

Technical Note 130A

CARE AND USE OF BUBBLE PADDLE RESERVOIRS USED WITH MAGNETIC TUMBLE STIRRERS



Figure 1. Tumble Bubble Paddle Reservoirs with Magnetic Tumble Stirrers: On the left, VP 756B shown with VP 710D2 and on the right, two VP 752D-SBS with VP 710C5.

Part Number	Description
VP 756B series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 8 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, made from Polypropylene, Delrin or PTFE
VP 750-13 series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 12 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, made from Polypropylene, Delrin or PTFE
VP 750 series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 96 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, portrait position, made from Polypropylene, Delrin or PTFE
VP 750-ECON-6 series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 96 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, made from Polypropylene disposable reservoir and re-useable polycarbonate Bubble Paddle Frame.
VP 751 series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 96 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, landscape position, made from Polypropylene, Delrin or PTFE
VP 755D series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 384 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, portrait position, made from Delrin
VP 752D series	Bubble Paddle Reservoir, for keeping cells/particles in suspension, 384 well format, driven by Tumble Stirrer, landscape position, made from Delrin

List of Tumble Bubble Paddle Reservoirs

List of Magnetic Tumble Stirrers

VP 710D3	Magnetic Multi-stirrer, 7.6cm long stirring deck, stirs certain Bubble
	Paddle Reservoirs (VP 750 series, VP 755D series, and VP 756B series) by
	small to large vessels by borizontal stirring. Does not stir entire
	microplates. Separately available accessories required for particular
	stirring applications.
VP 710C5	Magnetic Tumble Stirrer, 14cm long stirring deck, stirs standard and
	deep well microplates, racks of tubes or vials, syringes and Tumble
	Bubble Bubble Paddle Reservoirs listed above
VP 710E5	Magnetic Tumble Stirrer, 54cm cm long stirring deck, stirs standard and
	deep well microplates, racks of tubes or vials, syringes and Tumble
	Bubble Bubble Paddle Reservoirs listed above

CARE AND USE

- 1. To sterilize the Bubble Paddle Reservoir and the Bubble Paddle(s), use the method appropriate for the Reservoir material:
 - a. Delrin:
 - i. Treat with 10% bleach followed by rinsing with alcohol and air drying.
 - ii. Do not autoclave or dry heat sterilize.
 - b. Polypropylene:
 - i. Treat with 10% bleach followed by rinsing with alcohol and air drying.
 - ii. Can autoclave.
 - iii. Do not dry heat sterilize. Temperatures above 121°C will soften the plastic.
 - iv. Polypropylene Reservoir that is part of VP 750-ECON-6 is disposable and should just be replaced with new sterile one. Bubble Paddle Frame can be autoclaved.
 - c. PTFE:
 - i. Treat with 10% bleach followed by rinsing with alcohol and air drying
 - ii. Can autoclave or dry heat sterilize.
- 2. To use the Bubble Paddle Reservoir to mix particulate solutions:
 - a. Place the Bubble Paddle Reservoir on the Magnetic Tumble Stirrer stirring deck. Make sure the Bubble Paddle Reservoir is setting flat and secure.
 - b. Set the speed control knob of the Magnetic Tumble Stirrer to 0. Turn ON the power switch. Slowly increase the speed until achieving the desired level of mixing.
 - c. Carefully add the sample suspension of particulates to the Reservoir after the bubble paddles are turning. If it is desirable to have the liquid suspension in the Reservoir prior to mixing, carry out a quick test to make sure the bubble paddle(s) can resuspend the particulates from the reservoir bottom. First turn the Stirrer OFF and let the particulates settle. Then turn the Magnetic Tumble Stirrer ON again and make sure the suspended particulates are again evenly distributed.

- 3. Always turn the Magnetic Tumble Stirrer off with the power switch. Never leave the unit ON with the speed control knob turned to 0 for long periods of time. Cleaning: The reservoir is made of Delrin, polypropylene or PTFE, and the paddles are made of stainless steel or stainless steel coated with parylene (for use with magnetic beads) with PTFE bearings. Use a mild detergent to clean the reservoir and the paddles.
- 4. For mixing solutions other than general aqueous buffers, see chemical compatibility information the following link for the materials that part of the Bubble Paddle Reservoir: <u>http://www.coleparmer.com/techinfo/chemcomp.asp</u>

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