

FIREBIRD CAMERA LINK

80-bit Frame Grabber



- Camera Link Frame Grabber
- Supports Base, dual Base, Medium, Full and 80-bit (Deca) modes, with PoCL
- External I/O on End Panel Connector
- 4-lane Gen2 PCI Express interface

FEATURES

- Supports the latest v2.0 Camera Link interface.
- Comprehensive I/O.
- Camera Link Mini connectors (HDR/SDR).
- Supports PoCL (Power over Camera Link).
- ActiveDMA engine – acquisition with zero CPU usage.
- Standard half-length PCI form-factor.
- Supported by the proven ActiveSDK.
- Supports GenICam for CLProtocol & GenCP cameras.
- Includes GenICam GenTL Producer.



OVERVIEW

FireBird Camera Link 80-bit (Deca) is a member of Active Silicon's state-of-the-art FireBird frame grabber family.

FireBird is designed for ultimate performance using Active Silicon's proprietary DMA Engine technology, "ActiveDMA". This technical innovation applies RISC based processor techniques and guarantees zero CPU intervention, high speed and low latency image data transfers.

FireBird supports the latest version 2.0 Camera Link specification, including both 80-bit modes: 8-bit 10-tap and 10-bit 8-tap modes – often referred to as Camera Link "Deca", at clock rates up to 85 MHz. The 4-lane Gen2 interface used on the **FireBird** is fast enough to cope with the full data rate that the Camera Link Deca interface can support. The **FireBird** also supports capture from two simultaneous Base Camera Link cameras as well as single Base, Medium and Full configurations.

FireBird is supported by Active Silicon's software development kit, ActiveSDK. This is available as a separate item, and allows rapid system development and integration. It provides comprehensive example applications and optimized runtime libraries, and supports a variety of operating systems via a common API, including Windows, Linux and QNX. Drivers for third party applications are also available such as Cognex VisionPro, HALCON, Common Vision Blox, StreamPix, LabVIEW etc. As well as functions that control the hardware, the libraries include general purpose functions for the manipulation and display of images.

FireBird also supports GenICam for Camera Link cameras which support CLProtocol, including those using GenCP. A GenTL Producer is provided as part of the **FireBird** driver installation which allows the frame grabber to be used with GenICam GenTL compliant applications.

SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

<i>Camera Link Interface:</i>	<p>FireBird is fitted with the 26-way Mini Camera Link connectors (SDR/HDR) and screwlocks as specified in the Camera Link v2.0 specification. LEDs by each connector show the link status.</p> <p>The interface supports the following configurations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Base. • Dual Base. • Single Medium. • Single Full. • Single 80-bit (Deca).
<i>Camera Clock:</i>	FireBird supports effective clock rates from DC to the Camera Link maximum of 85MHz, using the Camera Link Strobe (STB) and Data Valid (DVAL) signals.
<i>PoCL:</i>	<p>FireBird supports Power over Camera Link (PoCL) functionality and is able to provide power to PoCL enabled cameras via the Camera Link data cable, therefore removing the need for a separate power supply. In addition to this the FireBird implements <i>SafePower</i>, an intelligent sense mechanism which detects the presence of a PoCL camera before applying power to it. This safety mechanism ensures that power is not applied to conventional non-PoCL cameras.</p> <p>FireBird can supply up to 4W at a nominal 12V to a Base mode PoCL camera, or 8W to Medium/Full/80-bit cameras, as required by the Camera Link specification. Both Camera Link connectors support PoCL, which with <i>SafePower</i> allows the use of any combination of PoCL and conventional cameras.</p>
<i>Buffer Memory:</i>	320 MBytes of DDR3 memory is fitted for buffering between the Camera Link interface and the PCI Express bus.
<i>PCI Express:</i>	4-lane Gen2 interface to support up to 20 Gbps transfer from FireBird to the PC.
<i>I/O:</i>	<p>The following I/O lines are provided for triggers, optical shaft encoders, exposure control and general I/O:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 opto-isolated inputs. • 4 opto-isolated outputs. • 4 TTL inputs, 5V tolerant. • 4 TTL I/O, 5V logic. • 4 RS-422 inputs. • 4 RS-422 outputs. <p>All these I/O signals are provided on a 50-way header on the FireBird board.</p> <p>A 15-way D-Type connector is located on the end panel and allows access to a subset of the above I/O:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 opto-isolated inputs. • 3 TTL I/O, 5V logic. • 2 RS-422 inputs. • 1 RS-422 outputs.
<i>Fan Controller:</i>	The fan speed is linked to the temperature of the FPGA die for optimum cooling and noise level.

CONFORMANCE

<i>PCI Express Interface:</i>	<p>PCI Express Bus four lane Gen2 interface to Specification Revision 3.1, with a max payload size of 512 bytes.</p> <p>FireBird Camera Link 80-bit supports both Short (32-bit) and Long (64-bit) Address packets. It also generates Posted Writes for image data, thus achieving transfer rates in excess of 1.7 GBytes/sec, subject to host performance.</p> <p>The board requires 16 MBytes of address space.</p>		
<i>Camera Link:</i>	FireBird Camera Link 80-bit conforms to v2.0 of the Camera Link specification.		
<i>Approvals:</i>	EU	<p>CE mark for compliance with EMC EN 55022:2010 (class A) and EN 55024:2010 in accordance with EU directive 2014/30/EU.</p> <p>RoHS compliance to RoHS3 directive 2015/863/EU.</p>	
	USA	<p>EMC FCC Class A.</p> <p>The printed circuit board is manufactured by UL recognised manufacturers and has a flammability rating of 94-V0.</p>	

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETAILS

<i>Dimensions:</i>	PCB:	168mm by 111mm.		
	Overall:	175mm by 111mm.		
<i>Weight:</i>	145g			
<i>Power consumption</i>	+3.3V	+12V	Measured during acquisition from a single 80-bit camera running at 85MHz.	
<i>(typical):</i>	200mA	400mA		
<i>Storage Temperature:</i>	-15°C to +85°C.			
<i>Operating Temperature:</i>	0°C to +85°C (ambient environment).			
<i>Relative Humidity:</i>	10% to 90% non-condensing (operating and storage).			

ORDERING INFORMATION

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
AS-FBD-1XCLD-2PE4	FireBird Camera Link 80-bit frame grabber.
AS-ACTIVESDK-xxx	Software Development Kit for xxx operating system. For a full list of all supported operating systems please refer to the ActiveSDK datasheet, or contact your distributor.
AS-CBL-CL-SP-E-xM	Camera Link cable x metres in length, Camera Link Mini (SDR/HDR) to Camera Link Mini (SDR/HDR), suitable for both PoCL and conventional cameras. Standard stock lengths are 1m, 3m, 5m, and 7m. High-flex rating and longer length cables also available as well as cables MDR to Mini Camera Link (SDR/HDR) connectivity – contact your distributor for details.



THE FIREBIRD RANGE

The following products are also available in the range:

- High performance CoaXPress frame grabbers in single, dual and quad configurations.
- Camera Link frame grabbers: Base, Medium, Full, 80-bit (Deca), Dual 80-bit.

Some variants in the range are also available in non-PC form-factors such as PC/104-Express and CompactPCI Serial.



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