Application Note: Interfacing non-standard cameras to Matrox Genesis

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Camera	Mode 1: Fixed line scan rate
Interface Details	 Matrox Genesis sends the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signals to the camera; the camera awaits the rising edge of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal and after a short (constant) delay initiates line readout. Line rate: The EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) period in the DCF specifies the line rate of the camera and has a minimum period of 104.8 μs. The EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) period is currently set to 2096 clock pulses, and has an absolute maximum rate of 14.3 kHz. With a 20 MHz pixel clock rate, this translates to 9.54 kHz line rate.
	• Exposure time : The time between the rising edge of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signals is the exposure time. The default exposure time for this DCF is
	25 μ s. In order to select the exposure time, the width and deployment time of each EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) must be set in Matrox Intellicam. The exposure time of the camera can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam, Genesis Native Library function imCamControl () or with the MIL digitizer control function MdigControl (). Refer to the appropriate manual or user guide for additional information.
	• Maximum / minimum exposure time: Since the Matrox Genesis timers can count up to 65536, the maximum exposure time is calculated to be $(65536-8)/20$ MHz = 3.27 ms . For proper operation, exposure signal must remain inactive for a minimum of 6 clock periods before being asserted. Therefore the minimum exposure time is 300ns .
	• Smallest exposure time increment : The pixel clock is the reference clock that the exposure time is being set by. The smallest increment of the exposure time is 50ns .
	Mode 2 : Variable line scan rate
	• Once it has received the external signal to trigger, Matrox Genesis sends the RS-422 EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signal to the camera to initiate exposure. Matrox Genesis will send the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal to the camera following a delay that is equal to the desired exposure time. A short (variable) delay will follow after receiving the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC), followed by the camera sending the HSYNC (LVAL) signal to the Matrox Genesis to initiate line readout.
	• Line rate: The Line rate is variable and controlled by the frequency of the external trigger signal.
	 Minimum/maximum exposure time, Smallest exposure time increment: are the same as for Mode 1: <i>Fixed line scan rate</i>

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Cabling	Mode 1 : Fixed line scan rate			
Cabling Requirements (continued)	• IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable required for analog video data, DBHD68-TO-OPEN cable and digital cable adapter board required for control signals in RS-422 format.			
(continued)	• Video input BNC of IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable should be connected to OS1 BNC connector of camera.			
	• Connections between the DB-25 connector of the digital cable ac	5 connector on the rear panel of the camera an lapter board are as follows:	d the 68-pin	
	DALSA CL-C3-2048M (DB-25 male connector)	Digital Cable Adapter Board (68-pin connector)		
	Pin name Pin no.	Pin name	Pin no.	
	LVAL 02	\rightarrow HSYNC, INPUT, 422+	16	
	LVALB 15	\rightarrow HSYNC, INPUT, 422-	50	
	PVAL 16	\rightarrow CLOCK, INPUT, 422+	13	
	PVALB 03	\rightarrow CLOCK, INPUT, 422-	47	
	EXSYNC 17	\leftarrow EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, 422+	03	
	EXSYNCB 04	← EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, 422-	37	
	PRIN 05	\leftarrow EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT, 422+	02	
	PRINB 18	← EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT, 422-	36	
	GROUND 07	- GROUND	19	
	GROUND 11	- GROUND	22	
	GROUND 20	- GROUND	25	
	GROUND 24	GROUND	28	
	• Connections between the DB-25 supply are as follows:	5 connector on the rear panel of the camera an	d the power	
	DALSA CL-C3-2048M (DB-25 male connecto Pin no. Pin r	or) POWER SUPPLY		
	8 +5V	+5V		
	9 +15V	·		
	12 –5V			
	13 +5V	_		
	21 +15V			
	22 –5V			
	25 –15V 7, 11, 20, 24 GROUI			
	the POWER SUPPLY GROUN	at all the GROUNDs of the camera be connec ND, and to the GROUND of the Matrox Gene stead always use the ground pin of the power s	sis. Do not use	

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Cabling Requirements (continued)	 Mode 2: Variable line scan rate IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC and DBHD68-TO-OPEN cable required for TTL external trigger source and control signals in RS-422 format. TTL external trigger source should be connected to the TTL trigger input of IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable. All other connections are as in Mode 1: <i>Fixed line scan</i> rate.
	• All other connections are as in Mode 1: Fixed line scan rate

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). 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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