Fluid Cell Lite Portless Fluid Dish Accessory for the MFP-3D™ AFM



Introduction

The **Fluid Cell Lite** is an economical fluid imaging accessory that allows for optical access to the sample from below. The portless fluid dish helps prevent accidental leakage and is ideal for multi-user AFM facilities where each user can have their own cell and avoid cross-contamination.

Easy to Use Liquid Imaging Cell

The Fluid Cell Lite provides liquid imaging capabilities with an evaporation shield. The portless fluid dish is designed to accommodate samples mounted to a 35 mm diameter x 1 mm thick glass disk as well as a variety of coverslips. A membrane which attaches to the standard MFP-3D cantilever holder, serves as an evaporation shield while allowing easy removal of the scan head for cantilever exchange. This accessory accommodates a larger volume of liquid compared to the droplet technique. Since there are no ports to be plugged, accidental leakage is minimized. The dish is made of PEEKTM for chemical resistance and the O-rings are FKM (Viton® equivalent) which prevent cross-contamination to the sample. Optional silicone membranes are also available.

Features/Benefits

- Ideal, economical fluid cell for multi-user facilities where each user can have their own dedicated cell
- Portless dish helps prevent accidental spills
- Also accommodates glass cover slips through adapters (included)
- Inert material construction of PEEK and FKM eliminates cross-contamination to the sample



Portless fluid dish.



Schematic of Fluid Cell Lite assembly.

A Suite of Fluid Imaging Accessories

Fluid Cell Lite is one in a suite of fluid environmental accessories that can be used with the MFP-3D AFM to meet your experimental needs. Please see the separate data sheets for more information on these options.

Closed Fluid Cell

This accessory allows fluid imaging in a completely sealed and closed environment. The fluid cell includes ten inlet/outlet ports for fluid and gas exchange. It can also be operated in an open configuration where a soft seal membrane is used to minimize evaporation and contamination.



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BioHeater™

This accessory includes the Closed Fluid Cell plus added heating capability, allowing heating of fluids to 80°C in a completely sealed and closed environment. Requires the Environmental Controller (sold separately).

Petri Dish Holder and Heater

The Petri Dish Holder allows cell samples to be cultured and imaged in Petri dishes. The Petri Dish Heater adds additional sample heating functionality from ambient to 45°C. Heater requires Environmental Controller (sold separately).

Specifications

Fluid Cell Lite **Model CCELL-LITE**

The Fluid Cell Lite is packaged in a convenient storage box and includes the following items for installation and imaging:

Portless fluid dish	1
35 mm x 1 mm glass disk	3
FKM membrane/ bellows	1
Membrane threaded clamp	1
25 mm cover slip holder*	1
Threaded bottom clamp	1
FKM O-ring	1
Spanner wrench*	1

^{*}Not pictured on front page schematic

Bottom optical access

Sample size

- 25 mm maximum; up to 2 mm thickness
- 10 mm sample travel

Dish volume up to 2 ml

Cleaning

- Easy and complete disassembly
- Autoclavable

Materials

Portless dish: PEEK

Membrane: FKM (Viton equivalent)

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