

Leica EM CPD030

Critical Point Dryer

Controlled Specimen Drying



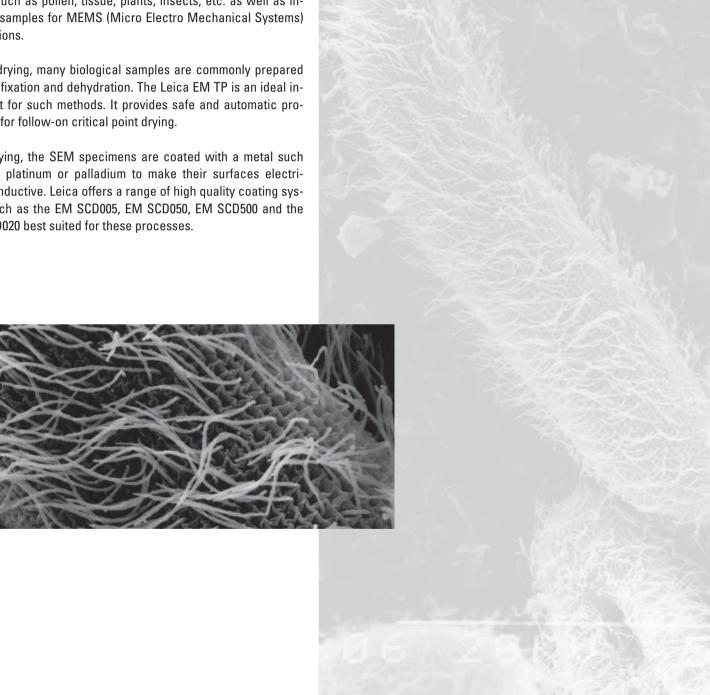
Critical Point Drying

Critical point drying is an efficient method for drying delicate samples. It preserves the surface structure of a specimen which could otherwise be damaged due to surface tension when changing from the liquid to gaseous state.

The Leica EM CPD030 gently dries specimens of a biological nature such as pollen, tissue, plants, insects, etc. as well as industrial samples for MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) applications.

Before drying, many biological samples are commonly prepared through fixation and dehydration. The Leica EM TP is an ideal instrument for such methods. It provides safe and automatic processing for follow-on critical point drying.

After drying, the SEM specimens are coated with a metal such as gold, platinum or palladium to make their surfaces electrically conductive. Leica offers a range of high quality coating systems such as the EM SCD005, EM SCD050, EM SCD500 and the EM MED020 best suited for these processes.



Key Features

- Vapor Compression Refrigeration System for low CO, consumption
- Top loading system with safety screw-on cover, ideal for fast and easy specimen insertion
- · Controlled specimen drying for best results
- Approved specimen pressure chamber guarantees absolutely safe operation
- Excellent visibility of the immersed specimen during the CP process both from above and from the front
- Adjustable heating parameters for gentle specimen treatment

- Integrated automatic cooling/heating system
- Gas flow measuring device for precise release of gaseous CO₂ after critical point drying
- Magnetic stirrer for better and faster mixing of transitional fluids
- · Conveniently arranged control and display elements
- · Space saving design with integrated control and supply units
- · Wide selection of accessories



Accessories

① Specimen transfer container

For transferring specimens immersed in transitional fluid, such as acetone or ethanol, to the pressure chamber of the critical point dryer. The container has a bottom opening mechanism for the CO, exchange process.





2 Specimen baskets (10 mesh/cm²)

Five baskets with cover designed to fit in the specimen transfer container for the subsequent critical point drying process.

③ Specimen baskets (20 mesh/cm²)

Wire mesh specimen basket with a screw-on cover designed to fit the cover slip holding basket for sample transfer.





4 Universal specimen container

Specimen container with nine numbered chambers ideal for routine work with a large number of different samples. For small specimens, wire netting can be replaced with filter gauze or filter paper.

(5) Cover slip container

Specimen container for cover slips and 20 mesh baskets for transferring and processing specimens immersed in transitional fluid to the pressure chamber of the critical point dryer. The container has a top opening mechanism for the CO, exchange process.





6 Holder for cover slips

Cover slip holder with inserts which can be easily integrated into the cover slip holding basket for processing.

7 Holder for grids

Six slotted specimen holder for grids. Ideal for drying specimens applied to film-coated grids.



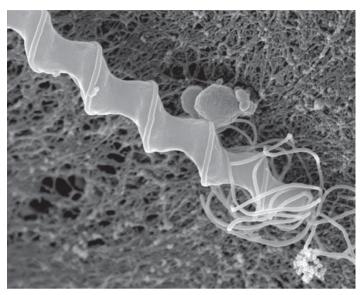
8 Holder for filter discs

Specimen holder for six filter discs. Ideal for small specimens such as bacteria, viruses, microorganisms, etc.

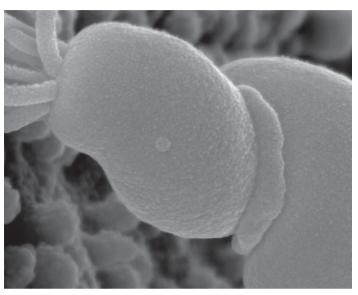


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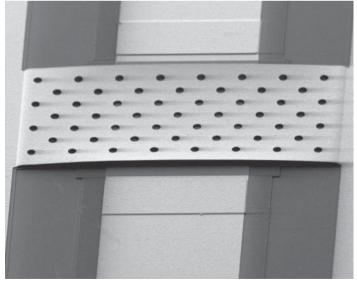


Biopsy of dog gastric mucosa with *Heliobacter* salomonis. Courtesy of Prof. M. H. Stoffel, University of Bern

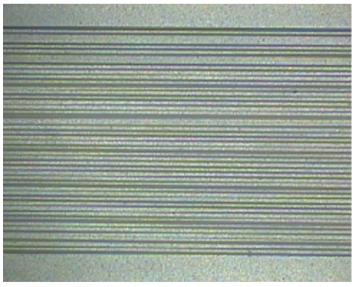


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