## easy**Spiral** Dilute®

The world's first automatic diluter & plater



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## **Spiral**<sup>®</sup> method: 35 years experience

The Spiral<sup>®</sup> method was designed in 1973 to automate the routine work of bacterial enumeration by Dr. Ed Campbell, researcher at the FDA (Food & Drug Administration). With François Jalenques, friend and founder of **interscience**, they patented an updated method in 1992.

Since then Spiral<sup>®</sup> automatic platers have been a reference for applications in food microbiology, medical bacteriology, research on food preservatives or cosmetological factors in compliance with the AFNOR V08-100 and ISO 7218 standards.

Today **intenscience** is proud to launch the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of Spiral<sup>®</sup> platers with easy**Spiral** Dilute<sup>®</sup>: the world's first automatic diluter & plater.

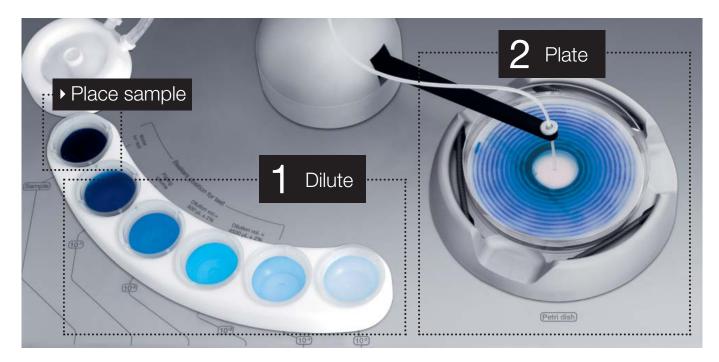


F. Jalenques & Dr. Ed Campbell



interscience is proud to introduce easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup>, a 2-in-1 automatic diluter and plater, which allows you to do 5 x 1/10<sup>th</sup> serial dilutions. It will then automatically plate on 1 single Petri dish, with a countable range of 30 to 1 trillion countable CFU/mL.

As a result, for a sample with 30 to 1 x 10<sup>12</sup> bacteria, no more manual dilutions and plating is automatic!

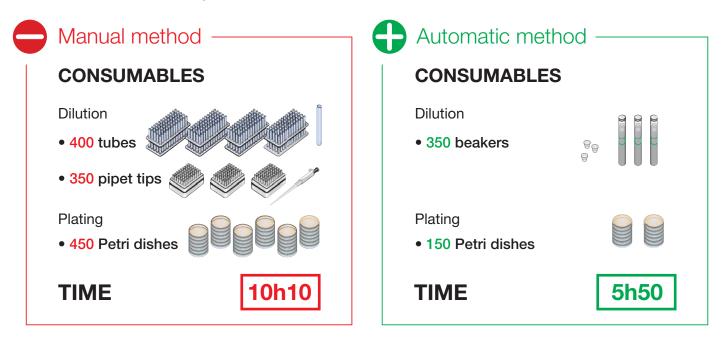


- Place your sample in the beaker
- 1. The easy Spiral Dilute® will automatically dilute the sample up to 5 times
- 2. The easy Spiral Dilute® will automatically plate the sample on a Petri dish up to 1 trillion countable CFU/mL

## Why use an automatic diluter & plater?

#### easySpiral Dilute® allows you to save 50 % on consumables and 50% on your time.

Comparison between manual and automatic method below. Example of 50 samples: Dilution: 10<sup>-7</sup> Plating: 10<sup>-5</sup>, 10<sup>-6</sup> and 10<sup>-7</sup>



## Key features

#### Compact

#### High precision glass syringe

38 cm wide, can be used inside and outside a laminar flow Stainless steel housing

Fast rotating arm

PATENTED

**High speed automation** 

1 disinfection, 5 dilutions and 1 plating 10<sup>-5</sup> in 2 min. 13 sec.

Typical accuracy of 0.5 % 4x more precise than a basic pipet No more pipet calibration

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#### **Automatic disinfection**

Overflow technology cleaning system No cross contamination **PATENTED** 

#### **Easy serial dilutions**

Choose your dilution factor No more 9 mL tube preparation Do 10<sup>-5</sup> dilution or more automatically **PATENTED** 

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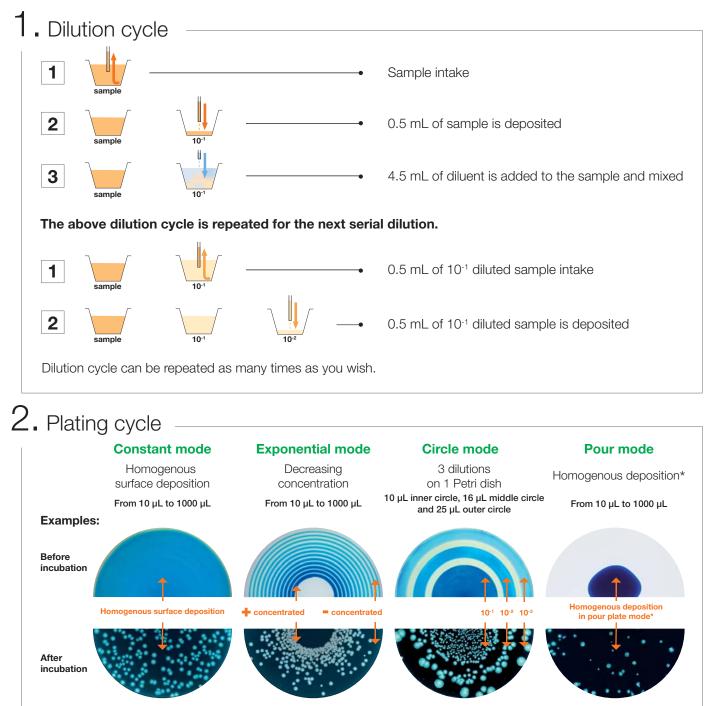
#### **One-touch plating**

Choose from 4 plating modes Plate on 55, 90 and 150 mm Petri dishes

#### **High capacity**

2 fully autoclavable bottles (disinfectant & diluent) and connectors

## How does it work?



Easy colony counting: No colonies on the edge of the dish

30 à 1.10<sup>7</sup> CFU/mL on 1 dish Easy colony counting for invasive colonies. Pharmacopoeia compliant

\* In pour mode, easySpiral Dilute® deposits one sample drop at the bottom of an empty Petri dish. Then, the user adds the molten agar on top and homogenizes it with the sample.

## How to count?

#### Manual colony counting



Scan<sup>®</sup> 100

with Spiral<sup>®</sup> counting grid



#### Automatic colony counting



Savings

on Petri dishes

Scan<sup>®</sup> 300 Scan<sup>®</sup> 500 Scan<sup>®</sup> 1200

## Questions

## What is special about the easySpiral Dilute®?

easy**Spiral** Dilute<sup>®</sup> is the only 2-in-1 equipment on the market making automatic serial dilutions and standardized plating.

#### The accuracy of easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup> is high: 0.5%. How can I check it?

#### It is easy and automatic.

Test of the deposited volume during plating: Press on the plating volume test button. This function will fill a previously weighed beaker with 500  $\mu$ L. Weigh the distributed volume to check the results.

#### Test of the volume of the dilutions:

Press on the dilution volumes test button. This function will fill 2 previously weighed beakers: one with 0.5 mL and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one with 4.5 mL. Weigh the distributed volumes to check the results.



I usually dilute 1 mL to 1/10 and the easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup> uses 0.5 mL to 1/10. Is easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup> as precise with a volume divided by 2?

Usually the average accuracy for the 9 mL tubes filling and 1 mL pipetting is 2% with the need to calibrate and regularly check the pipets you are using.

easy**Spiral** Dilute<sup>®</sup> has an average accuracy of 0.5% on 0.5 mL and 4.5 mL volumes because it works with a high precision Hamilton<sup>™</sup> glass syringe in a liquid displacement circuit.

With volumes divided by 2, precision and repeatability are then much higher!

#### Which diluents can I use?

#### easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup> works with saline solutions (e.g.: Ringer's solution, physiological saline).

Avoid using diluents with nutrients as they may cause contaminations. Bacteria only remain a few seconds in the beakers before being deposited on the Petri dish so using a saline diluent has no effect on the final enumeration.

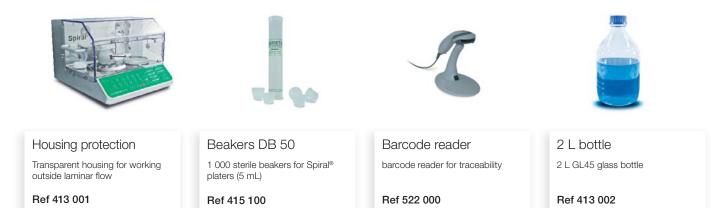
It is however possible to use nutrient solutions as diluent in the semi-automatic "My Diluent" mode. In that case, fill in the beakers with 4.5 mL diluent before processing.

#### I need to make a 10<sup>-7</sup> dilution. How can I do it?

The easySpiral Dilute<sup>®</sup> can do as many dilutions as you wish.

Do a 10<sup>-5</sup> dilution, take the last beaker and place it as the mother sample and then proceed with a new automatic dilution sequence.

## Accessories & technical specifications



easySpiral Dilute® is delivered with 1 000 sterile beakers, 1 blue dye for tests, 1 detergent liquid, 3 sets of GL 45 bottle connectors, Petri dish ring: 55, 90 mm & 150 mm , Spiral® counting grids: 90 mm & 150 mm, circle mode counting grids: 90 mm & 150 mm, power cord, user's manual, monitoring CD-ROM software, USB cable.

	easy <b>Spiral</b> Dilute®
Reference	414 000
Petri dish diameter	55 mm, 90 mm and 150 mm
Syringe capacity	1 000 µL
Programmable dispensed volume (via USB)	from 10 µL to 1 000 µL
Preset dispensed volume	50 μL, 100 μL and 200 μL
Detection in CFU/mL of Spiral® plating	30 to 1 trillion CFU/mL
Plating modes	55 mm: constant, pour plate 90 mm: exponential (10 <sup>-5</sup> ), constant, circle (3 dilutions), pour plate 150 mm: exponential (10 <sup>-7</sup> ), constant, circle (6 dilutions), pour plate
Number of dilutions at 1/10 <sup>th</sup> for 1 cycle	5
1 disinfection + 5 dilutions + 1 plating 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2 min. 13 sec.
1 disinfection + 5 dilutions + 6 plating of each dilution	4 min. 4 sec.
Disinfectant autonomy	1000 (with 2 L bottles)
Diluent autonomy	63 cycles (with 2 L bottles)
Circle mode (patented)	3 dilutions on a 90 mm Petri dish 6 dilutions on a 150 mm Petri dish
Stylus disinfection system (patented)	inside and outside by Overflow technology
Pressure in the stylus	8 bars
Successive plating capacity with the same sample	Up to 20 Petri dishes (50 µL)
Traceability	excel™, Data Matrix labels
Monthly cleaning program	✓
Filling time programmable via USB	✓
My Diluent key	✓
Sample mixing before dilution/plating	✓
Controlled by microprocessor	✓
Dimensions (w x d x h)	39 x 42 x 29 cm
Weight	15.6 kg
Power supply	100-240 V~ / 50 Hz to 60 Hz
Power	65 W
1 year guarantee (after registration)	×
All stainless steel	×
Made in France	✓



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