

Cenorbiculus BURNS, 1976

Description:

Description: Small circular coccoliths constructed of two closely adpressed shields. The distal shield is considerably smaller (50%) than the proximal shield. The coccolith is clearly convex distally and the central area may be open or closed.

Derivation: *Ceno*-Cenomanian, *orbiculus*-small disc.

Type species:

Cenorbiculus centriperforatus BURNS, 1976.

Remarks:

The genus shows some similarity to the genus *Bidiscus* BUKRY, because of the circular disc-like construction. However it is clearly separated from that genus by the distal shield always being considerably smaller (approximately 50%) than the proximal shield. At present only one species *Cenorbiculus centriperforatus* has been recognised for this new genus.

Author:

Burns D.A., 1976, p. 282.

Reference:

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