# AUTOTAP

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automated tap density analyzers



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#### TAPPED density

The apparent bulk densities of powdered, granular of flaked materials are highly dependent on the manner in which the particles are packed together due to cohesion and shape effects. Furthermore, handling or vibration of particulate material causes the smaller particles to work their way into the spaces between the larger particles. The geometric space occupied by the powder decreases and its density increases. Ultimately, no further natural particle packing takes place without the addition of pressure and maximum particle packing is achieved. Under controlled conditions of tapping rate, tap force drop and cylinder diameter, this condition of maximum packing efficiency is highly reproducible. Tap density measurement is formalized in a number of international standards to which both Autotap models conform.

#### **Standards Suitability**

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ASTM B527	(metallic powders)
ASTM D4164	(formed catalysts)
ASTM D4781	(fine catalysts)
IDF 134	(dried milk)
ISO 787-11	(pigments)
ISO 3953	(metallic powders)
ISO 8460	(instant coffee)
ISO 8967	(dried milk)
ISO 9161	(uranium dioxide powder)
JIS K5101-12-2	(pigments)
JIS Z 2512	(metallic powders)
	(metal powders)
USP<616>method II (preharmonization)	(pharmaceutical powders)
USP<616>method I (harmonized)	(pharmaceutical powders)
JP 3.01 Part 2 Method 1 (harmonized)	(pharmaceutical powders)
PH. EUR. 6.8 Method 1 (harmonized)	(pharmaceutical powders) ———

To measure tap density, samples are placed in standard graduated cylinders and mounted on a universal tap platform designed to accommodate cylinders from 10mL to 500mL. After noting the initial volume and weight of the material, the number of desired taps is entered and tapping started. When the specified number of taps is completed, tapping stops automatically. Reading of the powder surface is facilitated by automatic rotation of cylinders during tapping which promotes a flat powder interface.

If the material characteristics are unknown, tapping may be done step-wise by user specified numbers of taps, while noting or graphing the results until the volume becomes constant. Once the tapping behavior is known, the proper number of taps, typically thousands, including a significant excess (to account for future variability between samples) can be preset on subsequent runs, thus freeing the operator for other work.

A noise reduction cabinet is available which can reduce the tapping noise levels by 15 dBA\* or more.

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\*Actual improvement depends on local factors such as bench, ceiling height etc

#### **Key Lock**

The units' control panel can be disabled thanks to a lock at the front of the instrument which enables the user to prevent others from tampering with the counter settings.



## ACCESSORIES

#### **Noise Reduction Cabinet**

A sound-insulated enclosure is available that accommodates either Autotap model. The noise from tapping can be reduced by up to 15 dBA (actual improvement depends on local factors such as bench material and ceiling height). The doors can be locked for added safety and security.

#### Dimensions:

76.2cm (30") W x 38.1cm (15") D x 76.2cm (30") H. Weight: 28kg.



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### SPECIFICATIONS

Performances		
Stations:	Autotap: 1 Dual Autotap: 2	
Cylinder Sizes:	250 mL standard; 10 mL, 25 mL, 50 mL, 100 mL, 500 mL, 1000 mL optional	
	1000 mL requires auxillary plate quick-change assembly (p/n 01470-5830 / AP Nr. 193228)	
Nominal Tapping Rate:	260 min <sup>-1</sup>	
Tapping (drop) Height:	3mm (0.125 inch)	
Tap Counter:	1-999999	
Display:	LCD, automatic countdown, automatic reset	
Platform Rotation:	Automatic	
Sample Weight Limits:	900g (2 lb) with no effect on tapping rate 1800g (4 lb) with 5% reduction in tapping rate 2275g (5 lb) with 15% reduction in tapping rate	
Controls:	on/off, start, stop, counter reset	
Lock-out:	keyed lock for tap counter	

#### Physical

Height:	175 mm (7 in) excluding cylinders
Width:	540 mm (21 in)
Depth:	280 mm (11 in)
Weight:	11 kg (24 lbs) Autotap
	14 kg (31 lbs) Dual Autotap

#### Electrical

Voltage: 110-120 V or 220-240V Frequency: 50/60 Hz Power (max): 150 VA Connection: Grounded, single-phase outlet

#### Environmental

Temperature: 15°C - 40°C Max. Relative Humidity: 80%

#### Ordering Information

Autotap, 50 Hz, 100-115v:	p/n 02106-50-100-1
	AP Nr. 196351
Autotap, 50 Hz, 220-240v:	p/n 02106-50-1
-	AP Nr. 192954
Autotap, 60 Hz, 100-115v:	p/n 02106-60-1
	AP Nr. 192955
Autotap, 60 Hz, 220-240v:	p/n 02106-60-220-1
-	AP Nr. 196352
Dual Autotap, 50 Hz, 100-115v:	p/n 02105-50-100-1
	AP Nr. 196349
Dual Autotap, 50 Hz, 220-240v:	p/n 02105-50-1
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Dual Autotap, 60 Hz, 100-115v:	p/n 02105-60-1
	AP Nr. 192980
Dual Autotap, 60 Hz, 220-240v:	p/n 02105-60-220-1
	AP Nr. 196350
Noise Reduction Cabinet:	p/n 62105-NRC



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