



## **CARE AND USE OF STIR STiX DISPENSERS**

1. Place Stir StiXs and Stir StiX Dispenser in autoclave and sterilize for 20 minutes. Use rapid exhaust to dry. Alternatively you can sterilize by heating in a hot air oven at 150°C for 1 hour.
2. Select the appropriate loading plenum configuration for the Stir StiX you are using:  
VP 735-2           No additional plenum  
VP 734-2           .27" thick plenum  
VP 733-2           .52" thick plenum  
It is very important to use the proper combination of plenums for ease of loading the dispenser.
3. Place the dispenser on top of the magnet. Carefully pour about twice the needed number of Stir StiXs into the loading Hopper. Vigorously move the dispenser forward and back, left and right over the magnet until all the holes are filled
4. Place the Dispenser on a sterile microplate and dispense the Stir StiX by pushing on the plastic knob to align the plenum holes with the holes in the Dispenser platform. Press the plastic knob a few times and visually verify that each Stir StiX has fallen through the holes.
5. The Stir StiX Dispenser can be cleaned using mild detergents and rinsed with distilled water followed by isopropanol to speed drying.