

Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link

Camera Interface Application Note

SONY XCL-U1000

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Basics about the camera

Camera Descriptions

- Effective resolution: 1600 × 1200 × 10-bit @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE compatible interface (Single tap).
- Progressive scan.
- Internal sync.
- External or internal exposure control.
- 36 MHz pixel clock rate.

Interface Mode

- Continuous
- Pseudo-continuous
- Asynchronous reset (Pulse Width Detection)

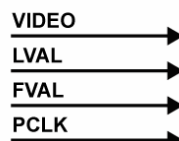
Mode of operations as per Matrox Imaging (in parentheses as per camera manufacturer)

Basics about the interface modes

Camera Interface Briefs

Mode 1: Continuous

- 1600 × 1200 × 10-bit @ 15 fps.
- Camera Link BASE compatible interface (Single tap).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link receiving LVAL, FVAL, PCLK and video from camera.
- DCF used: [XCL-U1000_1600x1200_10bitCon.DCF](#)



Mode 2: Pseudo-Continuous

- 1600 × 1200 × 10-bit.
- Camera Link BASE compatible interface (Single tap).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link sending TIMER2 OUT (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control the exposure.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link receiving LVAL, FVAL, PCLK and video from camera.
- DCF used: [XCL-U1000_1600x1200_10bitPcont.DCF](#)

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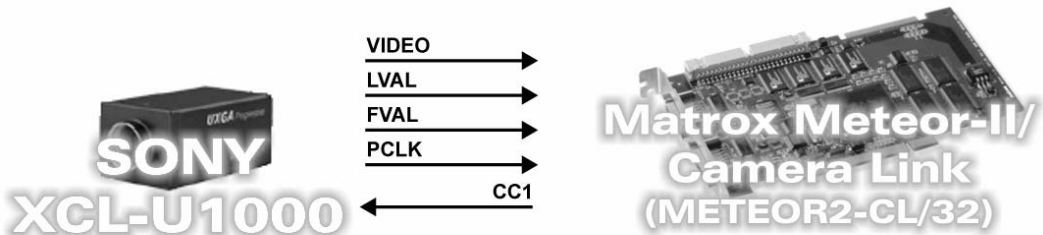
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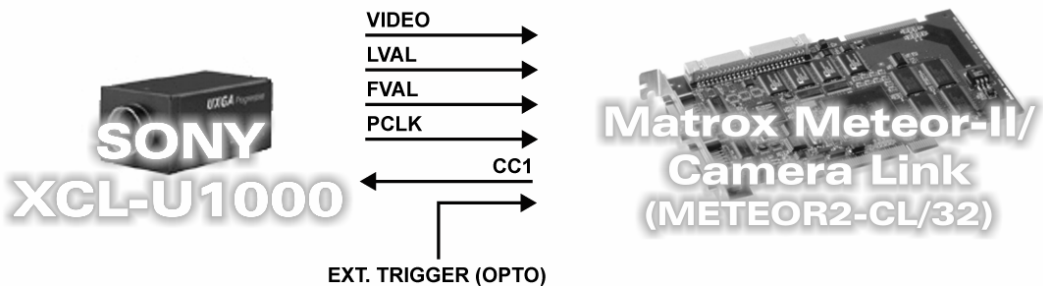
Camera Interface Briefs (cont.)

Mode 2: Pseudo-Continuous



Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- 1600 × 1200 × 10-bit.
- Camera Link BASE compatible interface (Single tap).
- Progressive scan.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link receiving external trigger signal.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link sending TIMER2 OUT (CC1) signal to camera to initiate and control the exposure.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link receiving LVAL, FVAL, PCLK and video from camera.
- DCF used: [XCL-U1000_1600x1200_10bitAsync.DCF](#)



Specifics about
the interface modes

Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Continuous

- **Frame Rate:** Matrox Meteor-II/Camera Link receives the continuous video from the camera at 15 frames per second.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is set using the shutter speed setting in the Camera Configuration Utility. Refer to the camera manual for more information.
- **Camera Configuration:** The camera trigger mode is set to **OFF** in the Camera Configuration Utility. Refer to the camera manual for more information.

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Specifics about the
interface modes

Camera Interface Details (cont.)

Mode 2: Pseudo-Continuous

- **Frame rate:** The frame rate is determined by the frequency of the TIMER2 OUT (CC1) signal.
- **Exposure time:** The width (rising edge to falling edge) of the TIMER2 OUT (CC1) signal is the exposure time, which can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Consult the respective manual for more information.
- **Camera Configuration:** The camera's trigger mode is set to **External Trigger Pulse Width Detection** in the Camera Configuration Utility. Refer to the camera manual for more information.

Mode 3: Asynchronous Reset

- **Frame rate:** The frame rate is determined by the frequency of the external trigger signal.
- **Exposure time:** The width (rising edge to falling edge) of the TIMER2 OUT (CC1) signal is the exposure time, which can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Consult the respective manual for more information.
- **Camera Configuration:** The camera's trigger mode is set to **External Trigger Pulse Width Detection** in the Camera Configuration Utility. Refer to the camera manual for more information.

Cabling Requirements

Modes 1 and 2: Continuous, Pseudo-continuous

- **Cable and Connection:** HD26 to MDR26 Camera Link cable.

Mode 3: Asynchronous reset

- **Cable and Connection:** HD26 to MDR26 Camera Link cable.
- **External trigger:** External trigger should be connected to the OPTO TRIG input of the 9-pin connector (pins 7 and 2) on the Expanded I/O adapter bracket.

EXPANDED I/O BRACKET (9-pin connector)

		External Trigger Source	
OPTOTRIG +	07	←	LINE SIGNAL --
OPTOTRIG -	02	←	LINE GROUND --

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The DCF(s) mentioned in this application note can be found on our FTP site ([ftp.matrox.com/pub/imaging/](ftp://ftp.matrox.com/pub/imaging/)). 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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