High Resolution e-ImageData 26 Megapixel Camera

<u>High resolution 26 megapixel camera</u> The ScanPro 3000 26 megapixel camera has the highest camera resolution of any microfilm scanner on the market.

What is camera resolution and what to look for?

When referring to camera resolution some terms that are used can be confusing. The best way to explain resolution is to start with standard definitions:

- a. <u>Camera resolution</u> is the number of <u>unique</u> optical pixels captured by the camera and is <u>typically specified in megapixels</u>.
- b. <u>Image quality</u> describes the readability of a document and is primarily dependent on camera resolution. There are other factors that contribute to image quality but <u>camera resolution</u> is the primary contributor and most commonly used measurement.
- c. <u>Maximum image size</u> (<u>also specified in megapixels</u>) defines how much space is needed to store the image in memory or on a storage device such as a hard drive or flash drive. And, <u>maximum image size is not</u> at all a measurement of image quality.

For low end cameras, camera resolution is dependent on <u>the image sensor resolution</u> only. However, top of the line camera manufacturers such as Olympus, Zeiss, Leica, Nikon and others use pixel-shifting technology and employ high precision optics to create cameras with resolutions that far exceed the specification of the simple image sensor. The ScanPro 3000 uses this same technology starting with a 6.6MP image sensor and then using precision optical hardware, captures 26.4 megapixels of optical data. Each pixel is an optical capture of unique image information and the total optical image is a high resolution 26.4 Megapixels. This <u>(expressed as)</u> <u>26 Megapixel camera</u> is the <u>highest resolution microfilm scanner camera available</u>.

Camera manufacturers develop cameras with resolutions higher than that of the simple sensor: Although this type of camera design is new in the micrographics industry, highly respected, well known imaging corporations have been doing this for years. We will look at several high-end cameras and the manufacturers that describe their design and provide documentation:

<u>The Olympus DP73 camera</u> is a high-end camera that incorporates pixel-shifting technology and precision optical hardware to achieve a high-end, high resolution camera. In this example, Olympus starts with a <u>2.01 megapixel sensor</u> and using pixel-shifting technology captures 17.28 megapixels of unique image information to provide a superior performance <u>(expressed as) 17.3 megapixel camera</u> (see attached Olympus camera information).

<u>The Carl Zeiss AxioCam camera</u> is another example of a high-end camera that incorporates pixel-shifting technology and precision optical hardware to achieve a high performance camera used in research and digital documentation. In this example, Carl Zeiss starts with a <u>1.4 megapixel sensor</u> and using pixel-shifting technology captures 12.99 megapixels of unique image information to provide a superior performance <u>(expressed as) 13 megapixel camera</u> (see attached Carl Zeiss camera information).

Despite the fact that this technology information regarding high resolution camera capabilities is readily available from camera manufactures, ST Imaging continues to provide false and misleading information regarding our 26 megapixel camera to e-ImageData customers and prospective customers. We are providing this corrective information to you and your sales people to assist in preventing further damage to your company and to e-ImageData.



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Industrial Microscopes DP73

Overview

The Olympus DP73 high-performance Peltier cooled, digital color cameras offer the latest pixel-shifting technology with an extraordinary 17.28 megapixel resolution, 4 binning modes, and 14-bit A/D conversion for increased bit depth.

Superb Resolution High Sensitivity, High dynamic range Advanced Color Reproduction Image Analysis Software OLYMPUS Stream

Superb Resolution



Unparalleled 17.3 Megapixel Resolution New 3-CCD Mode Enables Pixel Shifting of 3 Colors

A 2.01 megapixel color CCD is combined with pixel-shifting technology to result in the capture of an 17.3 megapixel resolution. In addition to conventional 3 x 3 pixel shifting of one color per pixel, the DP73 features a 3-CCD pixel shift mode that enables three-color image resolution (RGB) within a single pixel to improve resolution even more.

Live, High-definition Images at 15 Frames per Second, Without Compression

High-definition 1600×1200 -pixel images can be displayed live at a rate of 15 frames per second, without compression. This imaging quality enables clear and distinct observation without deterioration, while focusing is made stress free. The DP73 is able to display various microstructures like fine patterns of wafers and surface of new materials.



Fine-detail Processing, with Truer Colors and Artifacts

The DP73 has the power to present truer colors with less moiré artifacts that can have a negative impact on resolution. Due to advanced algorithms and fine detail processing the DP73 also optimizes the resolving power of the microscope objectives resulting in improved sharpness and clarity of images.

Advanced Color Reproduction



Color Gamut Comparison

Enhanced Color Reproduction for Difficult Samples

Through supporting AdobeRGB*, the DP73 faithfully renders a broad color range. It also features a new color reproduction algorithm, that differentiates subtle changes in colors that were difficult to separate until now- colors such as brown, blue and purple-can now be reproduced with exceptional accuracy.

*Color reproduction fidelity depends on monitor specifications. Monitors supporting AdobeRGB are required to accurately reproduce images recorded in AdobeRGB mode.

High Sensitivity, High dynamic range

High Sensitivity and Reduced Noise for Low Light Conditions

Capture images across a broad sensitivity range of ISO100-1600 through the incorporation of features including a new CCD drive system, reduced circuit noise and optimized image processing. These technologies allow the CCD to clearly capture sample details during observation methods such as reflected light darkfield or fluorescence.

WiDER Optimizes Contrast and Brightness in Individual Image Regions

Process live image with WiDER*-an application that optimizes contrast and brightness in each region of the image in real time to automatically generate images that have broad dynamic range but are free from underor overexprosure. It works to reduce halation from the surface of materials, solder and so on.



Without WiDER



With WiDER

Image Analysis Software OLYMPUS Stream

Micro-Imaging Software: A New Standard for Workflow Flexibility

The OLYMPUS Stream is an advanced industrial microscopy software that simplifies your imaging tasks. Quickly acquire, process, perform measurements or analysis and automatically create reports. Our robust data management provides seamless organization and management of your images and data. The OLYMPUS Stream software can be purchased in a variety of packages designed to fit your needs. In addition these packages are expandable with specific application solutions to meet unique analysis needs.



Specifications

Camera type		Single chip color CCD (pixel shifting) Cooling system: Peltier device (maximum: room temperature - 10°C)		
Imaging Sensor	Size	1/1.8 inch <mark>2.01 megapixel</mark> color CCD		
	Scanning mode	Progressive		
Camera mount	C-mount			
Effective image resolution		 4800x3600 (pixel shifting, 3CCD mode) 2400x4800 (pixel shifting, 3CCD mode) 1600x1200 (1x1, 3CCD mode) 800x600 (1x1) 800x600 (2x2) ROI 		
Sensitivity		ISO 100/200/400/800/1600		
A/D		14 bit (effective pixel : 12 bit@ 16 bit mode image)		
Exposure control	Modes	Auto/SFL-Auto/Manual		
	Adjustment	±2.0 EV step: 1/3 EV		
	Time	23 µs to 60 s		
Metering modes		Full image/30%/1%/0.1%		
Binning		2x2		
Live frame rate *		1600x1200 (1x1): 15fps 800x600 (1x1): 15fps 800x600 (2x2): 27fps		
Still image transfer time *		4800x3600 (1x1): approx. 4 s		
Color space		sRGB, Adobe RGB		
Image file format		File formats supported by OLYMPUS Stream software		

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AxioCam HR

Success Through Performance



The flexible high-end camera for digital documentation and image analysis



We make it visible.

Superior performance for research and routine work - brilliant quality documentation

Increasingly complex applications in pathology, developmental biology and material science demand microscope systems and camera technologies that reach the very limits of what is physically possible. A Carl Zeiss camera that meets even the highest demands of digital documentation has established itself in high-end microscopy. The monochrome version is, ideally suited to Live Cell Imaging – even at high speeds. The color variant can be used universally: in fields ranging from materials sciences and the materials industry, pathology, cytology, hematology and histology through to botany, zoology, forensics and pharmacology.

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High-resolution for lossless digital microscopy

Documenting with the AxioCam HR means seeing what the microscope sees – in full microscope resolution without interpolated image information. Different resolutions can be set depending on the application: from 1388 x 1040 up to 4164 x 3120, corresponding to 13 megapixels per color channel.

Outstanding image quality even with weak fluorescence

With a dynamic range of 1 : 2500 (at 12.5 MHz) and a 14 bit gray level range, the monochrome version of the AxioCam HR produces high-contrast images even when it comes to demanding applications in fluorescence microscopy. The Peltier-cooled camera offers exposure times ranging from milliseconds up to several minutes. The advantage: high-quality images, even when signals are extremely weak.

Selectable read-out modes for more flexibility

The option of selecting from two different readout speeds (12.5 MHz and 25 MHz), as required, makes the AxioCam HR impressively versatile in terms of the range of applications it can perform. With the fast read-out mode of 25 MHz, live images of between 12 images/s (full resolution) and 33 images/s (reduced resolution) can be achieved. The advantages this offers are simple adjustment of the sample and ergonomic focusing in all situations. In conjunction with the AxioVision Digital High Speed Recorder module or the







Systems with Carl Zeiss quality: the complete solution with microscope, camera and software

Axio Observer

SteREO Discovery

Axio Imager

Cell Observer[®] HS, fast time lapse or multidimensional imaging is also possible with up to 48 images/s using 5x5 binning, e.g. for the observation of extremely fast processes. Optimized fast acquisition of scanned resolutions can also be performed. All in all, this means that the right setting is available for every application.

Maximum convenience in a compact format

Very small dimensions and no external control box: the Zeiss Blue can be integrated as a compact solution into any laboratory or working environment and will not restrict your freedom of movement. As the AxioCam HR does not have rotating fans, it works without any vibrations and transfers the digital image data directly to your computer without interference.

Perfect interaction in the overall system

Carl Zeiss offers a wide range of components that complement each other perfectly and, when combined as an overall system, offer your applications optimum support. The AxioCam HR can be connected to any Carl Zeiss microscope that has a phototube or TV output. When combined with the Axio Imager or Axio Observer research microscopes and the AxioVision imaging software, you will have a high-performance system with a high degree of automation – for reliable, reproduceable results.

Intelligent control with AxioVision

AxioVision from Carl Zeiss is the software for all requirements in digital imaging. It allows you to control all the functions of both the camera and microscope. Acquisition and processing, analysis and archiving – all your work procedures combined in a single platform. AxioVision is practice-oriented, intuitive in terms of operation and easily adapted to your individual requirements. In addition, you can also present your image data in a meaningful way: the Unsharp Masking option allows even the finest details to be displayed in high contrast on the monitor.

Highest image quality using microscanning Acquisition time at short exposure times:

Resolution	AxioCam HRc	AxioCam HRm
1388 x 1040	0.3 s	-
2776 x 2080	1.4 s	0.4 s
4164 x 3120	2.6 s	0.9 s
4164 x 3120 (Fast Scan)	0.6 s	-



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Flexibility for every application: color and monochrome

Color or monochrome: always the right choice

Routine tasks or individual applications – the AxioCam HR from Carl Zeiss is the camera of choice for the complete range of applications. Whether you use it as a versatile color camera or in the monochrome variant with optional RGB filter modules – the AxioCam HR delivers color images in extremely high resolution, for every application.

Color co-site Sampling for excellent color brilliance

Accurate color images of even the finest structures without color moiré: the large CCD sensor of the AxioCam HRc ensures perfect color accuracy. By scanning all the red, green and blue components of the image, the patented Color co-site Sampling technique achieves a color brilliance that can otherwise only be achieved using 3 sensors. It guarantees you complete color information for every pixel – no "approximated" interpolated colors.

High performance at low light intensities

The extremely high sensitivity of the large 2/3" sensor, an outstanding signal to noise ratio and Peltier cooling for long exposure times – these are the qualities that allow the AxioCam HR to make high-quality imaging possible, even under the most challenging lighting conditions.

Monochrome CCD for fluorescence imaging

Sensitive, weakly fluorescing specimens or contrast and acquisition procedures in several dimensions require maximum resolution with exposure times that are as short as possible. The monochrome version of the AxioCam HR has been specially developed with an enhanced sensitivity range to cope with these demanding tasks.

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Medicine



Appendix, Prof. Dr. Joachim Diebold, Institute of Pathology at the University of Munich Germany

AxioCam HRm





Superior performance without color filters

Crucial for your results when working at the limits of visibility: clear advantages in resolution and sensitivity thanks to a CCD sensor without light-reducing color filters.

- The spectrum of detectable light is extended into the otherwise invisible near infrared.
- Even in the basic resolution of 1388 x 1040 pixels, images are acquired without the interpolation of a color sensor and the compromises associated with this.
- Images are scanned 4 x faster than with the color camera.
- The size of the file is reduced to a third compared with the AxioCam HRc color camera.

Full-strength signals

With the monochrome AxioCam HRm, no optical elements such as color or infrared filters stand in the way of the light. This means that even fluorochromes that emit in the near infrared are detected by the AxioCam HRm.

Maximum performance for live cell applications

A unique feature of the AxioCam HR is the possibility of adjusting microscanning and the read-out speed. This combination means that the AxioCam HR can be used with a high degree of versatility – making it an economical and individually adaptable solution that is particularly attractive to research institutes which carry out many different live cell applications. It is only in combination with the Cell Observer® system, however, that you can fully exploit the possibilities of the camera - especially those offered by the monochrome version. Integration into AxioVision enables you to perform every conceivable application in Live Cell Imaging - from extremely fast, one-dimensional time lapse imaging and individual images in multichannel fluorescence applications through to the combination of fast time lapse images with multidimensional acquisition - all with just one camera.





Biology





Brilliantly sharp color images thanks to Color co-site Sampling

With ordinary 1-chip digital cameras, color images are acquired with a sensor. Each pixel of this sensor is sensitive to just one of the three basic colors. As only one image is acquired, each sensor pixel receives only the color information for red, green or blue at any one point in the image. However, as all three color channels are required simultaneously at a single point in the image in order to display a pixel in color, the missing color channels are determined by means of interpolation from the nearest neighboring pixels. This approximation results in the generation of imperfect images which display disruptive color fringes and distorted colors at fine image structures and edges.

With the Color co-site Sampling technique used by the AxioCam HR, several images of a specimen are produced and combined into a sharp resulting image. After the acquisition of each image a piezo mechanism moves the sensor by precisely the distance of one pixel, meaning that each point is seen by the sensor at least once in all colors. Interpolated color information is therefore not needed. In this way, the complete color information for each detail is obtained in four images and put together to form one image that is identically sharp in all three color channels.

Microscanning for all details

Using the same procedure you can achieve even more, however: by acquiring images at additional positions in the spaces between pixels, the accuracy of the images produced by the AxioCam HR is increased again, also in case of the monochrome camera. With up to three additional positions on the x and y axes, the resolution is increased from 1388 x 1040 by a factor of 9 up to 4164 x 3120 pixels. The Color co-site Sampling used at the same time ensures perfect, color-correct reproduction of the finest structures.

The resolving power of Carl Zeiss objectives in the intermediate image with 0.63x and 1.0x TV adapters in combination with the AxioCam HR's 2/3" CCD sensor (8.5 mm x 6.4 mm).

	Objective	Magnification	NA	Lp/mm	Necessary	Lp/mm	Necessary
				(TV-Cpl 1.0x)	camera resolution	(TV-Cpl 0.63x)	camera resolution
1.	EC Plan-NEOFLUAR	1.25	0.035	96	1632 x 1229	152	2584 x 1946
2.	FLUAR	2.5	0.12	144	2448 x 1843	229	3893 x 2931
3.	EC Plan-NEOFLUAR	5	0.15	90	1530 x 1152	143	2431 x 1830
4.	ACHROPLAN/N-ACHROPLA	N 10	0.25	75	1275 x 960	119	2023 x 1523
5.	FLUAR	10	0.5	150	2550 x 1920	238	4046 x 3046
6.	EC Plan-NEOFLUAR	20	0.5	75	1275 x 960	119	2023 x 1523
7.	Plan-APOCHROMAT	20	0.75	113	1921 x 1446	179	3040 x 2291
8.	LCI Plan-NEOFLUAR	25	0.80	96	1632 x 1229	152	2584 x 1946
9.	EC Plan-NEOFLUAR	40	0.75	56	952 x 717	89	1513 x 1139
10	. EC Plan-NEOFLUAR	40	1.3	98	1666 x 1254	155	2635 x 1984
11	. Plan-APOCHROMAT	63	1.4	67	1139 x 858	106	1802 x 1357
12	. EC Epiplan-NEOFLUAR	100	0.9	27	459 x 346	43	731 x 550
13	. Plan-APOCHROMAT	100	1.4	42	714 x 538	67	1139 x 858

Technology

View through the C-mount connection and the infrared barrier filter on the high-resolution CCD sensor



Moving the sensor along the vertical and horizontal axes supplies additional information about image details. The basic resolution (increases as a result up to 4164 x 3120 pixels (13 megapixels)

You will find an animated version of this illustration on our internet site.

AxioCam HR: Data and Facts

The data and facts apply equally to the AxioCam HRm and AxioCam HRc. Where different data apply, this will be pointed out.

Sensor	AxioCam HRm and AxioCam HRc: Sony ICX 285, progressive readout,				
A Anti-	AxioCam HRc with R	GB filter mas	šK		
Maximum camera resolution	4164 x 3120				
CCD basic resolution	$(1388 \times 1040 = 1.4 \text{ r})$	negapixeis			
Pixel size	6.45 µm (n) x 6.45 µ	(V)			
Sensor size	Chip area 8.9 mm x	6.7 mm, equ	Ivalent 2	// <u>/</u>	
Spectral sensitivity	AxioCam HRm: appr	0X. 350 nm-	1000 nn	n with BK 7 protection glass	
	AXIOC am HKC: appro	0X. 400 nm-7	00 nm 1	with BG 40 IR barrier filter	
Dynamic range	Typical > 1: 2200 at	25 Minz at <	:/./ere	eadout noise	
	lypical > 1: 2500 at	12.5 Mhz at	< 6.8 e	readout noise	
Full well	Typical 17.000 e				
Dark current	Typical 0.7 e/pixels/s,	dark durren	t compe	nsation for maximum low light	
	performance at long	exposure tim	ies		
Resolution improvement	Microscanning technol	ology enable	s a confi	gurable image resolution	
-	beyond the basic sen	isor resolutio	<mark>n</mark>		
Selectable resolution	ΗxV		ΗxV(Microscanning Mode)	
AxioCam HRm	276 x 208 Binning 5	276 x 208 Binning 5 x 5 277		x 2080	
	346 x 260 Binning 4	х4	4164 >	3120	
	462 x 346 Binning 3 x 3				
	694 x 520 Binning 2 x 2				
	1388 x 1040, Single Shot				
Selectable resolution	НхV		H x V (Microscanning Mode)		
AxioCam HRc	276 x 208 Binning 5 x 5, RBG 13		1388 >	88 x 1040 Color co-site Sampling	
	346 x 260 Binning 4	x 4, B/W	2776>	2080 Color co-site Sampling	
	462 x 346 Binning 3	x 3, RGB	4164 >	4164 x 3120 Color co-site Sampling	
	694 x 520 Binning 2	694 x 520 Binning 2 x 2, B/W		4164 x 3120 Fast Scan	
	1388 x 1040, Single	Shot			
Live image frame rates	НхV	Mode/Bi	nning	Max. frame rate (25 MHz)*	
AxioCam HRm	1388 x 1040	Slow/1		12 images/s	
	694 x 520	Middle/2		21 images/s	
	462 x 346	Fast/3		31 images/s	
Live image frame rates	НхV	Mode/Bi	nning	Max. frame rate (25 MHz)*	
AxioCam HRc	1388 x 1040 Slow/1			12 images/s	
	460 x 344	Middle/3		26 images/s	
	276 x 208	Fast/5		33 images/s (Binning in color)	
Fast readout modes	Five preloadable exposure time parameters in camera head enable				
in AxioVision module	especially high speed multichannel acquisition				
Fast Acquisition	Continuous mode enables fast time lapse acquisition				
•	Overlapping exposure and readout enables maximum frame rates for time				
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Hard disk recording	Inline recording of image data directly to hard disk at all speeds with
	AXIOVISION MODUL FAST ACQUISITION available
Readout of sub frames (ROI)	Random definition of regions of interest (ROI) on the sensor enables
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Signal amplification	Analog: 2X, digital 32X
Digitization	Two switchable readout speeds offer different depth of digitization
	High Quality: 14 bit/12.5 Mhz and High Speed: 12 bit/25 Mhz
CCD cooling	Single stage Peltier cooling, regulated
Interface	FireWire IEEE 1394a (400 megabits/s)
Range of integration time	1 ms up to 600 s
Signal output connectors	2x TTL-Out: exposure time, readout time (i.e. for driving external
	electric shutters), 1x Trigger-In to start an acquisition
Optical interface	C-Mount, max. 5 mm free back focal depth
Max. file size per image	Approx. 78 MB with 4164 x 3100 pixels at 14 bit (monochrom)
	and 3 x 14 bits (color)
Operating system	Microsoft® Windows 2000 Professional SP4, Microsoft® Windows XP
	Professional SP2, Microsoft [®] Windows Vista Ultimate
Housing	Blue anodized aluminum, with cooling fins, 1/4" connection for tripod
	mount, 11 cm x 8 cm x 6.5 cm, 500 g
Registration	CE, cUL
Power supply	10-33 V, DC, 5W, power supply provided by FireWire bus (external
	power supply only for Notebook operation required)
Ambient conditions	+5° +35° Celsius, 10% 80% relative humidity, no condensation,
(operation)	free air circulation required
Ambient conditions	-15° +60° Celsius, 90% relative humidity at 40° Celsius, 80% relative
(storage)	humidity at +20° Celsius, no condensation
Order number	AxioCam HRm: 426511-9901-000
	AxioCam HRc: 426510-9901-000

All specifications are subject to change without notice.

* Frame rates depend on exposure time, readout mode and PC hardware

Using Microscanning it is possible to generate high-resolution images by combining several individual images for which the sensor has been shifted by extremely small distances (subpixel dimensions) in each case.

Color co-site Sampling allows optically identical resolution in each of the three RGB color channels. Color interpolation does not take place.

Relative Spectral Sensitivity AxioCam HRc with BG 40 IR-Filter



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