



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 and single molecule applications. The μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom 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.

## Material

The μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom is made of a standard μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> but with a glass coverslip bottom. It is not possible to detach the bottom. The μ-Dishes are not autoclavable since they are 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 μ-Slides and μ-Dishes with glass bottom! The glass coverslip is very fragile and might break easily. Handle with care to avoid physical injury and damage to devices through leakage of the medium.

## Geometry

### Geometry of the μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom

Diameter dish	35 mm
Volume	2000 μl
Growth area	3.5 cm <sup>2</sup>
Diameter growth area	21 mm
Coating area using 400 μl	4.2 cm <sup>2</sup>
Height with / without lid	14 mm / 12 mm
Bottom	Glass coverslip No. 1.5H

## Surface and Coating

The μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom 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. Adjust the concentration to a coating area of 4.2 cm<sup>2</sup> and 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.

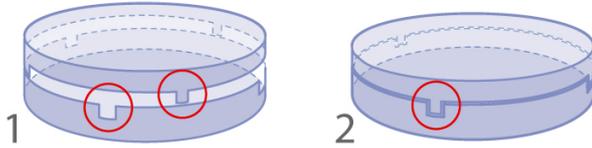
Detailed information about coatings is provided in Application Note 08 "[Cell culture coating](#)".

## 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 of Different Surfaces	
ibiTreat, Glass Bottom, ESS	36 months
Collagen, Poly-Lysine	18 months
Fibronectin	4 months

## Using The Lid



1. open position, easy opening
2. close position, for long term studies, minimal evaporation

## Seeding Cells

Depending on your cell type, application of a  $4-9 \times 10^4$  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<sub>2</sub> as usual.

**We recommend not to fill more than the indicated total volume into the μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom 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.

### 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.

## Preparation for Cell Microscopy

To analyze your cells no special preparations are necessary. Cells can be observed live or fixed directly in the μ-Dish preferably on an inverted microscope. You can use any fixative of your choice. The μ-Dish material is compatible with a variety of chemicals, e.g. Acetone or Methanol. Further specifications can be found at [www.ibidi.com](http://www.ibidi.com). Due to the thin bottom high resolution microscopy is possible.

For optimal results in fluorescence microscopy and storage of stained probes, ibidi provides a mounting medium optimized for μ-Dishes and μ-Slides (ibidi Mounting Medium, 50001).

## 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 oil immersion objectives, use only the immersion oils specified in the table. The use of a non-recommended oil could lead to the damage of the plastic material and the objective.

Company	Product	Ordering Number
Zeiss	Immersol 518 F	(Zeiss) 444960
Zeiss	Immersol W 2010	(Zeiss) 444969
Leica	Immersion liquid	(Leica) 11513859

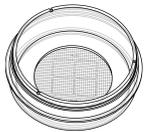
μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Family

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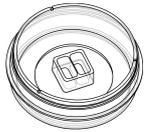
Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
81156	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>ibiTreat</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip, tissue culture treated	hydrophilic, sterilized
81151	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>Uncoated</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5 polymer coverslip	hydrophobic, sterilized

μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Grid-500



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

Culture-Insert in μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup>



Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
81176	<b>Culture-Insert in μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> ibiTreat</b> : ready to use, tissue culture treated	hydrophilic, sterilized

micro-Insert 4 Well in μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup>



Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
80406	<b>micro-Insert 4 Well in μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> ibiTreat</b> : ready to use, tissue culture treated	hydrophilic, sterilized

μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> Glass Bottom



Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
81158	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>Glass Bottom</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), #1.5H (170 ±5 μm) D 263 M Schott glass	sterilized

μ-Dish<sup>35mm, high</sup> ESS



Cat. No.	Description	Characteristics
81291	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>ESS 1.5 kPa Uncoated</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), elastic surface with a stiffness of 1.5 kPa	hydrophobic, sterilized
81391	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>ESS 15 kPa Uncoated</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), elastic surface with a stiffness of 15 kPa	hydrophobic, sterilized
81191	μ-Dish <sup>35mm, high</sup> <b>ESS 28 kPa Uncoated</b> : ∅ 35 mm, high wall (2 ml volume), elastic surface with a stiffness of 28 kPa	hydrophobic, sterilized

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