

NIDEK YC-1800 – Ophthalmic YAG Laser System Given Commercial Release In US

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NIDEK Inc. a US leader in advanced ophthalmic laser equipment announced today that it has made it's new and state-of-the-art **YC-1800 Ophthalmic YAG Laser System** available for sale to the US market. The new laser platform will further advance and fortify NIDEK's strong leadership position in the ophthalmic laser industry in the US and on a global basis.

The NIDEK YC-1800 is an advanced ophthalmic laser platform, combining innovative laser delivery and output technologies, improved operability, fast operation, super adjustable Nd:YAG offset and compact design with versatility for combination laser systems.

NIDEK will release and launch the new YC-1800 laser at the American Society For Cataract & Refractive Surgery – ASCRS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, April 16th – 19th, 2005.



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“The NIDEK YC-1800 is truly an innovative YAG laser system, unlike any currently available on the market on a global basis. The laser combines advanced application features, laser settings parameters and unique design to deliver to the ophthalmic surgeon a solution unlike any other. NIDEK continues to deliver solutions that offer performance, advanced features, reliability and state-of-the-art technology to the ophthalmic surgeon. We continue our long-standing partnership with the ophthalmic surgeon; dedicated to delivering solutions that will advance patient care and improve treatment.” commented Mr. Hideo Ozawa, President & Founder of NIDEK, at a recent product release event.

Mr. Ted Shimomura, Vice-President & General Manager of NIDEK Inc. commented; “The NIDEK YC-1800 is an innovative break-through in ophthalmic YAG laser technology, delivering a suite of features that will provide outstanding reliability and service to the user and enable them to provide excellent patient care. With the YC-1800 Laser, NIDEK further advances and fortifies its strong leadership position in the US in the ophthalmic laser market. With the introduction of this laser platform, we bring to the US market our 5th generation Nd:YAG Laser solution – over 20 years of continued innovation and excellence. NIDEK is dedicated to delivering outstanding product reliability with a keen eye on advanced technologies for the ophthalmic industry. We look forward to the YC-1800 becoming the standard of care with every ophthalmic surgeon. The 2005 ASCRS Meeting is an important one for us, as we are also in the process of introducing other ophthalmic laser solutions and furthering our strong leadership position.”