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INSTRUCTIONS FOR
MODEL DC3-163
COMPOUND BIOLOGICAL MICROSCOPE
WITH DIGITAL CAMERA

(For microscope operation only. Camera operation covered in separate
Motic Image 2000 manual included with your microscope)

HOW TO USE YOUR MICROSCOPE SERIAL NUMBERS

1. Microscope serial number: This number (etched on back arm of microscope) is the number under which your warranty is registered.
2. Microscope DM number: This number (found on a white sticker on the bottom of the microscope) is used for logging on the Motic web site, which gives you the ability to download free software upgrades.
3. Motic CD DM number: This number is to be used to register the software when loaded on the computer for the first time.

About the Digital Microscope

The manual for your new digital microscope is in two parts. This first part describes the basic nomenclature and functions of the microscope, which can be used as a fully functional microscope, independent of the camera. The second part is the **Motic Images 2000 User's Manual**, which provides detailed documentation for installation and operation of the **Motic Images 2000** software. In order to achieve optimum results, it is important that you carefully read both this and the documentation manuals before operating your microscope or camera.

UNPACKING

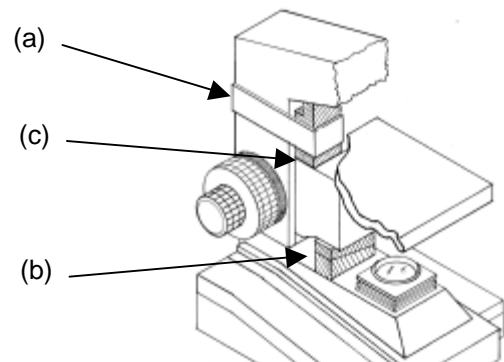
1. Your microscope is packed with the following components, all of which have been checked at the factory. Carefully remove all components and check against this list. Retain styrofoam container in case microscope must be transported or returned to factory for any reason.

- A. Microscope body
- B. Two WF10x eyepieces
- C. Two rubber eyecups
- D. Four objective lenses: DIN achromatic 4x, 10x, 40xR, 100xR oil immersion
- E. 1.25 N.A. Abbe condenser with iris diaphragm
- F. Three filters: blue, green, yellow
- G. Specimen holder for mechanical stage
- H. 12VDC switching power supply, operates on 100v-240v, 50H/60H
- I. Power cord
- J. CD **Motic Images 2000** software
- K. Two instruction manuals: this one and separate software documentation
- L. Calibration slide
- M. USB cable (for connecting to computer)
- N. S cable (for connecting to high resolution video monitor)
- O. RCA cable (for connecting to standard resolution video or projector)
- P. Dustcover
- Q. Warranty card

2. If it becomes necessary to ship the microscope for any reason, repack it in the styrofoam container, and then pack the styrofoam in another corrugated shipping container for optimum protection. Use of the styrofoam alone will not provide adequate protection in transit, and will void your warranty.

A. **NOTICE:** To protect focus mechanism during shipment, two black plastic wedges (b) and one black plastic block (c) are inserted at strategic points as indicated. These plastic parts **MUST** be removed prior to operating microscope. Failure to do so will result in damage to focusing mechanism and will void your warranty.

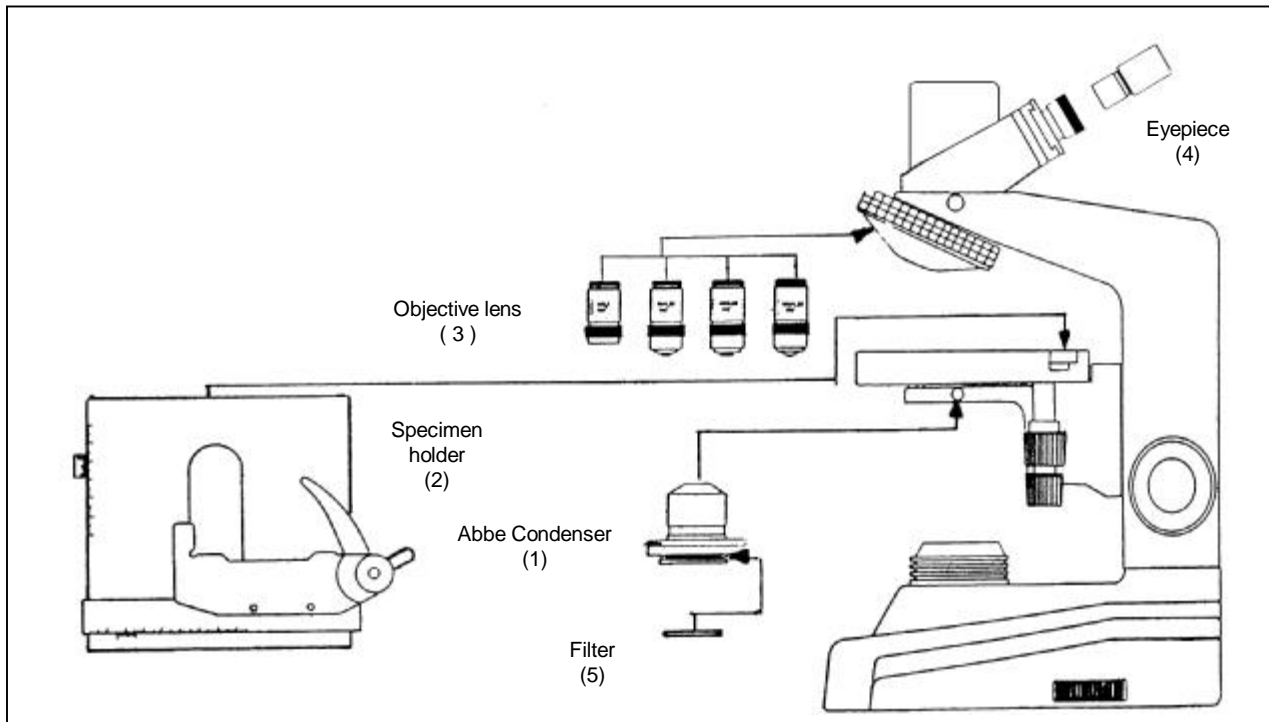
- 1. Remove two black velcro straps (a).
- 2. Remove wedge (b) by pulling apart the two parts of wedge in opposite directions.
- 3. Lower stage by rotating coarse focus knob in counter-clockwise direction.
- 4. Remove block (c) from stand.
- 5. These components should be retained with styrofoam container.



B. Carefully remove from the stand all tape and packing material used to protect microscope components during shipment. Remove black objective plugs from nosepiece.

- C. Unwrap components, making certain that lens surfaces do not come in contact with dust, dirt, fingerprints. Damage to optical surfaces can result from such contaminants, and reduce image quality.

ASSEMBLY



1. Condenser: Rotate focusing knob to move stage platform to its highest position. Loosen the knurled locking screw and insert Abbe condenser into the mounting ring. Tighten locking screw.
2. Specimen holder: Rotate coarse focusing knob to move stage platform to its lowest position. Remove two knurled screws from mechanical stage platform. Place specimen holder on stage and using the two knurled locking screws, attach holder to mechanical stage.
3. Objectives: With stage platform located at its lowest position. Screw all the objectives into the nosepiece, making certain to mount them in consecutive order 4x, 10x, 40x, 100x.
4. Eyepieces: Remove the dust caps from eyepiece tubes. Avoid touching any lens surface. Insert eyepieces into the eyepiece tubes.
5. Filters: Swing out filter holder and insert 32mm diameter blue filter.

OPERATION

1. Illumination.
 - A. Before operating microscope, adjust intensity control located on side of base to the minimum position. This should be done prior to each time light is turned on or off. This will extend bulb life.
 - B. Insert power plug into 12VDC switching power converter, then insert plug on other end of converter into power jack on back of microscope base. Note that the 12VDC converter will operate on either 120v or 240v current, 50 hertz or 60 hertz, eliminating the need for any other transformer.
 - C. Rotate intensity dial on illuminator base until image is illuminated.
 - D. Adjust intensity of light to match requirements of objective and specimen slide.
 - E. In case of equipment malfunction, see "Trouble Shooting" procedures.

2. Interpupillary adjustment of viewing head

- A. Look through microscope and adjust distance between the two eyepiece tubes by grasping the sliding mounts to left and right of eyepieces and sliding together or apart.
- B. When a full field of view is observed through both tubes, and images blend into one, interpupillary distance is corrected for your eyes. Check the interpupillary scale and note index reading for future reference, in case other users will be changing this adjustment from time to time.
- C. Adjust the diopter scales, located on each eyepiece tube, to the same numerical value as indicated on the interpupillary scale. This must be done in order to maintain parfocality of objective lenses. If interpupillary distance is changed, adjust eyepiece diopters accordingly.

3. Focusing the microscope.

- A. Position the 4x objective lens into the optical path, making sure that lens is properly indexed in its click-stop position.
- B. Place standard specimen slide (cover slip up) on top of stage surface.
 - a) Swing moveable finger on slide holder outward. Place specimen slide against fixed side of slide holder. Slowly release moveable finger until it makes contact with specimen slide.
- C. Rotate coarse focusing controls until specimen comes into focus.
- D. Adjust fine focus controls until specimen is in sharp focus.
- E. Adjust diopter for difference in eyesight.
 - a) Using right eye, peer into the right eyepiece tube. Adjust sharpness of image by utilizing fine focus controls.
 - b) Using left eye, peer into the left eyepiece tube. Adjust sharpness of image by turning diopter adjustment located on left eyepiece tube.
- F. Adjusting the aperture (opening) of iris diaphragm.

Iris diaphragm should not be used to control the brightness of illumination. Iris diaphragms are designed to help achieve high resolution of specimen and provide contrast in the image. Smaller apertures will deliver higher contrast to image. However, closing aperture too much will reduce resolution. Experimentation is the best method of determining the correct opening of diaphragm. Some suggested openings for iris diaphragm are:

OBJECTIVE	DIAPHRAGM OPENING
4x	From fully closed to 1/8 open
10x	1/8 to 1/4 open
40x	1/4 to 1/2 open
100x	1/2 to 3/4 open

G. Changing magnification.

- a) Rotate revolving nosepiece to position 10x objective into optical path.
- b) This microscope has been parfocalized, which allows changes from one objective to another while requiring only a slight adjustment of the fine focus controls.
- c) When changing to the 40x and 100x objective lens, care must be exercised in order to prevent damaging the front lens element and specimen slide.

- d) In order to obtain maximum resolution of the 100x oil immersion lens, it is necessary to apply immersion oil between the coverglass of slide and front lens of the objective.
 - (1) Use of a very small amount of immersion oil is required.
 - (2) All air bubbles must be removed from between lens and slide by rotating nosepiece back and forth.
- H. When finished viewing, all parts that come in contact with oil must be cleaned. Failure to do so could permanently damage the 100x oil immersion objective lens. Use of xylene to clean immersion oil off lens surfaces is recommended.
- I. Coarse focus tension adjustment.
 - a) Tension adjustment knob is located between stand and coarse focus knob of microscope, on the right side.
 - b) To tighten tension of coarse focus knobs, turn control in a counter-clockwise direction. It is advisable to leave controls as loose as possible, tightening only enough to keep stage from drifting down and out of focus. To loosen tension, turn control in clockwise direction.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING: FOR YOUR SAFETY, TURN SWITCH OFF AND REMOVE PLUG FROM POWER SOURCE OUTLET BEFORE MAINTAINING YOUR MICROSCOPE. TO AVOID SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD, IF POWER CORD IS WORN, CUT OR DAMAGED IN ANY WAY, HAVE IT REPLACED AT ONCE.

1. OPTICAL MAINTENANCE

- A. Do not attempt to disassemble any lens component. Consult an expert technical service company when repairs not covered by these instructions are required.
- B. Prior to cleaning any lens surface, brush dust or dirt off lens surfaces using a camel hair brush. Or use air to blow dust and lint off surfaces. Use of compressed air in a can, available at any computer supply store, is a good source of clean air.
- C. Cleaning eyepiece lenses.

Do not remove eyepiece from eyepiece tube. Clean only the outer surface. Breath on lens to dampen surface, then wipe with lens paper. Do not wipe lens surface while dry as lenses are scratched very easily. Wipe a circular motion from center to outer edges.
- D. Cleaning objective lenses.

Do not remove objective lenses from microscope. Clean front lens element only. Using a cotton swab saturated with distilled water, clean front lens surface. Inspect the lens using a magnifying glass to insure that the element is clean. If immersion oil or specimen material of any kind is evident, use a cotton swab dipped in a small amount of xylene to clean all foreign material from objective lens surface. Such material will reduce, or totally block, image quality.
- E. Cleaning condenser lens.

Clean only the top lens surface, visible when looking through hole in top of stage. Use same procedure as used for eyepiece or objective lenses.
- F. Illuminator condenser lens.

Use same procedure as used for eyepiece or objective lenses.

2. ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE

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A. Replacement of lamp.

- a) Carefully lay instrument on its side, taking care to avoid damage to the specimen slide holder located on top of mechanical stage.
- b) Loosen large chrome locking screw located on hinged door of illuminator base.
- c) Swing door open to expose the halogen lamp.
- d) Using a tissue or cloth to gently grasp the halogen bulb, pull straight out of lamp socket.
- e) Your microscope requires a 12 volt, 20 watt halogen bulb, available from the dealer from which you purchased your microscope. This is a common microscope bulb, Osram #64425.
- f) Make certain that new bulb is clean, as fingerprints on bulb can affect light transmission. Grasping bulb gently with a tissue or cloth, insert pins straight into lamp socket.
- g) Carefully clean lamp to assure that it is clean and free of all fingerprints.
- h) Close hinged door and tighten locking screw.

TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	REASON FOR PROBLEM	SOLUTION
Light fails to operate.	Outlet inoperative. AC power cord not connected. Lamp burned out.	Have qualified service technician repair outlet. Plug into outlet. Replace lamp.
Lamp flickers	Lamp loose in socket.	Push lamp pins into lamp socket.
Image does not remain in focus	Cover slip on specimen slide too thick. Slide upside down. Stage drops down from its own weight.	Use 0.17mm thick cover slip. Place slide on stage with cover slip facing up. Adjust tension of coarse focus knob.
Poor resolution (image not sharp)	Objective lenses dirty. Eyepiece lens dirty. Too much light.	Clean objective lenses. Clean eyepiece lenses. Adjust intensity of light and check iris diaphragm aperture.
Spots in field of view.	Eyepiece lens dirty. Specimen slide dirty. Condenser lens dirty.	Clean eyepiece lenses. *** Clean slide. Clean lens of condenser.
***Spots in field of view can also result from dirt on inside of eyepiece. It is recommended that you have service technician clean inside of lens.		

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES AND PARTS:

#610-160	WF10X Eyepiece
#610-160R	WF10X eyepiece w/reticle, 10mm/100div.
#704-160	DIN 4X objective lens, 0.10 N.A.
#710-160	DIN 10X objective lens, 0.25 N.A.
#740-160	DIN 40X objective lens, 0.65 N.A.
#799-160	DIN 100X objective lens, 1.25 N.A.
#704-160ASC	DIN 4X Super High Contrast objective lens, 0.10 N.A.
#710-160ASC	DIN 10X Super High Contrast objective lens, 0.25 N.A.
#740-160ASC	DIN 40X Super High Contrast objective lens, 0.65 N.A.
#799-160ASC	DIN 100X Super High Contrast objective lens, 1.25 N.A.
#704-160SP	DIN 4X Semi-plan objective lens, 0.10 N.A.
#710-160SP	DIN 10X Semi-plan objective lens, 0.25 N.A.
#740-160SP	DIN 40X Semi-plan objective lens, 0.65 N.A.
#799-160SP	DIN 100XR Semi-plan objective lens, 1.25 N.A.
#704-160P	DIN 4X Plan objective lens, 0.10 N.A.
#710-160P	DIN 10X Plan objective lens, 0.25 N.A.
#740-160P	DIN 40X Plan objective lens, 0.65 N.A.
#799-160P	DIN 100X Plan objective lens, 1.25 N.A.
#800-160	Replacement bulb, 12v 20 watt halogen bi-pin
#965-160	Eyepiece reticle, 10mm/100 div.

WARRANTY

Microscope, 5-year limited warranty: Manufacturer warrants this instrument to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for 5 years from date of purchase. It does not cover damage resulting from abuse or misuse, repairs or alterations performed by other than authorized repair technicians or damage occurring in transit. Warranty does not cover bulbs or fuses.

Camera, 1-year limited warranty: Manufacturer warrants camera to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for 1 year from date of purchase. It does not cover damage resulting from abuse or misuse, repairs or alterations performed by other than the manufacturer, or damage occurring in transit.

Software, 90-day limited warranty: Manufacturer warrants software to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for 90 days from date of purchase.

For warranty service, instrument should be well packed to avoid damage in transit, including a description of the difficulty, and shipped postage prepaid to National at the address on front. National will repair or replace at no charge and return postage prepaid. If failure was caused by misuse, alterations, accident, or abnormal conditions of operation, an estimate for repairs will be submitted for your approval prior to work being performed.

If you have questions concerning this product or warranty, contact dealer from which it was purchased. Or contact National, asking for warranty assistance.