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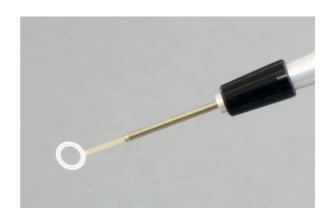
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Perfect Loop AGT5112

The Perfect Loop allows you to pick up sections consistently, without causing them any damage. It is the only loop currently available where the external diameter is the same as the grid and the internal diameter is slightly larger than the observed area in the electron microscope.

The thickness is about 40µm. Due to the fact the Loop and grid of the same diameter, they are attracted to one another when in water and are drawn together by the surface tension of the water and are drawn together by the surface

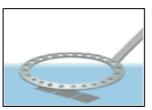


tension of the water. Even if the section touches the inside of the grid during blotting, the area of the contact is minor and therefore the section is not damaged.

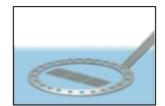
When the grid is removed from the Loop, the sections always remain in place on the grid.

For easy section pick up and mounting on EM grids

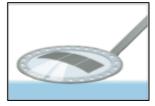
- Have your cleaned grids sitting on clean filter paper in a petri dish.
- Ensure the ribbon of sections is short enough to fit inside the Loop.



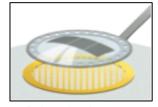
1. Centre the Loop above the sections



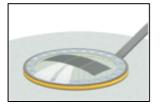
2. Slowly lower the Loop and touch the water



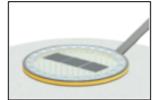
3. Gently lift the Loop with the sections



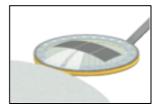
4. Bring the Loop above the grid on the filter paper



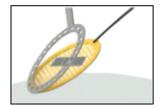
5. The grid sticks to the Loop by surface tension



6. Lower the Loop to the filter paper to remove water



7. For coated grids, touch with filter paper to remove water



8. Separate the grid from the Loop with an eyelash





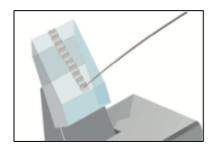
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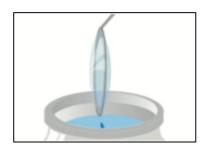
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Cryo-Sectioning

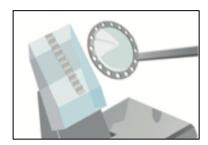
Pick up and mounting on grids with sucrose or sucrose/methyl-cellulose.



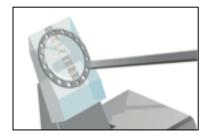
1. Guide the section ribbon with an eyelash



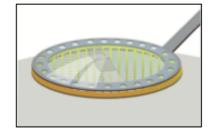
2. Dip the Loop in sucrose or sucrose/methyl-cellulose



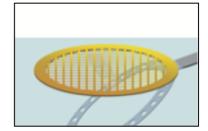
3. Hold the loop above the section ribbon



4. Touch the sections with the almost frozen droplet. Lift the Loop and bring back to room-temperature



5. Place the Loop above the grid, touch it and gently lift



6. Place the Loop with the grid upside-down on a buffer drop or on gelatine and gently remove the loop

