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Product Sheet

Color Camera

MSC2-C42-1-A

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Background Information

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1. Description

The MSC2 color camera incorporates a high performance 4MP CMOS sensor. The camera has three spectral bands - red, green, blue (440, 520, 600 nm). This miniature camera can operate at up to 89 frames per second in full frame mode. The camera is USB3 Vision-compliant with many pre-built software options such as 2ndlook graphical camera software. Programmers can build camera applications in Windows, Linux, Raspberry PI, MacOS, and Python environments using the included SDKs. Power is supplied through the USB3 interface. The MSC2-C42-1-A is ultra-compact, ultra-light, and designed for demanding high resolution imaging applications.

2. Key Features

- Snapshot Operation
- High Frame Rate (up to 89 FPS at full frame; faster frame rates for smaller ROIs)
- High Performance (4MP Global Shutter CMOS Sensor)
- USB3 Vision & GenICam Compliant
- Ultracompact (28 mm x 28 mm x 47 mm)
- Ultralight (< 55 g)
- Low Power Requirement (< 4W from USB cable)
- Multiple M2 and M4 Mounting Points
- Tripod adaptor with ¼-20 thread included
- SDK for Windows, Linux, Raspberry PI, MacOS and Python included

3. Applications

The camera is suitable for a variety of applications where images from a custom tailored spectral range is desired.
Combined with Spectral Devices SBC-1 miniature vision computer, the MSC2-C42-1-A offers an easy-to-use lightweight and modular imaging solution for UAV users.

4. Spectral Characteristics

The NIR-enhanced version is optional. Quantum efficiency of the MC2-C42-1-A is shown in Fig.4.1.
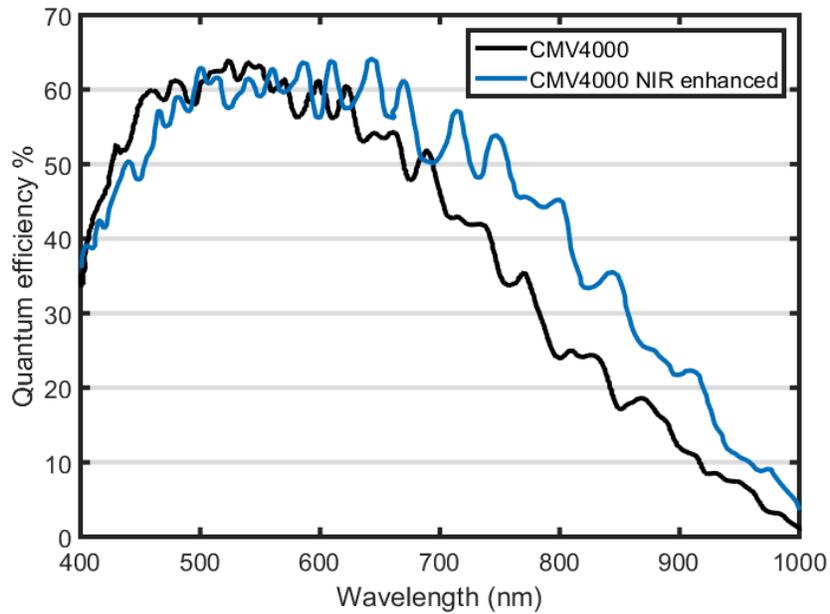
Figure 4.1. Quantum efficiency of MSC2-M42-1-A

5. Specifications

Lens Mount	C-mount
Sensor Type	CMOS
Sensor Model	AMS CMV4000
Sensor Format	1-inch
Number of Spectral Channels	1
Image Pixels	2048 x 2048
Effective Pixel Size (H x V)	5.5 μm x 5.5 μm
Capture Method	Area
Spectral Channel	440, 520, 600 nm
Spectral Bandwidth	~70 nm
Shutter Type	Global
Sync System	External trigger (Hardware, Software) / Free run
Maximum Frame Rate (at Full Frame)	8bits output 89 fps 10bits output 45 fps 12bits output 37 fps
ADC bit width	10bits / 12bits
Video Format	8bits / 10bits / 12bits output (Support packed on 10bits / 12bits)
Noise Level	8bits output: <3 digits (Gain 0 dB) 10bits output: <12 digits (Gain 0 dB) 12bits output: <48 digits (Gain 0 dB)
Sensitivity (*1)	210 Lux
Exposure time	22 μs to 16.77 seconds

	(Default: 11,116.0 μs)
Digital Gain	0 to 13.9 dB (Default: 0 dB)
Black Level	8bits output: 0 to 15 digits 10bits output: 0 to 63 digits 12bits output: 0 to 255 digits
ROI	Horizontal: 32 to 2,048 pixels Vertical: 32 to 2,048 lines (Default: 2,048 x 2,048) Adjustable Steps for size: 16 pixels in horizontal direction / 4 lines in vertical direction Adjustable Steps for offset: 2 pixels in horizontal direction / 2 lines in vertical direction
Multi ROIs (*2)	8 regions (Default: 1 region)
Binning	1, 2
Decimation	1, 2
HDR	Yes
Image Flip	Horizontal / Vertical / Horizontal and Vertical / Off
Defective Pixel Correction	Yes
Number of ROIs	8
Auto Exposure	Supported
Auto Gain	Supported
Operational Mode	Edge preset Trigger / Pulse width Trigger / Start Stop Trigger / Free run
User Setting Storage	Supported
Communication	Through USB3.0 bus
Interface	USB3.0 Super speed (USB3.0 micro B)
Protocol	USB3 Vision® 1.0.1, GenICam Standard Version (SFNC 2.2, PFNC 2.0) compliant
Input / Output	Three GPIOs, One Camera Hardware Reset
Power Input Voltage	+5V (typ.) (This conforms to USB standard)
Power Consumption	Less than 4.0 W
Case Construction	Anodized Aluminum
Mounting Holes	4 x M4 (bottom), 2 x M4 (top), 3 x M2 (4 sides)
Overall Size	28 mm x 28 mm x 47 mm (W x H x L)
Weight	< 55 g
Operational Temperature / Humidity	Minimum Environmental Temperature: 0 deg. C, Environmental Humidity: 0 to 85 %RH (No condensation) Maximum Camera housing temperature (top plate) shall not exceed 55 deg. C
Storage Temperature / Humidity	Environmental Temperature: -30 to +65 deg. C Environmental Humidity: 0 to 85 %RH (No condensation)
Vibration	20 Hz to 200 Hz to 20 Hz (5 min. / cycle), acceleration 10 G, XYZ 3 directions 30 min. each
Shock Acceleration	38 G, half amplitude 6 ms, XYZ 3 directions 3 times each
Standard Compliancy	EMS: EN61000-6-2, EMI: EN55011
RoHS	RoHS Compliant

(*1) The sensitivity was measured as the luminance when white level achieved 100 % using the settings and conditions below.

Camera Setting		Environment	
Parameter	Setting	Parameter	Setting
Gain Up	0 dB	Light Source	Light Box (White)
AGC	Off	Color temperature	5,100K
White Balance	Optimum	Lens	
Electrical Shutter	1/30 seconds	F on Lens	F5.6
Black Level	Optimum	Target Luminance	IM-600 (Topcon)
Gamma	Factory Setting		

(*2) The multiple ROI regions cannot set on the same horizontal line.

6. Mechanical Drawings

7. External Connector Specifications

The camera has 2 external connectors - USB3.0 micro B type and I/O (HR10A-7R-6PG (Hirose) or equivalent) (Fig.8.1a). The USB3.0 provides the camera with input voltage of +5V, while Hirose is used for signal transfer and can be configured for input or output and programmed for trigger or strobe functions. The hirose connector pin assignment is laid out in Fig.8.1b.
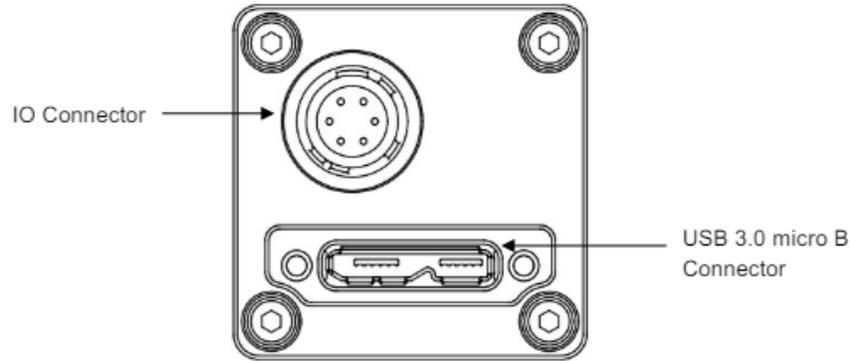
(a)

Pin No.	Signal Name	IN/OUT
1	GPIO_GND	-
2	GPIO2	IN/OUT
3	GPIO1	IN/OUT
4	GPIO0	IN/OUT
5	CAM_RESET	IN
6	N.C.	-
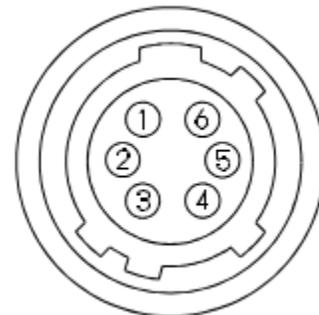
(b)

Figure 8.1. (a) MSC2-RGBN-1-A external connectors - USB3.0 and hirose (b) MSC2-RGBN-1-A hirose connector pin assignment

Additional information on the pin assignment is provided below.

Pin No.	Signal Name	Function	IN/OUT		Voltage		Current	Reference
					Low Voltage	High Voltage		
1	IO_GND	GND	-				-	-
2	GPIO2	General Purpose Input Output	IN/OUT	IN	Less than +1.00 V	+3.00 to +24 V	4 µA (typ.) (*4)	2
				OUT	0 to +2.20V (*1)	+3.00 to +24 V (*2)	15 mA (Max.) (*3)	3,4
3	GPIO1	General Purpose Input Output	IN/OUT	IN	Less than +1.00 V	+3.00 to +24 V	4 µA (typ.) (*4)	2
				OUT	0 to +2.20 V (*1)	+3.00 to +24 V (*2)	15 mA (Max.) (*3)	3,4
4	GPIO0	General Purpose Input Output	IN/OUT	IN	Less than +1.00 V	+3.00 to +24 V	4 µA (typ.) (*4)	2
				OUT	0 to +2.20 V (*1)	+3.00 to +24 V (*2)	15 mA (Max.) (*3)	3,4
5	CAM_RESET	Camera Hardware Reset	IN	IN	Less than +0.80 V	+3.00 to +24 V	4 µA (typ.)(*4)	1
6	N.C.	NC	-		-		-	-

(*1) The case that output low voltage on 15mA load. The output voltage could be higher voltage due to the generate voltage by the internal resister when the power consumption is large with low voltage output. Please evaluate carefully with the actual system.

(*2) The maximum voltage can be applied to connecting IO port as output IO port when external circuits connecting to IO port. This is equivalent to VCCext on Reference 4.

(*3) When external IO port is connected, control the currency less than 15mA on IO port. Please do not apply more than 15 mA to connecting IO port as output IO port when external circuits connecting to IO port.

(*4) The typical current value when high voltage input into Input port.

8. Package Contents

Each camera is supplied with a USB3.0 Vision cable and tripod adapter in a waterproof equipment case for transport and storage.

9. SDKs

Included with the MSC2-RGBN-1-A is an industrial-grade SDK for camera control and image capture. The SDK is compatible with a variety of Windows, Linux and MacOS operating systems. It includes drivers, libraries, documentation, and samples. Environments such as Python and OpenCV are also supported.

Operating System	Development Environments	SDK Includes
Windows 11 (64bit) Windows 10 (32bit / 64bit) Windows 8.1 (32bit / 64bit)	Visual Studio 2005 Visual Studio 2008 Visual Studio 2010 Visual Studio 2012 Visual Studio 2013 Visual Studio 2015 Visual Studio 2017 Visual Studio 2019 Visual Studio 2022 MinGW (Minimalist GNU for Windows)	Windows driver Windows SDK StApi (Visual C++, .net Framework 2.0, C) StGenTL module Viewing Software (StViewer) Sample Programs (Visual C++, Visual C#, Visual Basic, C) DirectShow Filter Documentation

	embarcadero Free C++ Compiler Python 3.7.x Python 3.8.x Python 3.9.x Python 3.10.x	
MacOS 13 Ventura MacOS 12 Monterey MacOS 11 BigSur	Python 3.7.x Python 3.8.x Python 3.9.x Python 3.10.x	StApi (C++) StGenTL module Viewing Software (StViewer) Sample Programs Documentation
Linux 64bit x64 Linux 64bit ARM Linux 32bit ARM	Python 3.7.x Python 3.8.x Python 3.9.x Python 3.10.x	StApi (C++, C) StGenTL module Viewing Software (StViewer) Sample Programs (C++, C) Documentation

10. Windows Software (optional)

2ndLook is an optional image acquisition software package offering a complete solution to the customers looking for a user-friendly way to connect and acquire images without any development experience necessary. The software enables real-time synchronized video and image recording from GenICam-compliant USB3 Vision, GigE Vision, and DirectShow cameras (Fig. 10.1).

2ndLook supports popular file formats, such as AVI, TIFF, PNG, JPEG and allows recording from multiple cameras to different file formats concurrently.

Multispectral imaging conversion filters for Spectral Devices Inc. cameras are built in in the software (Fig. 10.2). This allows users to view montages of spectral images in real-time (Fig. 10.3). The built-in debayering algorithm displays color images from the raw RGB multispectral images.

It is an easy to use interface with interactive help and user guides. Demo version provides all features, except save to disk function.

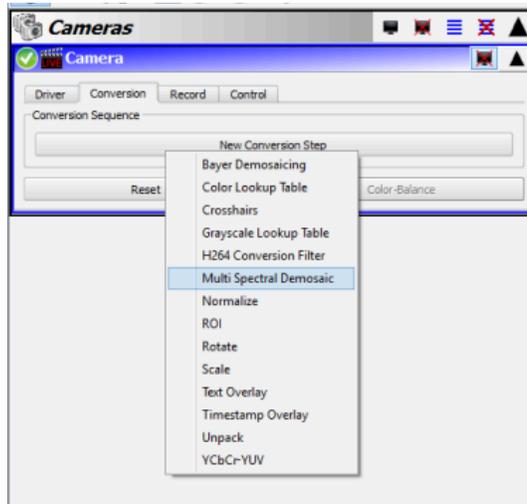**Figure 10.1.** Real-time display of raw multispectral images.

**Figure 10.2.** Multispectral conversion filters

Figure 10.3. Real-time display of multispectral images in montage format. Example here collected with a 4-band multispectral camera for agriculture.

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The MSC2 C42 is ultra-compact, ultra-light color camera with a high performance 4MP CMOS.

DIMENSIONS

28 mm

30.7 mm

R12.2 mm

Hirose

USB3.0

28 mm
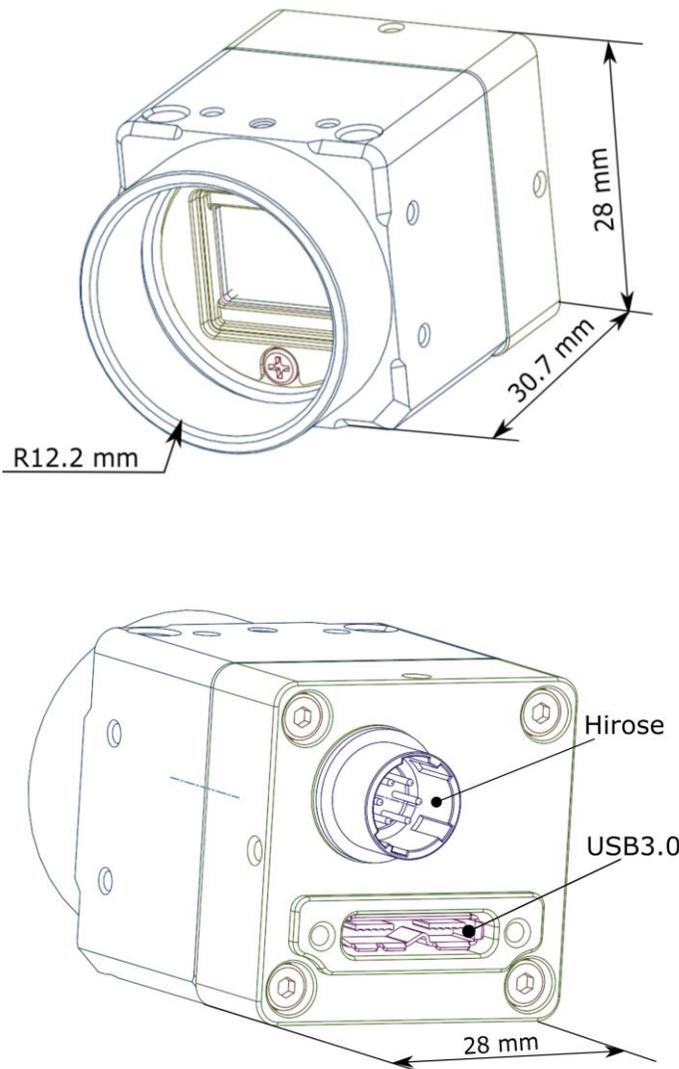
Feature	Description
Pixels	2048 x 2048
Sensor	CMOS, AMS CMV4000
Spectral bands	440, 520, 600 nm
Weight	<55g
Sensor size	1-inch
Pixel size	5.5 x 5.5 µm
Shutter Type	Global
Frame Rate	89 fps (at full ROI)
Noise Level (Gain 0 dB)	8bits output: <3 digits 10bits output: <12 digits 12bits output: <48 digits
Exposure Time	22 µs to 16.77 s
Lens Compatibility	c-mount
Connectors	USB 3.0, Hirose
System Sync	External trigger (Hardware, Software), Free run