Interfacing non-standard cameras to Matrox Genesis



DALSA CL-E1-1024A

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Camera Descriptions	 1024 x 8-bit. Single channel RS-422 digital video output. 96 TDI stages. External synchronization required. Maximum data rate: 15 MHz.
Interface mode	Fixed line scan rate, variable line scan rate
Camera Interface Briefs	Mode 1: Fixed line scan rate VIDEO MCLK LVAL STROBE EXSYNC *Matrox Genesis Main Board with Grab Module
	 1024 x 8-bit. **Matrox RS-422 Digital Data Input Board Single channel RS-422 digital video output. DCF configured for 512 lines per virtual frame. Line scan rate is fixed and is determined by frequency of EXSYNC signal. Matrox Genesis sending RS-422 MASTER CLOCK (MCLK) and RS-422 EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signals to camera; the EXPOSURE1 signal initiates line readout. Matrox Genesis receiving RS-422 PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE @ 15 MHz), RS-422 HSYNC (LVAL) and video signals from camera; a high LVAL signal indicates valid pixels. DCF used: CLE1DL.DCF
	Mode 2: Variable line scan rate
	*Matrox Genesis Main Board with Grab Module *Matrox RS-422 digital video output. DCE configured for 512 lines per virtual frame

- DCF configured for 512 lines per virtual frame.
- Line scan rate is variable and is controlled by external trigger signal.
- Matrox Genesis receiving TTL external trigger.
- Matrox Genesis sending RS-422 MASTER CLOCK (MCLK) and RS-422 EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signals to camera; the EXPOSURE1 initiates line readout.
- Matrox Genesis receiving RS-422 PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE @ 15 MHz), RS-422 HSYNC (LVAL) and video signals from camera; a high LVAL signal indicates valid pixels.
- DCF used: CLE1DAL.DCF

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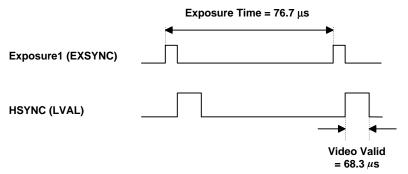
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Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Fixed line scan rate

- Matrox Genesis sends the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal 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 EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) frequency in the DCF specifies the line rate of the camera. The EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) frequency is currently set to 1150 pixels. With a 15 MHz pixel clock this translate to a 13.04 kHz line rate.
- Exposure time: The time between the rising edges of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal is the exposure time. The default exposure time for this DCF is 76.7 µs. In order to select the exposure time, the width and deployment time of EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) 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 timer is 16-bit wide, the maximum exposure time is calculated to be 65536/15 MHz = **4.37 ms**. The maximum line rate of the camera is **16 kHz**, therefore the minimum exposure time is **62.5 \mu s**.
- **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 **66.7 ns**.



Mode 2: Variable line scan rate

- Once it has received the external trigger signal, Matrox Genesis sends the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal to the camera. 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.
- Exposure time: Since the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal is controlled by the external trigger signal, the time between the rising edges of the external trigger signal is the exposure time.
- Maximum / minimum exposure time: The maximum exposure time is equal to the maximum delay between rising edges of the external trigger signal. The minimum exposure time is 62.5 μs.

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Camera Interface Details	TTL external	trigger –	Expo	sure Time			
(continued)	Exposure1 (EXSYNC)						
	HSYNC (LVA	L) _		eo Valid 8.3 μs			
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				GEN-DIG-BRD/R (GEN/CBL/OPEN connec	GEN-DIG-BRD/R (GEN/CBL/OPEN connector)		
	Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.		
	D7	01	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 7+	15		
	D7B	02	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 7-	16		
	D6	03	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 6+	13		
	D6B	04	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 6-	14		
	D5	05	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 5+	11		
	D5B	06	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 5-	12		
	D4	07	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 4+	09		
	D4B	08	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 4-	10		
1	D3	09	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 3+	07		
	D3B	10	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 3-	08		
	D2	11	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 2+	05		
	D2B	12	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 2-	06		
	D1	13	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 1+	03		
	D1B	14	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 1-	04		
	D0	15	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 0+	01		
	D0B	16	\rightarrow	DATA, INPUT, 0-	02		
	STROBE	17	\rightarrow	CLOCK, INPUT, -	40*		
	STROBEB	18	\rightarrow	CLOCK, INPUT, +	39*		
	LVAL	19	\rightarrow	HSYNC, INPUT, +	33		
	LVALB	20	\rightarrow	HSYNC, INPUT, -	34		

^{*}Note these signals are intentionally reversed since data from the camera is clocked on the falling edge of the STROBE signal, and Matrox Genesis is clocked on the rising edge.

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Cabling Requirements (continued)

• Connections between the DB-25 connector on the rear panel of the camera and the 100-pin connector of the GEN-DIG-BRD/R are as follows:

GEN-DIG-BRD/R

(DB-25 male	e connector)	(GEN/CBL/OPEN connector)			
Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.	
MCLK	06	\leftarrow	CLOCK, OUTPUT, +	89	
MCLKB	19	\leftarrow	CLOCK, OUTPUT, -	90	
EXSYNC	17	\leftarrow	EXPOSURE, OUTPUT, 1+	95	
EXSYNCB	04	\leftarrow	EXPOSURE, OUTPUT, 1-	96	
GROUND	07		GROUND	50*	
GROUND	11		GROUND	37*	
GROUND	20		GROUND	38*	
GROUND	24		GROUND	50*	

- * Any pin can be used at any position: all grounds are connected on the GEN-DIG-BRD/R.
- Connections between the DB-25 connector on the rear panel of the camera and the power supply are as follows:

	DALSA CL-E1-1		DOM	ED CURRLY	
(DB-25 male connector) Pin no. Pin nam			10	POW	ER SUPPLY
	8	+5V		>	+5V
	9	+15V			
	12	-5V			
	13	+5V			
	21	+15V		>	+15V
	22	-5V		>	-5V
	25	-15V		>	-15V
	11, 7, 20, 24	Ground		▶	Ground

NOTE: it is very important that all the GROUNDs of the camera be connected together to the POWER SUPPLY GROUND, and to the GROUND of the Matrox Genesis. Do not use the cable shield as a ground, instead always use the ground pin of the power supply.

Mode 2: Variable line scan rate

- IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable required for TTL external trigger source and GEN/DIG/BRD/R required for digital data, synchronization and control signals in RS-422 format.
- TTL external trigger source should be connected to the TTL trigger input of the IMG-7W2-TO-5BNC cable
- 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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