

# Inverted Microscope Instruction Manual Model 11350119

# Introduction

Thank you for your purchase of a Fisher Scientific microscope. Your new microscope is a precision instrument carefully checked to assure that it reaches you in good condition. It is designed for ease of operation and years of carefree use. The information in this manual probably far exceeds what you will need to know in order to operate, troubleshoot and maintain your microscope. However, it is provided to answer questions that might arise, and to help you avoid any maintenance expense that may be unnecessary.

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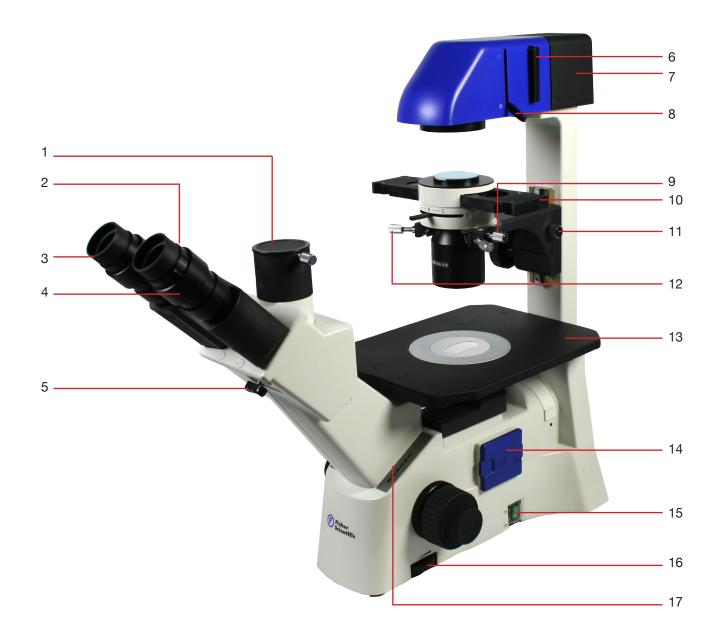
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#### Nomenclature



- 1. Lamp Socket Clamp Screw Knob
- 2. Lamp House Cover Clamp Screw
- 3. Annular Diaphragm
- 4. Condenser Diaphragm Lever
- 5. Condenser Focus Knob
- 6. Condenser Lens
- 7. Stage Plate Insert

- 8. Objectives
- 9. Revolving Nosepiece
- 10. Coaxial Coarse/Fine Focus Knob
- 11. Torque Adjusting Ring
- 12. Filter Retaining Ring
- 13. Hexagonal Centering Screwdrivers (x2)



- 1. Vertical Photo Port
- 2. Interpupillary Distance Scale
- 3. Diopter Adjustment Ring
- 4. Eyepiece
- 5. Optical Path Selector Lever
- 6. Filter Slider
- 7. Lamp House
- 8. Field Diaphragm Lever
- 9. Condenser Clamp Screw

- 10. Phase Slider
- 11. Condenser Clamp Holder Screw
- 12. Condenser Centering Screws
- 13. Stage Plate
- 14. Fluorescence Filter cassette Mount
- 15. Power Switch
- 16. Light Intensity Control Dial
- 17. Brightness Indicator (LED Segmented Display)

### **Specifications**

- Magnification Ratio: 40X 200X
- Eyepiece: Objective Field Ø22
- Objectives:

| Magnification               | N.A. | W.D. (mm) |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| Plan Achromat 4X            | 0.10 | 23.5      |
| Plan Achromat Phase 10X     | 0.25 | 7.5       |
| Plan Achromat Phase LWD 20X | 0.40 | 7.0       |

- Condenser: N.A. 0.3 / W.D. 72mm
- Electrical Specifications:
  - » Input: 90-240V~, 35W, 50-60Hz
  - » Lamp: DC6V, 30W Halogen
  - » Fuse: 250V T2.5A
     (If the original fuse is damaged, please replace with a new one.)

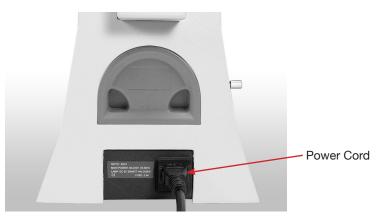
# Setting Up the Microscope

Working environment

- The location should be free from dust, moisture, chemical vapors and mechanical vibrations.
- Do not place the instrument in a warm and/or humid environment.
- Locate the instrument where the operator's line of vision is not directed towards a window, a lamp or a welllit bright wall. The quality of the viewed image from the microscope will deteriorate where there is significant ambient light.

#### Assembling the microscope Input voltage

- Automatic voltage selection works with electrical outlets worldwide. However, always use a power cord that is rated for the voltage used in your area and that has been approved to meet local safety standards. Using the wrong power cord could cause fire or equipment damage.
- In case of using the extension cord, use only the power supply cord with the PE (protective earth) wire.
- In order to prevent electric shock, always turn the power switch on the power supply off before connecting the power cord.



#### 1. Installing the lamp

- In order to prevent electric shock always turn the power switch off and unplug the power cord before replacing the lamp.
- Release lamp housing cover clamp screw using a coin to remove the cover.



- Firmly insert the lamp into the socket pinholes until it reaches the limit, be careful not to tilt the
- lamp when mounting.
- When installing the lamp, do not touch the glass surface of the lamp with bare fingers. Doing so
- will cause fingerprints, grease, etc., to burn onto the lamp surface, reducing the illumination provided by the lamp. If surface is contaminated, wipe it clean using lens tissue.
- Close the cover and fasten with it with lamp housing cover clamp screw.

• Insert the filter slider with mat surface of the diffuser turned towards the user.

#### 2. Mounting the Condenser

- Mount the ELWD condenser on the circular dovetail mount of the condenser holder with the aperture diaphragm lever facing toward the eyepieces.
- Insert the Ph annular diaphragm slider with centering hexagonal socket head screws facing



Condenser Clamp Screw

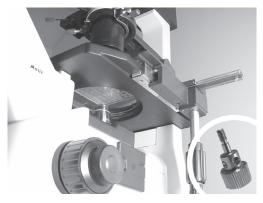
- the front.
- The centerable condenser mount is height adjustable with rack and pinion and is dovetail
- mounted on the illuminating pillar with a clamp screw.

#### 3. Installing the Objectives

- Remove the stage plate insert from the stage.
- Install the objectives into the nosepiece so that the magnification increases with clockwise rotation of the revolving nosepiece.
- Replace the stage plate insert.

#### 4. Mechanical Stage

• Secure the mechanical stage to the 11350119 plain stage using the two mounting screws located beneath the stage on the right side



#### 5. Mounting the Eyepieces

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- Remove the dust caps from the eyepiece tubes.
- Insert the eyepieces into the eyepiece tubes.
- If the rubber eye guards are to be used, fit them in the groove around the eyepiece.

# **Microscopic Procedure: Interpupillary Distance Adjustment**

- Before adjusting the interpupillary distance, bring a specimen into focus using the 10x objective.
- Adjust the interpupillary distance so that both the right and left field of view become one.
- This adjustment will enable the user to observe the specimen with both eyes.

#### 1. Diopter Adjustment

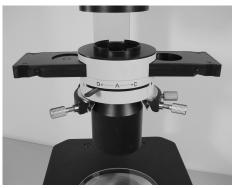
- Diopter adjustment compensates for differences in vision between the left and right eyes. In addition to making observation through both eyes easier, this adjustment also reduces the extent to which focusing is lost when the objective magnification is changed. In particular, this occurs when a low power objective is used.
- Before adjusting the diopter, bring a specimen into focus using the 10x objective.
- Turn the diopter compensation ring on each eyepiece until the adjustment ring is adjusted to "0" position.



- Position the highest magnification objective into the optical path and bring the specimen image into focus by turning the coarse and fine focus knobs.
- Position either 4x or 10x objective into optical path. Without adjusting the fine and coarse focus knobs, turn the diopter rings on the eyepieces so that the specimen images in the left and right eyepieces are focused individually.
- Repeat the above step twice.

#### 2. Centering the Condenser

- Set the Phase annular diaphragm slider in center position (O).
- Fully open the field of view diaphragm.
- Move the aperture diaphragm lever in open "O" position.
- Bring the specimen image into focus, using the 10x objective.
- Close the field of view diaphragm to its minimum setting.
- Turn the condenser focus knob so that the image of the field diaphragm forms on the specimen surface.



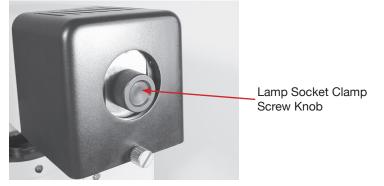
• Adjust the condenser centering screws so that the center of the field diaphragm image matches the center of the field of view. This adjustment is easier to make if the field diaphragm size is reduced to

slightly smaller than the eyepiece field of view.

• For normal observation, the size of the diaphragm should be just outside the edge of the field of view.

#### 3. Centering the Lamp

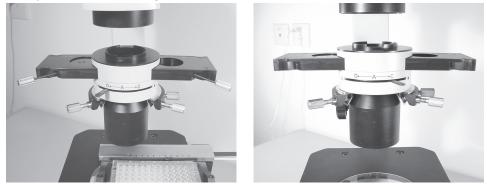
- Set the Phase annular diaphragm slider in the center position (O).
- Fully open the field of view diaphragm.
- Move the aperture diaphragm lever to the open "O" position.
- Using the 10x Phase contrast objective, bring the specimen image into focus.
- Remove the diffuser filter slider from the light path.
- Remove an eyepiece and insert the phase centering telescope in its place.
- Holding the knurled part of the centering telescope, rotate its eyepiece to focus on the phase plate image of the objective.
- Release the lamp socket clamp screw using the knob.



- Move the lamp socket with the knurled knob to bring the lamp filament image to the center of the phase plate image of the objective.
- After finishing the above lamp centering procedure, insert the filter slider with mat surface of the diffuser turned towards the user.

#### 4. Brightfield Microscopy

- Set the Phase annular diaphragm slider in the center position (O).
- Bring the specimen image into focus.
- Adjust the opening of the field of view diaphragm, for normal observation the size of the diaphragm should be just outside the edge of the field of view.
- The condenser aperture diaphragm is provided for adjusting the numerical aperture (N.A.) of the illuminating system of the microscope. It is important because it determines the resolution of the image, contrast, depth of focus and brightness.



• Reducing the aperture diaphragm will lower the resolution and brightness but increase the contrast and depth of focus.

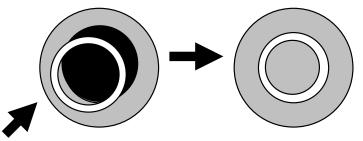


#### 5. Phase Contrast Microscopy

- Phase contrast objectives are labeled Ph.
- Fully open the aperture diaphragm.
- Bring the 10x (Ph1) objective into optical path.



- Position the Phase annular diaphragm slider to 10 -20. Set slider to 40 when using a 40x (Ph3) objective (optional).
- Remove either eyepiece from the eyepiece tube and insert the phase centering telescope in its place.
- Rotate the eyepiece of the centering telescope to focus on both the phase plate image of the objective and the annular diaphragm image of the phase slider.
- If the objective phase plate and the annular of the slider do not coincide, use the two hexagonal screwdrivers supplied with the microscope to bring the slider annular ring to the center of the phase plate, so that the image of the annular diaphragm is concentric with the phase plate image.
- If the slider annular ring image is moved from the phase plate image in the objective, a low phase contrast image will result.



- For phase contrast microscopy at the maximum contrast, use GIF (Green Interference Filter) in the optical path.
- Place the filter in the designated retaining ring above the phase annular diaphragm slider.

#### **Photomicrographic Procedure**

• The optical path selector lever can be used to set the optical path to either the binocular tube 100:0/0:100 (beam split for fluorescence) or binocular tube/vertical tube 20:80/100:0 (for brightfield or phase).



- Before starting photomicrography, check the following:
  - The condenser is centered.
  - The condenser annular diaphragm is centered.
  - The field of view diaphragm is reduced to slightly just outside the edge of the field of view.
- For photomicrographic procedures, refer to the manual of the specific camera being used.

#### **Filter Selection**

| Filter Type                      | Procedure                                                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GIF (Green Interference) 546nm   | For phase contrast and contrast adjustment with black and white film. |
| NCB (Neutral Color Balance) Blue | For general microscopy and color photos.                              |

#### Never attempt either of the following actions. Doing so will damage the focusing mechanism.

- Rotate the left and right knob while holding the other.
- Turning the coarse and fine focus knobs further than their limit.



# **Troubleshooting Table**

The troubleshooting table below contains the most frequently encountered problems and their possible causes.

#### **Optical and Operating Problems**

| Problem                                                                                            | Possible Cause                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vignetting or uneven brightness<br>in the field of view or field of view<br>only partially visible | <ul> <li>Lamp not installed properly</li> <li>Filter slider in intermediate position</li> <li>Phase slide not in click-stop position</li> <li>Incorrect condenser mounting</li> <li>Condenser is set too low</li> <li>Condenser is not centered</li> <li>Field diaphragm is closed too far</li> <li>Aperture diaphragm is closed too far</li> <li>Revolving nosepiece not clicked into position</li> <li>Optical path selector in intermediate position</li> </ul> |
| Dust or dirt in field of view                                                                      | <ul> <li>Aperture diaphragm is closed too far</li> <li>Field of view diaphragm not focused on specimen surface</li> <li>Dust or dirt on specimen's surface</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Image quality: No image under<br>phase contrast or details cannot<br>be viewed                     | <ul> <li>Brightfield objective being used</li> <li>Phase annular diaphragm not in optical path</li> <li>Phase annular diaphragm and objective phase symbol do not match</li> <li>Slider annual ring image has moved away from the objective phase plate image</li> <li>Field of view diaphragm image not focused on specimen surface</li> <li>Thickness of specimen holder is outside the compensating range of objective</li> </ul>                               |
| Eye strain or fatigue                                                                              | <ul> <li>Interpupillary distance not adjusted</li> <li>Diopter adjustment not made</li> <li>Inadequate illumination</li> <li>Field of view of left and right eyepiece differ</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

#### Electrical

| Problem                    | Possible Cause                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lamp does not light        | <ul><li>Power supply not plugged in</li><li>Lamp not installed</li><li>Lamp burnt out</li></ul>                                                 |
| Inadequate brightness      | Specified lamp not being used                                                                                                                   |
| Lamp blows out immediately | Specified lamp not being used                                                                                                                   |
| Lamp flickers              | <ul> <li>Connectors are not securely connected</li> <li>Lamp near end of service life</li> <li>Lamp not securely plugged into socket</li> </ul> |

#### **Care and Maintenance**

#### 1. Lenses and Filters

- To clean lens surfaces or filters, first remove dust using compressed air. If dust still persists, use a soft/ clean brush or gauze.
- If excessive dirt or grease gets on lens surfaces, a small amount of distilled water or eyeglass lens cleaner can be used on a lens tissue.
- Do not use same area of gauze or tissue, to wipe more than once.

#### 2. Cleaning of Painted or Plastic Components

- Do not use organic solvents (thinners, alcohol, ether, etc.). Doing so could result in discoloration or in the peeling of paint.
- For stubborn dirt, moisten a piece of gauze with diluted detergent and wipe clean.

#### 3. When Not in Use

- When not in use, cover the instrument with dust cover and store in a place low in humidity where mold is not likely to form.
- Store the objectives, eyepieces and filters in a container or desiccator with drying agent.



#### **Fisher Scientific Warranty**

The Fisher Scientific 5 Year Warranty assures that the microscope is guaranteed against defects in material and workmanship for 5 years from the purchase date of the product. Electrical components are covered for three years; video components are covered for one year after purchase. Normal wear, routine maintenance, light bulbs, power supplies, rechargers, batteries, fuses, cords, add-on accessories, damage resulting from repair by unauthorized parties, accident, alteration, shipping, misuse or abuse is not covered. Warranty service is provided by National Optical & Scientific Instruments, Inc.'s authorized technicians. Determination of warranty is at the technician's discretion.

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