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Night Vision Bi-Oculars



USER'S MANUAL

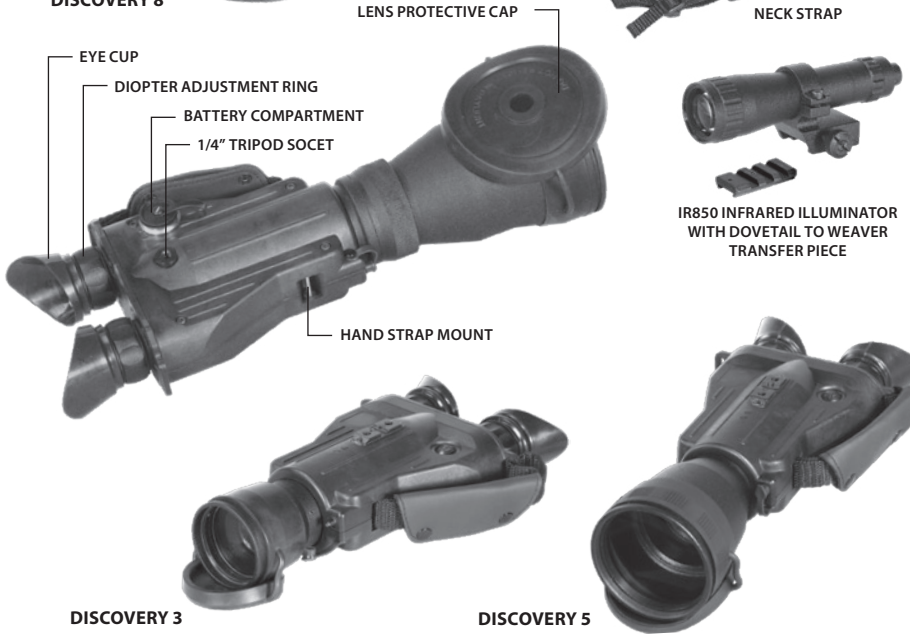
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PARTS OF THE BI-OCULAR



DISCOVERY 8



DISCOVERY 3

DISCOVERY 5

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1. DESCRIPTION AND DATA

DESCRIPTION

The Armasight Discovery is a hand-held night vision device that is ideal for use by both professionals and amateurs. The unit can be equipped with a long-range infrared illuminator that will provide you with a clear image of the surrounding terrain, even in complete darkness.

FEATURES

- High quality image intensifier tube
- 3x, 5x or 8x magnification
- Super fast, multi-coated, all-glass optics
- Dual-eye viewing system for comfortable nighttime operation, even during long sessions
- Removable, long-range IR illuminator
- Rugged, lightweight and versatile design
- Water and fog-resistant
- Tripod mount
- Hand and neck straps for convenient use
- Limited two-year warranty

Automatic Brightness Control System

The unit is fitted with an Automatic Brightness Control System. The Automatic Brightness Control System maintains the IIT screen's brightness level, even when faced with inconsistent light conditions.

Bright light cut-off system

The Discovery bi-ocular is designed to operate under only limited amounts of bright light when the front lens cap is removed. A Bright light cut-off system protects the image intensifier tube (IIT) from damage, and prevents the reduction of photocathode sensitivity when the device is turned on in excessively lit environments.

The protective system uses a light sensor to analyze the illuminance level of the surrounding environment. In the event that the maximum light level is exceeded for more than 10 seconds, the image intensifier will automatically shut off. As soon as the illuminance drops to an acceptable level, the IIT will turn back on.

NOTE:

Do not point the bi-ocular at bright light sources. Neither the Bright Light Cut-off System nor the Automatic Brightness Control System will protect the IIT photocathode from damage if the unit is exposed to bright light sources, such as fire, car headlights, lanterns, etc.

Automatic Shut-off System

The Automatic Shut-off System will automatically turn off the bi-ocular when it goes unused (the controls remain untouched) for more than 60 minutes.

Low Battery Indicator

A red light will flash in the field of view to alert you that the Discovery's battery needs to be replaced.

STANDARD COMPONENTS AND OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

1) Armasight Discovery Bi-ocular

Night vision bi-ocular with 3x, 5x or 8x magnification.

2) Objective Lens Cap

The objective lens cap is designed to protect the objective lens from physical damage, as well as allow for the testing of the device's operation in daylight.

3) Eye Cups

The rubber eye cups are designed to protect the eyepieces and to provide comfort of use for the user.

4) Light Sensor Cap

Putting the cap on the light sensor disables the sensor and gives the user the option of operating or testing the unit under brighter light conditions. As a protective measure, normal positioning should leave the sensor exposed and operational.

5) Hand Strap

The hand strap helps the user hold the Discovery safely, without having to grip the unit tightly. This allows for a more comfortable and secure session of operation for the user.

6) CR123A Lithium Battery

One 3V CR123A lithium battery is used to supply power to the unit.

7) IR850 Detachable Long Range Infrared Illuminator

The IR850 is a powerful, long-range infrared illuminators which greatly enhances performance of the bi-ocular and allows the user to see clearly in total darkness.

8) Dovetail to Weaver Transfer Piece #21

Allows the IR illuminator to be mounted on the Discovery.

9) Neck Strap

The neck strap allows you to hang the Discovery comfortably around your neck during breaks in observation sessions.

10) User Manual

The user manual contains a full description of the device and its accessories, information about controls, installation, maintenance and troubleshooting procedures.

11) Carrying Case

The carrying case is used to store and carry the Discovery bi-ocular and its accessories.

12) IR850W Detachable Wide Angle Adjustable X-Long Range Infrared Illuminator (Part# IAIR850IR000002)

A detachable LED extra long-range infrared illuminator with wide-angle adjustable beam (2 to 30 degrees).

13) Optional Camera Adapter #47 (Part# ANAM000016)

An adapter with step down ring that allows the Discovery to be attached to any 35 mm SLR camera or 8 mm camcorder.

14) Optional Universal Camera Adapter #45 (Part# ANAM000006)

Allows the Discovery to be attached to a variety of camera systems.

15) Optional Hard Shipping/Storage Case (Part# ANHC000001)

A protective case used for the shipping/ storage of the Discovery and its accessories.

SPECIFICATIONS *

MODEL	DISCOVERY 3	DISCOVERY 5	DISCOVERY 8
Generation		Gen 2+ or Gen 3	
Magnification	3x	5x	8x
Lens system	F1:1.65, 80 mm	F1:1.5, 108 mm	F1:2.0, 160 mm
Field of view (°)	12.5	9.5	6.5
Focus range (m)	5 to infinity	10 to infinity	15 to infinity
Diopter adjustment (dpt)		+5 / -5	
Eye Relief (mm)		17	
Exit Pupil (mm)		14	
Power supply		One CR123A Lithium 3V **	
Battery life (hours)		up to 50	
Infrared Illuminator		Detachable Long-Range Illuminator	
Environmental Rating		Water and fog resistance	
Operating temperature (°C)		-51 to +49	
Weight (kg/lbs)	1.0 / 2.2	1.3 / 2.8	1.5 / 3.3
Dimensions (mm/in)	265 x 140 x 63 / 10.4 x 5.5 x 2.5	305 x 140 x 86 / 12 x 5.5 x 3.4	350 x 140 x 100 / 13.8x5.5x3.9

* Armasight reserves the right to modify these specifications at any time without notice.

** Any CR123 type rechargeable batteries with voltage 3.0V can be used.

2. PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION

WARNING:

The Discovery night vision bi-ocular is designed for several years of reliable service. To ensure trouble-free performance please observe the following instructions:

- Do not activate the device in daylight unless the protective lens cover is fitted securely over the objective lens. If the device is ON, do not direct the device at bright light sources, such as car headlights, camp fires, street lights, etc., as this will cause damage to the device.
- Do not check the device's operation in daylight unless the front lens caps are fitted securely over the lens, and even then, the device should only be ON for the few seconds it takes to establish correct operation.
- Do not open the body of the device or otherwise disassemble it.
- Avoid dropping or otherwise impacting the device.
- Do not expose the device to moisture or extreme temperatures.
- Do not touch the lens. Clean optical parts with a clean, soft cloth, and only use professional lens cleaners designed for use with optics.
- Do not forget to remove the battery from the battery compartment if the device is to be stored for more than 3 days.
- Do not forget to turn the device OFF during periods of non-operation.

Consider the following information and restrictions in order to avoid damaging the device and to ensure a long service life and failure-free operation:

- Performance of the device in nighttime conditions depends on the level of ambient light in the environment. Some light (moonlight, starlight, etc.) is required for the device to display an image.
- The level of ambient light is reduced by the presence of clouds, shade, or objects that block natural light (buildings, trees, etc.).
- The device loses its effectiveness when operated in shadowed areas.
- The effectiveness of the device is adversely affected by weather conditions such as rain, snow, sleet, and fog, as well as environmental conditions such as smoke or dust.
- The device resolution level is reduced in environments with very low light sources. Visibility will degrade significantly under starlight conditions, particularly in low contrast environments such as deserts, large areas of uniform vegetation, etc.
- The device is equipped with a protection system that will automatically disable the image intensifier tube when the illuminance level stays above 40 lux for more than 10 seconds.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

- 1) Unscrew the battery compartment cap on the bottom side of the bi-ocular.
- 2) Insert the CR123A battery into the battery compartment in accordance with polarity markings.
- 3) Screw the cap into place.



NECK STRAP ATTACHING

Attach the neck strap to your Discovery as shown in the figure to the right.

- 1) Thread the end of the neck strap through the strap mount eyelet located on the bottom of the unit.
- 2) Thread the strap's end through the strap's buckle.
- 3) Tighten the strap as desired, and verify that it will unlock itself when the unit is being operated.



TRIPOD INSTALLATION

The Discovery can be connected to a tripod. To mount the tripod with the Discovery device, screw the tripod into the 1/4" threaded socket located on the Discovery's bottom rail.

NOTE:

The unit may be badly damaged if the tripod collapses or falls over. Remove the unit from the tripod if it is not within your reach.



3. OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

CONTROLS

The Discovery is designed to meet the needs and requirements of various users. Each user can individually set the unit to the most effective and desirable position with the help of the controls. The Discovery unit's controls and indicators are shown and detailed further, below:

ON/OFF Button. This controls the power supply to the unit. Use this button to turn the unit on and off.

Objective Lens Focus. This control focuses the objective lens. Adjust the objective lens for the clearest, sharpest image. This will need to be done whenever you change your positional distance from the scene you're observing.

Diopter Adjustment. This control focuses the eyepieces. Use it to get the clearest image possible on the IIT screen.

Light Sensor of Bright Light Cut-off System. This automatic feature analyzes the illuminance level of the terrain using a light sensor.

Indicator in FOV. A red indicator light will flash in the field of view to let you know when the battery is low.

FOCUSING

To focus your Discovery bi-ocular, perform the following steps:

Adjust the eye pieces (diopters). Turn the diopter adjustment rings clockwise until they stop. While looking through the eyepieces, observe the scene, and slowly begin turning the diopter adjustment rings counterclockwise until the image becomes clear and sharp.

TESTING PROCEDURES

CAUTION:

Do not test the device in daylight conditions for more than 10 minutes, even with the protective lens cap on.

To check device operation in daylight or in an illuminated room, follow these steps:

- 1) Verify that the battery is inserted into the battery compartment in accordance with polarity markings on the bi-ocular's body.
- 2) Verify that the objective lens is securely closed.
- 3) Without removing the protective lens cap, activate the unit by pushing the Power button. While looking through the eyepieces of your unit, observe the scene. Verify that the green light indicating correct IIT operation is illuminated.
- 4) Adjust the eyepiece diopter rings until the image becomes clear and sharp.
- 5) Turn the unit off by pushing the ON/OFF button. The green glow will disappear from the eyepieces.
- 6) Secure the objective lens cap over the objective lens.

OPERATION IN NIGHTTIME CONDITIONS

CAUTION:

Avoid exposing the bi-ocular to bright light sources. Bright light emitted by fires, automobile headlights, lanterns, projectors, etc. will damage your Discovery.

- 1) Visually estimate the illuminance level in the viewing area. Operation of the device with the objective lens cap removed is safe when the illuminance level is less than 1 lux; at an illuminance level of 1 lux, you will barely be able to read a newspaper, even after your eyes have adapted to the low light conditions.
- 2) Verify that the battery is inserted into the battery compartment in accordance with the polarity markings on the monocular's body.
- 3) Remove the light sensor cap.
- 4) Activate the unit by pushing the Power button. A green light indicating correct IIT operation will appear after a momentary delay.
- 5) Observe the scene and focus your Discovery.
- 6) Turn the unit OFF when you are finished using it. The green glow will disappear from the eyepieces.
- 7) Secure the objective lens cap over the objective lens.

OPERATION IN CHANGING LIGHT CONDITIONS

The unit is fitted with a bright light cut-off system. This protective system analyzes the illuminance level of the terrain using a light sensor. In the event that the light level exceeds 40 lux for more than 10 seconds, the image intensifier will be automatically shut off. If it becomes necessary to switch the bi-ocular on under changing light conditions, you can deactivate this cut-off system by placing the protective cap over the light sensor.



4. IR ILLUMINATOR

CAUTION:

Do not forget that light emitted from the IR illuminator light is invisible to the naked eye; however, it can be easily detected when using night vision devices.

Infrared illuminators are used in areas where the level of light level is not sufficient for surveillance. An IR illuminator provides infrared light which, although invisible to the naked eye, can greatly enhance the performance of night vision devices. Turn on the IR850 when working in total darkness. Please remember that the beam emitted by your IR illuminator will lose its brightness over long distances.

IR ILLUMINATOR INSTALLATION

The IR850 is a removable infrared illuminator that can be installed on the top rail of the Discovery bi-ocular. To install the IR illuminator on your bi-ocular, perform the following steps:

- 1) Install the Dovetail to Weaver Transfer Piece on the Discovery's rail.
- 2) Loosen the screw on the IR850 mount.
- 3) Place the IR850 on the Picatinny rail and tighten the screw.



IR ILLUMINATOR OPERATION

The Armasight IR850 runs on one CR123A battery. To install the battery, unscrew the battery compartment cap and insert the battery in accordance with polarity markings. Screw the battery compartment cap back into place.

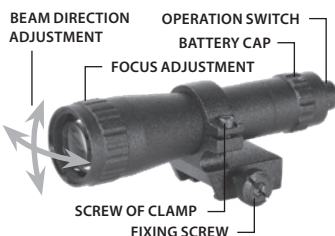
To switch the IR850 ON, rotate the knob from the OFF position.

The power of the beam emitted by the IR850 can be changed. To change the brightness of the beam, rotate the illuminator knob.

You can change the field of coverage by adjusting the IR beam. To focus the beam, rotate the IR illuminator lens until the desired field of coverage is reached.

Adjust the IR spot position in the field of view of the NVD (night vision device) as follows:

- 1) Loosen the screw of the clamp on the IR illuminator mount.
- 2) Turn on the sight and the IR illuminator.
- 3) Carefully move the lens of the IR850 up and down and side to side. While looking through the eyepieces of your device, observe the IR spot position.
- 4) Once the IR spot is centered in the field of view, tighten the fixing screw of the clamp.



5. MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

The Discovery should always be stored in the supplied packaging, particularly in heated and ventilated rooms. To keep the device operational, please follow the instructions listed below regarding the preparations for storage. The battery should be stored separately from the unit and be inserted into the battery compartment only when the device is being prepared for use. The presence of both acids and alkalis near the bi-ocular is not recommended.

When stored, your Discovery should be protected from exposure to direct sunlight or extreme temperatures.

BI-OCULAR CLEANING PROCEDURES

When preparing your Discovery for storage, perform the following steps:

- 1) Gently remove any dirt from the bi-ocular's body using a clean, soft cloth.
- 2) Wipe the external surfaces down (with the exception of optical surfaces) using a cloth moistened with pure water.
- 3) Dry all wet surfaces with a different clean, dry cloth.
- 4) Using a lens brush, carefully remove all dirt from the optical surfaces.
- 5) To avoid scratches, optical surfaces must be cleaned using a clean cotton swab that has been slightly dampened with pure alcohol. The glass should be wiped in circular motions starting from the center and moving out towards the edge, without touching the barrel. Change the cotton swab as soon as it becomes dirty.

PREPARATION FOR STORAGE

When preparing your Discovery for storage, perform the following steps:

- 1) Verify that the bi-ocular is operating in accordance with all previously specified procedures.
- 2) Remove the battery from the battery compartment.
- 3) Clean and dry the bi-ocular and all accessories.
- 4) Place all components into the storage case.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Common problems that may occur with your bi-ocular or the detection and viewing tests, as well as actions you can take to correct them, are listed in the Troubleshooting Table (see page 10). This table does not list all of the malfunctions that may occur with your device. If you experience a malfunction of the device that is not listed in this table, please contact Armasight or your Discovery retailer.

NOTE:

Before you use this table, be sure you have performed all normal operational safety, care and handling checks and procedures. If you have a malfunction that is not listed in this table, notify the next highest level of maintenance.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	ACTION
The bi-ocular does not turn on	Press the ON/OFF button.	Press the ON/OFF button repeatedly.
	Inspect for a missing, defective or improperly installed battery.	Replace the battery or install it properly
<i>If these actions fail, turn in the device for unit level maintenance.</i>		
Poor image quality	Verify that the objective lens and eyepieces are focused.	Focus the lens and/or eyepieces.
	Check if the lens is greasy, fogged or dirty.	Thoroughly clean the surface of the lens.
<i>If the problem persists, contact your service center.</i>		
Light is visible through the eyecups	Check the exit pupil distance value.	Press the eyecups to your face.
	Check the resilience of the eyepieces.	If the eyecups are defective, contact your service center.
Diopter adjustment cannot be performed	Check to see if the diopter adjustment rings are deformed or broken.	If the diopter adjustment rings are damaged, contact your service center.
IR illuminator does not switch on	Turn the IR illuminator on in dark area with the bi-ocular on. Visually estimate if the observed scene is lighted.	If the IR illuminator does not turn on, contact your service center.

ARMASIGHT PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD**PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Product Name _____ Purchased From _____

Purchase Date _____ Product Serial # _____

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Day Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

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Customer Signature Required

7. WARRANTY INFORMATION

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