

Matrox Genesis

Camera Interface Application Note

DALSA CL-P4-xxxxW

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Basics about the
camera

Mode of operations as
per Matrox Imaging (in
parentheses as per
camera manufacturer)

Basics about the
interface modes

Camera Descriptions

- Effective resolution: up to 8192×8 -bit.
- Dual channel LVDS digital video output.
- External sync.
- External exposure control.
- 25 MHz pixel clock rate per output.

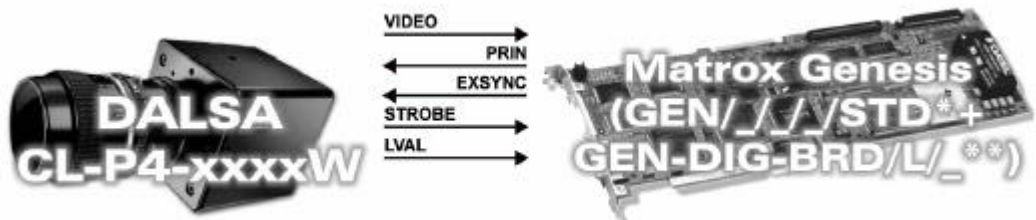
Interface Modes

- Fixed line scan
- Variable line scan

Camera Interface Briefs

Mode 1: Fixed line scan

- Up to 8192×8 -bit.
- Dual channel LVDS digital video output.
- DCF configured for 512 lines per virtual frame.
- Line rate is fixed and determined by EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) frequency.
- Matrox Genesis sending EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signals to camera to control exposure time and line readout.
- Matrox Genesis receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE @ 25 MHz) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [CLP4DEL6.DCF](#) (6144×8 -bit: CL-P4-6144W model)
- DCF used: [CLP4DEL8.DCF](#) (8192×8 -bit: CL-P4-8194W model)



Mode 2: Variable line scan

- Up to 8192×8 -bit.
- Dual channel LVDS digital video output.
- DCF configured for 512 lines per virtual frame.
- Line rate is variable and determined by external trigger frequency.

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*Matrox Genesis main board with grab module

**Matrox LVDS digital input board

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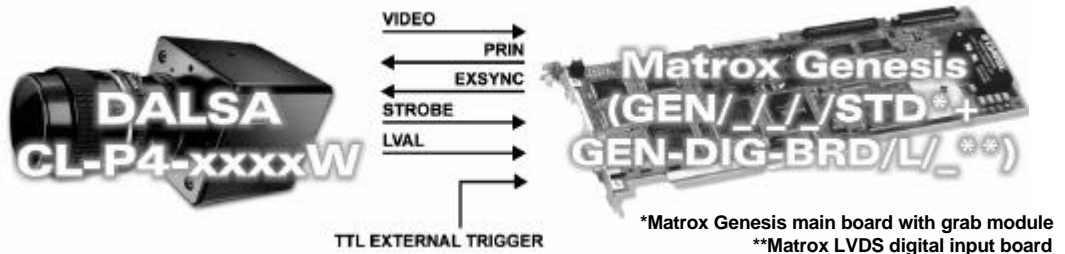
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Basics about the
interface modes

Camera Interface Briefs (continued)

Mode 2: Variable line scan

- Matrox Genesis receiving TTL external trigger signal.
- Matrox Genesis sending EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signals to camera to control exposure time and line readout.
- Matrox Genesis receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE @ 25 MHz) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [CLP4DAE6.DCF](#) (6144 × 8-bit: CL-P4-6144W model)
- DCF used: [CLP4DAE8.DCF](#) (8192 × 8-bit: CL-P4-8194W model)



Specifics about the
interface modes

Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Fixed line scan

- **Line Rate:** The EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signal period specifies the line rate. It is currently set to **6010/6610 pixels**, with a **25 MHz** pixel clock, this translates to a **4.16/3.78 kHz** line rate for models CL-P4-6144W/CL-P4-8194W respectively. The virtual frame rate equals **11.88/10.59 Hz** for models CL-P4-6144W/CL-P4-8194W respectively.
- **Exposure time:** The period (rising edge to rising edge) between of the EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) and EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signals is the exposure time. The default exposure time is equal to **100 ms**. The exposure time can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam, Genesis Native Library (GNL) imCamControl() or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Consult the respective manual for more information.
- **Maximum/Minimum exposure time:** Since the Matrox Genesis timer is 16-bit wide, the maximum exposure time is calculated to be $65536/25 \text{ MHz} = 2.62 \text{ ms}$. For proper operation, the exposure signal must remain inactive for a minimum of 6 clock pulses before being asserted. Therefore the minimum exposure time is **240 ns**. The pixel clock is the reference clock that the exposure time is being set by. The smallest increment of the exposure time is **40 ns**.

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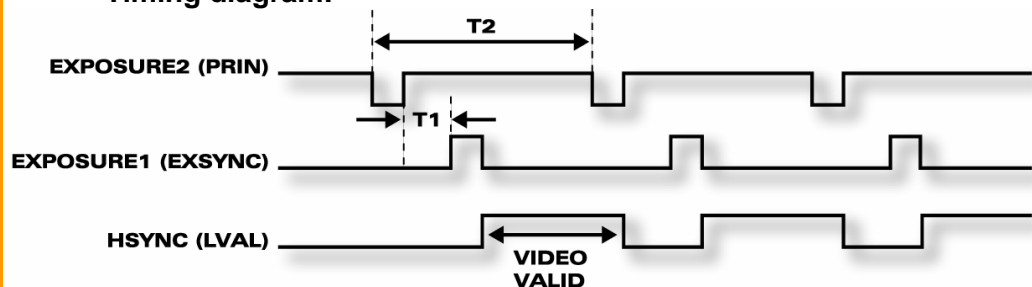
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Specifics about the
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Camera Interface Details (continued)

Mode 1: Fixed line scan

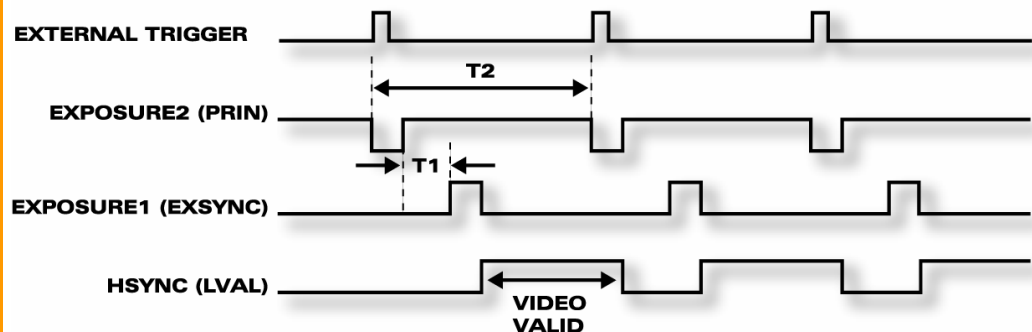
▪ Timing diagram:



	T1	T2	Video Valid
CL-P4-6144W	100 ms	160.4 ms	61.44 ms
CL-P4-8194W	100 ms	180.4 ms	81.92 ms

Mode 2: Variable line scan

- **Line Rate:** Line rate and virtual frame rates are variable and controlled by the frequency of the external trigger signal.
- **Exposure time/ Maximum/Minimum exposure time:** Same as for Mode 1: Fixed line scan.
- **Timing diagram:**



	T1	T2	Video Valid
CL-P4-6144W	100 ms	160.4 ms	61.44 ms
CL-P4-8194W	100 ms	180.4 ms	81.92 ms

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*Cabling details for this
interface mode*

Cabling Requirements

Mode 1: Fixed line scan

- **Cable:** DBHD100-TO-OPEN (open ended) cable required for video, synchronization and control signals.
- **Connection:** Connections between the 37-pin connector (**OS1/OS2**) of the camera and the 100-pin connectors of the Matrox Genesis are as follows:

GEN-DIG-BRD/L/_ (100-pin connector)			DALSA CL-P4-xxxxW (37-pin connector)	
Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.
DATA, INPUT, 0+	01	←	D0	16
DATA, INPUT, 0-	02	←	D0B	35
DATA, INPUT, 1+	03	←	D1	15
DATA, INPUT, 1-	04	←	D1B	34
DATA, INPUT, 2+	05	←	D2	14
DATA, INPUT, 2-	06	←	D2B	33
DATA, INPUT, 3+	07	←	D3	13
DATA, INPUT, 3-	08	←	D3B	32
DATA, INPUT, 4+	09	←	D4	12
DATA, INPUT, 4-	10	←	D4B	31
DATA, INPUT, 5+	11	←	D5	11
DATA, INPUT, 5-	12	←	D5B	30
DATA, INPUT, 6+	13	←	D6	10
DATA, INPUT, 6-	14	←	D6B	29
DATA, INPUT, 7+	15	←	D7	09
DATA, INPUT, 7-	16	←	D7B	28
DATA, INPUT, 8+	17	←	D0	08
DATA, INPUT, 8-	18	←	D0B	27
DATA, INPUT, 9+	19	←	D1	07
DATA, INPUT, 9-	20	←	D1B	26
DATA, INPUT, 10+	21	←	D2	06
DATA, INPUT, 10-	22	←	D2B	25
DATA, INPUT, 11+	23	←	D3	05
DATA, INPUT, 11-	24	←	D3B	24
DATA, INPUT, 12+	25	←	D4	04
DATA, INPUT, 12-	26	←	D4B	23
DATA, INPUT, 13+	27	←	D5	03
DATA, INPUT, 13-	28	←	D5B	22
DATA, INPUT, 14+	29	←	D6	02
DATA, INPUT, 14-	30	←	D6B	21
DATA, INPUT, 15+	31	←	D7	01
DATA, INPUT, 15-	32	←	D7B	20
CLOCK, INPUT, +	39	←	STROBE	17
CLOCK, INPUT, -	40	←	STROBE B	36

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*Cabling details for the
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Cabling Requirements (Continued)

Mode 1: Fixed line scan

- **Connection:** Connections between the 37-pin connector (**OS1/OS2**) of the camera and the 100-pin connectors of the Matrox Genesis are as follows:

GEN-DIG-BRD/L/_ (100-pin connector)			DALSA CL-P4-xxxxW (37-pin connector)	
Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.
HSYNC, INPUT, +	33	←	LVAL	18
HSYNC, INPUT, -	34	←	LVALB	37

- **Connection:** Connections between the 15-pin connector (**CONTROL**) of the camera and the 100-pin connectors of the Matrox Genesis are as follows:

GEN-DIG-BRD/L/_ (100-pin connector)			DALSA CL-P4-xxxxW (15-pin connector)	
Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.
EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, +	95	←	EXSYNC	12
EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, -	96	←	EXSYNCB	04
EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT, +	97	←	PRIN	05
EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT, -	98	←	PRINB	13

Mode 2: Variable line scan

- **Cable:** DBHD100-TO-OPEN (open ended) and IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cables required for video, synchronization and control signals.
- **External trigger:** TTL external trigger source should be connected to the TTL Trigger Input of the IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable (gray BNC).
- **Connection:** Connections between the 37-pin/15-pin connectors of the camera and the 100-pin connectors of the Matrox Genesis are as in Mode 1: *Fixed line scan*.

The DCF(s) mentioned in this application note can be found on the MIL and Native Library CD, or our FTP site ([ftp.matrox.com](ftp:ftp.matrox.com)). The information furnished by Matrox Electronics System, Ltd. is believed to be accurate and reliable. Please verify our FTP site ([ftp.matrox.com](ftp:ftp.matrox.com)). The information furnished by Matrox Electronics System, Ltd. is believed to be accurate and reliable. Please verify all interface connections with camera documentation or manual. Contact your local sales representative or Matrox Sales office or Matrox Imaging Applications at 514-822-6061 for assistance.

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