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// ALLIED VISION INFRARED CAMERAS

See more. Achieve more.

// WELCOME TO ALLIED VISION

We Focus on What Counts: You

For more than 25 years, we at Allied Vision have been helping people see the bigger picture.

Allied Vision has become one of the leading camera manufacturers world-wide in the machine vision market by offering customers the best possible imaging solutions for their application.

From raising production standards to detecting disease faster or simply knowing who crossed the finish line first, we know that precision and truth are vital factors in every situation. This is why we focus on what counts: the individual needs of our customers and end users. Being close to our customers means that we ask the right questions in order to tailor solutions to their needs and provide support where it matters most.

Focusing on what counts for our customers also means delivering best-in-class quality and reliability. Our total Quality Management (TQM) is certified in accordance with ISO 9001 and the ISO 13485 standard for medical devices. The three-year warranty on our current camera models reflects our commitment to quality.

With eight locations in Germany, Canada, the United States, Singapore and China, Allied Vision is also represented by a network of sales partners in over 30 countries.

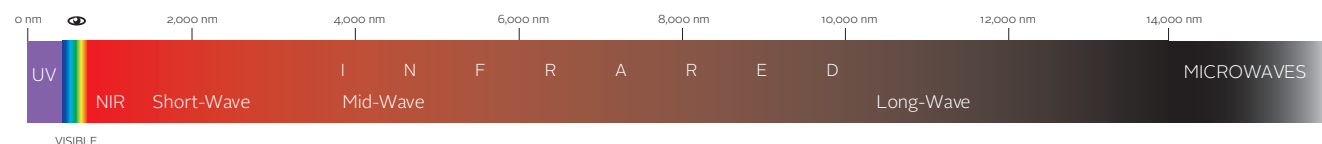
From our people to our products, the Allied Vision way is about striving for the precision we all need to advance the world we live in.

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// INFRARED IMAGING

Beyond the visible

In everyday life, we encounter electromagnetic radiation in many different forms such as visible light, ultraviolet light, radio waves or X-rays, differing in their wavelengths. Within the electromagnetic spectrum, infrared radiation is located between visible light and microwaves.



It covers a spectrum from 0.75 μm - 14 μm wavelength. It is common to separate it into near-infrared (NIR), short-wave infrared (SWIR), mid-wave infrared (MWIR), and long-wave infrared (LWIR). Although infrared radiation in the SWIR region is not visible to the human eye, it interacts with objects in a similar manner as visible wavelengths.

Furthermore, SWIR cameras can „see“ even at night and under challenging conditions like dust or haze. Finally, one major benefit of SWIR imaging, which is unmatched by other IR imaging technologies, is the ability to image through glass. For SWIR cameras, special and very expensive lenses are mostly unnecessary.

InGaAs Sensors: A hybrid architecture

Capturing infrared light is a challenge and requires advanced sensor technology. Most SWIR camera sensors are based on InGaAs material and work similar to silicon based CCD or CMOS sensors by converting photons into electrons - so called quantum detectors.

In contrast to monolithic silicon based sensors, InGaAs sensors are made of Indium, Gallium, Arsenide based photodiodes and silicon based read-out integrated circuits (ROIC). Combining these materials is a relatively complex and error prone process. It is currently, not possible to combine the ROIC with the photosensitive area with 100% accuracy during hybridization. Therefore, InGaAs sensors have a much higher percentage of defective and non-uniform pixels which makes a proper image correction in the camera inevitable.

In addition, the band gap between valence and conduction band is smaller for InGaAs semiconductors. As a result, the dark current values are higher and a proper and cost effective cooling is needed to reduce image noise and to enable longer exposure times. For that reason most of the InGaAs sensors are equipped with thermoelectric cooling (TEC) elements.



// GOLDEYE SWIR CAMERA FAMILY

Scientific precision, industrial quality



Allied Vision's Goldeye models are short-wave infrared cameras (SWIR) building on high-performance InGaAs sensors. Their spectral sensitivity ranges from 900 nm to 1,700 nm.

Optimized image quality

All Goldeye cameras are equipped with an active thermo-electric cooling device (TEC1) to deliver low-noise images regardless of the ambient temperature. The Goldeye G-032 COOL even features a dual-stage TEC module (TEC2) allowing a temperature difference of up to 60°K. This makes it possible to image at very long exposure times (up to 6 seconds) for demanding applications under low-light conditions. In combination with 14-bit image processing and the numerous on-board image correction features, Goldeye cameras produce an outstanding, low-noise image quality.

Industrial standard

Allied Vision's Goldeye SWIR cameras are designed to fulfill the highest industrial standards. Their robust, compact housing with fan-less cooling system provides multiple mounting options for easy system integration.

Goldeye cameras are available with a GigE Vision interface, the standard for machine vision cameras. This makes it compatible with all the popular image processing libraries such as Halcon, CVB, LabView, etc. All Goldeye models are also available with a Camera Link interface. Both GigE Vision und Camera Link versions feature screw-locked connectors for a secure data transmission.

// TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

Enhance your vision

Short-wave infrared cameras capture a reality that lays beyond the visibility for human eyes. They open new possibilities for advanced machine vision applications.

Moisture Detection

Water content

Water absorbs infrared light and appears darker in the image. This makes it possible to provide information on the water content of plants and the need for irrigation.



Food inspection

Infrared imaging can be used to scan the chemical composition of food products. This can be used to detect bruised fruit or to check their level of ripeness.



Hyperspectral Imaging

Recycling/Plastic sorting

Each inorganic material has a different chemical composition and crystalline structure resulting in an unique spectral response corresponding to its specific light absorption characteristics.

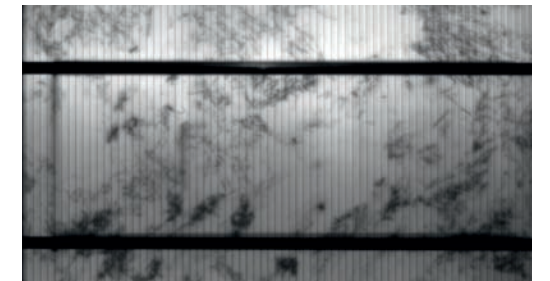
Hyperspectral Imaging combines digital imaging with spectroscopy to obtain detailed information across multiple ranges of the electromagnetic spectrum. This can be used, to sort plastic materials automatically for recycling purposes.



Solar cell inspection

Solar Cell & Module Inspection

In the wafer and solar cell production, electroluminescence (light emission as a response to electric current) is used especially in the final production step of quality inspection to detect micro-cracks and printing problems. Photoluminescence (light emission as a response to light) can be applied throughout the entire manufacturing process.



Distinguish different materials

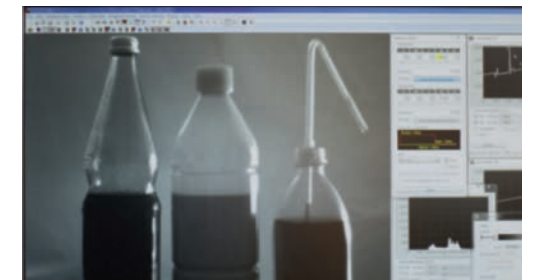
Banknote Authentication

SWIR cameras are able to „see“ through surfaces that are non-transparent to the human eye. This transparency of materials at specific wavelengths can be used to reveal tamper-proof security codes on banknotes.



Non-Destructive Quality Inspection

Some plastics are transparent to infrared light. This property can be used for example to inspect a product through a sealed plastic packaging.



Detect temperature uniformity

Glass industry

Because of their ability to perform thermal imaging of hot objects between 250°C and 800°C, SWIR cameras can monitor the temperature uniformity and the cooling rate of the different materials, like glass or metal during a manufacturing process.



// SPECIFICATIONS

Goldeye – Excellence in Infrared



Product Distinction by Key Features

G / CL 008 – Affordable entry-level camera

- // Frame rates up to 346 fps (frames per second) at full resolution
- // Ultra-high intra-scene dynamic range (75 dB)

G / CL 032 – HDR cameras

- // High dynamic range (>73 dB)
- // High full well due to larger pixel → Higher sensitivity
- // Lowest power consumption (5 W with TEC off)


G-032 Cool – Low-noise camera


- // Strong sensor cooling ($\Delta T_{max} = -60\text{ K}$)
- // Low noise imaging at long exposure times (1.25 s)

G / CL 033 – High-speed camera

- // Frame rates up to 301 fps at VGA resolution
- // Low exposure times (1 μs / 300 ns)
- // High spatial resolution

// SPECIFICATIONS – OUR CAMERAS AT A GLANCE

Goldeye				
				
Model-specific:	G-008	G-032	G-032 Cool	G-033
Resolution	320 x 256	636 x 508	636 x 508	640 x 512
Megapixels	0.08	0.3	0.3	0.3
Frame rate	344 fps	100 fps	100 fps	301 fps
Pixel size	30 μm	25 μm	25 μm	15 μm
Sensitive area	9.6 mm x 7.68 mm	15.9 mm x 12.7 mm	15.9 mm x 12.7 mm	9.6 mm x 7.68 mm
Cooling power	max $\Delta T = 25\text{ K}$	max. $\Delta T = 30\text{ K}$	max. $\Delta T = 60\text{ K}$	max. $\Delta T = 25\text{ K}$
Dimensions (L x W x H)	55 x 55 x 78	55 x 55 x 78	106 x 80 x 80	55 x 55 x 78
Weight	< 420 g	< 420 g	< 815 g	< 420 g

			
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Weight	< 395 g	< 395 g	< 395 g

Family-specific:

Operating temperature	+20 °C to +55 °C (housing)
Power requirements	DC 10.8 V to 30 V or PoE /PoE+
Power consumption	Min. 5 W @ 12 V DC (cooling switched off)
I/Os	1 in, 1 out LV TTL; 1 in, 2 out optocoupled
Regulations	CE, FCC Class B, RoHS (2011/65/EU)

Smart Features

- // Multiple acquisition modes: SingleFrame, MultiFrame, Continuous, or RecorderMode
 - // ROI settings for frame rate and data rate control
 - // High analog gain mode to increase sensitivity
 - // Look-up tables (LUTs) to increase contrast
 - // User sets for simplified camera setup
- // Digital binning to increase sensitivity
 - // Optimized image quality:
 - Non-uniformity correction (NUC) with automatic adaption
 - Defect pixel correction
 - Background correction

// OUR SOFTWARE

Versatile Software Development Kit for Easy Integration



Integrating your camera into an image-processing system couldn't be easier with our Vimba Software Development Kit (SDK). It comes with everything you need to develop your application – whether you program it yourself or rely on a third-party library.


Vimba is compatible with all popular image-processing software. It is platform and operating system-independent, supports all Allied Vision camera interfaces and all common programming languages. With its cross-compiling function, you can even re-use your code from one platform to another. In short, Vimba is as flexible as you need it to be.

For optimal system performance, Vimba's modular architecture allows you to install only the compo-

nents you need to minimize overhead. The integrated camera drivers reduce CPU load.

Download Vimba free of charge and get started quickly with convenient tools such as the Vimba Viewer and our extensive ready-to-use example collection.

Features



- // Operating systems:
Windows, Linux, Linux ARMv7
- // Interfaces: GigE Vision, FireWire, USB3 Vision, Camera Link
- // APIs: C, C++, .NET
- // Based on GenICam

// OUR SERVICE

Good is not enough

At Allied Vision, we aim for perfection for our products and services. Our status as market leader is the result of our relentless pursuit of not only building the best cameras on the market but also offering an extremely reliable customer service.



Our experts are here to advise you in selecting the right infrared camera for your application. With our "Test Your Sample" service, you can send us the object you intend to inspect to our laboratories in order to detect which combination of camera and accessories obtains the best result.

After purchasing your camera, you can rely on our global network of technical support engineers to assist you in integrating your camera into your system and help you even years later in the unlikely event of problems in the field.

Our support teams in Germany, Canada, the USA, China, and Singapore and our distribution partners in over 30 countries literally speak the language of all our customers.