

Video Article

## Major Components of the Light Microscope

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### Abstract

The light microscope is a basic tool for the cell biologist, who should have a thorough understanding of how it works, how it should be aligned for different applications, and how it should be maintained as required to obtain maximum image-forming capacity and resolution. The components of the microscope are described in detail here.

### Video Link

The video component of this article can be found at <http://www.jove.com/details.php?id=843>

### Protocol

The complete text protocol for this experimental approach is available in [Current Protocols in Cell Biology](#).

### References