

EM-SCSH40

COMMON SPECIMEN HOLDER

No. IEM-SCSH40 (EM760001)



1. WHEN USED WITH THE EM-QR QUICK CHANGE SPECIMEN RETAINER

1.1 General

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The use of the EM-QR quick change specimen retainer with the EM-SCSH common specimen holder in a JEM electron microscope equipped with an EM-SEG side entry goniometer will greatly simplify specimen exchange and provide the capability for observation of tilted specimens. 1

1.2 Specifications

Specimen tilt angle:	Single axis tilt, AHP40: ±5°, AHP40L: ±30°.	
Specimen tilt speed:	9° to 90°/min.	
Retainer capacity:	2 specimens.	

1.3 Removing the Specimen Holder from the Column

- 1. Turn on the AIRLOCK (EM control panel L1-23). Valves V1 and V3 close.
- Set the X-tilt angle to 0.
 2a. Turn on the GCU40 POWER switch.
 2b. Set the X-tilt knob dial (Fig. 1) to 0.
 Note: The X-tilt speed can be changed with the GCU40 SPEED-X knob.
- 3. Turn off the FILAMENT (L1-9).



Fig. 1

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4. Pull the specimen holder (IN → 1, Fig. 2), turn it counterclockwise (1 → 2, 90°), pull it again (2 → 3), turn it again counterclockwise (3 → 4, 15°), and wait for 5 or 6 seconds, as shown in Fig. 4.11-9. Air enters the goniometer.

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- 5. Slowly pull out the specimen holder (4 → OUT, Fig. 2). Caution: Do not generate an electron beam while the specimen holder is out of the column (goniometer).
- 6. Exchange the specimen (see Subsect. 1.4), and insert the specimen holder into the column (see Subsect. 1.5). When another specimen holder (optional attachment) is to be used, cap the EM-SCSH40 holder with the protector and store the holder in the exclusive storage box (Fig. 3).





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1.4 Loading a Specimen into the Specimen Holder

1. With the specimen holder in the specimen holder storage box, move part 1 in the direction indicated by the arrow until it stops. Then remove the specimen retainer from the specimen holder (see Fig. 4).

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- 2. Move the claw in the direction indicated by the arrow (Fig. 4) in order to raise the specimen clamp.
- 3 Insert the specimen and lower the specimen clamp to its original position. Record the type of specimen and the specimen number indicated on the side of the holder.
- 4. With the specimen retainer in the specimen holder, push part 2 in the direction indicated by the arrow (Fig. 4). The specimen retainer is thereby secured.



Fig. 4

- 1.5 Inserting the Specimen Holder into the Column
- 1. Turn on the AIRLOCK (EM control panel L1-23).
- 2. Set the X-tilt angle to 0 (refer to Step 2, Subsect. 1.3).
- 3. Set the FILAMENT (EM control panel L1-9) to OFF.
- 4. Make sure that there is no dust, fluff, etc., on the O-ring of the specimen holder, insert the specimen holder (OUT \rightarrow 4, Fig. 2) in the goniometer (Fig. 1), slowly turn the holder clockwise (4 \rightarrow 3, 15°), and fully insert it in the goniometer (3 \rightarrow 2). The solenoid value opens with a click and goniometer evacuation commences.
- 5. Wait until the lamp on the connector box (Fig. 5) lights up (about one minute), then turn the specimen holder clockwise (2-1, 90°) and insert it (1 → IN).
- 6. Turn off the AIRLOCK (EM control panel L1-23).
- 7. Set the X-tilt angle limiting screws (Fig. 5) to 5° when the EM-AHP40 polepiece is used and set it to 30° when the EM-AHP40L is used.



Fig. 5

2. WHEN USED WITH THE EM-BR BULK SPECIMEN RETAINER

2.1 General

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The use of the EM-BR bulk specimen retainer with the EM-SCSH common specimen holder in a JEM electron microscope equipped with an EM-SEG side entry goniometer and EM-ASID scanning image observation device allows the secondary electron image of a bulk specimen to be observed. Refer to "EM-ASID Instruction Manual" to observe secondary electron images. 5

2.2 Specifications

Specimen tilt angle:	Single axis tilt, ±5°(AHP40), ±30°(AHP40L)
Specimen tilt speed:	9°/min. ∿ 90°/min.
Specimen size:	Less than 13.5 mm \times 4.5 mm \times 3.3 mm (thickness

2.3 Extracting the Specimen Holder from the Column

Refer to Subsect. 1.3.

2.4 Loading a Specimen into the Specimen Holder

- 1. With the specimen holder in the specimen holder storage box, move part 1 in the direction indicated by the arrow until it stops. Then remove the specimen retainer from the specimen holder (Fig. 6).
- 2. Loosen screws A (two) on the frame of the specimen retainer and take the plate out of the frame (Fig. 7).
- 3. Prepare a specimen measuring less than 13.5 × 4.5 × 3.3 (thick) mm. If the specimen thickness is between 1.6 mm and 3.3 mm, bond the specimen to face A of the plate with conductive adhesive; and if the thickness is less than 1.6 mm, to face B (Fig. 8). Note: To make the specimen surface coincide with the tilt axis, bond the specimen to face A; however, the specimen thickness must be less than 1.0 mm.
- 4. Place the frame in the specimen height adjusting jig so that the frame contacts the bottom of the specimen height adjusting jig, and then secure it with screw B (Fig. 9).
- 5. Set the plate into the frame with the specimen facing up (Fig. 9).



Fig. 6



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Fig. 7





Fig. 9





- 6. Position the specimen surface flush with face D (upper face of the specimen height adjusting jig) with screw C (Fig. 10). Note: To make the specimen surface coincide with the tilt axis, align the specimen surface with face E (the upper face of the specimen retainer); however, the specimen thickness must be less than 1.0 mm.
- 7. After securing the plate to the frame with screws A (Fig. 10), loosen screw B and take the EM-BR out of the jig.
- 8. Place the specimen retainer in the specimen holder and push part 2 in the direction of the arrow (Fig. 6) in order to secure it.
- 2.5 Inserting the Specimen Holder into the Column

Refer to Subsect. 1.5.

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3. WHEN USED WITH THE EM-SR GRAPHITE SPECIMEN RETAINER

3.1 General

The use of an EM-SR graphite specimen retainer with the EM-SCSH common specimen holder in a JEM electron microscope equipped with the EM-ASID scanning image observation device and the NDS energy dispersive X-ray spectrometer permits X-ray analysis of microareas of the specimen.

3.2 Extracting the Specimen Holder from the Column

Refer to Subsect. 1.3.

3.3 Loading a Specimen into the Specimen Holder

- 1. With the specimen holder in the specimen holder storage box, move part 1 in the direction of the arrow until it stops. Then remove the specimen retainer from the specimen holder (Fig. 11).
- 2. Unfasten the springs from both sides of the specimen retainer to separate the upper and lower parts (Fig. 12).
- 3. Place the specimen in the lower part of the retainer and then attach the upper part with the springs.
- 4. Put the specimen retainer into the specimen holder and push part 2 in the direction indicated by the arrow (Fig. 11). The specimen plate is thereby secured.

3.4 Inserting the Specimen Holder into the Column

Refer to Subsect. 1.5.







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