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Volume Accuracy Check

The measurement accuracy of Turbine Flow Heads manufactured by Micro Medical remains unaffected by changes in environmental conditions. In consequence their factory-set calibration remains extremely stable(2) and they do not require routine calibration adjustment. However, in accordance with international guidelines (1) their accuracy can be quickly verified by using a 3 litre calibration syringe.

Below is a summary of the key ATS/ERS 2005(1) recommendations when performing a volume verification for flow measuring devices (such as Micro Medical Spirometers)

- A volume accuracy check should be performed daily(1)
- A 3-L calibration syringe should be used(4)
- This calibration syringe should have an accuracy of +/- 0.5% (15 mL for a 3-L syringe) (1)
- The syringe should be discharged through the device at least three times to give a range of flows varying between 0.5 and 12 L.s⁻¹ (with 3-L injection times of approximately 6s for the lower flow limit and less than 0.5s for the upper flow limit) (1)
- The volume at each flow should meet the accuracy requirement of +/-3.5%(1)



Each syringe is supplied with a unique certificate confirming ATS/ERS 2005 performance compliance

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(4) A 3 litre calibration syringe (catalogue number SM2125) can be obtained from Micro Medical Ltd in the UK or from one of their approved distributors internationally.

3 litre Calibration Syringe Cat. No. SM2125

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