IRB20 Inverted Microscope User's Manual



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- 1. Eyepiece
- 2. Siedentopf Trinocular Head
- 3. Phase Contrast Slider
- 4. Aperture Diaphragm Lever
- 5. Filter Slider
- 6. Lamp Housing
- 7. Condenser
- 8. Round Insert on Stage
- 9. Fixed Stage
- 10. Carrying Handle
- 11. Objective Lens

- 12. Nosepiece
- 13. Power Socket
- 14. Fuse Box
- 15. Power Switch
- 16. Surplus Water Plate
- 17. Mechanical Stage X-Y Knob
- 18. Light Rheostat Control
- 19. Coarse & Fine Focus Control
- 20. Attachable Mechanical Stage
- 21. Beam Splitter Knob



IRB20 Inverted Microscope Assembly



- Once the microscope is assembled, turn on the main power source.
- Place the sample on the stage.
- Move the 10x objective lens into the light path.
- Focus on the sample using the coarse focus and then the fine focus.
- Adjust the brightness using the rheostat control.
- Adjust the interpupillary distance and the eyepiece diopter.
- Adjust the aperture diaphragm.
- Once the sample is in focus, filters may be placed in the optical path.





Do not shake or drop the microscope.



Do not expose the microscope to direct sun, high temperatures, high humidity, dust, or damp environments. Use a flat work surface.



When moving the microscope use both hands, holding the handle at the back (1) and the frame at the front (2) as shown in the image at right.







Voltage range of 100~240V (47-63Hz) is supported.



Turn the rheostat control knob (1) to the minimum and turn the power switch (2) to the on "I" position. Rotate the rheostat knob to increase or decrease the brightness of the illumination.





Adjust the aperture diaphragm lever (1) to obtain the best image contrast.





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Place the filter (1) inside the filter holder (2), and insert into the filter slot on the condenser.



The tension of the coarse focusing knob can be adjusted by holding the tension adjustment ring (1) and rotating it. Turning the adjustment ring clockwise will increase the focus tension and turning it counterclockwise will decrease the tension.



If the stage is drifting (falling) out of focus, tighten the focus tension ring (clockwise) to create more tension and keep the stage from drifting.

Do NOT rotate the coarse & fine focus knobs in opposite directions at the same time!





Adjust the eyetubes to set the interpupillary distance for your eyes. If multiple people use the microscope daily, note the number of your interpupillary setting for ease of future setup.







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The eyepieces can be locked in place with a set screw (1). To change the eyepiece, loosen the set screw and pull the eyepiece out of the eyetube.



Insert the round plate (1) into the fixed stage.

Install the stage clips (2) into the slot on the fixed stage.





Place petri dish or stage inserts (4) into stage as needed.



IRB20 Inverted Microscope Bulb Replacement



Turn off and unplug the microscope prior to changing the bulb.

- 1. Remove the screw with the allen wrench.
- 2. Lift the illumination cover.
- 3. The bulb is located at the front of the housing.



Once the cover is removed, unscrew the two screws in the image shown below that lie on either side of the wires leading to the bulb.









IRB20 Inverted Microscope Bulb & Fuse Replacement



When you lift the bulb housing be careful since the wires are still connected. In order to replace the bulb remove the solder joints from the wires connected to the bulb. Unscrew the 2 screws holding the bulb to the housing. Screw the new bulb into the housing. Re-solder the wires back onto the bulb in the same positions they were in prior to bulb replacement.

Replacement Bulb: M40-001 (5W LED).



FUSE REPLACEMENT:

Turn off and unplug the microscope prior to fuse replacement.









The fuse box is installed below the power socket. Fuse: 5x20mm, 2A, 250V.



IRB20 Inverted Microscope Phase Contrast Setup



Ensure phase slider is right side up and slide into the condenser.





Place phase objective in the light path and put the phase slider in the position that matches the phase objective magnification.



Remove the eyepiece and insert the phase centering telescope. Use the phase centering screws to align the bright and dark rings as shown in the illustrations below. Image at left shows what the rings might look like prior to alignment. Image at right shows once they are aligned.





IRB20 Inverted Microscope Trouble Shooting

TROUBLE	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Field of view	Nosepiece is not clicked into position.	Move nosepiece into position.
obstructed or	Filter slider is not in place.	Adjust filter slider.
irregular illumination	Phase Contrast slider is not in place.	Adjust phase slider.
Dust in field of view	Objective lens is dirty.	Clean objective lens.
	Sample has dirt or dust on it.	Use a new sample.
	Eyepiece is dirty.	Clean eyepiece lens.
Hot spot on image	Aperture diaphragm isn't open enough.	Adjust aperture diaphragm.
Poor image: low contrast, image is not sharp, image details are not clear.	Objective is not in correct position.	Rotate nosepiece into position.
	Objective lens is dirty.	Clean objective lens.
	Culture dish is too thick.	Use normal size culture dish.
	Sample is dirty.	Clean sample.
Part of image is not clear.	Objective is not in correct position.	Rotate nosepiece into position.
	Sample is not placed in correct place on stage.	Adjust sample and holder.
Phase contrast observation is poor.	Annular spot did not focus with dish holder.	Readjust phase alignment.
	Culture dish bottom is not flat.	Use standard culture dish.
Coarse focus knob is too tight.	Tension is too tight.	Loosen tension adjustment ring.
Nosepiece slides down automatically.	Tension is too loose.	Tighten tension adjustment ring.
Binocular field of view is inconsistent.	The interpupillary distance is not set properly.	Adjust interpupillary distance.
	Diopter is not set properly.	Adjust diopter.
	Left eye and right eye have different eyepieces in them.	Make sure a matching pair of eyepieces are being used.
When using the high power objective it is touching the sample.	The culture dish bottom is too thick.	Use a standard culture dish.
The bulb does not work.	No bulb is in place.	Install a bulb.
	Bulb or fuse is broken.	Replace bulb or fuse.
	The power cord is not plugged in or turned on.	Ensure cord is plugged in and unit is turned on.
Bulb burns out quickly.	Improper bulb is being used.	Use M40-001 5W LED bulb only.

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