





# COUNTING CHAMBERS



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As well as an extensive selection of specialist chambers for Haemocytometry, Parasitology and Cytology. The range includes:-

Pyser-SGI Counting Chambers.

The Pyser-SGI grid-marked Sedgewick Rafter counting chamber. Available in both plastic and durable glass versions, excellent for determining counts in known volumes of sample even using zoom stereo microscopes.

The Pyser-SGI Howard Cell for spore counting in tomato and fruit juice.

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# SEDGEWICK RAFTER CELL

The Pyser-SGI S50 & S52 Sedgewick Rafter counting cells are used widely in water analysis, culture inspection and for other applications where particles per unit volume in fluid must be determined.

Pyser-SGI's Sedgewick-Rafters are available in glass and plastic versions. The glass cell is designed for repeated cleaning and re-use, whereas the plastic version is designed for either a single or finite use only. Each chamber is supplied with one type S51 cover glass.

The Sedgewick-Rafter Chambers consists of a 2mm thick clear base slide (76 x 40 mm), onto which has been built a rectangular chamber. On to the top of this chamber is placed a cover slip.

This chamber is 50mm long x 20mm wide and 1mm deep and its base is marked with a grid of one thousand 1mm squares. When filled with liquid and with a cover glass placed over the chamber, a 1ml volume of liquid is trapped.

When used under a low magnification light microscope, each of the grid squares equates to 1microlitre (µI) of liquid.

#### **S50 - Plastic Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber**

Pattern	Description	Order code	
S50	Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber [plastic] Includes 1 cover glass	02C00415	Intel Park
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#### **Key Features**

Plastic - economically priced cell

#### Description

An economically priced cell, for one time (or possibly several time) use and for educational/training exercises.

Generally we do not recommended the S50 plastic version for the professional user. The softness of the plastic means it is easily scratched and otherwise damaged. However most laboratories who do use the plastic version see it more as a "throw away" or consumable, which may best suit certain applications.

## S52 - Glass Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber

Pattern	Description	Order code	
S52	Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber [Glass] Includes 1 cover glass	02B00417	
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#### **Key Features**

Glass - Professional Cell

#### Description

A serious reusable tool for the professional user. The cell is made of high quality optical glass with a chromium surface image. It is intended for continued professional use and whenever using phase contrast.

#### S51 - Spare Coverglass for Pyser-SGI Sedgewick Rafter Counting Chamber

Pattern	Description	Order code	
S51	Cover glass for use with both Glass & Plastic Cells	02C00416	

#### **Key Features**

For use with both Glass & Plastic Cells

#### Description

Both Pyser-SGI Plastic and Glass Sedgewick Rafter Cells are supplied with a cover glass. Additional spare cover glasses are available to order from stock, as this S51

## Sedgewick-Rafter Filling Method & Usage

The cell can be used with either living or preserved material. To fill the cell, place the cover glass across the chamber top (Fig A). This allows the air bubbles to escape during the filling procedure. The sample is then taken into a 1ml wide mouthed pipette and then carefully transferred to the chamber.

Do not overfill the chamber, because the volume of the sample in the chamber must be known exactly and the cover glass must not float free, but held onto the cell walls by surface tension. During counting, water may

evaporate from the chamber. To prevent gas bubble formation, a small drop of distilled water may be placed on the slide outside the cell, just touching the cell wall and cover glass. Before the cell count is made the Sedgewick-Rafter chamber should be allowed to stand for at least 15 minutes to allow algae, or other particles, to settle to the bottom.

The Grid Pattern in the base of the chamber assists the counting and calculation process, by clearly defining a known sample volume in  $1\mu$ l blocks

Counting in strips is easier, no need to use reticle grids or know the precise area of your field of view.

This makes Pyser SGI's S50 & S52 Gridded Sedgewick-Rafter Cell perfect for use with a Stereo Zoom Microscope without the need to carefully set the precise zoom/magnification before counting the sample.

For precise sample preparation and calculation methods, you should follow your own internal or published procedures.

#### **Cleaning Method**

To clean the counting chamber: After completing the count, remove the cover glass and clean the counting chamber with water or a mild cleaning solution (10% solution of bleach). Dry the counting chamber with a soft cloth or wipe, or rinse with acetone.



Fig A

# HOWARD MOULD COUNTING CELL

The Pyser-SGI S60 Howard Cell and associated K20 Cover Glass, is used world wide for mould counting in food quality control applications, such as tomato products and other fruit based preparations.

Pyser-SGI's improved Howard Cell is based on the method originally developed by B.J. Howard in 1911, primarily for the purpose of monitoring tomato products, using a microscope.

The special S60 Howard Cell chamber slide in conjunction with the K20 Cover Glass is designed to count mould mycelia.

The S60 Howard Cell is a glass slide 76mm x 35mm with a central circular island and is used for counting mould fibres and spores in fruit juices especially from tomatoes. With the K20 cover glass in place a 0.1mm thickness of liquid is contained over the central island.

The cover glass has 25 calibrated fields of 1.382mm diameter through which to view the particles.

This cover glass removes the necessity of precise adjustment of the microscope magnification and calibration of a special eyepiece reticle in the original Howard Method, making it suitable for use with a modern zoom stereo microscope as well as a conventional compound microscope.

Note: The complete system requires both the cell itself and cover glass. The cell does not come with a cover glass and one must be ordered separately. We recommend ordering one or two extra cover glasses, this way there is always going to be one in reserve.

#### S60 - Howard Cell for Fruit Juices

<b>Pattern</b> S60	Description Howard Cell for Fruit Juices	Order code 02C00419	HOWARD TCLL S 60 Out a n 4 3D Complex Compl
≺20 Cover Sli∣	p Required for use		

#### Key Features

Special Chamber for use with K20 windowed cover slip to count mould fibres and spores

#### Description

The S60 Howard Cell is a glass slide 76mm x 35mm with a central circular island and is used for counting mould fibres and spores in fruit juices especially from tomatoes. With the K20 cover glass in place a 0.1mm thickness of liquid is contained over the central island.

## K20 - Cover Glass for Pyser-SGI Howard Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code	
K20	Coverglass for Howard Cell	02C00420	

#### **Key Features**

For use with S60 Cell to hold a 0.1mm thickness of liquid for analysis and present known sample volumes for counting

#### Description

When used with the S60 Howard Cell, the K20 cover glass holds in place a 0.1mm thickness of liquid is over the central island for analysis.

The cover glass has 25 calibrated fields of 1.382mm diameter through which to view the particles.

This cover glass removes the necessity of precise adjustment of the microscope magnification and calibration of a special eyepiece reticle in the original Howard Method, making it suitable for use with a modern zoom stereo microscope as well as a conventional compound microscope.

#### How to Use a Howard Cell - General Procedure

The material to be examined should be a pulp. Mix a small quantity with water until the solids of the diluted pulp are between 8.37% and 9.37%. This corresponds to an Abbe refractometer reading at 20°C of 1.3460.

Spread a small drop of the well-mixed sample with the end of a glass rod over the counting chamber.

Place the cover glass on to the counting chamber and carefully press down the shoulder of the chamber until Newton's rings are visible.

Prepared samples containing air bubbles beneath the cover glass or an over-full moat should be discarded.

If using a compound microscope, examine using the X10 eyepiece and the X10 objective.

Systematically examine all 25 fields and note those with a presence or absence of mould filaments (hyphae).

A field is regarded as positive if the aggregate length of not more than three filaments present exceed one sixth of the diameter of the field.

This is a general description of how a Howard Cell is used. The results are interpreted as a percentage of positive fields observed in all the fields examined.

Precise interpretation of the results is made by a statistical analysis of the sample and should be carried out in accordance with your own internal or published procedures.



Howard Mould Counting Cell & Cover Glass

# MAKLER CHAMBER

The Makler counting chamber is only 10µm deep, which is one tenth the depth of other Haemocytometers, making it the shallowest of known chambers.

This quality chamber is constructed from two pieces of optically flat glass: the first is the chamber, the second the cover glass which has a fine grid pattern of 1mm squares and a centre area further subdivided into 0.1mm squares.

Four quartz pins of precise height hold the cover glass to give an exact trapped specimen depth of 10 µm

## Makler Chamber





# **SPECIALIST CHAMBERS**

This range of quality counting chambers are available in a wide range of types for Haemocytometry, Parasitology, Cytology and other applications

Chambers with inside markings have rulings applied using engraving techniques to give a permanent image, clearly visible through the glass without sacrificing light transmission.

Chambers with ruled cover glass have robust image applied using chrome deposition.

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# Malassez Double Cell Description Order code Malassez Double Cell 0.2mm 02C00600 Key Features For Haemoglobin and Lucocyte counts Description Standard French Ruling

Pattern	Description	Order code
Malassez	Single Cell 0.2mm	02C00601
Key Fe For Hae	atures emoglobin and Lucocyte cour	nts
Descrip Standar	otion rd French Ruling	

# Thoma Double Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code	0.100mm Tiefe c¢ Depth	Thoma
Thoma	Double Cell 0.1mm	02C00605	Profondeur 0.0025mm <sup>2</sup>	
Descrip	emoglobin and Lucocyte cou	nts	0	

# Thoma Single Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code		
Thoma	Single Cell 0.1mm	02C00606	THOMA	
			Prof: Tiefe : 0,1mm Cepth :	0,0025 mm <sup>2</sup>
Key Fe For Hae	atures emoglobin and Lucocyte cour	nts		
Descrip Standa	otion rd German Ruling		0	

# Neubauer Double Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code	-	85.748
Neubauer	Double Cell 0.1mm	02C00610	NEUBAUER DEPTH 0.1mm 1/400 mm <sup>2</sup>	
Key Fee For Hae	atures moglobin and Lucocyte cour	nts		
Descrip Modified	t <mark>ion</mark> I Thoma Ruling			

# Neubauer Single Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code	NEUBAUER	
Neubauer	Single Cell 0.1mm	02C00611	Prof! Tiels 0.1mm Orget.	0,0025 mm² 0,0625 mm²
Key Fec For Hae	ntures moglobin and Lucocyte cou	nts		(B) 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10
Descrip Modified	<mark>tion</mark> Thoma Ruling		0=	

# Improved Neubauer Double Cell

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nproved Neubauer	Double Cell 0.1mm	02C00616	NEODKOCK	
			DEPTH 0,1mm 1/400mm <sup>2</sup>	
Key Features				
_	bin and Lucocyte counts			
Description Ruling allows f	ull use of central square	S		

#### Burker

# Agasse-Lefont R



Turk Do	uble Cell	
Pattern	Description	Order code
Turk	Double Cell 0.1mm	02C00621
	ey Features or Haemoglobin and Lucocyte cour	nts
De	escription ombination of Burker and Thoma R	



Typical Counting Chamber

# Parasitology, Cytology & Other Chambers

# Nageotte Double Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Nageotte	Double Cell 0.5mm	02C00630
Descri	nary cytology, cephalo-rachidi	ien fluid analysis

# Nageotte Single Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Nageotte	Single Cell 0.5mm	02C00631
Key F	eatures	
For Ur	inary cytology, cephalo-rachid	ien fluid analysis
	iption uids in poor content (French)	

# Lemaur Single Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Lemaur	Single Cell 0.4mm	02C00635
For Uri Descri	e <mark>atures</mark> nary cytology, cephalo-rachidi ption ed Nageotte with smaller volu	·

# Parasitology, Cytology & Other Chambers

# Improved McMaster Double Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
McMaster	Double Cell 1.5mm	02C00650
Key Fea Parasitol		
Descript Worm eg	tion gg counting	

# Helber Single Round Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Helber	Single Round Cell 0.02mm	02C00655
Bacte	eatures ria ription 1mm thick with Thoma Ruling	

# Evaluation Single Round Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Evaluation	Single Round Cell 0.02mm	02C00660
	Key Features Bacteria	
	Description Slide 1mm thick - no ruling	

# Parasitology, Cytology & Other Chambers

# Semen Single Round Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Fertility	Semen Single Round Cell 0.02mm	02C00665
	<b>/ Features</b> tility	
	scription counting untreated semen. Ruling of	10 x 10 of 0.1m

# Agasse Lafont B Single Cell

Pattern	Description	Order code
Agasse-Lefont B	Single Cell 0.003mm	02C00675
Key Featu	ros	
Other		
Descriptio Completely		

# **Chamber Cover Glasses**

Cover Glass for c	old type McMa	ster	
Pattern	Description	Order code	
Old type McMaster	Cover Glass	02C00651	
Key Features Parasitology			
Description This cover slip	is for the old McMa	ster chamber type see In	nproved McMaster for current product

# 22mm x 22mm Thickness 0.45mm

Pattern	Description	Order code
Pack of cover glasses	22mm x 22mm	02C00700
Key Features Suitable for cour	nting chambers size	22mm x 22mm or 22m
Description Pack contains 5	pairs (10) cover glas	sses

# 30mm x 28mm Thickness 0.45mm

Pattern	Description	Order code
Pack of cover glasses	30mm x 28mm	02C00701
Key Features Suitable for larg	er counting chambers	s
Description	i pairs (10) cover glas	

# Notes

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