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VCC
Volume Control Center**

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1. Revision Control

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1.2	08.06.00	HPR	Piezo Module Commands described in the Update History. (2) V1.10 to V1.20	VCC 1.20

2. Firmware Update History Version V1.10 to V1.20

- **RFP** reports the piezo module firmware version.
- **RPS** reports the piezo module status.
- **ROV** reports the output volume handled by the **ADV** command.
- **RRV** reports the rest volume left by the **ADV** command.
- **RPV** reports the piezo module output voltage.
- **RPF** reports the piezo module pulse frequency.
- **RPW** reports the piezo module pulse width.
- **RPN** reports the selected number of pulses used by the **APS** command.
- **RDV** reports the micropump drop volume.
- **RDB** reports the delay before run in an **ADV** command.
- **RDA** reports the delay after run in an **ADV** command.
- **RRP** reports the position of the LLD/PIEZO relay.
- **SOV** sets the output volume handled by the **ADV** command.
- **SRV** sets the rest volume left by the **ADV** command to zero.
- **SPV** sets the piezo module output voltage.
- **SPF** sets the piezo module pulse frequency.
- **SPW** sets the piezo module pulse width.
- **SPN** sets the number of pulses used by the **APS** command.
- **SDV** sets the micropump drop volume.
- **SDB** sets the delay before run in an **ADV** command.
- **SDA** sets the delay after run in an **ADV** command.
- **SRP** sets the position of the LLD/PIEZO relay.
- **SPC** starts the micropump continuously.
- **SPH** stops the micropump.
- **APS** starts the micropump for a certain number of drops.
- **ADV** starts dispensing a volume with the micropump and plunger.

- **RPP** has a new selector number 12. It reports the low current value.
- **SCP** has a second parameter to define the low current of the plunger.
- **PIW** is removed from TECAN style command set.

- **I/O/B** have a new selector to reactivate the valve after a **W** initialization.

3. Command Set VCC style

3.1. Report Commands

RFV n

REPORT FIRMWARE VERSION:

This command reports the actual loaded firmware and bootware version. Also this instruments serial number can be reported.

n: 0 = Firmware Version
 1 = Bootware Version
 2 = Serial Number.

EXAMPLE: #D1RFV

Reports the actual firmware version.

RESPONSE: "VCC-V_{x.xx}-MM/YYYY"

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

RFP

REPORT PIEZO MODULE FIRMWARE VERSION:

This command reports the actual installed firmware version of the PIEZO module.

EXAMPLE: #D1RFP

Reports the actual firmware version.

RESPONSE: "PIEZO-V_{x.xx}-MM/YYYY"

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error.

RSD Selector

REPORT SYSTEM DEVICES:

This command reports the actual system device connected to the VCC module.

Selector: 0 = Low volume installed.
 1 = Piezo Module installed.

EXAMPLE: D1RSD0

Reports if the Low Volume module is installed.

RESPONSE: 0 = not installed, 1 = installed.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

RYV

REPORT SYRINGE VOLUME:

This command reports the volume of the syringe. Any volume in micro liters can be programmed by the **SYV** command. This parameter can be stored in non-volatile memory for system information.

EXAMPLE: #D1RYV

Reports the syringe volume in micro liters.

RESPONSE: 1000 is equal 1ml.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RPP Selector**REPORT PLUNGER DRIVE PARAMETER:**

This command reports the current parameter of the plunger drive. Only one axis parameter can be reported at a time.

Selector:	0	=	Report calculated position in steps.
	1	=	Report current position in steps.
	2	=	Report encoder position in steps.
	3	=	Report encoder deviation in steps.
	4	=	Report initialization offset in steps.
	5	=	Report absolute range in steps.
	6	=	Report end speed in Hz.
	7	=	Report start speed in Hz.
	8	=	Report stop speed in Hz.
	10	=	Report ramp frequency in 2.5kHz increments.
	11	=	Report high current value in increments.
	12	=	Report low current value in increments.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPP6

Reports the plunger end speed in Hz.

RESPONSE: see selector.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

RVP Selector**REPORT VALVE DRIVE PARAMETER:**

This command reports the current parameter of the valve drive. Only one axis parameter can be reported at a time.

Selector:	0	=	Report current position in mnemonics
	3	=	Report lost steps.
	11	=	Report high current value in increments.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPV0

Report the valve position mnemonic.

RESPONSE: i = input, o = output, b = bypass.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

RIS**REPORT INSTALLED PINCH VALVE SOLENOID:**

This command reports whether a pinch valve solenoid is installed or not. Since the hardware can't detect the pinch valve hardware automatically, it must be set by the **SIS** command. This parameter can be stored in non-volatile memory.

EXAMPLE: #D1RIS

Report if a pinch valve solenoid is installed or not.

RESPONSE: 0 = no pinch valve installed, 1 = pinch valve installed. (default = 0)

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RTH**REPORT TIME TO HIT PINCH VALVE SOLENOID:**

This command reports the time to hit the pinch valve solenoid. The value returned is an increment of 5ms and can be set by the **STH** command. This parameter can be stored in non-volatile memory.

EXAMPLE: #D1RTH

Report the actual time to hit the pinch valve.

RESPONSE: [1..255] = $n * 5\text{ms}$. (default = 100)

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RBH

REPORT TIME BEFORE HIT PINCH VALVE SOLENOID:

This command report the time before hit the pinch valve solenoid. The value returned is an increment of 5ms and can be set by the ***SBH*** command. This parameter can be stored in non-volatile memory.

EXAMPLE: #D1RBH

Report the actual time before hit the pinch valve.

RESPONSE: [0..255] = $n * 5\text{ms}$. (default = 0)

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RAH

REPORT TIME AFTER HIT PINCH VALVE SOLENOID:

This command reports the time after hit the pinch valve solenoid. The time returned is an increment of 5ms and can be set by the ***SAH*** command. This parameter can be stored in non-volatile memory.

EXAMPLE: #D1RAH

Report the actual time after hit the pinch valve.

RESPONSE: [0..255] = $n * 5\text{ms}$. (default = 0)

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RPS

REPORT PIEZO MODULE STATUS:

The actual status of the PIEZO module can be reported with this command. The PIEZO module knows three different states.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPS

Report the actual state of the PIEZO module.

RESPONSE: 0 = ready, 1 = busy n pulse, 2 = busy continuos.

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error.

ROV

REPORT OUTPUT VOLUME:

This command reports the desired output volume set by the ***SOV*** command. The volume is involved in calculation by the ***ADV*** command. The answer is divided into a nl and a pl response separated by a comma.

EXAMPLE: #D1ROV

Report output volume.

RESPONSE: 123,456 means 123nl plus 456pl = 123456pl total.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RRV**REPORT REST VOLUME:**

This command reports the rest volume that was left in syringe after an **ADV** command. The rest volume can be set to zero by the **SRV** command. The answer is divided into a nl and a pl response separated by a comma.

EXAMPLE: #D1RRV

Report the rest volume.

RESPONSE: 4,395 means 4nl plus 395pl = 4395pl total.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RPV Selector**REPORT PIEZO MODULE VOLTAGE:**

This command reports the actual or target output voltage of the micropump. The voltage can be changed by the **SPV** command.

Selector: 0 = target voltage, 1 = actual voltage.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPV1

Report the actual measured voltage of the micropump in 1/10 Volts.

RESPONSE: 200..1200 1/10Volts.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error.

RPF Selector**REPORT THE PULSE FREQUENCY FOR PIEZO AKTUATION:**

This command reports the pulse frequency either in Hz or in counts. The frequency can be changed by the **SPF** command.

Selector: 0 = frequency, 1 = frequency in counts.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPF0

Report the actual frequency in Hz.

RESPONSE: 50..5000Hz.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error.

RPW Selector**REPORT THE PULSE WIDTH FOR PIEZO AKTUATION:**

This command reports the pulse width either in μ s or in counts. The pulse width can be changed by the **SPW** command.

Selector: 0 = pulse width in μ s, 1 = pulse width in counts.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPW

Report the actual pulse width.

RESPONSE: 40..250 μ s.

(3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error.

RPN**REPORT PULSE NUMBER OF PIEZO MODULE:**

This command reports the number of pulses generated by the micropump while using the **APS** command. The number of pulses can be defined by the **SPN** command.

EXAMPLE: #D1RPN

Report the number of pulses.

RESPONSE: 1..20000.

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error.

RDV**REPORT PIEZO DROP VOLUME:**

This command reports the drop volume dispensed by micropump at one pulse in pl. The volume can be changed by the **SDV** command. Drop volume is involved in calculation by the **ADV** command.

EXAMPLE: #D1RDV

Report the drop volume in pl.

RESPONSE: 1..10000 pl.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RDB**REPORT DELAY BEFORE RUN:**

This command reports the delay before the diluter starts in ms. The delay is involved in calculation for **ADV** command.

EXAMPLE: #D1RDB

Report the delay in ms before the diluter starts moving.

RESPONSE: -1000..1000 ms.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RDA**REPORT DELAY AFTER RUN:**

This command reports the delay after diluter stops in ms. The delay is involved in calculation for **ADV** command.

EXAMPLE: #D1RDA

Report the delay in ms after the diluter stops moving.

RESPONSE: -1000..1000 ms.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RRP**REPORT LLD/PIEZO RELAY POSITION:**

This command reports the position of liquid level detection / piezo micropump actuation relay.

EXAMPLE: #D1RRP

Report the position of the relay.

RESPONSE: 0 = LLD position, 1 = piezo position.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

RDF Selector**REPORT DIAGNOSTIC FUNCTIONS:**

All the diagnostic values will be saved at power off of the instrument or if a *Power fail* occurs. The stored data can be read by this command.

Selector: 0 = Report number of power ups.
 1 = Report minute meter.
 2 = Report number of initializations.
 3 = Report number of plunger movements.
 4 = Report number of valve movements.

EXAMPLE: #D1RDF1

Reports the sum of *switched on* time in minutes.

RESPONSE: see selector.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

RED n**READ EEPROM DATA:**

This command reads data directly from the EEPROM. The overall size of the EEPROM is 1024 words.

CAUTION! This command is for service purposes only (board exchange). Overwriting of such variables can cause malfunction of the instrument and software.

n: 0 = overall EEPROM size in words.
 [1.. 1024] words.

EXAMPLE: #O1RED123

Reads the word value at storage location number 123

RESPONSE: none

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (13) no access to serial EEPROM.

3.2. Set Commands

SYV Volume

SET SYRINGE VOLUME:

This command sets the volume of the syringe. Any volume in micro liters can be programmed and stored in non-volatile memory by the **AWE** command for system information.

Volume: [0..32767] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SYV1000

Set the syringe volume to 1000 micro liters.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SEP EndSpeed

SET THE PLUNGER DRIVE END SPEED:

This command sets the plunger drive end speed in Hz.

EndSpeed: [5...6000] (default = 1400)

EXAMPLE: #D1SEP2000

Sets the end speed to 2000Hz.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

STP StartSpeed

SET THE PLUNGER DRIVE START SPEED:

This command sets the plunger drive start speed in Hz.

StartSpeed: [50...1000] (default = 900)

EXAMPLE: #D1STP300

Sets the start speed to 300Hz.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SPP StopSpeed

SET THE PLUNGER DRIVE STOP SPEED:

This command sets the plunger drive stop speed in Hz.

StopSpeed: [50...2700] (default = 900)

EXAMPLE: #D1SPP100

Sets the stop speed to 100Hz.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SFP Ramp

SET THE PLUNGER DRIVE RAMP:

This command sets the plunger drive ramp in 2.5kHz/s increments.

Ramp: [1...20] (default 7 = 17.5kHz/s)

EXAMPLE: #D1SFP5

Sets the ramp to 12.5 kHz/s.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SCP HiCu, LoCu**SET PLUNGER DRIVE HIGH AND LOW CURRENT VALUE:**

With this command it is possible to change the values of high and low current of the plunger drive. High current is active while moving this drive and a short while after positioning has been completed. Low current is active while remaining on the same position. This setting can be stored by the **AWE** command in non-volatile memory.

CAUTION! This command should be used only in consultation with TECAN AG. Overwriting of such variables can destroy the VCC hardware.

HiCu: [2..100] (default = 55)

LoCu: [0..100] (default = 27)

EXAMPLE: #D1SCP40,0

Decreases the high current value to 40 and low current is off.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SCV HiCu**SET VALVE DRIVE HIGH CURRENT VALUE:**

With this command it is possible to change the value of high current of the valve drive. High current is active while moving this drive and a short while after positioning has been completed. While remaining on the same position, the current is reduced to zero.

CAUTION! This command should be used only in consultation with TECAN AG. Overwriting of such variables can destroy the VCC hardware.

HiCu: [0..255] (default = 140)

EXAMPLE: #D1SCV150

Increases the high current value to 150.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SIS Selector**SET INSTALLED PINCH VALVE SOLENOIDS:**

This command is used to configure whether a pinch valve solenoid should be installed or not. This setting can be stored by the **AWE** command in non-volatile memory.

Selector: [0...1] 0 = no pinch valve installed, 1 = pinch valve installed. (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SIS1

Configures the pinch valve solenoid as installed.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

STH HitTime**SET TIME TO HIT:**

This command sets the time to hit the pinch valve solenoid. The minimum time to set is 5ms and it ranges up to 1.25 seconds. This setting can be stored by the **AWE** command in non-volatile memory.

HitTime: [1..255] = n* 5ms. (default = 100)

EXAMPLE: #D1STH20

Sets the hit time to 100ms.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SBH HitTime**SET TIME BEFORE HIT:**

This command sets the time before hit the pinch valve solenoid. The minimum time to set is 0ms and it ranges up to 1.25 seconds. This setting can be stored by the **AWE** command in non-volatile memory.

HitTime: [0..255] = n* 5ms. (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SBH100

Sets the time before hit to 500ms.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SAH HitTime**SET TIME AFTER HIT:**

This command sets the time after hit the pinch valve solenoid. The minimum time to set is 0ms and it ranges up to 1.25 seconds. This setting can be stored by the **AWE** command in non-volatile memory.

HitTime: [0..255] = n* 5ms. (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SAH75

Sets the time before hit to 375ms.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SOV nl,pl**SET THE OUTPUT VOLUME DISPENDED BY MICROPUMP:**

This command sets the volume dispensed by the micropump. The volume is involved in calculation for **ADV** command. This command has two parameters. The first is used to set output volume part in nl and the second defines the output volume part in pl.

nl: [0..10000] (default = 0)

pl: [0..999] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SOV123,456

Set the output volume to 123456pl

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SRV**SET THE REST VOLUME TO ZERO:**

This command sets the rest volume of the calculation by the **ADV** command to zero.

EXAMPLE: #D1SRV

Set the rest volume to zero.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

SPV Voltage**SET PIEZO MODULE VOLTAGE:**

This command sets the piezo voltage in 1/10 Volts.

Voltage: [200..1200] (default = 250)

EXAMPLE: #D1SPV1000

Set the piezo voltage to 100 V

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy.

SPF PulseFrequency

SET THE PULSE FREQUENCY FOR PIEZO AKTUATION:

This command sets the pulse frequency in Hz.

PulseFrequency: [50...1500] (default = 100)

EXAMPLE: #D1SPF200

Sets the pulse frequency to 200Hz.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy, (18) piezo frequency / pulse width out of range.

SPW PulseWidth

SET THE PULSE WIDTH FOR PIEZO AKTUATION:

This command sets the pulse width for piezo actuation in μ s.

PulseWidth: [40..250] (default = 133)

EXAMPLE: #D1SPW200

Sets the pulse width to 200 μ s.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy, (18) piezo frequency / pulse width out of range.

SPN NofPulse

SET PULSE NUMBER OF PIEZO MODULE:

This command sets the number of pulses generated by the PIEZO module.

NofPulse: [1...20000] (default = 100)

EXAMPLE: #D1SPN200

Sets the pulse number to 200.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy.

SDV DropVolume

SET PIEZO DROP VOLUME:

This command sets the drop volume dispensed by micropump at one pulse in pl.

DropVolume: [1...10000 pl] (default = 100)

EXAMPLE: #D1SDV1000

Sets the drop volume to 1000 pl

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SDB Delay

SET THE DELAY BEFORE RUN:

This command sets the delay before the dilutor starts in ms. The delay is involved in calculation by the ***ADV*** command.

Delay: [-1000...1000 ms] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SDB200

Sets the delay before dilutor start (after start of micropump) to 200 ms.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SDA Delay

SET THE DELAY AFTER RUN:

This command sets the delay after the dilutor stop in ms. The delay is involved in calculation by the **ADV** command.

Delay: [-1000...1000 ms] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SDA100

Sets the delay after dilutor stop (before stop of micropump) to 100 ms.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SRP RelayStatus

SET THE LLD/PIEZO RELAY POSITION:

This command sets the position of liquid level detection / piezo micropump actuation relay.

RelayStatus: 0 = LLD position, 1 = piezo position. (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1SRP1

Sets the relay to piezo position

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

SPC

START PIEZO PUMP CONTINUOUS:

This command sets the relay to piezo position and starts the micropump (piezo) continuously. Values set by **SPV**, **SPF** and **SPW** are in used. The micropump can be stopped by the **SPH** command.

EXAMPLE: #D1SCP

Starts the micro pump continuously.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy.

SPH

STOP PIEZO PUMP:

This command stops the micropump (piezo) and sets the relay back to liquid level detection position.

EXAMPLE: #D1SPH

Stops the micro pump

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error.

SED n,word**SET EEPROM DATA:**

This command writes data directly into the EEPROM. The overall size of the EEPROM is 1024 words.

CAUTION! This command is for service purposes only (board exchange). Overwriting of such variables can cause malfunction of the instrument and software.

n: [1..1024] words.

word: [-32768..32767]

EXAMPLE: #D1SED123,32000

Writes the word value 32000 to storage location number 123

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (13) no access to serial EEPROM.

SOF Firmware**FIRMWARE DOWNLOAD:**

This command initiates the firmware downloading process. The **SOF** command should not be used as string command itself. Only in connection with the utility program "DOWNLOAD.EXE", this command makes sense.

Firmware: [INTEL.HEX file format]

EXAMPLE with DOWNLOAD.EXE Program:

c:\download com=1 firmware=vcc110.hex dev=#D1

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

3.3. Action Commands

PIZ

INITIALIZE PLUNGER AND VALVE DRIVE (NORMAL POLARITY):

This command initializes the plunger and the valve drive. The valve drive direction has normal polarity now. After initialization, all the speed and ramp settings are set to default again.

EXAMPLE: #D1PIZ

Initializes plunger and valve drive.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (1) invalid init, (3) invalid operand, (10) valve overload.

PIY

INITIALIZE PLUNGER AND VALVE DRIVE (REVERSE POLARITY):

This command initializes the plunger and the valve drive. The valve drive direction has reverse polarity now. After initialization, all the speed and ramp settings are set to default again.

EXAMPLE: #D1PIY

Initializes plunger and valve drive.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (1) invalid init, (3) invalid operand, (10) valve overload.

PPA AbsPos

MOVE PLUNGER TO ABSOLUTE POSITION:

This command moves the plunger to an absolute position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

AbsPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #D1PPA2150

Moves the plunger to absolute position 2150.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

PPP RelPos

MOVE PLUNGER RELATIVE (PICK LIQUID):

This command moves the plunger relative downward from the current position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

RelPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #D1PPP100

Move the plunger downwards 100 steps from current position.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

PPD RelPos

MOVE PLUNGER RELATIVE (DISPENSE LIQUID):

This command moves the plunger relative upward from the current position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

RelPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #PPD1D20

Move the plunger upward 20 steps from current position.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

PVI

TURN VALVE TO INPUT:

This command turns the valve drive to input port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command.

EXAMPLE: #D1PVI

Turn valve to input.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

PVO

TURN VALVE TO OUTPUT:

This command turns the valve drive to output port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command.

EXAMPLE: #D1PVO

Turn valve to output.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

PVB

TURN VALVE TO BYPASS:

This command turns the valve drive to bypass port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command.

EXAMPLE: #D1PVB

Sets the stop speed to 100Hz.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

AHS**START HIT PINCH VALVE SOLENOIDS:**

This command starts the hit pinch valve solenoid sequence. The timing for this sequence is given by the time before, while and after parameter, which can be defined by the commands **SBH**, **STH** and **SAH**.

EXAMPLE: #D1AHS

Hit the pinch valve solenoid.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (20) pinch valve not installed.

APS**START PIEZO PUMP FOR N DROPS:**

This command sets the relay to piezo position, starts the micropump (piezo) for N pulses and sets the relay back to liquid level detection position. Values set by **SPV**, **SPF**, **SPW** and **SPN** are in use.

EXAMPLE: #D1APS

Starts the micro pump for N drops

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy.

ADV**DISPENSE VOLUME:**

This command calculates the pump dilutor parameters, sets the relay to piezo position, starts the micropump (piezo) and sets the relay back to LLD position after pump stop. Values set by **SPV**, **SPF**, **SPW**, **SOV**, **SDV**, **SYV** are in use. The syringe size for this command must be between 10 and 1000 micro liters.

EXAMPLE: #D1ADV

Starts the dispensing sequence.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (11) valve in bypass position, (16) piezo communication error, (17) piezo module busy, (19) dispense setting out of range.

AWE**WRITE DATA TO NON VOLATILE MEMORY:**

This command is storing data to non-volatile memory. Parameter of the following commands will be stored: **SIS**, **STH**, **SAH**, **SBH**, **SCP** and **SYV**.

EXAMPLE: #D1AWE

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (13) no access to serial EEPROM.

ARE**READ DATA FROM NON VOLATILE MEMORY:**

This command retrieves the last saved data by **AWE** from non-volatile memory.

EXAMPLE: #D1ARE

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (13) no access to serial EEPROM.

3.4. *Error Codes*

These are the possible error codes generated by the VCC style commands.

Code	VCC Error Codes
1	Invalid Initialization
2	Invalid Command
3	Invalid Operand
5	Device not implemented
7	Not Initialized
9	Plunger overload
10	Valve overload
11	Valve in bypass
13	No access to EEPROM
15	Command Overflow
16	Piezo communication error
17	Piezo module busy
18	Piezo parameter out of range
19	ADV parameter out of range
20	No Low Volume installed

4. Command Set XP style

4.1. Report Commands

Q n

REPORT PUMP PARAMETER:

This command report the pump status, parameter, configuration and diagnose data.

- n:**
- 0 = Reports the calculated plunger position.
Response: full steps.
 - 1 = Reports the current encoder position.
Response: full steps.
 - 2 = Reports the current plunger position.
Response: full steps.
 - 3 = Reports the current valve position.
Response: i = input, o = output, b = bypass.
 - 4 = Reports plunger end speed frequency.
Response: half steps per second.
 - 6 = Reports plunger start speed frequency.
Response: half steps per second.
 - 7 = Reports plunger stop / cutoff speed frequency.
Response: half steps per second.
 - 10 = Reports command buffer status.
Response: 0 = empty, 1 = commands in buffer.
 - 11 = Reports encoder deviation from last move.
Response: full steps.
 - 12 = Reports number of backlash steps.
Response: full steps.
 - 13 = Reports the status of IN1 (input line 1).
Response: 0 or 1.
 - 14 = Reports the status of IN2 (input line 2)
Response: 0 or 1.
 - 15 = Reports the number of pump initializations.
Response: any number between 0 and 16'777'215.
 - 16 = Reports the number of plunger moves.
Response: any number between 0 and 16'777'215.
 - 17 = Reports the number of valve moves.
Response: any number between 0 and 16'777'215.
 - 18 = Reports the number of valve moves since last reporting with this command.
Response: any number between 0 and 255.
 - 20 = Reports application code checksum.
Response: four ASCII characters. Example: A23F.
 - 21 = Response: 0011.
 - 22 = Reports the fluid sensor voltage.
Response: voltage in 20 mV increments.
 - 23 = Reports the firmware version string.
Response: VCC-x.xx-mm/yyyy.
 - 24 = Response: 0.
 - 29 = Reports the current status of the pump (fatal errors).

Response: error code.

EXAMPLE: #D1Q23

Reports the actual firmware version.

RESPONSE: "VCC-V1.10-01/2000"

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

4.2. Initialization Commands

Z Force

INITIALIZE PLUNGER AND VALVE DRIVE (NORMAL POLARITY):

This command initializes the plunger and the valve drive. The valve drive direction has normal polarity now. The force parameter is only valid for the plunger drive. After initialization, all the speed and ramp settings are set to default again.

Force: 0 = full force, 1 = half force, 2 = quarter force (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1ZR

Initializes plunger and valve drive.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (1) invalid init, (3) invalid operand, (10) valve overload.

Y Force

INITIALIZE PLUNGER AND VALVE DRIVE (REVERSE POLARITY):

This command initializes the plunger and the valve drive. The valve drive direction has reverse polarity now. The force parameter is only valid for the plunger drive. After initialization, all the speed and ramp settings are set to default again.

Force: 0 = full force, 1 = half force, 2 = quarter force (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1Y1R

Initialize plunger with half force and valve to reverse polarity.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (1) invalid init, (3) invalid operand, (10) valve overload.

W Force

INITIALIZE PLUNGER DRIVE:

This command initializes only the plunger drive. The valve drive will be ignored and is disabled until either a **Z** or **Y** command is given. After initialization, all the speed and ramp settings are set to default again.

Force: 0 = full force, 1 = half force, 2 = quarter force (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1W2R

Initialize plunger with quarter force.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (1) invalid init, (3) invalid operand.

z

PLUNGER POSITION RECOVERY:

This command sets the position counter to the value of the encoder counter. It can be used after a plunger overload error, to recover the current position without any re-initialization of the plunger drive.

EXAMPLE: #D1zR

Recovers the position after a plunger overload.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

4.3. Set Commands

S SpeedCode

SET PLUNGER SPEED CODE:

This command sets the plunger speed according to the speed code table.

SpeedCode:	0	=	6000 HS per second;	21	=	160
	1	=	5600	22	=	150
	2	=	5000	23	=	140
	3	=	4400	24	=	130
	4	=	3800	25	=	120
	5	=	3200	26	=	110
	6	=	2600	27	=	100
	7	=	2200	28	=	90
	8	=	2000	29	=	80
	9	=	1800	30	=	70
	10	=	1600	31	=	60
	11	=	1400	32	=	50
	12	=	1200	33	=	40
	13	=	1000	34	=	30
	14	=	800	35	=	20
	15	=	600	36	=	18
	16	=	400	37	=	16
	17	=	200	38	=	14
	18	=	190	39	=	12
	19	=	180	40	=	10
	20	=	170			

(default = 11)

EXAMPLE: #D1S13R

Set plunger speed to 1000 half steps per second.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

V EndSpeed

SET PLUNGER END SPEED:

This command sets the plunger end speed in half steps per second.

EndSpeed: [5...6000] (default = 1400)

EXAMPLE: #D1V3570R

Sets the plunger end speed to 3570 half steps per second.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

v StartSpeed

SET PLUNGER START SPEED:

This command sets the plunger start speed in half steps per second.

StartSpeed: [50...1000] (default = 900)

EXAMPLE: #D1v450R

Sets the plunger start speed to 450 half steps per second.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

C CutoffSteps

SET PLUNGER CUTOFF IN STEPS:

This command sets the number of full steps that must be cut off while ramping down from end speed to stop speed. The number of cutoff steps and the slope setting determine the stop frequency. Cutoff steps are used only when dispensing liquid.

EndSpeed: [0...25] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1C10R

Sets 10 full steps for cut off.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

c CutoffSpeed

SET PLUNGER CUTOFF SPEED:

This command sets the plunger cutoff speed in half steps per second. Cutoff speed is used only when dispensing liquid.

CutoffSpeed: [50...2700] (default = 900)

EXAMPLE: #D1c1590R

Sets the plunger cutoff speed to 1590 half steps per second.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

L Slope

SET PLUNGER SLOPE:

This command sets the plunger slope. Slope is an increment of 2500 half steps per second in square.

Slope: [1..20] (default = 7)

EXAMPLE: #D1L10R

Sets the plunger slope to 25'000 steps per second in square.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

K BackLashSteps

SET PLUNGER BACKLASH STEPS:

This command sets the backlash compensation in full steps.

BackLashSteps: [0..31] (default = 0)

EXAMPLE: #D1K5R

Sets the plunger backlash compensation to 5 full steps.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

4.4. Valve Movement Commands

I n

TURN VALVE TO INPUT:

This command turns the valve drive to input port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command. With a selector set to one, the valve can be reactivated after an initialization with the **W** command.

n: [0..1] 0 = normal valve command, 1 = reactivate valve after a **W** initialization.

EXAMPLE: #D1IR

Turn valve to input.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

O n

TURN VALVE TO OUTPUT:

This command turns the valve drive to output port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command. With a selector set to one, the valve can be reactivated after an initialization with the **W** command.

n: [0..1] 0 = normal valve command, 1 = reactivate valve after a **W** initialization.

EXAMPLE: #D1O1R

Reactivate valve after a **W** initialization and turn valve to output.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

B n

TURN VALVE TO BYPASS:

This command turns the valve drive to bypass port. If the valve drive is not initialized, it will be done automatically by this command. With a selector set to one, the valve can be reactivated after an initialization with the **W** command.

n: [0..1] 0 = normal valve command, 1 = reactivate valve after a **W** initialization.

EXAMPLE: #D1BR

Turn valve to bypass position.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (10) valve overload.

4.5. Plunger Movement Commands

A AbsPos

MOVE PLUNGER TO ABSOLUTE POSITION:

This command moves the plunger to an absolute position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

AbsPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #D1A2150R

Moves the plunger to absolute position 2150. (position in full steps)

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

P RelPos**MOVE PLUNGER RELATIVE (PICK LIQUID):**

This command moves the plunger relative downward from the current position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

RelPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #D1P100R

Move the plunger downwards 100 steps from current position. (position in full steps)

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

D RelPos**MOVE PLUNGER RELATIVE (DISPENSE LIQUID):**

This command moves the plunger relative upward from the current position. Movements can't be done if the valve is set to bypass position.

RelPos: [0...3150]

EXAMPLE: #D1D20R

Move the plunger upward 20 steps from current position. (position in full steps)

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand, (7) not initialized, (9) plunger overload, (10) valve overload, (11) valve in bypass position.

4.6. Control Commands***R*****EXECUTE COMMAND:**

This command executes a previously loaded command string.

EXAMPLE: #D1A3000R or #D1A3000 and afterwards #D1R.

Executes a command string.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

X**REPEAT COMMAND:**

This command repeats a previously loaded command string.

EXAMPLE: #D1P100R and afterwards #D1X.

Repeats the command string.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: none.

M Delay**SET DELAY:**

This command sets a delay in milliseconds.

Delay: [0..30'000]

EXAMPLE: #D1M1000R.

Pump is waiting for one second.

RESPONSE: none.

GENERATED ERRORS: (3) invalid operand.

4.7. Error Codes

These are the possible error codes generated by the XP style commands.

Code	XP Error Codes
1	Invalid Initialization
2	Invalid Command
3	Invalid Operand
5	Device not implemented
7	Not Initialized
9	Plunger overload
10	Valve overload
11	Valve in bypass
13	No access to EEPROM
15	Command Overflow