



Applications: Assay Development, High-Throughput Screening, PCR/qPCR, NGS Library Prep, Cell Dispensing, Bead-based Assays

state-of-the-art dispensing technology

At the core of the TEMPEST is a microfluidic valve cluster that can meter and dispense discrete volumes of liquid using positive displacement. This valve cluster has two micro-diaphragms (select either 200 nL and 1 µL, or 1 µL and 5 µL) that can fill and dispense as fast as 8 times per second. This technology is incredibly precise and can handle a wide range of viscosities.

12 ingredients at your fingertips

TEMPEST can dispense up to 12 different reagents simultaneously using 12 microfluidic chips, each featuring eight independently-controlled nozzles.

Adding ingredients is effortless as no pressurized bottles or special containers are needed. Ingredients can be placed in nearly any container, and different tube lengths are available to meet your needs.

deep well block dispensing

The TEMPEST version 3 has upgraded plate clearance to accommodate dispensing into deep well blocks.



flexible precision dispensing

TEMPEST® is a non-contact, bulk reagent dispenser that utilizes 96 individually-controlled nozzles to dispense any volume of up to 12 different reagents into any well.

key features

Modular - the modular dispense head can accept up to 12 easily replaceable chips, each with 8 dispense nozzles

Efficient - non-recoverable dead volume of 40 µL, and a dead volume of only 100 µL using pipette tip dispensing

Fast - dispense 200nL to 96-well plate in just 3 seconds and 1µL to 384-well plate in just 5 seconds

Flexible - TEMPEST supports most SBS plate types, can easily be integrated with other robotic automation, and has and optional plate stackers and barcode reader

Reliable - non-contact micropump technology dispenses using positive displacement to maintain accuracy and precision across millions of dispense cycles

conserve reagents

TEMPEST is capable of returning any excess sample from the microfluidic chip back into the ingredient reservoir, rendering an impressively low dead volume of less than 40 µL. A pipette tip can be used as an ingredient reservoir yielding a dead volume of only 100 µL.



12 ingredient inputs with tubing that can be used with any virtually any container

easy-to-use software

The TEMPEST® software provides a straightforward, user-friendly way to design and execute even the most complex dispensing protocols. The control software offers an intuitive visual layout of both the plate design and the hardware setup, and provides tools to create gradient designs and backfills. Microsoft Excel integration allows you to manually edit well volumes for additional control.

flexible viscosity dispensing

Software-controlled pressure and vacuum settings are easily customized to optimize your dispenses based on your reagent's viscosity.

high speed for high throughput

Most tasks are completed in fewer than 40 seconds:

200nL to 96-well plate: 3 secs	1µL to 384-well plate: 5 secs
200nL to 384-well plate: 6 secs	10µL to 384-well plate: 9 secs
200nL to 1536-well plate: 11 secs	20µL to 384-well plate: 13 secs
5µL to 96-well plate: 4 secs	



optional barcode scanner automatically loads and executes dispenses

hands-free maintenance

The TEMPEST features an automated dual-solution wash cycle that cleans the entire fluid pathway and requires no user intervention. The reverse fluid flow wash aspirates solution through the nozzle and forces any particles backward through increasingly larger channels for thorough, clog-free cleaning.

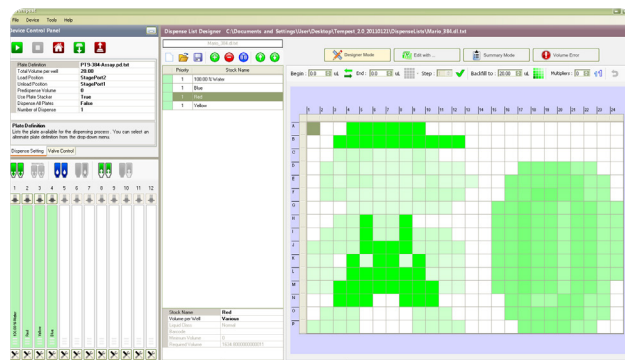
designed for integration

The small instrument size and powerful automation interface enables the Tempest to be easily integrated with robotic plate handling arms, grippers and scheduling software.

tempest chip specifications

Chip Type	Part #	Diaphragm Vol.	Min Vol.	Max Vol.	Pulses Per Second	Dead Vol. With Tube*	Dead Vol. Pipette	CV's
Low Volume	TSCL	0.2 µL + 1 µL	0.2 µL	∞	8	40 µL	100 µL	<8% at 0.2 µL, <5% at 1 µL
High Volume	TSCH	1 µL + 5 µL	1 µL	∞	4	40 µL	100 µL	<5% at 1 µL, <5% at 5 µL

*add 350 µL if not recovered



user-friendly software makes designing complex design protocols easy

customizable to meet your needs

As the TEMPEST can accept up to 12 microfluidic chips at once, each machine can be configured with any combination of high volume (1 µL and 5 µL) and low volume chips (200 nL and 1 µL) to fit your application and budget.

Barcode Scanner

An optional barcode scanner can run dispenses based on a plate's barcode. After the barcode is scanned the corresponding dispense file is loaded and executed.



optional plate stacker holds up to 24 SBS footprint plates

Stackers for Plate Storage

TEMPEST supports nearly all SBS-footprint plates, including 24-, 96-, 384-, and 1536-well plates. Optional plate stackers can hold 24 SBS plates (based on 14.35 mm plate height). The stackers are 350 mm tall and the system is bidirectional, enabling plates to be cycled in from either stacker.

small footprint to save space

Width: 555 mm (22")	Weight: ~30 lbs.
Width with Optional Waste Holder: 595mm (23.5")	
Depth: 325 mm (13")	
Depth with Optional Tube Holder: 370 mm (14.5")	
Height: 265 mm (10.5")	
Height With Optional Plate Stackers: 560 mm (22")	