



## **User Guide: the S30 Stereo Microscope Series**



Welcome to your Swift S30 Series microscope! Whether you are a seasoned professional or a beginner hobbyist, Swift has the perfect microscope for you.

This guide will introduce you to the components of your new microscope and help you begin using it. For more information about our microscopes, software downloads, product manuals, or customer service requests, please visit [www.swiftoptical.com](http://www.swiftoptical.com).

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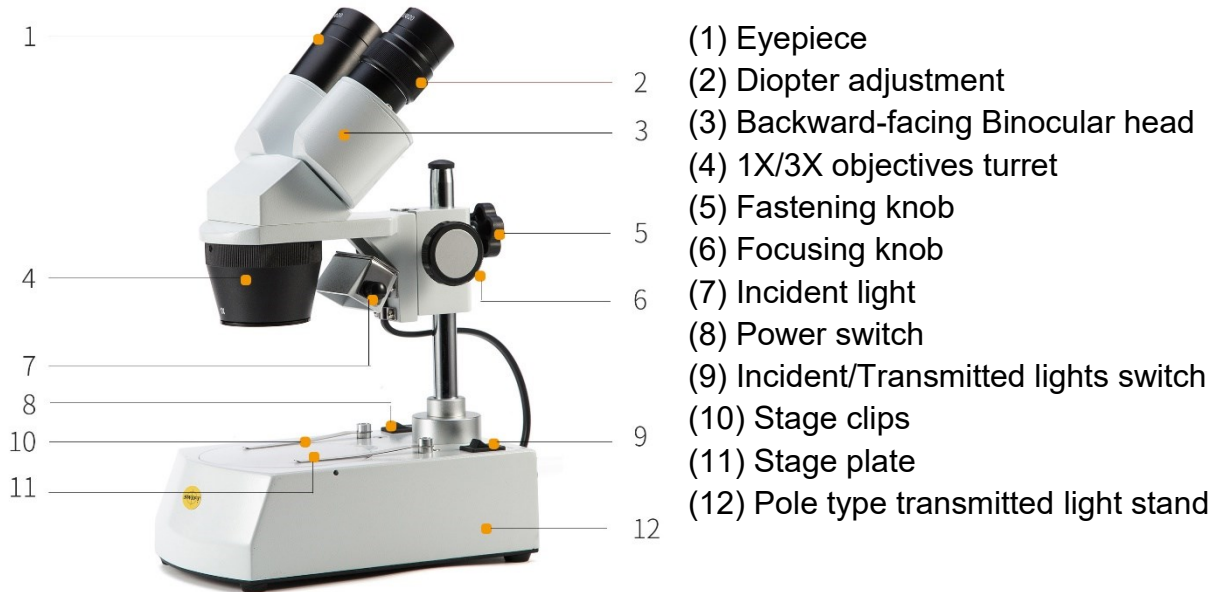
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## I. Specifications

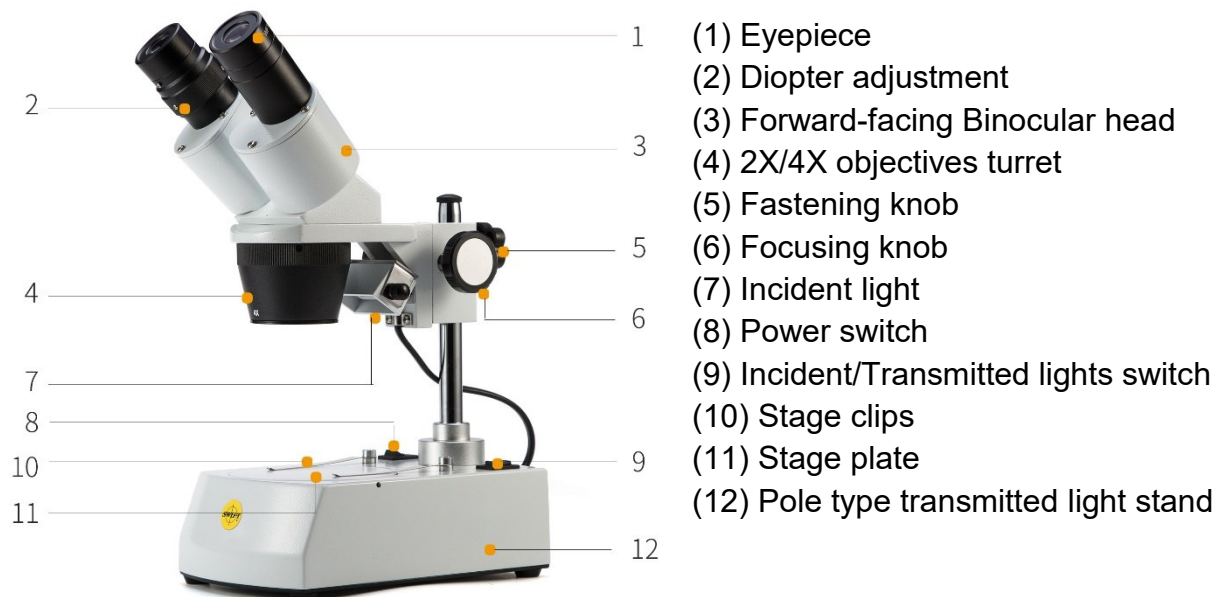
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| Model                   | S303   | S304   | S308   |
| Observation tube        | Backward-facing Binocular                    | Forward-facing Binocular                     | Backward-facing Binocular                    |
| Inclination             | 45° inclined                                 |  |  |
| Interpupillary distance | 55-75 mm                                     |  |  |
| Eyepieces               | WF10X/20mm, standard                         |  |  |
|                         | 20X/10mm as optional add-ons                 |  |  |
| Diopter adjustment      | On left tube, +/-5                           |  |  |
| Objectives              | 1X, 3X                                       | 2X, 4X                                       | 2X, 4X                                       |
| Working distance        | 57mm   |  |  |
| Focusing travel range   | 41mm   | 41mm   | 36mm   |
| Max. specimen thickness | 70mm   | 70mm   | 24mm   |
| Stand                   | Pole arm, transmitted light stand            | Pole arm, plain stand                        | Fixed arm, transmitted light stand           |
|                         |  | Pole arm, transmitted light stand            |  |
| Illumination            | Incident/Transmitted 12V/10W tungsten lights | Incident 12V/10W tungsten light              | Incident/Transmitted 12V/10W tungsten lights |
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| Power supply            | 110-240V                                     |  |  |

## II. Parts of the microscope

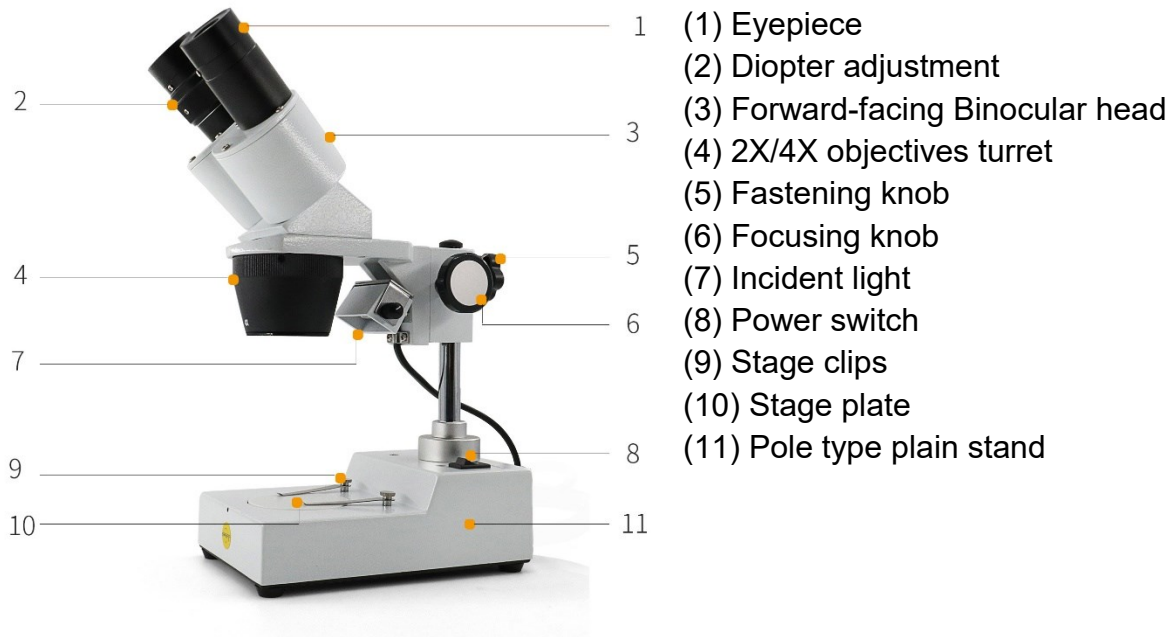
### S303 with pole arm and transmitted light stand



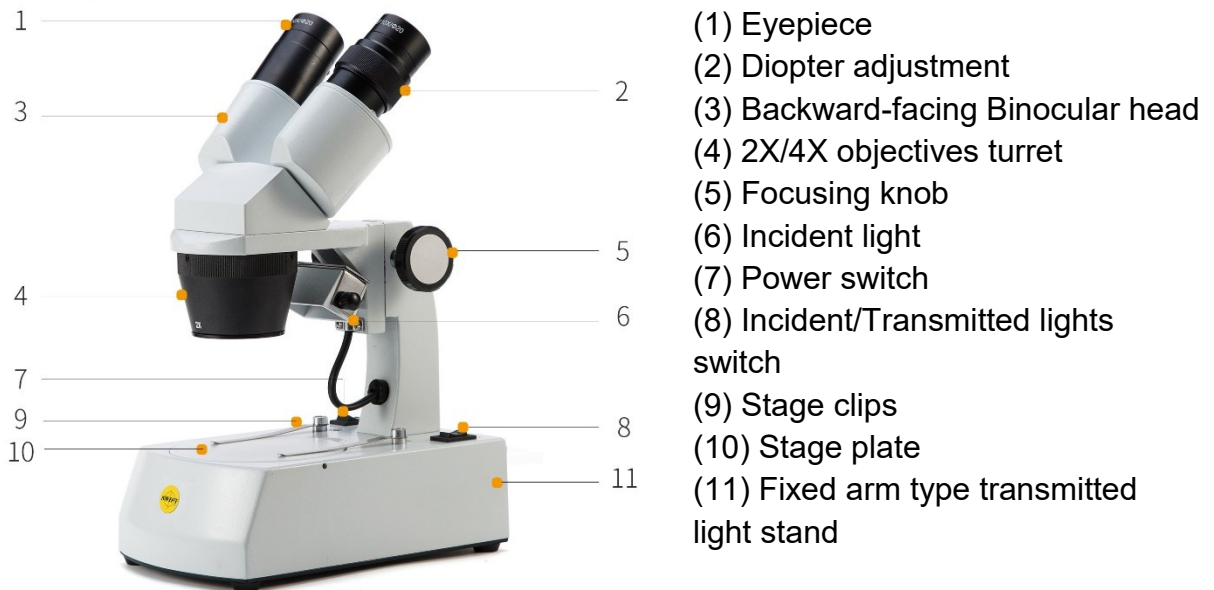
### S304 with pole arm and transmitted light stand



### S304 with pole arm and plain stand



### S308 with fixed arm and transmitted light stand



### **III. Assembling the microscope**

The components for the microscope are shipped detached for protection. Open the styrofoam packing with care and do not leave any components attached to the packing being removed. Do not discard any of the packing materials until all of the components have been identified. Remove the plastic covers from the microscope.

Locate the power cord and plug it in. Locate the power switch on the top of the stand and, if applicable, select the incident or transmitted illumination as needed.

### **IV. Using the microscope**

#### **Interpupillary adjustment**

Adjust the two eyepiece tubes until only one circular field can be seen through the two eyepieces. If two separate circles appear, the interpupillary distance is too large; if two overlapping circles appear, the interpupillary distance is too small. The eyepiece tube allows a flexible adjustment of the interpupillary distance between 54 and 76mm.

#### **Focusing the microscope**

To focus the sample, use the focusing knobs located on both sides of the head holder. By turning these knobs, the microscope can be moved up or down a certain distance. This movement is enabled by a “rack and pinion” mechanism.

Using the focusing knob, focus the sample until the image is clear. If the sample cannot be brought into focus within the travel range of the S303/S304 pole arm and stand, adjust the microscope head height along the vertical pillar to a working distance of 57mm from the sample. Remember to tighten the locking screw and support collar after adjusting the height of the microscope.

#### **Magnification and working distance**

Select the desired magnification strength by adjusting the objective turret. Change the optional eyepieces to increase magnification range.

Total magnification used can be calculated by multiplying the eyepiece magnification by the objective lens magnification.

### **V. Maintenance and repair**

#### **Cleaning**

Keep all lenses clean. Fine dust on the surface of the lens should be gently blown off with an air canister or wiped off with a soft lens cloth or lens tissue. Stubborn fingerprint smudges or oil marks can be wiped off with lens tissue moistened with a small amount of xylene or a 3:7 mixture of alcohol and ether. Never use organic solutions to clean any other surface (especially the plastic surfaces). If necessary, please choose a mild detergent.

**Storage**

After use, cover the microscope with the dust cover provided and store it in a dry and clean place free from moisture to prevent rust. Remove the eyepieces when not in use, and place covers on the eyepiece holders.

**Repair**

Do not attempt repairs on your own, particularly on the optical parts. Contact a Swift Optical representative through our customer service email or phone line with any issues.

**VI. Troubleshooting**

If you have a problem, you may be able to correct it yourself. Here are some common issues and easy solutions you can try before calling customer support for service.

\*Caution: Never disassemble the electrical, mechanical, or optical components. This servicing should only be done by a Swift technician.

| Issue         | Possible cause                                 | Solution                                  |
|---------------|--|---|
| Double images | Interpupillary distance is not correct         | Readjust the eyepieces                    |
|               | Diopter adjustment is not correct              | Readjust the diopter rings                |
|               | Magnification of each eyepiece is not the same | Mount eyepieces of the same magnification |
|               | Dirt on the specimen                           | Clean the specimen                        |

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| Dirt appears in the field of view                | Dirt on the surfaces of eyepiece  | Clean the surfaces                         |
| Image is blurry                                  | Objective surfaces are dirty      | Clean the objective                        |
|  | Diopter adjustment is not correct | Readjust the diopter                       |
|  | Focus is incorrect                | Readjust the focus                         |
| The focusing knob is not smooth                  | The focusing knob is too tight    | Loosen it to a suitable position           |
| Head keeps slipping down                         | The focusing knob is too loose    | Tighten it to a suitable position          |
| Eyes fatigue easily                              | Diopter adjustment is not correct | Adjust the diopter rings                   |
|  | Light is too bright               | Dim the brightness                         |
| Illumination does not work when the switch is on | No power supply                   | Check the connection with the power supply |

## VII. Warranty information and customer support

Our microscopes are manufactured to meet ISO 9001 standards. Swift warranties are as follows:

- Five (5) Year Warranty for Microscopes: Microscopes come with a five (5) year warranty against manufacturing defects. Does not cover normal wear, routine maintenance, add-on accessories, damage resulting from repair by unauthorized parties, accident, alteration, shipping, misuse or abuse is not covered.
- One (1) Year Warranty for Electrical and Video components. Does not cover light bulbs, batteries, fuses, or electrical cords.



All warranties start from the original date of purchase. Swift provides the repair or replacement of warranted parts for free, including labor, during the warranty period. Proof of original purchase is required. Buyers are responsible for shipping to and from our warehouse for warranty services. The warranty does not cover damages resulting from normal wear and tear, abuse, or unauthorized repairs.

\*For customers living outside the United States, Swift Optical Instruments, Inc. will provide standard warranty service. Both inbound and outbound shipping costs (including duties and taxes) is the responsibility of the consumer.

For more information or to submit a repair request, please contact our Customer Support department:

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\*In order to serve Europe customers efficiently, we recommend to call the hotline during working hours 8 AM – 4 PM (London Time).

## **VIII. Manual and software downloads**

Please visit [www.swiftoptical.com](http://www.swiftoptical.com) for online download of instruction manuals and relevant software (Manuals are downloadable in the product details page under “Swift Basics” products and Software are downloadable under “Support” menu).

Disclaimer: We are constantly working to improve our instruments and to adapt them in response to customer feedback. These improvements occasionally involve small modifications to the mechanical structure and optical design of our microscopes. Therefore, some descriptions, illustrations, and specifications in this instruction manual may vary slightly from the microscope you receive.

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