

# Zeiss AxioScope.A1

## Objective Properties

| Objective           | NA   | WD (mm) | *Resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) |           | Depth of Field (mm) | Brightness | Pixel Size ( $\mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ ) |
|---------------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|---|
|                     |      |         | Episcopic                     | Diascopic |                     |            |   |
| 5x A-Plan           | 0.12 | 10.1    | 2.54                          | 2.54      | 69.4                | 0.1        | 2.040                                     |
| 10x A-Plan          | 0.25 | 4.5     | 1.22                          | 1.22      | 16.0                | 0.4        | 1.020                                     |
| 20x ECPlan-Neofluar | 0.50 | 2.0     | 0.60                          | 0.61      | 4.0                 | 1.6        | 0.510                                     |
| 40x ECPlan-Neofluar | 0.75 | 0.7     | 0.41                          | 0.41      | 1.8                 | 2.0        | 0.255                                     |
| 63x ECPlan-Neofluar | 1.25 | 0.1     | 0.24                          | 0.28      | 1.0                 | 6.2        | 0.163                                     |

**NA (numerical aperture):** affects nearly everything about your image; report this along with the magnification when you publish

**WD (working distance):** how deep you can image; e.g. to image all the way through a 0.2 mm object, you need a WD > 0.2

**Resolution\*:** sizes smaller than this cannot be measured; objects closer than this distance cannot be distinguished

**Episcopic** = for fluorescence; **Diascopic** = for transmitted light (brightfield, DIC, phase contrast)

**Depth of Field:** the thickness of the sample that appears in focus at the same time

**Brightness:** relative measure of how much light is collected by the objective (for fluorescence only)

**Pixel size:** the size of each pixel in microns; assumes no camera binning or additional magnifying lenses

## Fluorescence Filter Properties

| Fluor. Filter Set | "color" | Ex. (nm) | Em. (nm) | Example Fluorophores                              |
|-------------------|---------|----------|----------|---|
| DAPI              | blue    | 340-370  | 420-470  | DAPI, Hoechst                                     |
| GFP               | green   | 450-490  | 500-550  | Fluorescein, GFP, Alexa Fluor 488                 |
| Cy3               | red     | 530-555  | 575-645  | Rhodamine, propidium iodide, Alexa Fluor 546, Cy3 |