

## Re: need advice on purchasing used microscopes

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On Jul 8, 8:08 pm, Meri <[merit...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:merit...@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

I am the volunteer coordinator for phytoplankton monitors. We recently got a small sum of money (not much 1K) to purchase scopes for volunteers.

We use them to identify diatoms and dinoflagellates in coastal waters. I would like them to have a compound scope, with 10, 20, 40, and 10x ocular; ideally, a mechanical stage.

Does anyone have any advice?

I'd urge you to take a look at Spectra Services ([www.spectraservices.com](http://www.spectraservices.com)) and Martin Microscopes ([www.martinmicroscopes.com](http://www.martinmicroscopes.com)). They might have the price and the used product you need. Of course take a good look around. Be a bit suspicious of E-Bay vendors. Probably you'll find an Olympus CH or a Nikon Alphaphot for sale, these are good instruments, well built with great optics.

There are only 4 major quality makers, Olympus, Nikon, Zeiss and Leica. The last two are German and better known for their high end microscopes.

Thanks,

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