

## SEC-03M

**SEC-03M** - Single Electrode Voltage and Current Clamp Amplifier Module

Best suited to measure coupled cells

**DUAL-SEC**

**TRIPLE-SEC**

The combination with **PEN-03M** and **HVC-03M** modules forms a versatile system capable of

- Recording with sharp microelectrodes
- Recording with patch pipettes in whole-cell or perforated patch configuration
- Single electrode recording (CC and VC) independently from two cells
- Two electrode recording (CC and VC) from one cell
- Ultra-fast Iontophoresis

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The SEC is also available in as **19" rackmount instrument**.



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EPMS 07H modular system with seven slots   
 SEC-03M channel A sharp ME, whole cell or perforated patch recordings   
 PENETRATION module for channel A, B, or high-voltage module   
 SEC-03M channel B sharp ME, whole cell or perforated patch recordings   
 High voltage module for two electrode clamp or ultra-fast iontophoresis   
 Spare slot Filter, or stimulus isolator, or CellWorks interface

Modular Dual Cell Single or Double Electrode Recording System

## About SEC-03M

The SEC-03M is a switched mode single electrode voltage and current clamp amplifier module for recordings with sharp microelectrodes or suction (patch) pipettes.

Now it is possible to combine up to three SEC amplifiers in one 19 inch housing for investigating coupled cells and, if using npi's software CellWorks, no BNC cabling is required. All signals are linked internally to the INT-20M breakout box via the EPMS bus. Or combine an SEC-03M with a **PEN-03M** module for easy cell penetration or with a **HVC-03M** module to get a single and a two-electrode voltage-clamp system in one EPMS-housing.

SEC amplifiers are also available as **19" stand-alone devices**.

## Ordering

Part No.	Description
SEC-03M	SEC-03M System for EPMS
SEC-HS	SEC-HS Standard Headstage
SEC-HSD	SEC-HSD Headstage with differential input

SEC-HSP	SEC-HSP Low-noise Headstage
SEC-MINI-SE	SEC-MINI Headstage standard cable 2,5m, D=2.3mm, 12x10mm w/ Housing
SEC-MINI-C	Standard Cable Extension (max. 6m)
SEC-MINI-SC	Special Cable for MINI-Headstage, high flexibility, 6-11 lines, 2.5m
SEC-MINI-SCE	Special Cable Extension for MINI-Headstage, high flexibility, 6-11 lines, max. 6m
SEC-EH	Standard Micro-/Patch Electrode Holder
SEC-EH-SET	Electrode Holder Set for SEC Amplifiers
SEC-MODA	Cell Model w/ Active Memb.Res.
SEC-MOD	SEC Cell Model Circuit
SEC-MOD-D	Dual SEC Cell Model Circuit
SEC-CON	SMB Cable for SEC Headstage

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## Technical Data

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### MODES OF OPERATION:

VC: Voltage Clamp mode (discontinuous)  
 CC: Current Clamp mode (discontinuous)  
 OFF: Current- and Voltage Clamp disabled  
 BR: Bridge Mode (continuous CC)  
 EXT: External control mode  
 MODE selection: toggle switch, LED indicators

### HEADSTAGES:

Standard headstage  
 Operation voltage:  $\pm 15$  V  
 Input resistance:  $<10^{13}$   $\Omega$  (internally adjustable)  
 Current range (continuous mode): 120 nA into 100 M $\Omega$   
 CC control: Coarse control for input capacity compensation  
 Electrode connector: gold plated SUBCLIC (SMB) with driven shield  
 Driven shield output: 2.3 mm connector, range  $\pm 15$  V, impedance 250  $\Omega$   
 Ground: 2.3 mm connector or headstage enclosure  
 Holding bar: diameter 8 mm, length 150 mm  
 Size: 100x40x25 mm  
 Headstage enclosure is connected to ground

Low noise (whole-cell) headstage (SEC-HSP)  
 Operation voltage:  $\pm 15$  V  
 Input resistance:  $<10^{13}$   $\Omega$  (internally adjustable)  
 Current range (continuous mode): 12 nA into 100 M $\Omega$   
 external CC control: Coarse control for input capacity compensation  
 Electrode connector: BNC connector with driven shield  
 Driven shield output: 1 mm connector, range  $\pm 15$  V, impedance 250  $\Omega$   
 Ground: 1 mm connector or headstage enclosure  
 Mounting plate: 60x50 mm with four 6 mm holes  
 Headstage enclosure is connected to ground

Differential input headstage (SEC-HSD)  
 Operation voltage:  $\pm 15$  V  
 Input resistance:  $<10^{13}$   $\Omega$  (internally adjustable)  
 CMR:  $>90$  dB  
 Current range (continuous mode): 120 nA into 100 M $\Omega$   
 CC control: Coarse control for input capacity compensation  
 Electrode connectors: two gold plated SUBCLIC (SMB) with driven shields  
 Driven shield output: 2.3 mm connector, range  $\pm 15$  V, impedance 250  $\Omega$   
 Ground: 2.3 mm connector or headstage enclosure  
 Holding bar: diameter 8 mm, length 100 mm  
 Size: 100x40x25 mm  
 Headstage enclosure is connected to ground

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#### **ELECTRODE PARAMETER CONTROLS:**

Offset: ten-turn control,  $\pm 200$  mV

Capacity compensation: range 0-30 pF

adapts compensation circuit to electrode parameters

coarse control at headstage

fine control at front panel: ten-turn potentiometer

#### **BANDWIDTH and SPEED OF RESPONSE:**

Full power bandwidth (REL = 0):  $> 100$  kHz

Rise time (10-90%, REL = 100 M $\Omega$ ):  $< 30$   $\mu$ s

Rise time (10-90%, REL = 5 M $\Omega$ ):  $< 8$   $\mu$ s

Electrode artifact decay

(switched modes, 10 nA signal):  $< 1$   $\mu$ s (REL = 5 M $\Omega$ );  $< 1.5$   $\mu$ s (REL = 100 M $\Omega$ ) CAPACITY COMPENSATION tuned with no overshoot.

#### **ELECTRODE RESISTANCE TEST:**

obtained by application of square current pulses  $\pm 1$  nA; 10 mV/M $\Omega$ ; display XXX M $\Omega$

#### **CELL PENETRATION:**

Overcompensation of capacity compensation, fixed timed

#### **SWITCHED MODES PARAMETERS:**

Switching frequency: linear control, 2-40 kHz; duty cycle: fixed to  $\frac{1}{4}$  (25% current injection)

#### **CURRENT RANGE in SWITCHED MODE:**

Standard headstage:  $\pm 30$  nA

SEC-HSP headstage:  $\pm 3$  nA

#### **SWITCHED MODE OUTPUTS:**

Electrode potential: max.  $\pm 12$  V, output impedance: 250  $\Omega$

Switching frequency: TTL, output impedance: 250  $\Omega$

#### **CURRENT OUTPUT:**

10 nA / V; output impedance: 250  $\Omega$ ; current display: X.XX nA

#### **POTENTIAL OUTPUT:**

Sensitivity:  $\times 10$  mV; output impedance: 250  $\Omega$ ; potential display: XXX mV

#### **CURRENT CLAMP:**

Input: 1 nA/V; input resistance:  $> 100$  k $\Omega$

HOLD: X.XX nA, ten-turn digital control with -/0/+ switch, max. 10 nA

BRIDGE balance : XXX M $\Omega$  with ten-turn digital control

Noise (BRIDGE MODE): 400  $\mu$ Vpp / pApp with 100 M $\Omega$  resistance at 10 kHz bw

#### **VOLTAGE CLAMP:**

Input: /10 mV; input resistance  $> 100$  k $\Omega$

HOLD: XXX mV, ten-turn digital control with +/0/- switch, max. 1000 mV

GAIN: 100 nA/V - 10  $\mu$ A/V ten-turn linear control

Noise: potential output:  $< 400$   $\mu$ Vpp, current output:  $< 400$  pApp.

#### **SPEED of RESPONSE (VC Mode):**

1 % settling time:  $< 80$   $\mu$ s for 10 mV step and  $< 800$   $\mu$ s for 50 mV step applied to a cell model

(REL = 100 M $\Omega$ , Rm = 50 M $\Omega$ , Cm = 470 pF, switching frequency = 30 kHz, standard headstage)

#### **DIMENSIONS:**

24 HP (121.5 mm) x 3U (128.5 mm) x 7 inch (175 mm) deep

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## Downloads

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#### **Manual:**

**SEC-03M Manual**

**Brochures:**

[SEC-03M Brochure](#)

[SEC-03M System Brochure](#)

**References:**

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