

*pipet·lite*TM

Magnetic Assist Pipette

continuously-
adjustable
digital
microliter
pipette

9 pipettes for
volume ranges
from
0.1 μ L to 10 mL

Pipet-Lite 200 μ L shown



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Introduction

Pipet-Lite is an air-displacement pipette which incorporates a major ergonomic improvement to reduce the risk of repetitive strain injury and pain.

A magnet is used to help sense and hold the piston in the zero position, which reduces static force on the operator's hand.

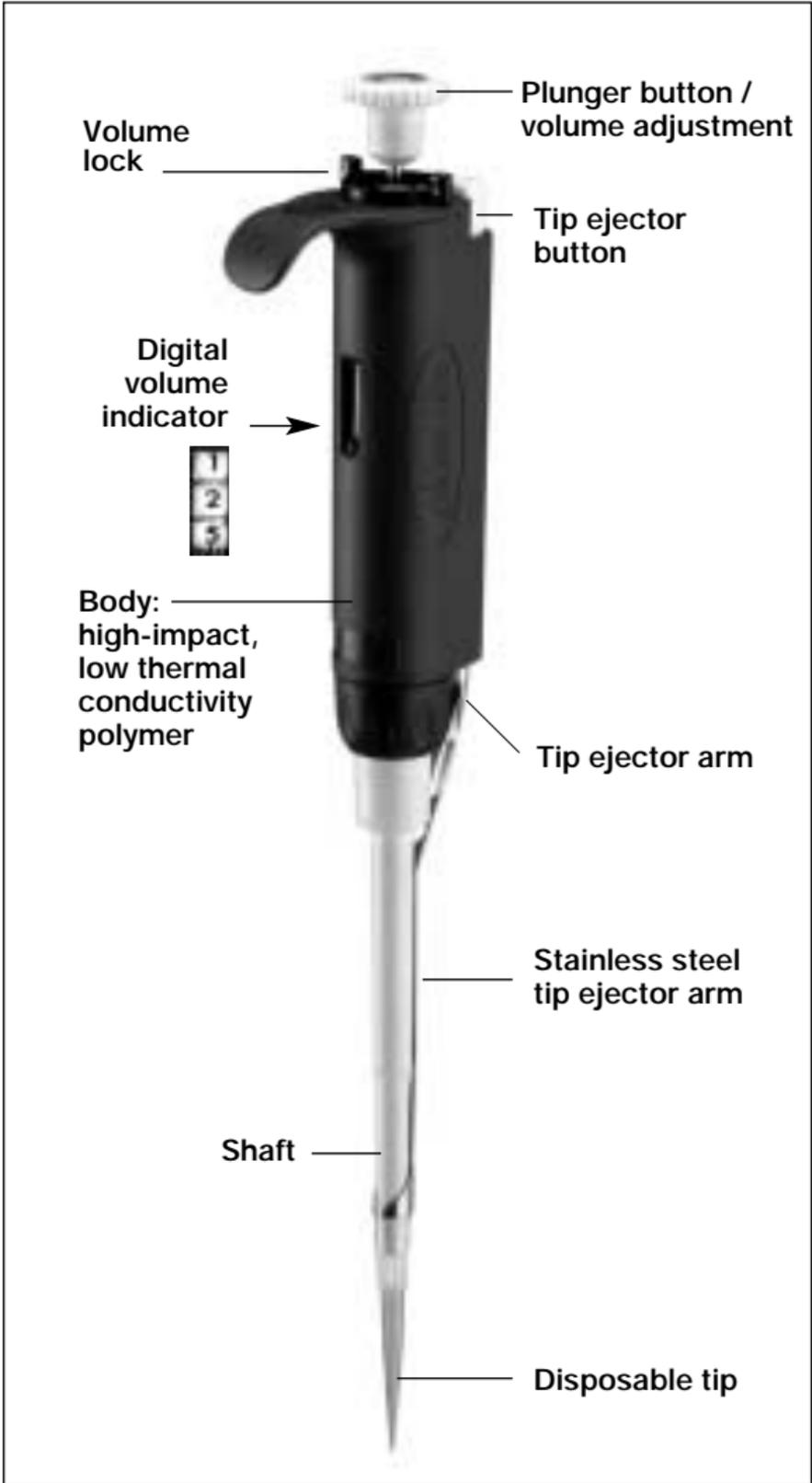
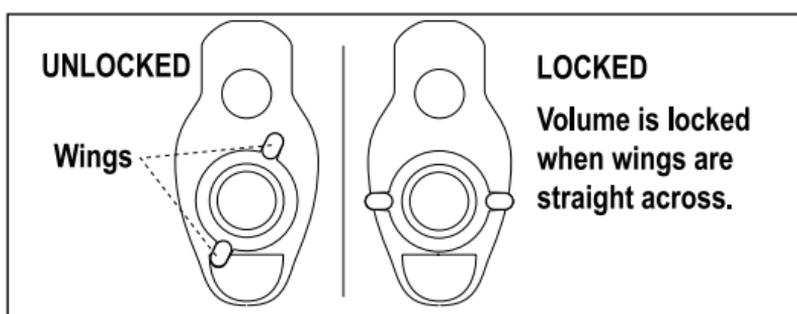


Figure 1 Pipet-Lite 200 µL

Setting Volume

1. Turn the volume lock counter-clockwise to the position shown at left below so the volume setting mechanism is unlocked and free to turn.



2. With the mechanism unlocked, orient Pipet-Lite so you are looking at the digital volume indicator, then rotate the plunger button to change volume – counter-clockwise to increase, and clockwise to decrease volume.

The volume indicator is read from the top down.

2 μ L	10 μ L	20 μ L	100 μ L	200 μ L	1000 μ L	2000 μ L	5000 μ L	10mL
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	0
2	7	2	7	2	7	2	2	7
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
1.25 μ L	7.5 μ L	12.5 μ L	75 μ L	125 μ L	0.75mL	1.25mL	4.25mL	7.50mL
Red digits				Black digits				

2–20 μ L: Black – μ L. Red – tenths, hundredths of μ L.

100–200 μ L: All digits black – whole μ L.

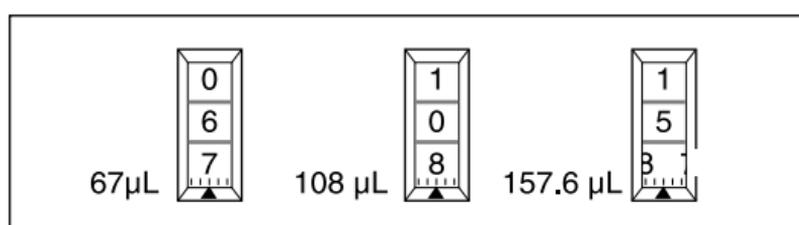
1000–2000 μ L: Red – mL. Black – μ L.

5000 μ L: Red – mL. Black – tenths, hundredths of mL.

10 mL: Red – mL. Black – tenths of mL.

3. To eliminate errors due to mechanical backlash: when setting the desired volume, first turn the knob $\frac{1}{3}$ turn above the desired volume. Then turn the knob slowly clockwise until the desired volume is displayed. **Always dial down to the desired volume.**
4. Turn the volume lock clockwise (see diagram above) to prevent accidental changes to the volume setting.

Example volumes for the 200 μ L model are shown below (note the intermediate setting at the right).



Volume ranges and increments are shown below:

Pipet-Lite Volume	Range (μL)		Increment μL
	Adjustable	Recommended	
2 μL	0 to 2	0.1 to 2	0.002
10 μL	0 to 10	0.5 to 10	0.02
20 μL	0 to 20	2 to 20	0.02
100 μL	0 to 100	10 to 100	0.2
200 μL	0 to 200	20 to 200	0.2
1000 μL	0 to 1,000	100 to 1,000	2.0
2000 μL	0 to 2,000	200 to 2,000	2.0
5000 μL	0 to 5,000	500 to 5,000	5.0
10 mL	0 to 10 mL	1 mL to 10 mL	20.0

Filter

Pipet-Lite 5000 μL and 10mL pipettes use a filter in the end of the shaft to help prevent liquid entering the shaft and contaminating the piston, should the plunger snap up during aspiration. Using such a filter is particularly important when pipetting large volumes. Replace the filter if it gets wet.

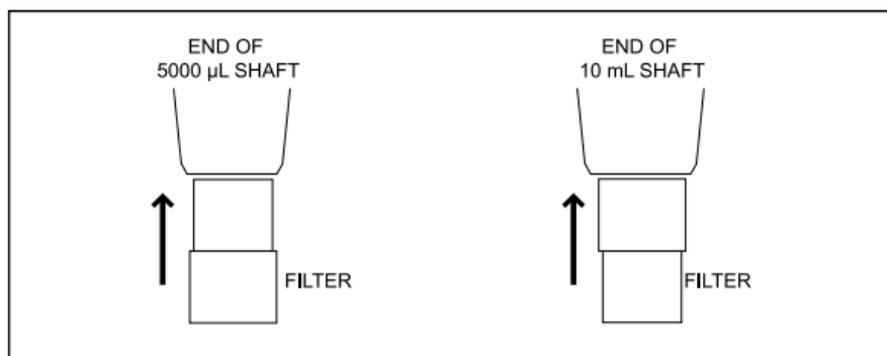


Figure 2 Filter Orientation

For 5000 μL pipettes insert the small diameter into the shaft, for 10 mL pipettes insert the large diameter into the shaft. Filter part numbers are 6190-164 (pack of 100) and 6190-165 (pack of 1000).

Tip Selection and Mounting

Always use Rainin tips with Pipet-Lite pipettes. Pipet-Lite pipettes are calibrated with Rainin tips, and performance to published specifications can only be guaranteed when Rainin tips are used.

To mount a tip, press the Pipet-Lite shaft into the end of the tip with light force. The tip will seal properly on the shaft with minimal force — do not use more force than is required.

Tip Immersion Depth

The recommended depth for tip insertion into the sample for each Pipet-Lite volume is shown below.

Pipet-Lite	Volume Range	Immersion Depth
2 μ L	0.1 - 2 μ L	1-2 mm
10 μ L	0.5 - 10 μ L	1-2 mm
20 μ L	2 - 20 μ L	2 - 3 mm
100 μ L	10 - 100 μ L	2 - 3 mm
200 μ L	20 - 200 μ L	2 - 4 mm
1000 μ L	100 - 1000 μ L	2 - 4 mm
2000 μ L	200 - 2000 μ L	2 - 6 mm
5000 μ L	500 - 5000 μ L	6 - 10 mm
10 mL	1 mL - 10 mL	6 - 10 mm

Tip immersion depth is critical. If these depths are exceeded, the volume measured may be inaccurate, possibly out of specification. Tip angle is also important. Hold the pipette within 20 degrees of vertical.

Operation

Before pipetting valuable samples, it is a good idea to practice aspirating and dispensing water before pipetting with actual samples.

1. Set the desired volume as described on page 2.
2. Attach a new Rainin tip. Press the shaft into the tip with only sufficient force to make a good seal.
3. Press the plunger button to the FIRST STOP, and hold it in this position. The magnetic latch will help you sense and hold this position.
4. Holding Pipet-Lite vertically, place the tip into the sample to the proper depth and relax your thumb pressure on the plunger. The light piston spring will move the piston upward, aspirating sample. Do not let go of the plunger button, or the piston may snap up quickly, resulting in inaccurate measurement.
5. Pause briefly to ensure that the full volume of sample is drawn into the tip.
6. Withdraw the tip from the sample. If any liquid remains on the outside of the tip, wipe it carefully with a lint-free tissue, taking care not to touch the tip orifice.

Dispensing:

1. Touch the tip end against the side wall of the receiving vessel and press the plunger slowly, past the FIRST STOP, to blowout (bottom of stroke.) Wait 1 second for 2–200 μL volumes, 1-2 seconds for 1000 μL and larger. (Longer for viscous solutions.)
2. Still holding the plunger, withdraw the tip, sliding it along the wall of the vessel. Release the plunger.
3. Press the tip ejector button lightly to discard the tip. Use a new tip for each sample to prevent carry-over. Repeat for the next pipetting cycle.

Pipetting Guidelines

Pipet-Lite pipettes incorporate several new features which enhance pipetting consistency. You should also maintain:

1. Consistent pickup and dispense rhythm.
2. Consistent speed and smoothness when pipetting.
3. Consistent pressure on the plunger button at the FIRST STOP.
4. Consistent immersion depth. See table on page 4.
5. Pipette vertically, or within 20° of vertical.
6. Don't invert or lay the pipette flat with liquid in the tip.

Pre-Rinsing Recommended

Some solutions may leave a film on the inside tip wall. This film remains relatively constant in successive pipettings with the same tip, so excellent precision can be obtained by refilling the tip and using the refilled volume as the sample. Successive samples from this same tip will exhibit good reproducibility.

Reverse Mode Pipetting

Another way of reducing error due to film retention, especially useful for more viscous liquids, is reverse mode pipetting. The operating sequence is reversed:

1. Mount a disposable tip on the pipette shaft.
2. Press the pushbutton fully to the SECOND STOP.
3. Immerse the tip in liquid and allow the button to return slowly to the fully UP position. Wait a moment for the liquid column to reach equilibrium in the tip.

4. Wipe any excess liquid from the outside of the tip without touching the orifice.
5. To dispense, rest the end of the tip against the vessel wall and press the plunger to the first stop. Hold this position a few seconds, or long enough for the liquid column to reach equilibrium again.
6. Remove the tip from the receiving vessel without blowing out the remaining liquid.
7. Return excess sample in the tip to the original sample container, if desired. Discard the used tip.

Pipetting Liquids of Varying Density

Pipet-Lite lets you compensate for solutions of density much different from water, by setting the volume slightly higher or lower than that required. The compensation amount must be determined empirically.

For example, if pipetting 10 μL of CsCl solution, you determine that the volume delivered is actually 8.5 μL (≥ 5 samples). Change the volume setting to 11.8 μL and repeat the measurements. If the volumes delivered are still not close enough to 10 μL , make another slight volume adjustment until the measurements are as desired.

Temperature Considerations

Warm or cold liquids can be measured with good precision by using a consistent pipetting rhythm. This will help minimize any differences in heating or cooling effects within the pipette.

Use a new tip each time for best accuracy and precision when measuring samples with temperatures greatly different from ambient, and do not pre-rinse. As with any air-displacement pipette, you will get best results if there is no delay between picking up the sample and dispensing it.

Autoclaving

Autoclavable parts of Pipet-Lite are the shaft and the tip ejector: 121°C, 1 bar, 15-20 minutes.

Do not autoclave the complete pipette or any parts other than the shaft and the tip ejector.

Tip Ejector Arm Removal

The tip ejector can be removed if necessary.

Two types of tip ejector are used and both types can be removed with minimum effort - **do not use force**. See Figure 2 below.

For models up to 2000 μL , press in the quick-release tabs on the ejector arm and pull the ejector down.

For 5000 μL and 10 mL pipettes, grasp the top of the ejector arm and pull outward then downward.

To replace the ejector arm on all models, insert the shaft through the large opening, align the top with the tip ejector pushrod, and push until the ejector arm snaps in place.

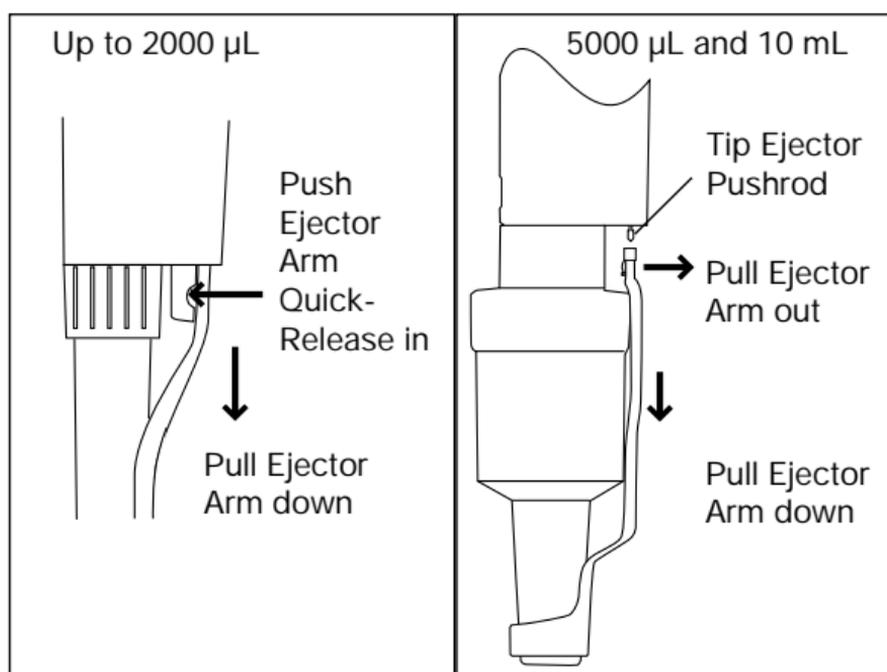


Figure 3 Removing the Tip Ejector Arm

Pipet-Lite Storage

After use, store the pipette in a clean safe place. Pipet-Lite is a precision instrument and should be treated with the level of care appropriate for laboratory instrumentation. Three types of hanger are available to hold your Pipet-Lite conveniently when not in use.

CR-7: Free-standing carousel holds seven pipettes.

HU-M3: Set of three individual magnetic Hang-Ups™ for mounting on ferrous surfaces.

HU-S3: Three Hang-Ups attached to a clamp which fits onto a shelf.

Troubleshooting and Repairs

WARNING:

When removing the shaft from the pipette body, make sure the spring, seal and o-ring do not fall off the piston, especially on the smaller models.

Sample Splash (liquid inside the mechanism)

1. Remove the tip ejector arm. Also refer to the appropriate drawing on page 12 or 13.
2. On pipettes up to 1000 μL , unscrew the shaft coupling (B) and remove the shaft (C). For 2000 μL , unscrew the shaft. For 5000 μL and 10 mL, unscrew the lower part of the shaft. Note the way the spring, seal and O-ring fit on the piston.
3. Inspect the seal assembly and piston for contamination. The piston should be shiny and free of corrosion. Clean with distilled water or isopropyl alcohol. Dry with a lint-free tissue and reassemble after inspecting the interior of the shaft for any contamination. For the 5000 μL and 10 mL models, apply a small amount of grease to the seal.
4. If piston corrosion or staining is evident, do not use the instrument. Call 800-662-7027 for Service.

Leaks, Inaccuracy, Abnormal Stroke

1. **Loose shaft.** Tighten coupling by hand.
2. **Split or cracked shaft.** Remove the tip ejector and inspect the shaft. Replace the shaft if necessary. If the shaft was dropped, remove it to see if the piston is bent. If so, return the instrument for service.
3. **Worn seal and/or o-ring.** All models incorporate a polyethylene seal and o-ring. Examine the seal and o-ring, replacing them as necessary. Pull off the old seal and o-ring, position the new seal and o-ring on the piston assembly as shown in the drawings on pages 12-13, and reassemble the pipette.

Note: It is NOT necessary to recalibrate Pipet-Lite after changing seals.

4. **Do not lubricate any components*.** Pipet-Lite uses a dry sealing system (*except for the 5000 μL and 10 mL sizes. These pipettes require a small amount of grease to be applied to the o-ring to make the seal.)

Acids and Corrosives

After pipetting concentrated acids or highly corrosive solutions, disassemble Pipet-Lite and inspect and clean the piston assembly, shaft, and seal with distilled water. Dry all components thoroughly and reassemble.

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

Service, Calibration and Repair

Rainin maintains its own Pipette Repair and Calibration facilities in the following locations:

Rainin Service Center

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Tel: (03) 5689-8311 Fax: (03) 5689-2670

Service is also available in many other countries through authorized Rainin distributors.

Note: It is recommended to use only genuine Rainin replacement parts such as seals and shafts. It is NOT necessary to recalibrate the pipette after changing the seal or shaft.

Recalibration of the pipette is only necessary when the piston is replaced, and should be done by qualified factory-trained personnel in the appropriate facility.

Specifications

Accuracy and precision specifications for Pipet-Lite are defined in this manual as follows:

Accuracy is the closeness of a measured volume to the true volume as specified by the volume setting of the pipette. Also known as “mean error”.

Precision is the scatter of individual measurements around the mean of a large number of replicate measurements of the same volume. Also known as “standard deviation”.

Pipet-Lite Specifications			Accuracy (mean error)		Precision (repeatability)	
Model	Volume μL	Increment μL	Rel % (±)	Abs μL (±)	Rel CV % (≤)	Abs SD μL (≤)
2 μL	0.2	0.002	12.0	0.024	6.0	0.012
	1.0		2.7	0.027	1.3	0.013
	2.0		1.5	0.030	0.7	0.014
10 μL	1.0	0.02	2.5	0.025	1.2	0.012
	5.0		1.5	0.075	0.6	0.03
	10.0		1.0	0.1	0.4	0.04
20 μL	2	0.02	7.5	0.15	2.0	0.04
	5		3.0	0.15	0.9	0.045
	10		1.5	0.15	0.5	0.05
	20		1.0	0.2	0.3	0.06
100 μL	10	0.2	3.5	0.35	1.0	0.1
	50		0.8	0.4	0.24	0.12
	100		0.8	0.8	0.15	0.15
200 μL	20	0.2	2.5	0.5	1.0	0.2
	100		0.8	0.8	0.25	0.25
	200		0.8	1.6	0.15	0.3
1000 μL	100	2	3.0	3	0.6	0.6
	500		0.8	4	0.2	1
	1000		0.8	8	0.15	1.5
2000 μL	200	2	3.0	6	0.6	1.2
	1000		0.8	8	0.2	2
	2000		0.8	16	0.12	2.4
5000 μL	500	5	2.4	12	0.6	3
	1000		1.2	12	0.3	3
	2500		0.6	15	0.2	5
	5000		0.6	30	0.16	8
10 mL	1 mL	20	5	50	0.6	6
	5 mL		1	50	0.2	10
	10 mL		0.8	80	0.16	16

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Replacement Parts (see pages 12-13)

Legend for Pipet-Lite 2 µL to 2000 µL

A - Plunger Button B- Shaft Coupling C - Shaft*
 D - Tip Ejector* E - Piston Assembly F - Seal
 G - O-ring H - Stroke Spring J - Seal Retainer

L- Series:

	L-2	L-10	L-20	L-100	L-200	L-1000	L-2000
A	6202-055	6202-056	6202-057	6202-058	6202-059	6202-060	6202-192
B	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	n/a
C	6202-063	6202-064	6202-065	6202-066	6202-067	6202-068	6202-214
C† (Short Shaft)			n/a	n/a	6202-229	6202-230	n/a
D	6202-071	6202-071	6202-071	6202-073	6202-073	6202-074	6200-168
D† (Short Tip Ejector)			n/a	n/a	6202-231	6202-232	n/a
E	6202-076	6202-077	6202-078	6202-079	6202-080	6202-081	6202-082
F	6200-131	6200-138	6200-143	6200-150	6200-154	6200-161	6200-166
G	6200-132	6200-139	6200-170	6200-151	6200-155	6200-162	6200-167
H	6202-083	6202-083	6202-083	6202-084	6202-084	n/a	n/a
J	6200-196	6200-196	6200-198	6200-201	6200-200	n/a	n/a

SL- Series:

	SL-2	SL-10	SL-20	SL-100	SL-200	SL-1000	SL-2000
A	6202-109	6202-110	6202-111	6202-112	6202-113	6202-114	6202-115
B	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	6202-062	n/a
C	6200-134	6200-140	6200-145	6200-147	6200-157	6200-160	6200-169
C† (Short Shaft)			n/a	n/a	6200-382	6200-383	n/a
D	6200-133	6200-133	6200-144	6200-148	6200-156	6200-163	6200-168
D† (Short Tip Ejector)			n/a	n/a	6200-384	6200-385	n/a
E	6202-183	6202-184	6202-185	6202-079	6202-080	6202-081	6202-082
F	6200-131	6200-138	6200-143	6200-150	6200-154	6200-161	6200-166
G	6200-132	6200-139	6200-170	6200-151	6200-155	6200-162	6200-167
H	6202-083	6202-083	6202-083	6202-084	6202-084	n/a	n/a
J	6200-196	6200-196	6200-198	6200-201	6200-200	n/a	n/a

* These parts are autoclavable (C - shaft, D - tip ejector arm)

† Short shaft and short tip ejector must be used together.

Legend for Pipet-Lite 5000 µL and 10 mL

A - Plunger Button C- Tip Ejector* D - Piston Assembly
 E - Piston O-ring F - Cylinder G - Cylinder O-ring H - Shaft*

L- Series:

SL- Series:

L-5000

L-10ML

SL-5000

SL-10ML

A	6202-193	6202-194	6202-217	6202-218
C	6200-373	6200-374	6200-373	6200-374
D	6202-215	6202-216	6202-215	6202-216
E	6200-363	6200-369	6200-363	6200-369
F	6200-365	6200-371	6200-365	6200-371
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H	6202-222	6202-223	6200-362	6200-368

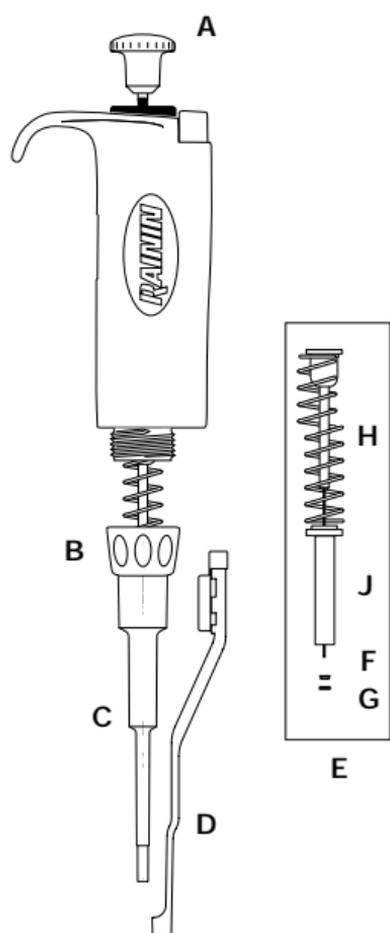
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Common parts for 5000 µL and 10 mL:

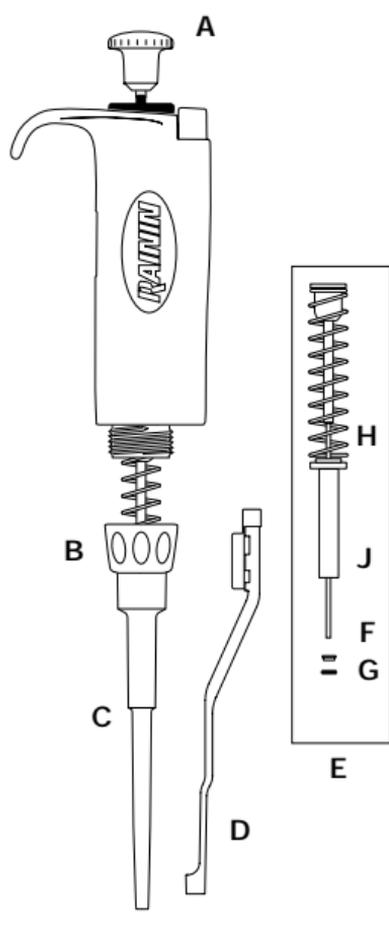
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 6190-165 (pack of 1000)

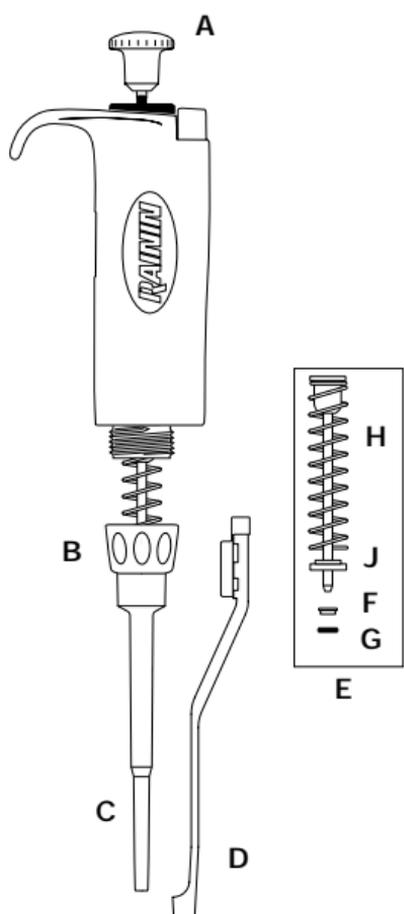
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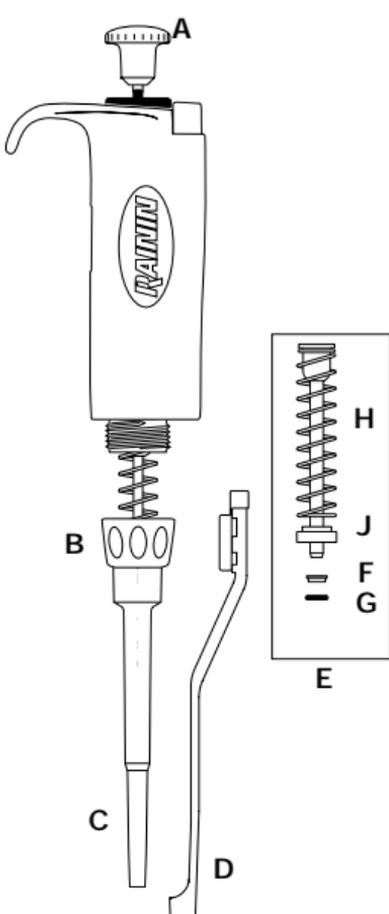
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Pipet-Lite 100 μ L



Pipet-Lite 200 μ L



Legend for Pipet-Lite 2 μ L to 2000 μ L Models
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A - Plunger Button

B - Shaft Coupling

C - Shaft

D - Tip Ejector

E - Piston Assembly

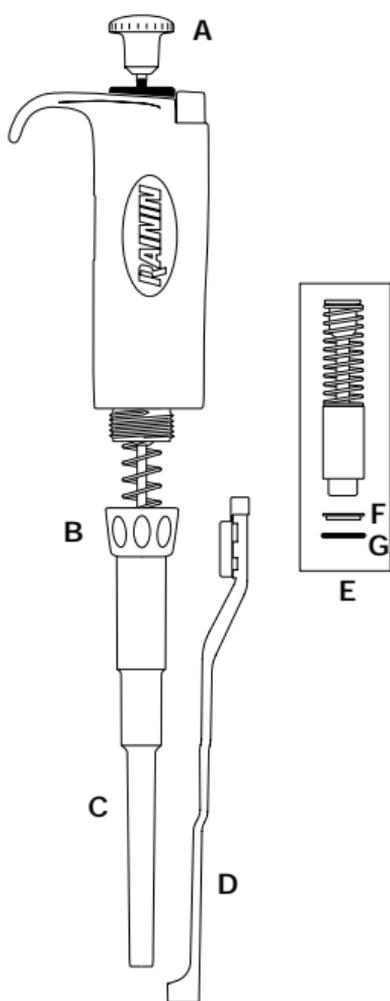
F - Seal

G - O-ring

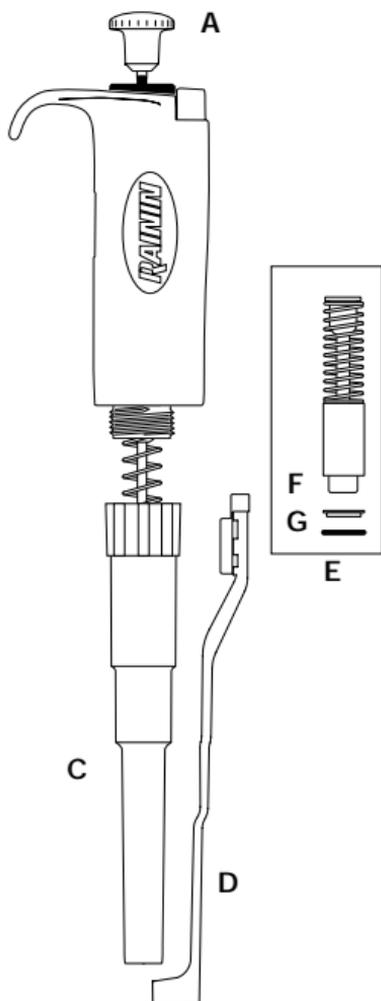
H - Stroke Spring

J - Seal Retainer

Pipet-Lite 1000 μ L



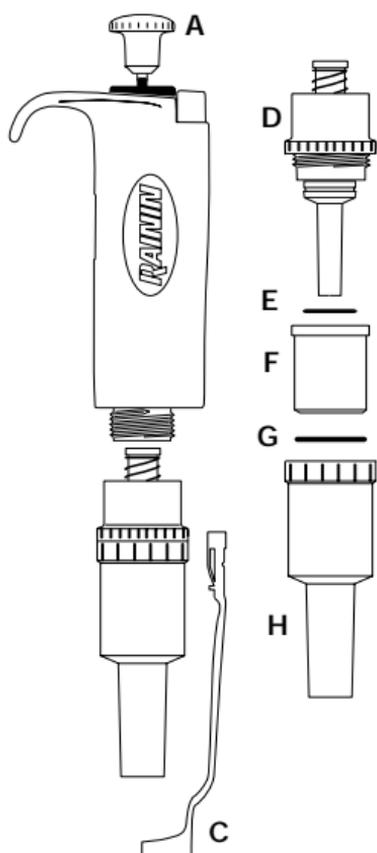
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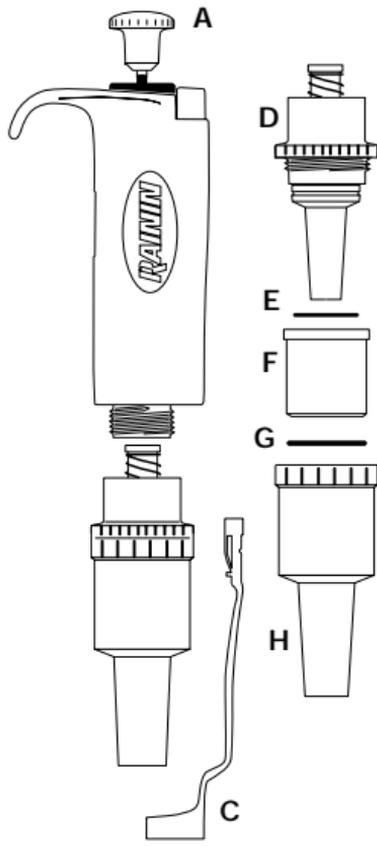
Legend for Pipet-Lite 5000 μ L and 10 mL (below)

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| A - Plunger Button | C - Tip Ejector Arm | D - Piston Assembly |
| E - Piston O-ring | F - Cylinder | G - Cylinder O-ring |
| H - Shaft | | |

Pipet-Lite 5000 μ L



Pipet-Lite 10 mL



Limited Warranty

See the enclosed Limited Warranty and Limitations of Liability Statement. Please complete and return the Warranty Registration Card on receipt of your pipette.

Rainin pipettes are calibrated with Rainin tips. To assure excellent reproducibility and performance, use only Rainin tips as recommended in this manual. Specified performance is guaranteed only when Rainin tips are used.

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