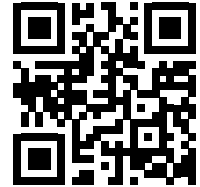


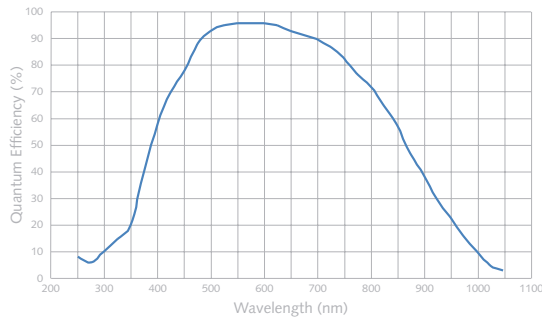
Cascade® II:1024


1024 x 1024 imaging array
13 x 13- μ m pixels

The Photometrics® Cascade® II 1024 is the only true 16-bit, megapixel EMCCD camera in the world to offer -60°C cooling without LN₂ or water! This high-resolution camera uses its deep thermoelectric cooling to maximize gain and minimize dark current. A stainless-steel vacuum chamber (with all-metal seals) houses a high-QE, back-illuminated, frame-transfer EMCCD. *The camera's exclusive vacuum technology is so robust it carries a lifetime guarantee.*

Primary applications
Low-light fluorescence
Total internal reflection fluorescence (TIRF)
Single-molecule fluorescence
Intracellular trafficking studies

Features	Benefits
EM gain	Low-noise, impact-ionization process provides very high sensitivity
Back-illuminated EMCCD	Highest available quantum efficiency (>90% peak QE)
Deep cooling	Thermoelectric cooling to -60°C minimizes dark current and allows long exposure times No need for a bulky chilled-water circulator or cryogenic compressor, both of which are prone to leaks, blockages, and condensation
Lifetime vacuum	Permanent, all-metal vacuum seals guaranteed for lifetime of camera Maintenance-free operation
1024 x 1024 imaging array 13 x 13- μ m pixels	Good field of view and sensitivity Good resolution
10-MHz readout 5- and 1-MHz readout	Excellent for high-speed image visualization Perfect for high-precision photometry
Dual amplifiers	Select readout mode via software: (1) optimal high-speed / high-sensitivity performance (2) optimal wide-dynamic-range performance
16-bit digitization	Wide dynamic range allows detection of bright and dim signals in the same image
Frame-transfer EMCCD	100% duty cycle for continuous data collection No mechanical shutter required
Single optical window	Single vacuum window is the only optical surface between incident light and EMCCD surface No light loss from multiple optical surfaces
C-mount	Easily attaches to microscopes, standard lenses, or optical equipment
Acquisition software	Captures, analyzes, and saves high-resolution images
PCI interface	High-bandwidth, uninterrupted data transfer
PVCAM® Circular buffers Device sequencing	Supported by numerous third-party software packages Real-time focus Precise integration with shutters, filter wheels, etc. <i>Compatible with Windows® XP/7</i>



		Region				
		1024 x 1024	512 x 512	256 x 256	128 x 128	64 x 64
Binning	1 x 1	8.5	16.7	32	60	104
	2 x 2	16.7	32	60	104	163
	4 x 4	32	60	103	163	234
	8 x 8	59	103	164	231	291

(Frames per second)

Note: Frame rates are measured at 10 MHz with 1.2- μ sec/row vertical shift speed.

Specifications		
EMCCD image sensor	e2v CCD201; back-illuminated, frame-transfer CCD with EM gain	
EMCCD format	1024 x 1024 imaging pixels; 13 x 13- μ m pixels; 13.3 x 13.3-mm imaging area (optically centered)	
Linear full well single pixel output node	80 ke- 730 ke- ("EM gain" amplifier)	
Digitizer type	16 bits @ 10 MHz, 5 MHz, and 1 MHz	
	"EM gain" amplifier (port #1)	"Traditional" amplifier (port #2)
Read noise	~35 e- rms @ 5 MHz ~45 e- rms @ 10 MHz <i>Read noise effectively reduced to <1 e- rms with EM gain enabled</i>	8 e- rms @ 1 MHz 15 e- rms @ 5 MHz
EM gain	1 to 1,000x (typical) Controlled via software in 4,096 steps	Not applicable
Spurious events	0.01 e-/pixel/frame (typical)	
Parallel (vertical) shift rate	1.2 μ sec/row	
EMCCD temperature @ 20°C ambient	-60°C (typical) -55°C (guaranteed)	
Dark current @ -60°C	0.005 e-/p/s (typical)	
Binning	Flexible binning capabilities in parallel direction; 1, 2, 4, and 8 binning in serial direction	
Operating environment	0 to 30°C ambient, 0 to 80% relative humidity noncondensing	

Note: Specifications are subject to change.

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