

# What the Press is saying about The ProScope

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**Closest Zoom** -- I'm one of those people who's never been able to use a microscope comfortably, thanks to a fairly thin face and glasses. If only Bodelin's ProScope had been available back when I was dissecting worms and counting protozoa! It's a handheld USB digital microscope that can display 640 by 480 images on a computer screen at up to 200 times magnification. It can even show live video, record movies, or do time-lapse photography at those magnifications. The \$200 package includes a 50x lens, the necessary software, backlighting, and standard tripod mount (also for use with The ProScope's optional \$125 stand). Also available are an \$85 1x lens that turns The ProScope into a standard digital camera and \$100 100x and \$129 200x lenses for increased magnification. Plus, a \$20 C-Ring lens adapter enables the use of any standard C-mount lens. The ProScope sounds ideal for schools, since a teacher could display magnified images or live video for the entire class to see. [ACE]

MacAddict, (droolworthy) October 2001

While it's about as attractive as an Epilady, this gadget is pretty cool. This handheld USB microscope lets you snap still images and time-lapse movies at 50x magnification. It comes with a standard tripod mount and backlighting for easy viewing- perfect for examining live insects, dead bodies and other objects we haven't thought of yet. - NR

Wired Magazine, Wired Tools December 2001

Want to examine microorganisms, analyze handwriting or check you Firestones for tread separation? Scalar's redesigned ProScope USB Digital Microscope captures still, moving and time-lapse images at 50x magnification, 640x480 resolution. The handheld device saves them to your desktop with the touch of a button.

## **ProScope Reveals The Small Picture (11/28/2001)**

By A. David Cooper, MacDirectory Editor

A new tool for the scientist in your house has been made available for the Mac called the ProScope. This gadget looks so fun and easy to use it may actually tap into the mad professor within the most staunch Luddites among us. Such a user-friendly gadget comes as no surprise being that the ProScope was created in technology forward Japan by the Scalar Corporation.

The Proscope is a Digital USB Microscope that shows microscopic images on your computer screen. It only requires 32 MB of RAM and will run on Mac OS 8.6 or later. The Microscopes resolution is about is 72 dpi, 640 x 480, in millions of colors and comes with a 50x lens and all the software for both Mac and PC. Best of all, the ProScope doesnt require batteries since its powered via the USB port. It can capture images as .jpeg or .pict files and videos are saved as QuickTime files. The ProScope retails for just \$199, a bargain considering the hours of micro adventures this device will yield.

Emmott on Technology (Dentrix) December 2001

**Digital Microscope:** This device is amazing. It is essentially a digital video camera with magnifying lenses that turns it into a digital microscope. However the most amazing part is the price. A basic unit costs only \$219.

The device connects via USB, so it can work with virtually any computer without a fancy capture port. Basic software is included which allows users to freeze and save still images. Right now it is used mostly in education and police forensics however it has great potential in many other fields including medical/dental and dental lab work.

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