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Other Specifications
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- Interface: BNC analog diagnostic output – 50 Ohms

Environmental and Operational Requirements
- Electrical voltage: 100 – 250 V / 47 – 63 Hz
- Power consumption: 10 – max. 50 W per element
- Operating temperature: 10 – 40°C (50 – 104 F)
- Relative humidity: 0 – 60%
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Certification
- Electrical Safety: CE certificated according to directive 89/336/EC
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Duo 73 used with scanning electron microscopes

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