Clinical & Laboratory Microscopes ECLIPSE 50i/55i

The Eyes of Science

...imagine microscopy in perfect comfort

ECLIPSE 50i/55i

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Imagine the ultimate in comfortable microscopy operation; so comfortable, that you would not even be aware you were carrying out essential observations!

After carefully listening to customer needs, Nikon designed the new 50i/55i series of compact, versatile microscopes that are ideal for clinical/laboratory inspection and basic research study. The ultimate in usability and comfort, the 50i/55i series incorporates a host of stunning features that take the stress out of microscopy. A stay-in-position stage handle and tilting telescoping ergonomic eyepiece tube ensure ideal viewing posture, enabling long hours of observations to be carried out in perfect comfort.

The 50i/55i series is built around Nikon’s tried and tested infinity optics, the CH60 system, which means you not only get the optimum optical performance, but you also have the freedom to add various accessories to create the setup that best suits your purpose.

**50i/55i**

...the ultimate comfort that takes clinical microscopy to new heights.

— Cool illumination (55i)—LED illumination generates no heat and maintains the color temperature even when the brightness is changed. Also, because this model can run on batteries, it can be used anywhere. (See page 4)

— Novel ergo stage—the stage handle always remains in the same position during stage movement, enabling easy operation with your hand resting on the desk. (See page 4)

— A digital camera can be mounted on the ergonomic eyepiece tube by using a DSC port, enabling easy digital documentation in a comfortable operating posture. (See page 6)

— The “Ergo-View,” a retrofittable compact cytodiagnostic unit, enables quick magnification changeover using a hand switch. (See page 7)
Cool illumination (55i)

Utilizing white LED illumination, the 55i is an ideal choice for brightfield applications. As the color temperature does not change even when the brightness is altered, adjusting the color balance filter or voltage is no longer necessary. And because the LED illuminator is built into the base, comprehensive Koehler illumination using a diaphragm is possible. The illuminator does not generate heat. Due to its minimal power consumption, the 55i has an extremely long lamp lifecycle, and its battery drive means it can be used anywhere.

Refined stage

Stay-in-position stage handle

The stage handle stays at the same position without interfering with the stage movement. Because the stage handle and the focusing knob are always situated close to each other, users can easily and smoothly operate the controls with their hand resting on the desk. The height and torque of the stage handle are adjustable to further enhance comfort during operation.

Stage with higher durability and smoother surface

“Alumite,” a new hardening treatment, has been applied to the stage surface to increase durability and smoothness. This facilitates the smooth exchange of specimens while preventing the surface from being scratched by the repeated exchange of slide glasses.

Refocusing stage

The stage can be lowered by pushing the lever down, and will return to its former height when the lever is pressed again. This feature eliminates the need to refocus the image manually each time the specimen is changed and the slide oiled, greatly improving microscopy productivity.

New ergonomic tube

The new ergonomic tube can be inclined from 10° to 30° and the eyepieces can be extended 40mm. This ensures optimum eye point and a comfortable viewing posture, regardless of the operator’s physique or if intermediate modules are being used. An optional DSC port for attaching a digital camera enables users to create a digital documentation system in comfort. An optional eye-level riser* can raise the eye point in 25mm increments.

Easy-access controls

Frequently used controls and switches for adjusting the field diaphragm and illumination intensity have been concentrated in the lower part of the right-hand side to minimize the operator’s hand movements and enable operation without having to take your eyes off the specimen.

Rock-solid stability

Utilizing computer-aided engineering (CAE), Nikon has successfully increased the solidity of the microscope body and produced a sleek, modern design. Although compact in size, the new microscopes boast superb durability and stability, even during applications in which they are upgraded with various attachments.

— With white LED illumination as its light source, this model is perfect for brightfield applications.
— No color temperature deviation even when brightness is changed.
— Cool LED prevents focus deviations caused by heat-deformed equipment.
— When Ergo-View cytodiagnostic unit is installed, it maintains uniform brightness even if magnifications are changed.
— Long lifecycle illumination consumes very little power.
— Battery-drive capability using optional lithium batteries means model can be used anywhere.

Bright 6V/30W halogen lamp as light source.
— ND6 filter is built-in as standard.
— Enables brightfield, darkfield, epifluorescence, phase contrast and simple polarizing observations.
CF160—tried and tested infinity optics

Highly acclaimed optics combine the CF design with infinity optics and utilize a 60mm parfocal distance, resulting in longer working distances and high N.A.’s, while producing crisp, clear images with minimal flare. The CF160 optics are perfect for both observations and capturing images with a digital camera, and they provide a flexible upgrade path to accommodate various accessories to meet individual applications.

DSC port enables digital imaging in comfort

A new optional DSC port can be combined with an ergonomic tilting/telescoping tube to balance user needs for both digital image capture and comfortable viewing, including a 0.7X lens that is designed to optimize the image to the 2/3-inch C.C.D., the same area as that viewed through the eyepieces can be captured with a C-mount digital camera. A centering and focus adjustment mechanism is also provided.

DS-5M-L1 “Digital Sight” standalone digital camera

The standalone design of the DS-5M-L1 allows 5-million-pixel, high-definition images to be captured without connecting to a personal computer. The camera-control unit features a built-in 6.3-inch LCD monitor with excellent resolution, enabling focusing to be carried out on the screen. Optional camera settings have been preprogrammed for each observation method and are selectable from a menu. Users can take advantage of the camera’s network functions to send or share images over a network and manage images on a server, saving time and increasing productivity.

Ergo-View enables quick magnification switching and marking

The compact Ergo-View cytodiagnostic unit has been developed for easier and more comfortable cytology examinations. Retractable to the 50i/55i, it can quickly move between 10X and 40X at the flip of a switch, utilizing a motorized mechanism.

— Compact, sleek design.
— Easily attachable to 50i/55i.
— Fast and accurate motorized magnification changeover with hand switch.
— Unique quiet, vibration-free mechanism for magnification change ensures superb parfocality of images and no deviation in focusing.
— Easy marking while observing the specimen through eyepieces.
— Quick exchange of slides with one hand is possible by using an optional specimen holder for one slide.

Constant brightness when combined with the 55i

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Epi-fluorescence microscopy
A new dedicated turret-type epi-fluorescence illuminator has a
quick-change mechanism combined with a unique filter-lock system
and front-mounted shutter, providing the ultimate in clinical
fluorescence diagnostic microscopy.

Phase contrast microscopy (50i)
Developed especially for this technique, our unique Apodized Phase
Contrast objective enable the detection of minute structures—
previously difficult to detect due to annoying halos—with excellent
contrast and a much wider tonal range. This is ideal for urinary
sediment tests.

Simple polarizing/sensitive color-polarizing microscopy (50i)
Simple polarizing microscopy can be performed easily using
dedicated accessories. Sensitive color-polarizing microscopy enables
uric acid crystals forming inside an organism to be identified by
changing the interference color via a lever. Such microscopy is ideal
for gout tests.

Darkfield (50i)
Darkfield microscopy is ideal for observing specimens such as
bladd and the minute structures of flagellae. A dry or oil-type
darkfield condenser can be selected.

Pathology tests
As the 55 model uses white LED illumination, it can maintain the
same color temperature even if the brightness is changed.
Observations extending to many hours can be carried out in a
natural posture, without physical strain because an ergonomic tube
enables the flexible adjustment of the eye point.

Cytodiagnosis tests
The new Ergo-View cytodiagnostic unit makes magnification
switching and marking faster and easier. When it is combined with
the 55 model, changes in the amount of LED light are aligned with
magnification changes, enabling observation at a constant brightness.

Operator to carry out simple polarizing/sensitive color-polarizing
observations.

New accessories complement a rich variety of existing accessories.

Epi-fluorescence attachment
This dedicated turret-type epi-fluorescence illuminator can accommodate four filter cubes despite
its compact size. Filters or mirrors in the filter cubes can be easily replaced to create the desired combination. The attachment’s
glowing display tag makes it easy to recognize filter names in a darkened room.

Eye-level riser
The eye-level riser can raise the eye-piece height by 100mm* at one time (up to 1000mm
maximum).

Teaching head (50i)
These teaching heads, which come with a built-in pointer, facilitate simultaneous
viewing of the same specimen by up to 5 people without compromising image
brightness.

Ergo-View cytodiagnostic unit
The Ergo-View, a compact cytodiagnostic unit, can be easily retrofitted to the
microscope. Utilizing a motorized control, it enables easy switching between 10X and
40X magnifications at the flip of a switch. Marking operation is also easy, even while
viewing the specimens.

Eyepiece tubes
In addition to the ergonomic tubes, which feature a viewing angle of 10°–30° and
eyepieces that can be extended up to 40mm, the following Eclipse series tubes are also available.

Magnification module
The magnification module allows the intermediate magnification to be changed to
1X, 1.25X, 1.5X, or 2X, enabling the operator to frame the image to be captured with a
digital camera to match the view field seen through the eyepieces.

Drawing tube
The observation image and drawing can be seen together through the eyepieces. When
necessary, 100% of the light can be sent to the observation port.

DS-5M-L1 Digital Sight digital camera system
5-megapixel, high-definition images can be easily captured without connection to a PC
or external monitor. The camera controller includes a built-in 5.5-inch LCD monitor
with extremely high resolution, enabling the operator to focus the image on the
monitor. The “Scene Function” allows the optimum camera setting for each
observation method to be selected from the menu.

Double port
Mounted between the main body and eyepiece tube, the double port enables
operators to use two CCTV cameras simultaneously or one
CCTV camera and one digital camera.

FX-III series photomicrographic equipment
The FX series features a direct-projection
photomicrographic system with swing-out prism to ensure fast
exposures and accurate metering.

U-III: 0.1% and 1% spot exposure and 35%
integrated-average measurement modes
H-III: 1% spot and 35%
integrated-average measurement modes
P-III: Manual exposure model

Lithium-ion battery (55i)
The optional lithium-ion battery increases the mobility of the 55i by freeing it of dependence on an electrical outlet.

Simple polarizing set and sensitive color polarizing unit (50i)
These easily installed options enable operators to carry out simple polarizing and
sensitive color polarizing observations.

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Built around an optimum digital-imaging platform, the COOLSCOPE can visualize weakly fluorescent molecules with much higher brightness and contrast, while reducing background noise.

The new Plan APO VC objectives and unique “fly-eye” optics guarantee uniform brightness over the whole view field and unparalleled resolution to the peripheries of the image. These remarkable achievements, which take digital imaging to new heights, are the result of Nikon’s breakthroughs in optical technologies and precision engineering.


— Digital-imaging head: This creates an optimum digital-imaging system that enables fluorescence imaging with outstanding results. When the DS-5M/Li digital camera is mounted to this head, observation data such as magnification and fluorescence filters in use is automatically detected and can be saved together with the image file.

— New DIC System: A perfect balance of high resolution and high contrast is possible, even at low magnifications. Three types of DIC prisms are available: standard, high-contrast, and high-resolution.

Nikon offers various options to best suit your digital-imaging needs.
### Specifications

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### Dimensional Diagrams

![Dimensional Diagrams](image)

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