



Structural details of foraminifera tests revealed by an etching technique

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An etching technique described by Cuif and Dauphin (2005) for the identification of ultra structural details of coral skeletons was applied to foraminifera tests. We will present how a vacuum embedding technique will allow to make oriented, polished cross sections of foraminifera test which can subsequently etched to reveal structural details, e.g. the distribution of organic linings.

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