Using my webcam to communicate via Windows Live™ Messenger or MSN Messenger

This information applies to the following webcams:
- Blog Webcam
- Dualpix HD Webcam
- Webcam Deluxe
- Webcam Classic

Notes: Configuration of the instant messaging application, explained below, only has to be carried out the first time you use it with your webcam. After that, you can carry out video communications directly.

Hercules recommends that you use MSN Messenger version 7.5 or later, and that you install the latest available updates.

For practical reasons, the procedure described below relates to Windows Live Messenger, which you will have if you’ve downloaded the latest update for MSN Messenger.

Configuring Messenger

- Launch Windows Live Messenger.
- Select Tools/Audio and Video setup...
- In the window that appears, click Next.
- Select the speakers or headset you would like to use (your sound card connected to your speakers or to your microphone headset, for example) and adjust the listening volume.
- Click Next.
- Select the microphone you would like to use (the one on the Hercules webcam or on your microphone headset, for example).
- Click Next.

Note: If you select a microphone other than the one on your webcam, any modifications to microphone settings you make in Zoom Controller will have no effect.
- Select your Hercules Dualpix HD in the list.
- If you wish, click the Options button to access your Hercules Dualpix HD’s settings (brightness, hue...). Once you’ve modified the settings, click Apply, then OK.
- Click Finish.

**Starting a video call**

- In your list of contacts, right-click on a contact.
- Select Video, then Start a Video Call.

⚠️ Video calling is only possible if your contact is also equipped with a webcam and if they accept your call.