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ASXPRESS PLUS

Rapid Sample Introduction System Quick Installation Guide for PerkinElmer® S10 and AS93 Plus Autosamplers

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This guide shows you how to connect the ASXPRESS PLUS Rapid Sampling System to a PerkinElmer S10 autosampler.

For general information on the ASXPRESS PLUS system, refer to the CETAC ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual, which is available on the software CD or from www.cetac.com.

The same instructions apply, with minor modifications, to the PerkinElmer AS-90/90A/90 Plus/91/93 Plus autosamplers. The photos in this guide show the S10 autosampler, and may reflect models of the autosampler or ASXPRESS PLUS system which differ in appearance from the unit being installed.

This guide is for use by qualified chemists or laboratory technicians who are familiar with electrical and chemical safety precautions. **See the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual for notices and safety information.**

- 1 Unpack the ASXPRESS PLUS components and the CETAC autosampler.

Note:

Inspect all packaging materials for damage that may have occurred during shipment.

Refer to the packing lists included with both the ASXPRESS PLUS and autosampler to ensure that all components have been received.

Keep all shipping containers for use in the unlikely event that shipment is required for warranty or service work. The original packaging must be used for this purpose to ensure that the warranty remains valid.

2 Prepare the autosampler:

- a Replace the sampling probe guide with the one supplied with the ASXPRESS PLUS.



- b** Replace the sampling probe with the one supplied with the ASXPRESS PLUS.

This probe has a larger diameter bore, to accommodate rapid sample uptake rates.

See the PerkinElmer *S10 Autosampler User's Guide* for instructions on how to replace the probe, if needed.



- c** Attach the rinse tubing.

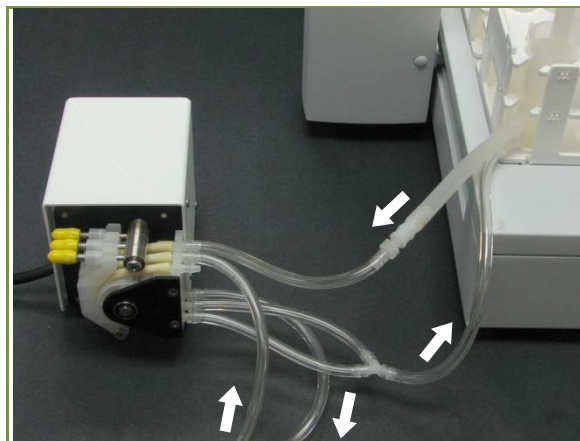
An external, 3-channel peristaltic rinse pump, tubing, and fittings are provided with the ASXPRESS PLUS system.

Connect a container of rinse solution to one input of the rinse pump, and let the other input take in air. Connect the outputs of the pump via a tee connector and then to the rinse liquid feed line of the rinsing port.

Connect the drain line of the rinsing station to the pump, then direct the output of that channel to the rinse solution container or to a separate waste container.

The configuration of this tubing can vary depending on the autosampler being used, the rinse pump, and the application.

See the "Autosampler Rinse Station Liquid Flow Connections" diagram on page 10 and the Operator's Manual for additional detail.

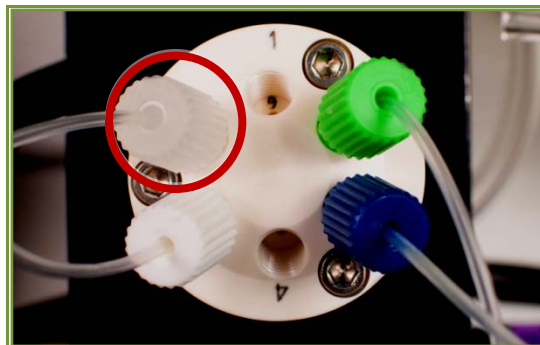


3 Prepare and position the ASXPRESS PLUS valve/pump module:

- a** Remove the protective cover from the 6-port valve.
- b** Attach the sample probe to port #2-grey.

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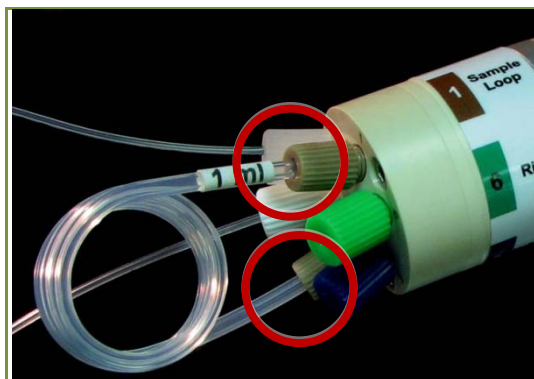
Use only "Double Blue Band", 1.0mm I.D. sample probes with the ASXPRESS PLUS system.



- c Attach the sample loop between ports #1 and #4 on the 6-port valve.

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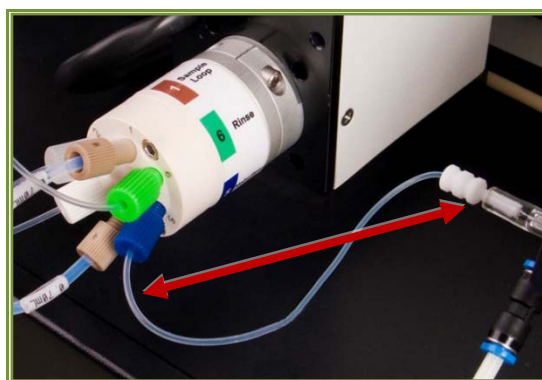
Experiment with the loop size to determine the optimal size for your application, balancing sample size, sampling rate, and integration time. Several loops of varying sizes are supplied. See the *ASXPRESS PLUS* Accessories and Supplies Catalog for a full list of available sample loop sizes for aqueous and oils applications.



- d Position the valve/pump module as close to the ICP nebulizer as possible. This may require adjusting vertical and horizontal placement of the valve/pump module, the orientation of the valve, or the orientation of the spray chamber. To accommodate additional placement convenience, the CETAC SP6572 Articulating Mounting System is available.

Note:

Minimize the tubing length between port #5 and the nebulizer to achieve the optimal time savings benefit of the *ASXPRESS PLUS*.



ATTENTION: Do not connect the nebulizer at this step. The photo shows some tubing as a reference (spliced to verify the length before cutting the final tubing). Further adjustments may be necessary before installation is complete.

- 4 Position the *ASXPRESS PLUS* electronics module and connect it to the valve/pump module with the attached cable.

Considerations:

- Place within 5 feet of the valve/pump module.
- Place within 5 feet of the autosampler rear panel.
- Place so that the operator is able to easily see the “load” and “inject” LEDs on the electronics module case.



5 Place the autosampler as near the ASXPRESS PLUS valve/pump module as is possible.

Considerations:

- Rinse station drain tubing connections
- Serial and USB cable connections
- Autosampler power supply connection

6 Connect the electronics module to its power supply.

WARNING: See the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual for electrical safety precautions.

7 Connect the host computer to the OEM COM port on the ASXPRESS PLUS electronics module. This will typically be an RS-232 serial connection to the port through which the application software (such as iTEVA™, WinLab32™, ICP-MS Expert™, or ChemStation™) sends commands to the autosampler.

Notes:

If the host computer does not have any free serial ports, a USB connection may be used. See “USB Connections.”

No null modem adapter is needed for the RS-232 connections.



8 Connect the COM port on the underside of the autosampler to the AUTOSAMPLER port on the ASXPRESS PLUS electronics module.

9 Connect the GUI COM port on the electronics module to the host computer. This will typically be an RS-232C serial connection.

Notes:

If the host computer does not have any free serial ports, a USB connection may be used, as shown here. See “USB Connections.”

You have now made *two* connections from the host computer to the electronics module: GUI COM (for configuring the electronics module) and OEM COM (for sending autosampler commands).

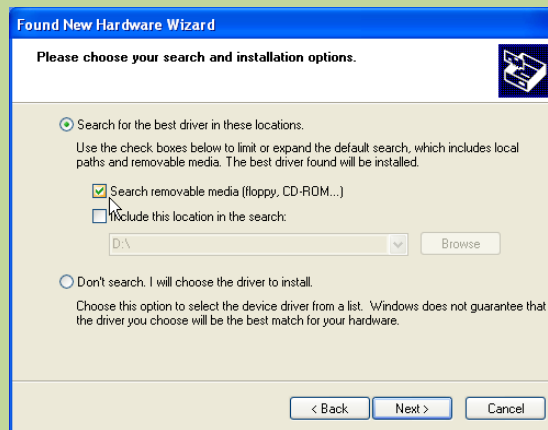


USB Connections

Multiple communication cable options provide flexibility to use *all* RS-232, *all* USB or a *combination* of cables between the host PC and the electronics module. A USB driver must be installed to make the USB port emulate an RS-232 COM port, and the installation must be repeated for each USB connection.

To make a USB connection:

- a Turn on the host computer and electronics module. Do *not* turn on the autosampler.
- b Plug in the USB cable.
- c Allow the Windows Found New Hardware Wizard to use Windows Update to search for a driver. In most cases, the driver will be found online and installed automatically. This process may take several minutes.
- d If a driver is not found, insert the CD-ROM and allow the wizard to search the CD-ROM and install the driver (the exact procedure depends on the version of the Windows operating system). The hardware will be identified as an “FT 232R USB UART” and then as a “USB Serial Converter.”
- e When driver installation is complete, make a note of which COM port number was assigned.



- 10 Connect the power supply to the autosampler, and to the mains power source. **Do not turn on the autosampler at this time.**
- 11 Configure the ASXPRESS PLUS electronics module to work with PerkinElmer autosampler commands. See the *CETAC ASXPRESS PLUS Rapid Sample Introduction System Guide to Configuring Firmware Personalities*, on the included CD-ROM.



- 12 Connect the power cord of the pump to the EXTERNAL PUMP connector on the electronics module.

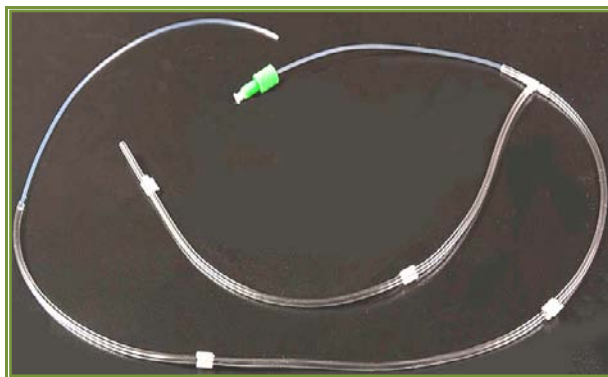


13 Connect the carrier/rinse solution:

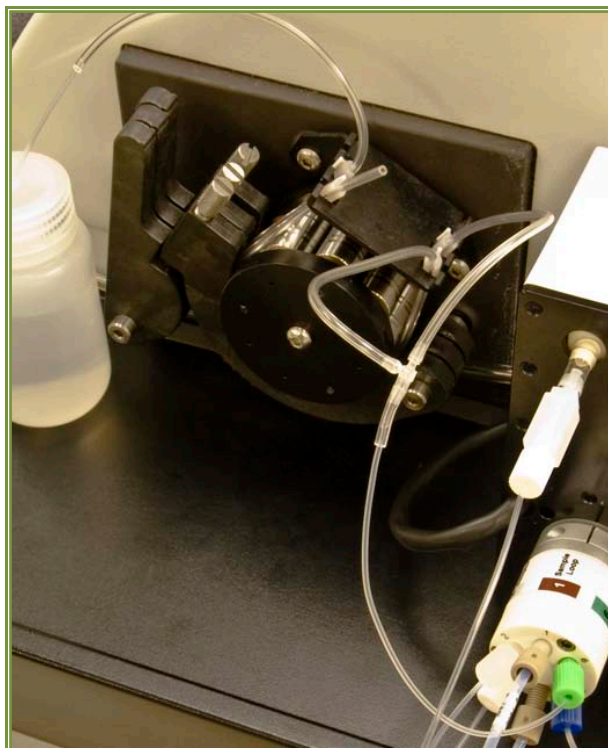
- a** Prepare a carrier/rinse solution that is matrix-matched to your samples. A carrier/rinse solution bottle is provided with the ASXPRESS PLUS.



- b** Connect the carrier/rinse tee assembly to two lengths of peristaltic pump tubing (customer supplied) and install at the ICP instrument's peristaltic pump (see page 9). Connect one channel of the pump input to a pickup tube (shown, customer-supplied) for insertion into the carrier/rinse solution bottle. The input of the other channel of the pump remains open to the atmosphere, to draw in air. Note that the air is pumped into the tee assembly *perpendicular* to the liquid flow. The photo at right shows the supplied tee assembly connected to the customer-supplied peristaltic pump tubing and pickup tube.



- c** Connect the opposite end (green fitting) of the carrier/rinse tee assembly to port #6-green of the ASXPRESS PLUS 6-port valve (see photo at right and the diagram on page 10 of this guide).

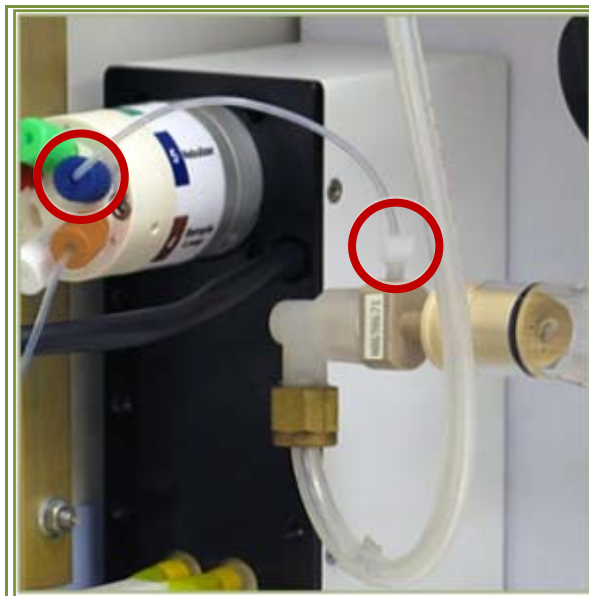


- 14** Connect all drain tubing (3 tubes) to an appropriate waste container.
- Autosampler rinse station drain tubing
 - ASXPRESS PLUS vacuum pump discharge “output” tubing
 - Nebulizer/spray chamber drain tubing

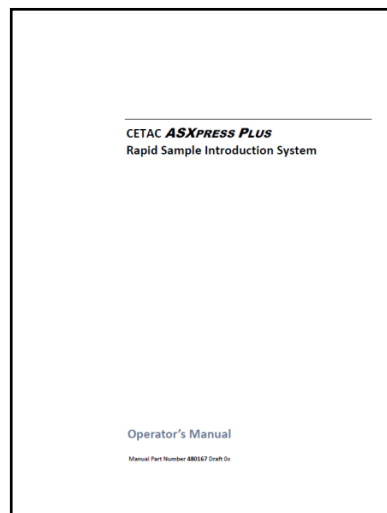
Note: Ensure that tubing ends are not submerged below liquid level in the waste container, as this can impede flow and affect performance of the ASXPRESS PLUS system. Use caution to arrange drain tubing so that waste may gravity drain completely without trapping any liquid in the line.

- 15** Join the nebulizer to the sample line at port #5-blue on the ASXPRESS PLUS 6-port valve using peristaltic pump tubing. Place a nut and ferrule on one end of the line to attach it to the nebulizer. To reduce carryover and ensure effective washout, use one continuous piece of tubing with no splices.

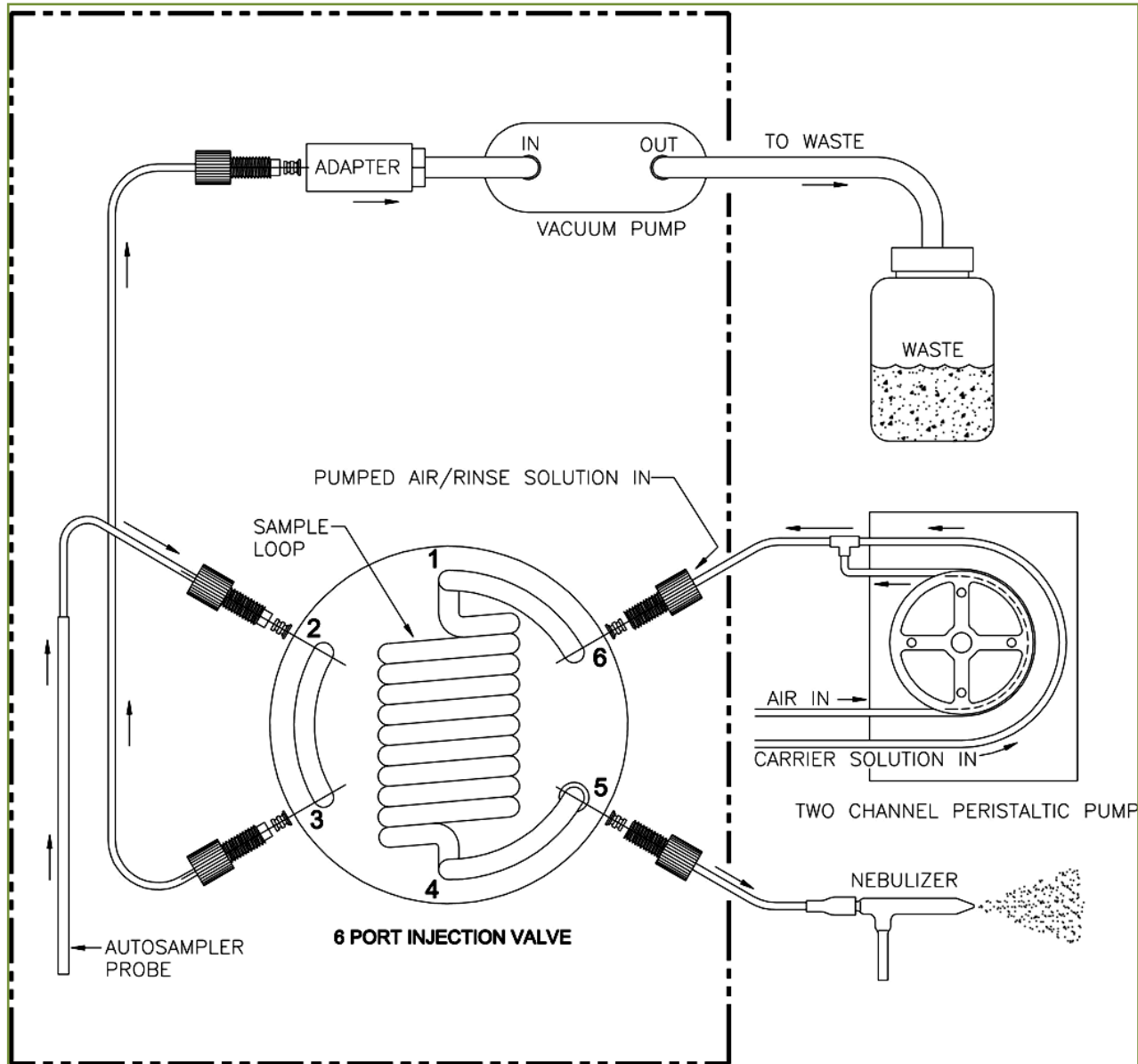
Note:
Cut the line to the shortest possible length. This may also require reorienting the spray chamber to allow close-proximity placement of the ASXPRESS PLUS valve/pump module near the nebulizer.



- 16** Install the software onto the host computer from the included CD. To do so, follow the instructions found in the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual, which is available on the CD or from www.cetac.com.
- 17** Set the ASXPRESS PLUS personality to match the autosampler you are using, if necessary. (The electronics module is preconfigured to work with the S10 autosampler. See the *Guide to Configuring Firmware Personalities* which is provided on the included CD.)
- 18** Refer to the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual for additional information on installation, setup or operation.

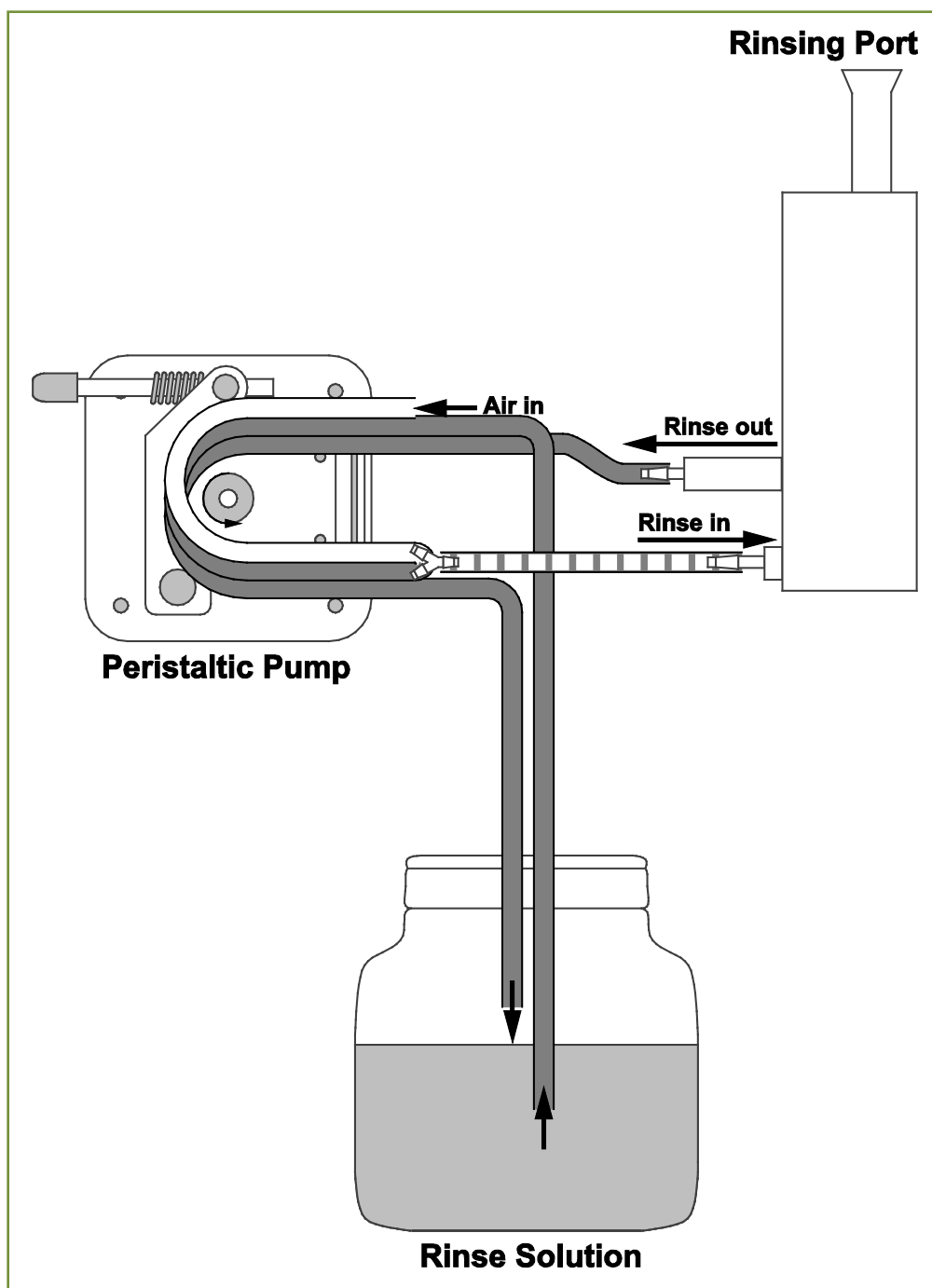


Valve/Pump Module Liquid Flow Connections



Autosampler Rinse Station Liquid Flow Connections

Typical connections are shown. Some applications may require different connections. Refer to the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual or contact CETAC for further instruction, as required.



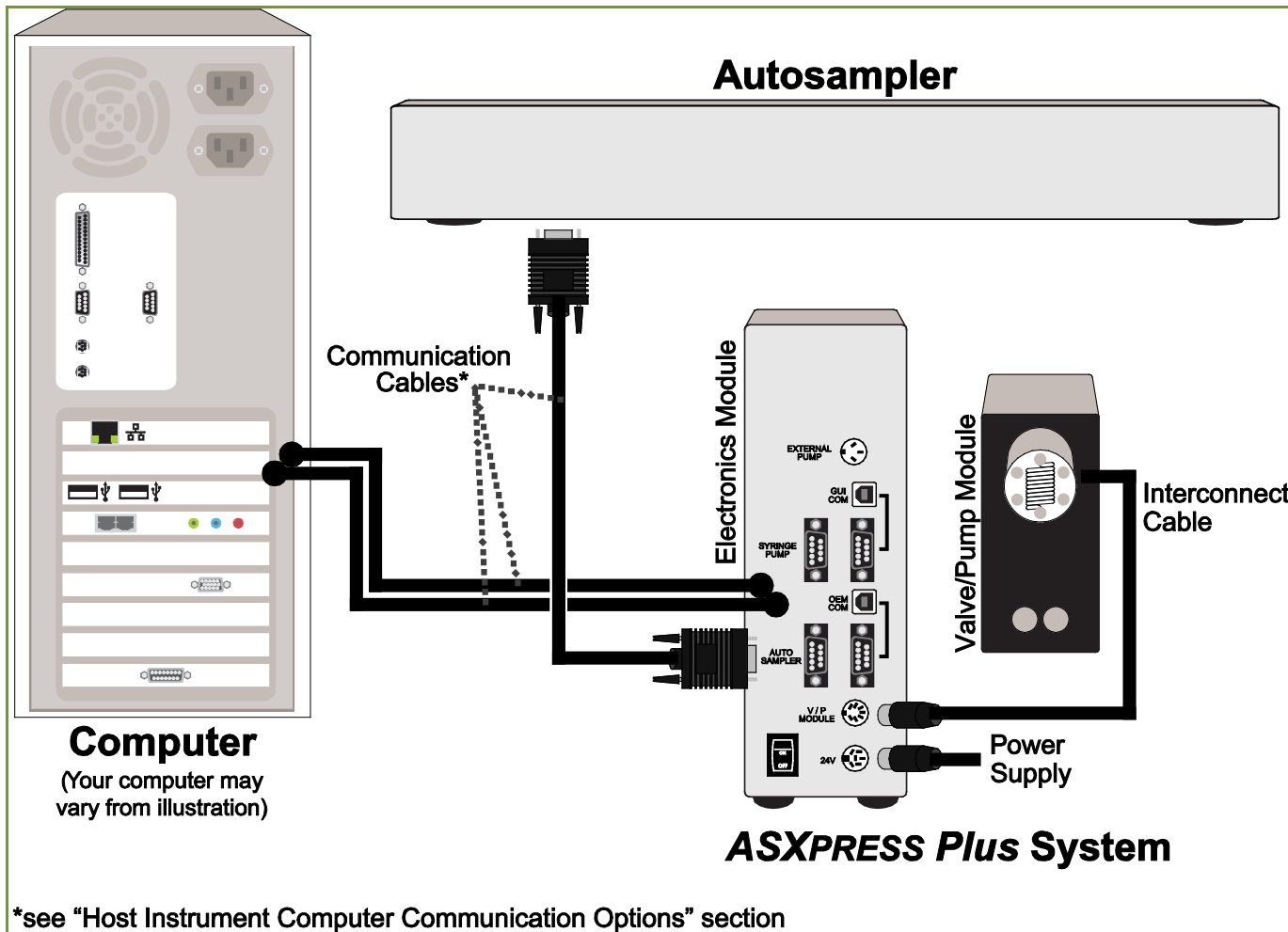
Typical rinse connections for a PerkinElmer S10 autosampler.

This configuration uses the provided 3-channel pump, which is powered by the electronics module. The pump combines air and rinse solution to create bubbles, which help scrub the tubing. Rinse solution is pumped out of the rinsing port by the same pump, and "recycled" to the original rinse solution container.

Recommended tubing: Air lines – Pharmed™; Rinse solution – Pharmed™(for aqueous applications only), Viton™, Tygon™ Fuel and Lubricant, or Superthane™.

ASXPRESS PLUS Power/Communication General Connections

General connections are shown. Some configurations may also include additional pumps. Refer to the ASXPRESS PLUS Operator's Manual for further instruction, as required.



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