A reliable partner for specimen preparation

Auto Slide Preparation System

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Optimizing & expediting

Excellent specimen preparation, easy to achieve

The Auto Slide Preparation System AS-410M automatically sections paraffinembedded sample blocks, a process that used to be performed only manually. This includes everything from sectioning to mounting the sections on slide glasses, subsequent stretching and drying. Moreover, the sections can be mounted on almost the same position on consecutive slides with a minimal unevenness in thickness. The System comes with an Automatic Blade Replacement Function as a standard feature to ensure safety during sectioning, and a mechanism that vacuums paraffin residue to simplify everyday maintenance. A wide range of options are available to customize the system specifications according to the scale and purpose of customers' needs. Optional features include a 96-Block Feeding Unit, 400-Slide Storage & Dry Unit, Sample Identification Function that prevents sample mix-ups, and a Blade Mark Check Function that prevents specimen quality decline due to blade scratches. The AS-410M can improve efficiency of specimen preparation and bring about significant operational changes, for example, through night-time operation.



specimen preparation

Product Features:

1. Stable and accurate sectioning

This equipment prepares sectioned specimen with uniform thickness under a constant temperature and sectioning conditions.

2. Designed to be safe

Automatic replacement of blades prevents injury.

3. Customizable specifications

A wide range of options are available to customize the specifications according to the scale and purpose of your facility.

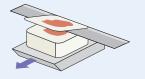


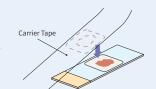
Realization of constant quality sections Comparison of the stained consecutive sections shows that sections are stained equally and the mounting positions are nearly uniform.

4. Prevention of mix-ups

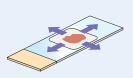
The System reads the barcode information on the cassette, which is then printed on the frosted end of the slides, preventing mix-ups of samples when sectioning.

Sectioning process: The embedded tissue blocks are automatically sectioned, mounted on a slide, stretched and dried.

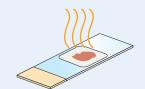




Mounting on the slide



Subsequent stretching



Followed by drying

Sectioning of the embedded sample block.

Accumulated trust in performance and quality

Great contribution to the efficiency of specimen preparation at medical institutions, pharmaceutical companies, CROs and public research institutes among others, around the world.

Automation improves labour shortages and workflows, and expedites diagnosis.

Standard functions

Automatic Blade Replacement Function

The microtome blades are automatically supplied from the dedicated replacement blade cassette, preventing injuries during replacements.



Dedicated Microtome Replacement Blades



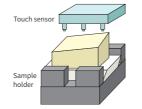
Installation of the cassette



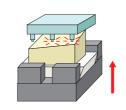
Installation completed

Automatic Orientation Function

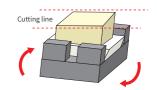
After measuring the block surface angle and height, the tilt of the sample holder is automatically adjusted so that the block surface is parallel to the blade.



The block is placed under the touch sensor.



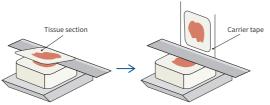
The touch sensor measures the surface angle and height.



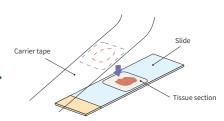
The sample holder component adjusts the tilt angle of the block and makes its surface parallel to the cutting line.

Automatic process using a carrier tape

The sections that have been cut, are attached on-the-fly to the tape and are automatically transferred to the slide glass.



A tissue section of the specified thickness is made using a sectioning blade. At the same time, the tissue section is attached on-the-fly to the carrier tape.



The section attached to the carrier tape is mounted on the slide glass.

Temperature Control Function (internal and stretching board)

The temperature inside the system is controlled using a cooler, in order to keep the sectioning environment constant. In addition, the temperature for stretching and drying can be adjusted to ensure optimum results.

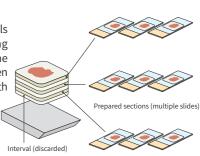


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Thermoregulator (stretching unit)

Interval Cut Function

Serial sectioning by intervals can be performed by setting the number of layers and the interval (thickness) in between while keeping the same depth of intervals.



Sectioning Pressure Monitoring Function

The pressure on the block during sectioning is monitored and if the blade cuts in too deep, the operation is stopped to prevent damage to the sample. Thanks to a unique algorithm, it is also possible to change the sectioning conditions according to the pressure.

Pressure gaug

Paraffin Waste Suction Function



Paraffin residue generated during sectioning is suctioned and collected to reduce the daily cleaning load.

Responding to your needs through technical skills and experience.

Achieving fine quality specimen and uniform positioning. Improving workflow in your laboratory by automating this process.

Optional functions

Sample Identification Function (BR)

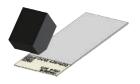
The barcode information printed on the cassette is read and printed on the slide glass to prevent sample mix-ups.



Scans the barcode information printed on the cassette.



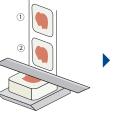
Prints the read barcode information onto the slides.



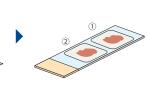
Checks that the barcode information of the cassette matches the information printed on the slide

Dual Mounting Function (TM)

Up to two sections from the same block can be attached on a slide.



Sections Consecutive Sectioning



Slide Mounting of two sections on a slide.

External PC connection (LK-400)

The System is connected to the facility through a computer that can prompt the start of operation according to the specified sectioning parameters after receiving the barcode information printed

on the sample block cassettes. It can also print the information necessary for the specimen.



Blade Mark Check Function (DB)

The section mounted on the slide is photographed, and if a blade scratch is detected. the position of the blade is changed or it is replaced so that the same doesn't occur for the rest of the sectioning.

Surface Temperature **Detection Function (BT)**

The block surface temperature is measured and the sectioning starts only when this is below a certain level, improving the quality of the sections.

Auto-Trimming

The sample block is

photographed before and

unique optical technology.

after trimming using our

The two images are then

compared to determine

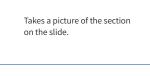
the trimming condition.

*This function may not be

due to colour tone

available for samples whose contours are difficult to detect

Function (FS)

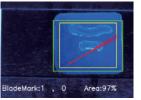


sensor

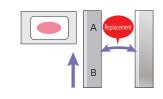
Surface temperature is

temperature sensor.

measured using a radiant



Analyses the captured image.



If a blade scratch is detected. it changes the blade position or replaces it.



Prepared slide

The System sends email notifications about the operation status and the occurrence of errors to the user's terminal.



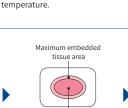
400-Slide Feeding Unit (SS)

It is possible to install up to 4 Slide Glass Cassettes that can store 100 slides each. Different types of slides can be set in each cassette.



Before sectioning, the sample block is illuminated, then photographed and analysed to calculate the maximum embedded tissue area (theoretical value).

Camera



The block is sectioned only when

the surface is at or below a set

Tissue area that was exposed to the surface

The maximum area of embedded tissue is then compared with the tissue area exposed by trimming. If it is above a set value, the sectioning starts.



Radiant temperature

Camera



Email Notification Function (RM)

Specifications can be selected to meet your needs.

The System can be customized according to the number of blocks to be processed. By installing only the necessary functions, wasteful costs are reduced.

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Available Expansion Units

Combinations of 24 or 96 block feeding units and 100 or 400 slide storage/drying units are available.

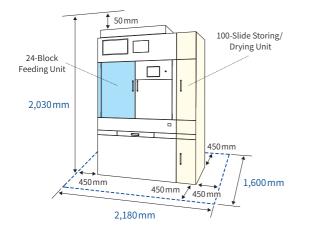
Weight

Approx. 800kg

System 1

■ Dimensions (W×D×H in mm) 1,280×700×1,980 (Excluding protrusions)

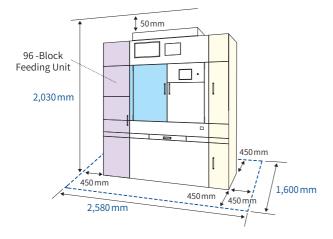
Installation space



System 3

- Dimensions (W×D×H in mm) 1,680×700×1,980 (Excluding protrusions)
- ■Weight Approx.950kg

Installation space



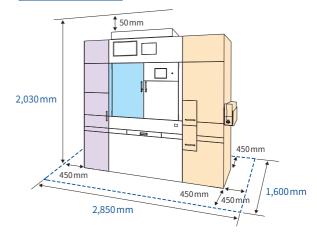
400-Slide Dry Chamber Unit

System 2 Weight ■ Dimensions ($W \times D \times H$ in mm) 1,550×700×1,980 Approx. 900kg (Excluding protrusions) Installation space 50 mm 400 -Slide Storing/ Drying Unit 2,030mm 450 mm . 450 mm 1,600 mm 450 mm 450 mm 2,450 mm

System 4

- Dimensions (W×D×H in mm) 1,950×700×1,980 (Excluding protrusions)
- ■Weight Approx. 1,050kg

Installation space



Combinations of Block Feeding Units and Dry Chamber Units

	24-block	96-block
100-slide storage capacity	System 1	System 3
400-slide storage capacity	System 2	System 4



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Oconsumables



Product name	Carrier Tape (plastic film)				
Model	CT-10R				
Quantity	300 m-roll ×10 pcs.				
The section is attached to the carrier tape and transferred to be mounted on a slide glass.					



Product name Dedicated Microtome Replacement Blades (Feather					
Model F-50					
Quantity 50 blades ×5 boxes					
The blade cassette is fixed on the Automatic Blade Change Unit with a magnet.					
The automatic replacement of the blades					
prevents injur	ies during operation				



	Product name	Thermal Ink Ribbon			
	Model	SR-4			
	Quantity	4 pcs.			
A set of ink ribbons and cores for the printer mounted on the Sample Identification Function (BR).					



Product name	Filter				
Model	A-50728				
Quantity	10 sheets				
The paraffin residue suctioned by the Paraffin Waste Suction Function is collected by the filter installed in this mechanism.					



Product name	Prefilter			
Model	A-50463			
Quantity	1 pc.			
Container for the above filters that collect the paraffin residue suctioned during the sectioning process.				

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uantity	1 pc.		
1 tray for the 24-Block Feeding Unit (standard specification) 4 trays for the optional 96-Block Feeding Unit			



Product name Slide Tray

SG-10

5 trays ×10 pcs. 20 pcs. for the 100-Slide Drying Unit (standard specification) 80 pcs. for the optional 400-Slide Drying Unit

Model

Quantity

Product name	Slide Glass Cassette
Model	SGC-100
Quantity	1 pc.
(standard spe	.00-Slide Drying Unit cification) optional 400-Slide Drying Unit



	Product name	Slide Glass Collection Box				
	Model	SGB-100				
	Quantity	1 pc.				
1 pc. for the 100-Slide Drying Unit (standard specification) 4 pcs. for the optional 400-Slide Drying Unit						



	Product name	Humidifying Water Tank		
	Model	КТ		
	Quantity	1 pc.		
A tank for the humidification during sectioning				



Product name	Waste Water Tank		
Model	HT		
Quantity	1 pc.		
A tank for dra	inage from the cooler.		



Quantity 1 bottle Oil for the compressor required to supply compressed air to a part of the drive unit of the device.

*Maintenance contracts are also available. Please contact us for details. *AS-410M is a product developed and manufactured by Dainippon Seiki Co., Ltd. under a license agreement with Shibaura Machine Co., Ltd. and Kanagawa Academy of Science and Technology (KAST).

◎AS-410M Specifications

Block*1 setting capacity	24 blocks (standard), 96 blocks (option)	
Slide ^{*2} setting capacity	100 slides (standard), 400 slides (option)	
Slide storage capacity	100 slides (standard), 400 slides (option)	
Compatible slide size	76 x 26 x 1 (mm). Some types of coating on the glass surface cannot be used.	
Settable range of section thickness	3-10 μm	
Compatible block size	From 24 x 24 x 5 (mm) to 37 x 24 x 14 (mm) *3 *4 It can be sectioned until it remains up to about 3 mm in height.	
Compatible block cassette size	40 x 28 x 6 (mm), 40 x 28 x 12 (mm) Not compatible with larger block cassettes.	
Processing time	About 2.5 minutes per block*5 (when making two sections from an already trimmed block)	
Operating and setting interface	Touch panel	
Ambient temperature	10 to 28 °C	
Ambient humidity	30 to 70% RH (Non-Condensing)	
Power source	AC 100/110/120/220/230/240 V 50/60Hz Single-phase 1.5KVA x 3 systems	
Compressor (air pressure)	0.7 MPa (100 psi)	
Noise level	63 dB	

*1 Use paraffin with a melting point of 56 to 62°C. *2 When using adhesive microscope slides, choose hydrophilic glasses. *3 If you wish to use sample sizes not listed here, please contact us. *4 Depending on the surface angle of the blocks, the processing may not be successful, even if their dimensions are within the acceptable range. *5 Varies depending on section parameters.

Options

Model	Product name	Details
BS-96	96-Block Feeding Unit	24 Sample Trays \times 4 pcs.
SS	400-Slide Feeding Unit	100 Slide Glass Cassette $ imes$ 4 pcs.
DU-400	400-Slide Dry Chamber	100 Slide Glass Collection Box $ imes$ 4 pcs.
FS	Auto-Trimming Unit	CCD camera, lighting for photographing and computer for analysing \star_1 , PC desk \star_2
BR	Sample Identification Unit	Barcode reader, printing function
ВТ	Surface Temperature Detection Function	Radiant temperature sensor
DB	Blade Mark Check Unit	CCD camera, lighting for photographing and computer for analysing \star_1 , PC desk \star_2
ТМ	Dual Mounting Unit	Dedicated dripping water unit for mounting
LK-400	External PC Connection Expansion package	LK-400 software and dedicated computer Handy barcode reader, PC desk* ²
RM	E-mail Notification Function	Communication terminal

*¹ When both the auto-trimming and the blade mark check functions are installed, only one computer will be provided.
*² Only one set of PC desk is included.

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