Overview of Automated Dispensing Systems

Item	PROPlus / PRO / PROX	PROPlus 4-Axis	EV Series	E Series	RV Series	GVPlus / GV Series
System						
# of axes	3 axes	4 axes	3 axes	3 axes	4 axes	3 axes
Programming method						
	DispenseMotion software	DispenseMotion software	DispenseMotion software	Teach Pendant TeachMotion software	DispenseMotion software	DispenseMotion software
Vision				N/A		
	CCD smart camera with light box	CCD smart camera with light box	Pencil camera		CCD smart camera	CCD smart camera with light box
OptiSure™ Automated Optical Inspection (AOI)	AOI software (optional) Confocal Laser (optional)	AOI software (optional) Confocal Laser (optional)	AOI software (optional)	N/A	AOI software (optional)	AOI software (optional) Confocal Laser (optional)
Height detection	Laser (optional)	Laser (optional)	Mechanical (optional)	Mechanical (optional)	N/A	Laser (optional, GVPlus only) Mechanical (optional)
Tip detection	Tip detector (included)	Tip detector (included)	Tip detector (optional)	Tip aligner (optional)	Tip detector or Tip aligner (optional)	Tip detector (optional)
Closed loop encoding	Included	Included	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum working area (X / Y / Z)	PR03 / PR03Plus 250 / 250 / 100 mm (10 / 10 / 4")	4-Axis PROPlus 350 / 400 / 100 mm (14 / 16 / 4")	E2V 150 / 200 / 50 mm (6 / 8 / 2")	E2 200 / 200 / 50 mm (8 / 8 / 2")	R3V 300 / 300 / 150 mm (12 / 12 / 6")	G4VPlus 450 / 500 / 100 mm (18 / 20 / 4")
	PRO4 / PRO4Plus 350 / 350 / 100 mm (14 / 14 / 4") PROX 450 / 500 / 100 mm (18 / 20 / 4")	±1080°	E3V 250 / 300 / 100 mm (10 / 12 / 4")	E3 300 / 300 / 100 mm (12 / 12 / 4")	R4V 400 / 400 / 150 mm (16 / 16 / 6")	G8V 800 / 800 / 100 mm (31 / 31 / 4")
			E4V 350 / 400 / 100 mm (14 / 16 / 4")	E5 500 / 500 / 150 mm (20 / 20 / 6")	R6V 620 / 500 / 150 mm (24 / 20 / 6")	
			E5V 450 / 500 / 150 mm (18 / 20 / 6")		All: ±999°	
			E6V 570 / 500 / 150 mm (22 / 20 / 6")			



Glossary

Programming method

There are two methods for creating dispensing programs: EFD's proprietary DispenseMotion™ software or a Teach Pendant using our TeachMotion™ software.

- DispenseMotion software is used on robots with vision systems and includes the DispenseMotion controller, camera, monitor, keyboard, and mouse.
- The Teach Pendant is used on robot models without vision.



DispenseMotion software



Teach Pendant and TeachMotion software



CCD camera

Pencil camera



Laser height detection

Mechanical height detection

Vision systems

Robots with vision allow on-screen preview of the dispensing path to make programming easier. Options include a smart vision CCD camera or a simple vision pencil camera. On 3-axis robots, the camera is installed on the Z axis. On 4-axis robots, we offer a fixed-mount camera on the Z axis, or a rotating-mount camera that moves with the R axis.

Height detection

Height detection allows the robot to measure the height of each dispense location on the workpiece. The data (Z clearance) is then used to adjust for height variations from one workpiece to another. We offer two options:

- Laser height detection is most accurate and can determine the height of multiple points on a product in a single sweep.
- Mechanical height detection requires a device that makes contact with the product and determines the height of only one point at a time.

Tip detection

Allows the robot to read the distance between the tip and workpiece after each tip or syringe barrel change-out and maintain deposit consistency. We offer two options:

- The tip detector operates by touching the tip on a sensor pad to detect the height location of the tip (called the gap height), then makes a deposit on the tip detector. The vision system views the deposit to confirm the XY location, and the robot then offsets the program to ensure deposit location accuracy and dispensing gap height.
- The tip aligner uses optical sensors to detect the outside diameter and end of the dispense tip. If there are XY / Z changes from the previous tip, offsets are applied to the program to ensure deposit location accuracy and dispensing gap height.





Tip aligner



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