



# INSTRUCTION MANUAL


**Dri-Ref™**  
Reference Electrode

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**Dri-Ref** reference electrodes exhibits stable potential, low resistance and very low electrolyte leakage. Low leakage is achieved by using Corning Vycor™ glass as the liquid junction frit. **Dri-Ref** has a low electrode resistance, an important consideration when making low-noise measurements. Although the internal filling solution contains 3 M KCl, the extremely low fluid leakage means **Dri-Ref** may also be used in combination with ion selective electrodes, including those for K<sup>+</sup> and CL<sup>-</sup>, without significant contamination by the reference electrode. The **Dri-Ref** electrodes are intended to be used for measurements in physiological (100–200mM KCl) solutions. The Dri-Ref electrodes are not intended to be used as a voltage or current sourcing electrode, rather as a sensing electrode for pH or ion selective measurements. The **Dri-Ref** electrodes are not intended for long-term measurements beyond a few minutes. For longer duration applications, larger mass Ag/AgCl dual junction reference electrodes may be used.

The bodies of the **Dri-Ref-5** and **Dri-Ref-5SH** are epoxy, and the bodies of **Dri-Ref-2** and **Dri-Ref-2SH** are a polyurethane-based polymer (Isoplast). The body of the **Flex-Ref** is Teflon. The long, thin nature of **Flex-Ref** allows it to be easily manipulated to accommodate difficult experimental setups.

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 **CAUTION:** The Corning Vycor™ has a nominal pore size of 40 angstroms that limits passage of most organic molecules. However, if used with radioisotopes or toxins having small ions, there is a possibility that it will diffuse in and be retained in the Corning Vycor™. Exercise caution when using this material.

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## UNPACKING

Unpack the electrode immediately upon receipt. Remove the shipping cap, and the electrode is ready for use. If it is not to be used immediately, store the electrode in a cool place away from sunlight with the tip immersed in 3 M KCl.

## STORAGE

When not in use, store the electrode in a cool place away from sunlight with the tip immersed in 3 M KCl. Exposure to air for more than 15 minutes can result in an unusable electrode due to the KCl clogging the frit. Sometimes this condition can be corrected by an overnight soak in warm (~40°C) distilled water.

## CLEANING

Rinse the electrode with water or electrolyte of the same strength as the sample solution before and after each use. An enzymatic cleaner such as Enzol (WPI #**7363-4**) or other surfactant can be used to remove the accumulation of proteins and other substances that can clog the frit.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you suspect a problem with the stability of the electrode, substitute a known good reference electrode for a comparison check. Also check for trapped air bubbles in the tip, which could affect readings and stability. In some cases, gently tapping near the tip can clear internal air bubbles that might be interfering with the reading. Ag/AgCl electrodes can acquire a galvanic voltage charge in use and should be equilibrated (balanced or shorted out electrically) against another similar electrode in a conductive saline solution (3 M KCl). This equilibration process can take up to 24 hours. An un-equilibrated electrode can be used as long as the pH or ISE system is re-calibrated or the amplifier's offsets are employed to negate the galvanic charge.

For help with your **Dri-Ref**, contact the WPI Technical Support team at 941.371.1003 or [technicalsupport@wpiinc.com](mailto:technicalsupport@wpiinc.com).

## SPECIFICATIONS

	DRIREF-5*	DRIREF-5SH	DRIREF-2	DRIREF-2SH	FLEX-REF
Length	5.2"	1.8"	5.2"	1.2"	5.2"
Diameter	4.7 mm	4.7 mm	2 mm	2 mm	1.5 mm
Construction	Epoxy	Epoxy	Isoplast**	Isoplast**	Teflon
Liquid Junction Frit	Vycor	Vycor	Vycor	Vycor	Vycor
Lead Length	30 in.	30 in.	30 in.	30 in.	30 in.
Plug	2 mm pin	2 mm pin	2 mm pin	2 mm pin	2 mm pin
Resistance (typical)	~500 Ω	~500 Ω	2.7 KΩ	2.7 KΩ	2.7 KΩ
Filling Solution	KCl	KCl	KCl	KCl	KCl
Leakage (mL/hr)	~7.4x10 <sup>-7</sup>	~7.4x10 <sup>-7</sup>	~5.7x10 <sup>-8</sup>	~5.7x10 <sup>-8</sup>	~5.7x10 <sup>-8</sup>

\* Formerly MERE3

\*\* Isoplast is a Dow Chemical trademark.

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**Warning: This equipment is not designed or intended for use on humans.**



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