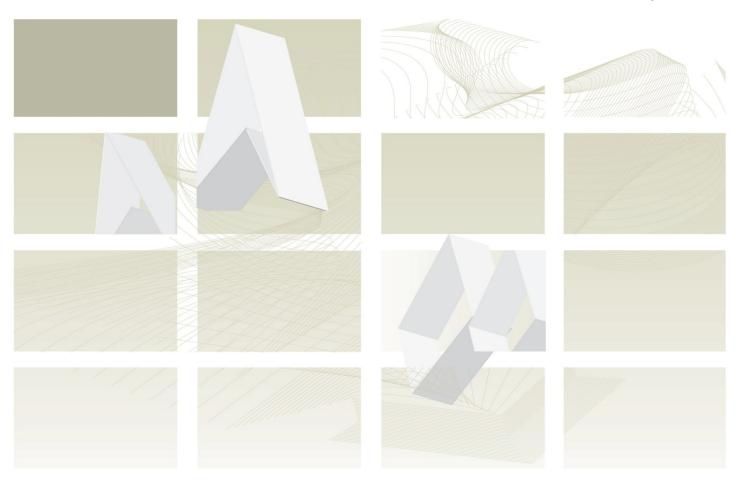




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PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES

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Section	Grid Preparation - Section 6		

Comment

Reword first bullet point on page 7, as it is repetitive and confusing:

From line 5:

-----can be varied. Alternatively, a stock solution of 2% formvar can be made and stored long-term (preferably in a dessicator). This avoids the need to work with powdered formvar on each occasion. Dilute stock in ethylene dichloride as required.

Change order and modify wording in last four bullet points in section 6 – page 8:

Move the bullet point on the glow-discharge fitting to the penultimate position in the section.

Also reword this bullet point from:

---- Extended times or repeated glow discharge may strip the coating or result in a highly charged grid surface which will adsorb too much material. Glow discharge may be done before or after carbon coating.

Recommended Action	ACCEPT	
	SMI (formerly NSM) amended.	

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