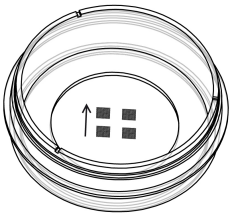


The ibidi product family is comprised of a variety of µ–Slides and µ–Dishes, which have all been designed for high–end microscopic analysis of fixed or living cells.

The glass bottom versions of the µ–Slides and µ–Dishes are especially designed for TIRF, super resolution and single molecule applications. The µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 allows you to perform high resolution microscopy in a 35 mm Petri–dish with 12 mm walls. The standard height allows convenient liquid handling. The lid can be closed to hinder evaporation during long term experiments.

The Grid–50 is a grid structure for relocating events on a glass coverslip, e.g. for correlative light and electron microscopy (CLEM). It provides 4 × 400 distinguishable observation squares of 50 µm edge length. The grid is clearly visible by phase contrast microscopy and imprinted into a glass coverslip.

Material

The µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 is made with a glass coverslip bottom. It is not possible to detach the bottom. The µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 is not autoclavable since it is temperature stable only up to 80°C/175°F.

Optical Properties ibidi Glass Bottom	
Refractive index n_D	1.523
Abbe number	55
Thickness	No. 1.5H (selected quality 170 µm, ± 5 µm)
Material	Schott borosilicate glass, D 263M

Attention!

Be cautious when handling ibidi labware products with glass bottom! The glass coverslip or glass slide is very fragile and might break easily. Handle with care to avoid physical injury and damage to devices through leakage of the medium.

Shipping and Storage

The µ–Slides, µ–Dishes and µ–Plates are sterilized and welded in a gas-permeable packaging. The shelf life under proper storage conditions (in a dry place, no direct sunlight) is listed in the following table.

Conditions	
Shipping conditions	Ambient
Storage conditions	RT (15-25°C)

Shelf Life	
Glass Bottom	36 months

Geometry

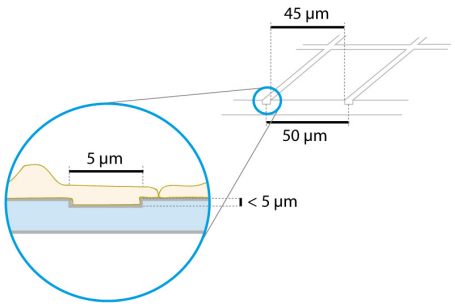
Geometry of the µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom	
Diameter dish	35 mm
Volume	2 ml
Growth area	3.5 cm^2
Coating area using 400 µl	4.1 cm^2
Diameter observation area	21 mm
Height with / without lid	14 mm / 12 mm
Bottom	Glass coverslip No. 1.5H

Characteristics of the Grid

The Grid–50 is made of small grooves that are imprinted into a microscopy coverglass. The structure is imprinted on the side on which cells are growing. Cells and grid are in one focal plane. There is no reported effect on cell growth, coating protocols, or surface properties. Proliferation and cell behavior is comparable to standard non–gridded glass coverslips. Washing steps (e.g. with PBS) before cell seeding can remove glass dust which is advantageous for direct cell growth on the surface.

The grooves are 5 µm (± 1 µm) wide and approximately

5 µm deep. Cells can grow in the grooves as well. We recommend using objective lenses 20× or higher.

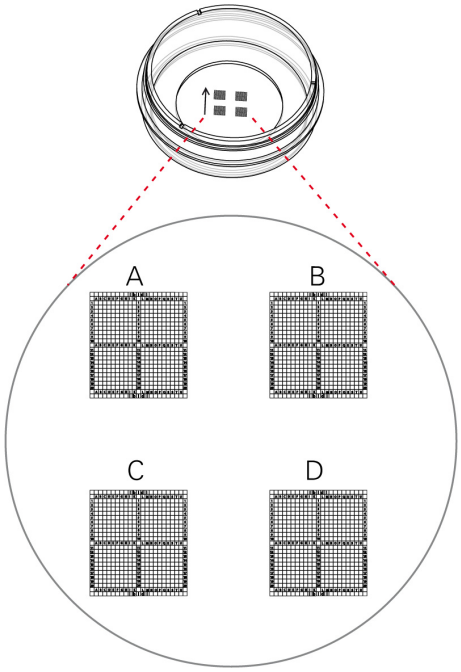


Geometry of the Grid–50

Geometry of the Grid–50	
Number of squares	4 x 400
Repeat distance	50 µm
Groove width	5 µm (± 1 µm)
Groove depth	< 5 µm

There are four grids numbered from A to D. Each consists of four major squares which are separated in 10 × 10 observation fields and indicated by letters and numbers ranging from:

- A to K (J not used) and 1 to 10
- A to K (J not used) and 11 to 20
- L to U and 1 to 10
- L to U and 11 to 20



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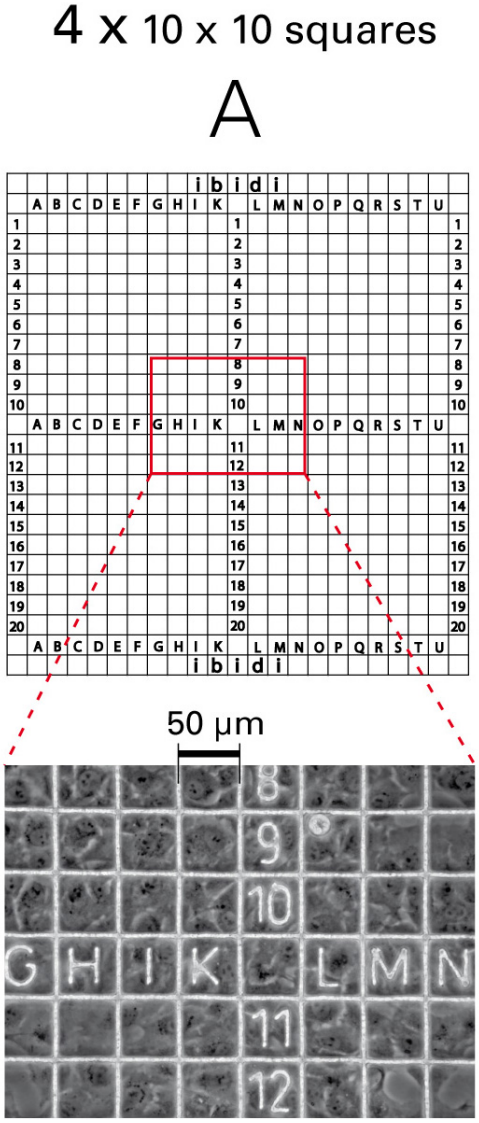

Microscopic image of the grid with rat fibroblast cells (20× objective lens phase contrast).

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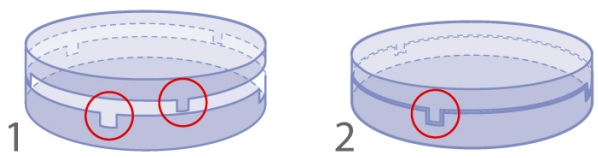

1. Open position, easy opening
2. Close position, for long term studies, minimal evaporation

Surface and Coating

The µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 is manufactured with an uncoated glass coverslip. Washing steps (e.g. with PBS) before cell seeding can remove glass dust which is advantageous for direct cell growth on the surface.

Protein coatings increase direct cell growth of adherent cells. Specific coatings on glass are possible following this protocol:

- Prepare your coating solution according to the manufacturer's specifications or reference. Prepare your µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50. Adjust the concentration to a coating area of 4.1 cm^2 and a coating volume of 400 µl.
- Apply 400 µl into the growth area. Make sure that the entire bottom is covered with liquid easily tilting or shaking the µ–Dish. Put on the lid and leave at room temperature for at least 30 minutes.
- Aspirate the solution and wash. Optionally, let dry at room temperature.

Detailed information about coatings is provided in Application Note 08 "Cell culture coating".

Seeding Cells

Depending on your cell type, application of a 4–9 × 10^4 cells/ml suspension should result in a confluent layer within 2–3 days.

- Trypsinize and count cells as usual. Dilute the cell suspension to the desired concentration.
- Apply 400 µl cell suspension into the inner well of the µ–Dish. Avoid shaking as this will result in inhomogeneous distribution of the cells.
- After cell attachment add additionally 1.6 ml of pure medium to ensure optimal grow conditions.
- Cover the µ–Dish with the supplied lid. Incubate at 37°C and 5 % CO_2 as usual.

We recommend not to fill more than the indicated total volume into the µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 in order to avoid the liquid contacting the lid.

Undemanding cells can be left in their seeding medium for several days and grow to confluence there. However, best results are achieved when the medium is changed every 2–3 days. Carefully aspirate the old medium and replace it by up to 2 ml fresh medium.

Optional Glass Coverslip Cleaning Protocol

The µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 is made with an uncoated glass coverslip. For improved cell attachment, glass surface modifications and other applications, the glass coverslip of the µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50 can be cleaned by following the protocol below.

- Remove lids and immerse products in ddH_2O in an appropriately sized beaker.
- Sonicate for 10 minutes.
- Decant the ddH_2O completely.
- Add 1 M HCl.
- Sonicate for 10 minutes.
- Decant the HCl completely and wash twice with ddH_2O. Decant the ddH_2O completely.
- Add 2-propanol (absolute).
- Sonicate for 10 minutes.
- Aspirate the 2-propanol completely. Make sure that all products are completely dry. Wash twice with ddH_2O and aspirate the ddH_2O completely.
- Add ethanol (absolute).
- Sonicate for 10 minutes.
- Aspirate the ethanol completely. Make sure that all products are completely dry. Wash twice with ddH_2O.
- Sonicate in ddH_2O for 10 min.
- Decant ddH_2O and blow dry carefully with canned air or clean nitrogen gas.

Modifications of this protocol including acids, bases, alcohols and detergents are possible. Please check the chemical compatibility list on www.ibidi.com for compatibility. Make sure to handle the glass-bottomed products with care. The glass coverslips may break during mechanical handling. For best results, use a custom-made Teflon holder.

Tip:

You can stack the µ–Dishes to save space in your incubator. This will not affect cell growth. We recommend making batches with up to 6 µ–Dishes, due to stability reasons. Placing the µ–Dishes into larger Petri dishes simplifies transport and prevents evaporation, heat loss, and contamination when the incubator is opened.

Cell Microscopy and Solvents for Fixation

To analyze your cells, no special preparations are necessary. Cells can be observed live, or fixed directly in the µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50, preferably on an inverted microscope. Due to the thin bottom, high resolution microscopy is possible. The material is compatible to most fixatives, like acidic acid, alcohols and PFA. For a full list of compatible solvents and more information on chemical compatibility, please visit the FAQ section on www.ibidi.com. For optimal results in fluorescence microscopy and storage of stained probes ibidi provides a mounting medium (50001) optimized for µ-Dishes and µ-Slides.

Minimizing Evaporation

Using the µ–Dish with a closed lid, the evaporation in an incubator system with 37°C and 95 % humidity is around 1 % per day. Using the µ–Dish with a closed lid in a 37°C heating system with low humidity (between 20 % and 40 %), the evaporation is around 10 % per day. For reducing the evaporation down to 1 % per day in all systems, we recommend sealing the lid with ibidi Anti–Evaporation Oil (50051).

Immersion Oil

When using ibidi Glass Bottom products with oil immersion objectives, there is no known incompatibility with any immersion oil on the market. All types of immersion oils can be used.

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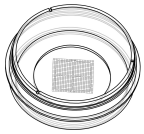
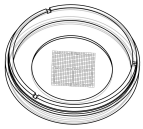
µ–Dish 35 mm Grid Family

µ–Dish 35 mm, high Grid-500



Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
81166	**µ–Dish 35 mm, high ibiTreat Grid-500**: ⌀ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip, tissue culture treated, grid repeat distance 500 µm	hydrophilic, sterilized
81161	**µ–Dish 35 mm, high Uncoated Grid-500**: ⌀ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip, grid repeat distance 500 µm	hydrophobic, sterilized

µ–Dish 35 mm, low Grid-500



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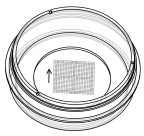
80156	**µ–Dish 35 mm, low ibiTreat Grid-500**: ⌀ 35 mm, high wall (800 µl volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip, tissue culture treated, grid repeat distance 500 µm	hydrophilic, sterilized
80151	**µ–Dish 35 mm, low Uncoated Grid-500**: ⌀ 35 mm, high wall (800 µl volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip, grid repeat distance 500 µm	hydrophobic, sterilized

µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–500



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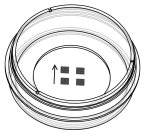
µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50



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81148	**µ–Dish 35 mm, high Glass Bottom Grid–50**: ⌀ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5H (170 ±5 µm) D 263 M Schott glass, grid repeat distance 50 µm	sterilized

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