

## VP-9: LLS VOLTAGE DELTA CHECK (pg 1 of 8)

Time: 20 minutes

Purpose: To verify proper functioning of LLS circuitry

### Introduction

This procedure includes these groups of tasks:

- I. Instrument Setup Steps 1-6
- II. Buffer Pack Positions [Steps 7-14](#)
- III. Carousel Positions [Steps 15-29](#)

### I. Instrument Setup

1. Insert **Full** buffer pack in Reagent Receiver/Heater Block.
2. Load blank cell in Carousel position 1.
3. Load reaction cell in Carousel position 2.
4. a. Load amplification vial in reaction cell.  
b. Dispense 5 drops of buffer in tube; close.
5. Dispense 5 drops of buffer in each well in blank and reaction cells.

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### I. Instrument Setup (cont)

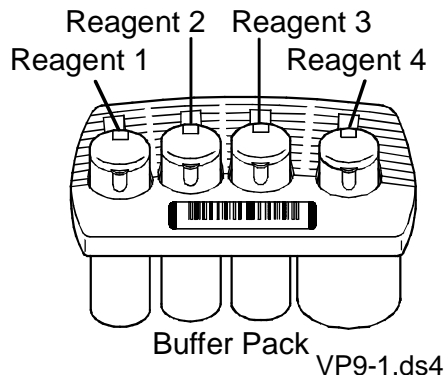
6. Monitor DC volts between **LLS Board** test points TP 2 and TP 8.
- Connect Gnd. lead to TP 8.
  - Connect Pos. lead to TP 2.

For these positions...	Tasks...	Steps
Buffer Pack only	Section II.	7- 14
Carousel only	Skip Section II. <a href="#">Go to Section III.</a>	15- 29
Buffer Pack and Carousel	Section II and Section III	7- 29

### II. Buffer Pack Positions

7. Enter Boom Hand Controls:
- MONITOR
  - HND\_CTRL
  - OTHER
  - BOOM
8. Move probe over Reagent 4 in buffer pack ([Figure VP9-1](#)):
- 10
  - RIGHT (4 times)
  - 01
  - LEFT or RIGHT (until probe is centered over bottle)

### II. Buffer Pack Positions (cont)



9. Drive probe down until voltage at TP 2 switches HIGH:
  - NEXT
  - 10
  - DOWN (until voltage switches)
10. Record high voltage value.
11. Drive probe up until voltage at TP 2 switches LOW:
  - UP
12. Record low voltage value.

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### II. Buffer Pack Positions (cont)

13. Calculate Voltage Delta for this position:
- Subtract Low Voltage from High Voltage.
  - Compare Voltage to Delta in chart (Figure VP9-2).
14. Repeat steps 8 through 13 for each remaining reagent position:
- HOME
  - NEXT

When all 4 positions have been checked, check Carousel positions (if desired) (steps 15-29).

Location	LLS Position	Delta VDC
Buffer Pack	Reagent 4	$\geq 3.75$ VDC
Buffer Pack	Reagent 3	$\geq 3.75$ VDC
Buffer Pack	Reagent 2	$\geq 3.75$ VDC
Buffer Pack	Reagent 1	$\geq 3.75$ VDC
Reaction Cell	Amplification Vial	$\geq 3.0$ VDC
Reaction Cell	Reaction Well (LCRW)	$\geq 1.0$ VDC
Blank Cell	Dispense Well (DSPW)	$\geq 2.5$ VDC
Blank Cell	Incubation Well (RWC1)	$\geq 1.0$ VDC
Blank Cell	Predilution Well (PWC1)	$\geq 1.0$ VDC

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### III. Carousel Positions

15. Move probe over blank cell matrix position (Figure VP9-3):

- HOME
- NEXT
- HOME
- 99 (2 times)
- RIGHT
- 01
- RIGHT (until centered over matrix position)

### CAUTION !

DO NOT attempt to step probe down more than 1 step at a time. Incorrect Delta voltages will result.

16. Drive probe down until voltage at TP 2 switches HIGH:

- NEXT
- 10
- DOWN (until voltage switches)  
*Voltage will gradually increase.  
Continue to drive down until voltage makes a significant jump.*

17. Record high voltage value.

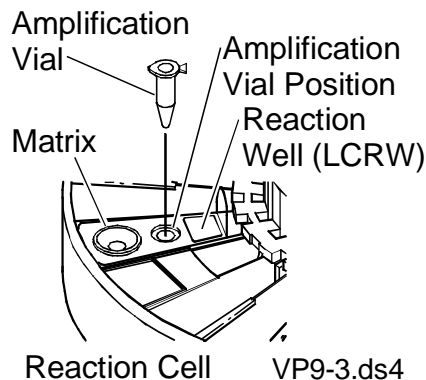
18. Drive probe up until voltage at TP 2 switches LOW:

- UP

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### III. Carousel Positions (cont)

19. Record low voltage value.
20. Calculate Voltage Delta for this position:
  - a. Subtract low voltage from high voltage.
  - b. Compare Delta to [chart in Figure VP9-2](#).
21. Repeat steps 15 through 20 for each remaining blank cell position.
22. Move probe over reaction cell amplification vial (Figure VP9-3):
  - HOME
  - NEXT
  - 20
  - RIGHT



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### III. Carousel Positions (cont)

23. Rotate carousel by hand until amplification vial is below probe:

- 01
- RIGHT or LEFT (until probe is centered over tube)

24. Drive probe down until voltage at TP 2 switches HIGH.

*NOTE: Voltage will gradually increase.  
Continue to drive down until probe punctures tube and voltage makes a significant jump.*

- 10
- NEXT
- DOWN (until voltage switches)

25. Record high voltage value.

26. Drive probe up until voltage at TP 2 switches LOW:

- UP (until voltage switches)

27. Record low voltage value.

28. Calculate Voltage Delta for this position:

- a. Subtract low voltage from high voltage.
- b. Compare Voltage to Delta in chart  
(Figure VP9-2).

29. Repeat steps 22 through 28 for diluent position (Figure VP9-4).

### III. Carousel Positions (cont)

