

## P-1000 NEW FEATURE: THERMOLOCK<sup>™</sup> PRE-HEAT MODE OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS (REV. 1.04 (20101201))

When pulling pipettes where the pull occurs in multiple stages (i.e., patch pipette programs), the temperature of the jaws that hold the filament can range from  $23^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This variation in jaw temperature can sometimes create instability in the program and lead to inconsistency in the tip size, taper length, and cone angle of the resulting pipette. To further regulate the pulling conditions, the new Thermolock<sup>TM</sup> feature can be used to pre-heat and maintain the jaw temperature at  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

If the "mid-point velocity" for writing a stable patch pipette program (Pipette Cookbook, Pg. 30) has been previously established, the shift and rise in jaw temperature is less likely to introduce variability. However, if a program remains unstable where the first few pipettes pulled are not ideal and later pulls provide better electrodes, the Pre-Heat mode for regulating the jaw temperature can make your program more stable and improve the outcome of resulting pipettes.



