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Important safety announcement regarding Olympus laser devices for Olympus biological microscopes (Models FV1000, FluoroPoint MF20, IV100)

Dear Valued Olympus Customer,

Olympus has determined that some of the above-referenced laser devices used on Olympus microscopes have been delivered to customers without a Safety Collar and/or a Connector Locking Screw. These parts provide added security at the laser cable connector, between the laser head and the laser power supply unit. Both parts are added safety features that help prevent accidental disconnection while the laser is energized. If there is an accidental disconnection when the power supply is on, the possibility of an electric shock exists. This possible shock hazard is located between the cable connection and the chassis of either the laser head or the laser power supply. To date, we have not had any reports of electric shock or any user injuries.

If you have any of the above-referenced products you must do the following:

- Immediately check your system to make certain that the items are installed properly as described in the diagrams below.
- Next, contact your Olympus representative or your authorized dealer. Your representative/dealer will provide you at no charge, the collars or locking screws for your systems
- In the event you need to disconnect the cable between the laser head and the laser power supply for any reason, you must make certain that the power supply is turned off.

Over the next several weeks, we will be contacting all of our customers to ensure these parts are properly installed.

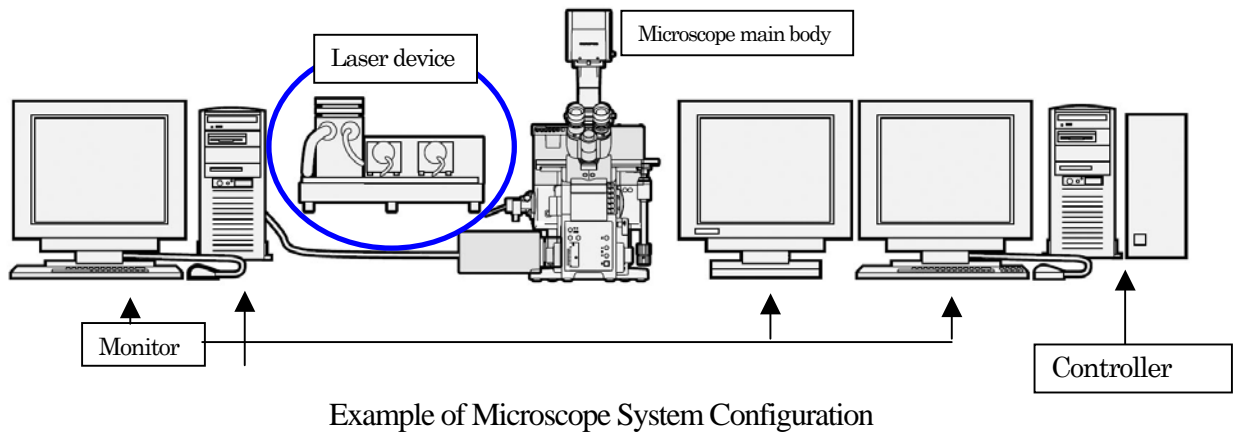
We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. At Olympus, we make every effort to ensure the safety of our customers. Should you have any questions regarding this announcement or how to contact your local Olympus representative or dealer, please contact Olympus directly at 0049 (0)40 23773 4610.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Olympus Life Science Europa (GmbH)

Laser Device Location

The laser device is shown connected to a microscope system in the following illustration.



Affected Laser Devices

If your product falls under the category mentioned below, it is affected by this safety announcement.

Microscopes are listed in category A below.
Laser devices are listed in category B below.

Category A



Confocal Laser Scanning
Microscope
FV-1000



Single Molecule Detection
System MF20 Fluoropoint



In vivo Laser Scanning
Microscope IV100

Category B

A laser device consists of 3 units, a laser power supply, a laser head and a cable.

Laser devices with power supply model numbers listed below are affected by this safety announcement.

1) Argon laser devices and Multi-Argon laser devices with power supplies whose model number starts with either “176” or “300”

2) He-Ne laser devices with power supplies whose model number starts with “05”

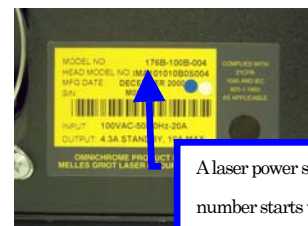
1) Argon laser devices and Multi-Argon laser devices



Example of laser device configuration



Appearance of laser power supply



A laser power supply whose model number starts with “176”

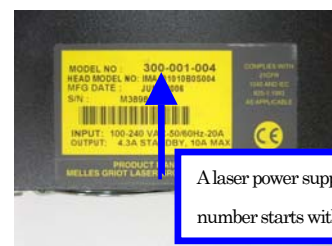
The model number is found on the label which is located on the back of the power supply.



Example of laser device configuration



Appearance of laser power supply



A laser power supply whose model number starts with “300”

The model number is found on the label which is located on the upper surface of the laser power supply.

2) He-Ne laser devices



Example of laser device configuration



Appearance of laser power supply



A laser power supply whose model number starts with “05”

The model number is found on the label which is located on the bottom surface of laser power supply.

Location of Safety Collars

Argon and Multi-argon Laser Devices

If Safety Collars are missing at the cable connecting points, (the Laser Power Supply and the Laser Head) as the following pictures illustrate, the installation of Safety Collars will need to be performed.

1) Safety Collars are missing.



The safety collar is missing at the laser power supply connection.



The safety collar is missing at the laser head connection.

2) Safety Collars are installed.



The safety collar is installed at the laser power supply connection.



The safety collar is installed at the laser head connection.

Location of Connector Locking Screw

He-Ne Laser Device

If the Connector Locking Screw is missing at the laser power supply as the following picture illustrates, the installation of the Connector Locking Screw will need to be performed.

- 1) The connector locking screw is missing.



The connector locking screw is missing.

- 2) The connector locking screw is installed.



The connector locking screw is installed.

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