



# Leica DM IL LED

**Brilliant Optics Combined with Innovative Illumination**

The New Inverted Microscope for Routine and Laboratory Microscopy  
in Cell Biology and Medicine

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# Inverted Routine Microscopy in a New Light

## Compact and stable

- Lean and sturdy design
- Plenty of space for operation
- Low stage height
- Large dimensions and low center of gravity of microscope
- Large working distances

## Wide variety of possible applications

- Cell biology and medicine
- Micromanipulation (injection, IVF, ICSI)
- Medicine
- Biotechnology
- Developmental biology
- Transgenics
- Molecular biology
- Fluorescence applications

Optical performance and illumination are key elements in microscopy. Both characteristics are unified in the new design of the Leica DM IL LED. As the first inverted routine microscope, the Leica DM IL LED is not only equipped with outstanding Leica HC optics, but also features innovative LED illumination. The transmitted-light illuminator including optimized condensers and improved contrast methods are adapted specifically for cell biology applications. High stability, plenty of space for operation, large working distances, illumination without heat development and the separately accommodated electronics provide optimum conditions for microscopy. The Leica DM IL LED is exceptionally well-suited for uses ranging from various cell and tissue culture examinations in life sciences, developmental biology studies or micromanipulation in cell biology to living cell examinations in transgenics or electrophysiology.



The fluorescence version, the Leica DM IL LED Fluo, also offers a variety of possible applications. Optionally, it is also available with the new LED illumination.

Heatable microscope stages and 3-plate cross-stages provide great flexibility for experiments on living cells under physiological conditions.

The Leica DM IL LED has a further advantage that distinguishes it from other microscopes in its class: The stand is highly compatible with components of the Leica research microscopes. Objectives, eyepieces, tubes, camera ports, contrast methods. Additionally, special tubes and condensers have been developed for the Leica DM IL LED.

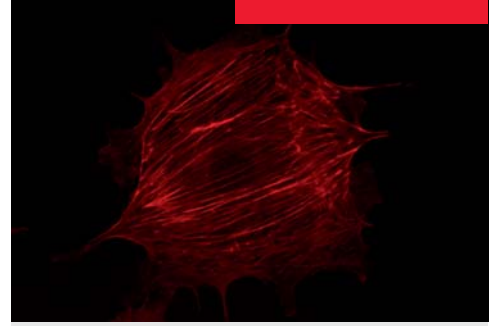


### **Integrated fluorescence**

- Manual fluorescence with three filter cubes
- Integrated shutter
- Optionally LED, classic mercury illumination or fiber optic coupling

### **Flexible and modular**

- A full range of optical components
- Compatible with research stands
- Unheated and heated stages
- Large selection of tubes
- Comprehensive range of accessories for special applications



# The Most Comprehensive Array of Contrast Methods

All available contrast methods can be adapted to individual applications easily and quickly. Two condensers have been developed specifically for the Leica DM IL LED, which can be used for the entire magnification range of the respective contrast method. The high-resolution S40/0.45 condenser makes even tiny details of a specimen visible. Both condensers, the S40/0.45 and S80/0.30, allow for use of phase contrast up to the 63x objective as well as Integrated Modulation Contrast (IMC) up to the 40x objective.



## **Fatigue-free operation**

The ergonomic arrangement of all controls such as the focus dial, brightness controller, condenser height adjustment, objective nosepiece and XY stage adjustment allow users to be relaxed while working with the microscope – even for hours. The height-adjustable stages, Ergo tubes with variable tube height, flexible viewing height, and the interpupillary distance and diopter setting enable each user to configure his or her personal Leica DM IL LED. The large working distances provide sufficient room for large culture flasks, and the unobstructed view of the specimen area facilitates handling more difficult specimens.

### Brightfield

All Leica brightfield and phase objectives from 2.5x to 100x can be used for stained specimens. The bright field method can be used even for low magnification levels without condenser. A working distance of 200 mm is realized simply by unscrewing the condenser head.

### Phase contrast

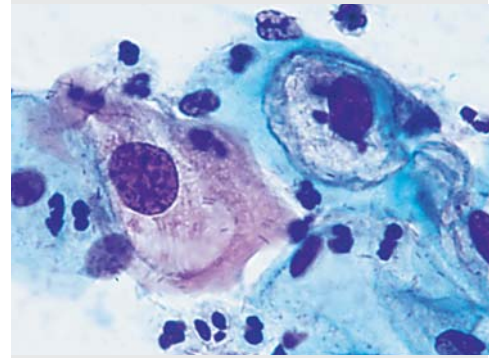
Phase contrast is used primarily in live cell microscopy to make structures in unstained specimens visible. Three preadjusted light rings on a slider allow phase contrast for all objectives from 5x to 63x. No readjustment is necessary when changing the objectives. The intelligent LED illumination adjusts the brightness automatically when switching between the phase contrast and brightfield method.

### Integrated Modulation Contrast (IMC)

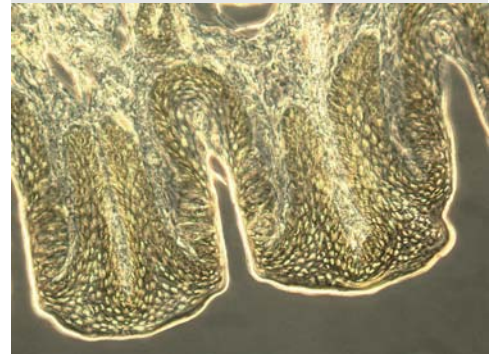
IMC creates relief-type images and has proven to be an alternative to Differential Interference Contrast (DIC), particularly in micromanipulation. The IMC developed by Leica Microsystems does not require special objectives because the IMC modulator is not integrated into the objective, but operated via a separate slider. The IMC illumination slider is encoded and controls the LED illumination. IMC is available for both condensers and for standard 10x, 20x, 32x and 40x objectives.

### Fluorescence

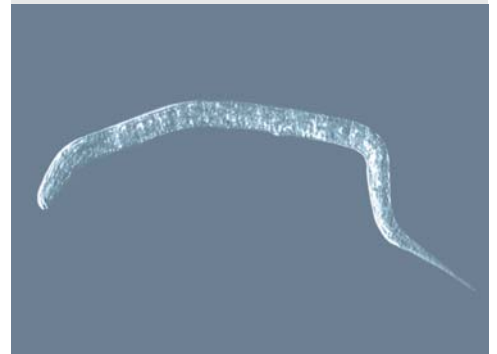
Incident-light fluorescence is an integral part of the Leica DM IL LED Fluo microscope variant. The fluorescence slider holds three filter blocks. The transmitted light method and fluorescence can be used simultaneously. This way, object structures can be clearly assigned. Each filter block comprises an optimally matched combination of excitation, reflection and barrier filters. Illumination can be generated via the Leica SFL100 LED illumination, the classic mercury illumination or the Leica EL6000 fiber optic coupling.



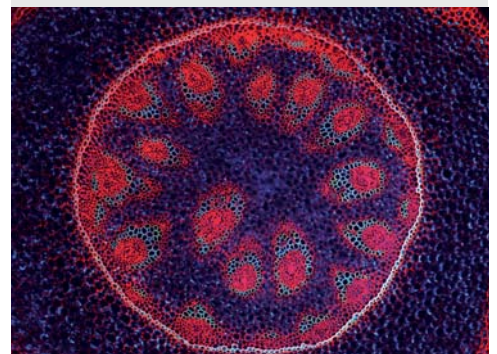
PAP smear, Brightfield



Section taste buds rabbit, Phase Contrast



*C. elegans*, Integrated Modulation Contrast (IMC)



Convallaria lilly of the valley, 10x, Fluorescence

# Perfectly Illuminated

## High-intensity and high-contrast

- 5 watt LED illumination
- Constant color temperature
- Automatic brightness adjustment to the contrast method
- Phase contrast from 5x to 63x
- Modulation contrast for 10x, 20x, 32x and 40x
- Integrated modulation contrast
- Without special objectives; for all condensers

## Cost-effective and efficient

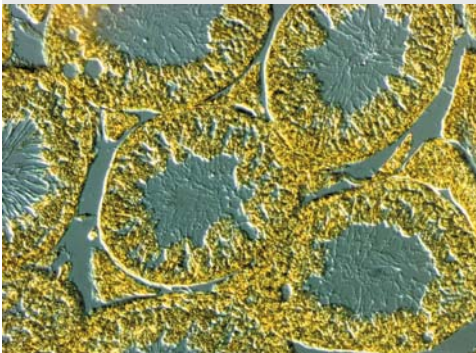
- Low energy consumption
- No heat buildup
- LED with a service life of 50,000 hours
- "Auto-off" function for illumination

The Leica DM IL LED is the first inverted routine microscope with LED illumination for the transmitted-light method. The compact illumination unit includes a precentered light emitting diode that has a service life of 50,000 hours.

The LED, with a service life at least 250 times longer than that of conventional halogen lamps, is easy to maintain and very cost-effective. The 5 watt power of the LED is completely converted into light while maintaining uniform color temperature. Nearly no unwanted heat is generated. Optionally, users can activate the integrated automatic shut off – an additional contribution to energy savings.

In particular the phase contrast and IMC are optimized by the warm hue of the LED. With the help of the attachable filter, the illumination impression can be individually adapted in both directions of the color spectrum.

The integrated collector attains optimum light utilization and the integrated aperture diaphragm creates optimum contrast and resolution for every specimen and every objective.



Rat testes, Integrated Modulation Contrast (IMC)



# Anything Goes

For the first time, a condenser concept has been realized in the Leica DM IL LED that allows all contrast methods with all condensers. With a working distance of at least 40 mm and a numerical aperture of 0.45, the S40 condenser is the perfect tool for applications for which optimum resolution is the most important parameter. Phase contrast and IMC ensure optimum contrasting.

The working distance of at least 80 mm and 0.30 aperture of the S80 condenser are the ideal prerequisites for achieving maximum possible free room around the specimen and optimum contrasting at the same time. The continuous adjustment of the condenser height depending on specimen vessel and liquid layer is a one-of-a-kind feature. It ensures maximum flexibility when using peripheral microtools.

Whether you work with thin sections or thick specimens, phase and modulation contrast produce a brilliant microscopic image for all specimens and applications.



Perfect for your applications – the S40 and S80 condensers



High-intensity and high-contrast – the 10 W LED illumination

# Flexible Fluorescence



Innovative LED illumination for fluorescence applications with the Leica SFL100.

Fluorescence applications, in particular GFP labeling, play an ever more important role in clinical diagnostics and routine microscopy. The Leica DM IL LED Fluo has been designed in consideration of this trend. The microscope has been equipped with a fluorescence axis and a 3-position slider to ensure fast and easy switching to different fluorochromes. The slider glides smoothly in an elaborately constructed dovetail guide. An extensive, constantly growing range of filters allows a wide variety of fluorescence examinations. The filter blocks are optimized for minimizing stray light. Excitation, reflection and barrier filters adapt to your application. Transmitted-light methods can be used simultaneously or as an alternative so that fluorescent and nonfluorescent structures can be clearly assigned. An integrated shutter protects the specimen against bleaching.

The Leica DM IL LED Fluo is the first routine fluorescence microscope that allows users to choose between classic illumination (halogen, mercury or high-pressure xenon lamps), the "cold" light guide coupling of the Leica EL6000 and the new LED illumination, Leica SFL100. This gives users the ability to excite and examine fluorochromes to see more detail under the microscope. A dark background and the bright emitted fluorescence produce brilliant color images. The field of applications ranges from DAPI (UV) for nuclear staining to CY5 (IR) for immunohistochemical arrays. The Leica DM IL LED Fluo thus is a high-performance instrument for use in immunology, cytology, virology – and in any field that requires fluorescence techniques for living specimens.



Leica DM IL LED with fluorescence axis and 3-position slider

# Capturing Every Detail

A large selection of tubes is available for the Leica DM IL LED. All tubes can be rotated individually by 360° and are equipped with a 1x tube lens and an eyepiece holder for HC optics.

In addition, two special tubes have been developed for the Leica DM IL LED:

- ILB binocular tube with a viewing angle of 45°
- ILT trinocular tube with a viewing angle of 45° and vertical camera port with selectable light path (100% photo or 100% visual). The port is positioned 88 mm to the side and allows an unobstructed view of the specimen at all times. It is also possible to center the camera port.

Nine other tubes from the range of accessories for upright Leica microscopes are also available. These include different tubes with fixed viewing angles and Ergo tubes with variable viewing angles, Ergo tubes with camera port and different splittings of the light path.

Apart from the Ergo Modules for variable height adjustment, Leica Microsystems offers a drawing attachment for special examinations and a discussion attachment for two observers.

A large selection of TV adapters is available for a wide variety of camera types. Leica digital cameras offer many advantages for live cell microscopy. The product range includes everything from color cameras for various applications to monochrome camera systems for fluorescence applications. Leica digital cameras offer variable resolutions for live imaging; Resolutions range between 1.3 and 12 megapixels at a color depth of up to 14 bits per color channel.



Leica DM IL LED with trinocular tube for transmitted-light applications



Discussion attachment for two observers on the Leica DM IL LED



# Properly Cultured

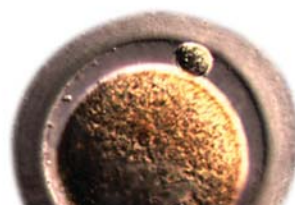
In live cell microscopy, the right microscope stage and the corresponding accessories are important prerequisites for the best results. In addition to the fixed stages with or without mechanical stage, Leica Microsystems offers 3-plate cross-stages with different inserts for a wide variety of culture flasks. All microscopes are also available with heating stages or heating inserts. The sturdy mechanical system and the compact stand ensure best possible stability.



Heating insert for Petri dishes



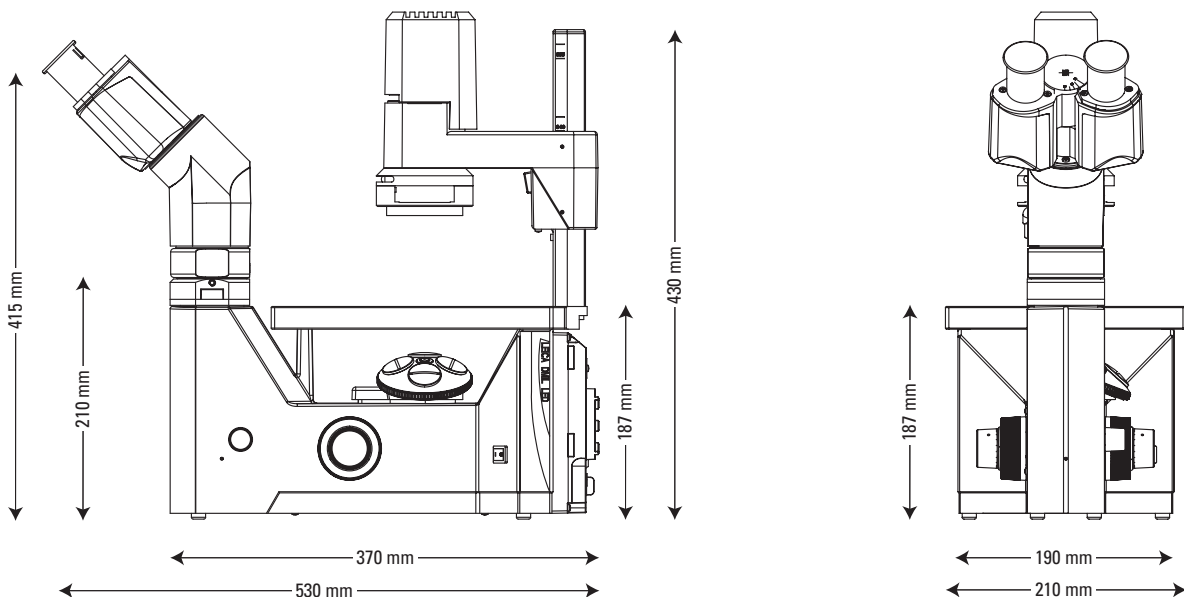
TempControl 37 for Leica DM IL LED stands with heating stage



Leica DM IL LED	
<b>Optics</b>	Infinity corrected (HCS), tube factor 1x
<b>Field of view</b>	20 mm
<b>Lamp power supply</b>	External power supply AC input: 100-240 V 0.33-0.19 A DC output: 5 V — — — 2 A
<b>Illumination</b>	5 watt LED
<b>Focusing</b>	Coarse and fine adjustment, nosepiece focusing, vertical travel 7 mm
<b>Objective Nose-piece</b>	4-position, M25x0.75 objective thread
<b>Stage</b>	Fixed work stage with 3-point support 248 x 212 x 20 mm or Heating stage 248 x 212 x 20 mm incl. TempControl 37 or 3-plate stage, 150 x 150 mm insert plate, adjustment range 60 x 40 mm
<b>Transmitted-light illuminator arm</b>	with illumination unit, with precentered LED illumination incl. collector, diffusion filter, iris aperture diaphragm, condenser holder
Additionally for fluorescence versions:	
<b>Lamp housing</b>	Interchangeable lamp housings for fluorescence
<b>Fluorescence</b>	Integrated lamp mount in a massive, stable back panel, integrated fluorescence axis, 3-position fluorescence slide for three different filter blocks, dark stop

## Overview of the Leica DM IL LED

		DM IL LED Fluo	DM IL LED
<b>Optics</b>	Leica HC optics (infinity corrected) HC objectives: 2.5x–100x	●	●
<b>Objective Nosepiece</b>	Four positions	●	●
<b>Focus</b>	Coaxial coarse and fine adjustment, travel path 7 mm, nosepiece focusing	●	●
<b>Transmitted-light illuminator</b>	5 watt LED, external power supply (in 100-240, out 5 V/2 A) Filter holder for TL filter Ø 32 mm, collector, scattering filter	●	●
<b>Condenser</b>	Interchangeable condenser heads: S40/0.45: available working distance 40 mm, aperture 0.45 S80/0.30: available working distance 80 mm, aperture 0.30	●	●
<b>Contrasting</b>	Precentered insert with four positions (Brightfield, 5x–63x Phase Contrast) Insert for IMC illumination (Brightfield, 10x, 20x, 32x, 60x IMC)	●	●
<b>Contrast methods</b>	Brightfield, Phase Contrast, Integrated Modulation Contrast	●	●
<b>Fluorescence</b>	Fluorescence slider with three positions for filter cubes Manual light stop	●	—
<b>Fluorescence illumination</b>	Fluorescence LED Leica SFL100, 50 W Hg, 100 W Hg, Leica EL6000 fiber optic coupling	●	—
<b>Stages</b>	Fixed stage, fixed heating stage, 3-plate stage, attachable mechanical stage for both fixed stages	●	●
<b>Documentation</b>	Camera port for all Leica digital cameras and common camera models	●	●
<b>Tubes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Binocular tube 45°, interpupillary distance 55–75 mm, field of view 20 mm</li> <li>– Trinocular phototube 45°, interpupillary distance 55–75 mm, field of view 20 mm, with camera port positioned 88 mm to the side, selectable 100% photo or 100% visual</li> </ul> Additional options in the Leica DM product line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Standard binocular tube 30°, Ergo binocular tube 15°</li> <li>– Ergo Vario binocular tube 7.5–15°, Ergo Vario binocular tube 0–55°</li> <li>– Ergo Vario binocular tube 5°–32° and eyepiece extension 0–30 mm</li> <li>– Standard trinocular phototube 30°, Ergo Vario trinocular phototube 0°–35°</li> </ul>	●	●



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### • Medical Division

The Leica Microsystems Medical Division's focus is to partner with and support surgeons and their care of patients with the highest-quality, most innovative surgical microscope technology today and into the future.

The statement by Ernst Leitz in 1907, “with the user, for the user,” describes the fruitful collaboration with end users and driving force of innovation at Leica Microsystems. We have developed five brand values to live up to this tradition: Pioneering, High-end Quality, Team Spirit, Dedication to Science, and Continuous Improvement. For us, living up to these values means: **Living up to Life.**

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