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## Instruction manual

# **DP23M**

### Digital Microscope Camera

Optical Microscope Accessory

English

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### **About the DP23M camera**

The DP23M camera is a high resolution CMOS monochrome camera with a high frame rate. It has been specially developed for lowlight applications in light microscopy, fluorescence or darkfield microscopy for example. The camera can be connected to all common types of light microscopes using a C-mount.

### **About this instruction manual**

This instruction manual is for the Evident DP23M microscope digital camera.

Information about the operation of the microscope, computer or software can be found in the instruction manuals for the corresponding device or software.

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# 1 Safety

The camera has been developed and produced in conformity with recognized safety regulations. However, it is not possible to entirely rule out possible hazards for the user, damage to the camera or microscope, or impairments of the camera's functionality. For this reason, always read and follow the general safety instructions and warnings before and during installation.

## 1.1 Intended use

This camera is intended to be used for the acquisition of digital images, but not for medical diagnostic purposes.

## 1.2 Avoiding personal injury and device damage

### **WARNING - Avoiding personal injury**

#### **Electric shock due to damaged cable**

When a cable is frayed or damaged, a person touching it risks receiving an electric shock. Shut off the hardware and replace the cable immediately.

#### **Poisoning due to toxic gases**

In the event of a fire, the material of the camera can give off toxic gases. When these are inhaled, it can cause irritation or damage to the respiratory tract. Wear respiratory protection when fighting the fire.

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**⚠ CAUTION - Avoiding personal injury****Tripping hazard**

Cables laid across a room can be a dangerous tripping hazard. This can cause injuries to people and damage to equipment. Wherever possible, lay cables along the wall or behind furniture. Fix and label cables that run across the room.

**ATTENTION - Avoiding device damage****Never open the camera**

The camera's CMOS chip is extremely sensitive. Electrostatic discharge can permanently damage the camera. Therefore, never open the camera housing.

**Use only the supplied USB camera cable**

Operate the camera only with the supplied USB camera cable. Only then will the functionality of the camera and compliance with the EMC basic standards be ensured.

**Don't touch the protective glass**

The protective glass over the CMOS chip is extremely sensitive and must not come into contact with bare hands or any other objects, otherwise the acquired images will be impaired by fingerprints or scratches.

**Avoid vibration shocks**

Mechanical shocks and strong vibrations can damage the camera. Don't drop the camera during assembly. Make sure the camera is securely mounted on the microscope. When the camera is not in use, store it in a safe place.

### Comply with operating and storage conditions

Exposure to high temperatures or humidity can damage component parts of the camera. Always observe the operating and storage conditions (see page 11).

## 1.3 Explanation of the symbols used

### **WARNING**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in major injury.

### **CAUTION**

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

### **ATTENTION**

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, may damage the equipment or other property.

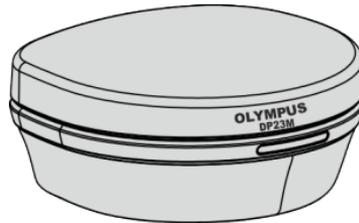
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## 2 The DP23M camera

### 2.1 Scope of supply

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Camera



USB camera cable



Safety and warning information



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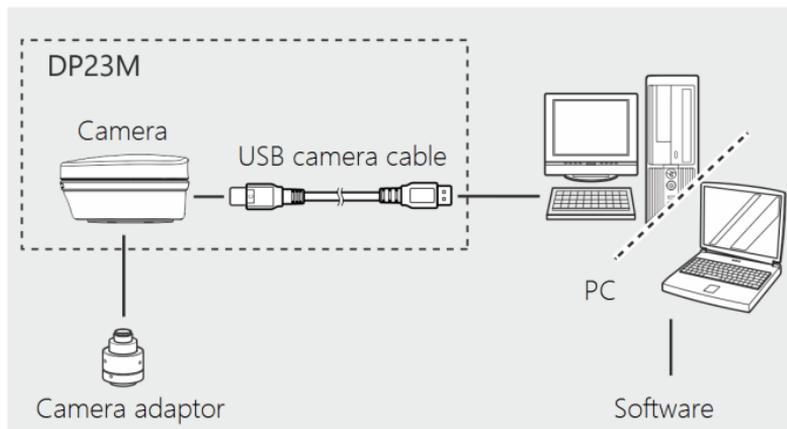
A printed copy of the safety and warning information are supplied with the camera.

The complete instruction manual is available for download. You can download the manual from the following web page:

<https://www.olympus-lifescience.com/support/instruction-manual-downloads/>

## 2.2 System diagram

To use the DP23M with a light microscope, you need suitable software and a computer as well as a monitor. For the recommended computer and monitor configuration, refer to page 13.



You can use the following Evident software applications. Make sure to use a software version that supports the camera.

Software application	
cellSens	Life science image analysis software
DP2-TWAIN	Free image acquisition software
	DP2-TWAIN is available only as a download from the Evident Internet site.

## 2.3 LED status indication

A blue LED is located on the front of the camera. After starting the software, the LED indicates the following statuses:

LED	Status
The LED doesn't light up before the software is opened.	The camera is not connected to the computer.
	The camera is not connected to the USB 3.1 port.
The LED flashes.	The camera is being initialized.
The LED lights up continuously.	The camera is ready.
	Note: You can switch of the LED in your software's acquisition settings. In this case, the camera is ready even when the LED doesn't light up.
The LED flashes continuously.	The camera is not connected to the USB 3.1 port. If this is the case, you will receive a corresponding error message.
	There is a camera error. Contact Customer Service (see page 23).

## 2.4 Specifications

The DP23M camera is a high resolution CMOS monochrome camera with a high frame rate. It has been specially developed for lowlight applications in light microscopy, fluorescence or darkfield microscopy for example. The camera can be connected to all common types of light microscopes using a C-mount.

Chip type	C-mount CMOS camera
Chip size	1/1.8 Inch
Recording area	7.41 mm x 4.98 mm 8.92 mm diagonal
Maximum resolution	3088 x 2076 pixels 6.41 million pixels
Camera port of the microscope	C-Mount
Input / output	On the camera: USB 3.1 type C (with lock screws) On the computer: USB 3.1 type A

Resolution		Frame rate*	Exposure time**
3088 x 2076	Full resolution	45 fps	DP23M Ver. 1:
2072 x 2072	Square	58 fps	13 $\mu$ s - 25 s
1544 x 1038	Binning 2x2	58 fps	DP23M Type 2:
1920 x 1080	Full HD	60 fps	29 $\mu$ s - 25 s
* The maximum achievable frame rate is listed. The frame rate depends, among other things, on the computer being used.			
** You can find the your camera's hardware revision number (Ver. 1 or Type 2) on the camera's type plate.			

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## 2.5 Operating and storage conditions

Always meet the operating and storage conditions.

### Operating environment

Ambient temperature	+5 °C - +40°C
Relative humidity	5% - 85% (without condensation)
Altitude	Up to 2000 m

### Storage conditions

Ambient temperature	-20°C - +60°C
Relative humidity	10% - 90%

### Storing the camera

When the camera is not in use, store it in a safe place with attaching the cap to the C-mount port.

## 3 System environment

### 3.1 Microscope and camera adapter

Connected microscope	Connected camera adapter	DP23M
<b>Upright microscopes</b> BX43/ BX53/ BX46/ BX63 CX23/ CX33/ CX43	U-TV1XC / U-TV1X+U-CMAD3 U-TV0.63XC	○ ○ ○
<b>Inverted microscopes</b> IX73/ IX83 CKX53	U-TV0.5XC-3 U-TV0.35XC-2 MVX-TV1XC	○ (-)* ○
<b>Macro zoom microscope</b> MVX10	MVX-TV0.63XC 0.5XC (integrated in SZ61TR)	○ ○
<b>Stereo microscopes</b> SZX7/ SZX10/ SZX16/ SZ61TR		

○ Compatible

(-)\* Limited compatible: Depending on the microscope used, this camera adapter can lead to a point-like brightening in the center of the image and shadowing at the edge of the image.

You can find more detailed information in chapter "Restrictions on use" on the facing page.

## 3.2 Recommended computer and monitor configuration

When you connect the DP23M to a computer, the following system requirements must be met.

CPU	Intel® Core i5, Intel® Core i7, Intel® Core i9 Intel® Xeon (or equivalent)
RAM	Recommendation: 16 GB or more (dual channel)
Monitor	Resolution 1920 x 1080 or higher
Communication port	USB 3.1 type A
Removable media drive	Optical drive (double-layer capable)
Computer input device	Recommendation: 3-button mouse with wheel. Keyboard
Operating system	Microsoft® Windows® 10 (64 Bit)

## 3.3 Restrictions on use

### DP23M with other microscopes

The DP23M can be used in combination with many available microscopes. However, the performance of the camera can only be guaranteed for the microscopes listed in the "Microscope and camera adapter" chapter on page 12.

The camera's performance in combination with non-Evident microscopes has not been tested.

### **Brightness fluctuations in the camera image**

With very high illumination intensities and short exposure times at the same time, the following phenomena can occur:

- Flickering in the image displayed
- Uneven exposure

If possible, reduce the illumination light level or use an attenuation filter to increase the exposure time to 20 ms or longer.

### **Clouding at the edges of the field of view caused by an intermediate tube that is too long**

If the intermediate tube is too long (see following example), clouding can occur at the edges of the field of view.

Examples of an intermediate tube that is too long:

- Two or more intermediate adapters are being used together.
- BX3 series: The vertical illuminator and the intermediate adapter are being used together.
- IX3 series: The IX73P2F or the IX83P2ZF are being used as the microscope frame.

### **Flare when the aperture stop is small**

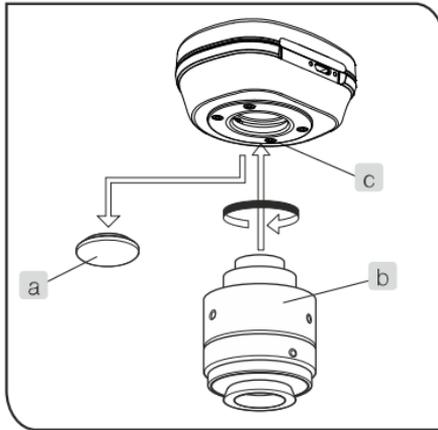
Spot flare can occur when the aperture stop is closed. This flare can be decreased by opening the aperture stop.

### **No support of simultaneous image acquisition using several cameras**

You can mount several DP23M cameras to one microscope. However, it isn't possible to simultaneously operate several cameras with one computer.

## 4 Assembly

### 4.1 Attaching the camera



1. Remove the cap of the C-mount port (a).
2. Screw the C-mount camera adapter (b) into the C-mount thread (c) at the bottom of the camera head.
3. Attach the C-mount camera adapter to the camera port of the microscope.

#### Checking the camera's orientation

If the camera is not attached in the correct orientation, the camera image does not match the image visible through the eyepieces.

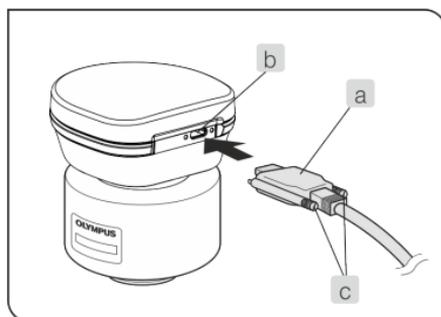
1. After attaching the camera, compare the eyepiece image with the live image on the monitor.
2. Rotate the camera adapter so that the alignment of these images matches.

## 4.2 Connecting the USB camera cable

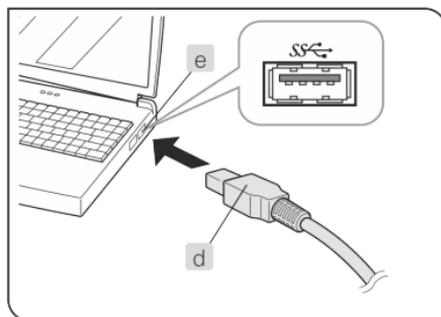
### ATTENTION

#### Use only the supplied USB camera cable

Operate the camera only with the supplied USB camera cable. Only then will the functionality of the camera and compliance with the EMC basic standards be ensured.



1. Connect the USB type C plug (a) to the camera's USB type C socket (b) and secure it with the two screws (c).



2. Connect the USB camera cable's USB type A plug (d) to the USB 3.1 port (e) of the computer.  
Depending on the computer, the USB 3.1 port is either

colored blue or labeled "SS".

The camera can't be operated using a USB 2.0 port.

## 4.3 Installing the software

### **cellSens software**

Read the cellSens installation manual before installing the software.

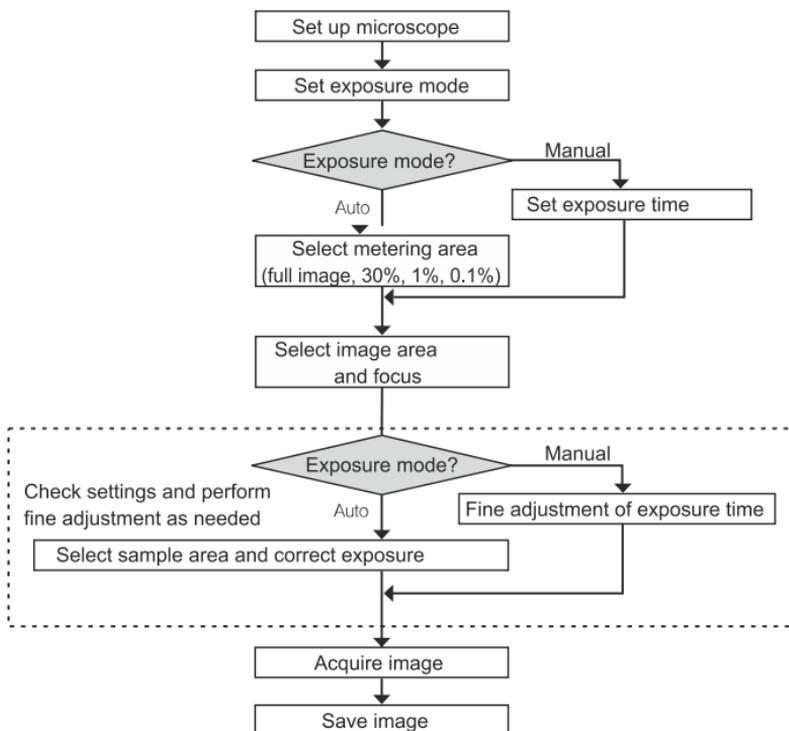
### **TWAIN Driver DP2-TWAIN**

DP2-TWAIN is available only as a download from the Evident Internet site.

## 5 Acquiring images

You can find detailed instructions in the instruction manual or in the Help of the software you are using.

### Example of the acquisition process



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## 6 Cleaning the camera

When correctly handled according to this instruction manual, the camera has a long lifetime and is to a large extent maintenance-free.

### Cleaning the protective glass

To clean the camera's protective glass, use a standard rubber air blower to remove the dust and clean it gently with a clean lens cloth. If there are fingerprints or oil smudges on the protective glass, carefully clean it with a clean lens cloth moistened with pure alcohol.

### Cleaning the housing

Parts other than the glass components should be cleaned with a clean cloth. Do not use organic solvents to remove major stains. Use a soft cloth moistened with a neutral detergent solution.

	<b>Never open the camera</b>
ATTENTION	The camera's CMOS chip is extremely sensitive. Electrostatic discharge can permanently damage the camera. Therefore, never open the camera housing.

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## 7 Troubleshooting

### 7.1 Possible problems

#### Problem: The camera is not working

Possible cause	Remedy
The USB camera cable is not connected properly.	Connect the USB camera cable properly. When the USB camera cable is connected properly, the LED lights up continuously before the software starts. Note: You can switch off the LED in your software's acquisition settings. In this case, the camera is ready even when the LED doesn't light up.
The USB camera cable is connected to a USB 2.0 port.	Connect the USB camera cable to a USB 3.1 port.

#### Problem: Live image is not displayed

Possible cause	Remedy
The illumination of the microscope is not turned on.	Switch on the microscope illumination.
The light path selector of the microscope is not set to the camera.	Set the light path selector of the microscope to the camera output.
The illumination intensity of the microscope is not adjusted properly.	Set the illumination intensity of the microscope correctly.
Live image is very dark	Increase the exposure time.

**Problem: A snapshot cannot be acquired**

Possible cause	Remedy
DP2-TWAIN or cellSens is still processing or performing data storage after acquisition.	Wait until the processing is finished. Then acquire the next snapshot.
The computer's RAM is fully occupied.	Close other software applications. Then acquire the next snapshot.
There are too many images loaded in your software.	If necessary, save the images. Close the loaded images. Then acquire the next snapshot.

**Problem: The image is too bright**

Possible cause	Remedy
The exposure compensation is set too high to the + side.	Set the exposure compensation to a more suitable value.
A dark area of the image was mistakenly set as the metering area	Set a more suitable metering area.
The AE lock is set at an exposure time that is too long.	Deactivate the AE lock.
The illumination of the microscope is too bright.	Reduce the illumination light level or use an attenuation filter.
The manual exposure time is too long.	Reduce the manual exposure time.

**Problem: The image is too dark**

Possible cause	Remedy
Exposure compensation is set too low to the - side.	Set the exposure compensation to a more suitable value.
A bright area of the image was mistakenly set as the metering area	Set a more suitable metering area.
The AE lock is set at an exposure time that is too short.	Deactivate the AE lock.
The illumination of the microscope is too dark.	Increase the illumination light level using the brightness control or remove attenuation filters.
The manual exposure time is set too low.	Increase the manual exposure time.

**Problem: The acquired image is not in focus**

Possible cause	Remedy
The microscope was not focused on the sample.	Focus the microscope on the sample.
The parfocality between the camera adapter and the eyepieces is not adjusted properly.	Adjust the parfocality between the camera adapter and the eyepieces properly.
The aperture diaphragm of the condenser is too wide open.	Set the aperture diaphragm to 75% of the objective's numerical aperture and focus the microscope on the sample.
Lens components of the microscope and the protective glass on the bottom of the camera are dirty.	Clean the objective, the condenser, the window lens of the microscope, and the protective glass on the bottom of the camera (see page 19).

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Possible cause	Remedy
The microscope and camera are being subjected to vibration during acquisition.	Acquire images in an environment where the microscope and camera are not subjected to vibration. It is effective to use an anti-vibration table.

## 7.2 Contacting Customer Service

Please contact your local Evident support if you have any questions about the product. You can find more information on this website:

<https://www.olympus-lifescience.com/support/service/>



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## 8 Declarations of conformity and notes on disposal

### EMC Conformity (Europe)

This product complies with the requirements of Directive 2014/30/EU concerning electromagnetic compatibility according to Standard IEC/EN61326-1.

- Emission: Class B
- Immunity: Suitable for residential and industrial environments.

### WEEE declaration (Europe)



In accordance with the European directive on Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment, this symbol indicates that the product must not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste but should be collected separately. Refer to your local authority in the EU for return and/or collection systems available in your country.

### RoHS conformity (Europe)

This EVIDENT Technology Center GmbH camera conforms with the European Union directive on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment 2011/65/EU.

### FCC conformity (USA)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This device generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy. If not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

1. Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
2. Increase the distance between the equipment and receiver
3. Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
4. Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help

**FCC warning**

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void user's authority to operate the equipment.

**FCC Supplier's Declaration of Conformity**

The supplier hereby declares that the product

Product name: Optical Microscope Accessory

Model Number: DP23M-CU

Conforms to the following specifications:

FCC Part 15, Subpart B, Section 15.107 and Section 15.109

Supplementary Information:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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Equipment Name:	Optical Microscope Accessory	
Model:	DP23M-CU Ver. 1	DP23M-CU Type 2
Basic Model Number:	DP23-CU	DP23-CU-1-2
Registration No.:	R-R-OIS-68000000	R-R-OIS-68200000
Manufacturer/ Country of Origin:	EVIDENT Technology Center Europe GmbH, Germany	

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