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Abstract (en)

An aperture plate is formed from a palladium nickel alloy comprising about 89% palladium and about 11% nickel. There is a generally fine substantially equiaxed grain microstructure throughout the thickness of the aperture plate. The average grain width (W) is in the range of from 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 5.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , in some cases from 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . Because the grain structure is equiaxed ( $L/W = 1$ ) the grain length (L) is the same as the grain width. The improved aperture plate extends the life of nebulisers, eliminates the risk of premature and unpredictable failure of a nebuliser in service, eliminates the risk of product returns from hospitals and patients, and eliminates the possible risk of fragments of the aperture plate breaking free from the nebulizer.

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