

Leitz DMRB microscope linear encoder Installation

The procedure outlines the steps necessary to install and align the ASI Heidenhain linear encoder onto the Leitz DMRB microscope. The linear encoder mounts to the rear of the microscope via an encoder clamp. The linear encoder has a plunger that depresses into the encoder as the focusing position is moved. The plunger tip mates with a plunger stop that is attached to the microscopes stage carrier. The linear encoder installation has two parts:



1) Installing the plunger stop 2) Installing the encoder clamp and aligning the encoder

The procedure requires the following Allen wrenches that are supplied with the unit:

5/64" 3/32"



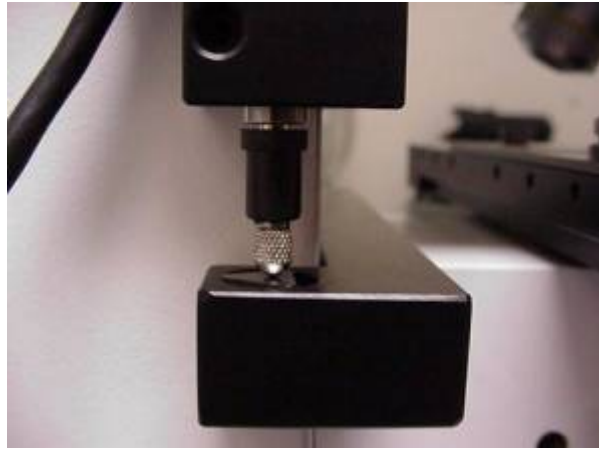
Step # 1 Installing the plunger stop

Locate the plunger stop and position it on the stage carrier so that the metal press bar is on the right side and the triangular carbide plunger stop is on the left side of the stage carrier as shown in figures 1a & 1b. Slide the plunger stop to the rear of the stage carrier and use the 5/64 inch Allen wrench to tighten the set screw located on the opposite side of the silver press bar. This will cause the silver press bar to press against the microscope and will hold the plunger stop securely in place.



Step # 2 Installing the encoder clamp & Aligning the encoder

Locate the Heidenhain encoder and the encoder clamp. Use the 3/32 Allen wrench to insure that the screw on the side of the encoder clamp is loose. Slide the encoder into the large hole on the encoder clamp as shown in figure # 3 and use the 3/32 inch Allen wrench to tighten the screw to secure the encoder in place.



Bring the stage up to the correct focal position for the common objectives used. Install the encoder clamp across the rear throat of the microscope as shown in figures # 4 a & b. Position the encoder & encoder clamp so that the ball on the end of the encoder's plunger mates with the triangular carbide plunger stop. Slide the encoder down until there is about 1 to 3 millimeters worth of upward travel left on the encoder's plunger. Hold the encoder in position & press the encoder clamp against the rear of the microscope. Use the 5/64 inch Allen wrench to tighten the set screw located on the opposite side of the silver press bar. This will cause the silver press bar to press against the microscope and will hold the encoder clamp securely in place.

Please note that the encoder has a total travel of 12 mm and that it should be positioned to allow the most convenient travel distance for the stage. In most instances the upward movement of the stage/focus will only be a few millimeters from the focal plane. In these applications the above installation procedure will provide the optimal downward travel range. However, this may vary slightly depending on the application and objectives use. To allow for the maximum upward linear encoder movement the stage can be moved to its upward mechanical stop and the encoder installed with the plunger fully retracted.



WARNING! Please do not move the stage outside of the linear encoder's range without first disengaging the drive, selecting the rotary encoder, or removing power from the controller. Failure to do so could result in a runaway condition. There is a firmware safety feature within the MS-2000 that will limit the runaway time to 0.5 seconds. After this period the drive will attempt to return to the last known encoder position. If the position to the encoder is small the drive may find the encoder. However, if the position to the encoder is large, or movement commands away from the encoder are still being given the limited runaway condition can occur.

This completes the installation and alignment of the ASI linear encoder onto the Leitz DMRB microscope. Please refer to your ASI manual for further instruction.

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