

# OPEN-DESIGN UPRIGHT MICROSCOPE

The Sutter **BOB**<sup>™</sup> – designed to eliminate the conventional microscope frame – is a simple, open-design upright microscope platform ideal for slice electrophysiology, wide field functional imaging, two photon retinal imaging, photostimulation and new techniques just being developed! A microscope, in its simplest form, is an objective and a tube lens. Other components of most modern microscopes are designed to serve specific functions: different types of experiments, methods of illumination and means of signal detection.

Replacing the microscope frame with an optical rail builds in the ability to adjust the overall height of the microscope, unheard of in conventional microscope designs. Work on slices in January, do in vivo experiments in March. The BOB microscope is a compact, single assembly that mounts to the "blue rail" with one massive, stable connection. Focusing is motorized and incorporated between the focus arm and the optical rail.

Fluorescence epi-illumination is built into the basic BOB via an Olympus vertical illuminator. LED transmitted light illumination uses the Olympus Oblique Coherent Contrast (OCC) condenser. Sutter's Lambda TLED and TLED controller form the trans-illumination light source. The TLED

controller is capable of being triggered with a digital signal eliminating the need for shutters and adding the ability to photostimulate from the trans location. In experiments where transmitted light is not desired, the LED, condenser focus mechanism and OCC condenser are easily removed as a single assembly. Additionally, the transmitted light path is shorter than in other frames, allowing the microscope body to sit significantly lower than a conventional microscope. When the microscope is shorter, there is more stability and increased ergonomics for ease

The Sutter BOB, when configured with an optional motorized XY stage or translator with MPC-200 controller, takes full advantage of our free Multi-Link™ software program for micromanipulator positioning. During whole-cell patch recording in slices, it is common to search a large area of the slice to find appropriate neurons. If the BOB is configured with Multi-Link, after you find your target, Multi-Link will then retrieve your recording and stimulation pipettes to the same field of view so that you can begin recording immediately. If later you need to stimulate a region outside the current field of view, Multi-Link can release the recording pipette and allow you to reposition the objective and stimulating pipette(s) to the new stimulation region.

#### **Applications**

- In vivo and In vitro
- · Whole-cell imaging
- · Intracellular imaging
- Material science

BOB system without fluorescence

BOB microscope BOR

**BOB-TRTL** BOB with trinocular head,

transmitted light

**BOB-TRTL2** BOB with trinocular head,

dual transmitted light BOB-TR BOB with trinocular head

**BOB-TL** BOB with transmitted light

BOB-TL2 BOB with dual transmitted light

BOB system with fluorescence

**BOB-FLTL** 

BOB-FL BOB microscope with epi-illuminator,

**BOB-FLTRTL** BOB with epi-illuminator, trinocular head, transmitted light

BOB-FLTRTL2 BOB with epi-illuminator, trinocular head, dual transmitted light

**BOB-FLTR** BOB with epi-illuminator,

trinocular head

BOB with epi-illuminator, transmitted light

**BOB-FLTL2** BOB with epi-illuminator,

dual transmitted light

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### CONFIGURE YOUR BOB™ MICROSCOPE

Use this chart to determine the BOB system suited to your requirements.

### **BOB SYSTEMS WITH FLUORENCENCE**

FEATURES	Trinocular head or camera mount	Transmitted light	Add a second wavelength to transmitted light
BOB-FL	Camera	No	No
BOB-FLTL	Camera	Yes	No
BOB-FLTL2	Camera	Yes	Yes
BOB-FLTR	Trinoclular Head	No	No
BOB-FLTRTL	Trinoclular Head	Yes	No
BOB-FLTRTL2	Trinoclular Head	Yes	Yes

### BOB SYSTEMS WITHOUT FLUORENCENCE

ВОВ	Camera	No	No	
BOB-TL	Camera	Yes	No	
BOB-TL2	Camera	Yes	Yes	
BOB-TR	Trinoclular Head	No	No	
BOB-TRTL	Trinoclular Head	Yes	No	
BOB-TRTL2	Trinoclular Head	Yes	Yes	

To complete your configuration, please visit our web site or phone Sutter for details.

