

WHEN DOES LIQUID HANDLING AUTOMATION MAKE SENSE?

Processing a high number of samples is a great, but far from only, reason to implement liquid handling automation. Through conversations with our customers, we've found that automation with flowbot® ONE makes a major difference if you are:

-  **Working with more than 1 reagent of different liquid classes.**
With flowbot ONE you can optimize specific liquid class settings which results in enhanced accuracy and getting the most out of your reagents.
-  **Working with more than 5 different samples.**
More than 5 samples complicate traceability and increase the risk of human errors, sample switching, and ultimately having to re-do experiments or tests.
-  **Using more than 2 x 96-well plates.**
Keeping track of several plates makes human errors hard to avoid.
-  **Using just a single 384-well plate.**
Manually keeping track of 384 samples while maintaining high accuracy is highly error-prone.
-  **Working with a protocol with incubation steps.**
This will relieve you of manually keeping track of the incubation duration, and enable you to do other tasks during incubation.
-  **Working with a protocol that has external devices.**
This will relieve you of handling external devices manually. A magnetic device, shakers and temperature controllers are already integrated into the flowbot ONE software.
-  **Working with protocols that are several hours long.**
Some of the long protocols don't allow you to take even a small break when working manually.
-  **Working with time sensitive applications.**
Working with time sensitive applications manually is stressful and an error can damage an entire experiment.
-  **Working with temperature sensitive material.**
Working with temperature sensitive material requires precision, speed and zero errors. Standardizing it with automation will yield better results and ensure less waste of expensive material.