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New Macro Volume Ovation BioNatural Pipette

VistaLab Technologies' ergonomic pipette design makes large volume pipetting safe and comfortable with motor-driven, automated liquid handling protocols

Mt. Kisco, NY – September 1, 2006 – VistaLab Technologies, Inc. has added a new macro volume model to its Ovation *BioNatural™* Pipette product line, extending significant ergonomic benefits to users with large volume applications. Large volume pipetting devices often present ease-of-use and safety challenges because of their overall size, use of elongated disposable or glass pipets, and unwieldy nature, especially when used in confined spaces such as a containment hood. The macro volume Ovation pipette allows convenient aspiration from bottles, flasks and tubes without the arm and hand elevations traditionally required with serological or volumetric pipettes. A relaxed grip design, low weight, and electronic operations make repetitive pipetting effortless, even over prolonged periods. The Ovation has a highly visible LCD display and simple-to-operate keypad for fast recall and setup of user-defined protocols among a selection of operating modes, volumes and speeds. A broad menu of liquid handling functions provides rapid, precise and accurate dispensing, up to 50 times in succession from a single aspiration, as well as *mixing* and *serial diluting* within a range of 100 μ L to 5000 μ L. An integrated calibration function is especially useful for making adjustments to ensure optimum precision when using liquids of different viscosities and densities.

The new macro volume Ovation pipette also features a unique tip acquisition system, which provides an audible "click" when a tip is securely seated and ready to use, and the tip is released with the gentle push of a button. This eliminates any uncertainty about incomplete tip acquisition or excessive force often expended during tip installation and removal. An adapter is available for use with both glass and plastic serological pipets in lieu of tips, when that extra length is needed to reach the bottom of tall vessels.

Ovation represents an entirely new approach to pipette design, consistent with the recommendations of ergonomists and governmental agencies for preventing injuries, reducing pipetting fatigue and effort. The pipette's "low profile" and contoured body shape reinforce ergonomically-correct pipetting by encouraging the user's hand, wrist, and arm to assume more neutral postures during all phases of the pipetting cycle. Force and exertion from repetition or duration are also minimized as a result of the improved pipetting posture and the Ovation pipette's unique design. Detailed information is available on the Company's web site – www.vistalab.com