

The modern rigid endoscope was invented by [Karl Storz](#) in [1965](#) when he combined the optical rod system of Hopkins and used fiberoptics to carry illumination down to the tip of the endoscope ¹⁾.

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