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Leading the way in automated microscopy
Top-quality optics and motorized control: BX51/61, the new platform for automated system solutions

Olympus has developed important new refinements in microscope design and operation. A full range of motorized modules can be combined as the user requires, giving a level of performance that is more functional, more versatile and more adaptable to the needs of advanced applications.

- Acquisition of multi-labeled fluorescence images
- Telemicroscopy
- GFP imaging
- Automatic capturing of time lapse images
- Confocal microscopy
- Routine screening

Motorized options for each system:
- Nosepiece
- Condenser
- Reflected light illuminator
- Filter wheels

BX51 plus motorized units
The BX51’s research frame functionality is expandable through addition of motorized components. Selective addition of only the desired accessories allows maximum flexibility for automated imaging solutions.

BX61 including motorized Z-drive
The BX61 with its internal motorized Z-drive is the optimal platform for comprehensive automated microscopy systems. The 0.01µm resolution focus motor is complemented by 8 programmable frame buttons for flexible and ergonomic control of motorized functions.
**BX51/61 motorized solutions: flexible, fast, reliable and precise**

- Completely modular
- Upgradable
- Easy system integration
- Improves productivity

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**Control box/BX-UCB**
Motorized modules attached to the microscope are controlled via this control box, which is linked to the computer via an RS232C connector. Two optional board slots are available for autofocus control and digital input/output.

**Filter wheels /U-FWR, U-FWO and U-FWT**
Motorized exchange of 6 filters. 3 kinds of filters can be attached simultaneously: U-FWR (ø32,25) for excitation, U-FWO (ø32,25) for absorption and U-FWT (ø32) for transmitted light.

**Hand switch/U-HSTR2**
Hand set used to control the microscope while conducting visual observations. The following functions can be controlled from the operator’s hand:
- Revolving nosepiece operation
- Control of condenser top lens
- Shutter for reflected light fluorescence observation
- Direct choice of fluorescence mirror unit
  - Rotation of condenser
  - Control of aperture iris diaphragm

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**Reflected light illuminator/BX-RFAA**
Up to 6 fluorescence mirror units can be attached simultaneously. Mirror units can be exchanged automatically with corresponding shutter adjustment.

**Motorized revolving nosepiece/U-D6REM**
Motorized sextuple revolving nosepiece with slider slot for Nomarski DIC.

**Motorized universal condenser/U-UCD8A**
8 position universal condenser. Different combinations of designated optical components allow correspondence with various kinds of transmitted light observation. Automatic control of optical component exchange, top lens swing out and aperture iris diaphragm.

**Light adjustment buttons :**
- Right side: voltage up/down
- Left side: lamp on/off and preset

**Transmitted/reflected light changeover switch**
(for BX61 only)

**Stage adjustment buttons :**
- Right side: stage up/down
- Left side: fine/coarse and stage escape
Motorized system for automatic capture of confocal images

Advanced digital imaging

Imaging Systems

High performance systems to capture multi-labelled fluorescence images

Computer control of the microscope makes it possible to record time lapse image data of living cells. Telemicroscopy can be performed by means of remote PC control.

LSM

Laser Scanning Microscope system

Motorized system for automatic capture of confocal images

Combining with the Olympus Fluoview makes it possible to upgrade the system to a confocal laser scanning microscope. With the FV500, the system becomes fully automatic, with the capability to capture a maximum of 5 channel images simultaneously.

Using control software to macro-program; a range of microscopy operations

This system makes it easy to set up specific optical adjustments associated with a particular observation method, including light levels corresponding to the objective magnification and attachment/detachment of optical components. Using special control software, it is also simple to macro-program a set of complex procedures such as recording a succession of multi-labeled specimen images. Program command is performed by one-touch operation of buttons (there are 8 buttons for focusing, light adjustments and presetting) on the microscope body or hand switch, or via designated computer keys.
Further improvements to Olympus' renowned fluorescence and Nomarski DIC observation capability

New steps forward in fluorescence performance
Already renowned in the field, Olympus has now taken fluorescence performance even further ahead, using an aspheric collector lens in the lamp housing to improve light collection and achromatic performance up to near infrared conditions. The lens covers a wide wavelength range and results in fluorescence images almost twice as bright as conventional ones even under very low magnifications.

Rectangular field stop for digital imaging
The BX-RFA/BX-RFAA’s standard field stop can be removed and replaced by a rectangular field stop (BX-RFSS), allowing excitation light to illuminate a rectangular space, i.e. the same shape used for capturing CCD images. This makes it possible to observe and record electronic images with no fading at the outside of the visual field.

Unnecessary exposure area caused by a round field stop

Optimum visibility for all specimens from DIC prism combinations
The Olympus Nomarski DIC system includes a choice of prism combinations to choose for each imaging task. The general-purpose prism sets are supplemented with special purpose sets, addressing the demands for the highest resolution or highest contrast under specific magnification and specimen conditions.
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*1 Slight vignetting may occur in the periphery of the field due to the top lens. This occurs in observation only.  *2 U-FWCO 1.25× should be mounted on U-FWT  *3 Optional

### BX51+motorized unit dimensions

**unit: mm**

![](image1.png)

The length marked with an asterisk (*) may vary according to interpupillary distance. Distance for figure shown is 62mm.

### BX61+motorized unit dimensions

**unit: mm**

![](image2.png)

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