

Product Review: ProScope Micro Mobile

The Jeweler's Loop has become a standard tool in pore sexing geckos in the last few years. However, as technology advances, newer, more efficient, technology becomes available. While the cheap and effective use the Jeweler's Loop will remain standard in the hobby, there is another tool that would be a great addition to your home arsenal. The ProScope Micro Mobile by Bodelin Technologies allows you to use your smart phone to take up to an 80X magnified view and pictures of your animals. It utilizes an optical lens of an Edmund pro level optic. It also features a rechargeable lithium ion battery rated at 5 hours. I tested the product and shared it with some vendors at the North American Reptile Breeders Conference in Tinley Park, Illinois. We tested the ProScope Micro Mobile, using an iPhone 5 Kit, as a general tool for the physical examining, pore sexing, and throat sexing of amphibians and geckos. There are multiple uses for such products in the herpetocultural industry.

Overall this is an excellent product to have on hand. It is easy to use, portable, and took excellent photographs using an iPhone. One the best features I love is the dimmable LED lights, and the design of the lights that surround the optical glass and are not an attachment protruding from the side or rising out of the base. Lights are fully incorporated into the product's build, making it easy to handle small geckos around the optical lens.

The drawbacks are in the price and the feel/quality of some of the parts. The biggest downside is the price at \$149.99 per a complete kit for an iPhone or Samsung Galaxy. The price is hard to compare to the cheaper Chinese made products retailing at \$25-50 online. The other drawback is the feel of the power button and dimming switch. While the unit is built of ABS plastic and feels sturdy, the switches feel cheap and like something found on a toy. The switch from A to B LEDs has the same feel. Durability of these items will show in time and are the only items of concern we found in our testing as the pictures speak for themselves. Given the savings by pore sexing to hold back geckos, the ProScope is a great purchase you will not regret due to the high optical view at 80X, over 60X, and the quality optical lens of Edmund pro level optics.

Features	Sleeve Kits Available
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20X to 80X magnification via Edmund pro level glass optics (specially coated lenses for better image quality and color reproduction).• Adjustable LEDs to reduce surface reflection and powered by a sleek onboard Lithium Ion battery for 5 hours of continuous use.• USB charging cable to recharge to full capacity in 2 hours.• Built in desktop stand for hands free use.• Made with impact resistant nylon and ABS for years of field operation.• 1 year warranty. Made in Oregon, USA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPhone: 4, 4s, 5, and 5S• Samsung Galaxy 4• iPad 3rd and 4th generations• iPad Air• iPad Mini <p>Information provided by: Bodelin Technologies www.bodelin.com</p>



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