From Eye to Insight



MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF EM SAMPLE PREPARATION

THE LEICA NANOTECHNOLOGY PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

The highly comprehensive product portfolio for preparation of biological, medical, and industrial samples.









SAMPLE PREPARATION WITH LEICA MICROSYSTEMS – THE PORTFOLIO THAT GIVES YOU SUCCESS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

TRIMMING & MECHANICAL PREPARATION	EM TXP, EM RAPID, EM TRIM2
ION BEAM MILLING	EM TIC 3X, EM RES102
ULTRAMICROTOMY & CRYO-ULTRAMICROTOMY	EM UC7, ARTOS 3D, EM FC7, EM KMR3
SAMPLE TRANSFER	EM VCT500, EM VCM
CRYO CLEM	THUNDER Imager EM Cryo CLEM
CRYO PREPARATION	EM ICE, EM GP2, EM AFS2, EM CTD
COATING & FREEZE FRACTURING	EM ACE200, EM ACE600, EM ACE900
TISSUE PROCESSING	EM TP
CONTRASTING	EM AC20
CRITICAL POINT DRYING	EM CPD300

CONCENTRATING ON WORKFLOW SOLUTIONS, WE PROVIDE A PRODUCT RANGE THAT IS ALIGNED TO YOUR NEEDS IN TEM, SEM, LM, AND AFM INVESTIGATIONS.

Cover images: top: Nematode Eubostrichus dianae with ectosymbiotic bacteria layer, critical point dried with the EM CPD300 (source: Mag. N. Leisch, University of Vienna, Austria); bottom left: Human Erythrocytes and Lymphocytes, critical point dried with the EM CPD300 (source: Dr. W. Müller, University of Utrecht, Netherlands); bottom middle: cross section of abrasive paper, prepared with the EM TIC 3X (source: Wolfgang Grünewald, TU Chemnitz, Germany); bottom right: cross-section of a Nb3Sn superconductor, prepared with the EM TIC 3X (source: Wolfang Grünewald, TU Chemnitz, Germany).

THE COMPLETE PORTFOLIO FOR EM SAMPLE

TRIMMING & MECHANICAL PREPARATION





Target preparation device for milling, sawing, drilling, grinding and polishing samples prior to examination by SEM, TEM and LM techniques. A perfect system to pre-prepare the sample prior to the ion beam milling techniques.

- > Accurate location and preparation of microtargets
- > In-situ stereomicroscope observation
- > Automatic process control to produce a mirrorlike surface quality



EM RAPID

ЕМ ТХР

Advanced specimen trimming device for TEM, SEM, LM.

- > 0.5, 1, 10, 100 um step advance
- > Adjustable cutting speed 300-20,000 rpm
- > Advance indication on LCD display

EM TRIM2 Specimen trimming device for TEM, SEM, LM.

- > 1 µm step advance
- > Perpendicular viewing of the sample
- > LED illumination
- > Cutting speed 20,000 rpm

ION BEAM MILLING



EM TIC 3X

The Triple Ion Beam Milling System allows production of cross sections and planed surfaces for SEM microstructure analysis (EDS, WDS, Auger, EBSD) and AFM investigations.

The EM TIC3X outfitted with an EM VCT500 docking station is the ideal solution for environmentally sensitive sample and / or cryogenic sample transfer.

- > Broad and deep cross sections as well as uniform large area milling
- > Interchangeable stages Standard stage, Multiple sample stage, Cooling stage, Rotary stage
- > EM VCT500 option for environmentally sensitive and / or cryogenic sample transfer





EM RES102

Unique ion beam milling device with two modified saddlefield ion sources of variable ion energy for optimum results. It combines the preparation of TEM, SEM, and LM samples in a single benchtop unit.

- > External control of the milling process via LAN
- > Preparation of samples up to 25 mm diameter
- > Fully computer-controlled milling parameters

PREPARATION

ULTRA MICROTOMY & **CRYO-ULTRA** MICROTOMY



EM UC7

EM FC7

transfer.

ARTOS 3D

SEM.

EM KMR3

Ultramicrotome for ultrathin sectioning of biological and industrial samples.

Low temperature ultrathin

cryosectioning of biological and

The EM FC7 outfitted with an EM VCT500 transfer port is the ideal solution for environmentally sensitive sample and / or cryogenic sample

Array Tomography Solution for

automatic creation and collection of

hundreds of serial-section ribbons

ready for array tomography with a

Balanced-break glass knife maker for

producing 45° glass knives from

6.4 mm, 8 mm, and 10 mm glass.

industrial samples. Can be mounted

on the EM UC7 and the ARTOS 3D.

> Knife usage monitoring > Feed range from 1 nm up to 15 µm

- > Fully motorized knife stage and AutoTrim function
- > Vibration decoupled gravity stroke
- > Temperature range from +110 °C to -185 °C > Individual temperature settings of specimen,
- knife, and gas
- > Easy section collection using micromanipulator and EM CRION ionizer
- > EM VCT500 option for environmentally protected sample transfer

> Fast setup with programs pre-defined by the

on the section carrier ready for SEM imaging

> Uses the same small section carrier through the

> Also and Ideal solution for CLEM as transparent

entire workflow from sectioning to imaging

> Highly reproducible, outstanding knife quality

> Automatic reset of the breaking and scoring

> Links workflow from preparation to analysis

> Various specimen holders for SEM, FIB-SEM,

> Ergonomic design for comfortable use

> Workflow specimen monitoring

> Connects to more than one SEM

freeze-fracture and more

user for different section carriers > Wrinkle-free sorting and positioning of ribbons

section carriers are available

mechanism

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SAMPLE TRANSFER





EM VCT500

Versatile vacuum cryo transfer system for contamination-free transfer of specimens between different preparation and analysis instruments.

EM VCM

LN₂ cooled workstation for contamination-free specimen manipulation.

> All sample transfers from loading under vacuum

> Improved connectivity given by a movable loading sphere, adaptors to the Cryo CLEM and Cryo-TEM transfer holders

CRYO CLEM



THUNDER Imager EM Cryo CLEM The system ensures contamination-

free sample transfer and loading from cryo sample preparation instruments to Leica fix stage light microscope. Maintains sample vitrified during cryo imaging.

- > Rapid screening of large areas and fast determination of regions of interest in the electron microscope under controlled cryo conditions
- > The cryo objective with low working distance (0.28 mm) and with NA 0.9 for high resolution (364 nm) ensures fast and specific localization of target structures in EM

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CRYO PREPARATION



EM ICE High pressure system for freezing aqueous samples delivers optimal sample preservation. Offers the highest flexibility to meet multiple application demands.	 Programmable sequential freezing of nine (3 × 3) samples Automated LN₂ re-filling of the sample storage dewar Recovery time between freezing cycles is one minute Retrofitable light stimulation and/or electrical stimulation mode
EM ICE Light Stimulation (LS) All the features of EM ICE standard, in addition offers fully integrated light stimulation.	 Software integrated programming for LS Automatic recondition of the specific light module Modules with different LEDs (wave lengths): UV, blue, red, green, amber Detailed log file of each experiment Light stimulation precision of 1 millisecond
EM ICE Electrical Stimulation (ES) All the features of EM ICE standard, in addition offers fully integrated electrical stimulation.	 Millisecond precision Complete coordination of electrical discharge at the moment of freezing Capturing and imaging action potential and membrane trafficking events



à	electrical stimulation.	> Capturing membran
	EM GP2 Automatic plunge freezer for EM grids.	 > Automati > Single sid > Fast, easy cryogen v > Controllal > Environm temperat > Intuitive of
	EM AFS2 Freeze substitution and low temperature embedding for light and	 –140°C to Transfer for the chamber of th

ic single sided and multiple sided led sensor blotting

- y, and safe filling of the secondary with the unique liquifying head
- ble secondary cryogen temperature
- ental chamber with adjustable ure and humidity
- control via touch panel
- o +70 °C working range function – LN₂ gas regulation in the
- to minimize contamination
- > LED UV polymerization

> One step preparation

> Safer, convenient handling

> Up to 20 samples per run

- > Stereomicroscope viewing
- > AFS smart-remote observation of the process and delivery of critical information via SMS



EM CTD Cryo tool dryer

EM FSP

Automatic reagent handling /

dispensing system for freeze substitution and PLT.

electron microscopy.

> Combines heated air flow and heating plate for reliable de-icing

> Flexible built-in UV light for polymerization

> Maximum temperature +50 °C

COATING & FREEZE FRACTURING



EM ACE200

Desk-top coater for homogeneous coatings of conductive metal or carbon for EM. Fully automated instrument, options include:

> Carbon thread evaporation

- > Sputtering
- > Both methods with interchangeable heads
- > Quartz crystal measurement

> Carbon thread evaporation

> 104 mm automated rotating stage with

> EM VCT500 option for cryo-coating, freezefracture, double-replica, and controlled environmental transfer with the VCT shuttle

> Carbon rod evaporation

> E-beam evaporation

planetary option

> Glow discharge

- > Planetary rotation
- > Glow discharge

> Sputtering

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EM ACE600

EM ACE900

face imaging.

FM TP

Fully automated, versatile high vacuum coater produceing very thin, fine-grained, conductive metal and carbon coatings. Up to two angled coating sources configurable. For high resolution analysis, required for FE-SEM and TEM applications.

The EM ACE600 outfitted with an EM VCT500 is the ideal solution for contamination-free cryo-SEM sample preparation with complete environmental control.

High-end system for freeze fracture

applications. High vacuum, a 3-axis

movable microtome, and low angle

the best results for TEM replicas

and together with the EM VCT500,

contamination-free cryo-SEM block

Automated tissue processor for LM

Automatic contrasting of ultrathin

sections for electron microscopy.

and EM sample preparation.

e-beam coating with rotation ensure

> Large closed cryo-shield

- > Rotating cryo stage
- High resolution low angle e-beam coating of carbon / metal
- Gate valves for e-beam sources and load lock (sample and knife exchange)

Programming of all processing steps
 Integrated touch-screen-based software

> Consistent, reproducible performance

> 60 runs per one set of Ultrostains

> Low reagent consumption

Processing of multiple tissues in one run
 Maintaing of environmental conditions during

> EM VCT500 option

preparation

> High contrast

TISSUE PROCESSING



CONTRASTING



CRITICAL POINT DRYING



EM CPD300

EM AC20

Critical point dryer for biological (pollen, tissue, plants and insects) and industrial (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS), hydro or aerogels) samples.

- Reduced process times by Leica filler / sample holder concept
- Minimized CO₂ consumption and minimal user interaction time
- Integrated waste separator avoids direct contact with chemical waste





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