

MATROX METEOR-II/DIGITAL

CAMERA INTERFACE APPLICATION NOTE

DALSA SP-14-0xk40

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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 18K LPS.
- Single channel LVDS digital video output.
- External exposure control.
- 40 MHz pixel clock rate.

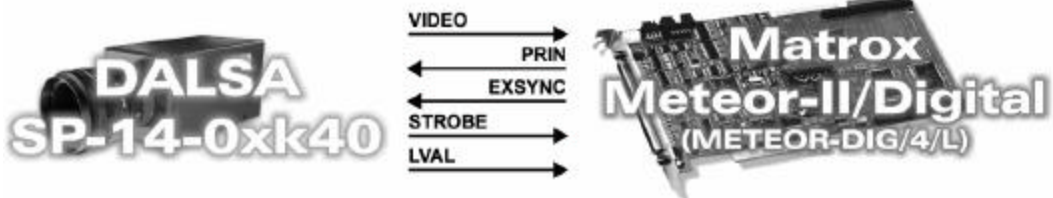
Interface Modes

- Fixed line scan (level mode),
- Variable line scan (level mode)

Camera Interface Briefs

Mode 1: Fixed line scan (level mode)

- 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 (PRIN) signals to camera to initiate and control exposure.
- Matrox Meteor-II/Digital receiving HSYNC (LVAL), PIXEL CLOCK (STROBE) and video signals from camera.
- DCF used: [SP2KDEL.DCF](#) (2048 pixels/line $\times$ 8-bit @ 14K LPS)
- DCF used: [SP1KDEL.DCF](#) (1048 pixels/line $\times$ 8-bit @ 21.74K LPS)



Mode 2: Variable line scan (level mode)

- 2048 pixels/line $\times$ 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 (PRIN) signals to camera to initiate and control exposure time.

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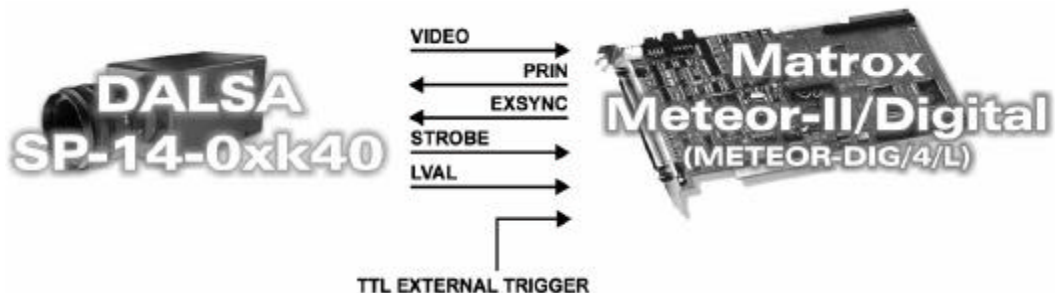
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Basics about the
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Camera Interface Briefs (continued)

Mode 2: Variable line scan (level mode)

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- DCF used: [SP2KDAE.DCF](#) (2048 pixels/line × 8-bit)
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Specifics about the
interface modes

Camera Interface Details

Mode 1: Fixed line scan (level mode)

- **Line rate:** The frequency of the periodic EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal controls the camera's line rate. The EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal period is set to **1424/912** pixels (model 02k40/01k40), with a **20 MHz** pixel clock, this translates to a **14.08/21.74 kHz** line rate (model 02k40/01k40). EXPOSURE2 (PRIN) signal is used to set the level mode (continuous low level). Refer to the camera manual for more information.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is the duration between the rising and falling edge of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal. The default exposure time for this DCF is equal to **20 ms**. The exposure time can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam, or with the MIL MdigControl() function. 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 $(65536-2048)/20\text{MHz} = \mathbf{3.17\ ms}$. The maximum line rate of the camera is **18.7/36.1 kHz** (model 02k40/01k40); therefore the minimum exposure time is $\approx \mathbf{2.3\ ms}$.
- **Smallest exposure time increments:** 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**.

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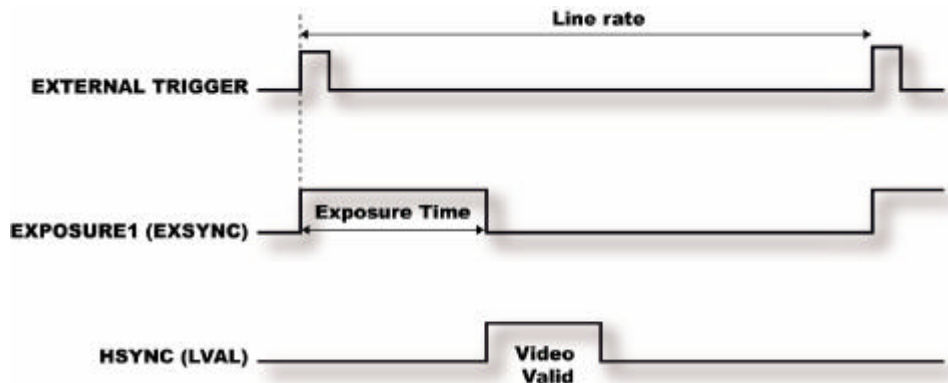
Mode 1: Fixed line scan (level mode)

- **User-supplied input signals:** Refer to the camera manual for more information about the following user-supplied input signals:

Signal	Control	Controlled by
BIN	Binning	OUTPUT 1 BIT 1
PRIN	Exposure	EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT
SPEED	MCLK Frequency	Not Connected
GAIN 0	Gain	OUTPUT BIT 0
GAIN 1	Gain	Not Connected

Mode 2: Variable line scan (level mode)

- **Line rate:** The line rate is variable and controlled by the external trigger signal frequency.
- **Exposure time:** Exposure time is the active (high level) period between the rising and falling edge of the EXPOSURE1 (EXSYNC) signal. The default exposure time for this DCF is equal to **20 ms**. The exposure time can be modified in the DCF using Matrox Intellicam or with the MIL MdigControl() function. Consult the respective manual for more information.
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- **Smallest exposure time increments:** 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**.
- **User-supplied input signals:** Same as in Mode 1: *Fixed line scan*.
- **Timing diagram:**



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*Cabling details for this
interface mode*

Cabling Requirements

Mode 1: Fixed line scan (level mode)

- **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 SP-14-0xk40 (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
PRIN	06	←	EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT +	97
PRINB	24	←	EXPOSURE2, OUTPUT -	98
BIN	08	←	USER, OUTPUT, 1+	93
BINB	26	←	USER, OUTPUT, 1-	94
MCLK	05	←	CLOCK, OUTPUT, +	89
MCLKB	23	←	CLOCK, OUTPUT, -	90
GAIN0	02	←	USER, OUTPUT, 0+	91
GAIN0B	20	←	USER, OUTPUT, 0-	92
EXSYNC	07	←	EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, +	95
EXSYNCB	25	←	EXPOSURE1, OUTPUT, -	96

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Cabling Requirements (Continued)

Mode 2: Variable line scan (level mode)

- **Cable:** DBHD100-TO-OPEN (open ended) cable 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:** Same as in 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://ftp.matrox.com)). The information furnished by Matrox Electronics System, Ltd. is believed to be accurate and reliable. Please verify on 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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