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1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a SVS-VISTEK product. We hope that you will be satisfied by our service. This camera uses CCD`s as optical image sensors. They feature low dark current and high speed readout.

The SVS GigE Line cameras offer full image with one shot, combined with digital output (non interlaced, progressive scan cameras) via Ethernet technology. Further, they feature an excellent S/N ratio at low prices.

The exposure time can be adjusted in different ways. 3 operation modes are available to cover most applications in image processing and optical metrology.

The following types are covered in this manual:

eco424 1/3" CCD, 640 x 480 pixel, 12 Bit gray level resolution, ca. 130 fps;
monochrome and color version

eco 415 1/2" CCD, 782 x 494 pixel, 12 Bit gray level resolution, ca. 60
fps; monochrome and color version (PRELIMINARY)

eco204 1/3"ICCD, 1024 x 768 pixel, 12 Bit gray level resolution, ca. 30
fps; monochrome and color version

eco267 1/2" CCD, 1360 x 1024 pixel, 12 Bit gray level resolution, ca. 25
fps; monochrome and color version

eco274 1/2" CCD, 1600 x 1200 pixel, 12 Bit gray level resolution, ca. 15
fps; monochrome and color version .

**For standard applications only 8 Bit are transmitted due to data load.
For more information on the color versions, please see chapter 12.7.**

If you need modifications, we will be glad to offer you a custom camera suitable to your application.

2 Pinout and Installation



Warning:

The CCD camera is built with CMOS-LSI circuits. All internal electronics in the camera are sensitive to high voltage or electrostatic discharge. The camera can be destroyed if carelessly handled, so extreme care should be taken during set up and operation.

Do not expose the sensor to a direct laser beam as this could damage the sensor! **See Safety Instructions at Appendix H. Warranty will be void if not followed.**

2.1 Unpacking

- Camera
- Power supply (if ordered/option)
- Mating connector (first cameras delivered)
- User Manual
- Disk with SDK including "High Performance Driver", API and GUI "SVCapture" (for GigE camera) program. **Also a Firmware update tool.**
- XML File according to **GenIcam** standard released by AIA committee.

2.2 Power supply

Current consumption:
= 300 mA (**typical**)



**Peak current on "Power on" up to 500 mA!
Current consumption increases rapidly when "partial scan" feature is used!**

2.3 Connectors

2.3.1 One common signal connector for:

- **Trigger and TTL input to trigger camera**
- **General purpose I/Os**
- **UART communication**
- **Strobe Output (e.g. light)**
- **Power**

HR10A-10P-12S (mating connector HR10A-10R-12PB)

- 1 VIN- (GND)
- 2 VIN+ (9 to 24VDC)
- 3 RXD data to camera (RS232 Level)
- 4 TXD data from camera (RS232 Level)
- 5 IN1 (open drain 3- 30 V)
- 6 IN2 (open drain 3- 30 V)
- 7 OUT1 (open drain max 30 V)
- 8 OUT2 (open drain max 30 V)
- 9 IN3+, 10 IN3- (RS422 Level)
- 11 OUT3+, 2 OUT3- (RS422 Level)

See outline in chapter 12.3

2.3.2 “Ethernet” Connector

RJ 45 “Western” Connector complies with Autosensing 100 T Ethernet and Gigabit specification. Features Auto MDIX.

1 LED for status indication

2.4 Installation/Getting started: Recommended PC

It is recommended to use a PC with a Pentium P4 processor at **2,4 GHz or higher**. The camera is working also on lower frequencies but it might not deliver the full frame rate in those cases.

If the camera is connected to the PC directly without using a network switch, a **fixed IP-Address and Subnet-Mask has to be configured in the PC’s TCP/IP settings:**

See: Start -> Settings -> Network connections -> LAN-connection -> Properties -> TCP/IP

A Gigabit Ethernet network adapter is needed (100 MBit adapters would also work, but with reduced frame rates). If your PC does not have a Gigabit interface card purchase a card **using an original INTEL (TM) Chip set.**

Currently PCI(e) bus cards with 82541 chip set version have been tested successfully. Currently we can recommend Intel pro 1000 GT or MT. Recently problems with the “CT” version have been reported.

DO NOT USE INTEL PRO 1000 CT !!



If you do not follow this, a significantly reduced data transmission rate is observed. Also the loss of data can appear.

2.5 Hardware

- Install camera in the desired location. You can use the ¼" tripod adapter or use the 4 M3 holes in the adapter of the camera.
- Connect the power supply. If you have ordered a P/S connect it to the camera. If you use your own power supply (must be 12 V DC) make sure you connect it to Pin1(GND) and Pin 2 (+12 V). Use SHIELD for Pin 3.



If you – by mistake – supply line with GND pin the camera can be damaged! If power supply was ordered, do not modify it.

Connect an Ethernet cable to your PC or a network switch like you would build up a PC Network. Please note that cable length should not exceed 100 m for these camera (Cat 5E version). In doubt consult your local distributor.

Wait 15 seconds until the green LED at the RJ45 connector of the Camera blinks sometimes.

Then start "**SVCapture.exe**".

2.6 Available operation modes

2.6.1 General

All modes are set by the interface which connects via **Ethernet standard cable**.



CAT 5E quality is required.

The default factory setting is **Free Running/ Fixed frequency** using the internal logic for exposure control. You can also trigger the camera by hardware and by PC (software trigger).

The color version will come on request with free software algorithm which will allow processing of the color image inside the PC or the camera. This must be done in order to interpolate the colors for each pixel. Please note that no responsibility can be taken for the algorithm. It might be necessary to change the algorithm according to the application.

See chapter **12.7**

2.6.2 Operation Modes

- **Free Running**

- **Triggered, external exposure control**

If you want to trigger the camera and determine the exposure time by the pulse width of Exsync, choose this mode. Then apply a trigger signal at the appropriate pins e.g. on pins of Phoenix connector (see 2.3.1). With the starting edge of the pulse the camera will start exposure time. The exposure time ends with next upcoming edge of Exsync. Please check the timing diagram in the appendix of this manual.

- **External triggered, internal camera exposure control**

If you want to trigger the camera and use the convenient exposure time control of the micro controller then use this mode. You still can use the **SVCapture** GUI for setting exposure time (see "Exposure time"-field below). However you need to use the Exsync signal in order to trigger the camera (see "Trigger"-buttons below).

- **External triggered via Software trigger with internal exposure control**

If you want to trigger the camera with a software trigger and use the SVCapture exposure time control of camera logic then use this mode.

2.7 LED Signals SVCam-ECO

Camera status

Signals:

- No connection with network cable (yellow slow)
- Allotment of the network address (yellow quick)
- Network address allotted (yellow)
- Connected with application (green)
- Streaming channel available (green slow)
- Acquisition enabled (green quick)
- Problem with initialization (red slow)
- Overheating (red quick)

Optional instead of "acquisition enabled":

- Waiting for trigger (blue)
- Exposure active (cyan)
- Readout/FVAL (violet)

Blink codes

- On
- Slowly (approx. 1 Hz)
- Quickly (approx. 8 Hz)

3 Software

3.1 SVCapture/GigE Vision Camera Viewer

Overview

You can use the SVCapture without the “High performance Driver” but if you want to lower the CPU load when grabbing images install it now.



You will observe a loss of frames if you do not use the driver.

If you have installed the camera and connected the power, you can install the driver and the GUI to do the first test. Copy the “**SVCapture.exe**” to your disk drive, double click on the SVCapture icon and a window will open.

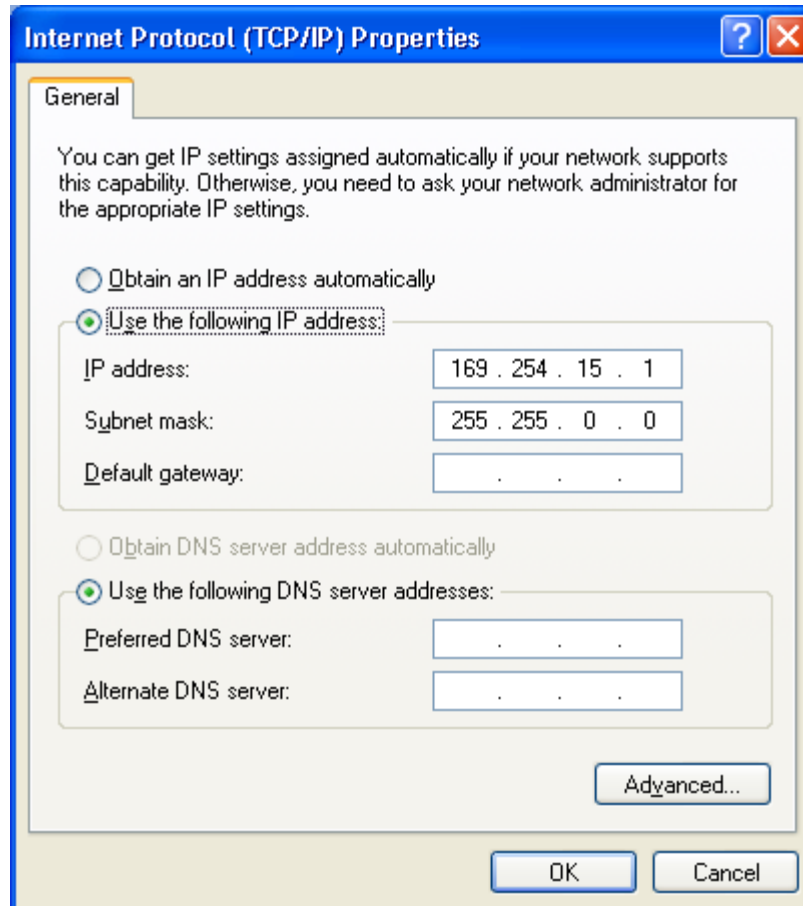
The software SVCapture displays images sent from SVS-GigE-Cameras via Gigabit Ethernet to your PC (with Windows XP) and allows adjusting basic camera settings.

3.2 Adjusting TCP/IP respective Network Settings

If the live image is not displayed, this is most often caused by inappropriate network settings. In this case the camera's network settings have to be adjusted first before getting it into an operational mode.

Adjust settings accordingly

Settings -> Network connections -> LAN-connection -> Properties -> TCP/IP



In a network with a DHCP server the camera will obtain its IP address automatically and the settings shown in the screenshot above will be on "Obtain an IP address automatically".

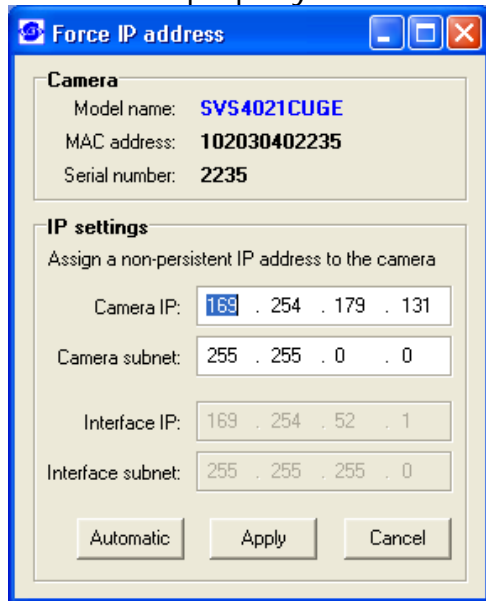
3.2.1 Network address assignment

The main components of a network address are the IP (Internet Protocol) address and the network mask. The usually applied network mask "255.255.255.0" for small networks up to 254 PCs represents a 32-bit long bit mask where the first 24 bits are set to 1 and the last 8 bits are set to 0. This network mask instructs the network hardware to let those devices exchange information with each other where the first 24 bits of the IP addresses match for all devices.

Thus the variable range of addresses is made from all possible combinations of the last 8 bits for which the network mask is set to 0. Exceptions are the first address 0 and the last address 255 which have special meanings for network management functions. All other 254 combinations are usually free for assigning them to network devices.

For a peer-to-peer connection of a GigE camera to a PC a network address assignment based on LLA (Local Link Address) is recommended. This involves a network mask "255.255.0.0" as well as a fixed first part "169.254.xxx.xxx" of the network address range. A GigE camera will fall back to LLA soon after recognizing that no DHCP server is available and that no fixed network address was assigned to the camera.

In case a camera can not be reached by the SVCapture application a dialog will appear that allows for adjusting a camera's network parameters. The simplest way is to click on "Automatic" which will provide to a search for a free IP address and to assigning it to the camera given that the interface IP could be determined properly.

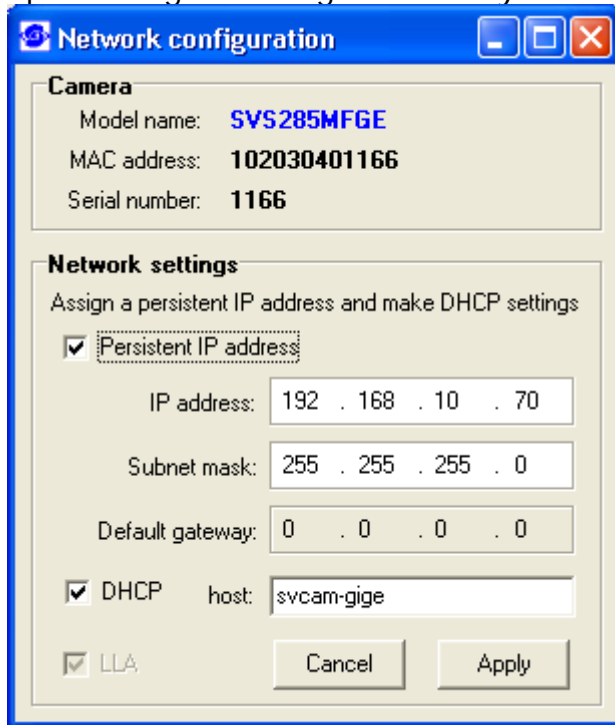


That dialog can also be brought up when right clicking on an entry in the discover dialog and subsequently selecting "Force IP address" in the context menu. However, when adjusting the PC network settings to LLA the camera must not get assigned a fixed network address

NOTE: The network settings performed in the "Force IP address" dialog are only valid until the next shutdown and restart of a camera. For permanently changing a camera's network settings the "Network settings" dialog can be used instead. That dialog can also be opened in the context menu which is displayed when right-clicking on an entry in the discover dialog.

3.2.2 Persistent Network address assignment

Open the dialog by selecting “Network settings” in the context menu that comes up when right-clicking on an entry in the discovery dialog:



All settings in the “Network configuration” dialog will be transferred to the camera and they will be made persistent on the EEPROM inside the camera. Therefore this dialog allows for assigning a non-volatile network address to a camera which it will maintain also over shutdown and restart cycles.

Network settings performed in this dialog become valid but after a reboot of the camera.

In addition to a persistent network address it can be decided whether the camera will try to obtain a dynamic network address from a DHCP server on start-up. If this option is used the camera can no longer be identified uniquely by IP address. Instead, other items like MAC address, serial number or the user defined name can be used for this purpose. Usually the DHCP method is convenient for involving a camera in to an already existing network of computers which all obtain their IP addresses from a DHCP server. The camera will well behave in this environment when adjusting it also to the DHCP mode.

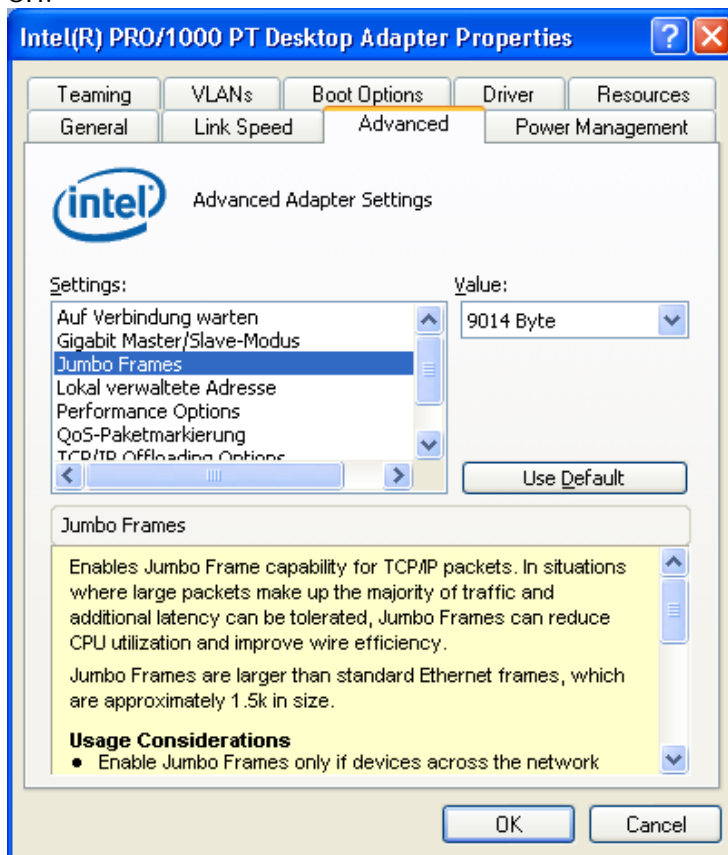
In some cases it may be that a camera will be connected for performance reasons directly to a dedicated network card. Given that this network card has not got assigned a valid IP address there is **a fall-back procedure** defined which takes automatically a network address from a special range that has been assigned for this purpose. This is the so called **“Link Local Address (LLA)”** behavior that constitutes the last item in a chain of fallback cases. It has been defined in the **GigE Vision standard document** that the LLA fall-back procedure can never be deactivated. Therefore the LLA checkbox is deactivated but always in a checked state.

Currently the Default gateway setting is not used and therefore deactivated. This is related to performance considerations which recommend to operate GigE cameras in the same network segment where the clients exist and not to route the data stream in to other networks.

3.2.3 Using jumbo frames

The transport efficiency in the streaming channel can be improved when using “jumbo frames” in network transport. This will reduce the overhead which is caused by maintaining header data with each data packet. A network packet has usually a size of about 1500 bytes which can be increased to e.g. 16112 by switching “jumbo frames” on. In addition to the network card “jumbo frames” have to be supported also by a switch that forwards the image data stream from a camera to the PC.

Adjusting higher packet sizes requires network cards that support jumbo packets, e.g. Intel PRO/1000 PT which offers a single network port or Intel PRO/1000 MT which offers two network ports. Other cards have to be checked whether they contain an adjustment which allows for switching “jumbo frames” on.



NOTE: For Intel Pro/1000 cards the settings should be adjusted as follows:

Flow control: Generate

Interrupt throttling rate: Minimal

Jumbo frames: adjust to maximal value

All SVCam-GigE cameras support flow control and jumbo frames upto 16112 bytes.

3.2.4 Performance considerations

Each GigE camera is a **high-performance device**. In order to use the full performance of a GigE camera a PC is required that meets at least the data transfer figures that the connected camera is capable to deliver to the application.

For example, a SVS625MFGE camera delivers a compound image data stream consisting of two times 50 Megabytes/sec. of payload data plus network overhead. Therefore the PC that operates that camera should be capable of transferring that amount of data as a net data stream over all its internal components like network card, PCI bus and others. A PC with a dual core

Pentium D 3.0 GHz processor and an Intel PRO 1000 MT network card is an example of a well equipped system.

NOTE: All SVS GigE cameras can also be operated with computers of less performance than the camera delivers at highest frame rate. In this case the maximal available framerate will be below the camera's maximum. This is a valid operating mode, however one has to be aware of the limits.

HINT: Notebooks are in most cases not capable to operate data streams at the maximum level that SVS GigE cameras deliver. One has to be aware that connecting a SVS GigE camera to an average notebook will not allow for operating the camera at highest framerate but only on lower framerates.

3.2.5 Multicast

When images from a single camera are to be delivered to multiple PCs the usual way is to use multicast (RFC 2236). A switch receives an image data stream from a camera and distributes it to multiple destinations in this mode.

Since a GigE camera always needs a single controlling application, there will be only one master application. That controlling master application has to open a camera in multicast mode (IP 232.x.x.x for local multicast groups) for allowing other applications to connect to the same image data stream. Other applications will become listeners to an existing image data stream. They will not get control access to the camera, however their eventual packet resend requests will be served in the same way as for the controlling application.

When using SVCapture as the controlling application, the "Multicast" checkbox has to be checked in the Device Discovery dialog before opening a camera.



It is important to enter a suitable maximal packet size. This packet size is determined as the minimum packet size from all intended listeners. When for example all applications but one have jumbo frames adjusted to 16112 bytes and the one application has jumbo frames adjusted to 9000 bytes then the minimum (9000) has to be entered in the above shown dialog.

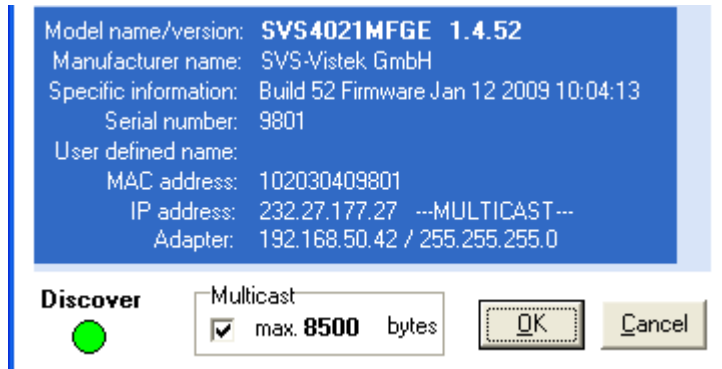
A multicast data stream can be identified in SVCapture by a change in a camera view's title. A multicast group (232.x.x.x) along with the used port will be shown instead of a camera's MAC that is usually displayed in that place.



Further the camera is operated as usual in the controlling application without any changes to normal mode.

A listening application will see a hint "MULTICAST" in the "IP address" field of the discovery dialog for a camera that is streaming in multicast mode along with

the IP address of the multicast group.



The "Multicast" group box will display the packet size that applies to the running image data stream. **The listening application has to have at least that packet size available (jumbo frames) in order to properly connect to the image data stream.**

After selecting the multicast camera in the camera list of the discovery dialog the OK button can be clicked or the camera entry can be double clicked in order to connect to the already running image data stream.

Since the listening application does not have control access, all controls in the 'SVCam Settings' dialog will be disabled except the Close button.

4 Windows x64 support

The SVGigE SDK supports x64 natively by providing a SVGigE driver along with DLLs and a sample application which are compiled for x64 platforms.

Although the SVCapture.exe program is a Win32 application, it can be used with some limitations also on Windows x64 PCs using the win32 compatibility mode.

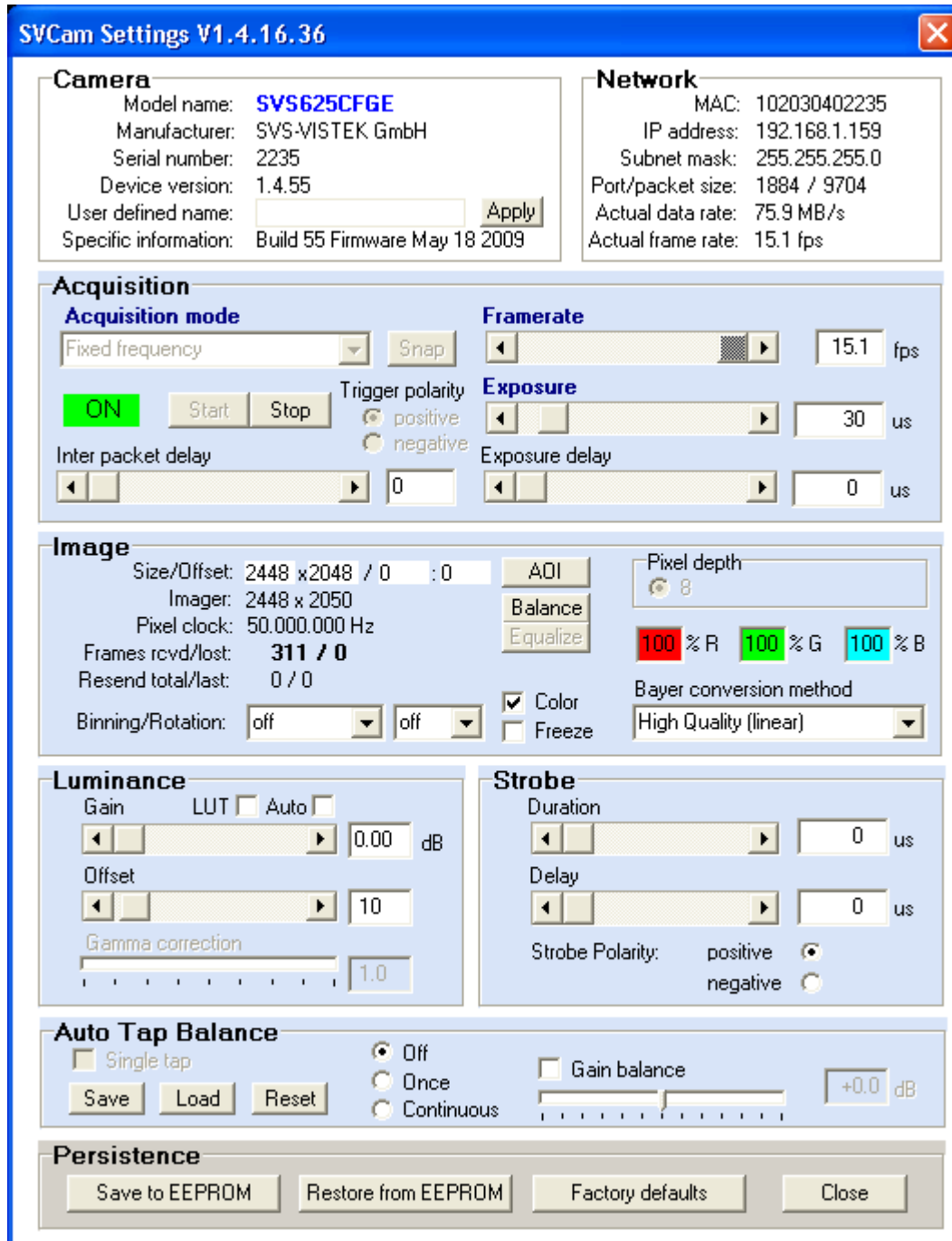
When running SVCapture on x64 platforms in the compatibility mode the SVGigE driver will not be available because a win32 application is not capable of handling the 64-bit image buffer addresses which are provided by the driver. Nevertheless SVCapture can use Winsock for both, communicating to a camera as well as streaming image data from the camera to the application.

NOTE: Though a Winsock connection to a camera can be established properly also on x64 platforms, there exist the same limitation for image streams regarding transport reliability also on that platform. Usually a certain amount of network packets gets lost when working over Winsock. Though the GigE Vision standard allows for resending lost packets it might be that under certain circumstances visible failures in images can result from losing network packets dependent on the system load.

Therefore the recommended and most reliable way for streaming image data from a camera to a PC is by using the filter driver. The SVGigE_ExampleVC8.x64.exe allows for running a connection with both, filter driver as well as Winsock and for comparing those modes and their main characteristics against each other.

5 Camera settings dialog

Double clicking into the image area or selecting the “Camera settings” entry in the “Camera” menu brings up a settings dialog that allows for accessing the various camera settings:



While adjusting settings in the dialog the new values are transferred to the camera continuously and the live image will respond to all changes immediately.

In particular the following information and settings are available:

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5.1.1 Camera

In the camera panel the following information is queried from the camera and displayed:

- Model name: **ecoZZZXVGE**
- Manufacturer name: **SVS-VISTEK**
- Serial number
- Device version
- User defined name
- Manufacturer specific information

5.1.2 Network

The network panel shows the currently used network related settings and parameters. These are in particular:

- The camera's MAC address
- The camera's IP address
- The camera's subnet mask
- The camera's streaming port and streaming packet size
- The actual data rate
- The actual frame rate

5.1.3 Acquisition

The acquisition panel contains the settings that are related to image acquisition as follows:

- Acquisition mode: (free running, software trigger, external trigger with internal/external exposure)
 - **Free Running:** At the first installation it should be this mode. In this mode the camera creates all sync signals itself. There is no need to trigger the camera (by EXSYNC) in order to get data. **The Exposure time can be set by using the software Interface of the PC.** It is controlled by the internal FPGA. No further external signals. The enclosed program allows the user to set the values from e.g. about 1/100.000/sec to 1 second. Exposure time can be changed online during operation.
 - **External trigger and using Pulse width of Trigger (external exposure):** In this mode the camera is waiting for an external trigger which causes the integration and read out. The exposure time can be varied by the length of EXSYNC between the high going edge and the low going edge. The Time settings in the control menu are not activated. This mode is useful in applications where the light level of the scene changes during operation. A frame to frame variation is allowed. Trigger must be fed directly to the camera by into the Hirose connector. A TTL (**min. 5V**) signal is provided from encoder, flashlight or any other source. Details see Appendix G.

- **Software triggered and using PC:** The frame rate is determined by the number of Software TRIGGER pulses generated inside the PC per time. With each "Software pulse" the camera will readout a frame. The Exposure time is set as in free running mode. Exposure time can be changed online during operation.

- Frame rate: It allows to alter the frame rate between 1 and the specified maximum value.
- Exposure: The exposure time can be set in μsec . The minimal exposure time is about 50 μsec (depending on the camera type and speed). The longest is about several seconds (triggered modes). Due to the internal timing of the camera the program will adjust the values to the appropriate values.
- Acquisition control (Start/Stop)
- Single capture button (Snap)
- Exposure
- Exposure delay
- Trigger polarity (positive/negative)
- Single capture button: Takes a single shot of the actual scene
- Inter-packet delay

The inter-packet delay has impact on a camera's bandwidth usage. A setting of an inter-packet delay of zero will send all image packets as fast as they are available dependent on the camera's pixel clock, e.g. at 50 MHz. This is the preferred setting when operating a single camera on a network interface. In case of multiple cameras or other devices working on the same physical network it might be desirable to send the packets of a camera's streaming channel with a certain inter-packet delay in order to allow multiple cameras or devices to share a given network bandwidth.

NOTE: The inter-packet delay should be below the value which would decrease the frame rate.

5.2 Image

The image panel displays information about the picture geometry, the pixel clock and it allows for the following settings:

- AOI (area of interest) which can be less or equal the imager size
- Binning mode (off, vertical, horizontal, 2x2)
No Binning = full resolution: horizontal x 1, vertical x 1 (default setting)
H2 x V2 x: vertical 2 x and horizontal 2 x at the same time; Resolution: horizontal x $\frac{1}{2}$, vertical x $\frac{1}{2}$, Sensitivity is 4 x, pixel frequency is halved, max. frame rate is almost doubled. "No Binning" sets the camera to full resolution, H1 x 2 and 2 x 1 binning is also available

If you need other binning mode configurations consult factory or your nearest distributor.

Please note: **Using binning with a color version of the camera will cause incorrect colors and strange effects!** However, for fast focusing it might be useful.

- Pixel depth (8-bit, 12-bit, 16-bit, if supported by camera)

- Color (On/Off)
- Bayer method (Disabled, Nearest neighbor, Simple, Bilinear, HQ Linear, Edge Sense, Gray)
- Factors for white balance (Red, Green, Blue)
- “Balance” button for performing automatic white balance
- “Equalize” button for setting all colors to 100%
- Freeze (display switched off while acquisition continuous, for test purposes)

In addition the number of transferred frames is displayed as well as the number of eventually lost frames. A frame loss may happen for example in case of an insufficient network bandwidth or if the network connection gets interrupted for a short time or in case of other network failures.

Further the number of resent network packets is displayed. The second number is the last resent packet number and the first number indicates the total number of resent packets.

5.3 Gain

The gain panel allows for adjusting gain and autogain (planned) with the following controls:

The default gain setting is “0” dB. You may change the gain up to 6 dB (or higher) in steps of 1/10th. Note that the dark offset will increase and dynamic range will not be improved. Please note that noise also is amplified. For good image quality do not increase gain more than 6 dB; **higher Gain is possible but not specified!**

For “F” version of svs1020,1050,2020 2050,2150 and 4021 only:

Please note that the CCD is used with 2 outputs. Therefore there are a “right” and a “left” image half. If you use the slider both channels are amplified. However depending on the amplifications there might be different values necessary in order to make both channels equal. **Fine tuning in “Gain Value” is necessary.** It is still possible to have 1-2 counts difference between both image halves. **This is NOT a camera problem and must be adjusted by an experienced user. Same is true for the offset.**

- Gain (0.....18 dB) (The edit field allows for an extended gain upto about +36 dB, dependent on the camera’s capabilities)

Autogain function can be enabled to avoid manual tuning. Note that continuous tap balancing needs a few frames to adjust !!

5.4 Offset

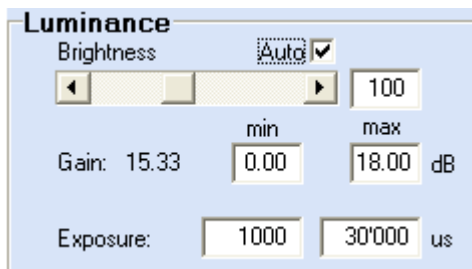
Dark level offset adjustment is possible. When 8 Bit are transmitted it can be changed from 0 to 255. Please note that factory adjustment is optimized for S/N ratio and sensitivity. You may lose dynamic range. Alter only if you operate at high temperatures like +40 °C. It can be altered for each channel separately (for 2 tap Kodak CCDs).

5.5 AutoGain/AutoExposure

When the "Auto" checkbox is activated for cameras that provide for the AutoGain/AutoExposure feature, the "Luminance" panel changes to show the settings that apply to this mode of operation. The manual settings for gain and offset will disappear since the luminance will be controlled automatically.

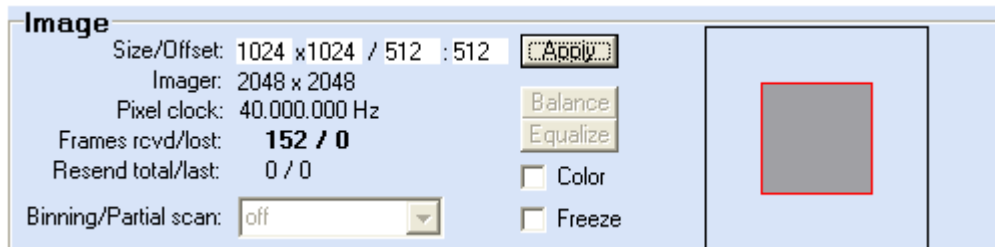
The automated luminance control algorithm takes advantage of both, exposure and gain settings. First the exposure will be tried to adjust it such that a set brightness value will be met. Once the highest exposure value has been reached the algorithm will further increase luminance by increasing camera's gain. The upper and lower limits for both controls are available in the "Luminance" panel once the "Auto" checkbox is checked.

The actual exposure is shown on the "Acquisition" panel and the actual gain is displayed in the "Luminance" panel on the left to the "min" and "max" gain settings.



5.6 Adjusting an AOI (area of interest)

When clicking on the "AOI" button in the "Image" panel a graph tablet becomes visible that allows for defining an AOI by dragging and resizing a gray target area with a red border inside the imager limits, represented by a rectangle with black borders.



Whenever the left mouse button is released after dragging/resizing the target area, the camera will be adjusted to the new settings. Alternatively the target area can be defined numerically by entering values into the edit fields for Size/Offset and subsequently clicking on "Apply". After clicking on "Apply" the graph tablet will disappear and the new settings are stored in the camera.

5.7 Strobe

The strobe panel allows for accessing the following settings for controlling light sources:

- Strobe duration
- Strobe delay (Start of strobe related to a trigger pulse)
- Strobe polarity (positive/negative)

5.8 Persistence

The buttons in the persistence panel allow for saving and restoring all settings:

- Save to EEPROM
- Restore from EEPROM
- Factory defaults
- Close

6 Saving images to disk

The live image can be saved to disk with the “Save as” item in the Image menu. After selecting a path and specifying a file name a picture in one of the formats JPEG, PNG (Portable Network Graphics), BMP or PIX (raw pixel data) will be saved to disk. Saving of 16-bit images is supported by the PNG and PIX (raw pixel data) formats.



7 Assigning IO lines

If a camera supports IO settings then the input and output lines can be arbitrarily assigned to actual data lines.

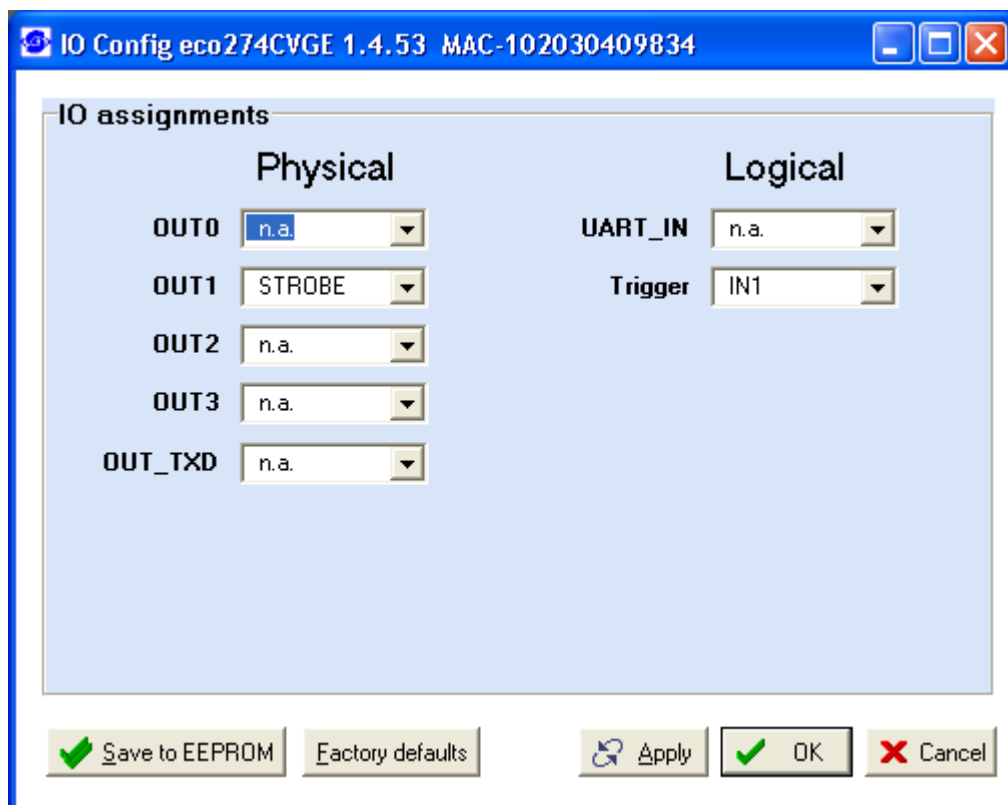
The following outputs are available:

- OUT0
- OUT1
- OUT2
- OUT3
- OUT_TXD

The following input lines are available:

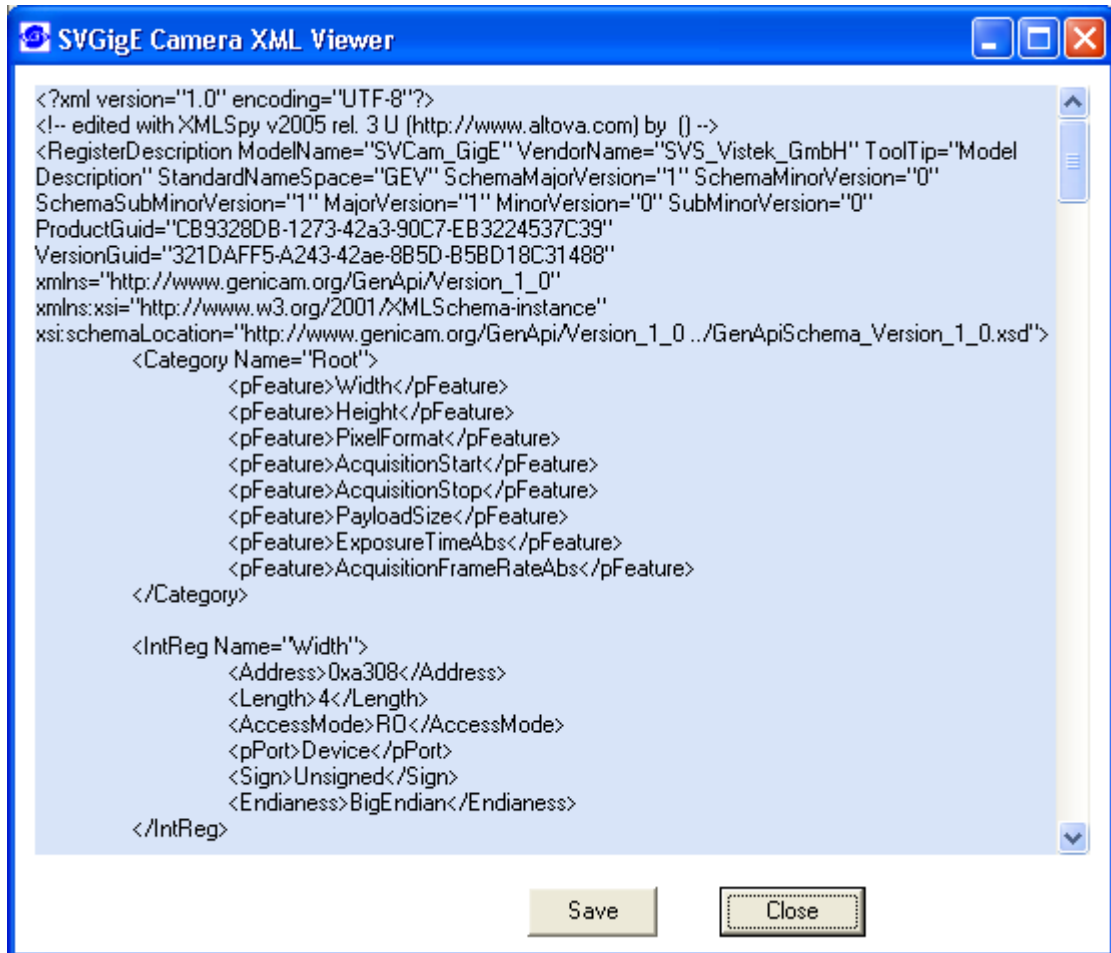
- UART_IN
- Trigger

When clicking on 'Apply' after making all adjustments then the new assignments take effect. One has to click on 'Save to EEPROM' in order to make them persistent. In case of any problems the 'Factory defaults' can be restored by clicking on that button.



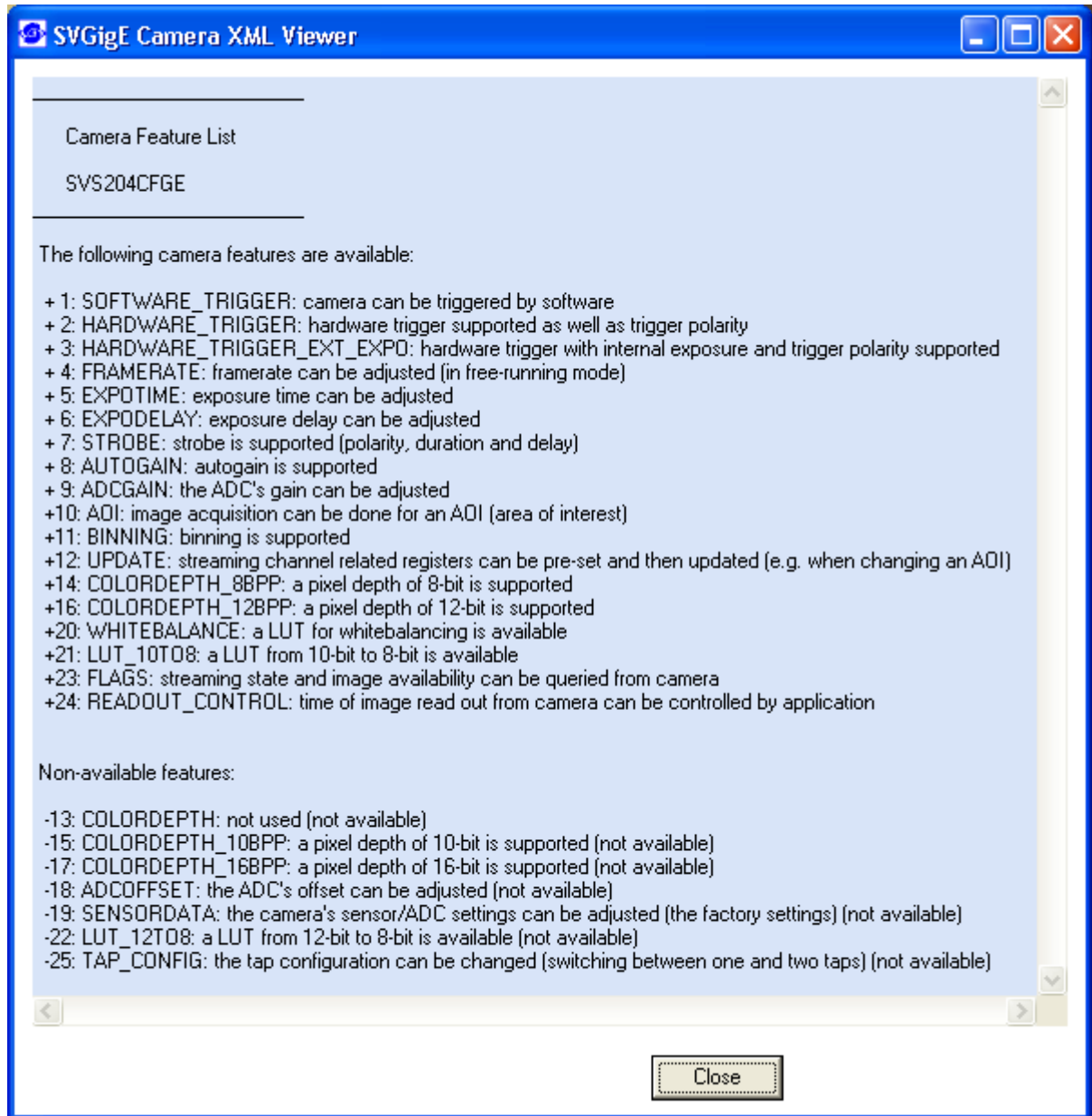
8 Displaying a camera's XML file

Accordingly to the GigE Vision standard a GigE camera provides for an XML file that defines the camera's capabilities. Though the XML file will usually be processed by software, the SVCapture application allows for displaying a camera's XML file on screen and saving it to disk. This functionality is available in the "Camera" menu when clicking on the "Show XML file" entry.



9 Displaying a camera's feature list

A SVGigE camera provides for a set of features out of a list of all defined features. The "Feature list" entry in the "Camera" menu allows for getting information which features a given camera provides for and which are not available.



10 Other menu items

- File | Enable filter driver - Enable or disable a filter driver
- File | Exit - Leaving application
- Window | Cascade - Cascade camera views in main window
- Window | Tile - Assign each camera view a share of main window

Window | Delete
About

- Close camera view that currently has the focus
- Program and version information

11 Context menu

A context menu can be activated in the image window by right clicking on the mouse inside that window. The following functions can be controlled by this menu:

- Displaying pixel coordinates and values
- Reducing the size of an image to 12,5%
- Reducing the size of an image to 25%
- Reducing the size of an image to 50%
- Restoring the original 100% size of an image
- Magnifying resolution to 200% (image fragment scrolled by left mouse click)
- Magnifying resolution to 400% (image fragment scrolled by left mouse click)
- Magnifying resolution to 800% (image fragment scrolled by left mouse click)



If "Pixel values" is selected the display switches in the bottom left corner to displaying the min and max values at cursor position along with the difference max-min which represents the image's noise amplitude at cursor position:

CAM-1447: X=1451 Y=286 Pixel: 102 (min: 100 max: 103 dif: 3)

11.1 Filter Driver

In order to lower CPU load on some PCs it is useful to save CPU power for other tasks. The driver delivered with the camera helps to do so. See Appendix D for installation.



It is recommended always to enable the filter driver, otherwise images can be lost!

11.2 Firmware update

A separate tool called "**Firmware Update Tool.exe**" is provided to execute a firmware update.

Depending on the **serial number a firmware update for the internal camera logic** might be useful or necessary. This can be essential in order to **use the current available SVCapture or SDK**.



Using unmatched hardware and software (e.g. HW 1.2 with SW 1.4) will NOT work. Numbering is consistent. So 1.4 SW requires 1.4 firmware!



In doubt please contact your local distributor.

12 Technical Data

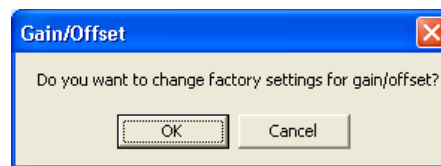
An easy logic allows the control of the camera by different signals to achieve optimum image quality.

12.1 CCD used/cosmetic issues:

- Sony: ICX 424, ICX204, ICX267, ICX274, **ICX 415 +ICX655 (planned)**

For Details see Sony ICX datasheets

Please note: Factory settings for gain/offset will be irrevocably overwritten when confirming the final message box with OK.



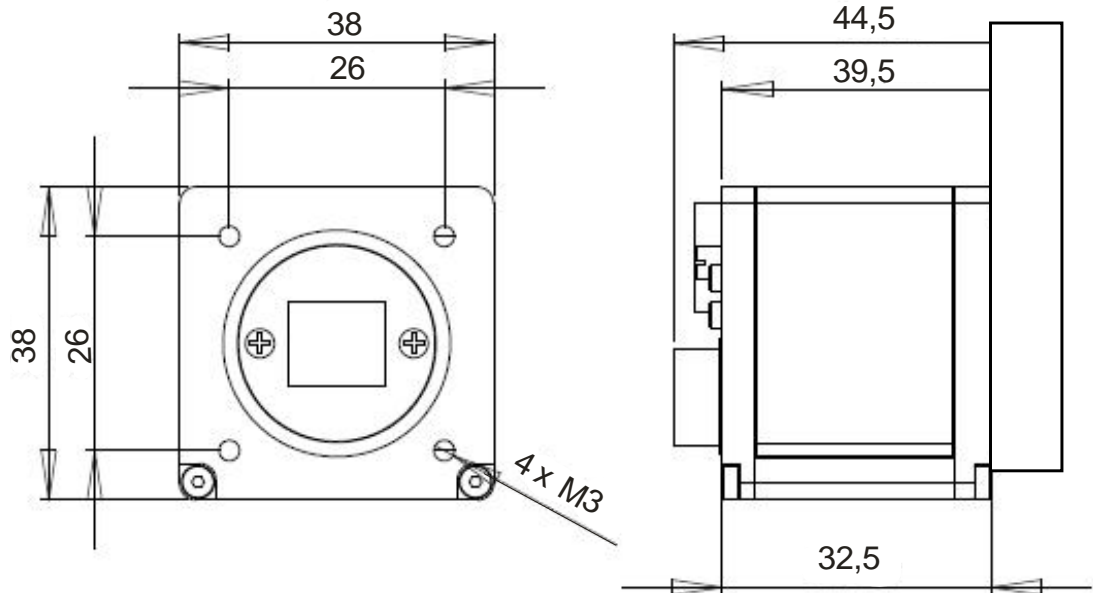
12.2 Signal conditioning

The analog output of the sensor is conditioned by Correlated Double Sampling (CDS) for optimum S/N ratio. Dark level drift is compensated by an "auto zero" amplifier circuit and fed into a video ADC with 14 Bit resolution (type dependant). The data are fed into an internal 64 MB Memory. The camera is controlled by an FPGA and the data packages are sent via an Ethernet controller to the PC.

12.3 Optical and mechanical issues

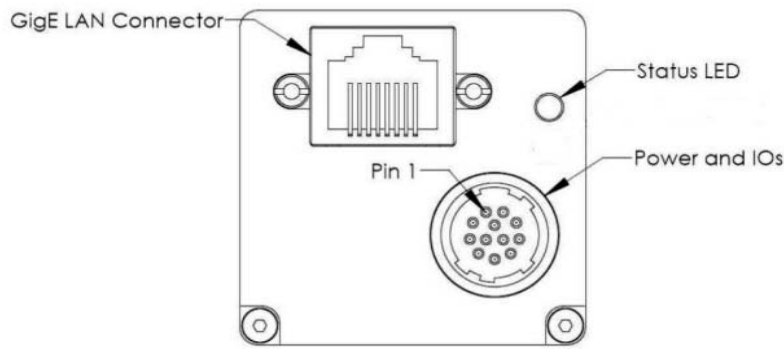
- Camera size: 38mm x 38mm x 33mm (without connectors and lens)
- Weight: Approx. 100 gram
- Front plate with CS-Mount adapter. 5 mm adapter for C-mount.
- **Distance from Chip surface to frontplate: 11.65mm when C-mount lens is used**

**Views on Camera eco424, 415, eco204, eco267, eco274
front plate with CS-Mount adapter**



**Use 4 x M3 holes in frontplate for mounting !!!
Proper heatsinking is required !!**

Rear View

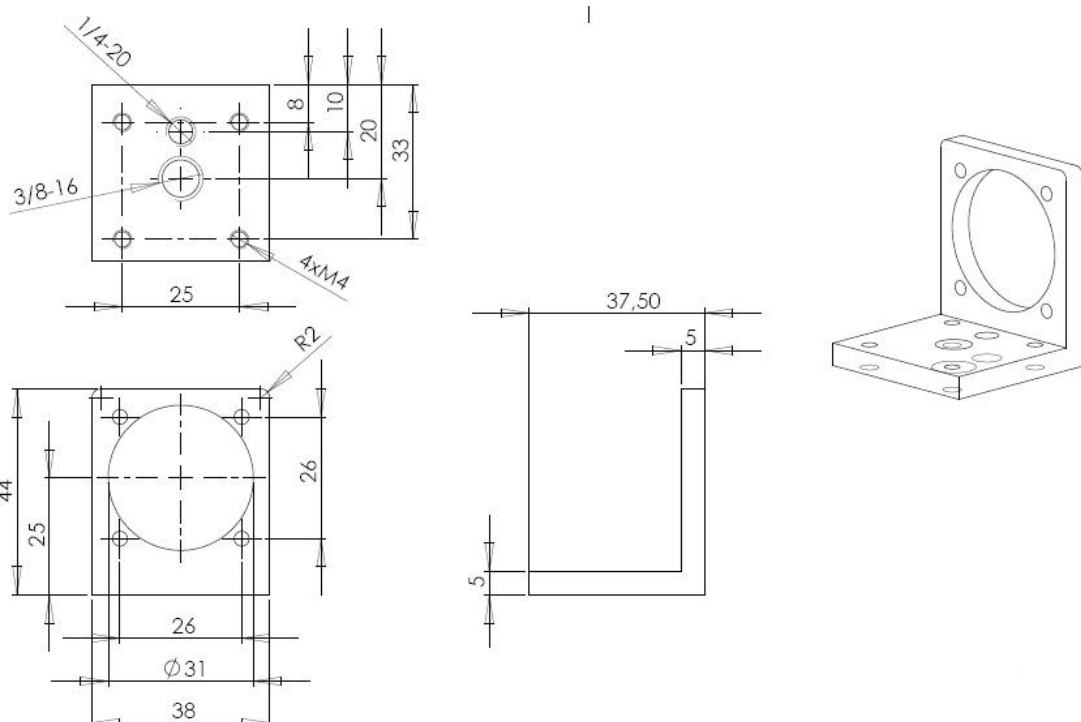


HR10A-10P-12S (mating connector HR10A-10R-12PB)

- 1 VIN- (GND)
- 2 VIN+ (9 to 24VDC)
- 3 RXD data to camera (RS232 Level)
- 4 TXD data from camera (RS232 Level)
- 5 IN1 (open drain 3- 30 V) +/- can be reversed
- 6 IN2 (open drain 3- 30 V) +/- can be reversed
- 7 OUT1 (open drain max 30 V) +/- can be reversed
- 8 OUT2 (open drain max 30 V +/- can be reversed
- 9 IN3+ (RS422 Level)
- 10 IN3- (RS422 Level)
- 11 OUT3 + (RS422 Level)
- 12 OUT3- (RS422 Level)

Option

Mounting Bracket (do not scale)



Basic electro-optic Specifications of Cameras

eco424

CCD ICX 424 1 1/3" Interline	640 x 480 Pixel	Pixel Size 7.4 x 7.4 μm
Pixelclock	1 x 50 MHz	
Frame Rate (max.)	124 fps	
Frame Rate (2 x 2 Binning)		
Offset	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Gain	18 db	
S/N Ratio	> 54dB (9 Bit), (Saturation/Dark Noise (RMS))	
Fixed Pattern Noise	ca. 8 counts in 12 Bit	
Photo Response Non-uniformity (PRNU)	+/- 10%	
Spectral Response	380 – 950 nm	Monochrome
Exposure Time (mode 2)	3 μsec – 2 sec	
Power consumption	3.3W (0.27A @ 12V)	

eco415

CCD ICX 415 1/2" Interline	780 x 580 Pixel	Pixel Size 8.3 x 8,3 μm
Pixelclock	1 x 50 MHz	
Frame Rate (max.)	86 fps	
Frame Rate (2 x 2 Binning)		
Offset	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Gain	18 db	
S/N Ratio	> 54dB (9 Bit), (Saturation/Dark Noise (RMS))	
Fixed Pattern Noise	ca. 8 counts in 12 Bit	
Photo Response Non-uniformity (PRNU)	+/- 10%	
Spectral Response	380 – 950 nm	Monochrome
Exposure Time (mode 2)	22 μsec – 2 sec	
Power consumption	3.5W (0.29A @ 12V)	

eco204

CCD ICX 204 1/3" Interline	1024 x 768 Pixel	Pixel Size 4,65 x 4,65 µm
Pixelclock	1 x 50 MHz	
Frame Rate (max.)	47 fps	
Frame Rate (2 x 2 Binning)		
Offset	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Gain	18 db	
S/N Ratio	> 50dB (8.5 Bit), (Saturation/Dark Noise (RMS))	
Fixed Pattern Noise	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Photo Response Non- uniformity (PRNU)	+/- 10%	
Spectral Response	380 – 950 nm	Monochrome
Exposure Time (mode 2)	17 µsec – 2 sec	
Power consumption	3.4W (0.28A @ 12V)	

eco267

CCD ICX 267 1/2" Interline	1360 x 1024 Pixel	Pixel Size 4,65 x 4,65 µm
Pixelclock	1 x 50 MHz	
Frame Rate (max.)	25 fps	
Frame Rate (2 x 2 Binning)		
Offset	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Gain	18 db	
S/N Ratio	> 54dB (9 Bit), (Saturation/Dark Noise (RMS))	
Fixed Pattern Noise	ca. 8 counts in 12 Bit	
Photo Response Non- uniformity (PRNU)	+/- 10%	
Spectral Response	380 - 950 nm	Monochrome
Exposure Time (mode 2)	40 µsec – 2 sec	
Power consumption	3.5W (0.29A @ 12V)	

eco274

CCD ICX 274 1/2" Interline	1600 x 1200 Pixel	Pixel Size 4,4 x 4,4 μm
Pixelclock	1 x 50 MHz	
Frame Rate (max.)	20 fps	
Frame Rate (2 x 2 Binning)		
Offset	ca. 40 counts in 12 Bit	
Gain	1 to 2	
S/N Ratio	> 54dB (9 Bit), (Saturation/Dark Noise (RMS))	
Fixed Pattern Noise	ca. 8 counts in 12 Bit	
Photo Response Non-uniformity (PRNU)	+/- 10%	
Spectral Response	380 - 950 nm	Monochrome
Exposure Time (mode 2)	26 μsec – 2 sec	
Power consumption	3.9W (0.32A @ 12V)	

12.4 Environmental Issues

4.8.1 Europe

The camera is CE tested and the rules of EN 50022-2 apply.

4.8.2 USA and Canada

I. Labeling requirements:

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

II. Information to the user:

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

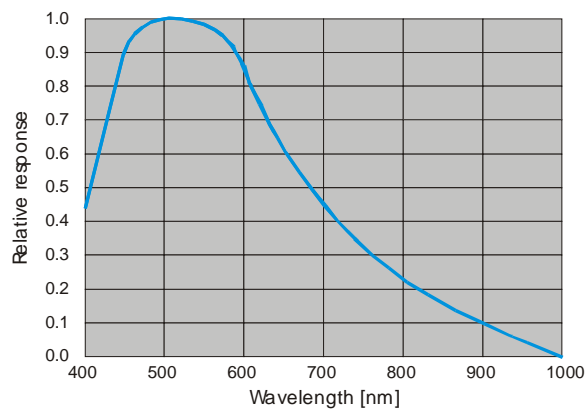
It is necessary to use a shielded power supply cable. You can then use the "shield contact" on the connector which has GND contact to the camera housing. This is essential for any use. If not done and camera is destroyed due to Radio Magnetic Interference (RMI) **WARRANTY is void!**

- Operating temperature Spec: -10 to +40 °C
In order to keep dark current low. To achieve 9 optical Bit, operation at 25 °C max. is recommended.
- **Power:** US/UK and European line adapter can be delivered.
Otherwise use +10 to +24V DC with filtered and stabilized power supply.
- **Shock is tested:** About 30 g in 6 ms. **Vibration test** is 10 g in 6 ms
- **RoHS:** All cameras comply with the recommendation of the European Union concerning RoHS Rules.

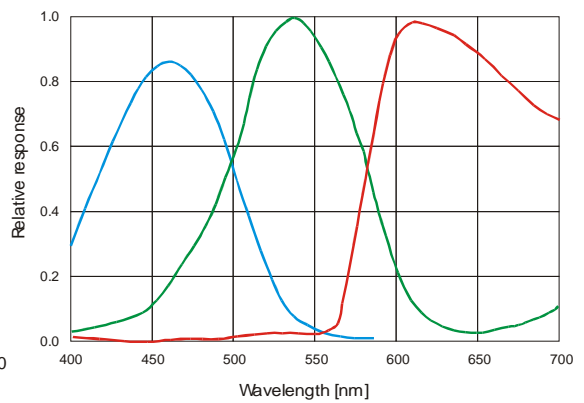
12.5 Spectral response curves

Monochrome Version

eco424, eco 415, eco204, eco267, eco247



All Color Version



12.6 Comments on camera temperature

There is no need to worry because the camera has been tested at higher temperatures than specified (40 °C).

12.7 Comments on Color Version

If you have purchased a color version (e.g. **ecoZZZXVGE**) of this camera, please note the following:

In all electrical terms the camera is identical to the black and white versions.

The camera uses a CCD which has a color mosaic filter. This filter is called "Bayer"-filter named after the person who invented it. It has a pattern on the lines which alternates as follows, e.g.:

First line: RGRGRG.... and so on (R = Red, B = Blue, G = Green)

Second line: GBGBGB.... and so on

Please note that about half of the pixel are green, a quarter red and a quarter blue. This is due to the maximum sensitivity of the human eye at about 550 nm (green).

Note that the green pixel in the "red" line has different sensitivity than the green pixel in the "blue" line.

Because this camera is a single chip camera it is necessary to use an algorithm which interpolates those colors which are "not known" by the specific pixel. E.g. the red pixel does not know its green and blue components.

This means that the performance of the image depends on the software used.

Please be aware that it is not possible to incorporate the algorithm into the camera so easily. Unlike NTSC/PAL cameras there is no hardware chip available which can do that for such large images. The user has the advantage to alter the colors depending on his needs. Thus the color image must be processed in the PC.

We offer several algorithms in the SVCapture program which influence display rate and image quality. However a color source code is available on request for those who want to write an application.

We offer a complete set for a system setup containing camera, cable, power supply, and software to help solving your applications.

Note that you can disable the color in the SVCapture program. Color processing is not done inside the camera but in the PC. So some CPU power is consumed.

If you have questions do not hesitate to contact us or your local dealer.

13 Warranty Terms

13.1 Standard products warranty and adjustment

Seller warrants that the article to be delivered under this order will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for a period of **TWO** years from date of shipment. The liability of Seller under this warranty is limited solely to replacing or repairing or issuing credit (at the discretion for Seller) for such products that become defective during the warranty period.

In order to permit Seller to properly administer this warranty, Buyer shall notify Seller promptly in writing of any claims,; provide Seller with an opportunity to inspect and test the products claimed to be defective. Such inspection may be on customer's premises or Seller may request return of such products at customer's expense. Such expense will subsequently be reimbursed to customer if the product is found to be defective and Buyer shall not return any product without prior return authorization from Seller.

If a returned product is found to be out of warranty or found to be within the applicable specification, Buyer will have to pay an evaluation and handling charge, independent of possible repair and/or replacement costs. Seller will notify Buyer of the amount of said evaluation and handling charges at the time the return authorization is issued. The Seller will inform the Buyer of related repair and/or replacement costs and request authorization before incurring such costs. Buyer shall identify all returned material with Seller's invoice number, under which material has been received.

If more than one invoice applies, material has to be clearly segregated and identified by applicable invoice numbers. Adjustment is contingent upon Seller's examination of product, disclosing that apparent defects have not been caused by misuse, abuse, improper installation of application, repair, alteration, accident or negligence in use, storage, transportation or handling. In no event shall Seller be liable to Buyer for loss of profits, loss of use, or damages of any kind based upon a claim for breach of warranty.

13.2 Development Product Warranty

Developmental products of Seller are warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship and to meet the applicable preliminary specification only at the time of receipt by Buyer and for no longer period of time in all other respects the warranties made above apply to development products.

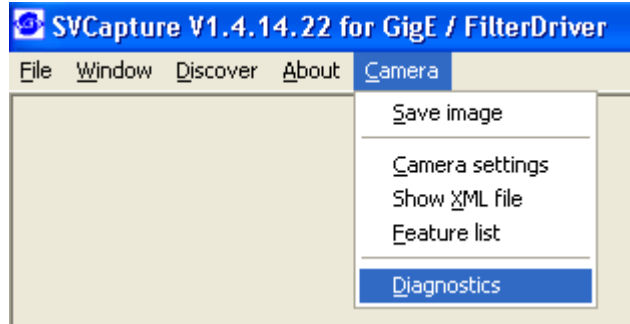
The aforementioned provisions do not extend the original warranty period of any article which has been repaired or replaced by Seller. If Warranty Label of camera is broken Warranty is void!

SELLER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES; EXPRESS OR IMPLIED; AND SPECIFICALLY; SELLER MAKES NO WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OF FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

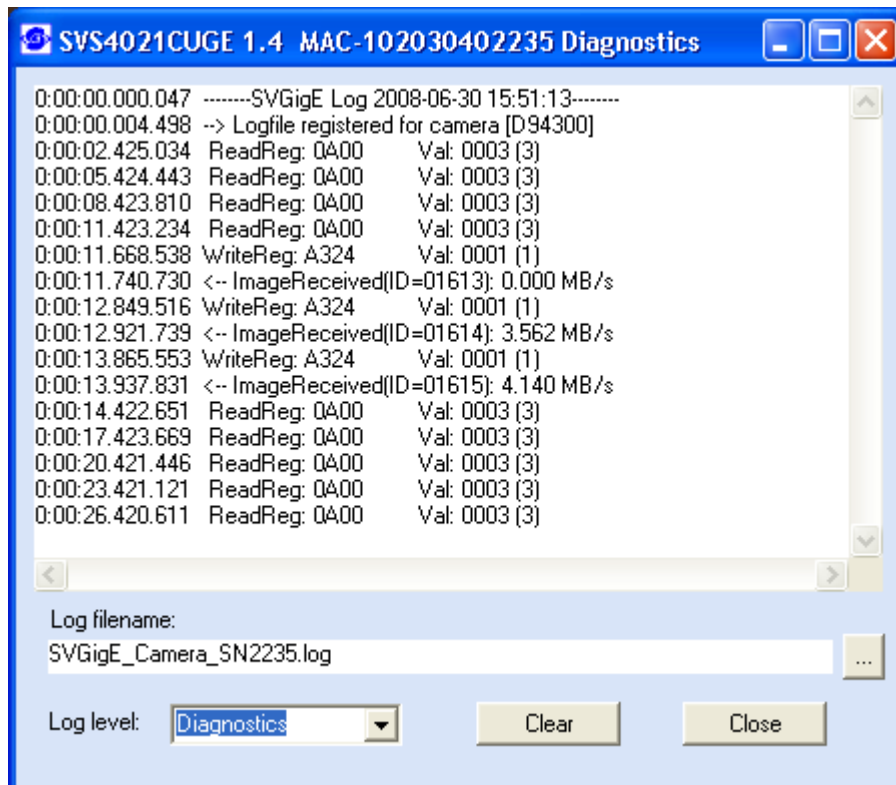
14 Appendix A – Troubleshooting

14.1 Get camera diagnostics

When clicking on the Camera | Diagnostics menu entry a dialog will open that allows for receiving camera diagnostics information.



The content of the Diagnostics window is low level register information. Usually it is needed only for remote analysis purposes of problem situations.



The following items provide some hints how to solve problem situations where a connection between a PC and a camera can not be established successfully.

Problem: A camera does not appear in the discovery dialog

Solutions: Click on "Refresh" in order to repeat the Discovery action. Disconnect and reconnect the camera's power cable and repeat the Discovery action after a few seconds. Make sure the PC has got a valid IP address. Shutdown and restart the PC and repeat the Discovery action. Check firewall settings (See "Firewall considerations" below).

Problem: A camera does not display a picture after it has been discovered and selected

Solutions: Force a valid IP address in to the camera using the dialog that comes up when right- clicking on an entry in the discovery dialog. Close the camera view and select the camera again in the Discovery dialog. Shutdown and restart the PC and select the camera again after discovery. Check firewall settings (e.g. disable firewall temporarily and select the camera again after discovery). Check if the processor speed of the PC is sufficient for displaying images at the chosen frame rate. If available, connect the camera to a different network card.

Problem: No communication is possible between the camera and the PC

Solution: Check if a firewall is active. This can prevent to establish any communication because this is a network issue check firewall setting. Try to disable temporary the firewall and try again.

Problem: The video stream stops when adjusting the camera settings

Solution: This situation happens when the product between frame rate and exposure time becomes 1 second or greater. Any of the settings can be reduced in order to get the camera operational again. The exposure settings field will become red in order to signal that one of the frame rate or exposure setting has to be reduced.

Problem: Camera does not respond to light

Solution: Please execute following steps:
Check if camera is in a "Free Running"-mode. When done, check with "SVCapture" program if you can read back any data from the camera like: Type of CCD, S/N number exposure time settings and so on. If you trigger the camera by hardware: Check if the Exsync signal is present. The signal swing for must be minimum 5V (max. 24V) Source must provide 10 mA. Below such level the drivers in the camera will not work. Check also the quality and swing. If these signals are not there or do not have the right quality (like spikes) the camera can not read out any frame or delivers distorted images.



Problem: The image is present but distorted

Solution: Try different operation mode. Like if triggered gives bad results try "Free Running" mode and reduce frame rate to minimum half possible one. Check if you are using original "INTEL"® chip set in your PC! If problem still exist call your local support.

Problem: The image of a color version camera looks "ugly" or false colors appear.

Solution: If the raw image looks ok than pixel need to be shifted by either one or one line. The image color depends on the algorithm used. If the algorithm is starting with the wrong pixel such effects appear.

Problem: The colors of a color version are not perfect especially when using halogen light

Solution: Halogen light contains strong portions of IR radiation. Use cut off filters at around 730 nm like Schott KG 3 to prevent IR radiation reaching the CCD.

15 Troubleshooting Request List V1.3

Dear valued customer,

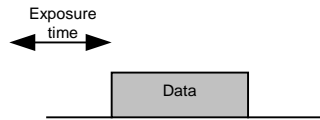
In order to help you with your camera and any interfacing problems we request that you fill in a description of your problems when you use the camera. Please fax this form to us:

- 1) Type of camera (e.g. eco247XVGE)
- 2) Serial Number
- 3) Accessories used and where purchased or self made
 - a) Power supply
 - b) Cable
 - c) Lens type and focal length
- 4) Firmware version as well as operation mode, (send screenshot of **SVCapture** program)
- 5) Description of the phenomena, e.g.:
 - a) missing lines or columns
 - b) distorted or noisy image (if possible send jpg image)
 - c) solarization effect
 - d) missing Bit, contrast less image
- 6) PC used, Chip Set/Brand and type of Ethernet card
- 7) Operating system used, e.g. WIN/2000/XP

16 Appendix B – Basic timing for different operation modes

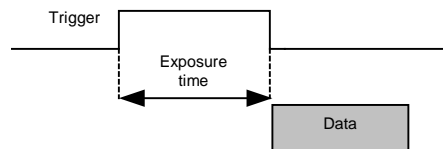
16.1 Free Running

A frame is readout automatically. There is no need to trigger the camera in order to get data. The enclosed software allows the user to set exposure time in μSec . The time set stays resident after power off if the configuration is saved to camera if stored before.



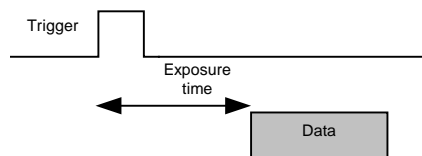
16.2 External Trigger and Pulswidth of Trigger

In this mode the camera is waiting for an external trigger which starts integration and read out. Exposure time can be varied using the length of the Trigger pulse (I.E. between the high going edge and the low going edge). The time settings in the control software are not activated. This mode is useful in applications where the light level of the scene changes during operation and the framegrabber can provide such a signal. Change of exposure time is possible from one frame to the next.



16.3 External and Software trigger and internal exposure time setting

The frame rate is determined by the number of Trigger pulses per time unit. With each positive transition (going high) the camera will readout a frame. Exposure time is set in the same way as in the free running mode. Exposure time can be changed online during operation. The time set stays resident after power off, if the configuration is saved to the camera.



SVGigE API

GigE Vision Camera Software Development Kit (SDK)

Version: 1.4.16.38
Date: 30.06.2009

17.1 Overview

The GigE Vision standard is an award-winning specification for connecting cameras to computers by a Gigabit Ethernet cable. That type of connection is well suited for transferring the huge data streams that are usually related to image capturing devices. The current SVS GigE API software development kit (SDK) provides for integrating GigE cameras into own applications.

17.2 Prerequisites

In order to give an example for data transfer requirements, a camera with a resolution of 1600 by 1200 pixels and which is running at 35 frames per second will generate a data stream of $1600 \times 1200 \times 35 = 67,2$ Mbytes per second. The bandwidth of the network connection must be capable of transferring the image data stream from the camera to the client computer with the image viewing or processing application.

Before a GigE camera can be successfully used in a system, all network parameters have to be adjusted to appropriate settings. This will be done by the SVCapture program which usage is described in the "SVCapture user guide" document. A successful work with the SVS GigE API software development kit can be accomplished only when it has been proved that a camera can be operated over the network on full frame rate from the PC where the software development takes place.

17.3 SVGigE SDK components

The SVGigE SDK consists of the following components:

- SVGigE.h
- SVGigE.cpp
- SVGigE.dll
- SVGigE.sys
- SVGigETLFilter.dll
- SVGigETLWinsock.dll
- SVGigE SDK user guide.pdf (this document)

The **DLL components** have to be in the **same directory as the executable** or alternatively they can be put into the windows\system32 directory. The header file and the cpp file will usually be put into the development directories. They are needed for developing applications under various development environments.

Before running the SVGigEFilter.dll the SVGigE driver has to be installed accordingly to the instructions in the "SVCapture user guide" documentation.

17.4 Development environments

The SVGigE SDK has been designed as DLL components (one API and two transport layers: filter driver and winsock based) which export C-style functions to be used by applications. A cpp file is provided in the SDK which implements the more than 100 functions that constitute the SVGigE API. The cpp file forwards function calls from the software application to the corresponding functions that are contained in the API-DLL module. For this purpose the DLL modules will be loaded once when the first function call arrives in the API.

The chosen programming interface of the API-DLL module is the least common denominator which should ensure a broad applicability of the DLL module in most programming environments that can compile C code. Three example applications are currently provided that comprise the Borland C++ Builder 6 environment, the Microsoft VisualStudio 6 as well as the Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 environments.

The example applications show how to get a handle on a camera in the own network, how to adjust settings like frame rate and exposure time as well as how to receive the image data stream by a callback function in the application. For demonstration purposes the image data stream is being displayed on screen as a live image from the selected camera.

17.5 Windows x64 support

The SVGigE SDK supports 64-bit platforms. All functions in the SVGigE API apply to x64 platforms in the same way as they do for Win32 platforms. Although win32 applications like SVCapture.exe are also supported on x64 platforms in the compatibility mode, there exists a set of runtime components that run natively on x64 platforms:

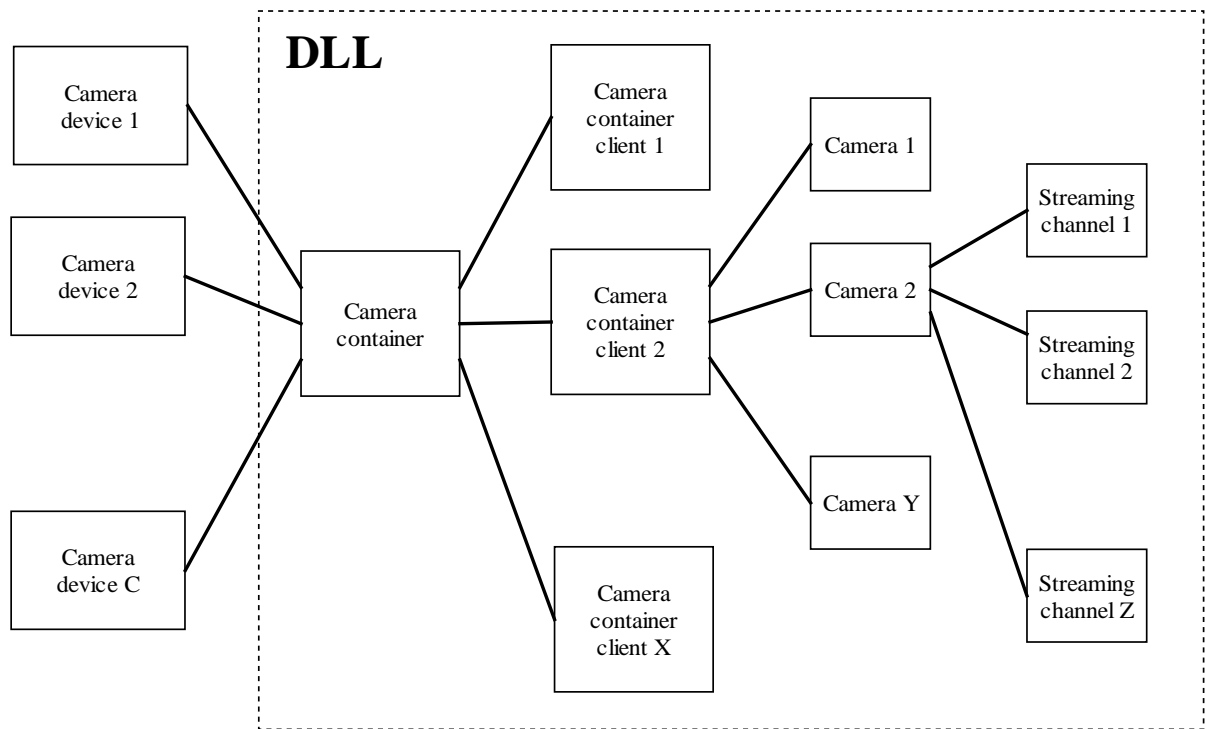
- **x64\SVGigE.sys** – a filter driver for high-performance image streaming
- **SVGigETLFilter.x64.dll** – a transport layer DLL for the SVGigE driver
- **SVGigETLWinsock.x64.dll** – a transport layer DLL based on Winsock
- **SVGigE.x64.dll** – the SVGigE API DLL used by camera applications
- **SVGigE_ExampleVC8.x64.exe** – a sample application using all listed components

17.6 Documentation

The SVGigE API documentation is provided in the following documents:

- SVGigE SDK user guide.pdf – an overview documentation (this document)
- SVGigE.h – a header file with inline documentation for each function
- Documentation\index.html – a html based documentation that has been generated from the inline information in the SVGigE.h document

17.7 System architecture



The system architecture has been chosen accordingly to the following objectives:

- Multiple cameras can be connected over the network to a single PC where a SVGigE.dll along with transport layer DLLs provide for a simultaneous access to all cameras
- Multiple client applications can use the same SVGigE.dll for connecting to cameras
- An application can use a subset or all of the cameras simultaneously
- Multiple streaming channels can be opened by an application, one to each of the cameras in order to perform different further image processing, for example sending all images to a viewer and running an image processing on them for each of the images

NOTE: Currently each camera should be controlled only by a single dedicated application although the system architecture would allow for connecting multiple applications to a single camera. The reason is that each camera maintains only a single control channel. Thus a second client application would

not get a handle on the camera as long as another client maintains a control channel to that camera.

Looking at the system architecture it should become obvious that the DLL needs a handle for performing operations on a camera container, on a camera or on a streaming channel respectively. The client application will obtain those handles when registering for a camera container client, a camera or a streaming channel respectively. Those handles have to be stored locally and be used in all subsequent function calls to the different areas in the DLL. All handles will be valid until closure activities will be performed for a streaming channel, a camera or a camera container client respectively.

17.8 Function groups

* Function categories:

- * -----
- * 1 - Camera: Discovery and bookkeeping
- * 2 - Camera: Connection
- * 3 - Camera: Information
- * 4 - Stream: Channel control and statistics
- * 5 - Stream: Transfer parameters
- * 6 - Stream: Image access
- * 7 - Stream: Image conversion
- * 8 - Stream: Image characteristics
- * 9 - Stream: Image statistics
- * 10 - Stream: Messaging channel
- * 11 - Controlling camera: Frame rate
- * 12 - Controlling camera: Exposure
- * 13 - Controlling camera: Gain and offset
- * 14 - Controlling camera: Auto gain/exposure
- * 15 - Controlling camera: Acquisition trigger
- * 16 - Controlling camera: Strobe
- * 17 - Controlling camera: Tap balance
- * 18 - Controlling camera: Image parameter
- * 19 - Controlling camera: Image appearance
- * 20 - Special control: IOMux configuration
- * 21 - Special control: IO control
- * 22 - Special control: Serial communication
- * 23 - Special control: Direct register and memory access
- * 24 - Special control: Persistent settings and recovery
- * 25 - General functions
- * 26 - Diagnostics
- * -----
- * 99 - Deprecated functions

17.9 Detailed function listing

- *
 - * 0 - GigE DLL (implicitly called)
 - * -----
 - * isVersionCompliantDLL()
 - * isLoadedGigEDLL()
 - * getCamera()
 - *
 - * 1 - Camera: Discovery and bookkeeping
 - * -----
 - * CameraContainer_create()
 - * CameraContainer_delete()
 - * CameraContainer_discovery()
 - * CameraContainer_getNumberOfCameras()
 - * CameraContainer_getCamera()
 - * CameraContainer_findCamera()
 - *
 - * 2 - Camera: Connection
 - * -----
 - * Camera_openConnection()
 - * Camera_closeConnection()
 - * Camera_setIPAddress()
 - * Camera_forceValidNetworkSettings()
 - *
 - * 3 - Camera: Information
 - * -----
 - * Camera_getManufacturerName()
 - * Camera_getModelName()
 - * Camera_getDeviceVersion()
 - * Camera_getManufacturerSpecificInformation()
 - * Camera_getSerialNumber()
 - * Camera_setUserDefinedName()
 - * Camera_getUserDefinedName()
 - * Camera_getMacAddress()
 - * Camera_getIPAddress()
 - * Camera_getSubnetMask()
 - * Camera_getPixelClock()
 - * Camera_isCameraFeature()
 - * Camera_readXMLFile()
 - *
 - * 4 - Stream: Channel control and statistics
 - * -----
 - * StreamingChannel_create()
 - * StreamingChannel_delete()
 - * StreamingChannel_setReadoutTransfer()
 - * StreamingChannel_getReadoutTransfer()
 - * StreamingChannel_getFrameLoss()
 - * StreamingChannel_getActualFrameRate()
 - * StreamingChannel_getActualDataRate()
 - * StreamingChannel_getPeakDataRate()
 - *
 - * 5 - Stream: Transfer parameters

```

* -----
* Camera_evaluateMaximalPacketSize()
* Camera_setStreamingPacketSize()
* Camera_setInterPacketDelay()
* Camera_getInterPacketDelay()
* Camera_setMulticastMode()
* Camera_getMulticastMode()
* Camera_getMulticastGroup()
*
* 6 - Stream: Image access
* -----
* Image_getDataPointer()
* Image_getBufferIndex()
* Image_getSignalType()
* Image_getCamera()
* Image_release()
*
* 7 - Stream: Image conversion
* -----
* Image_getImageRGB()
* Image_getImageGray()
* Image_getImage12bitAs8bit()
* Image_getImage12bitAs16bit()
* Image_getImage16bitAs8bit()
*
* 8 - Stream: Image characteristics
* -----
* Image_getSizeX()
* Image_getSizeY()
* Image_getPitch()
* Image_getImageSize()
* Image_getPixelFormat()
*
* 9 - Stream: Image statistics
* -----
* Image_getImageID()
* Image_getTimestamp()
* Image_getTransferTime()
* Image_getPacketCount()
* Image_getPacketResend()
*
* 10 - Stream: Messaging channel
* -----
* Stream_createEvent()
* Stream_addMessageType()
* Stream_removeMessageType()
* Stream_isMessagePending()
* Stream_registerEventCallback()
* Stream_unregisterEventCallback()
* Stream_getMessage()
* Stream_getMessageData()
* Stream_getMessageTimestamp()
* Stream_releaseMessage()
* Stream_flushMessages()

```

```

* Stream_closeEvent()
*
* 11 - Controlling camera: Frame rate
* -----
* Camera_setFrameRate()
* Camera_getFrameRate()
* Camera_getFrameRateMin()
* Camera_getFrameRateMax()
* Camera_getFrameRateRange()
* Camera_getFrameRateIncrement()
*
* 12 - Controlling camera: Exposure
* -----
* Camera_setExposureTime()
* Camera_getExposureTime()
* Camera_getExposureTimeMin()
* Camera_getExposureTimeMax()
* Camera_getExposureTimeRange()
* Camera_getExposureTimeIncrement()
* Camera_setExposureDelay()
* Camera_getExposureDelay()
* Camera_getExposureDelayMax()
* Camera_getExposureDelayIncrement()
*
* 13 - Controlling camera: Gain and offset
* -----
* Camera_setGain()
* Camera_getGain()
* Camera_getGainMax()
* Camera_getGainMaxExtended()
* Camera_getGainIncrement()
* Camera_setOffset()
* Camera_getOffset()
* Camera_getOffsetMax()
*
* 14 - Controlling camera: Auto gain/exposure
* -----
* Camera_setAutoGainEnabled()
* Camera_getAutoGainEnabled()
* Camera_setAutoGainBrightness()
* Camera_getAutoGainBrightness()
* Camera_setAutoGainDynamics()
* Camera_getAutoGainDynamics()
* Camera_setAutoGainLimits()
* Camera_getAutoGainLimits()
* Camera_setAutoExposureLimits()
* Camera_getAutoExposureLimits()
*
* 15 - Controlling camera: Acquisition trigger
* -----
* Camera_setAcquisitionControl()
* Camera_getAcquisitionControl()
* Camera_setAcquisitionMode()
* Camera_setAcquisitionModeAndStart()

```

```

* Camera_getAcquisitionMode()
* Camera_softwareTrigger()
* Camera_softwareTriggerID()
* Camera_softwareTriggerIDEnable()
* Camera_setTriggerPolarity()
* Camera_getTriggerPolarity()
*
* 16 - Controlling camera: Strobe
* -----
* Camera_setStrobePolarity()
* Camera_getStrobePolarity()
* Camera_setStrobePosition()
* Camera_getStrobePosition()
* Camera_getStrobePositionMax()
* Camera_getStrobePositionIncrement()
* Camera_setStrobeDuration()
* Camera_getStrobeDuration()
* Camera_getStrobeDurationMax()
* Camera_getStrobeDurationIncrement()
*
* 17 - Controlling camera: Tap balance
* -----
* Camera_saveTapBalanceSettings()
* Camera_loadTapBalanceSettings()
* Camera_setTapConfiguration()
* Camera_getTapConfiguration()
* Camera_setAutoTapBalanceMode()
* Camera_getAutoTapBalanceMode()
* Camera_setTapBalance()
* Camera_getTapBalance()
*
* 18 - Controlling camera: Image parameter
* -----
* Camera_getImagerWidth()
* Camera_getImagerHeight()
* Camera_getSizeX()
* Camera_getSizeY()
* Camera_getPitch()
* Camera_getImageSize()
* Camera_setBinningMode()
* Camera_getBinningMode()
* Camera_setAreaOfInterest()
* Camera_getAreaOfInterest()
* Camera_getAreaOfInterestRange()
* Camera_getAreaOfInterestIncrement()
* Camera_stampTimestamp()
* Camera_getTimestamp()
*
* 19 - Controlling camera: Image appearance
* -----
* Camera_getPixelType()
* Camera_setPixelDepth()
* Camera_getPixelDepth()
* Camera_setWhiteBalance()

```

```

* Camera_getWhiteBalance()
* Camera_getWhiteBalanceMax()
* Camera_setGammaCorrection()
* Camera_setLookupTableMode()
* Camera_getLookupTableMode()
* Camera_setLookupTable()
* Camera_getLookupTable()
*
* 20 - Special control: IOMux configuration
* -----
* Camera_getMaxIOMuxIn()
* Camera_getMaxIOMuxOut()
* Camera_setIOAssignment()
* Camera_getIOAssignment()
*
* 21 - Special control: IO control
* -----
* Camera_setIOMuxIn()
* Camera_getIOMuxIn()
* Camera_setIO()
* Camera_getIO()
* Camera_setAcqLEDOVERRIDE()
* Camera_getAcqLEDOVERRIDE()
* Camera_setLEDIntensity()
* Camera_getLEDIntensity()
*
* 22 - Special control: Serial communication
* -----
* Camera_setUARTBuffer()
* Camera_getUARTBuffer()
* Camera_setUARTBaud()
* Camera_getUARTBaud()
*
* 23 - Special control: Direct register and memory access
* -----
* Camera_setGigECameraRegister()
* Camera_getGigECameraRegister()
* Camera_writeGigECameraMemory()
* Camera_readGigECameraMemory()
*
* 24 - Special control: Persistent settings and recovery
* -----
* Camera_writeEEPROM()
* Camera_readEEPROM()
* Camera_restoreFactoryDefaults()
*
* 25 - General functions
* -----
* SVGigE_estimateWhiteBalance()
* SVGigE_writeImageToBitmapFile()
*
* 26 - Diagnostics
* -----
* getErrorMessage()

```


* Camera_registerForLogMessages()

*

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* -----
* 99 - Deprecated functions

*

* Camera_startAcquisitionCycle()

* Camera_setTapCalibration()

* Camera_getTapCalibration()

* Camera_setLUTMode()

* Camera_getLUTMode()

* Camera_createLUTwhiteBalance() *

17.10 Best programming practices

In the following a step-by-step procedure will be given how to communicate to a SVCam GigE camera by a software application. A working application that implements all hints can be found in the sources of the SVGigE_Example.VC8 program which comes as a part of the SVGigE SDK.

The project file of the SVGigE_Example.VC8 program was generated by the Visual Studio 2005 development environment which can be used to compile the project in order to get to a running application:

NOTE: An application which was compiled with Visual Studio 2005 needs a runtime environment in order to run on a WinXP computer. Dependent on the software components that have already been installed on the target computer it might be necessary to install the Microsoft VC runtime package (**vc8redist_x86.exe**) in addition to the runtime DLLs that are shipped with Visual Studio 2005. A discussion of the involved problems can be found here:

<http://forums.microsoft.com/MSDN/ShowPost.aspx?PostID=164132&SiteId=1>

17.10.1 Connecting to the camera container

Whenever an application is going to operate SVCam GigE cameras it has to become a client of the camera container first which is located inside the SVGigE.dll module.

```
CameraContainerClient_handle CameraClient;
```

```
CameraClient = CameraContainer_create(SVGigETL_TypeWinsock);
```

When establishing a connection to the camera container the application will demand for the type of transport layer to be used for the network connection to the camera, either a FilterDriver (recommended) or a Winsock (for first testing purposes) based transport layer. The FilterDriver based transport layer guaranties the highest possible performance

Once the application is done with cameras the connection to the container will be closed what will allow the SVGigE DLL to release all resources which were occupied for that client.

```
CameraContainer_delete(CameraClient);
```

Between becoming a camera client and shutting down the connection to the camera container an application will be allowed to operate all SVCam GigE cameras that are available in the attached network segment. The **CameraClient** handle is used for identifying the application against the camera container module inside the SVGigE.dll.

17.10.2 Connecting to a camera

Based on a valid connection to the camera container an application can query for available cameras and can open connections to one or multiple cameras.

```
Camera_handle Camera;
```

```
if( SVGigE_SUCCESS != CameraContainer_discovery(CameraClient) )  
    return;
```

```
int NumCameras = CameraContainer_getNumberOfCameras(CameraClient);
```

```
if( 0 == NumCameras )  
    return;
```

```
Camera = CameraContainer_getCamera(CameraClient, Index); // Index < NumCameras
```

The **Camera** handle relates a specific camera to an application. The application will have to open a connection to the camera before being able to issue commands to the camera and to initiate an image stream.

```
Camera_openConnection(Camera);
```

Once an application is done with a camera it needs to close the connection and thus allowing the camera container to release all resources that have been kept occupied in meantime for the active application-camera relation.

```
Camera_closeConnection(Camera);
```

After a camera connection has been closed it can be re-opened again at any time as long as the program is a valid client to the camera container.

Opening a camera requires the existence of a valid IP address in the camera. The easiest way for making sure connectivity is to force valid network settings:

```
unsigned int IPAddress;
```

```
unsigned int SubnetMask;
```

```
SVGigERet = Camera_forceValidNetworkSettings(Camera, &IPAddress, &SubnetMask);
```

That function will do nothing in case the camera has already got a valid IP address. If this is not the case the function will first force a free IP address in current subnet into the camera. Subsequently that IP address may be assigned as a fixed IP address to the camera if this is wanted:

```
Camera_setIPAddress(hCamera, IPAddress, NetMask);
```

When the available cameras in the attached network segment have changed it will be necessary to run the `discovery` command again in order to synchronize the information in the camera container with the actually available set of cameras in the network. Afterwards one has to take care since a previous index of a specific camera might have changed in meantime.

Alternatively to selecting a camera by index a search string can be provided to a `findCamera` function:

```
Camera = CameraContainer_findCamera(CameraClient, CameraItem);
```

In this case a string `CameraItem` will be provide to a camera container function which tries to find a match between all discovered cameras where the given string is contained in at least one of the MAC address, IP address, serial number and user defined name items.

17.10.3 Identifying a camera

Every GigE camera maintains a set of information strings which allow for identifying a camera in the network.

```
CString CameraName = Camera_getMacAddress(Camera);
```

```
CString CameraName = Camera_getIPAddress(Camera);
```

```
CString ModelName = Camera_getModelName(Camera);
```

```
CString Manufacturer = Camera_getManufacturerName(Camera);
```

```
CString SerialNumber = Camera_getSerialNumber(Camera);
```

```
CString DeviceVersion = Camera_getDeviceVersion(Camera);
```

```
CString CameraName = Camera_getUserDefinedName(Camera);
```

An application could query those strings and could display one or a combination of those information strings to a user for allowing a selection of a specific camera. However, applications that know beforehand which camera to use for a given purpose can use the `findCamera` function that was described before.

17.10.4 Opening a streaming channel

The main goal for operating cameras is to get an image stream back to the application. Once a connection to the desired camera has been opened a stream can be initiated and a callback function for receiving that stream can be registered.

```
if( SVGigE_SUCCESS !=
```

```
    StreamingChannel_create (
```

```
        &StreamingChannel, // a streaming channel handle will be returned
```

```
        CameraClient,     // a valid camera container client handle
```

```
        Camera,          // a valid camera handle
```

```
        BufferCount,     // buffer count
```

```
        &ImageCallback,  // callback function pointer where images are delivered to
```

```
        this) )         // the this pointer serves as a context that will be returned
```

```
return;                // each time the callback function is called
```

The application will receive a handle for the streaming channel on success. That handle will be used later for shutting down the streaming channel once the application has finished working with the channel.

```
StreamingChannel_delete(StreamingChannel);
```

Between opening and closing the streaming channel an application specific callback function will be called for every image that the camera has captured. It is up to the application to process the image further in that callback function.

17.10.5 Receiving images in a callback function

It is important that the application defines the callback function as `__stdcall` in order to make sure that the arguments are passed through correctly.

```
SVGigE_RETURN __stdcall ImageCallback(Image_handle Image, void* Context);
```

The `Context` argument will have the same value as it was provided by the application when creating the streaming channel. It can be used for example for establishing a reference to the object that is expected to receive that image stream in one of its member functions.

In the `Image` parameter the application will find a handle to the just captured camera image. That handle will be used to query all needed information about the image from the SVGigE DLL. The image handle is valid only inside the current call to the callback function. Any use of an image handle at a time will always result in receiving an error code back from the function that was tried. Thus the usual way for further image processing is to query all interesting information inside the callback function and to copy that information into a structure that remains accessible to the application after returning from the callback function.

```
IMAGE_INFO *ImageInfo = new IMAGE_INFO;  
ImageInfo->ImageData = Image_getDataPointer(Image);  
ImageInfo->SizeX = Image_getSizeX(Image);  
ImageInfo->SizeY = Image_getSizeY(Image);  
ImageInfo->PixelFormat = Image_getPixelFormat(Image);  
ImageInfo->ImageID = Image_getImageID(Image);
```

The newly allocated structure can be posted for example by a Windows message to a function that is responsible for displaying the image or for further image processing.

17.10.6 Processing image data

Once an image has been forwarded by a callback function to a specific processing function the image data will be worked on. Usually the camera has already started capturing a subsequent image at the time when a previous image is processed. This requires working with at least two image buffers in order to avoid overwriting data that is being processed by a subsequent image acquisition process.

The higher the delay between image acquisition and image processing becomes the more buffer might be needed for avoiding any conflicts. The number of needed buffers has to be estimated based on the specific runtime conditions. The resulting number will be passed to the GigE driver as an argument when creating a streaming channel. The driver will allocate that number of buffers where each buffer will have enough space for holding one complete image.

An image processing function will operate for example based on the following parameters:

```
ImageInfo->ImageData  
ImageInfo->SizeX  
ImageInfo->SizeY
```

The `ImageData` pointer will be a reference to a buffer that was allocated by the driver from persistent kernel memory and which address is mapped to user space. The application is responsible for not violating the boundary that is given by the product of the `SizeX` and `SizeY` parameters.

In case of color images that are coded as bayer pattern the SVGigE API offers a function for converting those images to a RGB format. The appropriate conversion needs to be done inside the callback function.

17.10.7 Decoding 12-bit images

When a camera is switched to 12-bit mode the received image usually needs decoding in order to further process that image e.g. for displaying purposes (8-bit needed) respectively storage purposes (most often 16-bit needed). A conversion will be based on the layout of 12-bit data where 2 pixels are folded into 3 bytes in the following way:

The SDK provides for the following functions that perform conversion from 12-bit to 8-bit and 16-bit as well as from 16-bit to 8-bit:

```
Image_getImage12bitAs8bit(Camera, Buffer8bit, BufferLength);  
Image_getImage12bitAs16bit(Camera, Buffer16bit, BufferLength);  
Image_getImage16bitAs8bit(Camera, Buffer8bit, BufferLength);
```

17.10.8 Adjusting tap balance automatically

Whenever a dual-tap camera is opened by calling `Camera_openConnection(Camera)`;

a balance check between the right and the left tap will be performed on the first image that is regularly captured by the application. In case of a need to run a tap balance, new gain factors are determined for achieving an optimal tap balance. It may take multiple images until a final balance is reached. Once a balance is adjusted, the tap balance is finished and the gain factors are not changed anymore. Those gain factors will apply until the camera is closed.

An application can take more control over the auto tap balance process if this is needed. The following options are offered for "auto tap balance" mode:

- Off
- Once
- Continuous

An application can switch auto tap balance OFF before opening a streaming channel in order to prevent from running any adjustments. Further an application can switch auto tap balance to ONCE at any time in order to run a one-time adjustment of tap balance. Only in case of big changes of gain and exposure during a camera usage it might be recommended to switch auto tap balance to CONTINUOUS. In that case every captured image is checked for tap balance and individual gain factors for right and left balance are adjusted appropriately whenever this is needed. There is no visible runtime penalty when switching auto tap balance to CONTINUOUS since only a small stripe left and right the middle of the sensor are taken into account for evaluating a deviation from tap balance.

The following two functions allow for switching the auto tap balance mode to explained values and for retrieving current state:

```
Camera_setAutoTapBalanceMode(Camera, AutoTapBalanceMode);  
Camera_getAutoTapBalanceMode(Camera, *AutoTapBalanceMode);
```

A reset to factory defaults or to arbitrary values inside a range of +/- 1.5 dB can be performed by the following function. The second function retrieves current setting:

```
Camera_setTapBalance (Camera, TapBalance);  
Camera_getTapBalance (Camera, *TapBalance);
```

17.10.9 Distributing image streams by multicast

The image stream of a GigE camera can be distributed to multiple PCs by using the multicast capabilities of current network hardware, in particular multicast-enabled switches. The following picture explains the basic principle:

A camera streams image data in a certain IP range (232.x.x.x) which has been determined for dynamic local host multicast allocation by the IANA organisation (see <http://www.iana.org/assignments/multicast-addresses> for more details).

A multicast-enabled switch is supposed to distribute the image stream to one, two or more applications. The advantage of having a switch distributing image streams is the optimal bandwidth usage between camera and switch as well as between switch and particular applications. There is no bandwidth wasted in the described scenario.

A multicast session consists of one controlling application and one or more listening applications. Only the controlling application has write-access to the camera. All other applications can only listen to the image stream that is initiated and controlled by the controlling application.

The connection between the controlling application and the camera is established as usual based on IP addresses. However, a switch has to be specifically instructed for forwarding an image stream also to one or more listening application. This is done by network packets which are sent out by applications regularly all 60 seconds and which detection in a switch is known as **"IGMP snooping"**.

NOTE: A switch has to support "IGMP snooping" in order to establish a successful multicast session. Most often that feature is switched off in normal mode and has to be enabled by the web interface of a switch. Please refer to instructions of a switch that is supposed to work in multicast mode.

Programming interface

When opening a camera, an application is supposed to check whether the camera streams already in multicast mode using the function:

`Camera_getMulticastMode()`

The multicast mode will be one of the following items:

- MULTICAST_MODE_NONE
- MULTICAST_MODE_LISTENER
- MULTICAST_MODE_CONTROLLER

If the camera is already streaming in multicast mode then the application can connect to the camera but as listening application (MULTICAST_MODE_LISTENER). Otherwise, if a camera is still idle (MULTICAST_MODE_NONE), an application can request for a multicast session by switching a camera's mode to "multicast" (MULTICAST_MODE_CONTROLLER) before opening the streaming channel. The appropriate function is:

`Camera_setMulticastMode()`

Afterwards the application might check the automatically generated IP for the multicast group in the "232.x.x.x" range using the following function:

`Camera_getMulticastGroup()`

Packet size consideration

A controlling application will usually open a streaming channel at the highest available packet size, e.g. 16112 bytes. If another application connects to that already running streaming channel then a packet size problem may arise if the listening application has not at least the packet size available that the image stream is currently working with.

Therefore a controlling application is supposed to limit the packet size of the image data stream to a value which allows all intended listening applications to connect to that image stream.

If a listening application encounters a packet size problem, it will usually receive the start and stop packages of each image since those are of small size. This causes a progress of image statistics like image counter, however, there will be no image data (image payload) available. The packet size has to be reduced in this case by the controlling application in order to allow all listening applications for receiving all image payload data properly.

An application might choose to display a message to the user in the above described case like "Image payload missing. Multicast packet size too big?" as it was done in the "SVGigE_Example.VC8" application in the SDK.

17.10.10 **Receiving messages asynchronously**

An application can receive messages like e.g. "start of transfer" asynchronously in three different ways:

1. by registering an event callback
2. by using a blocking call when asking for new messages
3. by polling the event FIFO at arbitrary time

Before receiving any messages by event, an application will have to create a new event and then register one or multiple message types against that event. Afterwards, one of the above methods can be used for receiving events.

18 Appendix D

18.1 Installation Instruction for Filter Driver installation

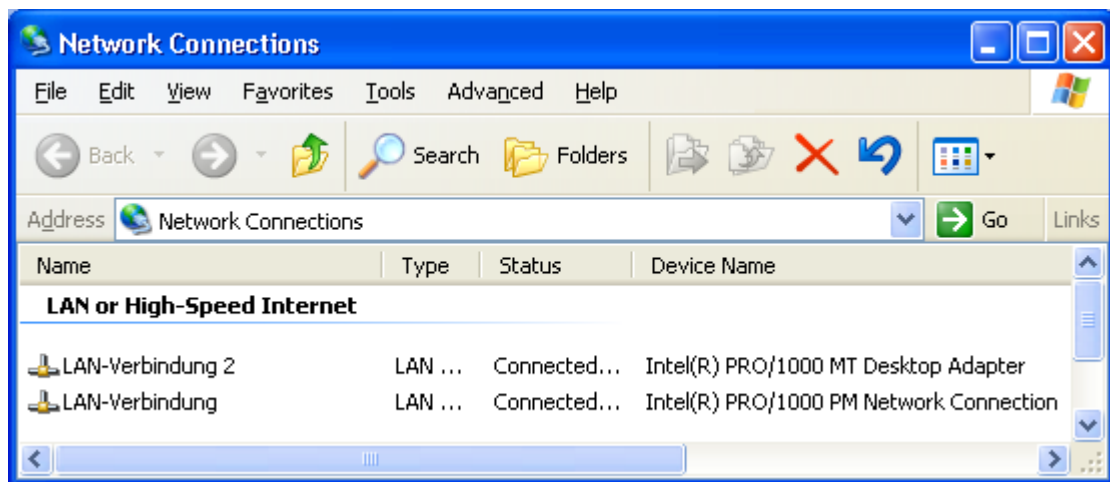
In order to use the SVS GigE driver it has to be installed first. The setup will copy the driver to disk but will not install it. On a standard Windows XP/2000 system this has to be done by the following steps:

Hint: Usually the driver will be copied by the setup procedure to the following location:

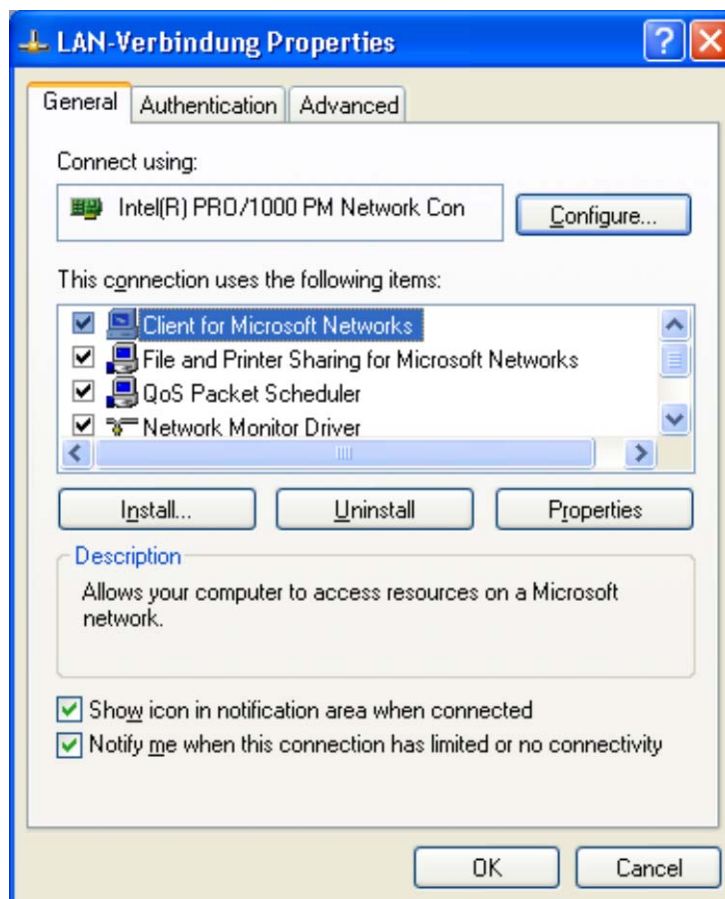
**C:\Program Files\SVS-VISTEK GmbH\SVS GigE SDK 1.2.1
\SVS GigE FilterDriver**

Step-by-step

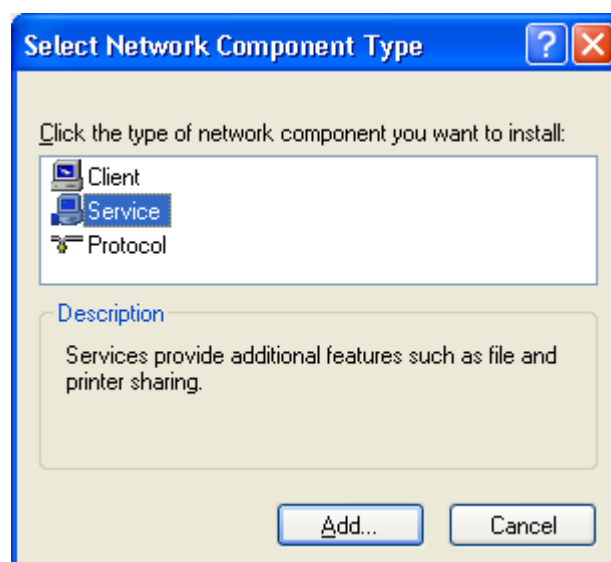
Step 1: Open the Network Connections dialog



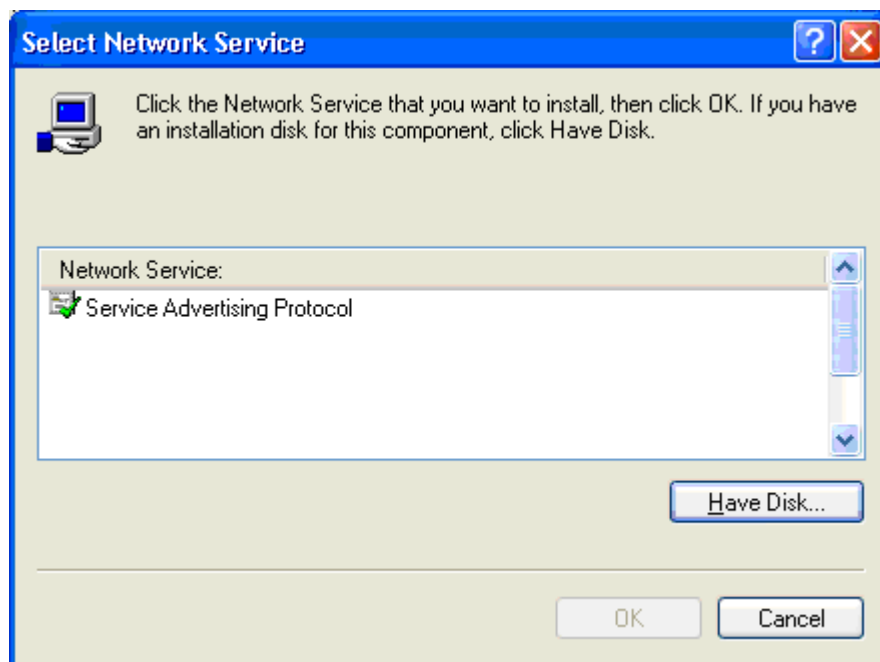
Step 2: Open the Properties dialog for LAN connections and click on “Install...”



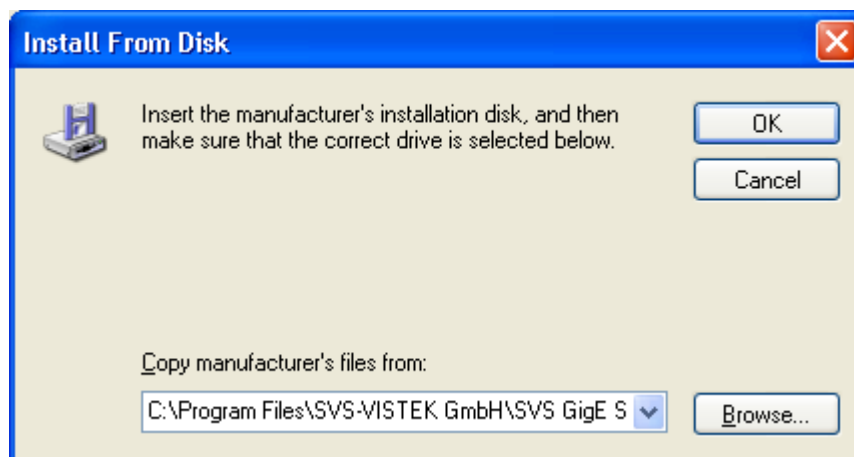
Step 3: In the “Select Network Component Type” dialog select the Service option and click on “Add...”



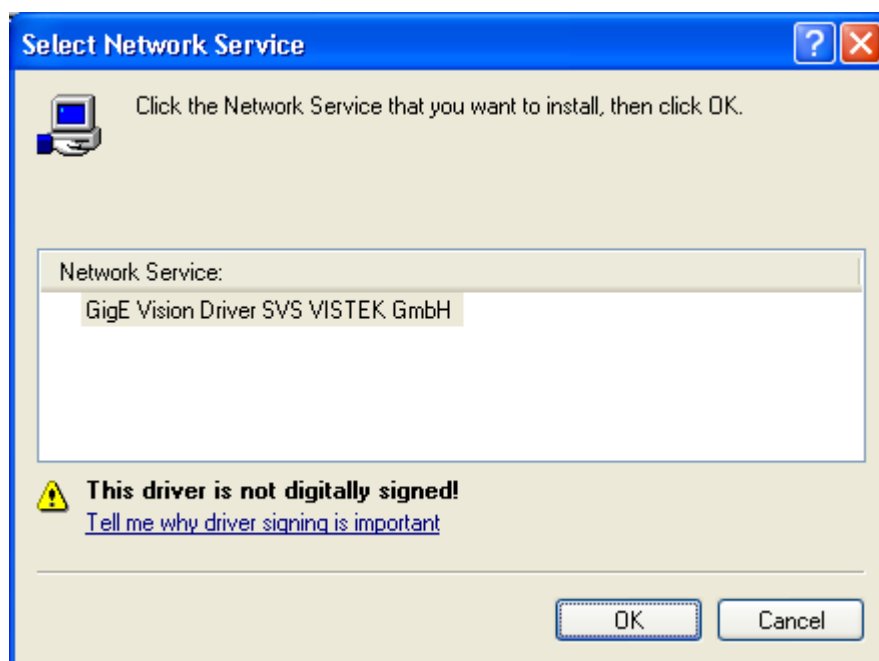
Step 4: In the "Select Network Service" dialog click on "Have Disk..."



Step 5: *In the "Install From Disk" dialog the folder where the driver files are located needs to be navigated to or entered directly into the files field.*



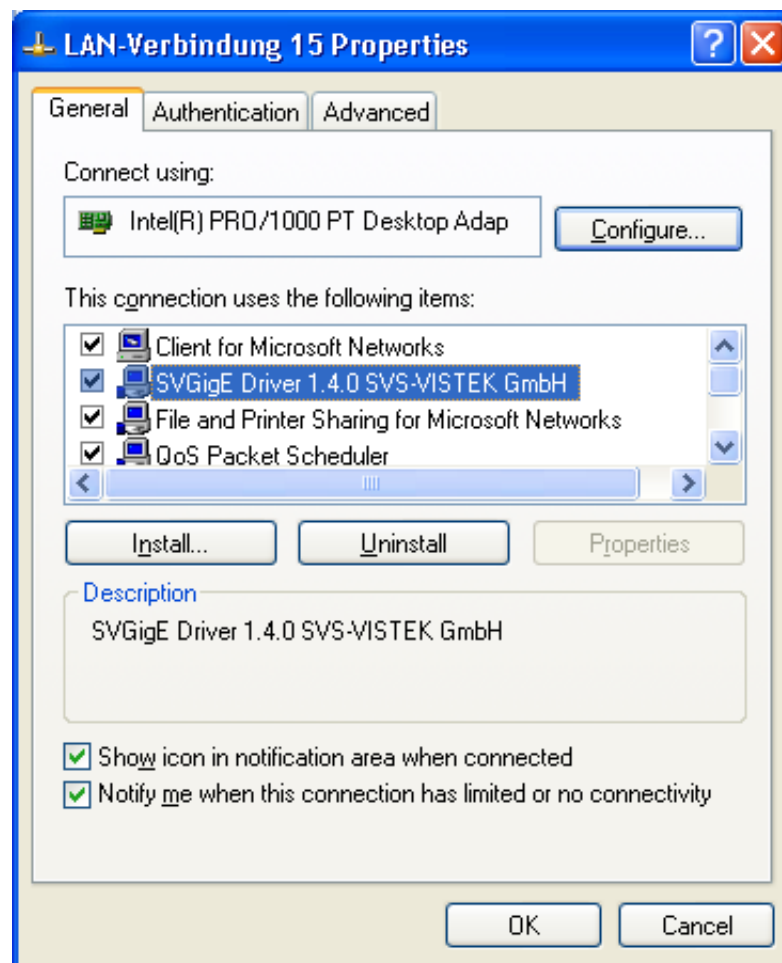
Step 6: After clicking on OK the “Select Network Service” dialog will display a message that the driver is not digitally signed. Click on OK.



Step 7: Because the driver not being digitally signed, a dialog will appear with a warning. Answer with “Continue Anyway” as often as needed.



Step 8: After confirming the prior dialogs the driver is installed and should show up as a new item in the “LAN Connections Properties” dialog.



Step 9: The dialog can be closed and the "GigE Vision Driver SVS-VISTEK GmbH" is ready for use.

The main dialog in SVCapture will show an extension "FilterDriver" which indicates that the driver will be used next time when opening a camera. If this extension is not shown it can be activated in the "File | Enable filter driver" menu item.



Step 10: Follow point 5 "Displaying Live Images" in this documentation for starting an image view. If the driver was successfully installed and works properly the extension "FilterDriver" will remain in the main dialog's caption. Otherwise it will disappear and the SVCapture program falls back to operating the GigE Vision camera over WinSock.



19 Appendix E

19.1 PC and OS Requirements

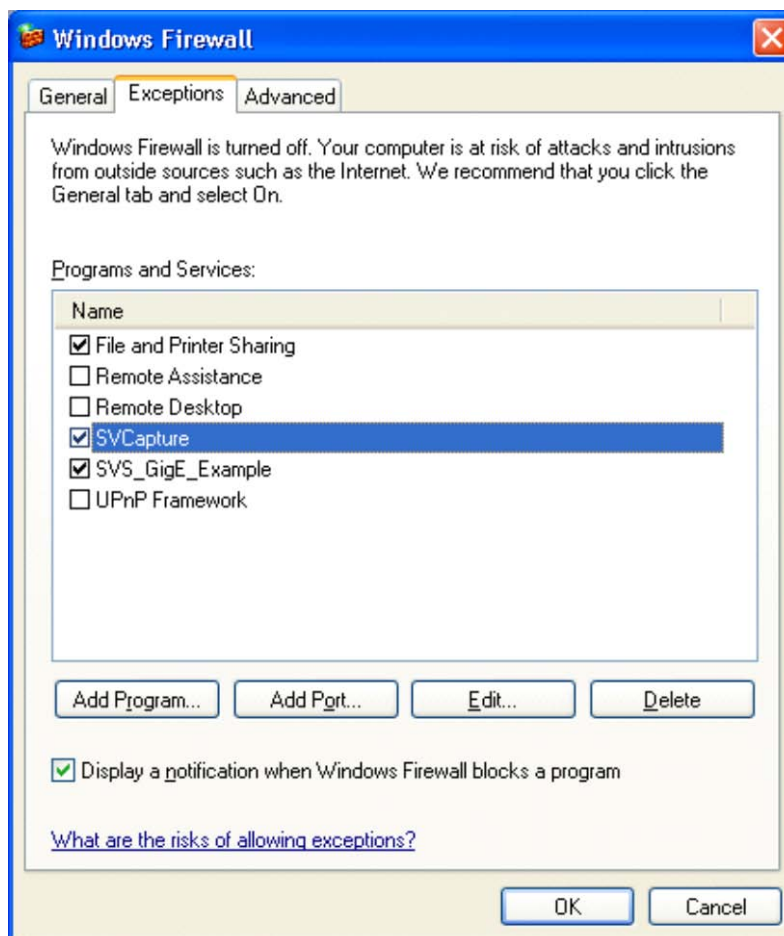
It is recommended to use a PC with a Pentium P4 processor at **2.4 GHz** or higher. The camera is working also on lower frequencies but it might not deliver the full frame rate in those cases. The operation system must be XP. **We don't** support WIN 98/ NT/2000 or older Operation systems. A Linux driver is – with some limitations available. For VXworks a source code for driver development can be offered on request. Interfacing must be developed by the experienced user.

19.2 Firewall considerations

The GigE Vision standard defines a communication based on UDP packets between a GigE Vision compliant camera and a host PC. Often PC firewalls are adjusted to be restrictive and not to allow for sending UPD packets from the outside of the PC to a port that has been opened by an application

Sometimes the firewall settings have been adjusted during installation of the operating system or afterwards such that the user will be asked if the UDP data stream should be enabled once a camera starts sending UDP packets to the PC. When clicking OK in response to that question the application will be added to a list of exceptions. A firewall will let those applications communicate with network devices like a GigE Vision camera over the network. In case the Windows installation has been adjusted such that the user will not be asked when an outside device starts sending network packets to an application then that application has to be enabled manually in order to achieve the same as before. An appropriate dialog can be opened for example when right-clicking on the network icon in the tray and selecting "Change Windows.

After clicking on the “Add Program...” button the GigE Vision application can be searched for in a file explorer and it will be added to the list of Exceptions in the above dialog. Henceforth the communication to the GigE Vision compliant device will be enabled.



20 Appendix F

20.1 Firmware-Update with "GigE Update Tool.exe" program

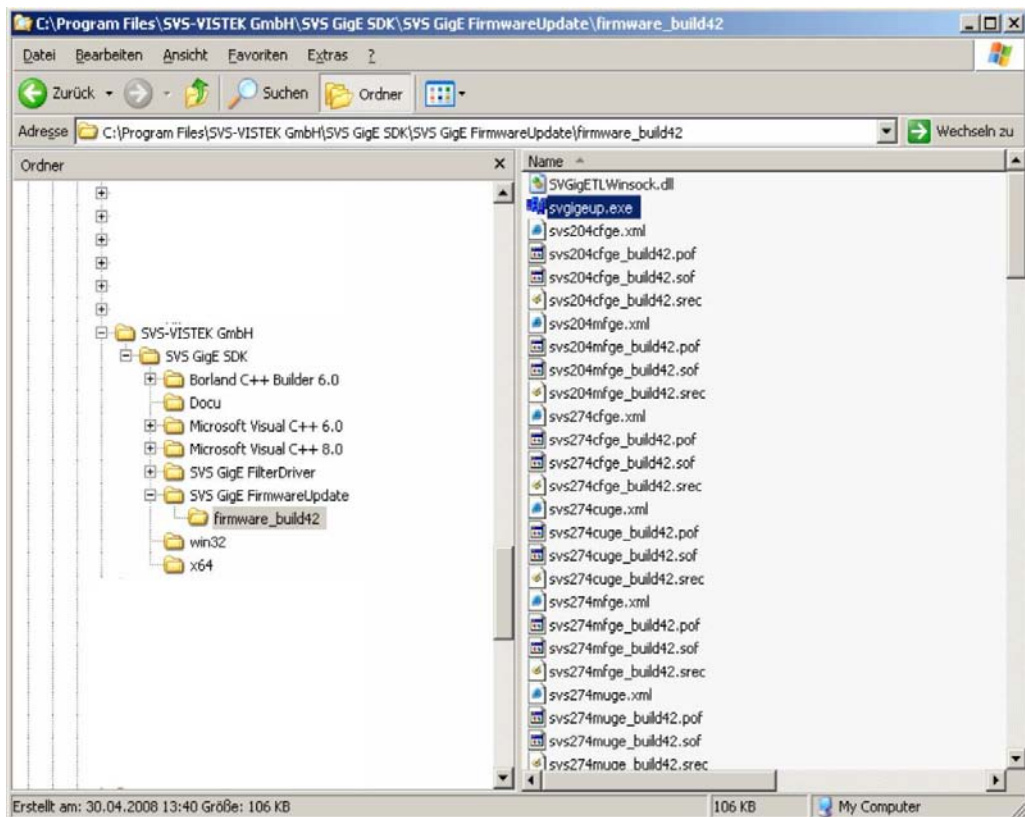
Note: In order to work with the latest driver and SVCapture it might be necessary to UPDATE the firmware inside the camera. This can be done in the field. It is usually not necessary to send the camera in.



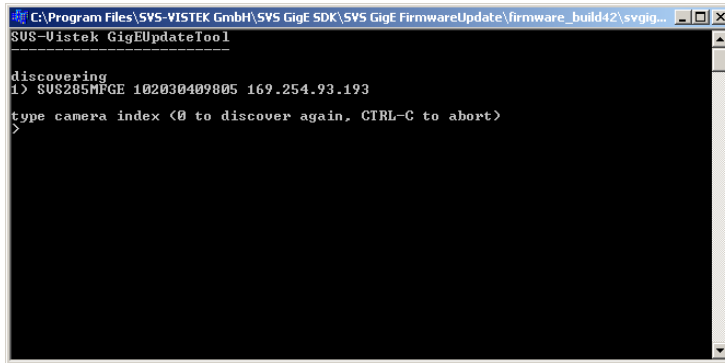
Warnings:

- Camera must have power
- Camera must be access able from PC via network
- Camera SHOULD NOT be used during programming procedure
- Camera SHOULD NOT be disconnected during programming procedure or be disconnected from network
- Programing software SHOULD NOT be stopped during procedure.
- It might take up to some minutes until it is completed.

Step1: Locate „svgigup.exe“ using Windows Explorer



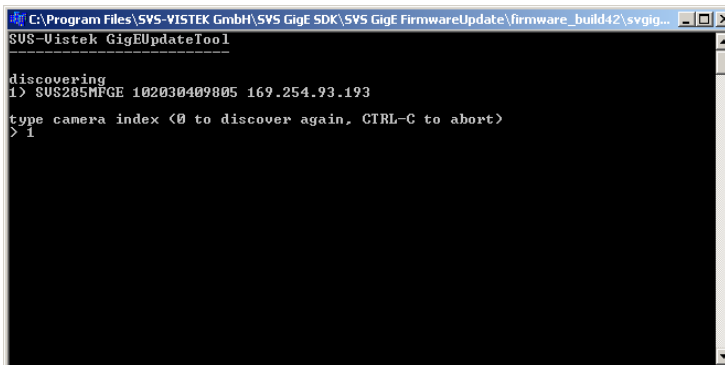
Step 2 Execute svgigup.exe



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C:\Program Files\SVS-VISTEK GmbH\SVS GigE SDK\SVS GigE FirmwareUpdate\firmware_build42\svgig...
SUS-Vistek GigEUpdateTool

discovering
1) SUS285MFGE 102030409805 169.254.93.193
type camera index (0 to discover again, CTRL-C to abort)
>
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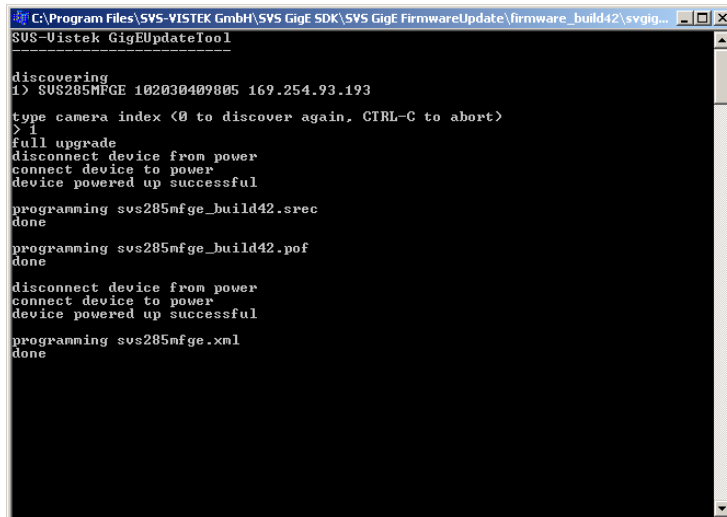
Step 3 Select Camera (e.g. 1 and press Enter)



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C:\Program Files\SVS-VISTEK GmbH\SVS GigE SDK\SVS GigE FirmwareUpdate\firmware_build42\svgig...
SUS-Vistek GigEUpdateTool

discovering
1) SUS285MFGE 102030409805 169.254.93.193
type camera index (0 to discover again, CTRL-C to abort)
> 1
```

Step 4: Wait and follow instructions



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C:\Program Files\SVS-VISTEK GmbH\SVS GigE SDK\SVS GigE FirmwareUpdate\firmware_build42\svgig...
SUS-Vistek GigEUpdateTool

discovering
1) SUS285MFGE 102030409805 169.254.93.193
type camera index (0 to discover again, CTRL-C to abort)
> 1
full upgrade
disconnect device from power
connect device to power
device powered up successful
programming svs285mfe_build42.srec
done
programming svs285mfe_build42.pof
done
disconnect device from power
connect device to power
device powered up successful
programming svs285mfe.xml
done
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YOU ARE DONE

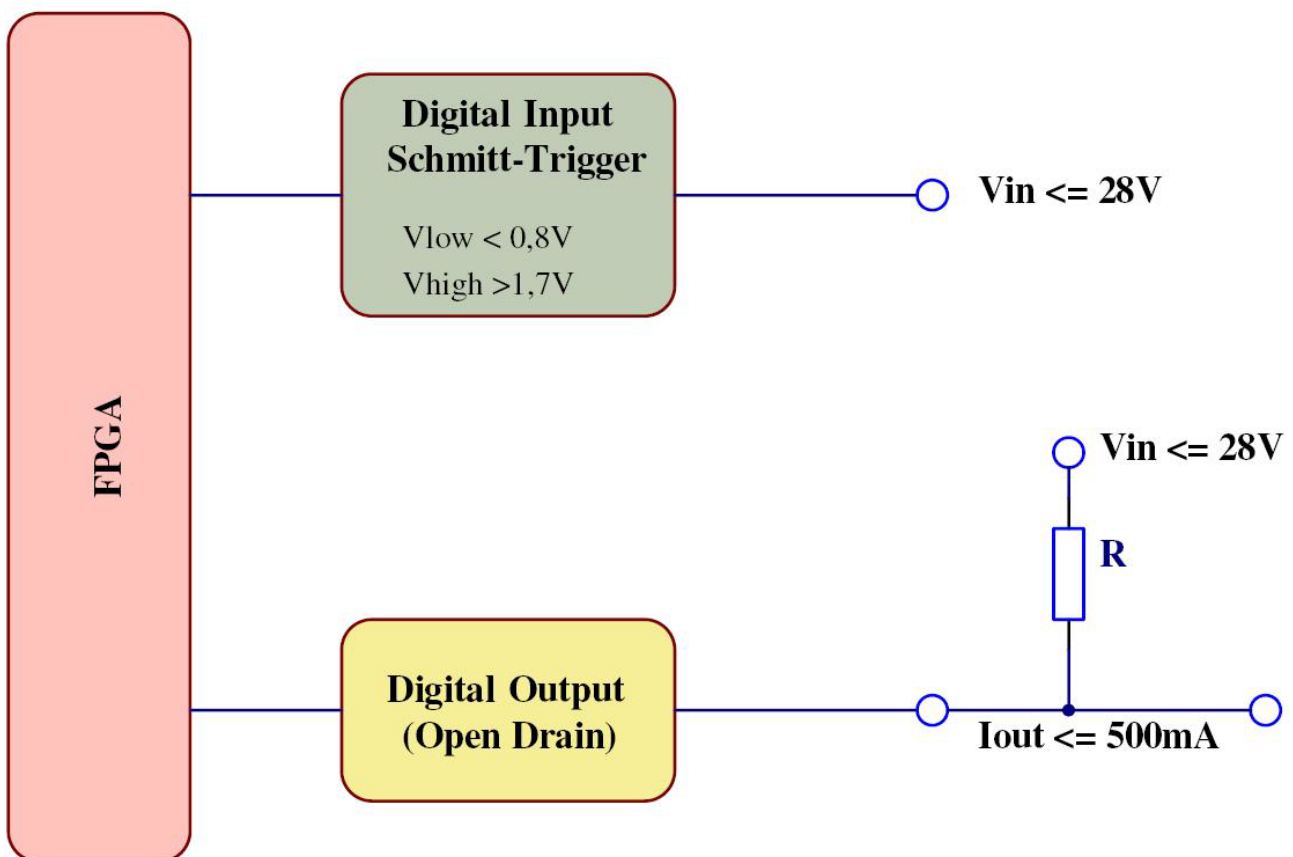
After programming it is recommended to start the camera again. This means you have to disconnect power and – after some seconds – power up again.

21 Appendix G Basic circuits for Hardware Interfacing

As example : Use Hardwaretrigger connection on "IN1"

For Strobe use "OUT1"

TTL input circuit/ output (i.e strobe)



22 Appendix H

- Safety Instructions
- In order to avoid personal injuries, or property damages against him/her or people around him/her by using this product correctly.
- Prior to use, read this section carefully to fully understand its instructions for correct use.

22.1 Definition of markings





The meaning of each mark used in this instruction manual is given below

DANGER	This mark warns the user that improper use, indicated with this mark, may cause death or severe personal injuries against the user or people around him/her.
CAUTION	This mark warns the user that improper use, indicated with this mark, may cause personal injuries (*1) or material damages (*2) against the user or people around him/her.

Notes

*1: Personal injuries mean wounds, burns, electric shocks, and others for which the person injured need neither to be hospitalized nor to be cared for the long term

*2: Material damages mean any direct or consequential damages related to property or material loss

	This mark indicates what the user SHOULD NOT DO. The details of things, which the user should not do, are described next to this mark.
	This mark indicates what the user MUST DO. The details of things, which the user must do, are described next to this mark.
	This mark indicates that the user must be alert against a possible DANGER. The details of the DANGER, which the user must be aware of are described next to this mark.
	This mark indicates that the user is given a CAUTION against possible hazards. The details of the CAUTION, which the user must be aware of, are described next to this mark.

- Handling Precautions



DANGER



If any overheating sign is observed, discontinue the use immediately.

In the event that smoke, smell, or any other overheating sign is observed, turn the power switch of the system OFF immediately and remove the power cable(s) from the system connectors, like computer, camera, lightning. Do NOT try to continue to use the system. To do so in spite of clear signs of malfunction invites a fire, an electric shock hazard, or a serious damage to the system components. In such case, contact for repair service us or our dealer/distributor, from which you purchased the system.



If any malfunctioning sign is observed, discontinue the use immediately.

Do NOT try to use the system when it is malfunctioning. (Ex. No images on the monitor) In the event of malfunction, turn the power switch of the system OFF immediately and remove the system power cables from the system components connectors. In such case, contact for repair service us or our dealer/distributor from which you purchased the system.



If any foreign object gets into the system components, discontinue the use immediately.

In the event that liquids, small particles, or any other foreign objects get into the system components, do NOT try to continue to use the system. To do so invites a fire or an electric shock hazard. In that case, turn the power switch of the system components OFF immediately and remove the system power cables from the system components connectors. After that, contact us or our dealer/distributor from which you purchased the camera for repair service/technical advice.



Do NOT disassemble the system components.

Do NOT attempt to pull apart; repair, or modify the system components on your own. To do so leads to a fire or an electric shock accident. Contact us or the dealer/distributor from which you purchased the camera for repair/modifacation.



Do NOT supply any power than specified.

The system components are designed to work only under specified voltage. Do NOT attempt to drive the system components with the power other than specified. Operating the system components under power other than specified invites a fire or a electric shock hazard.













Do NOT use the system components in a high-humidity environment.

Do NOT place the system components near a humidifier, or in other high-humidity environment. To do so may cause a fire or an electric shock accident.



CAUTION

	<p>If the system components are operated in the electromagnetic field, there may be cases where noises (vertical, horizontal, or oblique stripes) may appear to a video output or causes other malfunctions. In that case, take preventive measures on the electromagnetic-wave generating source so that the system components do not receive the interference by the electromagnetic- wave. Take extra precautions against electromagnetic-wave-interference if the system components are used with a servomotor, inverter, or other electromagnetic-wave-generating equipment.</p>
	<p>Avoid giving a strong shock against the system components. If your system components are used in the system where the connector are subjected to strong repetitive shocks, the connector are possible to break down. If you intend to use your system components in such a situation, make sure to use an optional-connector-fixing-hardware to connect the connector-plug to the system components body.</p>
	<p>When the system components are not in use, put a lens or a lens-cap onto the cam head so that the image pickup plane of CCD is protected from dust, foreign object, or other flaw-causing object. If the glass plane (image pickup plane) gets dirty, clean it with a cotton swab. When it needs to be cleaned with a cleaner, be sure NOT to use any organic solvent other than ethyl alcohol. Do not clean the other system components. In such a case call us or the dealer/distributor from which you purchased the system components for cleaning or cleaning instructions.</p> <p>As a countermeasure against condensation, when the system components are moved from a warm place to a cold place, take appropriate precautions to prevent condensation from forming on the system components.</p>
	<p>Do not pull strongly the any cable nor swing it. The stress from pulling or swinging may cause damage in the coating of the cable, or breaks in the inside wires.</p>
	<p>Avoid short-circuiting its signal output. Otherwise, the system components might be damaged.</p>
	<p>If too much amount of light, (= the incoming light amount of 100 times or greater in comparison with standard light) enters CCD image pickup plane, video output might not be obtained. In such a case, take measures to reduce the amount of incoming light.</p>
	<p>Do NOT expose the camera to intensive light (sunlight, etc.) to prevent its inner CCD from getting damaged.</p>
	<p>When mounting a lens, take extra caution so that the lens is not tilted, nor does flaw exist at the lens-mount-screw part. Also check to confirm that neither dirt nor other foreign object is put inside. Improper mounting might cause the parts to become locked.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>DANGER</p> </div>	
	<p>Do NOT use any optional unit other than manufacturer-supplied one. We disclaim any responsibility for damages or losses incurred by user due to the use of unauthorized / unofficial option units supplied by a third party</p>

22.2 Restricted for Use

In case malfunction of this equipment (e.g. video output cut-off) can be expected to lead to significant accident, avoid using this equipment for such system integration use.

22.3 Cases for Indemnity (Limited Warranty)

We shall be exempted from taking responsibility and held harmless for damages or losses incurred by user in the following cases. In case damages or losses are caused by fire, earthquake, or other acts of Gods, the act by third party, misuse by the user deliberately or erroneously, use under extreme operating conditions.

- In case indirect, additional, consequential damages (loss of expected interest, suspension of business activities) are incurred as results of malfunction of non-function of the equipment, we shall be exempted from assuming responsibility for such damages.
- In case damages or losses are caused by incorrect use, which is not in line with the instructions in this instruction manual.
- In case damages or losses are caused by malfunction resulting from band connection with other equipment.
- In case damages or losses are caused by repair or modification done by the user.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
1. This device is designed and guaranteed to work under the temperature range of - 10 through 45 degree C. Avoid using the equipment beyond that limits.
2. Do NOT expose the camera's image-pickup-plane to sunlight or other intense light directly. Its inner CCD (charge-coupled device) might be damaged.
3. Do NOT exposure all system components to sunlight or other intensive light (UV, IR).
4. In the event that any abnormal condition is observed, turn the power switch OFF immediately. Do NOT try to continue to use the system components. To do so in spite of clear signs of malfunction invites a fire, an electric shock hazard, or any other serious damage to the system components. In such case, contact us or our dealer/distributor that you purchased the system components from for repair service.
5. To clean the body of this equipment, make sure to turn all power switches OFF first. To remove stubborn stains, use a soft cloth soaked in diluted acid free detergent. After that, clean with a dry cloth.
6. In case the image-pickup-plane should be settled with fine dust, dirt, or scratched, ask our distributor for technical advice