

ECLIPSE-i Series Microscopes

i Series Support Tools

(Software for ECLIPSE-i series microscopes)

Software Manual

Introduction



Thank you for purchasing this Nikon product.

This manual describes how to install and use the i Series Support Tools software for ECLIPSE-*i* series microscopes. To ensure correct use, please read this manual carefully before operating the product.

Refer to the hardware manual for detailed information on how to connect your microscope and discussions of the system configuration.

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This manual assumes a basic familiarity with Windows. If you come across unfamiliar terms or operations while reading through this manual, consult the user's manual for your version of Windows.

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1 Preparations

This chapter describes hardware and software requirements for i Series Support Tools and how to install and uninstall the software.

1.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

- Caution -

- Before installing i Series Support Tools, confirm that your computer meets the minimum requirements given below for memory and available hard disk space.
- Install the application before connecting your computer and microscope system (90i, DIH-E/M).

Personal computer main unit

Item	Condition
CPU	Pentium III 1 GHz or higher
Memory	256 MB or more
Hard disk	Minimum of 100 MB free space
Motherboard	At least one empty PCI slot
Video RAM	16 MB or more
OS	Windows 2000 (Japanese or English version)
	Note: Use Windows 2000 Professional Service Pack 4 or later.
	Windows XP (Japanese or English version)
	Note: Use Windows XP Professional Service Pack 1 or later.
Other	i Series Support Tools is supplied in CD-ROM. A CD-ROM drive is required to read and install the software.

Display

Item	Condition
Resolution	1,024 x 768 pixels. A monitor/video card capable of True Color output is recommended.

i Series Support Tools is not guaranteed to be compatible with all personal computers. Please contact your distributor for detailed compatibility information.

1.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

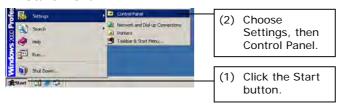
1.1.1 Checking Available RAM

Use the System Properties dialog box to check the amount of free RAM.

[Memory requirements]
Minimum of 256 MB

Procedure

▼ Start menu



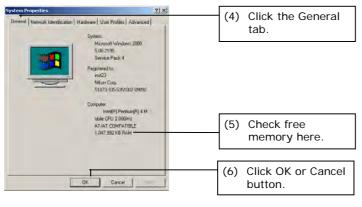
- (1) Click the Start button.
- (2) Choose Settings, then Control Panel to display the Control Panel window.

▼ Control Panel window



(3) Double-click the System icon to display the System Properties dialog box.

▼ System Properties dialog box



- (4) Click the General tab of the System Properties dialog box.
- (5) Check free memory.
- (6) Click OK or Cancel button to close the System Properties dialog box.

1.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

1.1.2 Checking the Free Hard Disk Space

The free hard disk space can be confirmed in the My Computer window. If you have insufficient hard disk space, remove any unnecessary applications from the hard disk to increase available free space.

[Hard disk]

Must have 100 MB or more free space.

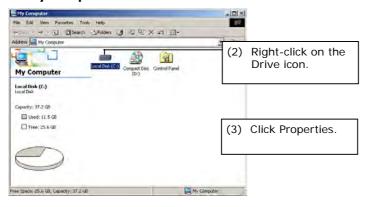
Procedure

Desktop



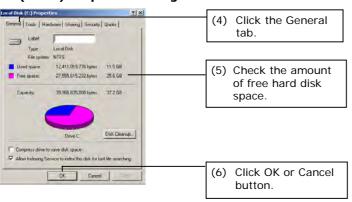
(1) Double-click the My Computer icon to display the My Computer window.

▼ My Computer window



- (2) Right-click on the Drive icon in the My Computer window to which you want to install the application.
- (3) Click Properties in the context menu to display the Properties dialog box for the selected drive.

▼ (Drive) Properties dialog box



- (4) Click the General tab of the Properties dialog box.
- (5) Check the amount of free space on the hard disk.
- (6) Click OK or Cancel button to close the (Drive) Properties dialog box.

1.2 Installing the Application

You are now ready to install i Series Support Tools.

CAUTION -

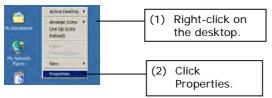
- Install the application before connecting the personal computer and microscope system.
- To install the i Series Support Tools, you must log-in to your computer as an authorized user, under Administrator.

1.2.1 Closing All Other Applications

Before installing i Series Support Tools, close all system-resident programs such as the screensaver and anti-virus utility.

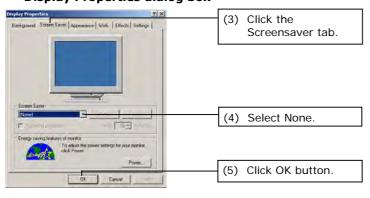
Closing the screensaver:

▼ Context menu on the desktop



- (1) Right-click on the desktop to display a context menu.
- (2) Click Properties in the context menu to display the Display Properties dialog box.

▼ Display Properties dialog box



- (3) Click the Screensaver tab of the Display Properties dialog box.
- (4) Click the Screensaver text box and select None from the list.
- (5) Click OK button.

1.2.2 Running the Setup Wizard

To install the application, run the setup wizard from the CD-ROM and follow the on-screen instructions.

CAUTION

- To install i Series Support Tools, you must log in with administrator rights.
- For information on uninstalling i Series Support Tools, refer to Section 1.3, "Uninstalling the Application."

Normally, the setup wizard runs automatically when you insert the CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive of your computer. If the setup wizard does not start, follow the procedure given below to start it.

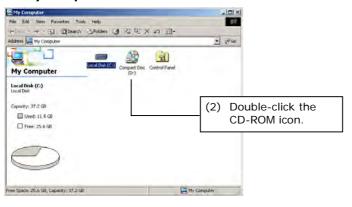
Starting the setup wizard

▼ Desktop



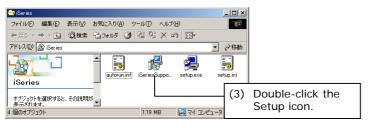
(1) Double-click the My Computer icon to display the My Computer window.

▼ My Computer window



(2) Double-click the CD-ROM icon to display the CD-ROM window.

▼ CD-ROM window



(3) Double-click the Setup icon to launch the setup wizard.

▼ Startup screen



(4) Select [Install Nikon i Series Support Tools].

Installation procedure

▼ Setup wizard startup screen



(1) Click the Next button

The Setup Menu opens automatically when you insert the CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive of your computer.

(1) Click the Next button.

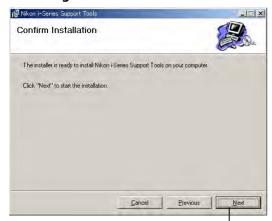
▼ Installation folder setup screen



- (2) Specify the folder in which to install the application files.
- (3) Click the Next button.

- (2) Specify the folder in which to install i Series Support Tools. The default folder is C:\Program Files\Nikon\i Series Support Tools\. To install to a different folder, click the Browse button and select from the displayed list.
- (3) Click the Next button.

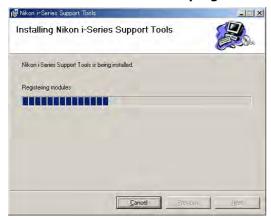
▼ Configuration screen



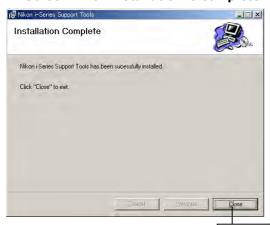
(4) Click the Next button.

(4) Click the Next button. The application will be installed in the default or selected folder.

▼ Screen for installation in progress



▼ Screen when installation is complete



(5) Click the Close button.

(5) After installing i Series Support Tools, the setup wizard displays the screen shown at left. Click the Close button to exit the wizard.

You have finished installing i Series Support Tools.

1.2.3 Installing the Driver

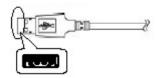
After installing i Series Support Tools, connect your computer and microscope system. If you are connecting the system to your computer for the first time at this point, the Add New Hardware Wizard will launch automatically. Follow the screen messages displayed to install the driver.

CAUTION

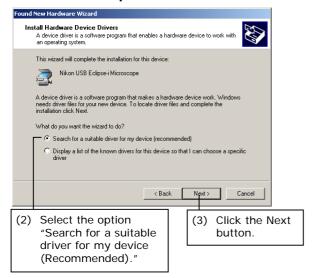
- To install i Series Support Tools, you must log in with administrator rights.
- For information on uninstalling i Series Support Tools, refer to Section 1.3, "Uninstalling i Series Support Tools."

▼ USB connector

USB A connector



▼ Wizard startup screen



(1) Plug the USB A connector of the USB cable into the connector on your computer and the other end into the USB connector of the microscope system (inside at the back).

Note: When the 90i is included in the system configuration, plug the other end into the USB connector of the 90i.

When the 80i is used together with the DIH (digital imaging head), plug the other end into the USB connector of the DIH.

- (2) Select the option "Search for a suitable driver for my device (Recommended)."
- (3) Click the Next button.

▼ Screen while search for driver is underway

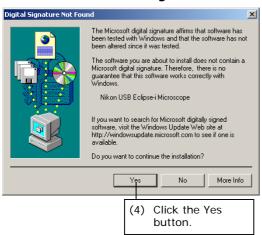


The wizard searches for the necessary driver information.

Note: If the search fails, select the option in the wizard "Display a list of the known drivers for this device so that I can choose a specific driver."

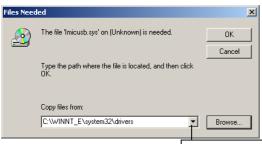
Normally, select C:\WINNT\INF for Windows 2000 or C:\WINDOWS\INF for Windows XP.

Screen after searching for the driver



(4) When the necessary driver information is found, a screen like the one shown at left is displayed. Click the Yes button.

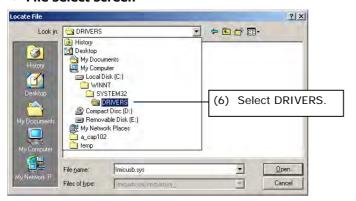
▼ Screen for specifying file location



(5) Select the system folder from the pulldown list.

(5) You need to specify the folder in which the driver file (Imicusb.sys) is located. Select the system folder from the Copy From pulldown list. If the system folder does not exist in the list, click the Browse button.

▼ File select screen



(6) Select the system folder DRIVERS from the Look In pulldown list.

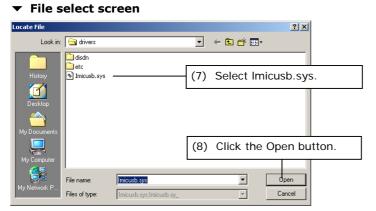
Normally, select

 $\hbox{C:} \verb|WINNT\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS| for$

Windows 2000 or

 $\hbox{\tt C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS} \ for \\$

Windows XP.

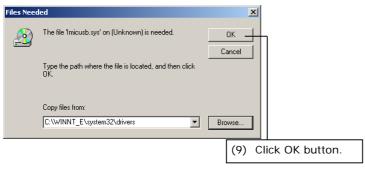


◆ Supplement

Some backup files are also in C:\Program Files\Shared\DRIVERS.

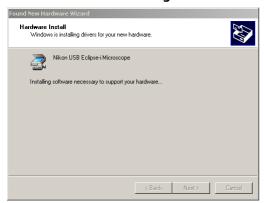
- (7) Select Imicusb.sys.
- **(8)** Click the Open button to display the screen for specifying the file location once again.





(9) Click OK button.

▼ Screen while installing



The driver will be installed.

▼ Screen when installation is complete



(10) Click the Finish button.

(10) When the wizard has finished installing the driver, the screen shown at left is displayed. Click the Finish button to exit the wizard.

You have finished installing the driver.

1.3 Uninstalling the Application

1.3 Uninstalling the Application

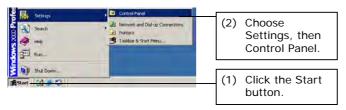
If you no longer need i Series Support Tools and wish to uninstall it (remove it from the hard disk), use the Add/Remove Programs Control Panel utility.

- CAUTION -

 Once uninstalled, the application cannot be used until it has been reinstalled.

Uninstalling

▼ Start menu



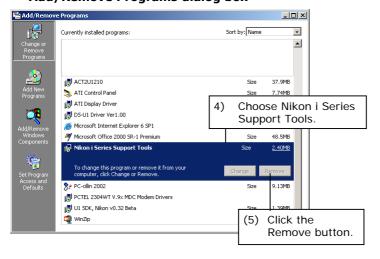
- (1) Click the Start button.
- (2) Choose Settings, then click the Control Panel to display the Control Panel window.

▼ Control Panel window



(3) Double-click the Add/Remove Programs icon to display the Add/Remove Programs dialog box.

▼ Add/Remove Programs dialog box



- (4) Choose Nikon i Series Support Tools from the list.
- (5) Click the Remove button to run Uninstall and remove the selected application from the hard disk.

i Series Support Tools Configuration

If you installed i Series Support Tools, the following three applications are installed on your hard disk:

iEZSetup

If you are connecting your computer and microscope system for the first time, use this tool to set information for the microscope system and to send that information to the microscope system side to have it stored in memory. For more information, refer to Chapter 3, "Using iEZSetup."

iControl

This tool lets you operate the microscope system from your computer. It also enables you to monitor the current status of the microscope system visually. For more information, refer to Chapter 4, "Using iControl."

iSetup

This tool lets you change the relevant information for a microscope system when the system configuration has been changed. For more information, refer to Chapter 5, "Using iSetup."

CAUTION

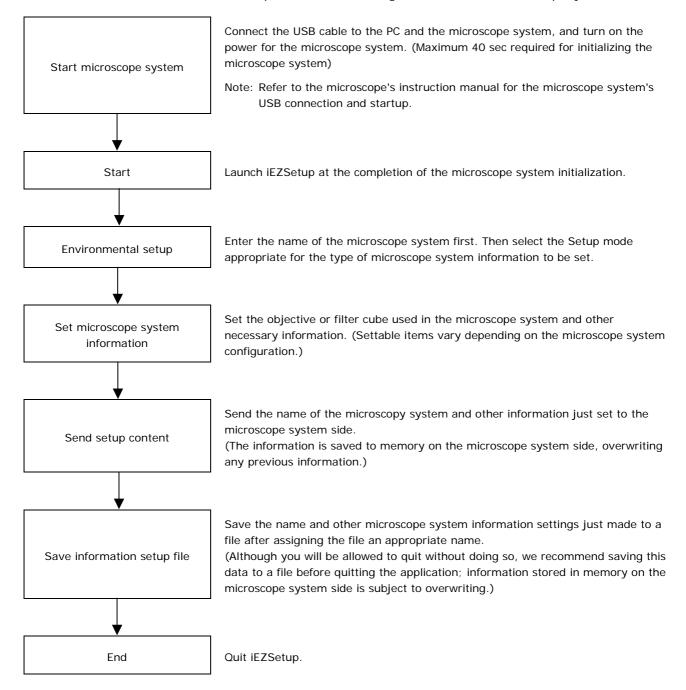
- If you are using i Series Support Tools for the first time, write the information for the microscope system to memory using iEZSetup.
- Although the transmitted information is stored in memory on the microscope system side, transmitting new information will overwrite information previously stored in memory. We recommend saving setup information made in iEZSetup or iSetup (including registration information) to a file after assigning the file an appropriate name.
- If you turn the microscope system OFF and then ON while using iSeries Support Tools, always quit the application and start it again.
- If multiple microscope systems are connected to a single PC and if there are two systems of the same configuration, the PC will fail to recognize such systems. Be sure to connect microscope systems that have different configurations.

3 Using iEZSetup

If you are connecting your computer to the microscope system for the first time, use the iEZSetup to set information for the microscope system. Send the information you set here to the microscope system side to store information on constituent elements and the system name in memory on the system side.

3.1 iEZSetup Workflow

Shown below is the iEZSetup workflow when setting information for the microscope system.



3.1 iEZSetup Workflow

3.1.1 Settable Item List

Lower limit setup

Shown below is a list of items that can be set: SystemName (3.4) - Microscope system name setup Objective (objective setup) (3.5) - Objective: Objective mounting setup (3.5.1) Optional Obj: Objective registration (3.5.2) Limit Control: Special control setup for objective switching (3.5.3) - High magnification switching limit control Skip control - Liquid immersion control Filter Cube (filter cube setup) (3.6) Filter Cube: Filter cube mounting setup (3.6.1) Optional Cube: Filter cube registration (3.6.2) Optional Item: Item name registration (excitation/barrier/mirror) (3.6.3) Condenser (condenser module setup) (3.7) Condenser: Condenser module mounting setup (3.7.1) Optional Data: Condenser module registration (3.7.2) Control (control-related setup) (3.8) - Other: Manual setup, buzzer setup, switch setup Interlock (interlock setup) (3.9) Observation: Microscopy method interlock setup (3.9.1) - Other: Objective interlock setup/zoom interlock setup/optical path switching interlock setup (3.9.2) Offset: Compensation setup during interlocking (3.9.3) - Diascopic field diaphragm Diascopic aperture diaphragm ND value Z Focus (up/down focus motion setup) (3.10) - Compensation mode selection

3.2 Starting and Quitting iEZSetup

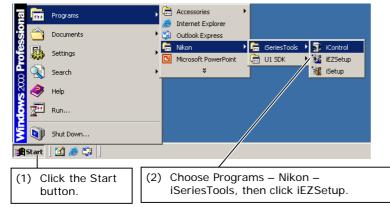
3.2 Starting and Quitting iEZSetup

You can start and quit iEZSetup in several ways. A general method is explained here, using the Start menu to start and the Cancel button in the operation window to quit.

3.2.1 Starting Up

Procedure

▼ Start menu



Confirm that the microscope is connected before starting the computer.

- (1) Click the Start button.
- (2) From the Start menu, select Programs Nikon iSeriesTools, then click iEZSetup to display iEZSetup.

▼ iEZSetup window



3.2 Starting and Quitting iEZSetup

3.2.2 Quitting

Procedure

▼ iEZSetup window



(1) Click Cancel button.

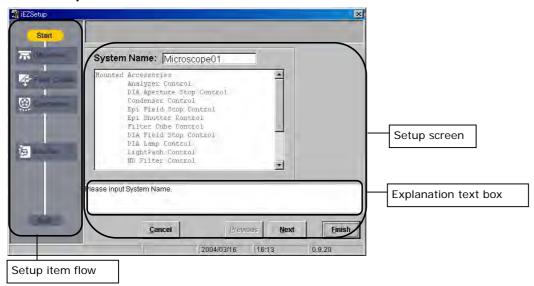
- (1) Click Cancel button.
- (2) "Are you sure you want to quit Setup?" (or similar message) is displayed. Click the OK button to quit the application.

3.3 Screen Configuration of iEZSetup

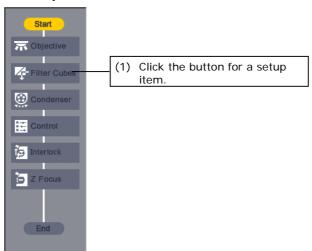
3.3 Screen Configuration of iEZSetup

The iEZSetup window consists of a flow of setup items, an explanatory text box, and a setup screen.

▼ iEZSetup window



▼ Setup item flow



The flow of setup items shown on the left side of the window has items arranged from top to bottom in order of setup. Follow this sequence when setting items.

- (1) When you click the button for any setup item, the middle part of the window changes to a setup screen for that item.
- ◆ Supplement

Depending on the system configuration, some items here may not need to be set, in which case the buttons for the items are disabled.

3.4 Setting Up the iEZSetup Environment

Before making various settings with iEZSetup, enter the name of the microscope system.

If multiple microscope systems are connected to a single PC, assign a name to each of the systems for identification purposes.

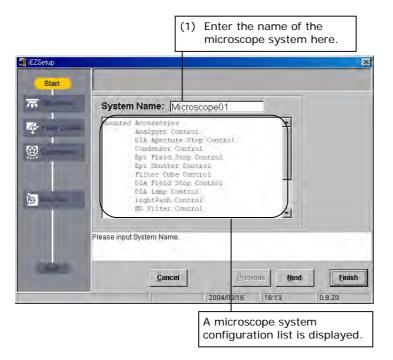
When you finish, select the Setup mode corresponding to the type of microscope system information to be set.

3.4.1 Entering the Name of the Microscope System

When iEZSetup is launched, a dialog box for entering the name of the microscope system shown below is displayed in the center of the screen.

In this dialog box, enter the name of the microscope system.

▼ Dialog box for entering the name of the microscope system



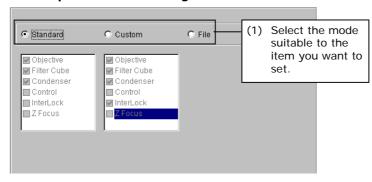
(1) Enter the name of the microscope system in the System Name text box. (You can enter up to 15 single-byte alphanumeric characters.)

3.4.2 Selecting Setup Mode

Click the Next button in the dialog box for entering the name of the microscope system (shown above) to display the Setup mode select dialog box (shown below).

In this dialog box, select the Setup mode appropriate for the type of microscope system information to be set.

▼ Setup mode select dialog box



(1) There are three setup modes: Standard, Custom, and File. Each mode is detailed below.

Select the mode suitable to the item you want to set.

- Standard setup

Depending on the microscope system configuration, the application will choose the minimum required setup items.

 Custom setup
 Will display all setup items for the user to choose from.

- File

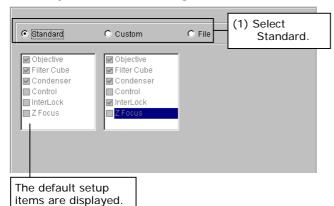
Lets you load a data file for microscope system information if the file is already available and if you want the same setup as with that information.

Select a mode suitable to the items you want to set.

1. Standard setup

If you select Standard, the default setup items are displayed in a list box. These setup items cannot be changed.

▼ Setup mode select dialog box



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Setup items vary depending on the system configuration.

Setup items for a combination of 90i + DIH-E or DIH-M

- Objective (objective setup)
 Note: Only if a motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached
- Objective Limit Control (special control setup for objective switching)
 Note: Only if a motorized nosepiece is attached
- Filter Cube (filter cube setup)
- Condenser (condenser module setup)
 Note: Only if a motorized universal condenser is attached
- Z focus (up/down focus motion setup)

Setup items for a combination of 80i + DIH-E

- Objective (objective setup)
 Note: Only if a motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached
- Filter Cube (filter cube setup)

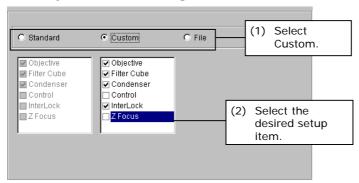
Setup items for a combination of 80i + DIH-M

- Objective (objective setup)
 Note: Only if a motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached
- Filter Cube (filter cube setup)

2. Custom setup

If you select Custom, all setup items are displayed in a list box. To add a setup item, select any item from this list (by clicking the corresponding check box).

▼ Setup mode select dialog box

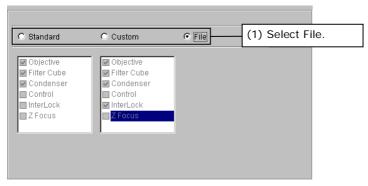


- Objective (objective setup)
- Objective Limit Control (special control setup for objective switching)
 Note: Only if a motorized nosepiece is attached
- Filter Cube (filter cube setup)
- Condenser (condenser module setup)
 Note: Only if a motorized universal condenser is attached
- Control (control-related setup)
- Interlock (interlock setup)
- Z Focus (up/down focus motion setup)

3. File read setup

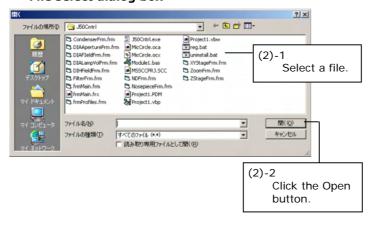
You can load a data file for microscope system information if the file is already available. Loaded microscope system information can be edited in iEZSetup.

▼ Setup mode select dialog box.



(1) Select File in the Setup mode select dialog box to display a file select dialog box.

▼ File select dialog box



(2) Select a file (***.xml) and click the Open button. This loads the data and reflects the settings saved in the file in iEZSetup.

3.5 Setting Up the Objective

Setting up the objective lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance and have microscopy method switching and objective switching interlocked.

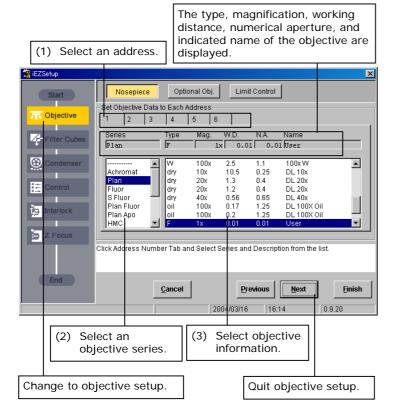
The following information items can be set for the objective:

- Objective mounting setup (possible only if the motorized or intelligent nosepieces is attached to the microscope):
 Set information on the objectives mounted at each nosepiece address (hole).
- New objective registration (possible only if the motorized or intelligent nosepieces is attached to the microscope):
 Register information on new objectives that are not registered in the list box (up to nine pcs.)
- **Special control setup** (possible only if the 90i is included in the system configuration and if the motorized and intelligent nosepieces are attached to the microscope): Set up the special control when changing objectives.

3.5.1 Objective Mounting Setup

After finishing setup for the iEZSetup environment, go to the objective mounting setup dialog box by clicking the Next button, or by clicking the Objective button in the flow of setup items. In the objective mounting setup dialog box, set information on the objectives mounted at each nosepiece address.

▼ Objective mounting setup dialog box



- (1) From the tab, select an address for which you want to set objective information.
- (2) Select the desired objective series from the series list box.
- (3) When you select a series, the selected items of the objective information change. Select the desired objective information from the objective information list box.

 When you select any objective information, the type, magnification, working distance, numerical aperture, and indicated name of the objective are displayed in the Type, Mag., W.D., N.A., and NAME text fields.
- **(4-1)** When you go on to set objective information for another address, go back to Step (1) and repeat the setup procedure.
- **(4-2)** To quit objective setup, click the Next button.

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To register new objective information not registered in the series list box, click the Optional Obj. button. This changes the dialog box to the one used to register new objective information. See the next page for more information.

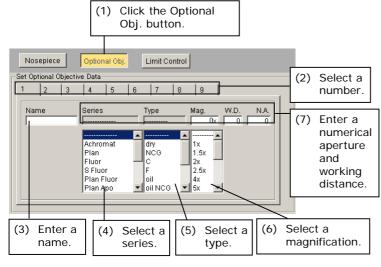
3.5.2 Registering New Objectives

New objective registration is needed to register new objective information not registered in the series list box. Click Optional Obj. – a subsetup item button for objective setup – to display a dialog box for registering new objective information.

This dialog box allows you to register up to nine new objectives.

When registering a new objective, you can register all six information items: indicated name, series, magnification, type, numerical aperture, and working distance.

▼ New objective registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Obj. button a subsetup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select a number for which you want to register objective information.
- (3) Enter the name of the objective in the Name text box (using up to 15 single-byte alphanumeric characters).
- **(4)** Select the objective series from the Series list box.
- **(5)** Select the objective magnification from the Mag list box.
- **(6)** Select the objective type from the Type list box.
- (7) Enter the numerical aperture and the working distance of the objective in the N.A. and the W.D. text fields, respectively (up to 4 single-byte alphanumeric characters each).

The newly registered objective is added to the selectable items in the list box in the objective mounting setup dialog box.

3.5.3 Special Control Setup

Click Limit Control – a subsetup item button for objective setup – to display a dialog box for setting up special control. Special control setup is designed to set the following control items:

Note: Special control setup is enabled only when objectives are switched with the objective interlock turned ON. For more information on the objective interlock, refer to "4.8.11 Objective."

· Objective high magnification switching limit control

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Low-magnification objectives have a very long depth of focus, occasionally resulting in the specimen and the objective being close to each other. If, under such a condition, the objective is changed to one of higher magnification, its edge may touch the specimen. High magnification switching limit control is carried out to proactively avoid such a problem.

As for the nosepiece operation when changing from low to high magnification lenses, one of the following options can be set: inhibit the nosepiece rotation, rotate the nosepiece after retracting the stage, or disable control. Limit control is activated if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The objective magnification prior to switching is 2x or less.
- (2) The working distance of the objective after switching is 1 mm or less.

· Skip control setup

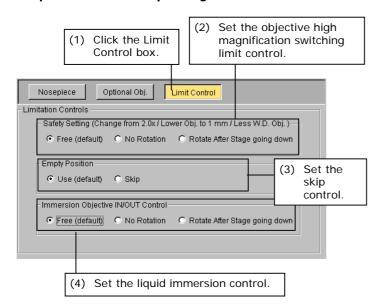
Set whether to skip addresses at which objectives are not attached for rotation of the nosepiece.

Liquid immersion control

If a liquid immersion lens is provided in the optical path during or following nosepiece rotation, set one of the following options: inhibit the nosepiece rotation, rotate the nosepiece after retracting the stage, or disable control. Limit control is activated in either of the following cases:

- (1) If the objective prior to switching is a liquid immersion objective
- (2) If the objective following switching is a liquid immersion objective

▼ Special control setup dialog box



- (1) Click Limit Control a subsetup item button.
- (2) For the objective high magnification switching limit control, select Free (default), No Rotation or Rotate After Stage Going Down.
- (3) To enable skip control, select Skip. To disable, select Use (default).
- (4) For the switching limit control for liquid immersion objective, select Free (default), No Rotation or Rotate After Stage Going Down.

Note: The stage moves downward 5 mm as its retract motion. In the absence of a 5-mm margin, the stage will retract to its lowest possible position.

3.6 Setting Up the Filter Cube

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Setting up the filter cube lets you monitor the status of the microscope at a glance and interlock the filter cube when switching microscopy methods.

The following filter cube information items can be set (if the DIH-M or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):

• Filter cube mounting setup:

Set information on the filter cubes positioned at each filter cube address (filter cube bay).

• New filter cube registration:

Register a combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter as well as the name of a filter cube comprised of that combination.

• Name registration:

Register the names of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter.

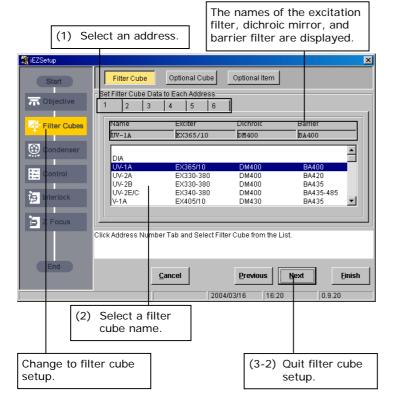
3.6 Setting Up the Filter Cube

3.6.1 Filter Cube Mounting Setup

After finishing setting up the objective, go to the filter cube mounting setup dialog box by clicking the Next button or by clicking the Filter Cube button in the flow of setup items. In this dialog box, set information on the filter cubes attached at each filter cube address (filter cube bay).

Note: DIA (open) is selected for address 6 as initial setting. The interlock with microscopy method switching is conducted based on this initial setting. For more information, refer to "Standard Combinations of Microscopy Methods and Interlock" in the appendix of Chapter 4.

▼ Filter cube mounting setup dialog box



- (1) From the tab, select an address for which you want to set filter cube information.
- (2) Select a filter cube name from the list box. When you select the filter cube name, the names of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter are displayed in the Exciter, Dichroic, and

Barrier text boxes, respectively.

- **(3-1)** To set information for another address, go back to Step (1) and repeat the setup procedure.
- **(3-2)** To quit filter cube setup, click the Next button.

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To register a new combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter, click the Optional Cube button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering a new filter cube. See the next page for more information.

To register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually, click the Optional Item button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering item names. See Section 3.6.3 for more information.

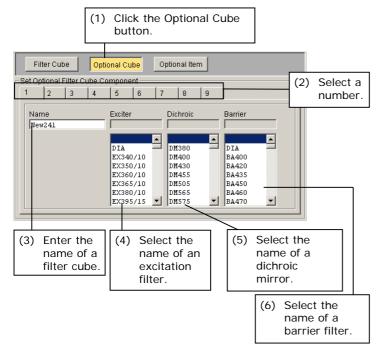
3.6 Setting Up the Filter Cube

3.6.2 Registering New Filter Cubes

New filter cube registration is required to register a new combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter. Clicking Optional Cube – a subsetup item button for filter cube setup – displays a dialog box for registering new filter cubes.

This dialog box lets you register up to nine combinations of excitation filters, dichroic mirrors, and barrier filters, and the names of up to nine filter cubes, each comprised of the combination thus specified.

▼ New filter cube registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Cube button a subsetup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select a number for which you want to register new filter cube information.
- (3) Enter the name of the filter cube you want to set in the Name text box (up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).
- (4) Select the name of the excitation filter you want to set from the Exciter list box.
- (5) Select the name of the dichroic mirror you want to set from the Dichroic list hox
- **(6)** Select the name of the barrier filter you want to set from the Barrier list box.

The newly registered filter cube is added to the selectable items in the list box in the filter cube mounting setup dialog box.

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To register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually, click the Optional Item button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering item names. See the next page for more information.

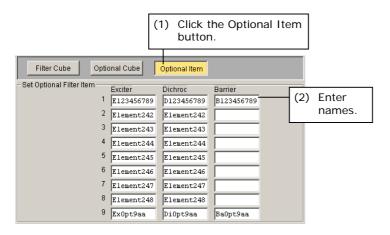
3.6 Setting Up the Filter Cube

3.6.3 Registering Item Names

Item name registration is needed to register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually. Click Optional Item – a subsetup item button for filter cube setup – to display a dialog box for registering item names.

This dialog box lets you register names for up to nine excitation filters, nine dichroic mirrors, and nine barrier filters.

▼ Item name registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Item button a subsetup item button.
- (2) In the Exciter, Dichroic, and Barrier text boxes here, enter the name of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter you want to set (using up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).

The newly registered names are added to the selectable items in the list box in the new filter cube registration dialog box.

3.7 Setting Up the Condenser Module

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Condenser module setup lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance and interlock the condenser module when switching microscopy methods or objectives.

The following condenser module information items can be set (only if the motorized universal condenser module is attached):

• Condenser module mounting setup:

Set information on the condenser modules attached at each condenser turret address (condenser module bay).

New condenser module registration

Register the desired name of a condenser module.

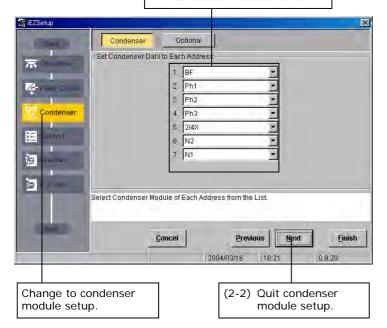
3.7.1 Condenser Module Mounting Setup

After setting up the filter cube, go to the condenser module mounting setup dialog box by clicking the Next button or by clicking the Condenser button in the flow of setup items.

In this dialog box, set information on the condenser modules attached at each condenser turret address (condenser module bay).

▼ Condenser module mounting setup dialog box

 Select an address and condenser module name.



- (1) Select the name of a condenser module from the combo box of the address for which you want to register condenser module information.
- **(2-1)** To set another address, go back to Step (1) to repeat the setup procedure.
- **(2-2)** To quit condenser module setup, click the Next button.

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To register a new condenser module, click the Optional button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering a new condenser module. See the next page for more information.

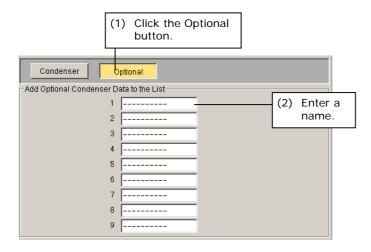
3.7 Setting Up the Condenser Module

3.7.2 New Condenser Module Registration

New condenser module registration is needed to register a new condenser module. Click Optional – a subsetup item button for condenser module setup – to display a dialog box for registering new condenser modules.

This dialog box lets you register up to nine condenser modules.

▼ Condenser module name registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional button a subsetup item button for condenser module setup.
- (2) Enter the name of a condenser module (using up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).

The newly registered name is added to the selectable items in the combo box in the condenser module mounting setup dialog box.

3.8 Control-Related Setup

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The following control-related information items can be set:

 Focus knob operation mode setup (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):

Set whether to change, on the system side, the travel per rotation of the focus knob according to the objective currently in the optical path (AUTO mode), or arbitrarily change the setting (coarse/fine/extra fine) (MANUAL mode) when controlling the up/down focus motion using the focus knob.

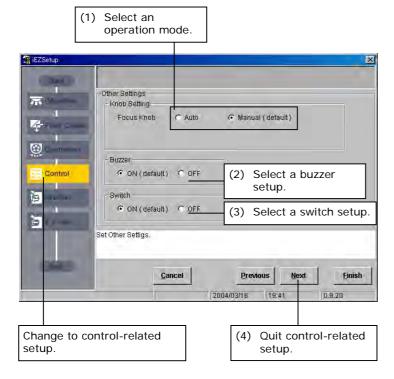
 Buzzer setup (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):

Set whether to sound the buzzer when operating the switches on the microscope or if an error occurs.

• Switch setup:

Set whether to enable/disable operations of switches on the microscope.

▼ Control-related setup dialog box



(1) Select the focus knob operation mode (AUTO/MANUAL [default]).

Note: When you select AUTO, auto switching of travels per rotation according to objective information is enabled only if the objective interlock is set to ON. (If the objective interlock is OFF, the travel per rotation remains unchanged from the previous setting.)

For the objective interlock, refer to Section 4.8.11, "Objective."

- (2) Set the Buzzer to ON (default) or OFF.
- (3) Set the Switch to ON (default) or OFF.
- (4) To quit control-related setup, click the Next button.

3.9 Setting Up the Interlock

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Interlock is designed to tailor various motorized attachments of the microscope system to the control conditions that best fit the microscopy method or objective used.

The following interlock information items can be set:

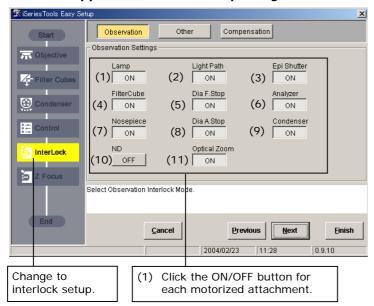
- Microscopy method interlock setup (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to interlock each of the motorized attachments with switching of microscopy methods (ON/OFF).
- **Objective interlock setup** (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to interlock each of the motorized attachments with switching of objectives (ON/OFF).
- **Optical path switching interlock setup** (only if the DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to interlock the episcopic field diaphragm with switching of optical paths.
- **Optical zoom interlock setup** (only if the DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to interlock the episcopic field diaphragm with switching of optical zoom magnifications.
- Compensation setup
 - Control values can be compensated for across the board when the diascopic field diaphragm, diascopic aperture diaphragm, ND value, and episcopic field diaphragm are controlled through interlock. Set this compensation value.

3.9 Setting Up the Interlock

3.9.1 Microscopy Method Interlock Setup

After finishing the control-related setup, go to the microscopy method interlock setup dialog box by clicking the Next button or by clicking the Interlock button in the flow of setup items.

▼ Microscopy method interlock setup dialog box



- (1) Set whether to turn ON or OFF each of the motorized attachments (interlock the attachments with microscopy method) by clicking the ON/OFF button.
 - The following motorized attachments can be set to interlock:
 - (1) Illumination lamp (configuration including the 90i only)
 - (2) Optical path switching (configuration including the DIH-E only)
 - (3) Shutter (configuration including the DIH-E/M only)
 - (4) Filter cube (configuration including the DIH-E only)
 - (5) Diascopic field diaphragm (configuration including the 90i only)
 - (6) Analyzer (configuration including the DIH-E only)
 - (7) Nosepiece (only if motorized nosepiece is attached)
 - (8) Diascopic aperture diaphragm (only if motorized condenser is attached)
 - (9) Condenser (only if motorized condenser is attached)
 - (10) ND filter (only if motorized ND filter is attached)
 - (11) Optical zoom (configuration including the DIH-E only)

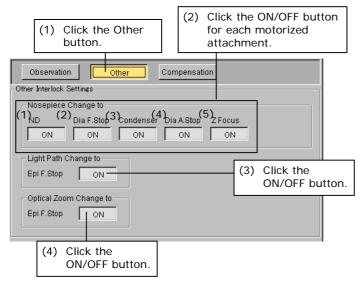
Note: Motorized attachments that can be set to interlock vary depending on the microscope system configuration.

3.9 Setting Up the Interlock

3.9.2 Objective, Optical Path Switching, and Optical Zoom Interlock Setups

After finishing the microscopy method interlock setup, go to the interlock setup dialog box for others by clicking the Next button or by clicking Other – a subsetup item button for microscopy method interlock setup.

▼ Interlock setup dialog box for objective, optical path switching, and optical zoom

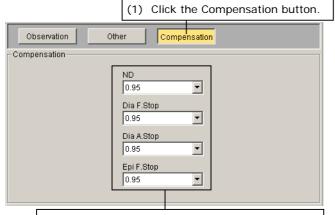


- (1) Click Other a subsetup item button.
- (2) Set whether to turn ON or OFF each of the motorized attachments (interlock the attachments with objective) by clicking the ON/OFF button. The following motorized attachments can be set:
 - (1) ND filter (only if a motorized ND filter is attached)
 - (2) Diascopic field diaphragm (configuration including the 90i only)
 - (3) Condenser (only if a motorized condenser is attached))
 - (4) Diascopic aperture diaphragm (only if a motorized condenser is attached)
 - (5) Up/down focus motion (configuration including the 90i only)
- (3) Set whether to turn ON or OFF the episcopic field diaphragm (interlock the diaphragm with switching of optical paths) by clicking the ON/OFF button (configuration including the DIH-E only).
- (4) Set whether to turn ON or OFF the episcopic field diaphragm (interlock the diaphragm with optical zoom) by clicking the ON/OFF button (configuration including the DIH-E only).

3.9.3 Compensation Setup during Interlocking

After finishing the interlock setups for objective, optical path switching, and optical zoom, go to the compensation setup dialog box by clicking the Next button or by clicking Compensation – a subsetup item button for microscopy method interlock setup.

▼ Compensation setup dialog box



(2) Select a compensation value from the combo box for each of the motorized attachments.

- (1) Click Compensation a subsetup item button.
- (2) Select an interlock compensation value from the combo box for each of the motorized attachments.

Note: This setup applies to the interlocks with microscopy method switching and objective switching.

3.10 Setting Up the Up/down Focus Motion

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The following up/down focus motion information items can be set (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):

Parfocal compensation mode setup:

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While all objectives are manufactured with a constant parfocal distance, the focus position is subtly different from one objective to another, resulting in a difference. Such a difference in focus position must be compensated for. Parfocal compensation is designed to store the subtle difference in focus position, thus achieving accurate reproduction.

Set whether to compensate for parfocal distance deviation.

Software lower limit setup:

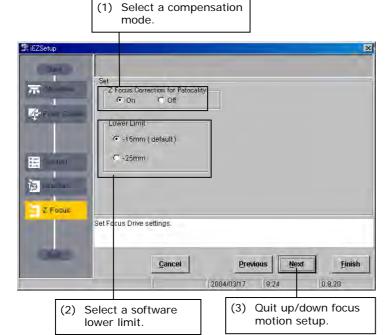
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The initial lower limit setting along the Z-axis, initially set to -15mm to avoid the polarizer from touching the XY stage during its mounting, can be changed to -25mm as when you want to observe a thick specimen. Exercise caution if you set the lower limit to -25mm as no mechanism is provided to avoid collision with the polarizer.

Set the XY stage lower limit (15 mm/25 mm) if no attachment (e.g., a condenser turret) is attached under the XY stage.

After finishing the interlock setups, go to the up/down focus motion setup dialog box by clicking the Next button or by clicking the Focus Drive button in the flow of setup items.

▼ Up/down focus motion setup dialog box



(1) Select the parfocal compensation mode (ON [default]/OFF).

Note: To set a focus position, use Focus Setting under Setting, one of the iControl menu items. See "4.5.3 Setting Up the Up/down Focus Motion" for more information.

- (2) Software limit (settable only if the motorized universal condenser module is not attached)
 - Select -15 mm (recommended) or -25 mm for the lower limit position.
- (3) To quit the up/down focus motion setup, click the Next button.

Note: The lower limit is automatically set to -15mm when the motorized universal condenser module is attached.

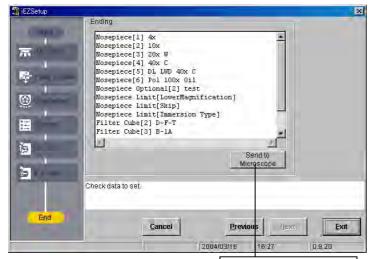
3.11 END Processing

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After completing the setup procedure, go to the END processing dialog box by clicking the Next button.

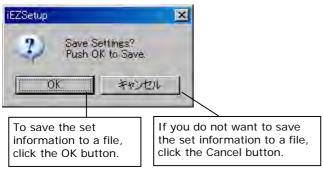
In END processing, send the name of the microscope system and the information you've set to the microscope system. The transmitted name and information are stored in memory on the microscope system side. The information you've set can be saved to a file, if desired.

▼ END processing dialog box



If the set contents are correct, click the Send to Microscope button.

▼ Save select dialog box



▼ File select dialog box



(1) All of the information you've set is displayed in this dialog box, so check the displayed contents. If the contents you've set are correct, click the Send to Microscope button. This completes the settings, and the information set is sent to the microscope system. The transmitted name and information are stored in memory on the microscope system side.

When the software has finished sending, a save select dialog box is displayed.

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Click the Previous button to correct the contents you've set and to display the setup dialog box for the last item in the flow of setup items once again.

(2) To save the set information to a file, click the OK button. Select a file (***.xml) from the file select dialog box displayed The set information is saved to the selected file, after which iEZSetup is closed.

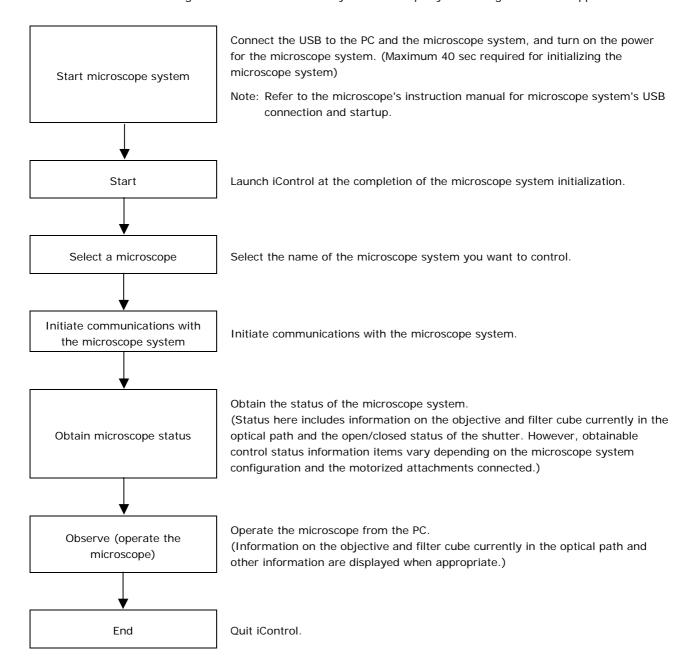
If you do not want to save set information to a file, click the Cancel button. iEZSetup is closed immediately.

4 Using iControl

iControl, one of the i Series Support Tools, lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance while performing microscopy. It also lets you operate motorized attachments.

4.1 iControl Workflow

The following flow shows how to control your microscope system using the iControl application.



Use iSetup during observations to change settings. For more information, refer to Section 4.5.1.

4.2 Starting and Quitting iControl

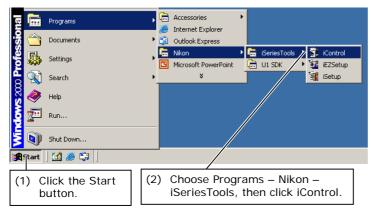
4.2 Starting and Quitting iControl

You can start and quit iControl in several ways. A general method is described here, using the Start menu to start and the Cancel button in the operations windows to quit.

4.2.1 Starting Up

Procedure

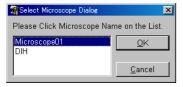
▼ Start menu



Confirm that the microscope system is connected to your computer before starting the computer.

- (1) Click the Start button.
- (2) From the Start menu, choose Programs Nikon iSeriesTools, then click iControl to display the iControl window.

▼ Microscope system select dialog box



▼ iControl window



If multiple microscope systems are connected:

- (1) A microscope system select dialog box is displayed. Select a desired system from the list.
- (2) Click the OK button. The iControl window is displayed.

4.2 Starting and Quitting iControl

4.2.2 Quitting iControl

Procedure

▼ iControl window



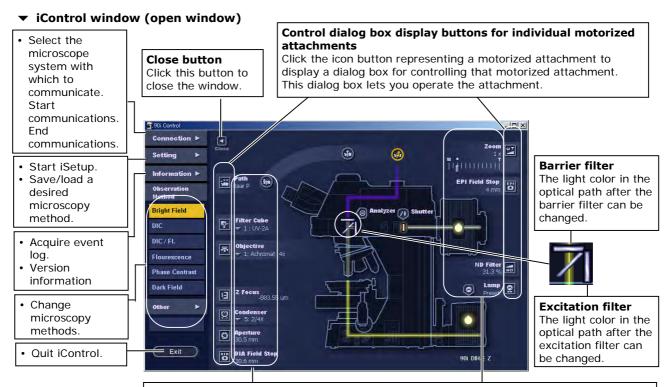
(1) Click the Exit button.

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Communications with the microscope system are terminated, closing the application.

4.3 iControl Screen Configuration

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Current control status indications and motorized attachment operation buttons

The current status is displayed adjacent to the icon representing each of the motorized attachments.

Press ∇ to view the names of optical components attached to other addresses and change addresses.



Select the microscope system with which to communicate. Start communications. Fnd communications. · Start iSetup. · Save/load microscope control status. · Acquire event log. Version information • Change microscopy methods Quit iControl.

Open buttonClick this button to open the window.

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Analyzer IN/OUT toggle button Click this button to toggle the analyzer IN/OUT.

Shutter OPEN/CLOSE toggle button

Click this button to toggle the shutter OPEN/CLOSE.

Current control status indications

The current status is displayed adjacent to the icon representing each of the motorized attachments.

A closed window consists of the icons representing each motorized attachment (i.e., subwindow display buttons) and status indications.

Click any icon to display a subwindow for the corresponding motorized attachment.

To reverse the window, click the Open button.

Control dialog box display buttons for individual motorized attachments

Click the icon button representing a motorized attachment to display a dialog box for controlling that motorized attachment.

his dialog box lets you operate the attachment.

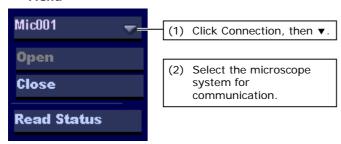
4.4 Connection

4.4 Connection

4.4.1 Starting Communications

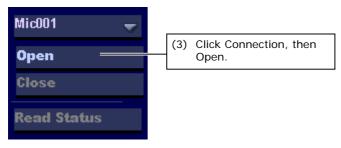
Before you can monitor or control the status of the microscope system, you must first initiate communications between the microscope system and the computer.

▼ Menu



- (1) Click Connection, then ▼ to display a combo box.
- (2) From the list box, select a microscope system you want to monitor or control.

▼ Menu



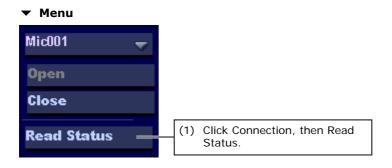
- (3) Click Connection, then Open.

 The software will initiate communications with the selected microscope system.
- (4) To communicate with another microscope system, click Connection, then Select to select the appropriate microscope system. The software will automatically terminate communications with the previous microscope system and initiate communications with the newly selected microscope system.

4.4 Connection

4.4.2 Obtaining the Status of the Microscope System

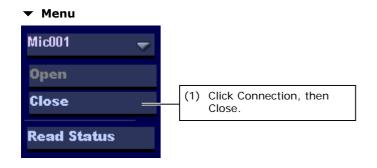
If you changed the objective or filter cube mounting setup through the iSetup or iEZSetup after starting the iControl, you must acquire the present status of the microscope system.



(1) Click Connection, then Read Status to acquire the current status of the microscope system.

4.4.3 Terminating Communications

Communications with the microscope system can be terminated from iControl.

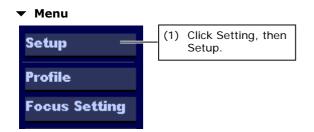


(1) Click Connection, then Close. The software terminates the session with the microscope system.

4.5 Setting

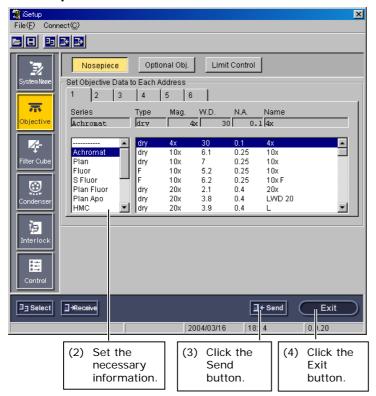
4.5.1 Information Setting

Setting lets you invoke iSetup from within iControl to quickly set information for objectives or filter cubes.

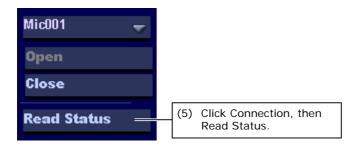


(1) Click Setting, then Setup to start iSetup.

▼ iSetup window



- (2) Set the necessary information in iSetup. For more information, refer to Chapter 5, "Using iSetup."
- (3) After completing setup, click the Send button in iSetup. The settings just made are sent to the microscope system. (The new information is thereby stored in memory on the microscope system side.)
- (4) Click the Exit button to terminate iSetup.



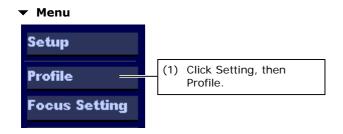
(5) Click Connection, then Read Status. The software will reacquire the status of the microscope system.

4.5.2 Setting Up Arbitrary Microscopy Methods (Setting Up the Profile)

A total of 12 different microscopy methods are available to choose from in this application, namely, bright-field observation, DIC observation, DIC/epi-fl observation, epi-fl observation, phase contrast observation, dark-field observation, and User Options 1 to 6. Of these, microscopy method names and methods can be arbitrarily set in User Options 1 to 6. The set microscopy methods can be saved to a file or the microscope system.

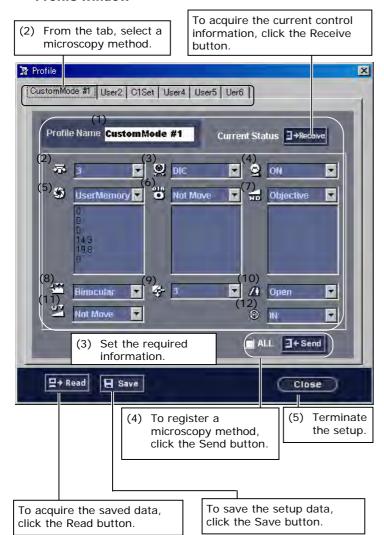
Note: You cannot set up arbitrary microscopy methods if the system consists of the 80i and the DIH-M. (In this case, the Profile button is disabled.)

Arbitrary microscopy method data registered in the microscope system loads only when the profile setup window is displayed by clicking Profile. To display registered data again, close the profile setup window and then display the window again.



(1) Click Setting, then Profile to display the profile setup window.

▼ Profile window

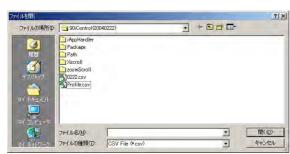


Acquiring current control information



▼ Acquiring saved data and saving setup data





- (1) While the Profile setup window is displayed, load the data registered in the microscope system. The loaded data will be reflected in the setup window.
- Note: Setup information will be reflected only for the motorized attachments connected.
- (2) From the tab, select the microscopy method you want to set.
- **(3)** Set the following information:
 - (1) Name of the microscopy method
 - (2) Nosepiece address
 - (3) Condenser module control method
 - (4) Lamp voltage
 - (5) Diascopic aperture diaphragm control method
 - (6) Diascopic field diaphragm control method
 - (7) ND filter control method
 - (8) Optical path
 - (9) Filter cube address
 - (10) Shutter Open/Close
 - (11) Zoom magnification
 - (12) Analyzer IN/OUT
- (4) Click the Send button to register the microscopy method in the microscope system. When you want to register all microscopy methods, check ALL, then click the Send button.
- **(5)** Click the Close button to quit the arbitrary microscopy method setup.
- ◆ Supplement

Loading current control information

Click the Receive button. This will load the information from the microscope, reflecting the information in the setup window.

◆ Supplement

Loading saved data

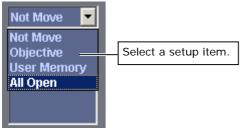
Click the Read button to display a file select window. Select a file (***.CSV) to load the information and reflect it in the setup window.

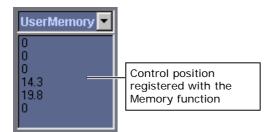
Saving setup data

Click the Save button to display a file select window. Select a file (***.CSV) to save the information.

4.5.2.1 Aperture Diaphragm, Field Diaphragm, and ND Filter Control Methods

▼ Menu





(1) Click the list boxes for aperture diaphragm, field diaphragm, and ND filter control methods in the Profile window to select a control method.

Not Move

Cancels the interlock with switching of microscopy methods. Auto control is disabled after a change in microscopy method.

Objective

Performs control by the same method as for the interlock with switching of objectives.

User Memory

Performs control using the values saved, in association with the microscopy method and the nosepiece address, using the Memory function on the aperture diaphragm, field diaphragm, and ND filter controls.

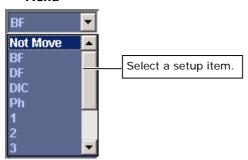
Note: To register a control position using the Memory function, refer to Sections 4.8.5 to 4.8.7.

• **All Open** (aperture and field diaphragms only)

Selects the maximum diaphragm diameter.

4.5.2.2 Condenser Module Control Method

▼ Menu



(1) Click the list box for condenser module control method/position to select a control method.

• Not Move

Cancels the interlock with switching of microscopy methods. Auto control is disabled after a change in microscopy method.

• BF, DF, DIC, and Ph

Specify a control method by selecting a microscopy method.

Note: Interlock is disabled if the selected microscopy method does not match the objective type registered for the selected nosepiece address.

• Condenser module address (1-7)

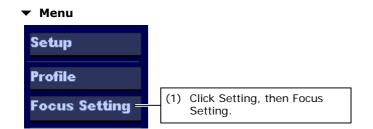
Specify the condenser module control method with an address.

4.5.3 Setting Up the Focus Position for Up/Down Motion

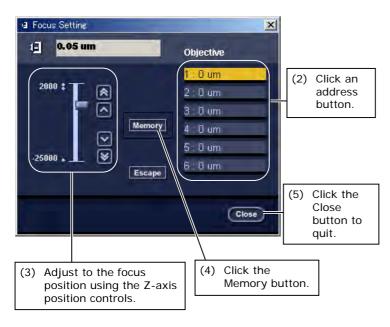
The compensation amount — the slight difference in focus position between different objectives — is stored to enable accurate reproduction.

In the focus position setup for up/down motion, the current Z-axis absolute position (focus position) is saved in association with a nosepiece address.

Note: Focus position setup is possible only if the 90i is included in the system configuration (Focus Setting button enabled).



(1) Click Setting, then Focus Setting to display a dialog box for setting up focus position.



- (2) To set up a focus position in association with a nosepiece, select an objective first. To change addresses, click the desired address button.
- (3) Move the stage to the focus position using the focus knob on the microscope or the up and down keys for moving the stage along the Z-axis.
- **(4)** Click Memory to register the focus position.
- **(5-1)** To set another address, go back to Step (2) to repeat the setup procedure.
- **(5-2)** To quit focus position setup, click the Close button.

4.6 Information

4.6 Information

4.6.1 Confirmation of Event Logs

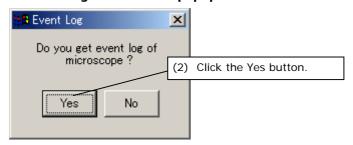
Event logs for the microscope system let you confirm operations performed during the last 100 sessions.

▼ Menu



(1) Click Information, then Event Log to display an event log confirmation popup.

▼ Event log confirmation popup



(2) Click the Yes button in the confirmation popup to write event logs for the selected microscope system to "Event.txt."

"Event.txt" is created in C:\ProgramFiles\iSeriesTools, when the application installs the default settings.

4.6.2 Confirming Versions

iControl lets you confirm version information for iSeries Support Tools and the firmware incorporated into each attachment.

▼ Menu



(1) Click Information, then Version to display a version information dialog box.

▼ Version Information dialog box



- **(2)** This dialog box shows the following information:
 - Version of the application iSeries Support Tools
 - 90i firmware
 - DIH firmware
 - Z drive firmware

4.7 Changing the Optical Path Light Color

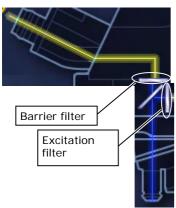
4.7 Changing the Optical Path Light Color

Virtually any color can be selected for the light in the optical path by adjusting the wavelength of the light exiting the excitation or barrier filter placed in the optical path during setup.

◆ Supplement

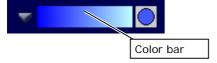
If a filter registered by initial setting in iSetup and iEZSetup is selected, the light color in the optical path will be automatically changed according to the filter wavelength.

▼ iControl window



- (1) To change the color of the light passing through the excitation filter, click the excitation filter icon in the window to display a window for the light color in the optical path. Likewise, to change the color of the light passing through the barrier filter, click the icon for the barrier filter.
- (2) The color bar shows the color of the wavelength range of the filter. Click on the color bar to change the color.

▼ Window for the light color in the optical path



▼ Color palette window



- window. Specify the desired color in this dialog box. The color of the changes accordingly, as a preview, changing the light color in the iControl window.
- (4) Colors set in this way are automatically written to the application. The set colors are reproduced automatically the next time you launch the application.

4.8 Motorized Attachment Controls

In this application, controllable attachments vary depending on the microscope system configuration.

The following shows a list of controllable attachments for each configuration:

• 90i + DIH-E

- Shutter (4.8.1)
- Analyzer (4.8.2)
- Optical path switching (4.8.3)
- Episcopic field diaphragm (4.8.4)
- Diascopic field diaphragm (4.8.5)
- Diascopic aperture diaphragm (if motorized universal condenser module is attached) (4.8.6)
- ND filter (only if motorized ND filter is attached) (4.8.7)
- Optical zoom (4.8.8)
- Illumination lamp (4.8.9)
- Filter cube (4.8.10)
- Nosepiece (only if motorized nosepiece is attached) (4.8.11)
- Condenser module (if motorized universal condenser module is attached) (4.8.12)
- Up/down focus motion (4.8.13)

• 90i + DIH-M

- Shutter (4.8.1)
- Diascopic field diaphragm (4.8.5)
- Diascopic aperture diaphragm (if motorized universal condenser module is attached) (4.8.6)
- ND filter (only if motorized ND filter is attached) (4.8.7)
- Illumination lamp (4.8.9)
- Nosepiece (only if motorized nosepiece is attached) (4.8.11)
- Condenser module (if motorized universal condenser module is attached) (4.8.12)
- Up/down focus motion (4.8.13)

• 80i + DIH-E

- Shutter (4.8.1)
- Analyzer (4.8.2)
- Optical path switching (4.8.3)
- Episcopic field diaphragm (4.8.4)
- Optical zoom (4.8.8)
- Filter cube (4.8.10)

• 80i + DIH-M

- Shutter (4.8.1)

4.8.1 **Shutter**

▼ iControl window



Shutter button

(1) Click the shutter button to toggle the shutter open or closed. If closed, the shutter shuts off the optical path to the Epi-illumination.

♦ Meanings of the indications in the open window

Optical path shown: Shutter open

Shutter icon shown with optical path shut

off: Shutter closed

♦ Meanings of the indications in the closed window

Open: Shutter open

Close: Shutter closed



4.8.2 Analyzer

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the analyzer button to toggle the analyzer IN or OUT.

 Meanings of the indications in the open window

Analyzer icon shown in optical path: Analyzer IN

Analyzer icon not shown: Analyzer OUT

 Meanings of the indications in the closed window

IN: Analyzer IN

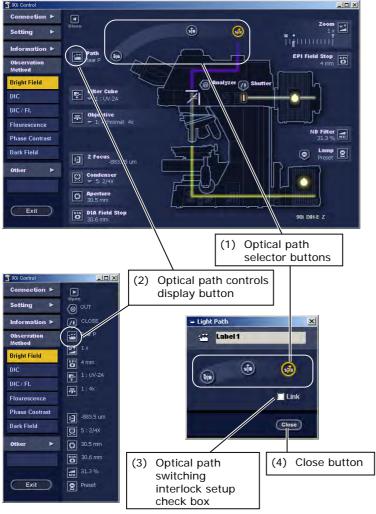
OUT: Analyzer OUT



Analyzer button

4.8.3 Optical Path Switching

▼ iControl window



- (1) Click an optical path selector button to switch optical paths.
- display button to display the optical path controls. Click an optical path selector button on the optical path controls to change optical paths.
- (3) Check or uncheck the Link checkbox to toggle the optical path switching interlock ON or OFF. To interlock the episcopic field diaphragm with switching of optical paths, check the Link checkbox. To control optical path switching independently, uncheck the checkbox.
- (4) Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Meanings of the indications in the open and closed windows and the optical path controls

Binocular: Binocular section

Front P: Front port
Rear P: Rear port

4.8.4 **Episcopic Field Diaphragm**

▼ iControl window

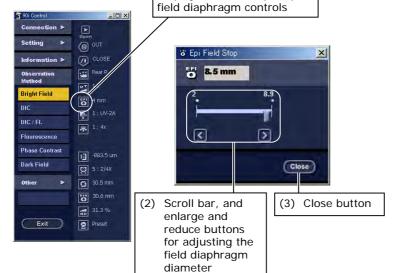


(1) Click the diaphragm controls display button to display the controls.

episcopic field

- (2) To adjust the field diaphragm diameter, move the scroll bar or click the enlarge and reduce buttons. (The enlarge and reduce buttons let you adjust the diameter in minimum steps.)
- (3) Click the Close button to close the controls.
- ♦ Display item in the open and closed windows and the episcopic field diaphragm controls

Field diaphragm diameter



Display button for episcopic

4.8.5 Diascopic Field Diaphragm

▼ iControl window





diaphragm controls display button

Reset button

To Field Stop

Reset

Memory button

Reset button

Close

(4) Close button

(2) Scroll bar, and enlarge and reduce buttons for adjusting the field diaphragm diameter (1) Click the



diascopic field

diaphragm controls display button to display the controls.

(2) To adjust the field diaphragm diameter, move the scroll bar or click the enlarge and reduce buttons. (The enlarge and reduce buttons let you adjust the diameter in minimum steps.)

(3-1) Memory function

(enabled when an arbitrary microscopy method is selected)

This function saves the current diaphragm diameter. When saved, the stored position is indicated by the icon on the scroll bar. (The current position is saved in association with the current microscopy method and nosepiece address.)

Supplement

If User Memory is selected as the control method for the diascopic field diaphragm while using an arbitrary microscopy method (User Options 1 to 6), control will be performed based on this saved value.

For setting up selectable control methods, refer to Section 4.5.2.1.

Note: The value stored for an arbitrary microscopy method using the Memory function is saved to the microscopy system.

(3-2) Reset function

Click the Reset button to reset to the saved diaphragm diameter.

- **(4)** Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the diascopic field diaphragm controls

Field diaphragm diameter

4.8.6 Diascopic Aperture Diaphragm

▼ iControl window



Diascopic aperture diaphragm controls display button

Aperture

(3)

\$ 8.5 mm

Memory button
Reset button



(2) Scroll bar, and enlarge and reduce buttons for adjusting the aperture diaphragm

diameter

(4) Close button

Reset

Close

(1) Click the



diascopic aperture

diaphragm controls display button to display the controls.

(2) To adjust the aperture diaphragm diameter, move the scroll bar or click the enlarge and reduce buttons. (The enlarge and reduce buttons let you adjust the diameter in minimum steps.)

(3-1) Memory function

(enabled when an arbitrary microscopy method is selected)

This function saves the current diaphragm diameter. When saved, the stored position is indicated by the icon on the scroll bar. (The current position is saved in association with the current microscopy method and the nosepiece address.)

◆ Supplement

If User Memory is selected as the control method for the diascopic aperture diaphragm while using an arbitrary microscopy method (User Options 1 to 6), control will be performed based on this saved value.

For setting up selectable control methods, refer to Section 4.5.2.1.

Note: The value stored for an arbitrary microscopy method using the Memory function is saved to the microscopy system.

(3-2) Reset function

Click the Reset button to reset to the saved diaphragm diameter.

- **(4)** Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the diascopic aperture diaphragm controls

Aperture diaphragm diameter

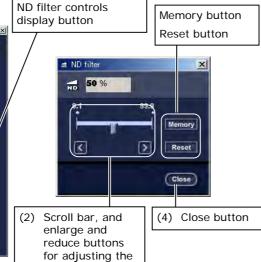
4.8.7 ND Filter

▼ iControl window



ND filter





(1) Click the ND filter controls display button to display the controls.

(2) To adjust the ND filter, move the scroll bar or click the enlarge and reduce buttons. (The enlarge and reduce buttons let you adjust the ND value in minimum steps.)

(3-1) Memory function

(enabled when an arbitrary microscopy method is selected)

This function saves the current ND value. When saved, the stored position is indicated by the icon on the scroll bar. (The current position is saved in association with the current microscopy method and the nosepiece address.)

◆ Supplement

If User Memory is selected as the control method for the ND filter while using an arbitrary microscopy method (User Options 1 to 6), control will be performed based on this saved value.

For setting up selectable control methods, refer to Section 4.5.2.1.

Note: The value stored for an arbitrary microscopy method using the Memory function is saved to the microscopy system.

(3-2) Reset function

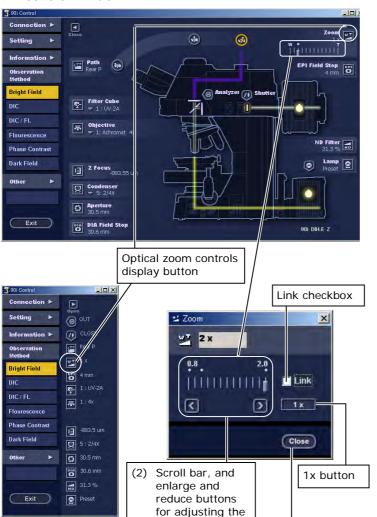
Click the Reset button to reset to the saved ND value.

- **(4)** Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the ND filter controls

ND value (%)

4.8.8 Optical Zoom

▼ iControl window



optical zoom

- (1) Click the optical zoom controls display button to display the controls.
- (2) To adjust the optical zoom, move the scroll bar in the iControl window or that on the optical zoom controls, or click the enlarge and reduce buttons. (The enlarge and reduce buttons let you adjust the optical zoom in minimum steps.)
- (3-1) Check or uncheck the Link checkbox to toggle the optical zoom switching interlock ON or OFF. To interlock the episcopic field diaphragm with optical zoom, check the Link checkbox. To control optical zoom independently, uncheck the checkbox.

Note: Interlock with optical zoom is enabled only when Rear P is selected as the optical path.

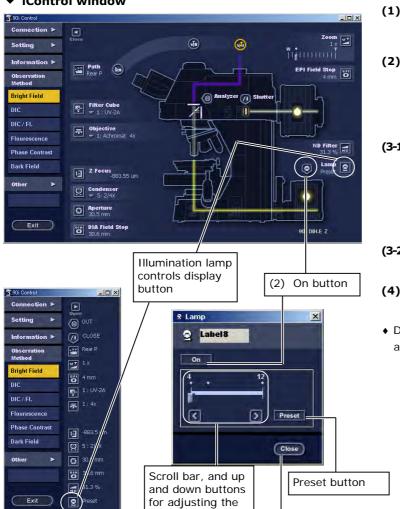
- **(3-2)** Click the 1x button to change the zoom magnification to 1x.
- **(4)** Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the optical zoom controls

Magnification

(4) Close button

4.8.9 Diascopic Illumination Lamp

▼ iControl window



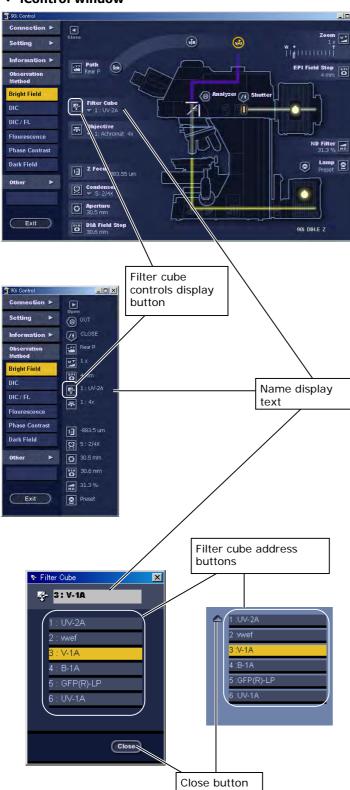
lamp voltage

- (1) Click the illumination controls display button to display the controls.
- (2) To turn ON or OFF the power for the illumination lamp, use the On button or the ∇ button in the iControl window.
- (3-1) To adjust the lamp voltage, move the scroll bar or click the up and down buttons on the illumination lamp controls. (The up and down buttons let you adjust the voltage in minimum steps.)
- **(3-2)** Click the Preset button to change to the preset voltage.
- **(4)** Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the illumination lamp controls
 Lamp voltage

(4) Close button

4.8.10 Filter Cube

▼ iControl window



- (1) Click the filter cube button or the
 - button to display the filter cube

controls.

- (2) To change filter cube addresses, click an address button. The address buttons are in one-to-one correspondence with the addresses, letting you directly specify a desired filter cube.
- (3) Click the Close button or the button to close the controls.
- Display items in the open and closed windows and the filter cube controls

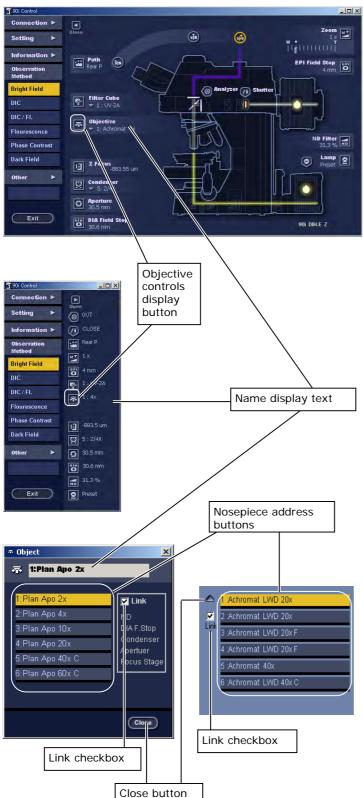
Filter cube names

 Display items in the tool-tip text (place the mouse cursor over the name display text to display)

Names of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter

4.8.11 Objective

▼ iControl window



- (1) Click the objective controls
 - display button or the button to

display the objective controls.

- (2) To change nosepiece addresses, click an address button. The address buttons are in one-to-one correspondence with the addresses, letting you directly specify a desired objective.
- Check or uncheck the Link checkbox to toggle the objective switching interlock ON or OFF. To control the attachments while switching nosepiece addresses, check the Link checkbox. To switch nosepiece addresses independently,

For information on the attachment interlocks, refer to Section 5.10.

- (4) Click the Close button or the button to close the controls.
- Display items in the open and closed windows and the objective controls

uncheck the checkbox.

Objective names, magnifications

 Display items in the open window and in the tool-tip text of the controls (place the mouse cursor over the name display text to display)

Working Distance

Numerical Aperture

 Display items in the tool-tip text of the closed window (place the mouse cursor over the name display text to display)

Objective names, W.D., N.A

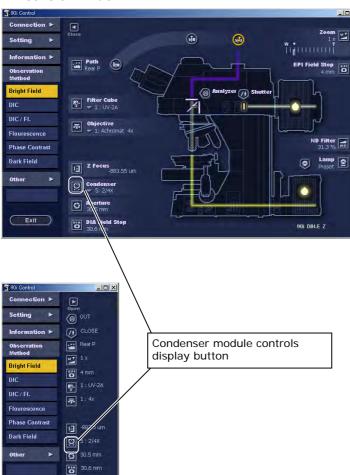
4.8 Motorized Attachment Controls

4.8.12 Condenser Module

▼ iControl window

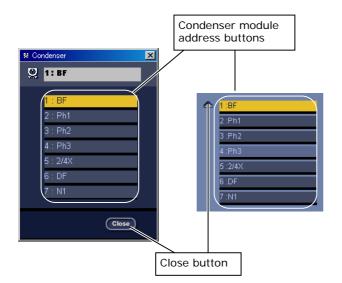
31.3 %

Preset



- controls display button or the button to display the controls.
- (2) To change condenser turret addresses, click an address button. The address buttons are in one-to-one correspondence with the addresses, letting you directly specify a desired condenser module.
- (3) Click the Close button or the button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the objective controls

Condenser module names



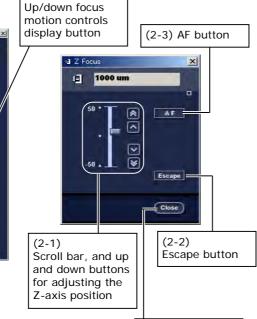
4.8 Motorized Attachment Controls

4.8.13 Up/Down Focus Motion

▼ iControl window







(1) Click the up/down focus motion controls display button to display the controls.

(2-2) Moving the stage

To adjust the focus position, move the scroll bar on the controls or click the up and down buttons.

(2-2) Retracting/restoring the stage

Click the Escape button to move the stage to the retract position. After retraction, the button changes to "Return."

Click the Return button to restore the stage to its initial position.

Note: The stage makes its escape motion only when there is a 5.5-mm margin or more from the current position to the lower limit. The stage does not make the escape motion if the available margin is less than 5.5 mm.

(2-3) Autofocus (AF)

Click the AF button to autofocus the image.

Note: The AF button is enabled when the 90i and the DS-U1 camera are connected. If you use the AF button for the first time after specimen replacement, always use an objective of 4x or less. Also be sure that the target under observation is at the center of the view field.

Supplement

For more information on the connecting method of 90i and DS-U1 camera as well as the autofocus function, see the "Description of the Autofocus Function" in the appendix.

- (3) Click the Close button to close the controls.
- Display item in the open and closed windows and the Focus Drive controls

Z-axis position

Close button

4.9 Switching Microscopy Methods

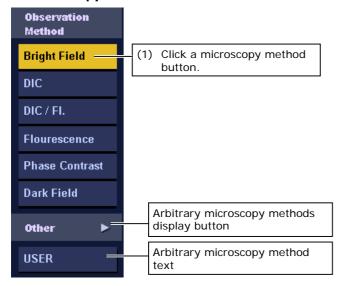
4.9 Switching Microscopy Methods

Microscopy method selector buttons in the iControl window let you change microscopy methods.

Note: Interlock with any of the six microscopy methods, namely, bright-field observation, DIC observation, DIC/epi-fl observation, epi-fl observation, phase contrast observation, and dark-field observation, is enabled only with a combination of 90i + DIH-E + motorized nosepiece + motorized universal condenser module.

Interlock with any of the arbitrary microscopy methods is unavailable only with the combination of 80i + DIH-M. It can be enabled with all other combinations.

▼ Microscopy method menu

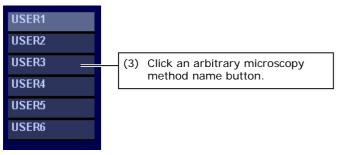


(1) Click a microscopy method button.

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For control positions of each of the motorized attachments during microscopy method switching, refer to "Standard Combinations of Microscopy Methods and Interlock" in the appendix.

▼ Arbitrary microscopy method menu



- (2) To change to an arbitrarily registered microscopy method, click the button.
- (3) Click an arbitrary microscopy method name button.

The selected microscopy method name is displayed in the arbitrary microscopy method text.

Note: To change to an arbitrary microscopy method, you need to register a microscopy method in the arbitrary microscopy method setup (Profile setup) window. Refer to "4.5.2 Setting Up Arbitrary Microscopy Methods."

Appendix

Standard Combinations of Microscopy Methods and Interlock

Shown below is a table listing operations of motorized attachments interlocked with a microscopy method.

	90i			Universal condenser Nosepiece									
	Diascopic lamp	ND filter	Field diaphragm	Z-axis	Turret	Aperture diaphragm	Switching	Filter cube	Field diaphragm	Shutter	Analyzer	Optical path switching	Zoom
Bright- field	ON	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	BF/ 2-4x	Interlocked w/ objective	1	Address 6 (DIA)	-	CLOSE	OUT	1	-
DIC	ON	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	DIC 1/2	Interlocked w/ objective		Address 6 (DIA)	-	CLOSE	IN	-	
DIC/ epi-fl	ON	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	DIC 1/2	Interlocked w/ objective		Address 1	Interlocked w/ zoom	OPEN	IN	-	
Epi-fl	OFF	Interlocked w/ objective	-	Interlocked w/ objective	BF/ 2-4x	-	-	Address 1	Interlocked w/ zoom	OPEN	OUT	-	-
Phase contrast	ON	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Ph 1/2/3	Fully open	-	Address 6 (DIA)	-	CLOSE	OUT	-	-
Dark-field	ON	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	Interlocked w/ objective	DIC 2 / 2-4x	Fully open	-	Address 6 (DIA)	-	CLOSE	OUT	-	-

[&]quot;-" means not interlocked.

Fixed: Not user-changeable

Triggers the interlock

Interlocked w/ objective: Sets appropriate status according to the selected DIH optical path and

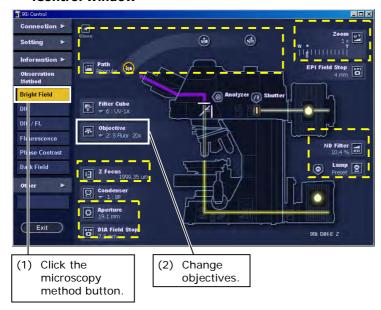
the total magnification combining those of the objective and the zoom

(interlocked with objective alone in the absence of the DIH).

Interlocked w/ zoom: Sets appropriate status according to the selected zoom status.

• Bright-field microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (Bright Field) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp ON U-Condenser BF/2-4x Filter cube Address 6 (DIA) Shutter CLOSE Analyzer OUT

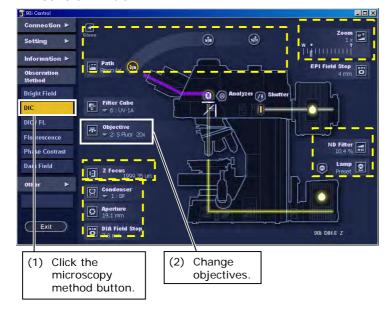
(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

Diascopic field diaphragm
Diascopic aperture diaphragm
ND filter
Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Achieve focus with and center the condenser.
 - Remove the objective's DIC prism from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the polarizer from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the lambda plate from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Attach and detach the ND and NCB filters.

• DIC microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (DIC) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp ON U-Condenser DIC1/2 Filter cube Address 6 (DIA) Shutter CLOSE Analyzer IN

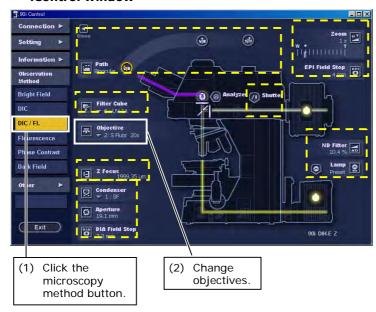
(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

Diascopic field diaphragm
Diascopic aperture diaphragm
ND filter
Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Achieve focus with and center the condenser.
 - Bring the objective's DIC prism into the optical path.
 - Bring the polarizer into the optical path.
 - Adjust the polarizer orientation.
 - Bring the lambda plate into the optical path (if necessary).
 - Attach and detach the ND and NCB filters.

• DIC/epi-fl microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (DIC / FL) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp ON U-Condenser DIC1/2 Filter cube Address 1 Shutter OPEN Analyzer IN

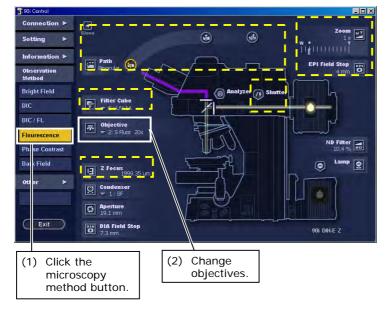
(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

Diascopic field diaphragm
Diascopic aperture diaphragm
ND filter
Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Center the lamp for episcopic light source
 - Achieve focus with and center the condenser.
 - Bring the objective's DIC prism into the optical path.
 - Bring the polarizer into the optical path.
 - Adjust the polarizer orientation.
 - Bring the lambda plate into the optical path (if necessary).
 - Attach and detach the ND and NCB filters.

• Epi-fl microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (Flourescence) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp OFF U-Condenser BF/2-4x Filter cube Address 1 Shutter OPEN Analyzer OUT

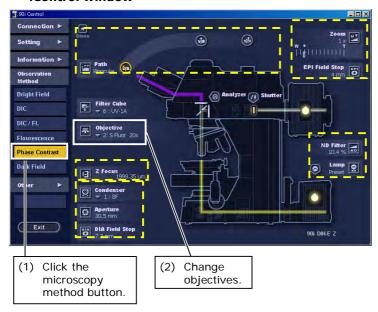
(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

ND filter Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Center the lamp for episcopic light source
 - Remove the objective's DIC prism from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the lambda plate from the optical path (if one is attached).

• Phase contrast microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (Phase contrast) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp ON
U-Condenser PH1/2/3
Filter cube Address 6 (DIA)
Shutter CLOSE
Analyzer OUT
Aperture diaphragm Fully open

(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

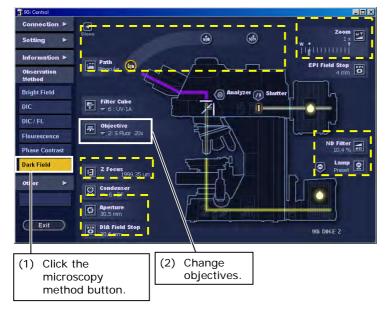
Diascopic field diaphragm ND filter Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Center the Ph annular diaphragm.
 - Remove the objective's DIC prism from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the polarizer from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the lambda plate from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Attach and detach the ND and NCB filters.

Appendix Standard Combinations of Microscopy Methods and Interlock

• Dark-field microscopy

▼ iControl window



(1) Click the microscopy method (Dark Field) button. The following attachments are interlocked:

Diascopic lamp ON
U-Condenser DIC 2/2-4x
Filter cube Address 6 (DIA)
Shutter CLOSE
Analyzer OUT
Aperture diaphragm Fully open

(2) Select an objective. The following attachments are interlocked with objective:

Diascopic field diaphragm ND filter Up/down focus motion (only if the focus position is set up)

- (3) Manipulate the attachments in the broken line frame as necessary.
- **(4)** Make the following adjustments on the microscope main unit:
 - Achieve focus with and center the condenser.
 - Remove the objective's DIC prism from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the polarizer from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Remove the lambda plate from the optical path (if one is attached).
 - Attach and detach the ND and NCB filters.

Appendix Description of the Autofocus Function

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The following shows precautions for using the autofocus function, announcement messages appearing while the function is used, and the connection of 90i and DS-U1.

- If you use the AF button for the first time after specimen replacement, always use an objective of 4x or less. (High magnification will narrow the autofocus search area.) Also be sure to use the AF button with the target under observation located at the center of the view field.
- If you are unable to focus the image, move the specimen to display a high contrast area of the specimen at the center of the view field, then click the AF button again.
- In addition to the above, the following conditions are essential for autofucusing.

Applicable specimen	Cover-glass-attached specimen slide (slide glass + specimen slice thickness: 0.9mm min. 1.7mm max.) The autofocusing may fail on some low contrasted samples due to insufficient contrast.
Applicable slide glass	Thickness: 1.2mm max. (compliant with JIS R3703-1998 or ISO 8037)
Applicable cover glass	Thickness: No. 1=0.17mm, No. 1-S=0.18mm max. (compliant with JIS R3702-1996 or ISO 8255)
Applicable objective	1x - 100x (NA 0.03 - 0.95) (phase contrast, liquid immersion, polarizing, Hoffman, multi-immersion, and industrial objectives not allowed)
Microscopy method	Bright-field microscopy
DS-U1 + ACT-2U settings	Scene mode: BF Exposure time: Under AE setting, the exposure time should come within 1/120 to 1/350 (in 1.3 Mp display mode) when the sample is nearly in focus. (Adjust with ND filters, etc.)

Autofocus Message Table

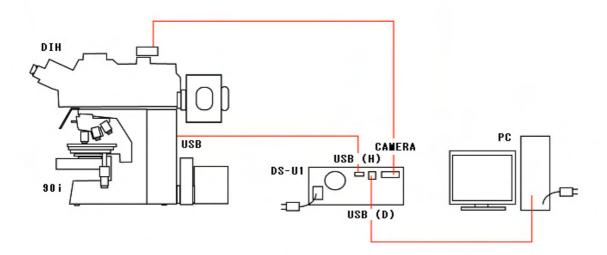
Message	Description	
Now Focusing	Autofocusing now.	
	Do not change the microscopy conditions.	
Complete	Autofocusing complete.	
Complete	Sample lacking sufficient contrast for autofocusing.	
Low Contrast	Slight focal difference may take place in some conditions. Perform manual focusing if this happens.	

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Message	Description					
Warning Exposure Over	Microscopy condition is too bright. Focusing stops at the original position for the autofocus. Use the autofocus function under following conditions set on the DS-U1 + ACT-2U (when the sample is nearly in focus).					
	Scene mode: BF Exposure time: Under AE setting, the exposure time should come within 1/120 to 1/350 (in 1.3 MP display mode) when the sample is nearly in focus. (Adjust with ND filters, etc.)					
	Check the camera settings (such as Scene mode and Display mode) on the ACT-2U (the application software for digital cameras).					
Warning Exposure	Microscopy condition is too dark. Focusing stops at the original position for the autofocus.					
Under	Use the autofocus function under following conditions set on the DS-L1 + ACT-2U (when the sample is nearly in focus).					
	Scene mode: BF Exposure time: Under AE setting, the exposure time should come within 1/120 to 1/350 (in 1.3 MP display mode) when the sample is nearly in focus. (Adjust with ND filters, etc.)					
	Check the camera settings (such as Scene mode and Display mode) on the ACT-2U (the application software for digital cameras).					
Error In the event of an error, one of the status codes (00–FF) will be the screen.						
	(For more information, refer to the 90i Microscopy manual, "Troubleshooting.")					

Connection of 90i and DS-U1

The autofocusing function can be used only when 90i and DS-U1 are connected as follows.

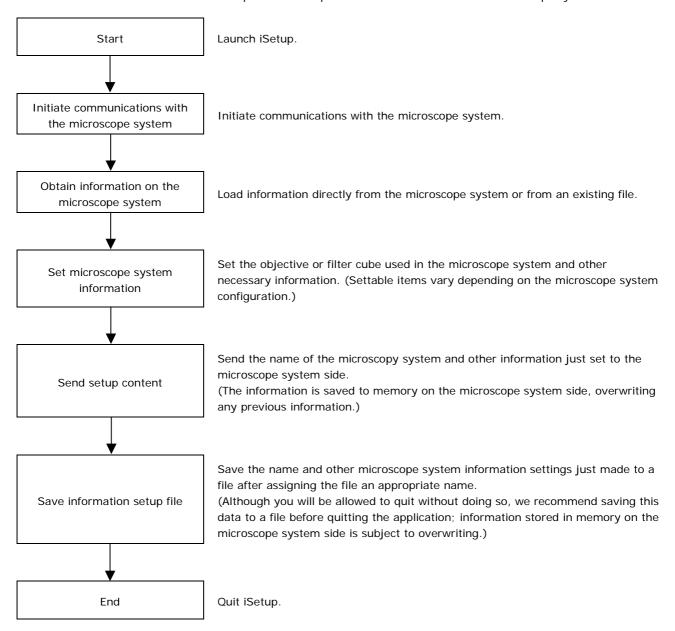


5 Using iSetup

iSetup lets you modify microscope system information only where changes are made to the microscope system setups.

5.1 iSetup Workflow

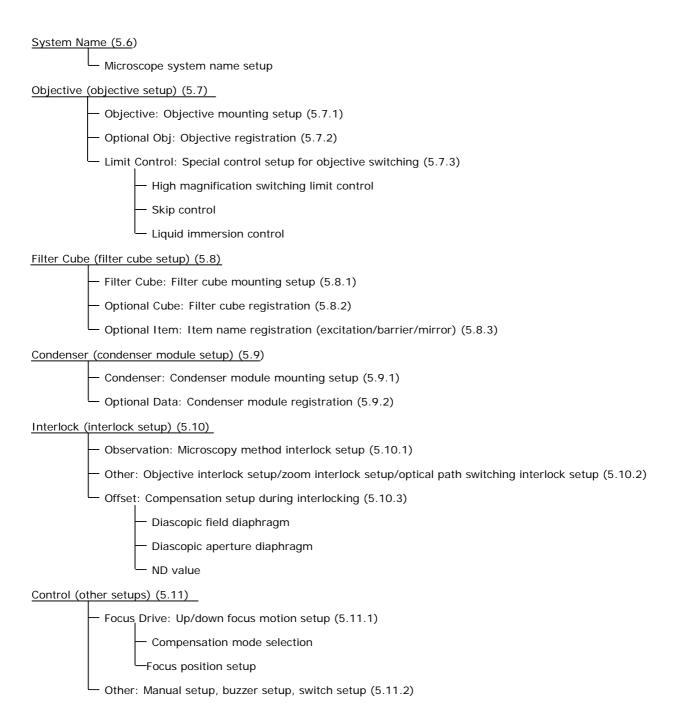
Shown below is the iSetup workflow required to set information for the microscope system.



5.1 iSetup Workflow

5.1.1 Settable Item List

Shown below is a list of items that can be set:



5.2 Starting and Quitting iSetup

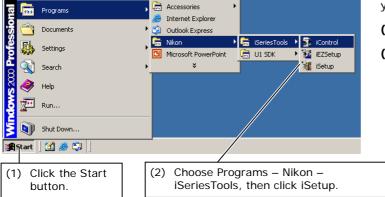
5.2 Starting and Quitting iSetup

You can start and quit iSetup in several ways. A general method is described here, using the Start menu and the Cancel button in the operations window to quit. To start iSetup from within iControl, refer to Section 4.5.1.

5.2.1 Starting Up

Procedure

▼ Start menu



Confirm that the microscope is connected to your computer before starting the computer.

- (1) Click the Start button.
- (2) From the Start menu, choose Programs Nikon iSeriesTools, then click iSetup to display the iSetup window.

▼ iSetup window



5.2 Starting and Quitting iSetup

5.2.2 Quitting iSetup

Procedure

▼ iSetup window



- (1) Click the Exit button.
- (2) A conformation message box is displayed asking if you want to quit the application. Click OK to terminate communications with the microscope system and quit the application.

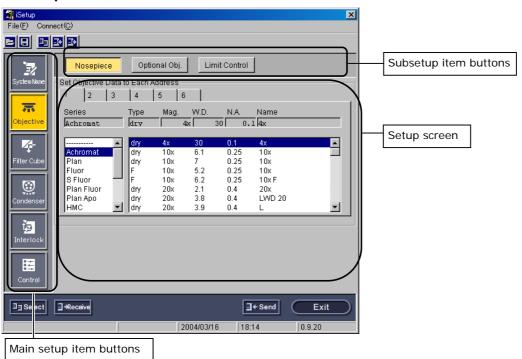


5.3 iSetup Screen Configuration

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The iSetup window consists of the main setup item buttons, subsetup item buttons, and a setup screen.

▼ iSetup window



▼ Main setup item buttons



- (1) If you click the button for any setup item, the middle part of the window changes to a setup screen for that item.
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Depending on the system configuration, some of the items here do not need to be set. If so, the corresponding buttons are disabled.

5.4 Starting Communications with the Microscope System

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Before you can send information that has been set using iSetup to the microscope system, you must first initiate communications with the microscope system. You must also initiate communications with the microscope system to load the current status of the microscope system into iSetup.

The microscope system information just set should be sent to the microscope system to have it written to memory on the microscope system side.

You can also save this information to a file.

5.4.1 Initiating Communications and Changing the Destination in iSetup

▼ Microscope system select dialog box



(1) Click the Select button to display a microscope system select dialog box. In this dialog box, select the name of the microscope system for which you want to obtain information.

The software will begin communication with the selected microscope system. If the software was in mid-session with another microscope system, it automatically closes that session and opens communications with the newly

selected microscope system.

5.4.2 Starting Communication from iControl

If you invoked iSetup from iControl, you can use the iControl menu to initiate communications. For more information, refer to Section 4.4, "Connection."

5.5 Selecting Setup Modes

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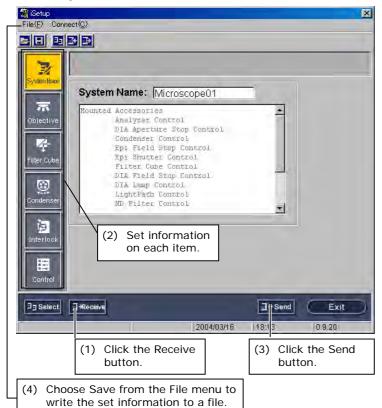
You can set information in iSetup in two ways. Choose the one best suited to your purpose.

- 1. Load microscope system information and make corrections only where necessary (if information has been already set with iEZSetup).
- 2. Load and correct an existing file.

5.5 Selecting Setup Modes

5.5.1 Loading Microscope System Information and Making Corrections Only Where Necessary

▼ iSetup window



- (1) Click the Receive button.

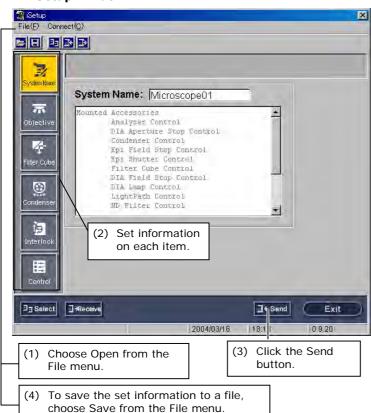
 The information stored in the memory of the microscope system is loaded and reflected in the iSetup window.
- (2) Click the button for the main setup item that needs corrections on the left side of the window and make corrections in the setup screen.
- (3) After modifying the information, click the Send button to send the information just set to the microscope system. The transmitted name and information are stored in memory on the microscope system side. (This overwrites all information that can be set, not just the specific items that were changed.)
- (4) Choose Save from the File menu of the window to save the set information to a file.

5.5 Selecting Setup Modes

5.5.2 Loading and Correcting an Existing File

You can load any existing microscope system information data file into iSetup for correction or modifications.

▼ iSetup window



- (1) Choose Open from the File menu, then select the file containing the microscope system information you want to view or change.
 - The information saved in the file is loaded and reflected in the iSetup window.
- (2) Click the button for any main setup item on the left side of the window. In the ensuing dialog box, set the information you want to correct for that item. Set information on other applicable items.
- (3) After modifying the information, click the Send button to send the information just set to the microscope system. The transmitted name and information are stored in memory on the microscope system side. (This overwrites all information that can be set, not just the specific items that were changed.)
- (4) Choose Save from the File menu of the window to save the set information to a file.

5.6 Entering the Name of a Microscope System

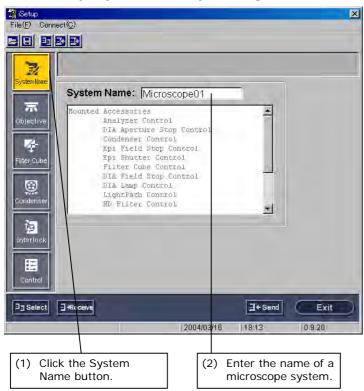
5.6 Entering the Name of a Microscope System

If multiple microscope systems are connected to a single PC, assign a name to each of the systems for identification purposes.

Clicking the System Name button in the iSetup window displays a dialog box for entering the name of a microscope system.

Use this dialog box to enter the name of a microscope system.

▼ Microscope system name input dialog box



- (1) Click the System Name button. If you loaded information from a microscope system, the status of any peripheral motorized attachments connected to the system is also displayed.
- (2) Enter the name of a microscope system in the System Name text box (using up to 15 single-byte alphanumeric characters).

5.7 Setting Up the Objective

Setting up the objective lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance and have microscopy method switching and objective switching interlocked.

The following information items can be set for the objective:

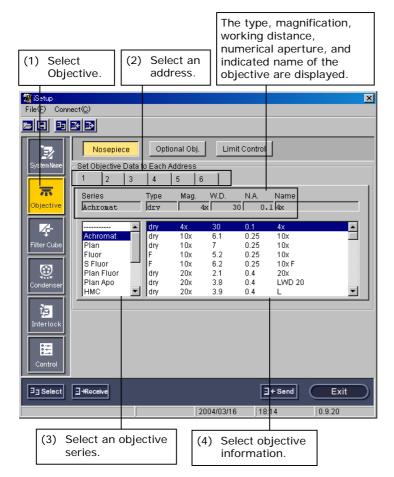
- Objective mounting setup (possible only if the motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached):
 - Set information on the objectives mounted at each nosepiece address (hole).
- New objective registration (possible only if the motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached):
 - Register information on new objectives that are not registered in the list box (up to nine pcs.)
- **Special control setup** (possible only if the 90i is included in the system configuration and if the motorized or intelligent nosepiece is attached to the microscope): Set up the special control when changing objectives.

5.7.1 Objective Mounting Setup

Clicking the Objective button – a main setup item button – displays the objective mounting setup dialog box.

In the objective mounting setup dialog box, set information on the objectives mounted at each nosepiece address.

▼ Objective mounting setup dialog box



- (1) Click the Objective button a main setup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select an address for which you want to set objective information.
- (3) Select the desired objective series from the series list box.
- (4) When you select a series, the selected items of the objective information change. Select the desired objective information from the objective information list box.

 When you select any objective information, the type, magnification, working distance, numerical aperture, and indicated name of the objective are displayed in the Type, Mag., W.D., N.A., and NAME text fields.
- (5) When you go on to set objective information for another address, go back to Step (2) and repeat the setup procedure.

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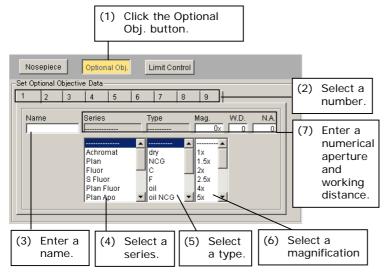
To register new objective information not registered in the series list box, click the Optional Obj. button— a subsetup item button. This changes the dialog box to the one used to register new objective information. See the next page for more information.

5.7.2 Registering New Objectives

New objective registration is needed to register new objective information not registered in the series list box. Click the Optional Obj. button – a subsetup item button in the objective mounting setup dialog box – to display a dialog box for registering new objective information. This dialog box allows you to register up to nine new objectives.

When registering a new objective, you can register all six information items: indicated name, series, magnification, type, numerical aperture, and working distance.

New objective registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Obj. button a subsetup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select a number for which you want to register objective information.
- (3) Enter the name of the objective in the Name text box (using up to 15 single-byte alphanumeric characters).
- (4) Select the objective series from the Series list box.
- **(5)** Select the objective magnification from the Mag list box.
- **(6)** Select the objective type from the Type list box.
- (7) Enter the numerical aperture and the working distance of the objective in the N.A. and the W.D. text fields, respectively (up to 4 single-byte alphanumeric characters each).

The newly registered objective is added to the selectable items in the list box in the objective mounting setup dialog box.

5.7.3 Special Control Setup

Click Limit Control – a subsetup item button for objective setup – to display a dialog box for setting up special control.

Special control setup is designed to set the following control items:

Note: Special control setup is enabled only when objectives are switched with the objective interlock turned ON. For more information on the objective interlock, refer to "4.8.11 Objective."

· Objective high magnification switching limit control

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Low-magnification objectives have a very long depth of focus, occasionally resulting in the specimen and the objective being close to each other. If, under such a condition, the objective is changed to a high magnification, its edge may touch the specimen. High magnification switching limit control is carried out to proactively avoid such a problem.

As for the nosepiece operation when changing from low to high magnification lenses, one of the following options can be set: inhibit the nosepiece rotation, rotate the nosepiece after retracting the stage, or disable control. Limit control is activated if the following requirements are met:

- (1) The objective magnification prior to switching is 2x or less.
- (2) The working distance of the objective after switching is 1 mm or less.

• Skip control setup

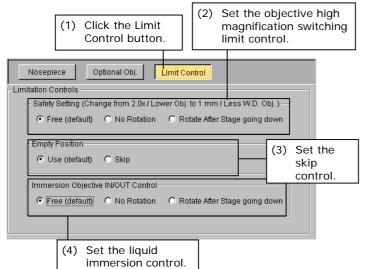
Set whether to skip addresses at which objectives are not attached for rotation of the nosepiece.

• Liquid immersion control

If a liquid immersion lens is provided in the optical path during or following nosepiece rotation, set one of the following options: inhibit the nosepiece rotation, rotate the nosepiece after retracting the stage, or disable control. Limit control is activated in either of the following cases:

- (1) If the objective prior to switching is a liquid immersion objective
- (2) If the objective following switching is a liquid immersion objective

▼ Special control setup dialog box



- (1) Click Limit Control a subsetup item button.
- (2) For the objective high magnification switching limit control, select Free (default), No Rotation or Rotate After Stage Going Down.
- (3) To enable skip control, select Skip. To disable, select Use (default).
- (4) For the switching limit control for liquid immersion objective, select Free (default), No Rotation or Rotate After Stage Going Down.

Note: The stage moves downward 5 mm as its retract motion. In the absence of a 5-mm margin, the stage will retract to its lowest possible position.

5.8 Setting Up the Filter Cube

Setting up the filter cube lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance and interlock the filter cube when switching microscopy methods.

The following filter cube information items can be set (if the DIH-M or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):

• Filter cube mounting setup:

Set information on the filter cubes positioned at each filter cube address (filter cube bay).

• New filter cube registration:

Register a combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter as well as the name of a filter cube comprised of that combination.

Name registration:

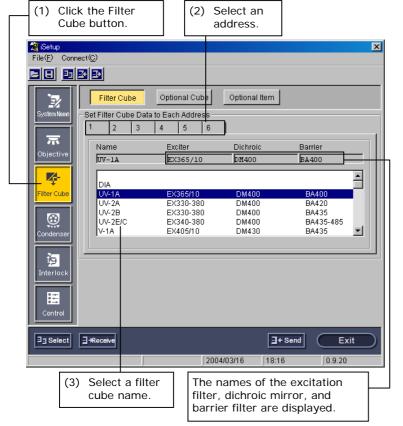
Register the names of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter.

5.8.1 Filter Cube Mounting Setup

Clicking the Filter Cube button – a main setup item button – displays the filter cube mounting setup dialog box. In this dialog box, set information on the filter cubes attached at each filter cube address (filter cube bay).

Note: DIA (open) is selected for address 6 as initial setting. The interlock with microscopy method switching is conducted based on this initial setting. For more information, refer to "Standard Combinations of Microscopy Methods and Interlock" in the appendix of Chapter 4.

▼ Filter cube mounting setup dialog box



- (1) Click the Filter Cube button a main setup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select an address for which you want to set filter cube information.
- (3) Select a filter cube name from the list box.

When you select the filter cube name, the names of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter are displayed in the Exciter, Dichroic, and Barrier text boxes, respectively.

(4) To set information for another address, go back to Step (2) and repeat the setup procedure.

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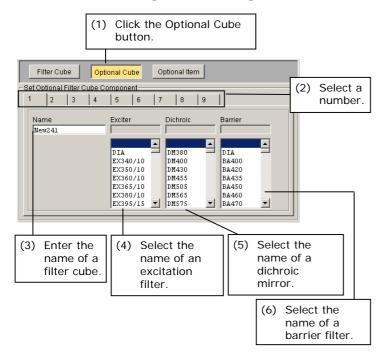
To register a new combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter, click the Optional Cube button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering a new filter cube. See the next page for more information.

To register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually, click the Optional Item button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering item names. See Section 5.8.3 for more information.

5.8.2 Registering New Filter Cubes

New filter cube registration is required to register a new combination of excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter. Clicking Optional Cube – a subsetup item button in the filter cube mounting setup dialog box – displays a dialog box for registering new filter cubes. This dialog box lets you register up to nine combinations of excitation filters, dichroic mirrors, and barrier filters, and the names of up to nine filter cubes, each comprised of the combination thus specified.

▼ New filter cube registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Cube button a subsetup item button.
- (2) From the tab, select a number for which you want to register new filter cube information.
- (3) Enter the name of the filter cube you want to set in the Name text box (up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).
- (4) Select the name of the excitation filter you want to set from the Exciter list box.
- (5) Select the name of the dichroic mirror you want to set from the Dichroic list box.
- **(6)** Select the name of the barrier filter you want to set from the Barrier list box.

The newly registered filter cube is added to the selectable items in the list box in the filter cube mounting setup dialog box.

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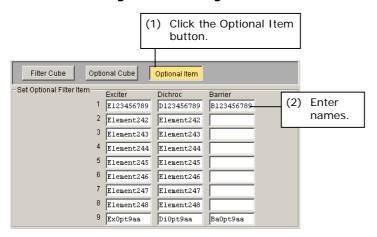
To register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually, click the Optional Item button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering item names. See the next page for more information.

5.8.3 Registering Item Names

Item name registration is needed to register a new excitation filter, dichroic mirror, or barrier filter individually. Click Optional Item – a subsetup item button in the filter cube mounting setup dialog box– to display a dialog box for registering item names.

This dialog box lets you register names for up to nine excitation filters, nine dichroic mirrors, and nine barrier filters.

▼ Item name registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Item button a subsetup item button.
- (2) In the Exciter, Dichroic, and Barrier text boxes here, enter the name of the excitation filter, dichroic mirror, and barrier filter you want to set (using up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).

The newly registered names are added to the selectable items in the list box in the new filter cube registration dialog box.

5.9 Setting Up the Condenser Module

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Condenser module setup lets you monitor the status of the microscope system at a glance and interlock the condenser module when switching microscopy methods or objectives.

The following condenser module information items can be set (only if the motorized universal condenser module is attached to the microscope):

• Condenser module mounting setup:

Set information on the condenser modules attached at each condenser turret address (condenser module bay).

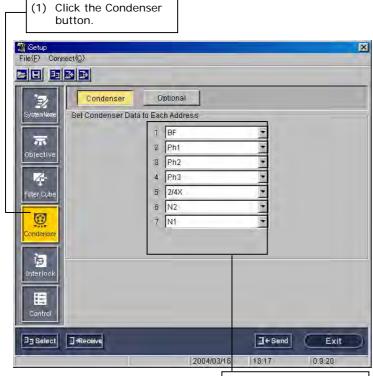
• New condenser module registration

Register the desired name of a condenser module.

5.9.1 Condenser Module Mounting Setup

Clicking the Condenser button – a main setup item button – displays the condenser module mounting setup dialog box.

▼ Condenser module mounting setup dialog box



(2) Select an address and condenser module name.

- (1) Click the Condenser button a main setup item button.
- (2) Select the name of a condenser module from the combo box of the address for which you want to register condenser module information.

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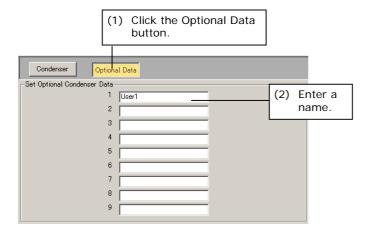
To register a new condenser module, click the Optional Data button. The dialog box changes to the one used for registering a new condenser module. See the next page for more information.

5.9 Setting Up the Condenser Module

5.9.2 New Condenser Module Registration

New condenser module registration is needed to register a new condenser module. Click Optional Data – a subsetup item button – to display a dialog box for registering new condenser modules. This dialog box lets you register up to nine condenser modules.

▼ Condenser module name registration dialog box



- (1) Click the Optional Data button a subsetup item button.
- (2) Enter the name of a condenser module (using up to 10 single-byte alphanumeric characters).

The newly registered name is added to the selectable items in the combo box in the condenser module mounting setup dialog box.

5.10 Setting Up the Interlock

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Interlock is designed to tailor various motorized attachments of the microscope system to the control conditions that best fit the microscopy method and objective used.

The following interlock information items can be set:

- Microscopy method interlock setup (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 Set whether to interlock each of the motorized attachments when switching microscopy methods (ON/OFF).
- Objective interlock setup (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):
 Set whether to interlock each of the motorized attachments when switching objectives (ON/OFF).
- Optical path switching interlock setup (only if the DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 Set whether to interlock the episcopic field diaphragm when switching optical paths.
- Optical zoom interlock setup (only if the DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 Set whether to interlock the episcopic field diaphragm when switching optical zoom magnifications.
- Compensation setup

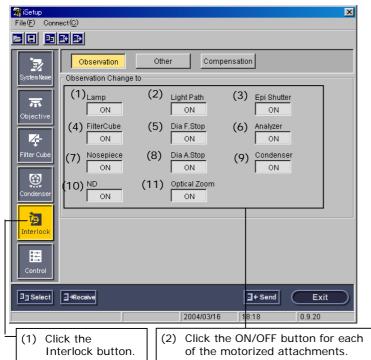
Control values can be compensated for across the board when the diascopic field diaphragm, diascopic aperture diaphragm, ND value, and episcopic field diaphragm are controlled through interlock. Set this compensation value.

5.10 Setting Up the Interlock

5.10.1 Microscopy Method Interlock Setup

Clicking the Interlock button – a main setup item button – displays the microscopy method interlock setup dialog box.

▼ Microscopy method interlock setup dialog box



- (1) Click the Interlock button a main setup item button.
- (2) Set whether to turn ON or OFF each of the motorized attachments (interlock the attachments with microscopy method) by clicking the ON/OFF button.

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The following motorized attachments can be set to interlock:

- (1) Illumination lamp (configuration including the 90i only)
- (2) Optical path switching (configuration including the DIH-E only)
- (3) Shutter (configuration including the DIH-E/M only)
- (4) Filter cube (configuration including the DIH-E only)
- (5) Diascopic field diaphragm (configuration including the 90i only)
- (6) Analyzer (configuration including the DIH-E only)
- (7) Nosepiece (only if motorized nosepiece is attached)
- (8) Diascopic aperture diaphragm (only if motorized condenser is attached)
- (9) Condenser (only if motorized condenser is attached)
- (10) ND filter (only if motorized ND filter is attached)
- (11) Optical zoom (configuration including the DIH-E only)

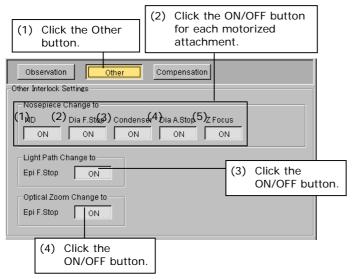
Note: Motorized attachments that can be set to interlock vary depending on the microscope system configuration.

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5.10.2 Objective, Optical Path Switching, and Optical Zoom Interlock Setups

Clicking Other – a subsetup item button in the microscopy method interlock setup dialog box – displays the interlock setup dialog box for others.

▼ Interlock setup dialog box for others

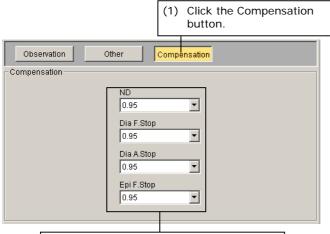


- (1) Click Other a subsetup item button.
- (2) Set whether to turn ON or OFF each of the motorized attachments (interlock the attachments with objective) by clicking the ON/OFF button. The following motorized attachments can be set:
 - (1) ND filter (only if motorized ND filter is attached)
 - (2) Diascopic field diaphragm (configuration including the 90i only)
 - (3) Condenser (only if a motorized condenser is attached)
 - (4) Diascopic aperture diaphragm (only if a motorized condenser is attached)
 - (5) Up/down focus motion (configuration including the 90i only)
- (3) Set whether to turn ON or OFF the episcopic field diaphragm (interlock the diaphragm with switching of optical paths) by clicking the ON/OFF button.
- (4) Set whether to turn ON or OFF the episcopic field diaphragm (interlock the diaphragm with optical zoom) by clicking the ON/OFF button.

5.10.3 Compensation Setup during Interlocking

Clicking Compensation – a subsetup item button in the microscopy method interlock setup dialog box – displays the compensation setup dialog box.

▼ Compensation setup dialog box



(2) Select a compensation value from the combo box for each of the motorized attachments.

- (1) Click Compensation a subsetup item button.
- (2) Select an interlock compensation value from the combo box for each of the motorized attachments.

Note: This setup applies to the interlocks with microscopy method switching and objective switching.

5.11 Control-Related Setup

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The following control-related information items can be set:

- Up/down focus motion setup (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set a parfocal compensation mode and software lower limit.
- **Focus knob operation mode setup** (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to change, on the system side, the travel per rotation of the focus knob (AUTO mode) or arbitrarily change the setting (coarse/fine/extra fine) (MANUAL mode) when controlling the up/down focus motion using the focus knob.
- **Buzzer setup** (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):
 - Set whether to sound the buzzer when operating the switches, etc., on the microscope.
- Switch setup:
 - Set whether to enable/disable operations of switches on the microscope.

5.11 Control-Related Setup

5.11.1 Setting Up the Up/Down Focus Motion

The following up/down focus motion information items can be set (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):

· Parfocal compensation mode setup:

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While all objectives are manufactured with a constant parfocal distance, the focus position is subtly different from one objective to another, resulting in a difference. Such a difference in focus position must be compensated for. Parfocal compensation is designed to store the subtle difference in focus position, thus achieving accurate reproduction.

Set whether to compensate for parfocal distance deviation.

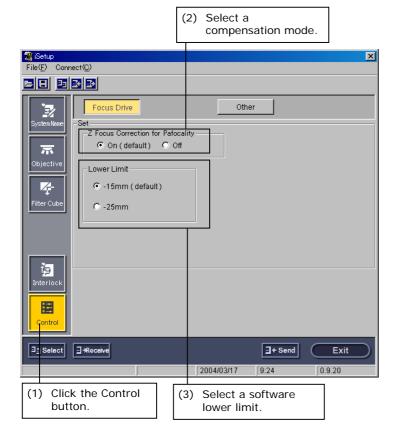
Software lower limit setup:

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The initial lower limit setting along the Z-axis, initially set to -15mm to avoid the polarizer from touching the XY stage during its mounting, can be changed to -25mm as when you want to observe a thick specimen. Exercise caution if you set the lower limit to -25mm as no mechanism is provided to avoid collision with the polarizer.

Set the XY stage lower limit (15 mm/25 mm) if no attachment (e.g., a condenser turret) is attached under the XY stage.

▼ Up/down focus motion setup dialog box



- (1) Click the Control button a main setup item button.
- (2) Select the parfocal compensation mode (ON [default]/OFF).

Note: To set a focus position, use Focus Setting under Setting, one of the iControl menu items. See "4.5.3 Setting Up the Focus Position for Up/down Motion " for more information.

(3) Software limit (settable only if the motorized universal condenser module is not attached)

Select -15 mm (recommended) or -25 mm (max. lower limit position) for the lower limit position.

Note: The lower limit is automatically set to -15mm when the motorized universal condenser module is attached.

5.11 Control-Related Setup

5.11.2 Other Setup

Clicking Other – a subsetup item button – displays a setup dialog box for other control.

The following control-related information items can be set (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):

• **Focus knob operation mode setup** (only if the 90i is included in the microscope system configuration):

Set whether to change, on the system side, the travel per rotation of the focus knob according to the objective currently in the optical path (AUTO mode), or arbitrarily change the setting (coarse/fine/extra fine) (MANUAL mode) when controlling the up/down focus motion using the focus knob.

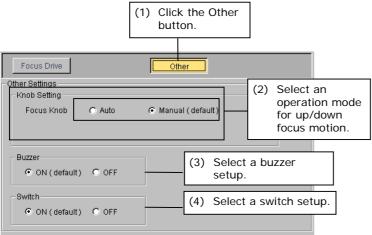
 Buzzer setup (only if the 90i or DIH-E is included in the microscope system configuration):

Set whether to sound the buzzer when operating the switches on the microscope or if an error occurs.

• Switch setup:

Set whether to enable/disable operations of switches on the microscope.

▼ Control-related setup dialog box



- (1) Click the Other button a subsetup item button.
- (2) Select the focus knob operation mode (AUTO/MANUAL [default]).

Note: When you select AUTO, auto switching of travels per rotation according to objective information is enabled only if the objective interlock is set to ON. (If the objective interlock is OFF, the travel per rotation remains unchanged from the previous setting.)

For the objective interlock, refer to Section 4.8.11, "Objective."

- (3) Set the Buzzer to ON (default) or OFF.
- (4) Set the Switch to ON (default) or OFF.

5.12 Reflecting and Saving Settings

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To enable information set with iSetup, you need to send all the information to the microscope system. The microscope system will overwrite any previous information, saving the transmitted information. The information you've set can be saved to a file if desired.

5.12.1 Transmission to the Microscope System

When you thoroughly finish setting up necessary information, send it to the microscope system for storage in memory on the microscope system side.

▼ iSetup window



(1) Click the Send button.

The name of the microscope system and all related information will be sent to the microscope system side. The transmitted name and information are stored in memory on the microscope system side, thus overwriting any previous information.

5.12.2 Saving Microscope System Information

You can save microscope system information you've set with iSetup to a file for later use.

▼ iSetup window



(1) Click the Save button.

A file select window is displayed. Select a file (***.xml) and save the setup information.

▼ File select dialog box

