

Built for live cell imaging

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IX3 series







The new IX3 is a highly expandable platform for live cell imaging designed with the scientist's workflow in mind.

Built on a robust foundation and able to grow as your needs evolve, the IX3 features flexible construction with an easy-access light path and offers high-definition wide-field imaging with minimal loss of light.

Equipped with a camera, the IX3 enables fast, user-friendly high-resolution digital imaging with high reproducibility.



EXPANDABLE TO GROW WITH YOUR RESEARCH



The fully motorised and automated IX83 along with the semi-motorised IX73 are designed to satisfy a myriad of research needs. Each model is available as a one-deck system with an ergonomically low stage height or as a two-deck system. With additional modules providing expanded functionality, both microscopes provide the ability to enable a multitude of imaging techniques, ranging from long-term time-lapse imaging and other demanding cutting-edge techniques to casual documentation. No matter what the task, the IX3 series delivers the performance and expandability needed to accommodate the demands of tomorrow.

The left frame port on the IX83 provides ready access to the light path making it easy to add or change modules. A variety of deck modules may be easily changed to support added functions. Available modules include: fluorescence filter turrets, side ports, magnification changers and more. Modules can be mounted with ease and allow users to build a single, uniquely flexible system. The IX3-ZDC module with its own specialised port is available for IX83 systems to maintain continuous focus throughout extended time-lapse use. IX83: two-deck system



Enables high-speed, fully automated device selection during live cell research including time-lapse imaging. Two decks offer excellent expandability.

IX73: one-deck system



A microscope designed with an emphasis on working efficiency for documentation, routine testing and other tasks.

IX83: one-deck system



An intelligent, motorised microscope that can be equipped with the IX3-ZDC to create a new standard for live cell imaging.

IX53: one-deck system



An outstanding microscope delivering cost-efficiency for bright-field and fluorescence applications.

RELIABLE HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGES THAT ARE CLEAR AND BRIGHT



Olympus UIS2 infinity-corrected optics provide bright, high-resolution images from ultraviolet to near-infrared.

The system ensures high optical transmittance with a broad range of objectives providing wide chromatic correction and high resolution, as well as high S/N primary images regardless of the observation method. The wide field of view and fly-eye lens system provide uniform fluorescence images and enable the use of sCMOS cameras with large chips.

Excellent image

Apochromatic objectives enable high-resolution observation of phase contrast and fluorescence

Phase contrast apochromatic objectives (UPLSAPO100×OPH, PLAPON60×OPH) enable high-precision observation free from optical axis displacement - even during simultaneous observation of phase contrast and fluorescence, negating the need to change the objective when switching methods.





HeLa cells

Special objective available for iPS/ES and floating cell observation This high-NA phase contrast objective (UCPLFLN20×PH) is especially suited for the observation of Petri dish. It enables phase contrast observation of the cell proliferation process, for example, and delivers differentiation across a wide area in high resolution.





Phase contrast image of mouse ES cells

Immunofluorescence staining for Nanog

High S/N fluorescent mirror units that efficiently detect fluorescence signals

All fluorescence mirror units feature filters treated with a coating specially developed to minimise noise by absorbing more than 99% of stray light, while the sharp performance and high transmittance of the mirror units ensure efficient fluorescence signal detection.





Silicone objectives* enable high-

resolution observation of deep live cells These high-NA objectives (UPLSAPO30×S and UPLSAPO60×S) use silicon oil as an immersion medium with a refractive index (ne≈1.40) close to that of living tissue (ne≈1.38) normally investigated in live cell imaging. As a result, these objectives allow for high-resolution observation with minimal spherical aberration that is commonly

caused by a refractive index mismatch when viewing deep inside living tissue.





Bright, uniform fluorescent illumination

The fluorescence illuminator (IX3-RFALFE) incorporates a fly-eye lens system to provide an even distribution of fluorescence illumination.

Surface of a fly-eye lens system (enlarged image)



LED transmitted illumination

With its perfect colour reproduction and low heat generation, this LED illumination is ideal for time-lapse imaging.



INTUITIVE AND ERGONOMIC CONTROL OF **MICROSCOPE PERFORMANCE**



The IX3 imaging system incorporates a range of advanced technologies to enable fine control of your imaging. As a result, it allows researchers to quickly and easily refine complex sequences of operations into workflows, eliminating burden on the observer and minimising cell damage.

A repositionable controller can be located comfortably close to the hand, while Olympus cellSens* imaging software enables advanced control of functions. There is also an innovative, user-friendly touch panel that makes digital control simple and accurate, even when working under darkroom conditions. The IX3-ZDC Z-drift compensation system employs a near-infrared light to minimise cell damage while enabling instant focus.

Smart control

Switch observation methods with a tap of the touch panel

One tap of the touch panel is all it takes to change observation settings, with automatic controls enabling switching of optical components, aperture adjustment and exposure.



ZDC one-shot function detects focus fast, even in high-magnification observation IX3-ZDC focus detection and tracking can be performed via the innovative touch panel independent of software. There is also a focus search function supported by a cell-safe, near-infrared laser enabling instant focusing on samples - even at high magnification.



Just touch the panel

Intuitive microscope and XY stage controllers

The combination of the U-MCZ and XY controller makes it possible to provide the familiarity of conventional handle operation to work confidently even in a darkroom.



Microscope configuration recall (Olympus cellSens)

The system saves microscope configurations alongside image data through the incorporation of a readout function that utilises motorised units and coded units. With this advanced system. a wide range of settings can be recalled to recreate the desired imaging conditions. thus creating an easy-to-use reproducible high-end imaging system.





for instant focus

Operator-friendly design

Smooth tracking at high magnification

The IX3-SVR manual stage features a smooth positioning system which enables the easy tracking of cells even at high magnifications. The user-defined position limits immobilise the stage, ensuring that the observation position is maintained during operations such as reagent application, even if the stage is inadvertently touched. It is also possible to remove 35 mm dishes from the stage, place them in an incubator for culturing and return them to the stage repositioning the exact location of the cells

within the field of view.



Koehler illumination control via the frontal condenser knob

Using a condenser lock and the frontal control knobs, the condenser can be

moved and easily reset to Koehler illumination



Frame construction prevents optical system contamination

A catch tray under the nosepiece prevents damage to the microscope frequency caused by contamination through spilled liquids and

simplifies maintenance





IDEAL OBSERVATION AND CAPTURING OF TIME-LAPSE IMAGES



With new frame architecture and focus drive design, the IX3 system offers enhanced rigidity that reduces the impact of vibration and heat. It maintains the desired positions along the X, Y and Z axes to allow reliable time-lapse imaging. The real-time Z-drift compensation system capabilities of the IX3-ZDC combine with the Olympus ultrasonic stage capable of multipoint imaging to capture high-precision multipoint time-lapse images that are never out of focus or misaligned.

Box-type and onstage incubators are also available to enable time-lapse observation while maintaining the viability of live cells.





Accuracy

Z-drift compensation system

The IX3-ZDC uses low-phototoxicity IR light to detect the correct focus position as set by the user. One-shot AF mode allows several focus positions to be set as desired for deeper samples, enabling efficient Z-stack acquisition in multi-position experiments. Continuous AF mode keeps the desired plane of observation precisely in focus, avoiding focus drift due to temperature changes or the addition of reagents, making it ideal for measurements such as TIRF that require more stringent focusina.



▼ Time-lapse observation images using ZDC example



Apoptosis in cultured human ES cells, photographed at two-minute intervals over five hours. (Top row: DIC imaging of physical changes; bottom row: FRET imaging of caspase-3 action.)

Image data courtesy of:

Masatoshi Ohgushi, PhD Yoshiki Sasai M.D., PhD Human Stem Cell Technology Unit, RIKEN Research Center for Developmental Biology

Reference material:

Ohgushi, M. et al. "Molecular Pathway and Cell State Responsible for Dissociation-Induced Apoptosis in Human Pluripotent Stem Cells." Cell Stem Cell 7, 225-239(2010).

Low thermal drift ultrasonic stage with multipoint registration

The Olympus ultrasonic stage enables the precise movement of specimens, while multipoint registration enables time-lapse imaging with outstanding positional accuracy.



Maintain cell viability over an extended period of time

The box-type incubator enables time-lapse observations over a period of several days, while the microscope CO2 incubator can be fitted to the stage for two-day time-lapse observations maintaining cell activity to significantly improve the reliability of the time-lapse observation.



CO₂ stage-top incubator

Precise controls maintain a stable environment within the dish or well plate, controlling thermal conditions, humidity and CO₂ concentration.



IX3D CO₂ incubator (Manufactured by Tokai Hit CO., Ltd)



Incubator

A box-type incubator keeps the microscope temperature stable while safely enclosing many components.

SOPHISTICATED IMAGING OPTIONS WITH INTERCHANGEABLE OPTICAL MODULES



A diverse range of units is available for the Olympus IX3 microscope system, bringing greater efficiency to everything from casual observation to serious imaging. Simple cassette-like insertion into the deck makes it easy to mount fluorescence mirror turrets, a right-side port with C-mount, an encoded magnification changer, reflected light fluorescence illuminators and other desired units.

To provide more flexibility, the two-deck system allows for the simultaneous mounting of two illumination units. The IX3 system can also be isolated from vibration sources through the combined use of a new line of high-speed filter wheels and light guide light sources. Upgrades are available to allow the IX3 to meet the needs of a wide range of other applications.

Deck units/fast speed units

Motorised fluorescence mirror turret (IX3-RFACA)

A non-click turret fitted with eight mirror units delivers smooth, fast switching. Mirror units can be used with 25 mm diameter filters or 32 mm diameter filters. No tools are required to change mirror units, which can be opened with ease.



IX3-RFACA

Right-side port with C-mount (IX3-RSPC)

A right-side port with a C-mount (field number of 11) allows the light-path switching component to be fitted with up to two mirror units, enabling the construction of customised systems for applications such as split imaging.



IX3-RSPC

Coded intermediate magnification changer (IX3-CAS)

Magnification can be changed between 1×, 1.6× and 2× by smooth lever operation. Since the system incorporates coded functionality, information on intermediate magnifications is saved with image data.



Motorised fast filter wheel (U-FFW)/ Motorised fast filter wheel for emission (U-FFWEM)/ Motorised fast shutter (U-FSHU)

Filter wheels can be switched between filters in just 60 milliseconds, while shutters can be opened and closed in just 26 milliseconds. The IX83 is capable of controlling up to six filter wheels and four shutters.



U-FFWEM



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Fluorescence system

Reflected light fluorescence illuminators for your specific application

Choose the illuminator best suited to meet each need, such as multi-colour fluorescence observation or photoactivation. An L-shaped fluorescence illuminator with a fly-eye lens system provides bright, consistent illumination without adjustment; an L-shaped fluorescence is equipped with a field iris diaphragm and aperture iris diaphragm, and a straight-through fluorescence illuminator is available for applications demanding intense excitation light. A wide range of light sources is available, including light guide light sources and lamp houses compatible with both 100 W mercury and 75 W xenon illumination.



1 U-LH100HG 2 U-LH75XEAPO 3 U-LH100HGAPO 4 U-HGLGPS 5 IX3-RFA 6 U-LLGAD 7 IX3-RFAL

8 IX3-RFALFE

Motorised units/coded units

A cost-efficient way to upgrade to a motorised microscope

A wide range of motorised and encoded units are available, including an eight-position motorised fluorescent mirror turret, an encoded fluorescence mirror turret, a motorised six-position nosepiece, an encoded six-position nosepiece, a motorised long working distance universal condenser, filter wheels and shutters. Units can also be added for specific purposes at any point – improving operation at a minimum cost.



- 1 U-FFWEM
- 2 IX3-LWUCDA
- 3 U-FFW
- 4 U-FSHU
- 5 IX3-RFACA
- 6 IX3-D6RES
- 7 IX3-D6REA

OPTIMISED IMAGE ACQUISITION ACCORDING TO WORKFLOW

Olympus cellSens imaging software



Olympus cellSens imaging software is available in three packages to meet individual workflow needs. 'Entry' is used for simple image acquisition. 'Standard' provides simple operation for imaging documentation, and 'Dimension' enables control of the complete workflow from image capture to analysis.

cellSens software is not for clinical diagnostic use.

2D deconvolution



Well navigator

images.

Enables the simple setting of locations and observation orders by selecting to the wells under observation. Comments can also be inserted for individual wells to further speed workflow

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cell[^]TIRF system



Quad-wavelength multiple TIRF image capture

Accurate, motorised control of the laser's angle of incidence enables optimum adjustment of the light emitted at each wavelength. This system allows four lasers to be used simultaneously to capture four different wavelengths (ranging from 405 nm to 640 nm), while seamlessly switching between multi-colour TIRF imaging and fluorescence. What's more, the primary laser path is equipped with a Point FRAP optical solution system that can also be used for kinetic measurements such as molecular diffusion, bonding and velocity determination.

cell^TIRF is a class 3B laser product.

NA 1.7 TIRF objective

The NA 1.7 APON100×HOTIRF* objective expands the adjustable range for production of evanescent fields, enabling the user to form thin evanescent fields by simply adjusting the angle of incidence. High NA objectives for TIRF from 60× to 150× are also available.



TIRF image acquisition with high resolution and a high frame rate

TIRF observation demands more accurate focusing. To meet this demand, the IX83 two-deck system can be combined with the IX3-ZDC to enable live imaging at a high frame rate, while maintaining accurate real-time focus.

mage data courtesy of:

Reference material:



Colocalisation of the dynein complex with T-cell receptor micro-clusters

UPLFLN 4× UPLFLN 10×2 0.30 0.50 UPLFLN 20× UPLFLN 40× 0.75 UPLFLN 40×0 1.30 UPLFLN 60× 0.90 1.25-0.65 UPLFLN 60×01 UPLFLN 100×02 1.30 UPLFLN 100×0I2 1.3-0.6 PLFLN 100× PLFLN 0.95 UCPLFLN UCPLFLN 20× 0.7 UCPLFLN 20×PH 0.7 LUCPLFLN LUCPLFLN 20× 0.45 0.60 LUCPLFLN 40× LUCPLFLN 60× 0.70 LUCPLFLN 20×PH 0.45 LUCPLFLN 20×RC 0.45 0.60 LUCPLFLN 40×PH LUCPLFLN 40×RC 0.60 LUCPLFLN 60×PH 0.70 UPLFLN-PH UPLFLN 4×PH 0.13 UPLFLN 10×2PH 0.30 0.50 UPLFLN 20XPH UPLFLN 40XPH 0.75 UPLFLN 60X0IPH 1.25-0.65 UPLFLN 100X02PH 1.30 UPLFLN-PHP UPLFLN 4×PHP 0.13 CPLFLN CPLFLN 10×PH 0.30 CPLFLN 10×RC 0.30 LCACHN LCACHN 20×PH 0.40 LCACHN 20×PHP 0.40 0.40 LCACHN 20×RC LCACHN 40×PH 0.55 LCACHN 40×PHP 0.55 LCACHN 40×RC 0.55 CACHN, CPLN CACHN 10×PHP 0.25 CPLN 10×PH 0.25 **RIKEN** Research Center for Allergy 0.25 CPLN 10×RC UAPON 340 UAPON 20×W340 0.70 Akiko Hashimoto-Tane, Takashi 1.35 UAPON 40×0340 Saito, et al. (2011). "Dynein-Driven UAPON 40×W340 1.15 Microclusters Regulates Immune TIRF APON 60×0TIRF 1.49 APON 100×HOTIRF* 1.70 Activation." Immunity 34, 919-931. UAPON 100×0TIRF 1.49 • Images shown left acquired by IX81. UAPON 150×0TIRF 1.45 *HIGH-INDEX-CG cover glass and dedicated immersion oil required.

Objective specifications

UPLSAPO

PLAPON

UPLFLN

UIS2 objective

UPLSAPO 4×

UPLSAP0 10×2

UPLSAPO 20×

UPLSAPO 20×0

UPLSAP0 30×S

UPLSAPO 40×2

UPLSAPO 60×W

UPLSAPO 60×0

UPLSAPO 60×S

UPLSAPO 100×0

PLAPON 60×0

PLAPON 60×0SC

PLAPON 60×0PH

UPLSAPO 100×0PH

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Cover glass thickness (mm)	Immersion	Spring	Correction ring	lris diaphragm	Waterproof and oil-proof function
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0.17					
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0.13-0.19	Silicone		\checkmark		\checkmark
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0.13-0.21	Water	\checkmark	1		1
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IX83/IX73 system diagram



		IX83	IX73	IX53			
	Optical system	UIS2 optical system					
Nicroscope frame	Revolving nosepiece	 Motorised sextuple revolving nosepiece (DIC slider attachable), simple waterproof structure 	 Motorised sextuple revolving nosepiece (DIC slider attachable), simple waterproof structure Coded sextuple revolving nosepiece (DIC slider attachable), simple waterproof structure 	 Sextuple revolving nosepiece, simple waterproof structure 			
	Focus	Stroke: 10.5 mm Minimum increment: 0.01 µm, Maximum nosepiece movement speed: 3 mm/s		Stroke: 10 mm			
	Light-path selection	Motorised 0:100/50:50/100:0 (Left-side port: BI port) 0:100/50:50/100:0 (Left-side port: BI port)		50:50 (Left-side port: Bl port)			
Transmitted light illuminator		Pillar tilt mechanism (30° inclination angle, with Condenser holder (with 88 mm stroke, refocusin Field iris diaphragm adjustable, 4 filter holders Light source: •12 V 100 W halogen bulb (pre-ce • High-colour-reproductive LED lig	 30 W halogen illuminator: Detachable condenser lens system (NA 0.3, W.D. 72 mm), single filter holder aperture iris diaphragm adjustable 100 W halogen illuminator: pillar tilt mechanism (30° inclination angl with vibration reducing mechanism), Condenser holder (with 88 mm stroke, refocusing mechanism) Field iris diaphragm adjustable, 4 filter holders 				
Observation tube	Wide-field (FN 22)	Wide-field tilting binocular Wide-field binocular	Wide-field tilting binocular Wide-field binocular				
	Scanning stage with ultrasonic	Stage stroke: X: 76 mm x Y: 52 mm, maximum s	_				
Stage	Mechanical stage with right handle	Stage stroke: X: 114 mm x Y: 75 mm, stage pos	1				
	Right-handle stage	Stage stroke: X: 50 mm x Y: 50 mm	_				
	Flexible right-handle stage	_	Stage stroke: X: 50 mm x Y: 50 mm	_			
	Gliding stage	Upper circular stage 360° rotatable, 20 mm (X/Y	1				
	Plain stage	232 mm (X) \times 240 mm (Y) stage size, stage inse					
Condenser	Motorised long working distance condenser	W.D. 27 mm, NA 0.55, Motorised turret with 7 p (3 positions for ø30 mm and 4 positions for ø38 Motorised aperture and polariser	_				
	Long working distance universal condenser	NA 0.55, W.D. 27 mm 5 positions for optical devices (3 positions for ø30 mm and 2 position for ø38 mm)					
	Long working distance relief contrast	NA 0.5, W.D. 45 mm, 4 positions for optical devices (for ø50 mm, relief contrast optical devices rotatable)					
	Ultra long working distance	NA 0.3, W.D. 73.3 mm, 4 positions for optical devices (for ø29 mm)					
Fluorescence illuminator	L-shaped fluorescence illuminator with fly-eye lens	L-shaped design with exchangeable FS module	_				
	L-shaped fluorescence illuminator	L-shaped design with exchangeable FS and AS	_				
	Fluorescence illuminator	Straight design with field iris diaphragm	1				
Fluorescence mirror turret	Motorised fluorescence mirror turret	Motorised turret with 8 positions, built-in shutte					
	Coded fluorescence mirror turret	_	Coded 8-position turret, built-in shutter, simple waterproof structure	_			
	Fluorescence mirror turret	_	-	Turret with 8 positions, built-in shutter, simple waterproof structure			
Fluorescence light source		 130 W Halogen light guide illumination 100 75 W Xenon lamp housing and transformer) W Hg apo lamp housing and transformer • 100	W Hg lamp housing and transformer			
ocus compensator	Z-drift compensator	Offset method (Focus search, one-shot focus, continuous focus), Class 1 laser product					
Filter wheel/shutter	Motorised fast filter wheel	High-speed mode 60 ms, Low-vibration mode 1	00 ms (rotation time to next hole on the wheel)	-			
	Motorised fast filter wheel for emission	High-speed mode 60 ms, Low-vibration mode 1 C-mount adapter and bayonet mount adapter ar	_				
	Motorised fast shutter	High-speed mode 26.2 ms, Low-vibration mode					
	Motorised attenuator wheel	Time to shift to another filter 300 ms (rotation ti	_				
Operating environment	Maximum relative humidity: 8 (104°F)	mperature: 5° to 40°C (41° to 104°F) relative humidity: 80% for temperatures up to 31°C (88°F), decreasing linearly through 70% at 34°C (93°F), 60% at 37°C (99°F), to 50% relative humidity at 40°C tage fluctuations: Not to exceed ±10% of the normal voltage					

Dimensions









Voltage/current: 100–120 V 50/60 Hz 1.8 A

Motorised or coded units are designed for the IX3 series, for use in industrial environments for the EMC performance (IEC61326-1 Class A device). Using them in a residential environment may affect other equipment in the environment.





