

## Piston Seal Replacement (850ul, 1250ul, and 5000ul Units)

## Disassembly:

NOTE:

- These instructions refer to the Standard (Right-Hand) Unit. Exceptions for the Left-Hand LCD Location are noted as required.
- Some photographs may show slightly different parts than those located on your PC Board.

## **IMPORTANT:**

- The PCB is sensitive to static electricity damage. This procedure must be carried out at an Electro Static Discharge (ESD) workstation.
- Be careful not to introduce any fibers or particles into the pipette. Any such debris may cause the pipette seals to leak.
- Before proceeding, make sure the unit is ready to aspirate as shown by the Up arrow on the display.
- 1. Loosen the Base Screw and carefully remove the bottom of the unit. There are two electrical cables between the parts. **Note: Some Base Screws are captive and some are not.**
- 2. Disconnect the two electrical cables from the PC board:
  - Lift the Connector Lock and then remove the Trigger/Flex Circuit Connector.
  - Pull out the Motor Connector.



Figure 1 Flex Cable Connection and Captive Screw

3. Unplug the Motor Cable and the Flex Circuit Cable.



4. Use a hex driver to unscrew the two screws on the motor and set aside. Try to keep to keep the unit in the orientation shown in Figure 2 to avoid having the pre-load ball and spring fall out (if present)



Figure 2 Remove cables and unscrew Motor

- 5. Pull out the Piston Assembly.
- 6. To change the seals, use curved tweezers to remove the O-Ring for each piston.
- 7. Replace the O-Rings with new parts.



## Reassembly:

- 1. Insert the pistons into 3 mm silicone oil (provided with the kit).
- 2. Wipe off any excess with a lint-free paper towel.

NOTE: Do not wipe seals directly on cloth or paper.



Figure 3 Removing excess oil from Piston Assembly

3. Gently insert the Piston Assembly (which holds the pistons) into the Cylinder Block by rocking back and forth to allow the pistons to enter the holes.

**IMPORTANT:** Be certain that the white mark is facing the Sensor as shown.



Figure 4 Inserting Piston Assembly



4. Align the slot on the Motor coupling with the tab on the lead screw.



Figure 5 Aligning slot on Motor with tab on lead screw

5. Align Motor Cable forward as shown.



Figure 6 Motor Cable forward



6. If motor or lead-screw shims are present, replace the shims prior to reattaching the motor.

Note: Only some units contain shim washers.



Figure 7 Reattaching Motor Shim Washers (if present)



Figure 10.1 Re-installing lead-screw shim (if present)



7. If pre-load ball and spring were present, make sure they are still placed in block as shown



Figure 10.2 Preload Spring and Ball

- 8. Re-attach the motor with two screws.
- Connect the cables as shown in Figure 8 for a Standard Unit or in Figure 9 for a Left-Hand unit. Seat the connector locks as required. Install the battery and test.
  - Check the three Key Pad buttons and verify that they are responding.
  - If the display does not respond to the keypad, then the Key Pad Flex Cable may be installed backwards.
  - Check the pipetting trigger to verify that the pipette aspirates normally.
  - If the unit does not respond to pressing of the pipetting trigger or displays an error, then check for correct installation of the Trigger Flex Circuit.



The following are Right-Hand and Left-Hand Ovation models.



Figure 8 Final Wire Routing for Standard (Right-Hand) LCD Location

Figure 9 Final Wire Routing for Left-Hand LCD Location

9. Reassemble the Base Assembly to the Upper Body.

Important: Be sure that the Flex and Motor Cables are routed correctly and are not pinched or protruding.



Figure 10 Reassembling Base to Upper Body 10. Tighten the Captive Screw with a coin or screwdriver.



- 11. Check for leakage by performing the Pressure Test:
  - Connect each channel to the tubing on the Pressure Test Pump as shown.



Figure 11 Checking for leakage with Pressure Gauge

• Pump the pressure to 3 – 5 psi.

NOTE: Never exceed 5 psi.



Figure 12 Pressure Pump at 4 psi



- Check the pipette through a full aspirate/dispense cycle. The pressure should return to its original reading of 3-5 psi at the end of the cycle and should remain steady for three seconds.
- Check all channels.
- If any channel leaks, remove the Piston Assembly again. Check for dirt or fibers on the seals and then reseat the piston seals by pulling the seal retainer down and releasing.



Figure 13 Reseating the Piston

• Reassemble and repeat the leak test until all channels pass.

