





SUTTER INSTRUMENT AMPLIFIER SYSTEMS COMPARISON

	IPA®	Double IPA®	dPatch®		dPatch®-2
Whole-cell recordings	✓		√		
Single-channel recordings			✓		
Field potential recordings	✓		✓		
Extracellular recordings	✓		✓		
Intracellular sharp-electrode recordings	✓		✓		
Lipid-bilayer recordings	✓		✓		
Ultra-fast signals (e.g., auditory research)				✓	
# Headstages	1	2	1		2
Upgradable from 1 to 2 headstages		N/A	✓		N/A
Multi-amplifier mode	✓				
AD-DA converter included	✓		✓		
SutterPatch® software included	✓		✓		
Feedback elements	500 MΩ		50 M Ω	500 M Ω	Capacitive
RMS noise (0.1 – 10 kHz)	1.4 pA		<2.3 pA	<0.7 pA	<0.22 pA
Current range	±20 nA		±200 nA	±20 nA	±20 nA
Digital compensation circuitry			✓		
Analog bandwidth (max)	20 kHz		1 MHz		
Sampling rate (max, per channel)	50 kHz		5 MHz		
Resolution	16-bit		Up to 22-bit*		
Auxiliary analog inputs	4		8		
Auxiliary analog outputs	2		4		
Digital outputs	8		16		
Output filter	4-pole Bessel		8-pole Bessel		
Computer connection	USB 2.0 (High-speed)		USB 3.0 (SuperSpeed)		
FastFollower™ current clamp circuitry	✓		✓		
Current clamp rise time / bandwidth (Rs = 10 M Ω)	29 μs / 12 kHz		<10 μ s / >35 kHz (Rf = 500 M Ω)		
Dynamic clamp			✓		
Lock-in Amplifier base frequency	up to 1 kHz		up to 20.8 kHz		
Field-upgradeable firmware			1		
Analog signal outputs and command inputs	✓				

^{*} At 1 kHz bandwidth



