

# We are experts in automating miniaturised liquid handling

To perform reliable liquid analyses, you need to create an automatic liquid management system. This requires various tools, a specific know-how and expertise in a wide range of domains. We aim to make your sequential dispensing protocol simple, precise and with minimal contamination. We create robust industrial microfluidics components and on-demand services, allowing to reduce sample size, reagent cost and experiment time. Our products are in-house and Swiss-made. Our reactive team provides quality engineering.



#### **MANY APPLICATIONS**

need to analyse liquids

#### LIQUID ANALYSES

require a liquid automation system

**AMF SERVICES** 

#### **LIQUID MANAGEMENT**

uses tools to control, mix and do other features

**AMF PRODUCTS** 

**VALVES & PUMPS** 

are the solution

Microfluidics dates backed to the 1950s, originally for inkjet printing. It has since then been at the heart of the R&D and is only now integrating the industrial sector.

#### **OUR STORY**

All this began when someone needed a solution that didn't exist. Our first partners were developing a complex lab automation project and could not find suitable components on the market. Knowing our passion for microfluidics, they approached us. Together, we developed a solution that specifically corresponded to their needs. Our first product was born: the automated sample preparator.

The know-how that resulted in this partnership enabled us to identify several additional market needs and develop more products. Thus Advanced Microfluidics was created.

Based in the heart of the Swiss watch and medtech valley, in the EPFL innovation park, our team is committed to designing high-end, user-friendly fluidic solutions.

#### **OUR MISSION**

We develop and provide innovant, robust and reliable premium OEM tools for microfluidics automation and integrations.

We offer catalogue products and optimised solutions for your specific application. We help you save time and design our systems for easy integration.

#### **OUR VISION**

As pioneers in the revolutionary link between microfluidics and automation, we bring together a field, long considered as purely academic, into the industrial sector. With our innovative solutions, we strive to keep our clients satisfied by delivering high-performing and quality products & services. We are aiming to be the new reference for industrial microfluidics.

#### **STRENGTHS**



#### **POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS**

#### **MEDICAL**

Clinical diagnostics Allergy testing

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Drinking water monitoring Waste water testing

### FORENSICS

Urine analysis Toxicology

#### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

Dairy monitoring Wine analysis

#### RESEARCH

Analytical chemistry Analytical biology

#### **LIFE SCIENCES**

Biosensing Cell culture

#### **INDUSTRIAL**

Automatic sample preparation

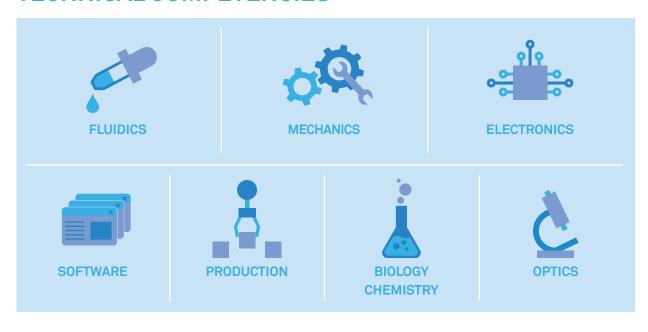
Quality testing

#### PHARMA / COSMETICS

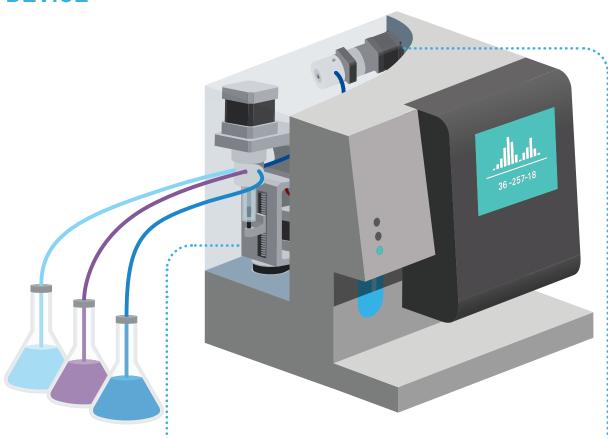
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#### **TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES**



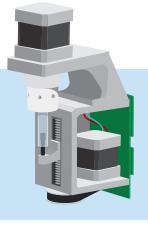
# AMF PRODUCTS INTEGRATED IN AN ANALYTICAL DEVICE





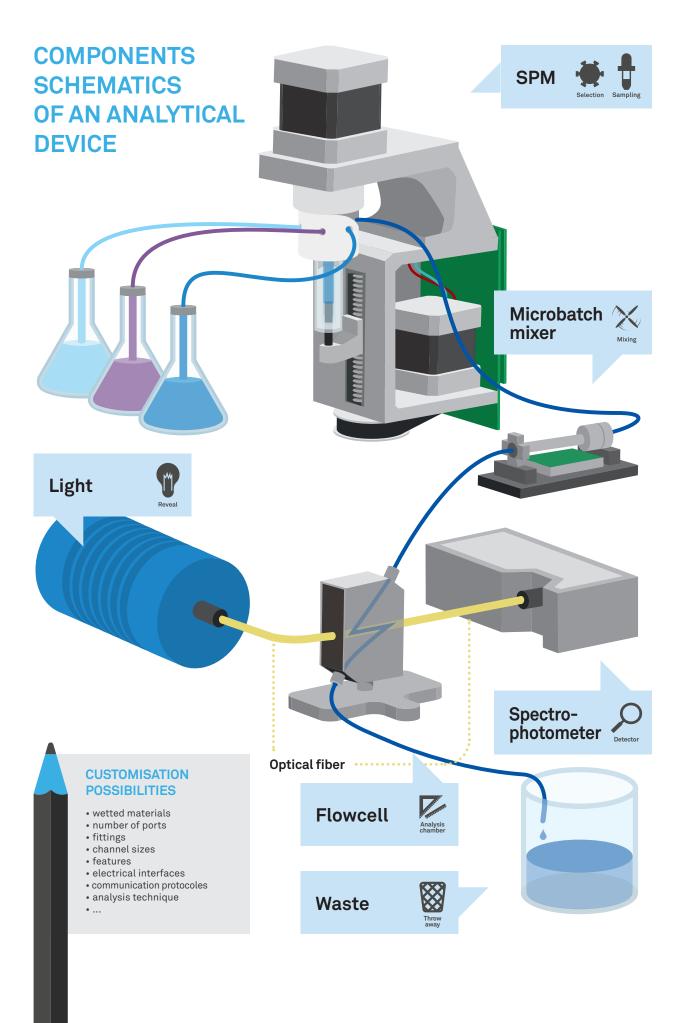
## **RVM** OEM rotary valve

Optimised for minimal cross-contamination Simple integration Light and compact



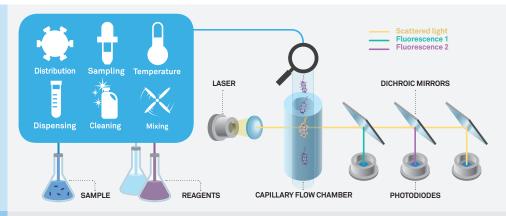
## **SPM** OEM syringe pump

Allows for multiple liquids Simple air removal Optimised for minimal contamination



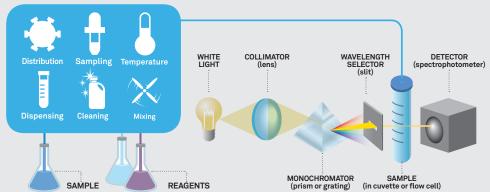
Colorimetry

## DETECTION TECHNIQUES IN AN ANALYTICAL DEVICE



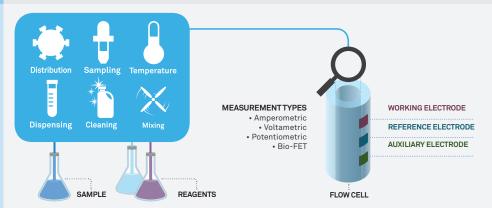
#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Cell proliferation
- Cell cycle
- Cell viability
- Cell tracing
- Cell screening
- Cell sorting
- Apoptosis
- Oxidative stress
- Phagocytosis
- Immunophenotyping
- CD markers
- ...



#### **APPLICATIONS**

- HRP colorimetric detection
- Colorimetric AP systems
- Immuno-blot assays
- Western blot
- Southern blot
- BCA protein assay
- · Bradford protein assay
- Amino acid analysis
- Class specific protein quantification
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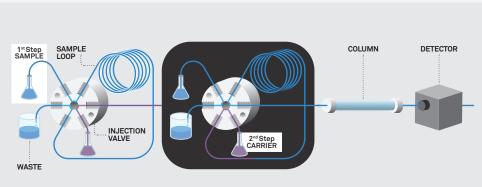


#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Biosensors
- Electrosynthesis
- Electroanalytical chemistry
- Reactive oxygen species analysis
- Cellular redox environment monitoring
- Exocytosis monitoring
- Cyclic voltammetry and amperometry
- Electrophoresis
- Capillary electrophoresis
- Maldi-TOF
- ...

#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Vaccines screening
- Food testing
- Beverage testing
- Drug testing
- Forensic testing
- Additive detectionNutritional quality
- Nutritional quality
   determination
- Metabolic and proteomic
- Nucleic acid research
- Flow chemistry
- Liquid chromatography
- ...

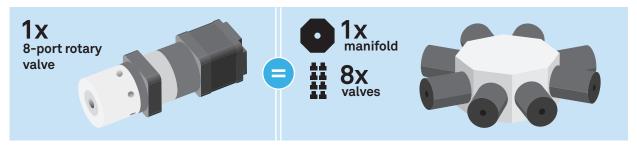


#### WHY WOULD I USE A ROTARY VALVE?

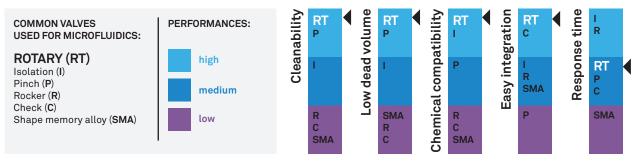
A rotary valve designed for complex multi-liquid flow path change. By acting as a manifold, it saves you space and is much easier to program and integrate.

It's main advantages are:

Tube-like fluidic path | Constant power consumption | Volume variation



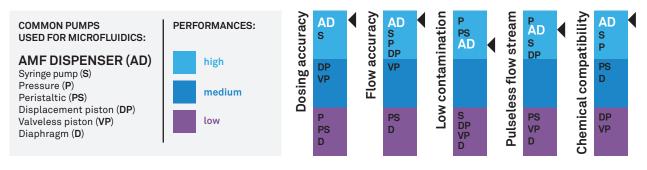
#### The performance of rotary valves compared to other valve types



#### WHY WOULD I USE A SEQUENTIAL MICRODISPENSER?

AMF's sequential microdispenser directly integrates a multi-port rotary valve. It is then optimised for dosing and handling multiple liquids, while standard syringe pumps are optimised for a single liquid.

## The performance of sequential microdispensers compared to other pump types for sequential injection



WE CAN HELP YOU DESIGN THE PERFECT FLUIDIC SYSTEM FOR YOUR OWN PROJECT

## 1. Selection

Select fluids using a distribution, on/off or switching rotary valve. These ultra-low internal volume designs allow for rapid liquid switching with an extremely low carryover.

#### 2. Multiple Sampling

Our high precision syringe pump is used for sequential aspirating/dispensing of multiple fluids. Its minimal dead volume lets you precisely prepare samples, even with the smallest volumes.

cleaner

#### 3. Mixing

Blend samples homogeneously with our micro batch mixer. Both aggressive chemicals and delicate samples such as biological media can be mingled.



## 5. Dispensing

Our dispensing solutions accurately control volume and flow rate. Using a multi-port valve, you can transfer the liquids between multiple sources and targets.









waste

## 4. Temperature Control

Thermal regulation is an optional regulation. Mix, incubate or dispense your samples at a controlled temperature.

#### 6. Cleaning

Fully automated sample preparation requires thorough cleaning and minimal carryover between batches. Our solutions can be efficiently cleaned or rinsed thus preventing cross-contamination and biofilm formation.

#### **INTERNAL VOLUME**

Volume inside the system, from entrance to exit.

#### **DEAD VOLUME**

Volume that is "stuck" in the system (dead end), which is not cleanly swept and relies on diffusion to clear out.

#### **CARRYOVER VOLUME**

Volume of liquid that will be mixed with the next liquid. It is not stuck, but will be swept next time a liquid passes.





## RVM Electric rotary valve





#### **BENEFITS**

- Optimised to limit contamination between sequential injections
- Excellent chemical and biological compatibility
- Replaces a manifold with multiple valves
- Light and compact
- Easy to use and integrate
- Swiss quality



#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Sample preparation automation
- Multiplexing
- Sample loops
- Adapted for battery operated devices
- Adapted for Point-Of-Care
- Adapted for production



#### **FUNCTIONS**

- Select channel
- Change flow path
- Stop flow or isolation

Valves specifications, page 14 Customisation possibilities, page 14







This is an OEM product.

It can be tailored for the needs of your instrument.

## THE ULTRA-LOW INTERNAL VOLUME ROTARY VALVE CONTROL AND OPTIMISE YOUR FLOW PATH

Our OEM valve is a precise low-pressure electric rotary valve designed for automated microfluidic applications. Its small channels and accurate positioning system make it ideal for precise liquid handling.

Showing an unrivaled small wetted volume and an exceptional ease of use, this valve is the perfect companion for liquid distribution in your instrument or laboratory experiments at a reduced cost. A low power model is available for a minimum battery use and a fast one for your time-specific applications.

Motor specifications							
REF.	TYPE	POWER	ROTATION TIME FOR 180°	WEIGHT (TOTAL MODULE)	DIMEN- SIONS		
P200-O	Low power motor	5-10 VDC, 0.5 A peak	1.5 s	250 g	29 x 38.3 x 111.8 mm		
P201-0	Fast motor	18-24 VDC, 2 A peak	400 ms	450 g	42.3 x 60 x 95.9 mm		

Other specifications					
Operating temperature	5 – 40°C (41-104°F)				
Operating humidity	20-80%, non condensing				
Max. pressure	7 bars (102 psi)				
Wetted materials	PTFE or UHMW – PE, PCTFE				
Channel diameter	0.5 mm (0.020 in) or 1 mm (0.039 in) (other upon request)				
Internal volume	2.5 – 13.7 μL port-to-port (configuration dependent)				
Carryover volume	0.55 – 6.7 μL port-to-port (configuration dependent)				
Dead volume	None				
Tube port fittings	Standard 1/4 – 28 UNF, flat-bottom				
Electrical interface	USB mini, 9–pin D–Sub (fast motor model only)				
Communication type	Serial, I2C (other upon request)				

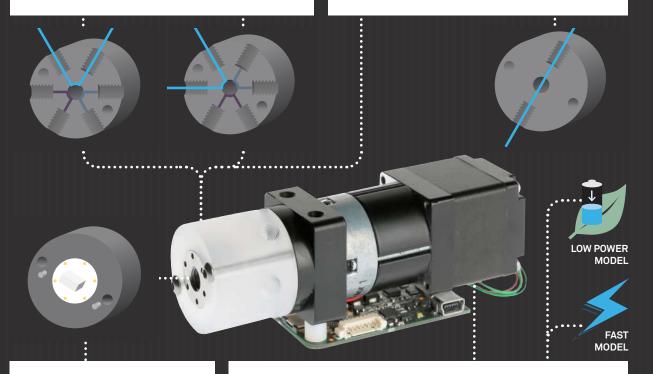
#### Valves types **SERIES TYPE DISTRIBUTION** ON/OFF **SWITCH** LIQUID PATH N-port/2-position valve N-port/(N/2)-channel valve N-port distribution valve isolation valve (N+1)-port/1-channel valve KNOWN ALIASES N-port selection valve shutoff valve switch valve (N+1)-port/N-position valve loop valve

#### Fast liquid switching

This extremely small internal volume selection valve allows to rapidly switch liquid, while maintaining an ultra low carryover.

#### Ultra-low internal volume

Our unique precise valves exhibit an internal volume (port-toport) down to 2.5  $\mu L$  due to their exceptionally small 0.5 mm diameter channels.



#### Integrated sensor

The position sensor is directly integrated into the valve to ensure precise positioning (even with game on the motor axis and potential wear!) An automatic procedure at power-up allows the valve to know its precise location. This is called the «homing».

#### **Choice of motor**

#### LOW POWER MODEL

This valve was designed in the most simple way to reduce its power consumption. It is USB powered. A smaller power consumption allows for a smaller power supply, and thus better portable device integration.

#### FAST MODEL

This valve is designed to reduce the switching speed, taking no more than  $400\ \mbox{ms}.$ 

Valves specifications								
DISTRIBUTION SERIES								
REF.	CONFIGURATION	WETTED MATERIALS	INTERNAL VOLUME	CARRYOVER VOLUME	FLUID PATH DIAMETER	MAX. PRESSURE		
V-D-1-6-050-C-P	6 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	2.5 μL	1.5 µL	0.5 mm	7 bars		
V-D-1-8-050-C-P	8 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	2.5 μL	1.5 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars		
V-D-1-8-100-C-U	8 ports	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	13.8 μL	6.7 μL	1 mm	7 bars		
V-D-1-10-050-C-U	10 ports	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	3.5 µL	1.7 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars		
V-D-1-10-100-C-U	10 ports	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	13.8 μL	6.7 μL	1 mm	7 bars		
V-D-1-12-050-C-U	12 ports	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	3.5 µL	1.7 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars		
ON/OFF SERIES	ON/OFF SERIES							
REF.	CONFIGURATION	WETTED MATERIALS	INTERNAL VOLUME	CARRYOVER VOLUME	FLUID PATH DIAMETER	MAX. PRESSURE		
V-0-1-2-050-C-P	2 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	3.0 µL	-	0.5 mm	7 bars		
V-0-1-2-075-C-P	2 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	6.6 µL	-	0.75 mm	7 bars		
SWITCH SERIES								
REF.	CONFIGURATION	WETTED MATERIALS	INTERNAL VOLUME	CARRYOVER VOLUME	FLUID PATH DIAMETER	MAX. PRESSURE		
V-S-1-4-050-C-P	4 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	2.8 μL	0.8 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars		
V-S-1-6-050-C-P	6 ports	PCTFE, PTFE	2.5 μL	0.6 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars		

- Valve heads are interchageable. Other models available upon request.

Check website for new models

#### **CUSTOMISATION POSSIBILITIES**

- wetted materialsfluidic fittingsfluid path diameter
- electrical interfaces
- electrical interfacescommunication typesnumber of portsPCB

## SPM Sequential







#### BENEFITS

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#### **APPLICATIONS**

- Sample preparation automation
- Industry
- · Lab-on-chip
- Research & Education
- Biological sample handling
- Accurate flow streams of fluids
- High-precision sampling and dosing



#### **FUNCTIONS**

- Dilute samples or reagents
- Aspirate liquids
- Dispense liquids
- Control the flow rate
- Prepare complex mixes
- Alternate air / liquid samples

Syringes and valves specifications, page 17 Customisation possibilities, page 17











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## THE ALL-IN-ONE SAMPLE MANIPULATOR HANDLE DELICATE SAMPLES WITH GREAT PRECISION

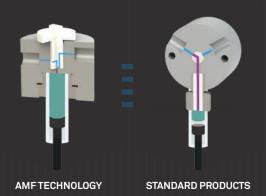
Our OEM sequential microdispenser is a high-precision dosing device for automated microfluidic applications. The high-accuracy dosing and low-pulse flow stream capabilities make it the perfect tool for multiple liquid handling in the range of milliliter down to nanoliter.

The integrated zero dead volume selection valve allows you to handle multiple fluids with one pump thanks to the high cleaning efficiency and low carryover. Coupled with its ease of use and integration, this sequential microdispenser is thus the ideal companion for your instruments and laboratory experiments at a reduced investment cost.

Pump speci	fications		
Operating temperature	5 – 40°C (41-104°F)		
Operating humidity	20-80%, non condensing		
Max. pressure	7 bars (102 psi)		
Wetted materials	PTFE or UHMW-PE, PCTFE and borosilicate glass		
Dead volume	None		
Carryover volume	1.5 – 11ml (configuration dependent)		
Plunger travel	30 mm with 96'000 micro-steps for nearly pulseless flow		
Plunger resolution	Selectable 3'000 steps (standard) / 24'000 steps (high)		
Plunger drive	Screw drive with linear encoder for step loss detection		
Valves configuration	Zero dead-volume multi-port distribution with angular encoder		
Tube port fittings	Standard 1/4 – 28 UNF, flat-bottom		
Cross-contamination	Typically from 1/100 to 1/1000 per cleaning cycle		
Accuracy	< 1% deviation from expected value at full stroke		
Electrical interface	USB mini, 9-pin D-Sub (other upon request)		
Communication type	Serial, I2C (other upon request)		
Power	18 VDC, 2.2 A peak, 40 W (18 VDC optimised for battery use)		
Time for full stroke	2 - 3000 seconds		
Dimensions	199.7 x 126.3 x 50.5 mm		
Weight	1.5 kg		

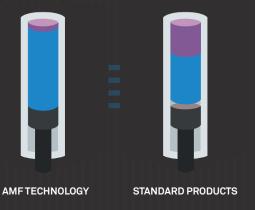
## Dead, internal and carryover volumes

Our unique valve geometry limits the carryover volume to 1.5  $\mu L$  (purple) whereas standard products exhibit up to 50  $\mu L$ . The exceptionally small channel diameter of 0.5 mm reduces the internal volume to only 4  $\mu L$  (blue + purple). There is no dead volume.



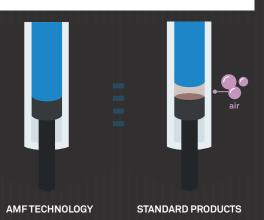
#### High dilution ratio

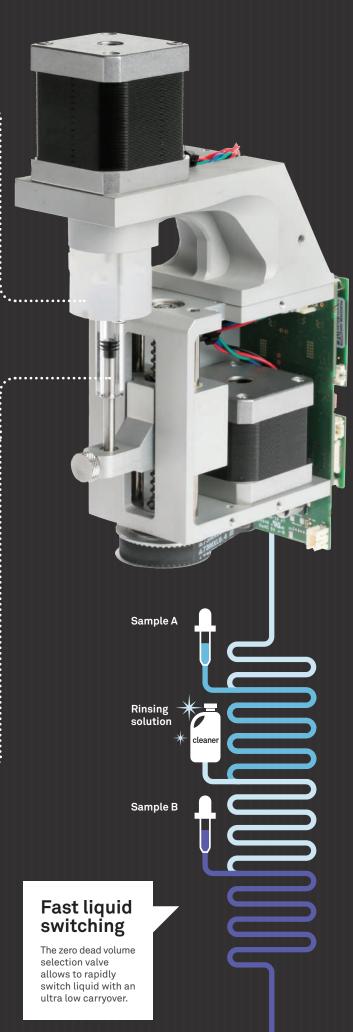
When rinsing, diluting or switching liquid, our minimal carryover volume (purple) leads to a maximal dilution ratio with the diluent (blue).



#### **Bubble free priming**

Our distinct valve design expels the air from the syringe and valve immediately, eliminating the traditional cumbersome priming procedure.





Syringes specifications						
REFERENCE	VOLUME	PLUNGER MATERIAL	MIN. FLOW RATE	MAX. FLOW RATE	MIN. DOSING VOLUME	
S-25-P	25 μL	PTFE	0.25 μL/min	750 μL/min	0.05 μL	
S-50-P	50 μL	PTFE	0.5 μL/min	1500 μL/min	0.1 μL	
S-100-P or S-100-U	100 μL	PTFE or UHMW-PE	1 μL/min	3000 μL/min	0.2 μL	
S-250-P	250 μL	PTFE	2.5 μL/min	8000 μL/min	0.5 μL	
S-500-P or S-500-U	500 μL	PTFE or UHMW-PE	5 μL/min	15000 μL/min	1 μL	
S-1000-P	1000 μL	PTFE	10 μL/min	30 000 μL/min	2 μL	

**Chemical compatibility** The wetted materials being PTFE, PCTFE and borosilicate glass, the pump offers an exceptional compatibility to most chemicals and biological samples.

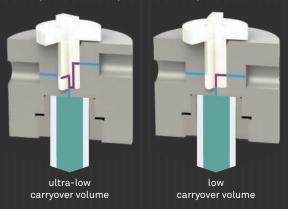
#### Optional:

It is possible to add a heating/cooling module around the syringe to suit your specific application.

Valves specifications						
REF.	CONFIGURATION	WETTED MATERIALS	INTERNAL VOLUME	CARRYOVER VOLUME	FLUID PATH DIAMETER	MAX. PRESSURE
V-D-2-6-050-C-P	6-ports ultra-low carryover volume	PCTFE, PTFE	5.2 μL	1.5 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-6-050-C-P	6-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, PTFE	3.5 µL	2.6 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-8-050-C-P	8-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, PTFE	3.5 µL	2.6 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-8-100-C-U	8-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	18.1 µL	11 µL	1 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-10-050-C-U	10-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	4.5 µL	2.8 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-10-100-C-U	10-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	18.1 µL	11 µL	1 mm	7 bars
V-D-1-12-050-C-U	12-ports low carryover volume	PCTFE, UHMW-PE	4.5 µL	2.8 μL	0.5 mm	7 bars

- Valve heads are interchangeable.
- Other models available upon request.

Check website for new models.
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## CUSTOMISATION POSSIBILITIES

- wetted materials
- fluidic fittings
- fluid path diameter
- motor
- electrical interfaces
- communication types
- number of ports

#### FLUDIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Are you designing a new instrument?

Do you want to check if your idea is feasible?

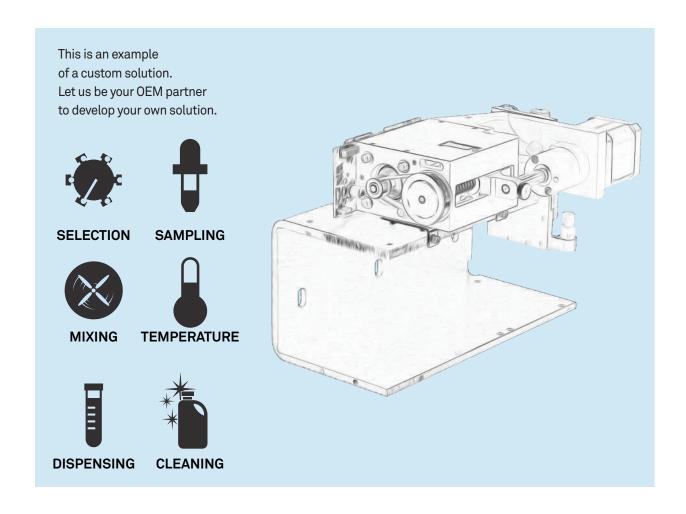
Are you having problems with your system and need a redesign?

Do you have the next great fluidic idea, but don't how to bring it about?

#### Just ask us. We are the experts.

Automatic, robust microfluidic systems are what we do. Whether you think rotary valves and syringe pumps are the solutions that you need, or of you need a solution that just does not exist on the market, or is not good enough for you, we are there to help you.

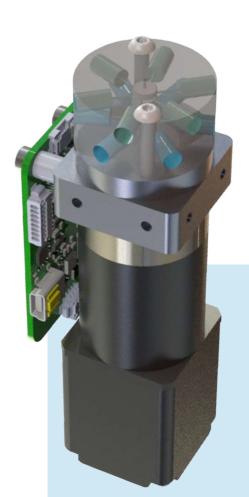
We have successfully created fluidic systems for technologicallyadvanced commercial instruments.



#### DYNAMIC ROTARY MANIFOLD

## CUSTOMISATION POSSIBILITIES FOR ALL CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

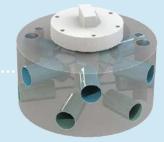
- wetted materials
- fluidic fittings
- fluid path geometry
- number of ports
- multiplexing
- motor
- electrics
- electrical interfaces
- communication types
- software
- Integration



#### INTEGRATE MULTIPLE FLOWPATHS IN A SINGLE PIECE

Our dynamic rotary manifolds ensure a limited footprint and increased ease of use. With a fixed part that allows for multiple inlets/outlets and a rotary part which creates various interconnections, many possibilities are now offered to you.

With very precise designs and machining, Teflon materials and no dead volume, we ensure contamination-free experiments and instruments. We can work together to develop your specific design.





#### 2x 6-port switch

One way to have two 6-port switch valves to move simultaneously is to combine them in a single valve head, actuated by the same motor.

This example is designed for 10-32 UNF, flatbottom connectors.

#### 4x on/off

To reduce the total footprint and allow for simultaneous switches, we can integrate 4 on-off valves in one head, which are fluidically independent. No need to have 4 motors and 4 controllers!

This example is designed for 1/4-28 UNF, flat-bottom connectors.



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