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VOLUME GAUGE

BACKGROUND

Field

[0002] The present invention relates generally to systems that measure the volume of liquid and/or solid substances held in containers of various shapes and sizes. More particularly, the present invention relates to volume measuring systems that may be used in High-Throughput Screening (HTS) or Ultra-High-Throughput Screening (uHTS) systems in the fields of chemistry and/or biology.

Related Art

[0003] A typical procedure for HTS and uHTS systems includes dispensing one or more liquid or solid substances, such as cells, reagents, media, and buffers, into one or more containers, such as test tubes, microplates, or cuvettes, and transferring such substances to be incubated, centrifuged, and read. Because most parts of the HTS and uHTS systems operate in a closed loop fashion, any undesirable condition may not be detected until the liquid or solid substances are ready to be read. For a large screening involving hundreds or even thousands of containers, a tremendous amount of test substances could be wasted unnecessarily.

