# **AVT Cameras**





# **Hardware Installation Guide**

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# **Contacting Allied Vision Technologies**

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# Introduction

This **Hardware Installation Guide** describes the hardware installation procedures for all 1394 AVT cameras (Dolphin, Oscar, Marlin, Guppy, Pike, Stingray).

The **Hardware Installation Guide** answers questions about putting AVT cameras into operation, about safety warnings, pin assignments on I/O connectors and 1394a/b connectors. Learn how to get more information at the AVT website (accessories), how to get information about software applicable with AVT cameras and how to get deep information from the Technical Manual of each camera family.



Please read through this manual carefully before installing the hardware on your PC or laptop (FireWire card, cables) and operating the AVT cameras.

# **Document history**

Version	Date	Remarks
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Table 1: Document history

# **Manual overview**

The manual overview describes each chapter of this manual shortly.

- Chapter Contacting Allied Vision Technologies on page 5 lists AVT contact data for both: technical information / ordering and commercial information.
- Chapter Introduction on page 6 (this chapter) gives you the document history, a manual overview and conventions used in this manual (styles and symbols). Furthermore you learn how to get more information on **AVT accessories**, available **AVT software** and the **AVT Technical Manuals**.
- Chapter Safety instructions on page 11 describes safety instructions for AVT cameras in general and special safety instructions for camera families/models.
  - Read this chapter carefully before operating any AVT camera.



- Follow all safety instructions, especially the cautions when connecting cameras.
- Take special care when operating board level cameras (Caution-ESD, general warnings, loading and dirty environments). Read all notes and safety instructions before operating any AVT board level camera.
- Chapter AVT cameras: installing hardware on page 27 describes the hardware installation procedures. In this chapter you get links to the AVT website (accessories) and you learn how to get more information on installing software.
  - Read this chapter before installing any hardware.
  - Read and follow the FireWire hot plug precautions.
  - Read and follow the caution when connecting a camera to PC or laptop.
- Chapter Camera interfaces on page 32 describes the interfaces of all AVT cameras (I/O connector and IEEE 1394a and 1394b connectors).
  - Read all notes and cautions carefully.
- Chapter Firmware update on page 61 describes how to get information on firmware updates.

# **Conventions used in this manual**

To give this manual an easily understood layout and to emphasize important information, the following typographical styles and symbols are used:

Style	Function	Example
Bold	Programs, inputs or highlighting important things	bold
Courier	Code listings etc.	Input
Upper case	Register	REGISTER
Italics	Modes, fields	Mode
Parentheses and/or blue	Links	(Link)

#### **Styles**

Table 2: Styles



# **Symbols**



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# **More information**

In this chapter you get more information on **AVT accessories**, available **AVT software** and the **AVT Technical Manuals**.

#### **AVT** accessories



Allied Vision Technologies offers a wide range of **accessories** for the use of AVT Cameras and the easy integration in already existing applications.

- **IEEE 1394a** accessories (interface cards, hubs and repeaters, cables)
- **IEEE 1394b** accessories (interface cards, hubs and repeaters, cables)
- Lenses (for cameras with sensors of type 1/3, 1/2, 1, 2/3 and 1.2)



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For more information on accessories go to: www.alliedvisiontec.com/avt-products/accessories.html To order accessories online visit the AVT web shop at: http://shop.avt-cameras.com/avtshop.html

#### **AVT** software



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AVT cameras are **compliant to IIDC V1.30/V1.31**. Moreover AVT cameras offer many more functions than specified in the IIDC V1.30/V1.31: so-called AVT SmartFeatures. These features are accessible via direct register access, or by using special functions provided in the following **AVT Software Packages**:

- AVT FirePackage
- AVT Direct FirePackage (DirectShow, WDM)
- AVT Fire4Linux

All software packages provided by AVT are **free of charge** and contain the following components:

- Drivers
- Software Development Kit (SDK) for camera control and image acquisition
- Examples based on the provided APIs of the SDK
- Documentation and release notes
- Viewer application to operate/configure the cameras and access/test the **AVT SmartFeatures**.

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All software packages (including documentation and release notes) provided by AVT can be downloaded at:

www.alliedvisiontec.com/avt-products/software.html

All software packages are also on AVT's product CD.



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In addition to the AVT Software Packages Allied Vision Technologies offers special **Integration Packages** to integrate AVT cameras into any third-party vision software that supports the IIDC standard.

For more information read the **Software Package Selector Guide**.

Go to:

#### www.alliedvisiontec.com/avt-products/software.html

Here you also find the **AVT Software Packages for download** and **additional software documentation**:

- FirePackage User Guide
- FirePackage64 User Guide
- [tbd: Fire4Linux User Guide]
- [tbd: Command Reference Guide]
- Release Notes
- Operating AVT cameras with SmartView

#### **AVT Technical Manuals**



Besides hardware installation procedures (this guide) and the software documentation there is an in-depth description of all AVT cameras in the so-called **Technical Manuals** (one for each AVT camera family):

- DOLPHIN Technical Manual
- OSCAR Technical Manual
- MARLIN Technical Manual
- GUPPY Technical Manual
- PIKE Technical Manual
- STINGRAY Technical Manual

Here you find: technical data, functional descriptions, features of the camera and how to use, register descriptions (IIDC V1.30/V1.31 and AVT advanced registers)

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For downloading the Technical Manuals go to:



www.alliedvisiontec.com/downloads/avt-cameras.html



# **Safety instructions**

This chapter describes safety instructions/cautions valid for all AVT camera families and special safety instructions/cautions depending on the camera family/model used.

# **General safety instructions**





# **FireWire safety instructions**

### FireWire hot-plug and screw-lock precautions

Caution Hot-plug precautions Although FireWire devices can theoretically be hotplugged without powering down equipment, we strongly recommend turning the computer power off, **before connecting a digital camera** to it via a FireWire cable. Static electricity or slight plug misalignment during • insertion may short-circuit and damage components. The physical ports may be damaged by excessive ESD (electrostatic discharge), when connected under powered conditions. It is good practice to ensure proper grounding of computer case and camera case to the same ground potential, before plugging the camera cable into the port of the computer. This ensures that no excessive difference of electrical potential exists between computer and camera. Screw-lock precautions

- Also, all AVT 1394b camera and cables have industrial screw-lock fasteners, to insure a tight electrical connection that is resistant to vibration and gravity.
- We strongly recommend using only 1394b adapter cards with screw-locks.

# **Changing filters safety instructions**

Caution

- Mount/dismount lenses and filters in a **dust-free envi**ronment, and **do not** use compressed air (which can push dust into cameras and lenses).
- Use only **optical quality tissue**/cloth if you must clean a lens or filter.

Ask your dealer if you are not familiar with these procedures.





## **GUPPY:** changing filters safety instructions

Old CS-/C-Mounting	New CS-/C-Mounting	
	starting with serial no. 06/05-84312215	
<b>CS-Mount models</b> have the filter or protection glass mounted directly in front of the sensor. Taking out the filter or protection glass is not possible at customer site. Ask your dealer for a camera with the respective	<b>All models</b> have the filter or protection glass mounted directly in the CS-Mount adapter. (Stan- dard delivery is a CS-Mount camera). Taking out the filter or protection glass is not possible at cus- tomer site.	
filter already installed.	Ask your dealer for a camera with the respective filter already installed.	
C-Mount models have the filter or protection glass mounted in the CS- to C-Mount extension adapter.	In order to get a C-Mount camera, screw the 5 mm C-Mount adapter onto the CS-Mount camera.	
Ask your dealer for an extension adapter with the intended filter already mounted.	Unscrew the 5 mm C-Mount adapter to get again a CS-Mount camera.	
Removing the <b>C-Mount adapter</b> opens the front section of the camera. This greatly enhances the risk for dust or particles to migrate on the sensor's protection glass.	Removing the <b>CS-Mount adapter</b> opens the front section of the camera. This greatly enhances the risk for dust or particles to migrate on the sensor's protection glass.	
In order to remove the adapter:	In order to remove the adapter:	
Hold the camera so that the adapter points down- wards while changing the adapter. Use optical cleaning tissues for cleaning the sensor's protec- tion glass if needed. <b>Never use compressed air</b> for cleaning purposes.	Hold the camera so that the adapter points down- wards while changing the adapter. Use optical cleaning tissues for cleaning the sensor's protec- tion glass if needed. <b>Never use compressed air</b> for cleaning purposes.	
Ask your dealer if you are not familiar with these procedures.	Ask your dealer if you are not familiar with these procedures.	

Table 3: Old and new CS-/C-Mounting of GUPPY cameras

# **PIKE/OSCAR:** changing filters safety instructions

Pike/Oscar models only: Changing filters is achieved by changing back focus rings with the appropriate filter already mounted. Please be advised that back focus adjustment will be necessary in order to match C-Mount distance of 17.526 mm. Ask your dealer for further information or assistance.



### **MARLIN:** changing filters safety instructions



- For certain applications it may be recommended to take out the filter by means of a special tool which can be ordered from AVT under the following number: E9020001.
- Taking out the filter requires special care. Ask your dealer to help you if you are not confident with the procedure.

# **Cautions: Connecting a camera**

Caution

#### **ALL CAMERAS**

- **Do not touch the shield of the camera cable** connected to a computer and the ground terminal of the lines at the same time.
  - Use only DC power supplies with insulated cases. These are identified by having only **two** power connectors.
  - Although IEEE 1394a and 1394b are functionally plug and play, the physical ports may be damaged by excessive ESD (electrostatic discharge), when connected under powered conditions. It is good practice to ensure proper grounding of computer case and camera case to the same ground potential, before plugging the camera cable into the port of the computer. This ensures that no excessive difference of electrical potential exists between computer and camera.
  - If you feel uncomfortable with the previous advice or if you have no knowledge about the connectivity of an installation, we strongly recommend powering down all systems before connecting or disconnecting a camera.



### **PIKE/STINGRAY GOF connectors**

Caution Special warning for all PIKE/STINGRAY models with GOF connectors:

GOF connectors are very sensitive. Any dust or dirt may cause damage.

- Always keep the GOF connector and optical fiber plug clean.
- If GOF connection is not in use, keep GOF dust cover on • the GOF connector.
- Reduce mating cycles to a minimum to prevent abra-• sion.
- Please note that optical fiber cables have a very limited • deflection curve radius.

### **PIKE/STINGRAY** voltages

The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series. Use at +12 V a 820  $\Omega$  resistor and at +24 V a 2.2 k $\Omega$  resistor.

#### Caution **PIKE/STINGRAY**

Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.



### **GUPPY** voltages

Caution **GUPPY** 



If using voltages higher than + 5 V the input of the camera will be damaged.

To avoid damage of the input, use an external resistor in series (outside of the camera).

Recommendations for resistors by voltages higher than + 5 V:

- Use at +12 V a 18 k $\Omega$  resistor. •
- Use at +24 V a 47 k $\Omega$  resistor.

For details see Figure 1: Input block diagram (GUPPY) on page 16.





Figure 1: Input block diagram (GUPPY)



GUPPY

The Guppy outputs are **not short-circuit-proof**.

If there occurs a short-circuit at the outputs, the **output driver will be damaged**.

### **MARLIN/OSCAR** voltages

The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series. Use @+12 V a 820  $\Omega$  and @+24 V a 2.2 k $\Omega$  resistor.

Caution Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.



### **DOLPHIN voltages**

The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series. Use @+12 V a 470  $\Omega$  and @+24 V a 1.2 k $\Omega$  resistor.



Caution Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.



# Safety instructions for board level cameras



Read the Guppy Technical Manual and this safety instructions before use.

Abuse or misapplication of the camera may result in limited warranty or cancelation of warranty.

#### Caution-ESD Board level cameras: ESD warnings



- Only **qualified personnel** is allowed to install and operate the Board level cameras.
- Board level camerass are delivered without housing. Handle the sensor board and main board with care. Do not bend the boards. Do not touch the components or contacts on a board. Hold a board by its edges.
- Sensor board and main board are sensitive to electrostatic discharge. To avoid possible damage, handle all static-sensitive boards and components in a static-safe work area. Follow the procedures below.
- ESD (electrostatic discharge): Static electricity can damage the sensor board or the main board of your Board level cameras. To prevent static damage, discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your Board level cameras's electronic components, such as sensor board or main board. To do so, use a static-safe work area with static-dissipative mat and wear a static-dissipative wrist strap. Do not hold any components of your Board level cameras against your clothing. Even if you are wearing a wrist strap, your body is grounded but your clothes are not.
- Do not remove the sensor board and main board from its anti-static packaging unless your body is grounded.
- **ESD shielding**: To protect the boards from radiation of other modules or devices use a special ESD protective housing.



Caution	Board level cameras: General Warnings
	<ul> <li>Be sure that all power to your board level cameras is switched off, before mounting the sensor board or making connections to the camera.</li> <li>Do not connect or disconnect any cables during an electrical storm.</li> <li>Do not use your board level cameras during an electrical storm.</li> <li>To help avoid possible damage to the sensor board or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>main board, wait 5 seconds after power is switched off, before connecting or disconnecting any cable to the board level cameras.</li> <li>Ensure that nothing rests on the cables of your board</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>level cameras.</li> <li>Keep your board level cameras away from radiators and heat sources.</li> <li>Do not spill food or liquids on your board level cameras.</li> </ul>
Caution	Board level cameras: Loading
	<ul> <li>Avoid any mechanical forces to the board level cameras, the boards and its components, especially torsional, tensile and compressive forces. Any of these forces may result in damage of the board level cameras, the boards and its components.</li> <li>To avoid damages of the boards, provide cables with an external pull relief so that no force is applied to the connectors itself.</li> </ul>
Caution	Board level cameras: Dirty environments
N	<ul> <li>Always use clean boards.</li> <li>To protect the boards from dirt like dust, liquids or swarf always use the board level cameras only in clean room environment or use a protective housing.</li> </ul>



# **AVT** camera cleaning instructions

This section describes safety instructions/cautions valid for all AVT camera families in case of cleaning lenses, optical filters/protection glass or sensors.



- Please read these instructions before you contact your AVT camera dealer for assistance.
- Ask your AVT camera dealer if you are not familiar with the procedures described below.

# Warranty



• If you are uncomfortable with the outlined precautions, please return your camera to AVT for cleaning.



Caution-ESD ES

ESD warnings

Image sensors are easily damaged by static discharge (ESD).



- Please use anti-static gloves, clothes and materials. Also use conductive shoes.
- Install a conductive mat on the floor and/or working table to prevent the generation of static electricity.

# Avoiding the necessity of camera cleaning

When changing camera lenses please follow these procedures:

• Simply hold the camera with the C-mount opening towards the floor, when removing the dust-cap or changing the lens:



Figure 2: Hold camera like this while changing the lens/removing the dust cap of a camera

- Thread the lens onto the camera while holding the camera in this position. This will minimize the possibility of any contaminants falling on the glass surface.
- Always store cameras and lenses with dust-caps installed.



# Is it an impurity? - Identifying impurities

If you observe any image artefacts in your video preview of your AVT camera you may have impurities either on the lens, filter/protection glass or, theoretically on the sensor protection glass, although every AVT camera gets cleaned prior to sealing and shipment.

Impurities (dust, particles or fluids) on the sensor or optical components (Figure 3: Image with tiny dust on the filter (left) and dust on the sensor (right) on page 22) will appear as a dark area, patch or spot on the image and will remain fixed in the preview window while you rotate the camera over the target.

Do not confuse this with a pixel defect which will appear as a distinct point. It is crucial to differentiate between dust (e.g. flakes of skin, particles) and other dirt (e.g. liquids, fingerprints, grease). Particles can either rest loosely or can be more or less stuck to the optical surface.



Figure 3: Image with tiny dust on the filter (left) and dust on the sensor (right)

# Where is the impurity? - Locating impurities

Before you dismount the lens you should find out if the impurity is on the filter, lens or sensor. Therefore you should view a uniform image (e.g. a white sheet of paper) with the camera. The affected optical surface is identified when a suspected optical component is moved and the dirt follows this movement.

- 1. If you move only the lens (not the camera) and the impurity moves as well, the impurity is on the lens.
- 2. If you move the IR cut filter/protection glass window and the impurity moves as well:

Please carefully remove the filter/protection glass (for certain camera models, indicated below, requiring a special tool which can be ordered



under the following number: E9020001) and clean it on both sides using the techniques explained below.

Camera type	Tool to be used	Description
Dolphin	AVT order number E9020001	Figure 4: Removing IR cut filter/protection glass using special tool (E902001) on page 24
Oscar	1.3 mm hex key (Allen key) AVT order number K 9020411	Loosen both countersunk screws. Remove chro- matic flange: Take care, C-Mount adjustment spacers may fall out. Put them back carefully on chromatic flange and screw chromatic flange with adjustment spacers in camera.
Marlin	AVT order number E9020001	Figure 4: Removing IR cut filter/protection glass using special tool (E902001) on page 24
Guppy	Pliers and leather	Carefully unscrew the knurled ring.
Pike	1.3 mm hex key (Allen key) AVT order number K 9020411	Loosen both countersunk screws. Remove chro- matic flange: Take care, C-Mount adjustment spacers may fall out. Put them back carefully on chromatic flange and screw chromatic flange with adjustment spacers in camera.
Stingray	<ul> <li>Stingray cameras Rev. 1: see Guppy</li> <li>Stingray cameras Rev. 2: AVT order number E9020001</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stingray cameras Rev. 1: see Guppy</li> <li>Stingray cameras Rev. 2: Figure 4: Removing IR cut filter/protection glass using special tool (E902001) on page 24</li> <li>         Image: Stingray Rev. 1         Stingray Rev. 1         Stingray Rev. 2     </li> </ul>

Table 4: How to remove the filter/protection glass

Not all camera types have the design to remove the filter/protection glass. See Chapter Changing filters safety instructions on page 12.

Note

- Taking out the filter requires special care.
- Ask your dealer to help you if you are not confident with the procedure.







Figure 4: Removing IR cut filter/protection glass using special tool (E902001)

3. If the impurity is neither on the lens nor the IR cut filter/protection glass, it is probably on the sensor.

# **Cleaning Instructions**

Perform all cleaning operations (lenses, filter/protection glass, sensor in a **dust-free clean-room**. The optical components are very fragile so it is important to avoid touching them with your fingers or any hard material.

- 1. Unplug the camera from any power supply before cleaning.
- 2. Apply a small amount of optics cleaner (60% ethyl alcohol, 40% ether) to clean, new lens cleaning tissue.

Acceptable material includes medical-grade sterile optical cotton, or lens tissue that is chemically pure and free from silicones and other additives.

- Do not use cosmetic cotton.
- Do not use consumer eyeglass cleaning cloths pre-treated with silicon.



Figure 5: Medical-grade sterile optical cotton



The cotton or lens tissue should be moist, but not dripping. Please hold the camera away from your body to avoid falling particles like flakes from skin on the sensor. Hold the camera sensor diagonally upwards.

3. Wipe the glass surface with a spiral motion from the centre to the rim. Normally several spiral wipes are recommended. Wipe only on glass avoiding contact to metal surfaces, because microscopic dirt could be released and could cause scratches on the glass.



Figure 6: Sensor cleaning

- 4. When you've finished cleaning, examine the surface in a strong light. Take an out-of-focus picture of a flat, illuminated surface to see if any dirt or dust remains.
- 5. If dust spots remain, repeat this procedure using new clean lens tissue (as described above).

#### Caution

 Never wipe lenses with dry swabs or tissue - this causes scratches.



Do not use any disposable cotton cosmetic swabs; they are not free from contamination.



Figure 7: Don't use compressed air



6. If despite warnings you want to clean your camera with compressed air:

**Caution** • Use an air blower/compressed air only if you are familiar with cleaning a camera with this instrument.

- Compressed air may push dust into cameras and lenses. Therefore keep the pressure at a moderate strength only:
  - The pressure at the tube should be less than 1 bar
  - operating distance: 5-30 cm
- Please gently blow the impurities off with dust-filtered, oil-free air (< 1 bar). Using ionized air will help to remove any dirt stuck to the optical component because of static electricity.

Note

If dust spots remain after cleaning twice, please contact your AVT dealer.





# **AVT** cameras: installing hardware

This chapter describes the **hardware installation** of 1394a/b AVT cameras, 1394 adapters (PC or laptop) and the necessary cabling.



For **software/driver installation** read the documentation of the AVT SoftwarePackages.

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If you connect an AVT camera to your PC/laptop (before software/driver installation), the following window will appear:



Figure 8: Window: Found New Hardware Wizard

You have two choices:

- If you want to use an **AVT SoftwarePackage**, click **Cancel** to close the window. The necessary AVT driver will be installed during AVT SoftwarePackage installation process.
- If you want to use your **own image processing software**, ask your image processing vendor what to do now.



# **Hardware conditions**

- AVT IEEE 1394a or 1394b camera (1394a: Dolphin, Oscar, Marlin, Guppy; 1394b: Pike, Stingray) with corresponding lens
- 1394 cable (4.5 m)
- PC or laptop with built-in IEEE 1394 interface
- IEEE 1394 adapter (OHCI) card for PCI bus or PCI Express bus or PC card or ExpressCard with IEEE 1394 port(s)



AVT offers a wide range of IEEE 1394 adapters, both 1394a or 1394b for different requirements.



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For more information on accessories go to: www.alliedvisiontec.com/avt-products/accessories.html To order accessories online visit the AVT web shop at: http://shop.avt-cameras.com/avtshop.html



# FireWire hot-plug and screw-lock precautions

Caution	Hot-plug precautions
N	<ul> <li>Although FireWire devices can theoretically be hot- plugged without powering down equipment, we strongly recommend turning the computer power off, before connecting a digital camera to it via a FireWire cable.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Static electricity or slight plug misalignment during insertion may short-circuit and damage components.</li> </ul>
	• The physical ports <b>may be damaged</b> by <b>excessive ESD</b> (electrostatic discharge), when connected under powered conditions. It is good practice to ensure proper grounding of computer case and camera case to the same ground potential, before plugging the camera cable into the port of the computer. This ensures that no excessive difference of electrical potential exists between computer and camera.
	Screw-lock precautions
	• Also, all AVT 1394b camera and cables have <b>industrial</b>

- screw-lock fasteners, to insure a tight electrical connection that is resistant to vibration and gravity.
- We strongly recommend using only 1394b adapter cards with screw-locks.

FireWire cable	Description	Ordering number
FireWire cable -2x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (2x Interlock) 4.5 m with Ferrites, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200064
FireWire cable -2x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (2x Interlock) 10 m with Ferrites, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200163
FireWire cable -2x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (2x Interlock) 12.5 m with Ferrites, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200165
FireWire cable -2x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (2x Interlock) 17.5 m with Ferrites, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200162
FireWire cable -1x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (1x Interlock) 3.0 m, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200167
FireWire cable -1x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (1x Interlock) 4.5 m, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200091
FireWire cable -1x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (1x Interlock) 6.0 m, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200160

Table	5:	1394	locking	cables
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FireWire cable	Description	Ordering number
FireWire cable -1x Interlock	IEEE 1394a; (1x Interlock) 10 m, for Marlin / Oscar / Guppy	K1200159
Cable 0.5 m 9 pin - 6 pin, industrial	IEEE 1394b/a; 9 pin (screw lock)/6 pin (latch), 0.5 m	K1200198
Cable 4.5 m 9 pin - 6 pin, industrial	IEEE 1394b/a; 9 pin (screw lock)/6 pin (latch), 4.5 m	K1200171
Cable 0.5 m 9-pin - 9-pin, industrial	IEEE 1394b; 2x screw lock, 0.5 m, black, 2x ferrite	K1200201
Cable 5.0 m 9-pin - 9-pin, industrial	IEEE 1394b; 2x screw lock, 5.0 m, black, 2x ferrite	K1200133
Cable 7.5 m 9-pin - 9 pin, industrial	IEEE 1394b; 2x screw lock, 7.5 m, black, 2x ferrite	K1200134

Table 5: 1394 locking cables

# **Overview hardware installation**

- Install IEEE 1394 adapter (if PC or laptop does not have an IEEE 1394 port)
- Install software (FirePackage/Fire4Linux incl. viewer) and start the viewer: see FirePackage/Fire4Linux User Guide
- Connect camera to PC or laptop and ensure that the camera is powered



Read the software manuals (FirePackage/Fire4Linux User Guide) to get information on licensing, acquiring your first image with viewer and troubleshooting.

# Installing IEEE 1394 adapter

- PC: Install the IEEE 1394 adapter according to the instructions you got from your adapter manufacturer.
   Laptop: Insert the IEEE 1394 PC Card into your laptop. Connect external power supply to the adapter to power the camera or power the camera via Hirose connector.
- 2. Windows 2000/XP/VISTA will detect the hardware automatically and installs a Windows 1394 driver.

Windows NT4 requires that you install the driver manually via a service install tool.



# **Connecting camera to PC or laptop**

1. Shut down your PC or laptop and turn computer power off.





# **Camera interfaces**

Each AVT camera has the following interfaces:

- The 12-pin camera I/O connector (Guppy: 8-pin) provides different control inputs and output lines.
- One or two IEEE 1394a or 1394b connectors with screw lock mechanism provide access to the IEEE 1394 bus and thus makes it possible to control the camera and output frames.
  - DOLPHIN, OSCAR, MARLIN AND GUPPY provide one 1394a connector
  - PIKE and STINGRAY provide 2x 1394b connectors.



Figure 9: Example: Rear view of STINGRAY camera (2x 1394b copper)



DOLPHIN	OSCAR	MARLIN
HIROSE and 1x 1394a	HIROSE and 1x 1394a	HIROSE and 1x 1394a
GUPPY	PIKE	STINGRAY
HIROSE and 1x 1394a	HIROSE and 2x 1394b	HIROSE and 2x 1394b

Table 6: Rear view of AVT cameras (HIROSE and 1394 copper)



PIKE fiber	STINGRAY fiber	
	[tbd]	
HIROSE and 1x 1394b GOF, 1x 1394b copper		

Table 7: Rear view of AVT cameras (HIROSE and 1394b GOF/copper)

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# IEEE 1394a port pin assignment (DOLPHIN, OSCAR, MARLIN, GUPPY)

The IEEE 1394a plug is designed for industrial use and has the following pin assignment as per specification:



Pin	Signal
1	Cable power
2	Cable GND
3	TPB-
4	ТРВ+
5	TPA-
6	TPA+

Figure 10: IEEE 1394a connector



Cables with latching connectors on one or both sides can be used and are available with various lengths of 4.5 m or up to 17.5 m. Ask your local dealer for more details.



# **Board level camera: IEEE 1394a port pin assignment**

Board level Guppies have two 1394a ports to allow daisy chaining of cameras. The second IEEE 1394a pin header (2.54 mm connector) is designed for adding a 1394a adapter cable of e.g the following supplier:

http://www.frontx.com/

IEEE 1394 6 PIN - PANEL F TO 2X5 F (AVT#: K1200155)

It has the following pin assignment:



Figure 11: Board level camera: IEEE 1394 FireWire connector 1 (view on pins)

Signal	Pin	Pin	Signal
TPA+	6	1	TPA-
-	7	2	GND
TPB+	8	3	TPB-
-	9	4	Cable power
-	10	5	Cable shield

Table 8: Board level camera: IEEE 1394a pin assignment (FireWire connector 1)



# **IEEE 1394b port pin assignment** (**PIKE, STINGRAY**)

The IEEE 1394b connector is designed for industrial use and has the following pin assignment as per specification:



Pin	Signal
1	TPB-
2	ТРВ+
3	TPA-
4	TPA+
5	TPA (Reference ground)
6	VG (GND)
7	N.C.
8	VP (Power, VCC)
9	TPB (Reference ground)

Figure 12: IEEE 1394b connector



- Both IEEE 1394b connectors with screw lock mechanism provide access to the IEEE 1394 bus and thus makes it possible to control the camera and output frames. Connect the camera by using either of the connectors. The other connector can be used to daisy chain a second camera.
- Cables with latching connectors on one or both sides can be used and are available with lengths of 5 m or 7.5 m. Ask your local dealer for more details.



# **PIKE/STINGRAY** fiber infos and cautions

All PIKE and STINGRAY cameras are also available as **fiber version** with **1 x GOF connector and 1x copper connector**.

The GOF connector is of the following type: 2 x optical fiber on LCLC

The GOF transmission uses MMF (multi-mode fiber at 850 nm).

Connect the camera by using either of the connectors. The other connector can be used to daisy chain a second camera. In case of long distances between PC and camera, use the GOF connector for the long distance and the IEEE 1394b connector for optional daisy-chaining. Please ensure that you use a GOF hub on the PC side for reconversion from GOF to copper (order number E3000074 (with mounting plate) or E3000084 (with top-hat rail)). Alternatively use PCI or PCIExpress cards with built in GOF port. Ask your dealer for availability and details of these cards.



Figure 13: GOF hub



Figure 14: PCI Express card (1 x GOF, 2 x 1394 bilingual)





Figure 15: Rear view of PIKE camera (1394b: 1 x GOF, 1 x copper) (STINGRAY similar)



Special warning for all PIKE/STINGRAY models with GOF connectors:

GOF connectors are very sensitive. Any dust or dirt may cause damage.

- Always keep the GOF connector and optical fiber plug clean.
- If GOF connection is not in use, keep GOF dust cover on the GOF connector.
- **Reduce mating cycles to a minimum** to prevent abrasion.
- Please note that optical fiber cables have a very limited deflection curve radius.



# **Camera I/O pin assignment (8 pin) (GUPPY)**

The 8-pin camera  $\rm I/O$  connector (only Guppy cameras) is designed for industrial use.

It provides:

- access to the inputs and outputs on the camera
- a serial interface

Note



The part number of the appropriate straight I/O connector is:

• HIROSE HR25-7TP-8S, AVT article number K7600503

AVT also supplies various I/O cables of different lengths, a selection is listed below:

I/O cable, open 8-pin HIROSE female to open end, 2.0 m	E1000842
I/O cable, open 8-pin HIROSE female to open end, 5 m	E1000843

The following diagram shows the pinning of the I/O connectors as viewed in pin direction.



Pin	Signal	Direction	Level	Description
1	CameraOut1	Out	TTL	Camera Output 1
2	CameraOut2	Out	TTL	Camera Output 2
3	CameraOut3	Out	TTL	Camera Output 3
4	CameraIn	In	TTL	Camera Input
5	RxD_RS232	In	RS232	Terminal Receive Data
6	TxD_RS232	Out	RS232	Terminal Transmit Data
7	ExtPower		+836V	Power Supply
8	GND		GND	Ground

Figure 16: Camera I/O connector pin assignment (GUPPY)



# Board level camera (Guppy): I/O pin assignment

The following diagram shows the I/O pin header (2.54 mm connector) of a board level camera as viewed in pin direction:



Figure 17: Board level camera: I/O pin assignment (view on pins)

Pin	Signal	Direction	Level	Description	
1	GND		GND	Ground	ver
2	ExtPower		+8 36V	Power Supply	Pov
3	GND		GND	Ground	2
4	TxD_RS232	Out	RS232	Terminal Transmit Data	523
5	RxD_RS232	In	RS232	Terminal Receive Data	R
6	GND		GND	Ground	
7	UserInOut4	In/Out	TTL	User Input/Output 4	0
8	UserInOut3	In/Out	TTL	User Input/Output 3	× 1/
9	UserInOut2	In/Out	TTL	User Input/Output 2	4
10	UserInOut1	In/Out	TTL	User Input/Output 1	

Table 9: Board level camera: Camera I/O pin assignment



The 12-pin camera I/O connector (DOLPHIN, OSCAR, MARLIN, PIKE, STINGRAY) is also designed for industrial use and, in addition to providing access to the inputs and outputs on the camera, it also provides a serial interface for e.g. the firmware update.

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The connector is available in straight and angled version under the following numbers:

Order text	Order number
PC-12P 12-Pin HR10A-10P-12S cable connector female	K7600040
PC-12PW 12-Pin HR10A-10LT-12S angled cable connector female	K7600044

Table 10: Order numbers: I/O connector

Note

AVT supplies suitable I/O cables of different lengths (up to 10 m) as shown below.

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Order text	Length	Order number
Trigger cable 12-pin HIROSE female to BNC	2.0 m	E1000648
Trigger cable 12-pin HIROSE female to BNC	5.0 m	E1000772
Trigger cable 12-pin HIROSE female to open end	2.0 m	E1000728
Trigger cable 12-pin HIROSE female to open end	10.0 m	E1000736
I/O cable 12-pin HIROSE female to open end	2.0 m	K1200191
I/O cable 12-pin HIROSE female to open end	3.0 m	K1200192

Table 11: Order numbers: trigger and I/O cables

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Order text	Length	Order number
I/O cable 12-pin HIROSE female to open end	5.0 m	K1200193
I/O cable	10.0 m	K1200194
12-pin HIROSE female to open end		

Table 11: Order numbers: trigger and I/O cables



The following diagrams show the pinning of the I/O connectors as viewed in pin direction.

# **DOLPHIN** family

Pin	Signal	Use
1	External GND	GND for RS232 and ext. power
2	Power IN	8-36 V DC
3	GPInput 3	TTL
4	GPInput 1 (default trigger)	TTL, Edge, progr.
5	GPOutput3	Open collector
6	GP Output 1 (default IntEna)	Open collector
7	GPInput GND	Common GND for inputs
8	RS232 RxD	
9	RS232 TxD	
10	GPOutput GND	Common VCC for outputs
11	GPInput 2	TTL
12	GPOutput 2	Open collector

Figure 18: Camera I/O connector pin assignment









# **OSCAR and MARLIN family**



Pin	Signal	Use
1	External GND	GND for RS232 and ext. power
2	Power IN (MARLIN: CCD models only)	
3		
4	GPInput 1 (default trigger)	TTL, Edge, progr.
5		
6	GP Output 1 (default IntEna)	Open emitter
7	GPInput GND	Common GND for inputs
8	RS232 RxD	
9	RS232 TxD	
10	OutVCC	Common VCC for outputs
11	GPInput 2	TTL
12	GPOutput 2	Open emitter

Figure 19: Camera I/O connector pin assignment



# **PIKE and STINGRAY family**

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Pin	Signal	Direction	Level	Description
1	External GND		GND for RS232 and ext. power	External Ground for RS232 and external power
2	ExtPower		+8+36 V DC	Power Supply
3	CameraOut4	Out	Open emitter	Camera Output 4 (GPOut4) default: -
4	CameraIn1	In	CMOS / TTL 8-36 V	Camera Input 1 (GPIn1) default: Trigger
5	CameraOut3	Out	Open emitter	Camera Output 3 (GPOut3) default: Busy
6	CameraOut1	Out	Open emitter	Camera Output 1 (GPOut1) default: IntEna
7	CameraIn GND	In	Common GND for inputs	Camera Common Input Ground (In GND)
8	RxD_RS232	In	RS232	Terminal Receive Data
9	TxD_RS232	Out	RS232	Terminal Transmit Data
10	CameraOutPower	In	Common VCC for outputs max. 35 V DC	Camera Output Power for digital outputs (OutVCC)
11	CameraIn2	In	CMOS/TTL 8-36 V	Camera Input 2 (GPIn2) default: -
12	CameraOut2	Out	Open emitter	Camera Output 2 (GPOut2) default: Follow CameraIn2

Figure 20: Camera I/O connector pin assignment

GP = General Purpose Note





Note



Pin 1 is not internally bridged with pin 7 to avoid ground noise being induced in the camera and to prevent ground loops. Use pin 1 only if you want to power the camera by HIROSE or to connect to the serial interface of the camera in combination with pin 8 and 9.



# **Operating the camera (DOLPHIN, OSCAR,** MARLIN, GUPPY, PIKE, STINGRAY)

for the camera is supplied either via the FireWire™ bus or the camera inector's pin <b>2</b> (MARLIN: CCD models only).	
or the camera is supplied either via the FireWire™ bus or the camera inector's pin <b>7</b> .	
The input voltage must be within the following range: Vcc min.: +8 V Vcc max.: +36 V	

- ALL CAMERAS
- An input voltage of 12 V is recommended for most efficient use of the camera.
  - As mentioned above (MARLIN: CCD models only): The camera I/O supplies power to the camera via a diode. This means that there is **no** power out at pin 2 (GUPPY: pin 7) if the camera is powered via the bus. Consult the factory if you need power output at this pin instead of power in.

# **Control and video data signals**

**DOLPHIN** cameras have 3 inputs and 3 outputs

**OSCAR** cameras have 2 inputs and 2 outputs.

MARLIN cameras have 2 inputs and 2 outputs.

GUPPY cameras have 1 input and 3 outputs. GUPPY board level cameras have 4 bidirectional inputs/outputs.

PIKE cameras have 2 inputs and 4 outputs.

**STINGRAY** cameras have 2 inputs and 4 outputs.

ALL CAMERAS

#### Note



Inputs and outputs can be configured by software. (GUPPY board level: only outputs can be disabled via registers). For a description of the different modes and the registers see the **Technical Manuals.** 



Caution GUPPY The GUPPY outputs are not short-circuit-proof.

If there occurs a short-circuit at the outputs, the **output driver will be damage**d.

# Inputs (DOLPHIN, OSCAR, MARLIN, GUPPY, PIKE, STINGRAY)

All inputs have been implemented as shown in the diagrams below.



Figure 21: Input schematics (DOLPHIN)



Figure 22: Input schematics (OSCAR, MARLIN)





Figure 23: Input schematics (**PIKE**)



Figure 24: Input schematics (STINGRAY)

Flux voltage from LED type 1.2 V at 20 mA		
Initial on-current	5 mA	
Max. off-current	1 mA	
Max. input current	50 mA	
Max. input frequency	2 kHz	
Min. pulse width	50 µs	

Table 13: Input characteristics: Flux voltage (DOLPHIN)



Flux voltage from LED type 1.5 V at 10 mA	
Initial on-current	5 mA
Max. off-current	0.25 mA
Max. input current	15 mA
Min. pulse width	2.2 µs
	OSCAR: 100 μs (software)

Table 14: Input characteristics: Flux voltage (OSCAR, MARLIN, PIKE)

Cycle delay of the optical coupler		
tpdLH	2275 ns	
tpdHL	2290 ns	

Table 15: Input characteristics: Cycle delay (**OSCAR**, **MARLIN**, **PIKE**)

	Absolute maximum ratings	Recommended operating conditions	Description
Input voltage	-0.5 V +7.0 V	0 V + 5.5 V	5 V CMOS
Input rise and fall time			Schmitt trigger implemented
Input clamping voltage	24 V		
Input pulse width (min.)		> 1µs	Digital input filter

Table 16: Input characteristics (GUPPY)

Flux voltage from LED type 1.5 V at 10 mA		
Current	8 mA (constant)	
Min. pulse width	1.5 µs	

Table 17: Input characteristics: Flux voltage (**STINGRAY**)

Cycle delay of the optical coupler	
tpdLH	$\leq$ 1 $\mu$ s
tpdHL	$\leq 1 \ \mu s$

Table 18: Input characteristics: Cycle delay (STINGRAY)



**DOLPHIN** The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If higher voltage is used a resistor will have to be switched in series: at +12 V use a 470  $\Omega$  resistor, at +24 V use a 1.2 k $\Omega$  resistor. (**DOLPHIN**)





- Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.
- **OSCAR** The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series: at +12 V use a 820  $\Omega$  resistor, at +24 V use a 2.2 k $\Omega$  resistor. **(OSCAR**)

Caution OSCAR



Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.

**MARLIN** The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series: at +12 V use a 820  $\Omega$  resistor and at +24 V use a 2.2 k $\Omega$  resistor. (MARLIN)

Caution MARLIN



Voltages above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.

**GUPPY** The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V.

#### Caution GUPPY



If using voltages higher than + 5 V the input of the camera will be damaged.

To avoid damage of the input, use an external resistor in series (outside of the camera).

Recommendations for resistors by voltages higher than + 5 V:

- At +12 V use a 18 k $\Omega$  resistor.
- At +24 V use a 47 k $\Omega$  resistor.

For details seeFigure 25: Input block diagram (GUPPY) on page 51.





Figure 25: Input block diagram (GUPPY)

**PIKE** The inputs can be connected directly to +5 V. If a higher voltage is used, an external resistor must be placed in series. Use at +12 V a 820  $\Omega$  resistor and at +24 V a 2.2 k $\Omega$  resistor.



**STINGRAY** The inputs can be connected directly to +3 V ... + 30 V. (**STINGRAY**)



ALL CAMERAS The following note is valid for all cameras:







Figure 26: Input Ground (InGND) (Pin no. 7 from camera I/O connector) (PIKE)



Figure 27: Input Ground (InGND) (Pin no. 7 from camera I/O connector) (STINGRAY)

#### Triggers

**ALL CAMERAS** The following note is valid for all cameras:

#### Note ALL CAMERAS



For information on inputs configured as **triggers** see the **Technical Manuals**.



### **Outputs DOLPHIN**

The DOLPHIN cameras have 3 inverted outputs with open collectors. These are shown with external wiring in the following diagram:



Figure 28: Output schematics with external resistor R (DOLPHIN)

Parameter	Test condition	Value
Collector voltage		Max. 500 mA
Emitter collector voltage		Max. 45 V

Figure 29: Output parameters (**DOLPHIN**)

OutVCC	<b>Resistor value</b>
5 V	470 Ω
12 V	1 kΩ
24 V	2.2 kΩ

Figure 30: OutVCC (DOLPHIN)



Note	DOLPHIN
<b>()</b>	<ul> <li>Voltage above +45 V may damage the circuit.</li> <li>Depending on the voltage applied at OutVCC and the type of input which you want to drive, it may be necessary to switch an external resistor in series. See Figure 28: Output schematics with external resistor R (DOLPHIN) on page 53.</li> </ul>
Note	For information on <b>output features</b> (IntEna, Fval, Busy) and configuration via registers see <b>Technical Manuals</b> .



### **Outputs OSCAR/MARLIN**

The OSCAR and MARLIN cameras have 2 non-inverting outputs with open emitters. These are shown in the following diagram:



Figure 31: Output schematics with external resistor R (OSCAR/MARLIN)

Parameter	Test condition	Value
Emitter current		Max. 500 mA
Emitter collector voltage		Max. 45 V

Figure 32: Output parameters (OSCAR/MARLIN)

OutVCC	Resistor value
5 V	1 kΩ
12 V	2.4 kΩ

Figure 33: OutVCC (OSCAR/MARLIN)





### **Outputs GUPPY**

The standard Guppy cameras have 3 inverting outputs.

Outputs	Operating conditions
Output voltage	0 5.5 V
Output current	Max. $\pm$ 20 mA

Table 19: Output parameters (GUPPY)

Note



For information on **output features** (IntEna, Fval, Busy) and configuration via registers see **Technical Manuals**.

Guppy **board level** cameras have physically 4 I/Os and logically **4 inputs and 4 outputs**. For information on I/Os and PWM of board level cameras see **Technical Manuals**.



# **Outputs PIKE**

The PIKE cameras have 4 non-inverting outputs with open emitters. These are shown in the following diagram:

PIKE



Figure 34: Output schematics with external resistors R (pin no. from camera I/O connector) (PIKE)

Parameter	Test condition	Value
Collector emitter voltage		Max. 35 V
Emitter collector voltage		Max.7V
Emitter current		Max. 50 mA
Collector current		Max. 80 mA
Collector peak current	t <sub>p</sub> /T=0.5	100 mA
	$t_p \le 10  ms$	
Power dissipation		150 mW

Figure 35: Output parameters (PIKE)

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OutVCC	<b>Resistor value</b>
5 V	1 kΩ
12 V	2.4 kΩ
24 V	4.7 kΩ

Figure 36: OutVCC (PIKE)

#### Note PIKE



# • Voltage above +45 V may damage the optical coupler.

- The output connection is different to the AVT Dolphin series to achieve higher output swing.
- Depending on the voltage applied at OutVCC and the type of input which you want to drive, it may be necessary to switch an external resistor in series between GPOut1...4 and ground. See Figure 34: Output schematics with external resistors R (pin no. from camera I/O connector) (PIKE) on page 57.
- Typical delay is not more than 40 µs.



Figure 37: Output schematics: switching times (PIKE)



For information on **output features** (IntEna, Fval, Busy) and configuration via registers see **Technical Manuals**.



### **Outputs STINGRAY**

The STINGRAY cameras have 4 non-inverting outputs with open emitters. These are shown in the following diagram:



Figure 38: Output schematics with external resistors R (pin no. from camera I/O connector) (STINGRAY)

Parameter	Test condition	Value
Collector emitter voltage		Max. 30 V
Emitter collector voltage		Max.5V
Collector current		Max. 50 mA
Collector power dissipation		100 mW

Figure 39: Output parameters (**STINGRAY**)



OutVCC	<b>Resistor value</b>	
5 V	1 kΩ	
12 V	2.4 kΩ	$\approx$ 5 mA load
24 V	4.7 kΩ	]

Figure 40: OutVCC (STINGRAY)

Note

#### STINGRAY

- Voltage above +30 V may damage the optical coupler.
- The output connection is different to the AVT Marlin series to achieve higher output swing.
- Depending on the voltage applied at OutVCC and the type of input which you want to drive, it may be necessary to switch an external resistor in series between GPOut1...4 and ground. See Figure 38: Output schematics with external resistors R (pin no. from camera I/O connector) (STINGRAY) on page 59.
- Typical delay is not more than 40 µs.



Figure 41: Output schematics: switching times (STINGRAY)



For information on **output features** (IntEna, Fval, Busy) and configuration via registers see **Technical Manuals**.



# **Firmware update**

Firmware updates can be carried out without opening the camera.

Note

For further information:



- Read the application note: How to update Guppy/ Pike/Stingray firmware at AVT website or
- Contact your local dealer.



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