

# Uni-Puck Loading and Shipping



The Uni-Puck is compatible with the Berkeley automated sample mounting system and the Stanford automated sample mounting system

# The Uni-Puck

The uni-puck consists of two parts that both contain magnets: The Enclosure and the Base

The cavities in the uni-puck are similar to the cavities in the cassette



The magnets in the base are stronger than the magnets in the enclosure.

# Follow Proper Handling Procedures for Liquid Nitrogen Use

## Required PPE for Handling Liquid Nitrogen (at SSRL)

	Safety Glasses	Cryogenic Gloves	Goggles or Face Shield	Long Pants without cuffs or Apron	Closed-toe shoes	Insulated tool handles
Filling dewar with close-loop transfer line	X	X				
Filling dewar with open flow delivery line		X	X	X	X	
Dewar to dewar transfer	X	X		X	X	
Removing/storing items in dewars	X	X		X	X	
Transporting open dewars holding less than 0.5 L	X	X				
Disposing of liquid nitrogen by pouring on ground	X	X		X	X	
Disposing of liquid nitrogen by bubbling warm nitrogen gas	X	X				
Manipulating protein crystals in dewars	X					X
Transporting dewars or tanks with lids or closed valves						
Disposing of liquid nitrogen by evaporation						

Note: at the ALS cotton gloves worn underneath latex or nitrile gloves is the required PPE for manipulating protein crystals in dewars.

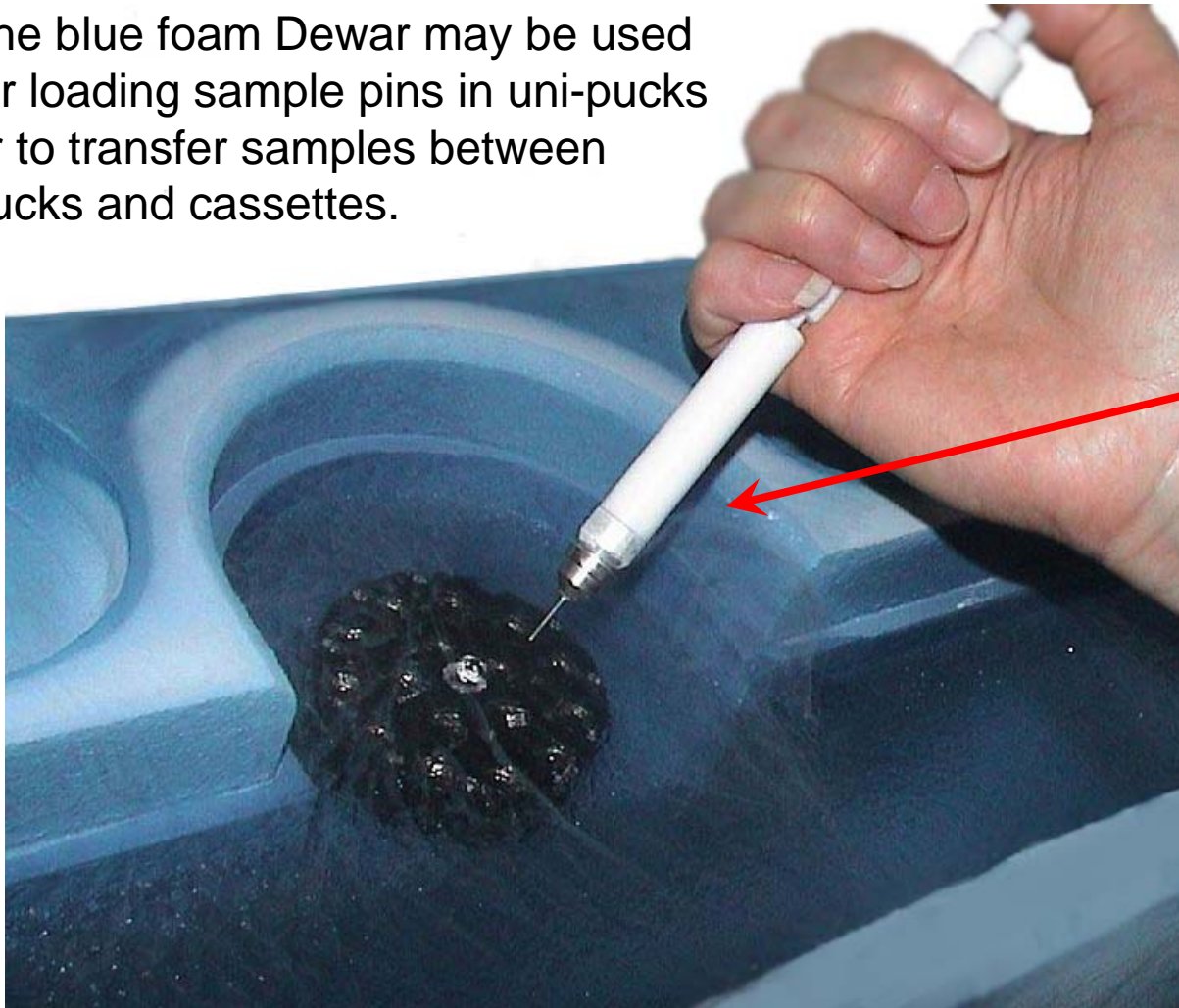
# Watch Out for Ice



During uni-puck loading samples may pickup ice when traveling through frosty liquid nitrogen

# Uni-Puck Loading

The blue foam Dewar may be used for loading sample pins in uni-pucks or to transfer samples between pucks and cassettes.



The push button wand is useful for inserting or removing sample pins

As described for cassette loading, use precautions to avoid frosty liquid nitrogen

# Uni-Puck Loading



1. Use a foam or stainless steel dewar for puck filling. Glass dewars can break if pucks are dropped inside
2. Inspect an empty puck enclosure to make sure the cavities are clean. Then insert the enclosure into a liquid nitrogen filled dewar and wait for the liquid nitrogen to stop boiling
3. Fill the enclosure with samples using a magnetic wand.

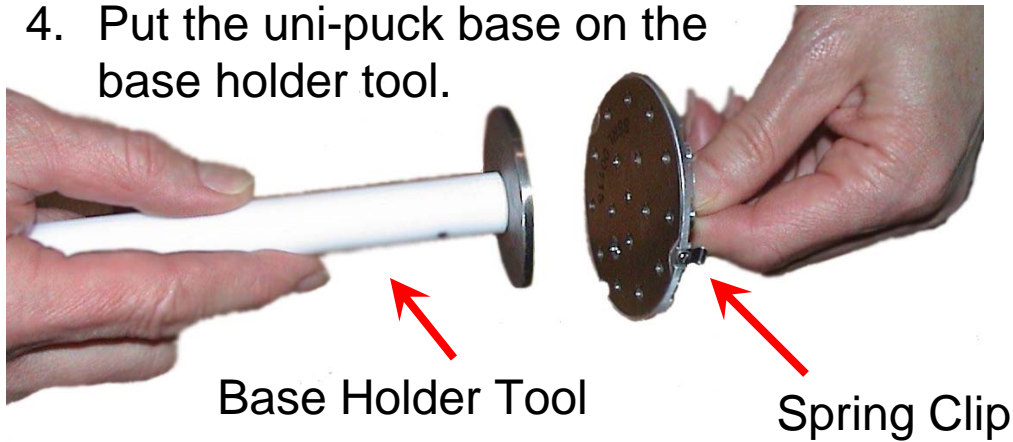


**Follow proper liquid nitrogen handling procedures. Know the requirements of your institution.**



# Uni-Puck Loading

4. Put the uni-puck base on the base holder tool.



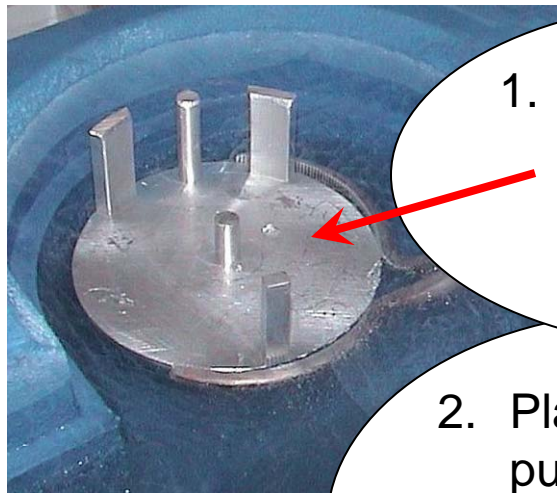
6. Orient the base properly before inserting it into the enclosure. Push down inserting the uni-puck base in a single motion.



5. Pre-cool the uni-puck base on the base holder tool

Push down strongly enough to ensure the spring clips on the base properly snap around the enclosure

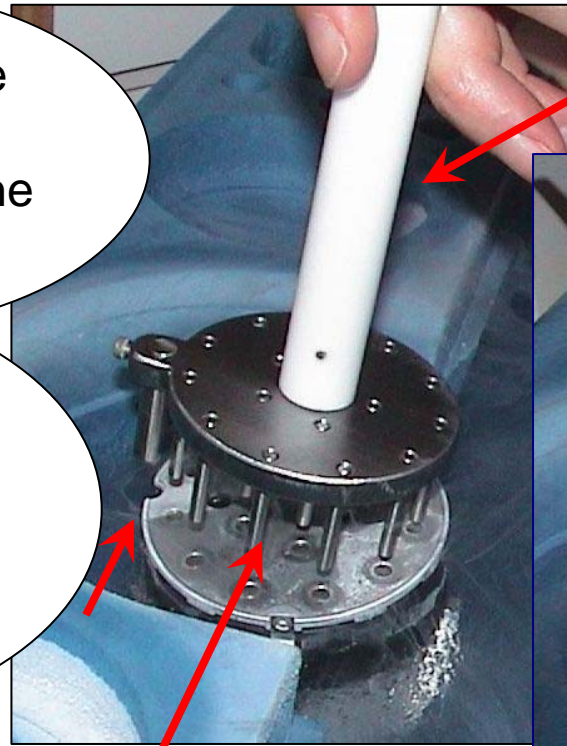
# Uni-Puck Base Removal



1. Place the base removal platform into the dewar.



2. Place the uni-puck on top of the platform in the proper orientation



Push Tool



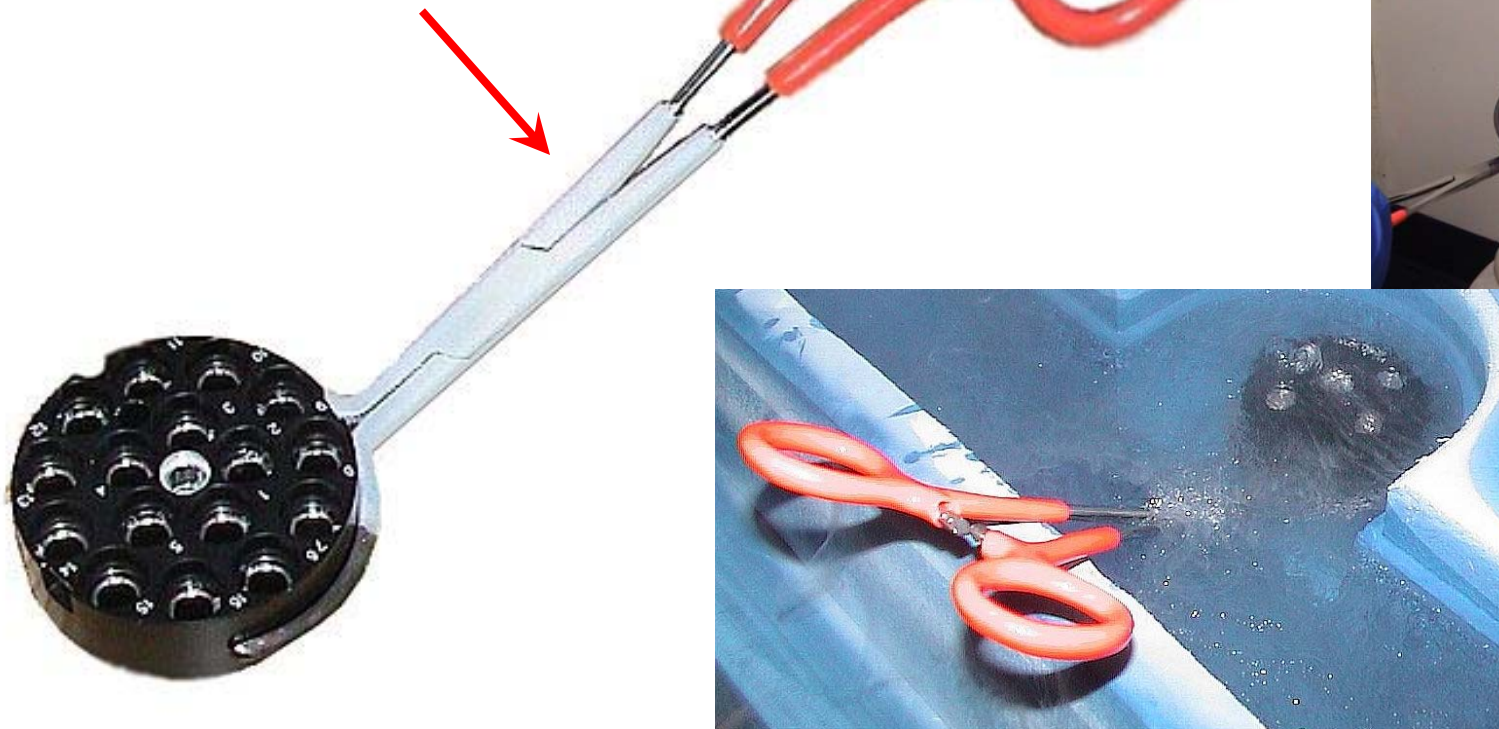
3. Align the rods of the push tool to the holes of the uni-puck base.

4. Use the push tool to push the puck enclosure down onto the platform and the pins into the enclosure. Push down in a single motion. Remove uni-puck base.



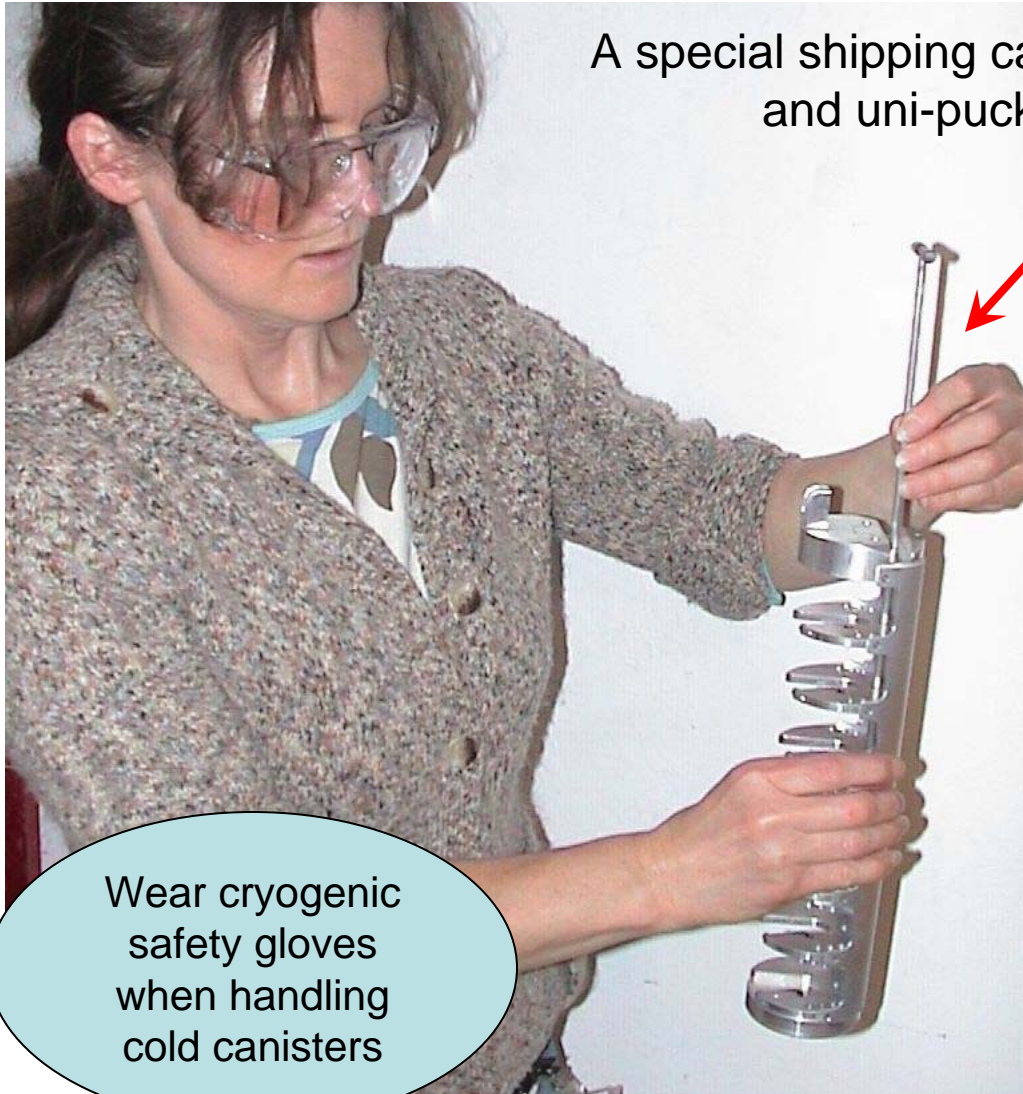
# Transporting Uni-Pucks

A bent cryo-tong is used to transport cold uni-pucks between the loading dewar and shipping canister

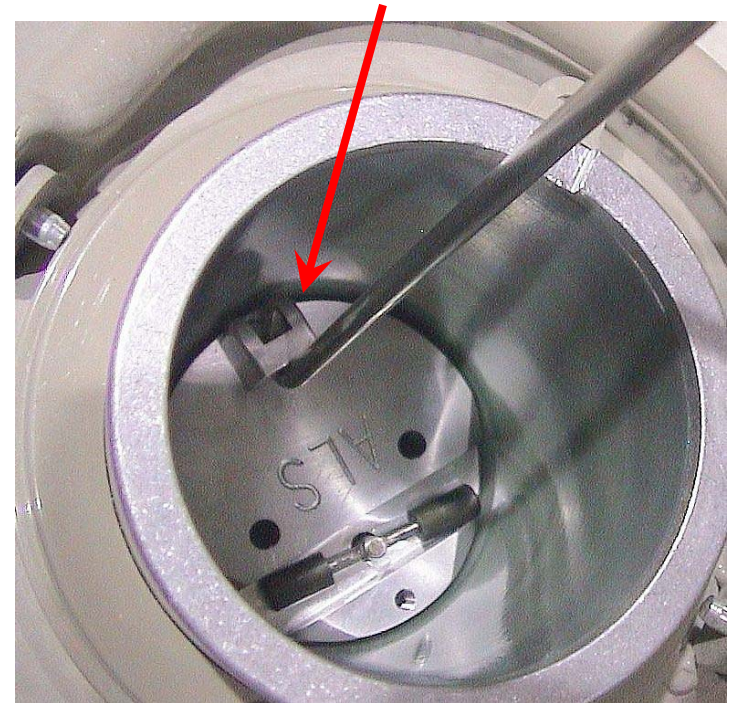


# Shipping Uni-Pucks

A special shipping canister is used for shipping pucks and uni-pucks in dry shipping dewars



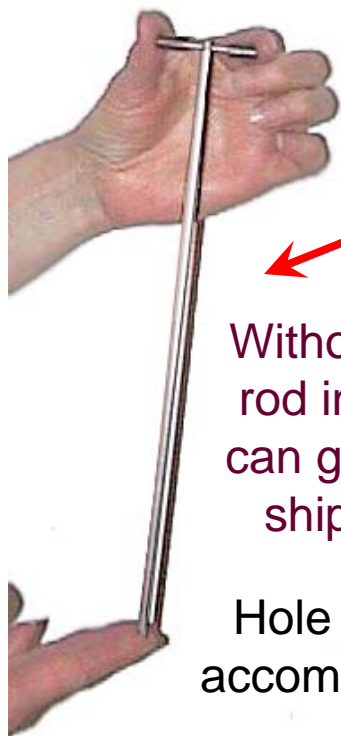
A hooked handle is used for removing this canister from the shipping dewar



Wear cryogenic safety gloves when handling cold canisters

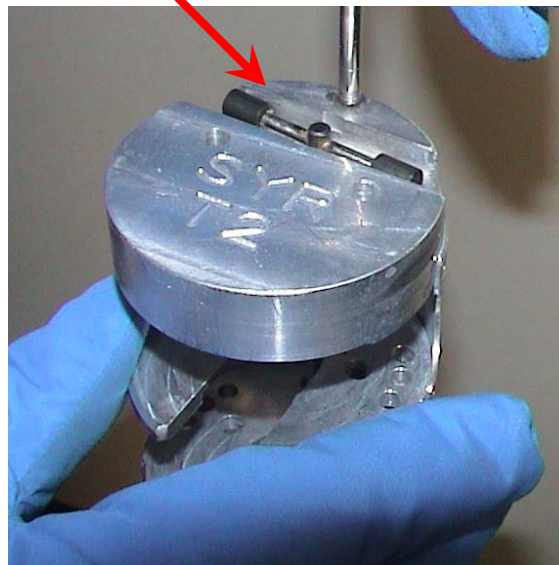
# Shipping Uni-Pucks

The locking rod on the shipping dewar canister holds the uni-pucks in place during shipping



Without the locking rod in place pucks can get stuck in the shipping dewar!

Hole in uni-puck to accommodate locking rod

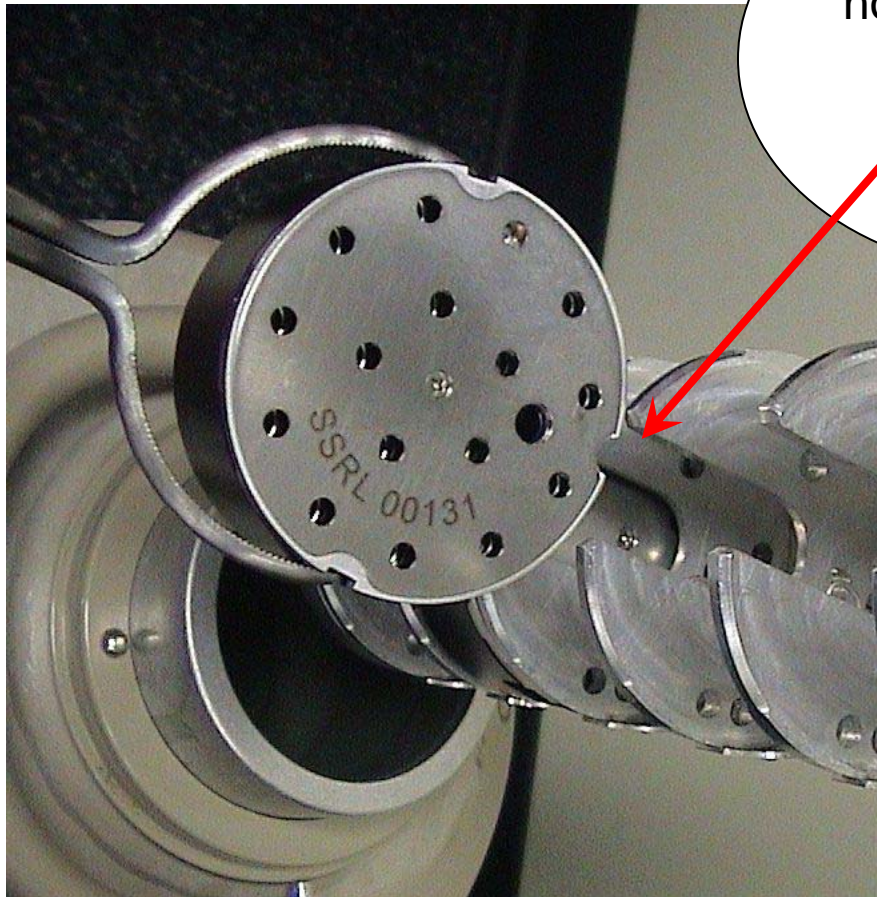


Remove the locking rod only after the canister has been completely removed from the shipping dewar

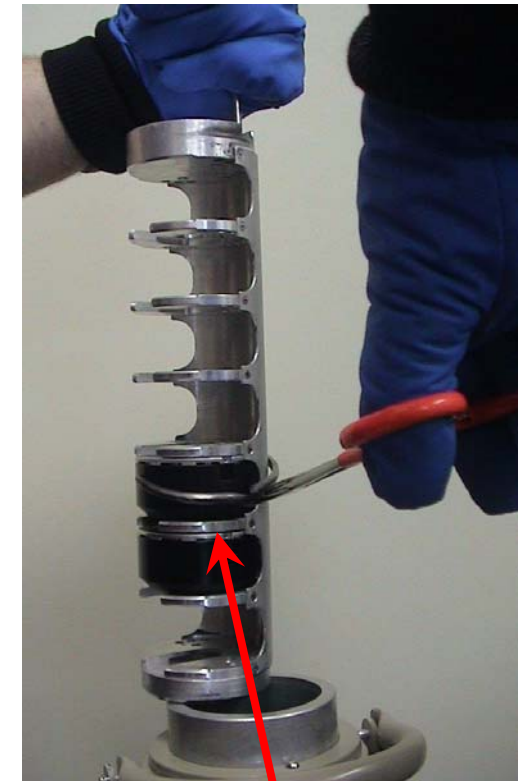


# Shipping Uni-Pucks

Align the uni-puck properly for insertion into the canister



The semi-circle notch on the side of the puck should face forward



Ensure the puck is completely inserted. The puck will click into place. Then insert the locking rod

# How do I get more uni-pucks and cryo-tools?

Uni-Pucks:

[www.crystalpositioningsystems.com](http://www.crystalpositioningsystems.com)

Uni-Puck cryo-tools:

Boyd Technologies  
Box 95 Manchester, CA 95459  
phone: (707) 882-1630



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### SSRL Cassette Loading Dewar and Lid (Part number: CP-111-002)

Single Cassette Loading Dewar with Lid  
\$ 625.00 [View Cart](#)

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**Volume Discounts:**

Three Cassette Loading Dewars with Lids  
\$1800.00 (or \$600/each)

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Ten Cassette Loading Dewars with Lids  
\$5750.00 (or \$575/each)

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For product usage information visit the SSRL protein crystallography group website:  
<http://smb.slac.stanford.edu/hardware>

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