

MATROX METEOR-II/DIGITAL

CAMERA INTERFACE APPLICATION NOTE

DALSA EC-11-xxx40

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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 2048 pixels/line $\times$ 8-bit @ up to 17.4K LPS.
- Single channel LVDS digital video output.
- Internal or external exposure control.
- 40 MHz pixel clock rate.

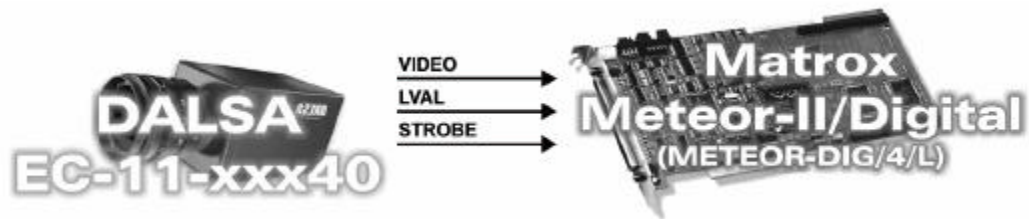
Interface Modes

- Fixed line scan (Free Run Mode – Meteor-II/Digital Slave)
- Fixed line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)
- Variable line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

Camera Interface Briefs

Mode 1: Fixed line scan (Free Run mode-Meteor-II/Digital Slave)

- Up to 2048 pixels/line $\times$ 8-bit.
- Single channel LVDS digital video.
- DCF configured for 800 lines per virtual frame.
- Line scan rate is fixed and determined by camera.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [EC5HFREE.DCF](#) (512 pixels/line @ 64.1K lines/second)
- DCF used: [EC1KFREE.DCF](#) (1024 pixels/line @ 34.8K lines/second)
- DCF used: [EC2KFREE.DCF](#) (2048 pixels/line @ 17.4K lines/second)



Mode 2: Fixed line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- Up to 2048 pixels/line $\times$ 8-bit.
- Single channel LVDS digital video.
- DCF configured for 800 lines per virtual frame.
- Line scan rate is fixed and determined by EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal frequency.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital sending EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (FOWARD) signals to camera to initiate and control exposure, and control the scan direction of the CCD (optional).

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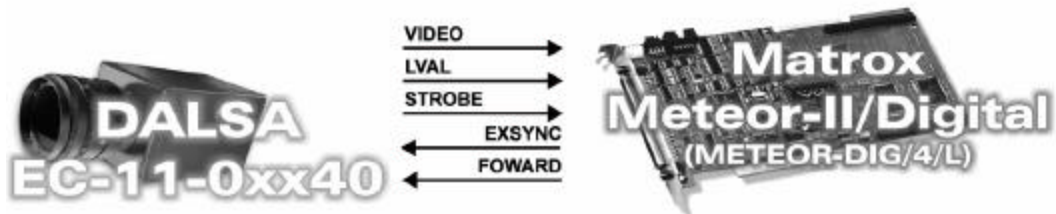
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Camera Interface Details (continued)

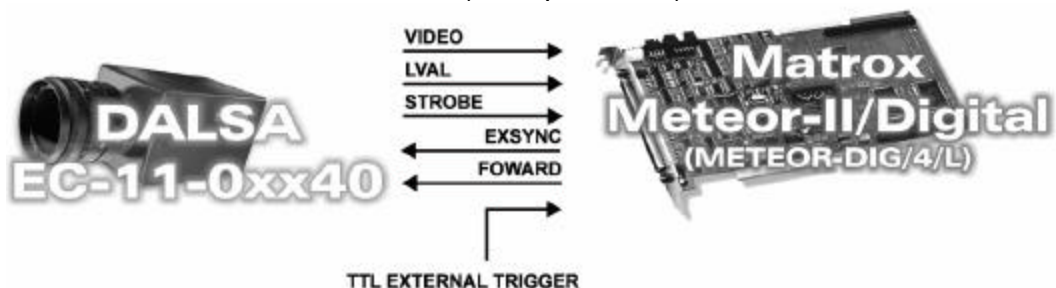
Mode 2: Fixed line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [EC5HDEL.DCF](#) (512 pixels/line @ 43.48K lines/second)
- DCF used: [EC1KDEL.DCF](#) (1024 pixels/line @ 21.7K lines/second)
- DCF used: [EC2KDEL.DCF](#) (2048 pixels/line @ 14.08K lines/second)



Mode 3: Variable line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- Up to 2048 pixels/line × 8-bit.
- Single channel LVDS digital video.
- DCF configured for 800 lines per virtual frame.
- Line scan rate is variable and determined by external trigger frequency.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital receiving external trigger signal.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital sending EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) and EXPOSURE2 (FOWARD) signals to camera to initiate and control exposure, and control the scan direction of the CCD (optional).
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [EC5HDAE.DCF](#) (512 pixels/line)
- DCF used: [EC1KDAE.DCF](#) (1024 pixels/line)
- DCF used: [EC2KDAE.DCF](#) (2048 pixels/line)



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Specifics about the
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Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Fixed line scan (Free Run mode-Meteor-II/Digital Slave)

- **Line rate:** The frequency of the periodic HSYNC (LVAL) signal controls the line rate. In this mode the line rate is fixed and cannot be changed, and equals **64.1 KHz** (EC-11-05h40), **34.8 KHz** (EC-11-01k40) or **17.4 KHz** (EC-11-02k40).
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is the duration between the rising edges of the HSYNC (LVAL) signal. The default exposure time for this DCF equals **15.60 ms** (EC-11-05h40), **28.74 ms** (EC-11-01k40) or **57.47 ms** (EC-11-02k40). Exposure time is controlled through the serial port interface. Refer to the camera manual for more information.
- **Camera control:** For this DCF, the EXPOSURE2 (FORWARD) signal is set to a low level, however the readout direction is controlled through the serial port interface. Refer to the camera manual for more information.

Mode 2: Fixed line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- **Line rate:** The frequency of the periodic EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal controls the camera's line rate. The EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal period is set to **456 / 912 / 1424** (EC-11-05h40 / EC-11-1k40 / EC-11-2k40), with a **20 MHz** timer clock, this translates to a **43.48 kHz / 21.74 kHz / 14.68 kHz** line rate (EC-11-05h40 / EC-11-1k40 / EC-11-2k40).
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is the duration between the rising edges of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal. The default exposure time for this DCF is equal to **23 ms / 46 ms / 71 ms** (EC-11-05h40 / EC-11-1k40 / EC-11-2k40). The exposure time can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam, the MIL MdigControl() function or through the serial port interface. When using the serial port interface, it is only possible to shorten the exposure time. To lengthen, you must modify the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal in the DCF. Consult the respective manual for more information.
- **Maximum/Minimum exposure times:** Since the Matrox Meteor-II/Digital timer is 16-bit wide, the maximum exposure time is calculated to be $(65536-2048)/20\text{MHz} = 3.17 \text{ ms}$. The maximum line rate of the camera is **18.7 kHz**; therefore the minimum exposure time is $\approx 2.3 \text{ ms}$. The pixel clock is the reference clock in which the exposure time is being set by, therefore the smallest exposure time increment is **50 ns**.
- **Camera control:** For this DCF, the EXPOSURE2 (FORWARD) signal is set to a low level, however the readout direction is controlled through the serial port interface. Refer to the camera manual for more information.
- **Camera commands:** The Line Sync mode of the camera must be set via the RS-232 Serial Interface.

Command	Short Form	Parameter
set_sync_mode	ssm	1: Externally supplied Sync

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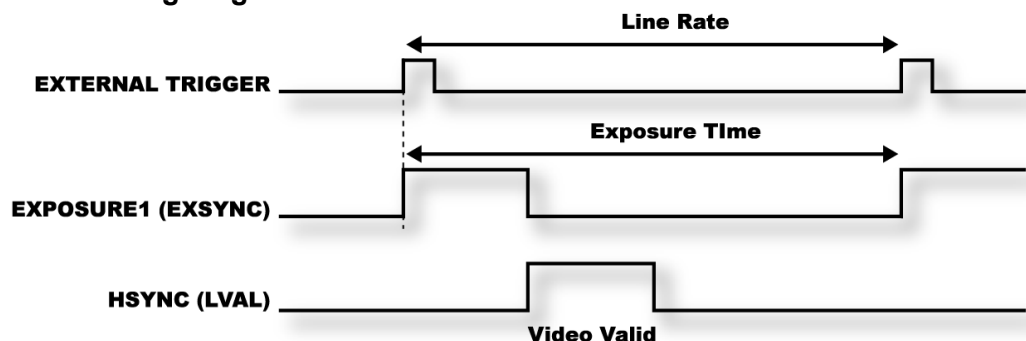
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Mode 3: Variable line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- **Line rate:** The line rate is variable and controlled by the external trigger signal frequency.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is the duration between the rising edges of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal. The default exposure time for this DCF is equal to **23 ms / 46 ms / 71 ms** (EC-11-05h40 / EC-11-1k40 / EC-11-2k40). The exposure time can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam, the MIL MdigControl() function or through the serial port interface. When using the serial port interface, it is only possible to shorten the exposure time. To lengthen, you must modify the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal in the DCF. Consult the respective manual for more information.
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- **Timing diagram:**



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*Cabling details for this
interface mode*

Cabling Requirements

Modes 1 and 2: Fixed line scan

- **Cable:** DBHD100-TO-OPEN (open ended) cable required for video, synchronization and control signals.
- **Connection:** Connections between the 36-pin connector of the camera and the 100-pin connectors of the Matrox Meteor-II/Digital are as follows:

DALSA EC-11-xxx40 (36-pin connector)			METEOR2-DIG/4/L (100-pin connector)	
Pin name	Pin no.		Pin name	Pin no.
D7 (MSB)	09	→	DATA, INPUT, 7+	15
D7B	27	→	DATA, INPUT, 7-	16
D6	10	→	DATA, INPUT, 6+	13
D6B	28	→	DATA, INPUT, 6-	14
D5	11	→	DATA, INPUT, 5+	11
D5B	29	→	DATA, INPUT, 5-	12
D4	12	→	DATA, INPUT, 4+	09
D4B	30	→	DATA, INPUT, 4-	10
D3	13	→	DATA, INPUT, 3+	07
D3B	31	→	DATA, INPUT, 3-	08
D2	14	→	DATA, INPUT, 2+	05
D2B	32	→	DATA, INPUT, 2-	06
D1	15	→	DATA, INPUT, 1+	03
D1B	33	→	DATA, INPUT, 1-	04
D0	16	→	DATA, INPUT, 0+	01
D0B	34	→	DATA, INPUT, 0-	02
STROBE	17	→	CLOCK, INPUT, +	39
STROBEB	35	→	CLOCK, INPUT, -	40
LVAL	18	→	HSYNC, INPUT, +	33
LVALB	36	→	HSYNC, INPUT, -	34
FOWARD	06*	←	EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT +	97*
FOWARDB	24*	←	EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT -	98*
Future use	08	←	USER, OUTPUT, 1+	93
Future use	26	←	USER, OUTPUT, 1-	94
EXRCLK	05	←	CLOCK, OUTPUT, +	89
EXRCLK B	23	←	CLOCK, OUTPUT, -	90
Future use	04	←	USER, OUTPUT, 0+	91
Future use	22	←	USER, OUTPUT, 0-	92
EXSYNC	07*	←	EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, +	95*
EXSYNCB	25*	←	EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, -	96*

* These connection is not required for Mode 1, however allows this cable to be used with all modes.

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*Cabling details for this
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Cabling Requirements

Mode 3: Variable line scan (Meteor-II/Digital Master)

- **Cable:** DBHD100-TO-OPEN (open ended) cables required for video, synchronization and control signals.
- **External trigger:** TTL external trigger source should be connected to the Opto-coupled trigger input (pin 7 for the OPTO TRIG+ and pin 2 for the OPTO TRIG-) of the Matrox Meteor-II/Digital RS-232/Trigger Input secondary bracket.
- **Connection:** Connections between the 36-pin connector of the camera and the 100-pin connector of the Matrox Meteor-II/Digital are as Mode 1: *Fixed line scan*.

The DCF(s) mentioned in this application note can be found on the MIL CD or our FTP site ([ftp.matrox.com](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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