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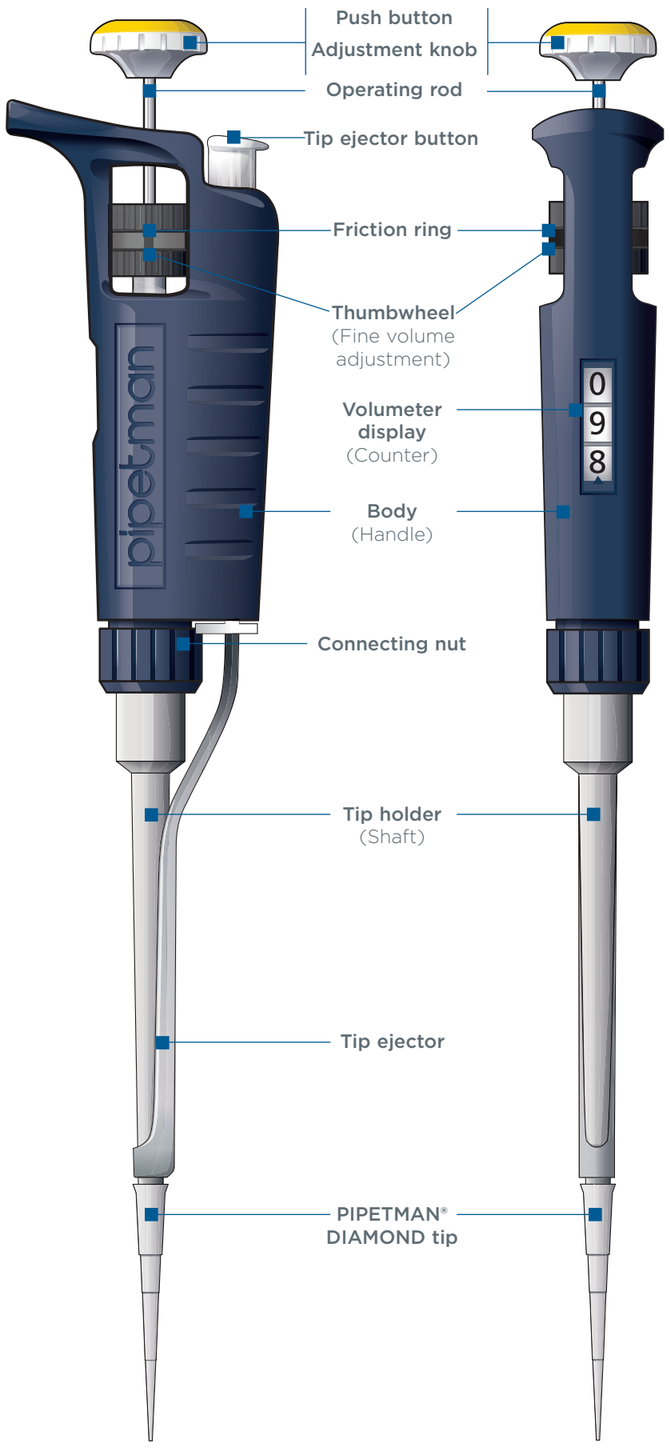
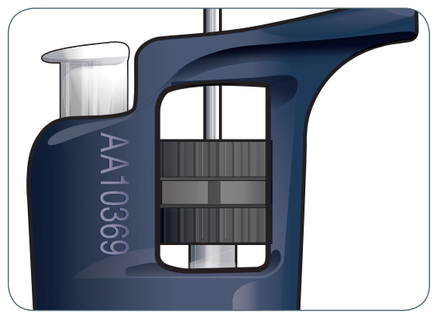
Two Minute Inspection



1 STEP 1 Check the Records

- Use the serial number to identify the pipette and to determine its age
- Check laboratory records for the last service date

NOTE The updated line of PIPETMAN Classic is identified with an underlined serial number starting with **QG**.



Letter	Year
A	1984 / 2006
B	1985 / 2007
C	1986 / 2008
D	1987 / 2009
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J	1991 / 2013
K	1992 / 2014
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P	1996 / 2018
Q	1997 / 2019
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S	1999 / 2021
T	2000 / 2022
U	2001 / 2023
W	2002 / 2024
X	2003 / 2025
Y	2004 / 2026
Z	2005 / 2027

Letter	Month
A	January
B	February
C	March
D	April
E	May
G	June
H	July
J	August
K	September
L	October
M	November
N	December

Before 1984

G 80 12345

Month Year Production number

Jan. 1984 - Dec. 2005

G 10369 H

Year Production number Month

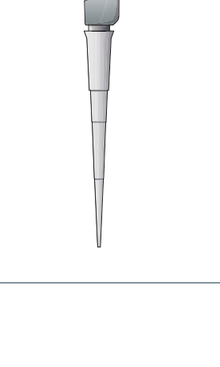
After January 2006

A A 50001

Year Month Production number

2 STEP 2 General Appearance

CHECKED POINT	POSSIBLE CAUSES
Operating rod - bent? - corroded?	• Dropped • Lengthy immersion in corrosive liquid for decontamination • Lengthy exposure to corrosive vapors
Volumeter - dial alignment? - clarity of numbers?	• Autoclaving changed the appearance and function (the body must not be autoclaved)
Tip ejector - corroded? - broken?	• Lengthy immersion in corrosive liquid for decontamination • Lengthy exposure to corrosive vapors
Tip holder - physical or chemical damage?	• Repeated blows • Lengthy immersion in corrosive liquid for decontamination • Lengthy exposure to corrosive vapors



3 STEP 3 Check Functions

PROCEDURE	POSSIBLE CAUSES

Large volume adjustment

1 Set volume at maximum (i.e., nominal volume) assessing the movement of the friction ring

2 Activate the push button to test movement during aspirate and dispense strokes

- **Irregular movement** hitching, due to damage to the friction ring
- **No displacement** bent operating rod
- **Jerky movement** corroded, dirty, or scratched piston

Volumeter adjustment

1 Go through the entire range. The settings should correspond to the pipette's useful volume range (minimum to nominal volume)

- **No adjustment** autoclaving
- **Incorrect volume setting** Misindexing; pipette adjustment screw has been incorrectly reassembled

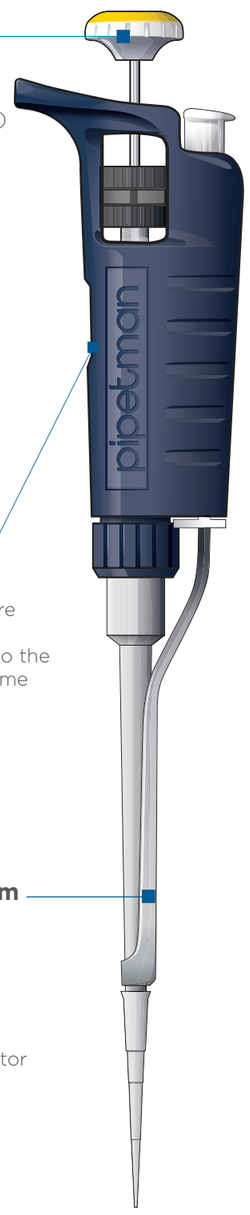
Tip ejection system

1 Fit tip and depress tip ejector button

2 Observe function of tip ejector

3 Disassemble tip ejector

- **No movement** broken return spring
- **Improper fit** not tight enough
- **Can't disassemble** corrosion



4 STEP 4 Leak Test

PROCEDURE	POSSIBLE CAUSES

1 Fit PIPETMAN® DIAMOND tip

2 Set volume at maximum (i.e., nominal volume)

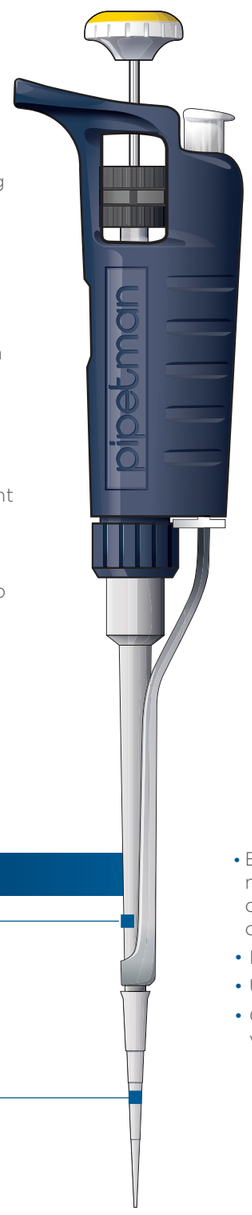
3 Pre-rinse by aspirating and dispensing water several times

4 Aspirate water

5 Hold the pipette in the vertical position for 20 seconds

6 For P2 to P200, re-immerse in the test liquid; fluid level in tip should remain constant

7 Observe if a drop or a leak appears at the orifice of the tip



P2 to P200

P1000 to P10mL

Check these

Tip holder
- leak ?

Tip
- leak ?

- End of tip holder may be scratched/ damaged (mechanical or chemical)
- Improper fit
- Use of non Gilson tips
- Organic solvent, vapor pressure

5 STEP 5 Disassembly - Reassembly

DISASSEMBLY	REASSEMBLY

1 Eject the tip

2 For PIPETMAN® Classic models manufactured before June 2019, with a blue tip ejector head, pull the tip ejector down

For the updated models, with an underlined serial number starting from QG and a white tip ejector head, push laterally the tip ejector to slide and remove it

3 Unscrew the connecting nut

4 Separate the handle from the bottom part

5 Remove the piston from the tip holder

To avoid losing or damaging fragile parts, reassemble the pipette immediately

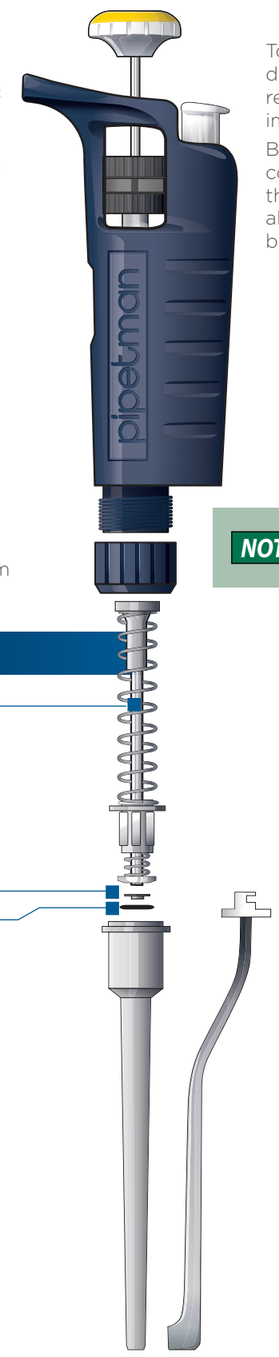
Be sure to respect the correct order of parts: the piston seal should always be positioned before the O-ring

NOTE You should never disassemble the body (handle) of the pipette.

Check these

Piston
surface corroded, scratched, or, damaged

Piston Seal and O-ring
damaged (mechanical damage or chemical attack)



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