High Performance Cooled CCD Camera System
ALTA U30

The Alta U30 has a back-illuminated full frame spectroscopy format CCD with exceptionally high quantum efficiency. The standard midband coating (U30-MB) has the highest peak in the visible; the optional broadband coating (U30-BB) has somewhat higher QE in the near UV but lower QE across the visible. The UV-enhanced version (U30-UV) has the highest QE in the UV (See the quantum efficiency curve on page 2.)

Imaging Area of CCD

- 1024 x 256 array, 26 x 26 micron pixels
- 2 MHz 12-bit and 700 kHz 16-bit digitization
- 32Mbyte camera memory
- USB 2.0 interface: no plug in cards or external controllers
- Programmable, intelligent cooling to 55°C below ambient
- Binning up to 8 Horizontal x 256 Vertical
- Subarray readout and fast sequencing modes
- Precision time delayed integration (TDI) and kinetics mode readout
- Programmable fan speed for low / zero vibration
- Two serial port outputs for control of peripheral devices
- General purpose programmable I/O port
- External triggering and strobe controls
- ActiveX drivers included with every system
- Field upgradeable firmware
- Fused silica windows
- Runs from single 12V supply with input voltage monitor
- Compact enclosure
- Programmable status indicators

- Spectroscopy
- TDI Imaging

CCD SPECIFICATIONS

CCD	E2V CCD30-11 Back-illuminated
Array Size (pixels)	1024 x 256
Pixel Size	26 x 26 microns
Imaging Area	26.6 x 6.6 mm (177 mm2)
Imaging Diagonal	27.4 mm
Video Imager Size	1.7”
Linear Full Well (typical)	500K electrons
Dynamic Range	96 dB
QE at 400 nm	52% (MB); 75% (BB); 57% (UV)
Peak QE	96% (MB); 86% (BB); 65% (UV)
Anti-blooming	none

For complete CCD specifications, including cosmetic grading, see data sheet from manufacturer.

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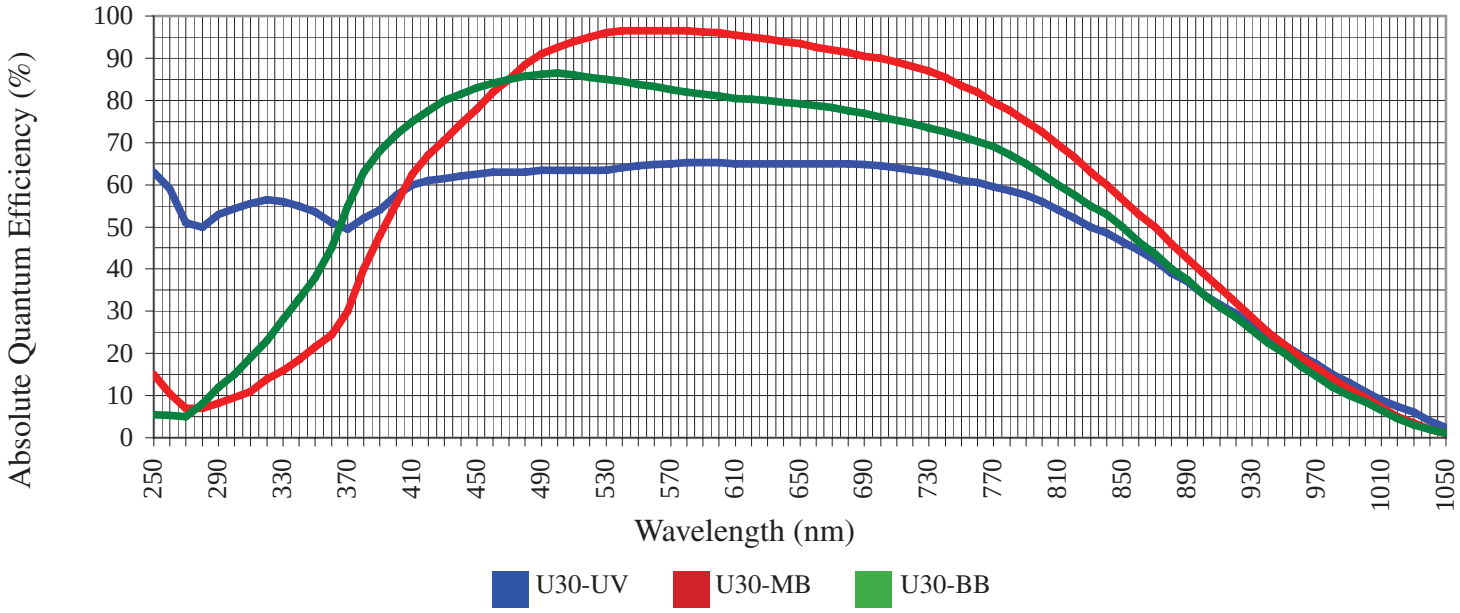
Camera System Performance

PC Interface	USB 2.0
Max. Cable Length	5 meters between hubs; 5 hubs maximum (max. total of 30m)
Digital Resolution	16 bits at 700 kHz and 12 bits at 2 MHz
System Noise (typical)	13 e^- RMS at 700 kHz and 2 counts at 2 MHz
Pixel Binning	1x1 to 8 x 1024 on-chip
Exposure Time	30 milliseconds to 183 minutes (2.56 microsecond increments)
Image Sequencing	1 to 65535 image sequences under software control
Frame Sizes	Full frame, subframe, focus mode
Cooling (typical)	Thermoelectric cooler with forced air. Maximum cooling 55°C below ambient temperature
Dark Current (typical)	1 e^-/pixel/sec (-20°C)
Temperature Stability	± 0.1°C
Camera Head Size	D2. Low profile: D6. Aluminum, hard blue anodized. 6" x 6" x 2.5" (15 x 15 x 6.35 cm) Weight: 3.1 lb. (1.4 kg)
Mounting	3.5" bolt circle. 2" 24 tpi thread. Optional Nikon F-mount or Canon FD mount.
Back Focal Distance	Standard: 1.020" (25.91 mm). Low profile: 0.455" (11.56 mm). [optical]
Operating Environment	-22° to 27°C. Relative humidity: 10 to 90% non-condensing.
Cable Length	Standard: 15 ft (4.5m)
Power	40W maximum power with shutter open and cooling maximum. AC/DC "brick" supply with int'l AC input plug (100-240V, 50-60 Hz). Alternate 12V input from user's source.
Shutter	Standard: Melles Griot 43mm. Low profile: no shutter.
Remote Triggering	LVTTL input allows exposure to start within 25 microseconds of rising edge of trigger

CCD SENSITIVITY



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