

Product Fact Sheet

MMI CellManipulator



Product name

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Product picture



The MMI CellManipulator on the Nikon TI-E inverted microscope. The system is extremely customizable with a wide range of microscope brands and models

Manufacturer information



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Summary

The first version of the MMI CellManipulator was introduced in 1992 as one of the very first commercial optical tweezers systems. The long history and success behind the MMI CellManipulator make it the most reliable, effective and comfortable optical tweezers tool in the scientific community. The MMI CellManipulator can easily be implemented on almost all major microscope systems.



Applications

Optical tweezers are highly accurate instruments. When combined with the extremely sensitive quadrant detector technology, they are capable of the manipulation and detection of sub-nanometer displacements for sub-micrometer dielectric particles.

Cell-based studies:

- Cell fusions and cell-to-cell interactions
- Implant studies
- Intracellular manipulations
- Study of neuronal networks
- Drug effects on cells
- Ca²+-channel studies

Measurements of binding forces:

- DNA studies
- Viscosity measurements
- Antibody, antigen binding forces
- Bacterial adhesion studies
- Virus to cell adhesion studies
- Protein folding forces
- Microrheology experiments
- Interactions experiments

Molecular motor studies:

- Actin, Myosin interactions
- Kinesin motors
- Dynein motors

Laser Raman Tweezers:

- Identification and isolation of cells and single living microorganisms
- Cancer research

Lab-on-a-Chip device:

- Biosensor assays
- Single cell isolation and sorting

Specifications

Features	Description	
Compatible Microscopes	 Inverted or upright research microscopes Olympus IX-53/73/83 Nikon Ti (S, U, E) Nikon Ni (U, E) Nikon Ti2 (U,E) External z-Drive motorisations for different manual inverted microscopes 	
Microscopy	 Bright-field No restrictions Fluorescence No restrictions due to separate laser port Confocal/TIRF No restrictions with side port adaption CO² and temperature control Available 	
Minimum workspace	The table top for the microscope, laser, optical equipment, computer monitor and keyboard requires a minimum workspace of 1.20 m × 0.90 m	



Features	Description
Laser system	 Laser Power: 10 W per level Wave length: 1070 nm Line voltage: 200–240 VAC or 100–110 VAC, 50–60 Hz, 4.0 A Steered beam Separated power controller for two power setups Separated power controller for each layer Extremely sharp focus due to computer simulated optics Computer controlled laser power Computer controlled laser focus (z-position of the beam) Safety devices and eye protection filters
Optical setup	Galvanic scanner (X-Y scanning system) Jumping rate: 5 ms Max. update rate: 2 kHz Typical resolution: 25 nm Number of independent layers 2 (optional) Total number of traps 10 per layer
Software	 MMI CellTools (data acquisition, visualisation and interpretation) Single click trap control

Features	Description
Force measurement	Quadrant detector Imaging mode or back focal Bandwidth 20 kHz
Trapping parameters	Particle sizes • 100 nm - 20 μm Trap force • Sub-pN resolution - 1200 pN
Motion control (Motorised stages)	 Standard stage Scanning area: 120 × 100 mm² Repositioning accuracy: <1 μm Step resolution: 0.156 μm Speed: 20 mm/sec
Modularity	 Microdissection module (MMI CellCut) Single cell isolation in suspensions (MMI CellEctor) Digital slide scanner module (MMI CellScan) Automated analysis of biological samples (MMI CellDetector)

- Single click trap control
- Automatic distance force calibration
- Automated stiffness calibration
- Automated force distance measurements
- Synchronised QD-data and video acquisition
- Automated voltage-distance calibration

Ordering information

Article No.	Item
[10400]	MMI CellManipulator
[10401]	MMI 4QD force measurement - imaging mode
[10403]	2nd Tweezers level multi trap
[10406]	2nd Tweezers level single trap
[10409]	MMI 4QD force measurement - BFP mode



Key features

- Strongest trap with > 1200 pN resolution
- Compatible with almost all micoscopes brands and models
- Easily extendable to fluorescence, STED, Raman spectroscopy, TIRF, or Confocal Microscopy
- Compact and ultrastable modular design
- Real-time quadrant-detector force measurements with sub-pN resolution
- Single or dual channel optical tweezers system for up to 2x10 traps
- Huge free space above optical trap for customizable force measurements and other applications
- Extreme easy and intuitive analysis software.

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