Using my webcam to communicate via AOL Instant Messenger (AIM)

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 AOL AIM version 5.5 or later, and that you install the latest available updates.

Configuring AOL AIM

- Launch AIM.
- Select My AIM/Edit Options/Edit Preferences.
- Select the Live Video category.
- Click the Video/Audio Tuning button.
- Click Next.
- Select the camera you want to use, then click Next.
- Adjust the webcam, then click Next.
- Select the microphone (the one on the Hercules webcam or on your microphone headset, for example) and speakers (your sound card connected to your speakers or to 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.
- Test the speakers, then click Next.
- Test the microphone, then click Next.
- Click Finish, then OK.

Starting a video call
- In your list of contacts, right-click on a contact.
- Select **Send Instant Message**.
- In the message window, click the **Video** icon.

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