2. **Vol 2 of X** will display in the Volume Setting box. Place the pipette tip in the next sample or diluent, or remove the tip completely from liquid for an air gap. ● or ▲ to aspirate.
3. Repeat Step 2 until all samples in the series are aspirated. The series number in the Volume Setting box will increment after each aspiration.
4. ● or ▼ to dispense. Each dispense is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. If the Mix option is on:
  - When a set number of cycles is selected, mixing will execute automatically after each dispense followed by an automatic blowout if enabled. Select **PAUSE** at any time to pause mixing, then **RESUME** to continue.
  - If Manual is selected, continue to hold ▼ after dispense to execute mix cycle(s). Mixing will continue until the joystick is released. Mixing is followed by an automatic blowout if enabled.
5. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

## Titrate Mode



Titrate Mode performs titration through measured dispensing. Users can set an initial rapid dispense and then precisely control dispense of the remaining titration volume. The default menu level for Titrate Mode is Level II. To access Titrate Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Level II Menu to highlight **TITRATE** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

## Options and Settings

- Options: Cycle Counter
- Settings: Single Volume (with Fast Dispense), Multi-Speed, Cycle Count
- Blowout: Manual

## Options Selection

1. **OPTIONS** to enter the Options screen.
2. ● or ▶ to turn option on or off.
1. **DONE** or ◀ to save and return to the operating screen.

## Editing Settings

When editing settings, hold the joystick in place to quickly scroll through values.

1. ▶ to enter the Settings screen.
2. ▲ or ▼ to navigate between and highlight settings.

## Single Volume

**Asp Vol** is displayed in Volume Setting box. This value represents the maximum aspiration volume required for the titration.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.

2. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Fast Dispense Volume

The Fast Dispense Setting (**Fast Dsp Vol**) represents the first initial volume of sample to dispense prior to starting the fine dispense control for the titration.

Note: If this value is set to 0.0 µL, the fine dispense control will begin immediately after aspiration.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Speed

1. ● or ▶ to view individual operation speeds.
2. ▲ or ▼ to highlight setting, ● or ▶ to edit.
3. ◀ or ▶ for coarse speed adjustment of 1, 5 or 10 and ▲ or ▼ for fine adjustment in single digits.
4. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes. **DONE** to exit table.
5. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.



### Cycle Count

Option must be on for this setting to be shown.

1. ● or ▶ to edit.
2. **RESET** to zero counter. ◀ or ▶ for coarse adjustment and ▲ or ▼ for fine.
3. **DONE** or ● to save. **CANCEL** to exit without saving changes.
4. **DONE** to exit Settings screen and return to operating screen.

### Operation

The active operation will be displayed in the upper left of the operating screen. When aspirating or performing a Fast Dispense, it is not necessary to hold the joystick in place, E4 XLS will automatically complete the operation. At any time during operation:

- **RESET** empties the tip and resets the pipette operation to **ASPIRATE**.
- **MAIN** displays the menu the mode was accessed from.
- **HELP** provides general information for the highlighted setting. Operating instructions can be found in the Help for the Volume Setting.

1. ● or ▲ to aspirate.



2. If a value was set in the Fast Dispense Setting, **FAST DISPENSE** will display. ● or ▼ to dispense. If this value was set to zero, skip to the next step.
3. **DISPENSE** will display and the Fast Dispense Setting box will now show **Dsp Total**. ▼ slowly to begin titrating the remaining volume:
  - As the joystick is moved towards its maximum downward position, larger volumes will be titrated at a faster rate. To titrate smaller volumes at slower rates, move the joystick slowly until the desired rate is achieved.
  - If the joystick is released, operation will pause. When joystick control resumes, operation will continue from the same point.
  - **STEP** will dispense the pipette's minimum allowable increment each time the soft key is pressed.
  - During the titration, the **Dsp Total** value will automatically update with the total volume dispensed, including the Fast Dispense volume.
4. When the titration is complete, the value in the **Dsp Total** represents the total titration volume. The volume displayed in the lower left of the operating screen is the volume of sample that remains in the tip.
5. ▼ and hold or **RESET** to release the remaining sample from the tip.
6. ▼ or **RESET** for manual blowout(s) if needed.

## 1.12 Service Mode



Service Mode allows users to view information specific to E4 XLS such as the serial number, firmware version and the full service log. In addition, usage logs including the number of pipetting cycles or days in use can be viewed and tracked for GLP purposes. To access Service Mode, ◀ or ▶ in the Level II Menu to highlight **SERVICE** and ●, ▲ or ▼ to enter.

### Navigation of Service Pages

- To move between pages, ▶ or ▼ for the next page and ◀ or ▲ for the previous page. The current page will be displayed in the upper left of each screen.
- **HELP** for a detailed description of the highlighted item or page
- **MAIN** to return to the Level II Menu

### Identification Page

This page contains pipette-specific identification details (Figure 23). This information is entered at the time of manufacture and is not user-settable:

- **Serial Number**
- **Manufacture Date**
- **Model Number**
- **Firmware Version**

Note: When new firmware is downloaded to E4 XLS, the firmware version number displayed on the identification page will update automatically.

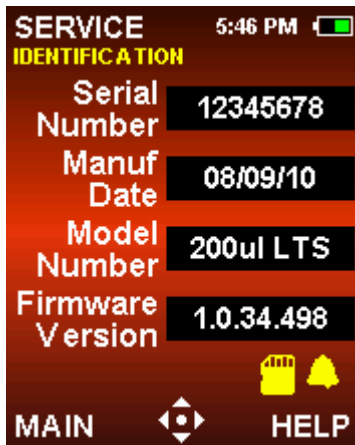


Figure 23: Identification Page

The following icons can be displayed on this service page:



Indicates a Service Alarm has been activated.



Indicates an optional microSD card is installed.

### Status Page

This page displays the pipette's usage logs (Figure 24). These values are tracked and logged automatically and are not user-settable:

- **Days Since Service.** Logs the number of days the pipette has been in use since it was last serviced.
- **Cycles Since Service.** Logs the number of aspirate/dispense cycles the pipette has executed since it was last serviced.
- **Lifetime Cycles.** Logs the total number of aspirate/dispense cycles the pipette has executed since it was first put into active use.

Note: The Days and Cycles Since Service logs will reset to zero after each pipette service is performed.

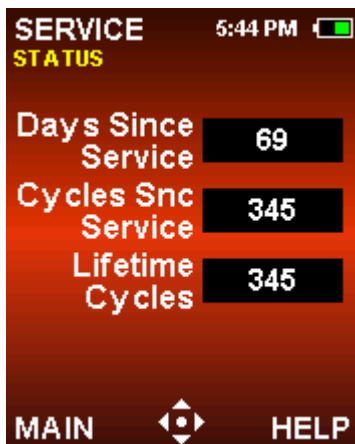


Figure 24: Status Page

## Service Log

This page displays a historical log of the last 32 services performed on the pipette (Figure 25). This information is entered by a service technician and is not user-editable.

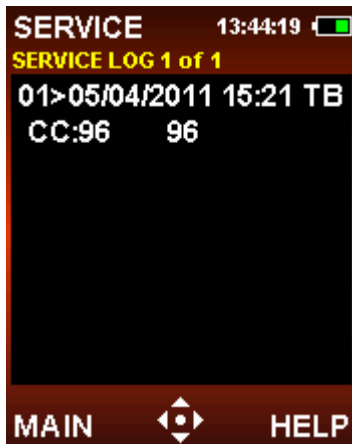


Figure 25: Service Log

For each service entry logged:

- The first line in an entry contains the date and time of service and technician ID
- The next line in an the entry contains the number of cycles executed since the last service, and the total number of lifetime cycles at the time service was performed.

## 1.13 Battery Charging

Unlike other battery types, the Li-Ion battery in E4 XLS has no “memory effect” and does not need to be fully discharged.

Pipettes can be charged using the Wall Power Supply, the optional Rapid Charge Stand or with a PC using the optional USB cable.

The battery charge indicator in the top right corner of the display will change as the unit is charging. After 15 minutes, the pipette will have enough charge for a few hours of pipetting, and a full charge will be obtained after approximately 90 minutes and will provide up to 3000 full-stroke cycles (fewer in large-volume models).

When charging is complete, the battery charge indicator will be solid green, indicating a full battery. As the battery depletes with use, the green bar will drop accordingly.

## Wall Power Supply

To install the universal Wall Power Supply and charge E4 XLS, connect the power cord to a power outlet. Connect the other end of the cord to the Micro USB port located on the top of E4 XLS. E4 XLS can be operated while connected to the Wall Power Supply cord.



Figure 26: Operating E4 XLS while connected to E4-WPS Wall Power Supply

## Rapid Charge Stand

To use, connect the universal Rapid Charge Stand power cord to a power outlet and connect the other end of the cord to the power socket on the back of the Rapid Charge Stand. For convenience, you can dress the cable along one of the vertical support legs using the channels provided. See Figure 27 B.



Figure 27: A: E4-RCS holding E4 XLS pipettes. B: Back of E4-RCS showing power cord connected and dresses along support leg

The E4 XLS-RCS Rapid Charge Stand will charge three E4 XLS pipettes simultaneously in about 90 minutes. Charging contacts mate with contacts under the pipette head.

Rainin recommends storing E4 XLS on the stand when not in use. This practice will provide a safe storage place, and E4 XLS will always be fully charged.

## USB Cable

To charge E4 XLS with a PC using the optional USB cable, connect the cable's USB connector to a computer USB port. Connect the other end of the cable to the USB outlet located on the top of E4 XLS. Rainin does not recommend operating E4 XLS when the pipette is connected to a computer for charging.

(Note that charging E4 XLS with a PC will take approximately 2–3 times longer than using the Wall Power Supply or the Rapid Charge Stand.)

## 1.14 Replacing the Battery

E4 XLS user settings are retained if the battery is removed or replaced.

1. Open the battery compartment by sliding the compartment door open.
2. Remove the old battery by sliding it out.
3. Align the replacement battery connector plug with the socket in the battery compartment as shown in Figure 28. Slide the battery into place. Once the battery is installed properly, E4 XLS will turn on automatically, initialize and display the start-up screen.



Figure 28: Replacing the Battery

Replace the battery compartment door.

The long battery life is dependent on such factors as:

- Pipette volume range
- Full-range or part-range pipetting
- Multidispensing
- Display brightness and display timeout settings
-

## 1.15 Care and Maintenance

E4 XLS pipettes are sophisticated lab instruments and should be treated with appropriate care. E4 XLS should provide years of trouble-free service if the operating recommendations in this manual are followed.

The most important factor in taking proper care of E4 XLS is to keep the mechanism dry and clean. The following simple rules should be strictly observed:

1. Never allow liquid to enter the shaft where it can contact the piston or seal.
1. Never allow liquid to enter the electronics, including the display, soft keys and joystick.
2. Never pick up liquid without a tip attached.
3. Never invert the pipette or lay it on its side with liquid in the tip. Always hold E4 XLS upright and store upright if possible. The Rapid Charge Stand holds three E4 XLS pipettes and charges them simultaneously.
4. Never use aggressive solvents to clean E4 XLS. It is best use a lint-free wipe dampened with water with dilute mild detergent, if needed, to clean the instrument. Be sure to keep the display, soft keys and joystick dry.
5. Never attempt to recharge E4 XLS with a device other than the Rainin E4 XLS-WPS Wall Power Supply, the E4 XLS-RCS Rapid Charge Stand or the E4 XLS USB cable. Severe damage to the internal electronics will result.

## 1.16 Autoclaving

The shaft and tip ejector arm are the only autoclavable parts of E4 XLS. Autoclave at 121 °C at 1 bar for 15–20 minutes.

DO NOT autoclave the complete pipette or any parts other than the shaft and the tip ejector arm.

## 1.17 Tip Ejector Arm Removal

Three types of tip ejector arms are used with E4 XLS pipettes. All can be removed with minimal effort — do not use force.

**Pipettes up to 2000 µL:** Press in the quick-release tabs on the ejector arm and pull the ejector down.

**5000 µL and 10 mL pipettes:** Grasp the top of the ejector arm and pull out and then down.

**20 mL pipette:** Pull off the lower part of the ejector arm — the upper part stays in place.

Refer to Figure 29 for a visual guide on removing the tip ejector arm on all models.

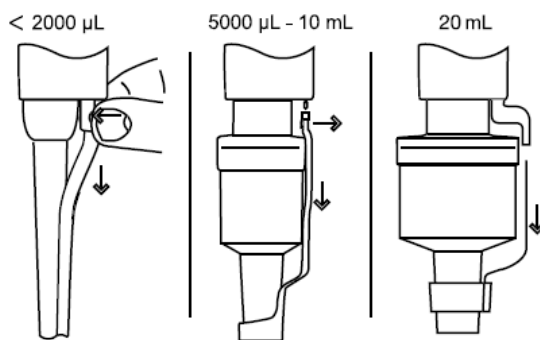


Figure 29: Removing the Tip Ejector Arm

**Replacing the tip ejector arm (all models except 20 mL):** Insert the shaft through the large opening. Align the top with the tip ejector push-rod and push until the ejector arm snaps in place.

**Replacing the tip ejector arm (20 mL model):** Align the rod with the hole in the upper part and press firmly.

## 1.18 Storage

After use, store the pipette in a clean safe place. E4 XLS is a precision instrument and should be treated with the level of care appropriate for laboratory instrumentation.

Rainin recommends storing E4 XLS on the Rapid Charge Stand if one is available. If not, three hangers are available to hold E4 XLS conveniently when not in use:

- CR-7: Free-standing carousel that holds three pipettes.
- HU-M3: Set of three individual magnetic Hang-Ups™ for mounting on ferrous surfaces.
- HU-S3: Three Hang-Ups attached to a clamp that fits onto a shelf.

Note: All of the E4 XLS hangers listed above require a HU-A3 Adapter.

## 1.19 Troubleshooting the Liquid End

Problem	Possible Cause	Suggested Remedy
Leaks, inaccuracy	Loose shaft	Tighten coupling nut by hand.
	Pipette volumes < 2000 µL: worn seal or o-ring	Replace seal and o-ring.
	5000 µL, 10 mL and 20 mL pipettes: worn o-ring or insufficient grease seal	Replace o-ring and apply small amount of grease.
	Cracked or split shaft	Replace shaft. Check that piston is not bent. If bent, call Tech Support for a new piston (800-543-4030 in the US). In other countries contact METTLER TOLEDO or your distributor.
Rough, jerky, or sticky piston	Sample splash inside mechanism, leading to staining and/or corrosion.	Remove tip ejector arm, then remove shaft and check piston. If piston is corroded or stained, call Tech Support for a new piston (800-543-4030 in the US). In other countries contact METTLER TOLEDO or your distributor.

When removing the shaft from the pipette body, make sure the spring, seal and o-ring do not detach from the piston, especially on smaller models. Be careful not to bend the piston on these small models. Recalibration of E4 XLS is only required when the piston is replaced.

### Warning Messages

E4 XLS monitors itself to inform you of important issues such as battery levels, USB connection, charge stand connection, factory reset, real time clock status and more. Any changes to these variables that could affect your operation of the pipette will be reported as a Warning message. Some warnings require action, such as recharging the unit or resetting the clock, while others are informational only ("Memory Clear" after factory reset). To exit any warning message, press the left softkey (CONT).

If a warning message is displayed during the E4 XLS power up sequence that cannot be reset, note the error number and contact Tech Support at 800-543-4030 in the US. In other countries contact METTLER TOLEDO or your distributor.

### **Error Messages**

E4 XLS is a sophisticated product that is dependent on a complex mix of electronic hardware and software components. In any complex system such as this, faults may occasionally occur. These are usually due to unexpected software conditions (invalid data, conflicting settings, etc.) or hardware related failures (invalid or no response). An Error message informs you that a fault has been detected. Press the left softkey (CONT) and the unit will reset itself while performing a diagnostic test. Most of the time, the unit will fix itself, and pipetting can be resumed normally. If the error messages continue, please cease pipetting, note the error code and message, and call Tech Support at 800-543-4030 in the US. In other countries contact METTLER TOLEDO or your distributor.

## **1.20 Service, Calibration and Repair**

It is recommended to use only genuine Rainin replacement parts such as seals, o-rings, and shafts. It is NOT necessary to recalibrate the pipette after changing the seal, o-ring, or shaft. Recalibration of the pipette is only necessary when the piston is replaced, and should be done only by qualified factory-trained personnel in a Rainin approved facility.

For pipettes under warranty, please note that the warranty will be voided if the pipette has been damaged as a result of physical or chemical abuse, or if the pipette has been repaired or recalibrated by any service facility which is not authorized by Rainin.

In the US, call 800-543-4030 for service. Service is also available outside the US. See [www.mt.com/rainin](http://www.mt.com/rainin) for more information.

### **Acids and Corrosives**

Extensive contact with corrosive fumes may result in premature seal wear and damage to the piston. Exposure of the internal components to corrosive aerosols and fumes may be reduced by using Rainin tips with aerosol barrier filters.

After using concentrated acids or corrosive solutions, disassemble E4 XLS and inspect and clean the piston assembly, shaft and seal/o-ring with distilled water. Use extreme care on the 10  $\mu$ L models to avoid damaging the small diameter piston, or losing small items such as seals. Dry all components thoroughly and reassemble.



## 1.21 Specifications

These manufacturer's specifications should be used as guidelines when establishing your own performance specification.

Model	Volume $\mu\text{L}$	Increment $\mu\text{L}$	Accuracy		Precision	
			%	$\mu\text{L} (\pm)$	%	$\mu\text{L} (<)$
10 $\mu\text{L}$	1	0.01	2.5	0.025	1.2	0.012
	5		1.5	0.075	0.6	0.030
	10		1	0.100	0.4	0.040
20 $\mu\text{L}$	2	0.02	7.5	0.15	2	0.04
	10		1.5	0.15	0.5	0.05
	20		1	0.20	0.3	0.06
50 $\mu\text{L}^*$	5	0.05	3.5	0.18	1.5	0.075
	25		0.8	0.30	0.4	0.100
	50		0.8	0.40	0.2	0.100
100 $\mu\text{L}$	10	0.1	3.5	0.35	1	0.10
	50		0.8	0.40	0.24	0.12
	100		0.8	0.80	0.15	0.15
200 $\mu\text{L}$	20	0.2	2.5	0.5	1	0.20
	100		0.8	0.8	0.25	0.25
	200		0.8	1.6	0.15	0.30
300 $\mu\text{L}$	30	0.2	2.5	0.75	1	0.300
	150		0.8	1.20	0.25	0.375
	300		0.8	2.40	0.15	0.450
1000 $\mu\text{L}$	100	1	3	3	0.60	0.60
	500		0.8	4	0.20	1
	1000		0.8	8	0.15	1.5
1200 $\mu\text{L}^*$	100	2	3.6	3.6	0.60	0.6
	600		0.8	4.8	0.20	1.2
	1200		0.8	9.6	0.15	1.8
2000 $\mu\text{L}$	200	2	3	6	0.60	1.2
	1000		0.8	8	0.20	2
	2000		0.8	16	0.12	2.4
5000 $\mu\text{L}$	500	5	2.4	12	0.60	3
	2500		0.6	15	0.20	5
	5000		0.6	30	0.16	8
10 mL	1 mL	10	5	50	0.30	6
	5 mL		1	50	0.20	10
	10 mL		0.6	50	0.16	16
20 mL	2 mL	20	5	100	0.60	12
	10 mL		1	100	0.20	20
	20 mL		0.6	120	0.16	32

Specifications are subject to change without notice.  
 \* Multichannel models only in these volume ranges.

## Electrical Specifications

This device is intended for use only with Rainin power sources with the part numbers listed below.

No other power sources may be used with this device.

It is important that the Wall Power Supply and Rapid Charge Stand can quickly be disconnected from AC power, in case a hazard arises.

Rapid Charge Stand Input:	E4-RCS	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz 3A
Wall Power Supply Input:	E4-WPS	100-240 VAC 50/60 Hz 1.2A
Battery	6109-030	Li-Ion 3.6 VDC Nominal 1100 mAh Nominal

Explanation of symbols:

Hz = Hertz, A = Amperes, mAh = Milliamp Hour, VAC = Volts Alternating Current, VDC = Volts Direct Current.

## 1.22 Replacement Parts

The commonly replaced parts are shown here for each volume range for E4 XLS single-channel LTS and universal-fit models.

Models < 2000 $\mu$ L	Seal	O-Ring	Shaft	Tip Ejector Arm
E4-10 XLS	6200-138	6200-139	6202-064	6202-071
E4-20 XLS	6200-143	6200-170	6202-065	6202-071
E4-100 XLS	6200-150	6200-151	6202-066	6202-073
E4-200 XLS	6200-154	6200-155	6202-067	6202-073
E4-300 XLS	6200-415	6200-414	6202-425	6202-419
E4-1000 XLS	6200-161	6200-162	6202-068	6202-074
E4-2000 XLS	6200-166	6200-167	6202-214	6200-168
SE4-2 XLS	6200-131	6200-132	6200-134	6200-133
SE4-10 XLS	6200-138	6200-139	6200-140	6200-133
SE4-20 XLS	6200-143	6200-170	6200-145	6200-144
SE4-100 XLS	6200-150	6200-151	6200-147	6200-148
SE4-200 XLS	6200-154	6200-155	6200-157	6200-156
SE4-300 XLS	6200-415	6200-414	6200-413	6200-419
SE4-1000 XLS	6200-161	6200-162	6200-160	6200-163
SE4-2000 XLS	6200-166	6200-167	6200-169	6200-168

Models > 5000 $\mu$ L	Piston O-Ring	Cylinder O-Ring	Shaft	Tip Ejector Arm
E4-5000 XLS	6200-131	6200-132	6202-063	6202-071
E4-10ML XLS	6200-138	6200-139	6202-064	6202-071
E4-20ML XLS	6200-143	6200-170	6202-065	6202-071
SE4-5000 XLS	6200-150	6200-151	6202-066	6202-073
SE4-10ML XLS	6200-154	6200-155	6202-067	6202-073

## 2 RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Device)

### 2.1 Description and Operation

All E4 XLS models incorporate a passive RFID tag in the finger-hook. The tag contains unique information about the pipette including model type, serial number, RFID UID and service calibration information. The RFID tag can be wirelessly linked with the optional reader and software to facilitate querying calibration tracking and service reminders. The RFID tag is of negligible weight and has no effect on precision or accuracy. It operates only when read by an RFID reader and the associated software.

#### Optional Rainin RFID Reader

Rainin recommends the Rainin RFID Reader which interfaces with a PC USB port, and does not recommend any other RFID readers. Using the Rainin RFID Reader, information can be written to the pipette's RFID tag in the same consistent way as it is read from the RFID tag. The Rainin RFID Reader requires LabX™ Direct Pipette-Scan™ Software for read/write capability. The estimated range of operation of the RFID reader is up to 5 cm.

#### Rainin RFID Reader LED Indicators

LEDs	Description
Yellow & Green	Reader powers up in this state and reverts to this state when the application is stopped or a plug-in is disabled.
Yellow	Reader has detected a pipette. Keep pipette close to reader until LED changes to Green (or Red).
Green	When the application first starts, the Green LED indicates the device is ready. After all data is read from a pipette, the Green LED lights up.
Red	Reader failed to read or write. Try scanning the pipette again. If the LED stays red, restart the software.
Yellow & Red	Data written to the pipette does not match the data read back from the pipette.

#### Optional LabX Direct Pipette-Scan Software

Supplied on the same CD as this manual is a trial version of the LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software. A full version is also available for purchase. Supported PC Operating Systems include: Microsoft Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7. Users can select any of the following languages: Chinese (Simplified), Czech, Danish, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish.

## Operation Overview

The optional RFID Kit contains a Rainin RFID Reader and LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software. Once the Rainin RFID Reader is connected via USB to a PC and the software is configured and running, operation is simple.

Place the head of the pipette over the Rainin RFID reader in the position shown in Figure 30. Hold the pipette steady for a few seconds to allow the pipette information stored in the RFID tag to be scanned and read into the software.



Figure 30: Rainin RFID Reader

## Pipette RFID-Tag Read-Only Fields

The software will display the read-only data fields programmed into each pipette's RFID tag before it leaves the factory (Figure 31). These fields can ONLY be modified by Rainin at the time of manufacture or when sent in for service. Read-only fields include: RFID UID, Model Number, Serial Number, Factory Date, Last Service Date and Next Service date. For QC or workflow purposes, multiple RFID enabled pipettes can be scanned sequentially.

The figure shows two screenshots of the LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Pipette Data' window with empty input fields for RFID UID, Model Number, Serial Number, Factory Date, Last Service, and Next Service. The bottom screenshot shows the same window after a scan, with the following data populated:

Field	Value
RFID UID	7D07DE94
Model Number	E4-2009L5
Serial Number	ENSP00015
Factory Date	5/20/2011
Last Service	5/20/2011
Next Service	5/20/2011

Figure 31: Read-Only Pipette Data in LabX Direct Pipette-Scan Software: Before Scan (top) and After Scan (bottom)

## Writing Data to Custom Fields in the RFID Tag

In addition to read-only fields, several writable fields are available on the RFID tag. These can be customized and/or standardized to suit the needs of an individual user or laboratory.

Custom writing operations require both the Rainin RFID Reader and the LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software. Please refer to the software help file for complete instructions.

## RFID/LabX Direct Pipette-Scan Software Benefits

- The flexibility of the LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software assists users in customizing individual workflows
- Entire departments can standardize both workflow and calibration checks when using the E4 XLS pipettes, Rainin RFID Reader and LabX Direct Pipette-Scan software as a complete system

- The system simplifies the Quality Compliance process by shortening the calibration check cycle, allowing pipettes to be returned to active lab use faster
- Custom fields can be configured and written to the RFID tag and advanced workflows can be defined for custom settings
- Information within the tag can be exported to common formats, such as Excel® and Word® as well as Text., to facilitate records-keeping

### **What RFID Does Not Do**

- RFID does not protect against misplacement, theft, or provide a pipette's location
- RFID does not protect against erroneous data input
- RFID does not replace calibration stickers for businesses or displace QC professionals
- RFID does not validate laboratory workflows. The validation of the workflow and 21CFR Part 11 regulatory compliance remains the responsibility of the customer.

## 3 E4 XLS Multichannel Pipettes

### 3.1 Description and Operation

#### Introduction

E4 XLS multichannel pipettes are based on the E4 XLS single-channel pipette and use the patented LTS LiteTouch Tip Ejection System. Multichannel E4 XLS is available in 8-channel and 12-channel versions. An 8-channel version is shown in Figure 32.

The 8- and 12-channel models are available in 6 volume ranges:

- 0.5–10  $\mu\text{L}$
- 2–20  $\mu\text{L}$
- 5–50  $\mu\text{L}$
- 20–200  $\mu\text{L}$
- 20–300  $\mu\text{L}$
- 100–1200  $\mu\text{L}$

#### Tip Selection

E4 XLS multichannel pipettes use Rainin LTS tips.

- Use 20  $\mu\text{L}$  LTS tips with the following E4 XLS models: E8-10XLS, E8-20XLS, E8-12-10XLS and E12-20XLS.
- Use 250  $\mu\text{L}$  LTS tips with the following models: E8-50XLS, E12-50XLS, E8-200XLS, and E12-200XLS.
- Use 300  $\mu\text{L}$  LTS tips with E8-300XLS and E12-300XLS
- 1200  $\mu\text{L}$  LTS tips are recommended for E8-1200XLS and E12-1200XLS. Non-filter 1000  $\mu\text{L}$  LTS tips can also be used as they will pick up 1200  $\mu\text{L}$ .

LTS tips have a cylindrical cross-section with a well-defined seal ring, thin wall, and positive stop. They seal properly on the shaft and cannot be jammed or forced too far onto the shaft nozzles, and provide absolutely consistent sample pickup across all channels.

#### Mounting LTS Tips

Mounting racked LTS tips on L8 and L12 pipettes is simple.

1. Align the shaft nozzles into the row of tips, holding the pipette at an angle (Figure 33 left).
2. Position the pipette upright and press the nozzles into the tips until the “positive stop” is reached (Figure 33 right).

The tips are now mounted with proper sealing. There is no need to hand-tighten, use heavy pressure, or rock the nozzles onto the tips to obtain a good seal.



Figure 32: E4 XLS MultiChannel Pipette



Figure 33: Mounting Racked LTS Tips

## Tip Immersion Depth

The recommended depth for tip insertion is shown in the table below.

E4 XLS Model	Immersion Depth
E8-10XLS, E12-10XLS E8-20XLS, E12-20XLS	2-3 mm
E8-200XLS, E12-200XLS, E8-300XLS, E12-300XLS, E8-1200XLS, E12-1200XLS	3-6 mm

Operate the pipette within 20 degrees of vertical.

## Tip Ejection

Simply press on the tip ejector button. All tips are ejected cleanly with minimal pressure on the thumb because of the progressive eject design built in to the liquid end manifold.

## Positioning the Liquid End Manifold

The liquid end manifold can be rotated to any angle for convenience when filling plates. There is no need to loosen the coupling nut.

## Note: Unique tips for 1200 µL models

The RT-L1200 and RT-L1200S tips are specifically designed for use with 1200 µL models in MULTIDISPENSE mode. The unique design of these tips prevents drop formation and eliminates the need for touch-off between dispenses in MULTIDISPENSE mode.

The RT-L1200F aerosol-resistant tip allows a full 1200 µL to be aspirated under the filter. However, fluid dynamics dictate that touch-off may be required when multidispensing.

## 4 E4 XLS Adjustable Spacer Pipette

### 4.1 Description and Operation

#### Introduction

E4 XLS Adjustable-Spacer multichannel pipettes are based on E4 XLS single-channel models, and operate in the same way. Two versions of the E4 XLS Adjustable-Spacer pipette are available: 6-channel (LA6) and 8-channel (LA8). Nozzle spacing adjustment ranges are listed below:

6-channel: 9 mm to approximately 19 mm

8-channel: 9 mm to approximately 14 mm

6-channel versions are available in the following volume ranges:

20–300  $\mu\text{L}$

100–1200  $\mu\text{L}$

8-channel versions are available in the following volume ranges:

5–50  $\mu\text{L}$

20–300  $\mu\text{L}$

100–1200  $\mu\text{L}$

#### Spacing Controls and Indicators

Nozzle spacing is changed with the use of two knurled knobs on either end of the liquid end manifold: the SPACING ADJUSTMENT knob and the LIMITER knob, shown in Figure 34.

The LIMITER knob, which is marked with the nozzle spacing range, sets the desired maximum spacing within the pipette's spacing range. A vertical arrow at the top of the knob on the liquid end manifold is the set point, shown in Figure 35.

When the maximum spacing with the LIMITER knob has been set, turn the SPACING adjustment knob to open the nozzle spacing to the set value. A scale on the liquid end manifold gives a visual reference of the set spacing. Simply line up the leftmost nozzle with the scale on the manifold.

The full range of adjustment for the 8-channel version is shown in Figure 36. Nozzles are set to 9 mm spacing on the left, and 14 mm spacing on the right.



Figure 34: E4 XLS Adjustable Spacer  
A: SPACING ADJUSTMENT  
B: LIMITER

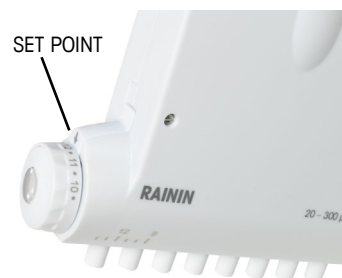


Figure 35: Limiter Set Point



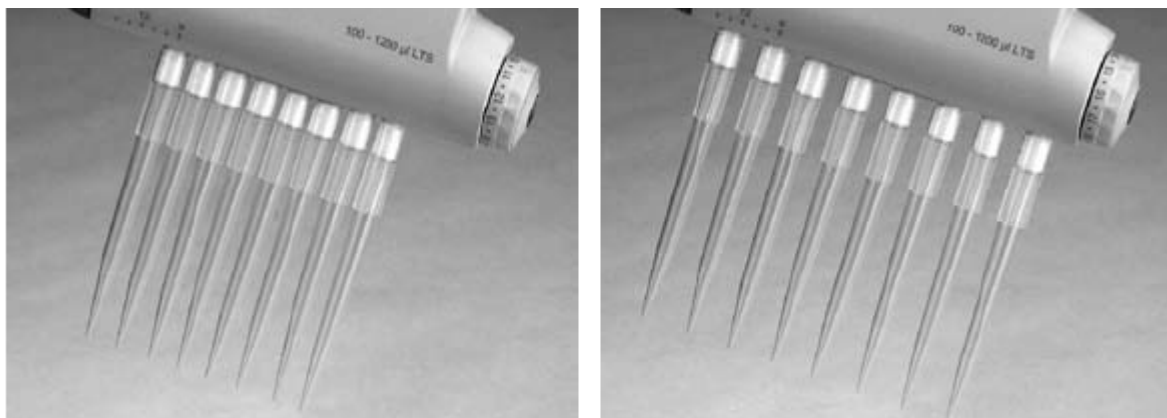


Figure 36: Nozzles: Minimum Spacing (left) and Maximum Spacing (right)

## Tip Selection

E4 XLS multichannel pipettes use Rainin LTS tips. Use 250 µL LTS tips with the EA-50XLS. Use 300 µL LTS tips with the EA6-300XLS and EA8-300XLS. 1200 µL LTS tips are recommended for the EA6-1200XLS and EA8-1200XLS. Non-filter 1000 µL LTS tips can also be used as they will pick up 1200 µL.

LTS tips have a cylindrical cross-section with a well-defined seal ring, thin wall, and positive stop. They seal properly on the LTS nozzles and cannot be jammed or forced too far onto the nozzles.

## Mounting LTS Tips

Mounting racked LTS tips on Adjustable Spacer XLS pipettes is simple.

1. Set the nozzle spacing to 9 mm (same as the spacing for racked tips) by rotating the dark grey SPACING ADJUSTMENT knob fully clockwise.
2. Align the nozzles into the row of tips, holding the pipette at a slight angle (Figure 37 left).
3. Rotate the pipette upright and press the nozzles into the tips until the “positive stop” is reached.

The tips are now mounted with proper sealing. There is no need to hand-tighten, use heavy pressure, or rock the nozzles onto the tips to obtain a good seal. Withdraw the tips from the tip rack (Figure 37 right).

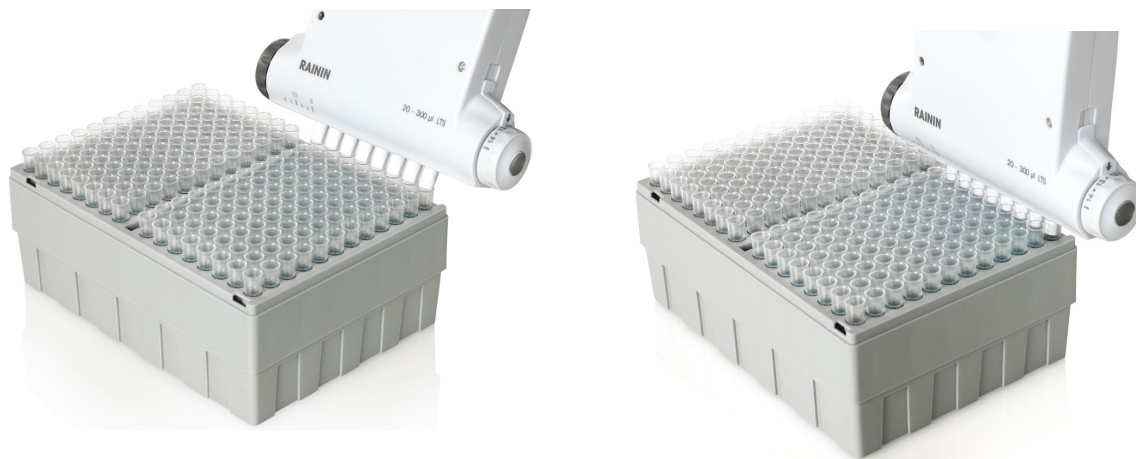


Figure 37: Mounting LTS Tips

## Setting the Nozzle Spacing

With tips mounted on the nozzles, and before aspirating sample:

- If the spacing for the receiving wells or test-tube block is known, set this value on the LIMITER knob.
- If the spacing is not known, hold the pipette so that the tip ends are above the centers of the wells or test-tube block into which sample will be dispensed. Look at the scale on the liquid end manifold, and note where the marked nozzle aligns. Set this value on the LIMITER knob.
- If the spacing is over-extended, simply click the LIMITER knob to smaller values, stopping when the tip ends are aligned over the centers of the wells/test tubes.

Once the LIMITER knob has been set, spacing the nozzles properly is simple:

1. Aspirate the sample(s).
2. Set the nozzle spacing by moving the SPACING ADJUSTMENT knob until it stops at the value set by the LIMITER knob.
3. Dispense into the wells or test-tube block.

## Tip Immersion Depth

The recommended depth for tip insertion is shown in the table below.

E4 XLS Model	Immersion Depth
EA8-50XLS	2–3 mm
EA6-300XLS, EA8-300XLS, EA6-1200XLS, EA8-1200XLS	3–6 mm

Operate the pipette within 20 degrees of vertical.

## Tip Ejection

Simply press on the tip ejector button. All tips are ejected cleanly with minimal pressure on the thumb because of the progressive eject design built in to the liquid end manifold.

## Positioning the Liquid End Manifold

The liquid end manifold can be rotated to any angle for convenience. There is no need to loosen the coupling nut.

## Note: Unique tips for 1200 $\mu$ L models

The RT-L1200 and RT-L1200S tips are specifically designed for use with 1200  $\mu$ L models in MULTIDISPENSE mode. The unique design of these tips prevents drop formation and eliminates the need for touch-off between dispenses in MULTIDISPENSE mode.

The RT-L1200F aerosol-resistant tip allows a full 1200  $\mu$ L to be aspirated under the filter. However, fluid dynamics dictate that touch-off may be required when multidispensing.

## 5 Appendices

### 5.1 Speed Table

Single Channel: 10, 20, 100, 200, 300, 1000, 2000 uL 8 & 12 Channel: 10, 20, 50, 200, 300 uL					
Speed #	Full Aspirate Time	Full Dispense Time	Blowout Home Delay	Blowout Duration	End Blowout Hold
10	0.55	0.55	0	0.13	1.0
9	0.70	0.70	0.4	0.17	1.0
8	0.89	0.89	0.6	0.21	1.0
7	1.13	1.13	0.8	0.27	1.0
6	1.45	1.45	0.85	0.35	1.0
5	1.90	1.90	1	0.46	1.0
4	2.39	2.39	1.5	0.57	1.0
3	2.92	2.92	1.7	0.70	1.0
2	3.46	3.46	1.9	0.83	1.0
1	4.10	4.10	2.5	0.98	1.0

Single Channel: 5, 10, 20 ML 8 & 12 Channel: 1200uL					
Speed #	Full Aspirate Time	Full Dispense Time	Blowout Home Delay	Blowout Duration	End Blowout Hold
10	1.13	1.13	0	0.27	1.0
9	1.45	1.45	0.4	0.35	1.0
8	1.90	1.90	0.6	0.46	1.0
7	2.39	2.39	0.8	0.57	1.0
6	2.92	2.92	0.85	0.70	1.0
5	3.46	3.46	1	0.83	1.0
4	4.10	4.10	1.5	0.98	1.0
3	4.90	4.90	1.7	1.18	1.0
2	5.90	5.90	1.9	1.42	1.0
1	7.42	7.42	2.5	1.78	1.0

## 5.2 Glossary of Terms used in E4 XLS and this Manual

### Pipetting Terms

ADVANCED – Advanced Pipetting mode  
 AIR – air gap between two aspirations within the same pipetting cycle  
 ALIQUOTS - a sample dispensed from a larger volume; typically, refers to an individual sample of multi-dispense  
 ALIQUOT VOL – a list of available preset volumes  
 ASPIRATE - to pick up liquid into the pipette tip  
 ASP SPEED – aspirate speed  
 ASP/DISP – aspirate and dispense speeds  
 AUTO PACE - a programmable timed event for each multi-dispense aliquot  
 BLOWOUT - to run piston to the end of stroke – empty the tip of liquid  
 CYCLE COUNTER (abr. CC) -a setting which counts the total number of pipetting cycles  
 CYCLE SPEEDS – aspirate, dispense and mix speeds  
 DILUTE mode – to pick up two or more samples which may be separated by an air gap  
 DISPENSE - to release an amount of liquid  
 DISP SPEED – dispense speed  
 DONE - a single keystroke that saves setting and in some cases exits to prior screen  
 END VOLUMES – final selection from a list of preset volumes  
 FAST DISP VOL – in titrate mode, the first volume dispensed before fine increment dispensing  
 FIXED VOLUMES / FIXED VOL - to move a consistent set of fixed aspiration / dispensing steps without variation; same volume all the time  
 GLP mode - good laboratory practices, tracks the service and calibration of lab instruments  
 HOME - piston position after returning from blow out, ready to aspirate  
 LEVEL I – within the main menu, the first set of available modes  
 LEVEL II – within the main menu, the second set of available modes  
 MANUAL mode - dynamic control of the motor to move the piston up or down using the joystick  
 MIX - to move the pipette's piston up and down a number of times to mix sample  
 MODE - a distinct subset of the operation of the pipette  
 MULTI-DISPENSE / MULTI-DISP mode – to dispense multiple aliquots from one pick up volume  
 BASIC mode – to pick up and dispense a known volume  
 PIPETTE & MIX mode - to pick up and dispense a known volume into another sample, then mixing by rapidly aspirating & dispensing in and out of the tip  
 REVERSE mode - method of picking up the blow out phase or second stop and dispensing only to the first stop, used for dense or viscous liquids  
 SECOND STOP – hard stop at the end of blow out  
 STEP – small incremental dispense steps  
 TIP EJECT – a manual step, at the end of an operation, that removes the pipette's tip  
 TITRATE mode – dispensing carefully measured amounts to a solution to cause a reaction  
 VOLUME SEQUENCING - optional setting; ability to program up to 16 different aliquot volumes in a series  
 SEQ VOLUMES – available set volumes selected from a list  
 µL – a unit of measure, microliter  
 mL - unit of measure, milliliter

### General Terms

AUTO OFF setting – duration after last usage before automatic power shutdown  
 CALIBRATION - precision and accuracy verification of the instrument under controlled conditions  
 CANCEL – soft button used to terminate the current sequence – may go to blowout & return to home  
 CAROUSEL – method of displaying a menu in a continuous cyclic pattern  
 CYCLES SNC SERVICE – number of cycles recorded since service  
 DATE setting – user adjustable calendar time  
 DATE FORMAT – available calendar formats in which the day, month & year are displayed:  
     M/D/Y – month/day/year, Y/M/D – year/month/day, D/M/Y – day/month/year  
 DEFAULT setting – preselected values, typically the most commonly used value  
 DISPLAY BRIGHTNESS setting – the level of backlighting for the LCD screen  
 DISPLAY TIMEOUT setting – the number of seconds before display dims, up to 120 seconds  
 FIRMWARE VERSION – version number of the operating firmware  
 GUI – graphical user interface – the displayed contents of the programmable features & setting  
 UI – user interface – the total user experience combining the visual, audio & tactile features  
 HELP mode – user guide with detailed operating information  
 LANGUAGE – available languages that are programmed in the unit;  
 EN English, ES Spanish, FR French, DE German, ZH Chinese, JA Japanese  
 LIFETIME CYCLES – total number of cycles since unit was manufactured  
 MAIN menu – the highest level in the programming sequence, also called TOP menu  
 MANUF DATE – date unit was manufactured  
 MINS - minutes  
 MENU - a grouping of programmable features contained within a single screen

MODE LEVELS – user selectable level in the main menu for each mode  
MODEL NUMBER – factory set volume range and tip style for each pipette  
NUMBER OF CYCLES – number of cycles since the last service  
NUMBER OF DAYS – number of days since the last service  
OFF - option turned off  
ON - option turned on  
OPTIONS – additional settings available within a standard pipetting mode  
OWNER - the operator or owner of the instrument  
PREV – previous operating mode  
RESET - to cancel cycle by moving the piston to blowout  
SAVE - to enter into memory  
SECS – seconds, time measurement  
SETTING(S) – optional pipetting inputs – primarily volume and speed for a specific program  
SETUP - optional inputs for customization by the operator including name, sound level, backlight level, etc.  
SERIAL NUMBER – factory designated unique number for each pipette  
SERVICE LOG - Historical log of last 32 services performed on the pipette. Entered by technician. Not user-changeable  
SOUND LEVEL setting - to turn ON or OFF the speaker, i.e., beep, during operation; when ON, the volume level can be set between 1, soft, and 10, loud  
SPEED setting – to decrease or increase the rate of flow in which sample is aspirated, dispensed or mixed  
USB universal serial bus – communications link; versions include micro & mini connectors  
TIME – current time set in hours, minutes & seconds, displayed on operating screen, user adjustable  
TIME DISPLAY – available formats for displaying the time, user selected;  
    NONE – no time display, 12 HOUR – 12 hour clock, no AM or PM , 24 HOUR – 24 hour clock  
VOLUME setting – setting for desired amount of liquid

## Power Management Terms

BACKLIGHT SETTING – a user setting for the amount of power driving the display backlight during normal use, adjustable for either ease of viewing or power conservation  
BACK-UP BATTERY (coin cell) – internal battery used to maintain vital operating parameters, i.e., real time clock  
BATTERY ICON – displays the state of the battery, amount of charge remaining until hibernation  
CHARGE INDICATOR – display of charging taking place (flashing battery icon)  
CHARGE CYCLE – time requirements for; 1) Charge Stand, 2) Micro-USB to PC, 3) Micro-USB to wall charger  
DIMINISHING CAPACITY – annual reduction in battery capacity  
INACTIVITY – period of time with no user input  
POWER DOWN – selectable, to turn power off  
SLEEP – automatic, display goes blank, power conservation mode after time out  
START – unit activated by pressing either soft keys, requires a single press  
TETHERED POWER OPERATION – to use the unit while attached with a USB cable to a wall charger  
TIME OUT FOR SLEEP – a user setting for duration before unit goes into sleep, up to 60 minutes  
WAKE UP – to restart full power mode from either sleep or deep sleep, by pressing either soft keys, requires a single press

## 5.3 Memory, Power and Settings Management

All user entered changes to settings on the E4 XLS, as well as Service Mode data, are saved in FLASH memory. They are therefore preserved in the event of battery failure or removal, with the exception of time and date (see paragraph below). If you wish to reset the pipette back to factory settings, open the battery door. Using a clean pipette tip, gently press and hold the reset button (see illustration below) for about 7 seconds. The unit will beep, a splash screen will appear, and a "Memory Clear" warning will be displayed. Press the left softkey to continue. This reset will NOT remove service data from the pipette.

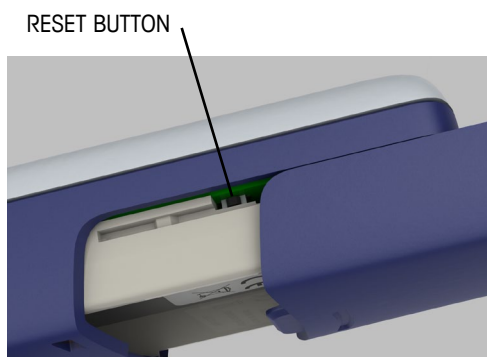


Figure 38: Resetting E4 XLS

The real-time clock, which keeps track of time and date, requires a continuous source of power. If the main Li-Ion battery fails or is removed, and no external power source is applied (such as wall power or rapid charge stand) the clock runs off a back-up coin cell battery. This battery will keep the clock running for about 90-120 days. If the coin cell battery drains completely, a notice will remind you to reset the time and date after power is restored to the unit. A new coin cell battery will be needed to provide back -up power for the clock if desired. For more information, please contact Technical Support at 800-543-4030 in the US, or your METTLER TOLEDO office or distributor outside the US.

## **EC Declaration of Conformity according to ISO 17050**

Manufacturer's Name: Rainin Instrument, LLC.

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declares that the following product:

Product Name E4 XLS Electronic Pipette

Model Number: E4 XLS

Product Options: E4-WPS Wall Power Supply

E4-RCS Rapid Charge Stand

E4-RCSWPS Wall Power Supply for Rapid Charge Stand

conforms to the following Product Specifications:

Safety: IEC/EN 61010-1:2001

Emissions Testing: EN 61326-1:2006

Testing performed to: Class A Limits (commercial/industrial environment)

Radiated Emissions: 30MHz-1GHz

Conducted Emissions Power ports

Immunity Testing: EN 61326-1:2006

EN61000-4-2 Electrostatic Discharge 4kV Air & 4kV Contact

EN61000-4-3 Radiated Immunity: 80MHz-1000MHz & 1400MHz-2700MHz)

EN61000-4-4 Electrical Fast Transients

EN61000-4-5 Surge: Power Ports

EN61000-4-6 Conducted Immunity: .15MHz-80MHz

EN61000-4-11 Voltage Dips and Interrupts

Herewith declares that the product is in conformity with the provisions of the following EC directives (incl. all applicable amendments):

2006/95/EC Low voltage (LVD)

2004/108/EC Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

Supplementary Information:

Responsible Signatory: Deryl Stanley, Head of R&D

Date: May, 2011

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### **WARNING:**

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, i.e. in strict accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. It has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A computing device pursuant to Subpart B of Part 15 of FCC rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference when operated in a commercial environment. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference, in which case the user at his own expense will be required to take whatever measures may be required to correct the interference.

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