

ClonePix 2 Training Guide

Prepare for Pick Run



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The purpose of this chapter is to guide the user through the **Prepare for Pick Run** process on the **ClonePix 2**.

Pick head maintenance & basic pick run setup are <u>not</u> covered in this document. Please consult the dedicated training modules for detailed instructions on these other processes.





Launching Prepare for Pick Run

1. From the Main Menu, under ClonePix Processes select Prepare for Pick Run.

ClonePix 2 - Unsaved Process		
File View Tools Help		
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Double click with the left mouse button on a process icon to run it.		
New Process Recent Processes		
ClonePix Processes		
Imaging Run Image a microplate.	Prepare For Pick Run Prepare the instrument for a picking run. Pick Run Image microplate and pick colonies from specified c Review Results Review the results of imaging and picking runs.	
Maintenance Processes		
Commissioning Process Configure instrument settings.	Camera Adjustment Determine if any camera adjustment is required.	
Utility Processes		
Picking Head Management Select options to prepare the head.	Utility Process Runs a selection of processes to control or diagnos	





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Watch carefully for **3-4 full cycles** and ensure that **each** of the 8 picking pins is moving smoothly. If you note any sticking or significant hesitation of the pin movement, contact Molecular Devices Technical support for further assistance (800-635-5577 or support@moldev.com)







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c) Click the **Stop** button to conclude the test, then click **Next** to proceed.

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Select Source Plate Type

3. You will now see a screen where you are prompted to **select your source microplate type**. **Select** your **source microplate type** from the **dropdown list**, then click **Next**.





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3. The Load Container dialog appears, where you are prompted to **load the source stacker** with your selected **source plate type**.

a) Select Raise Source - the Source Stacker will now be raised within the ClonePix 2 instrument.



Load Container

Please load the SourceStacker with a Nunc Omni Tray WellPlate.











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Source Plate	Lid Pusher Color	Lid Lifter Assembly
Greiner 6 well	Green	Red
Nunc Omni -	Blue	Silver
Nunc – 6 Well	Green	White





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- c) Insert your source plate + stacker cassette into any position within the source stacker with the lid pusher facing the back of the stacker (until you hear the magnet engage), then click Next.

Source Plate + Stacker Cassette





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- c) Insert your source plate + stacker cassette into any position within the source stacker with the lid pusher facing the back of the stacker (until you hear the magnet engage), then click Next.
- d) The stacker will now automatically move through the stack and detect the position of your loaded plate (this could take up to a minute). You will see the Loading holders indicator on your computer screen during this process.







3. The **Load Container** dialog appears, where you are prompted to **load the source stacker** with your selected **source plate type**.

e) The **loaded plate** will next be pulled from the **stacker** into the **de-lidding station**, then to the **imaging station** for the next step. You will see the **Loading microplate** indicator on your computer screen during this process.







Adjusting Well Alignment

4. The **ClonePix 2 system** will now capture **white light images** of a **well** of your **source plate** and the software will enable any necessary **adjustment to alignment of the well** as follows:

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- b) You will now see the 4 well edge images appear on your screen. The red lines superimposed on the image set should align closely with the well edges. Adjust the line positioning by clicking and dragging – note that the top/bottom (north/south) lines will move together, same for left/right (east/west). If you make an adjustment, click the Reimage button to confirm alignment. Click Next to proceed.



5. The **primary picking pin Z datum position** provides a **reference point** for the instrument to accurately pick your colonies while preventing collision with the plate bottom. This adjustment step ensures proper configuration of this position:

a) The illumination cover will remain retracted and the primary picking pin (#1, closest to you as you face the instrument) will be extended to the center of a well in your loaded source plate. You will see the adjustment dialog appear (screenshot below) – click on Retract Pin before proceeding to the next step.

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- b) Disconnect the picking tubing from the primary picking pin, then connect the free end of the air pressure tubing to the primary picking pin as shown below.







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c) Switch on the air pressure gauge by twisting the grey knob counterclockwise so that the handle is vertical as pictured.







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d) Click the Goto SourceStacker button - you will now see the primary picking pin extend to the bottom of the well and the air pressure gauge readout value will increase (>0.25).







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e) Use the vertical arrow keys to adjust the Z position of the primary picking pin until the air pressure gauge readout color changes to green. Select move size increments from the dropdown to refine the positioning.





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f) Once you have refined the position such that the indicator just turns **green** at the *smallest move increment (0.01 mm in the dropdown*), **move the pin up** by selecting the **1 mm move size setting** and clicking the **up key once** (the **air pressure gauge readout** will now change back to **red**).

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Retract Pin Fire Pin	
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g) Click the **Set** button to save the current **Z datum position**. You will be prompted to confirm your choice to save the position – click **Yes**.







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h) Click on Retract Pin. Disconnect the air pressure tubing from the primary picking pin, then reconnect the picking tubing to the pin. Click Next to proceed.







Confirm Plate Type

6. The **Plate Selection** dialog now appears. Click the **Next** button to **confirm** that you want to **continue** to the next step using the **same source plate type** that you have been working with up to this point in the process.

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Next for Yes, Cancel/Close for No	





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Adjusting Primary Picking Pin XY Alignment

7. This next step allows for **adjustment** of the **primary picking pin XY alignment**. This step is important to ensure accurate colony picking. Follow these steps to adjust the alignment:

 a) Click on the lateral arrow keys to adjust the position of the primary picking pin so that the center of the pin aligns as closely as possible with the intersection of the red crosshairs. Change the Move Size via the dropdown as needed to refine positioning.

NOTE: The **arrow keys** move the **pin** itself (NOT the crosshairs). Please click **once**, then **wait** for the **image** to **refresh before** clicking again.



Adjusting Primary Picking Pin XY Alignment

7. This next step allows for **adjustment** of the **primary picking pin XY alignment**. This step is important to ensure accurate colony picking. Follow these steps to adjust the alignment:

- b) Once the positioning is correct, click the Set button. You will then see a dialog that will ask you to confirm save of the datum point click Yes.
- c) Click the **Next** button to proceed to the next step.



Filling the Ethanol Wash Bath

- 8. The Wash Bath dialog now appears.
 - a) Ensure that your **Wash Bottle** is at least ³/₄ full with **70% Ethanol** (**second** bottle from **left front** side of instrument).
 - b) Ensure that the Auto Replenish Wash Bath checkbox is checked, and keep the default settings (30 seconds for pump duration, 30 minutes for intervals between durations)

Wash Bath

Click the 'Start' button to start filling the Wash Bath.

Click the 'Stop' button to stop filling the Wash Bath.

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 - c) Click the Start button to initiate filling of the Ethanol Wash Bath.

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Click the 'Stop' button to stop filling the Wash Bath.

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 - c) Click the Start button to initiate filling of the Ethanol Wash Bath.
 - d) Observe the filling of the ethanol wash bath in the ClonePix 2 allow the fill to continue until the fluid reaches the exit tube at the back of the bath (it is okay if you still see bubbles in the exit tube). Click the Stop button, then click Next to proceed.



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Sanitizing Picking Pins

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Sanitise Pins Purge the pump system with sanitising agent Sanitise Options Number of cycles for the head to purge Number of cycles the pins will be scrubbed in the Wash Bath Number of seconds the Dryer will be on for 10 ↓ Start



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- c) Click the Start button in the Sanitise Pins dialog to begin flushing the ClonePix 2 with SporKlenz. You will see the picking head move to the wash station and the pins inserted into the 8 ports within. You will see the Purge Progress dialog appear as well. Once this step is complete, click Next.

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Number of seconds the Dryer will be on for	10	1



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Purge Progress
Stop





UV Sanitizing ClonePix 2 Deck

10. This next step ensures that the **ClonePix 2 instrument deck** is **sterilized** with **UV light** (important for maintaining sterility during picking):

a) The **Ultra Violet Sanitise** dialog appears. Leave the **Duration of Ultra Violet exposure** setting at the **default** (600 seconds).

Ultra Violet Sanitise

1. Check the bed of the instrument is clear of plates.

2. Perform any manual cleaning tasks.

3. Set the number of seconds for the UV light to be on.

4. Click the 'Begin' button to turn the light on. You can stop at any time by clicking the 'Stop' button.

While the UV sanitise is in progress you can check the fluid level in the waste bottles and make sure the feed bottles are full.

Ultra Violet Sanitise		
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- a) The **Ultra Violet Sanitise** dialog appears. Leave the **Duration of Ultra Violet exposure** setting at the **default** (600 seconds).
- b) Click Begin to start UV sterilization this step takes 10 minutes. You will see the UV light illuminate the deck, as well as the UV light indicator on the instrument front panel illuminate.

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Check Wash & Waste Bottles

11. This next step is a reminder to check that the **wash bottles** are **full** and that the **waste bottles** are **empty.**

- a) Ensure that the **wash bottles** (**SporKlenz 5L, Sterile Water 5L, 70% Ethanol 2L**) are at least **75% full** and that the **waste bottles** (wash & picking waste) are **empty**.
- b) Click the **Next** button to proceed.

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Rinsing Picking Pins

12. This next step ensures that the **picking pins & fluidics** are **flushed** with **sterile water** (important for removing sanitizing solution & maintaining sterility during picking):

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Sanitise Pins

Purge the pump system to clear any air bubbles or sanitising agent





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Purge Progress	
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d) The **picking head** will now **automatically** move to the **ethanol wash bath** and **scrub** the **picking pins**, followed by **drying** of the pins in the **halogen drying station**. You will see the **Washing Pins indicator** followed by the **Drying Pins indicator** on your **computer screen** during these steps. At the conclusion of the drying step, click **Next** to continue.



Ethanol Wash Bath











Conclusion of Process

- 13. This final step will result in **completion** of the **Replace Head** process:
 - a) You will see the **Process Completed** screen appear. Click the **Finish** button to return to the **main menu.** Click the **Finish** button.

Process Completed

Click the Finish button to return to the process properties.



- b) Within the instrument, the following will occur **automatically**:
 - **Re-homing** of the **picking head**
 - Re-lidding and return of the source plate to the source stacker
 - **Closing** of the **illumination cover** (at the imaging station).
- c) Be sure to **remove** your **empty source plate** from the **source stacker** before proceeding with setting up a **Pick Run**.





Support Resources

- Go to the HELP menu within ClonePix 2 Software
- Support and Knowledge Base: <u>http://mdc.custhelp.com/</u>
- Request Support: <u>http://mdc.custhelp.com/app/ask</u> or via email <u>support@moldev.com</u>
- Technical Support can also be reached by telephone:
 - 1 (800) 635-5577
 - Select options for Tech Support → Biotherapeutics Products → ClonePix Instruments





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