



# Ladybug6 Technical Reference

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# About This Manual

This manual provides the user with a detailed specification of the Ladybug6 camera system. The user should be aware that the camera system is complex and dynamic – if any errors or omissions are found during experimentation, please contact us. This document is subject to change without notice.

**Note:** All model-specific information presented in this manual reflects functionality available in the model's firmware version. For more information see [Camera Firmware](#).

## Where to Find Information

Chapter	What You Will Find
<a href="#">Ladybug6 Specifications</a>	General camera specifications and specific model specifications, and camera properties.
<a href="#">Ladybug6 Installation</a>	Instructions for installing the Ladybug6, as well as introduction to Ladybug6 configuration.
<a href="#">Tools to Control the Ladybug6</a>	Information on the tools available for controlling the Ladybug6.
<a href="#">Ladybug6 Physical Interface</a>	Information on the mechanical properties of the Ladybug6.
<a href="#">General Ladybug6 Operation</a>	Information on powering the Ladybug6, monitoring status, user configuration sets, memory controls, and firmware.
<a href="#">Input/Output Control</a>	Information on input/output modes and controls.
<a href="#">Image Acquisition</a>	Information on asynchronous triggering and supported trigger modes.
<a href="#">Ladybug6 Attributes</a>	Information on supported imaging parameters and their controls.
<a href="#">Post Processing Control</a>	Information on image processing on the PC after capture.
<a href="#">Troubleshooting</a>	Information on how to get support, diagnostics for the Ladybug6, and common sensor artifacts.
Appendix: <a href="#">Ladybug API Examples</a>	Sample programs provided with the Ladybug SDK.
Appendix: <a href="#">Stream File Format</a>	Detailed information on stream files.
Appendix: <a href="#">Control and Status Registers</a>	Information on control and status registers.

# Document Conventions

This manual uses the following to provide you with additional information:

**Note:** A note that contains information that is distinct from the main body of text. For example, drawing attention to a difference between models; or a reminder of a limitation.

**Warning!** A note that contains a warning to proceed with caution and care, or to indicate that the information is meant for an advanced user. For example, indicating that an action may void the camera's warranty or cause damage to the camera or other equipment.

Code is presented in a grey box with Courier font.

If further information can be found in our Knowledge Base, a list of articles is provided.

## Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title	Article
Title of the Article	Link to the article on the website

If there are further resources available, a link is provided either to an external website, or to the SDK.

## Related Resources

Title	Link
Title of the resource	Link to the resource

# Revision History

Revision	Date	Notes
Preliminary	September 14, 2022	Preliminary draft for Beta customers
1.0	January 19, 2023	Initial release

Revision	Date	Notes
1.1	February 2, 2023	Updated protection rating to IP67 Minor document edits
1.2	September 18, 2023	Clarified supported trigger modes Updated mounting information Minor document edits
1.3	November 16, 2023	Minor document edits
1.4	April 1, 2024	Updated GPIO connector part number
1.5	May 8, 2024	Added recommended torque for M4 fasteners on the stand plate/post.

## Contacting Us

For any questions, concerns or comments please contact us:

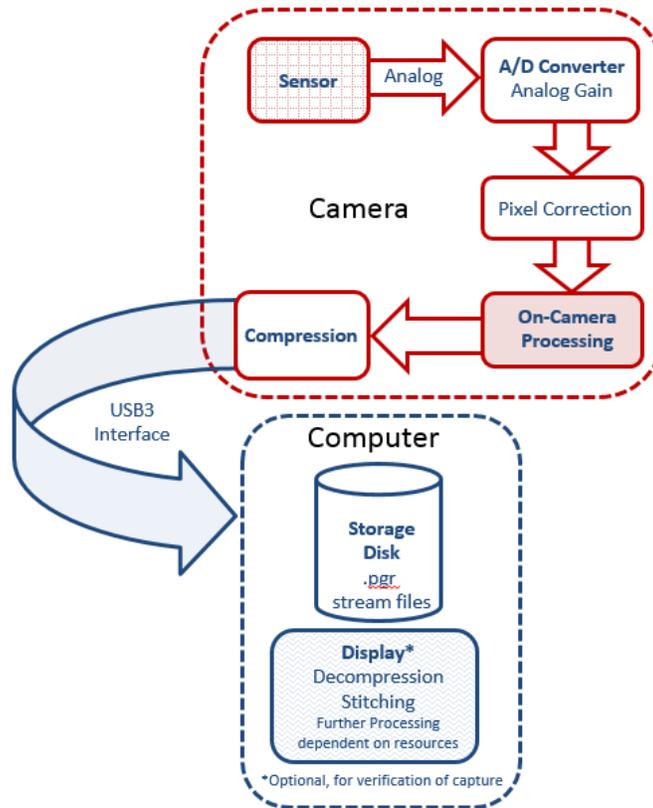
<b>Sales Information</b>	<a href="#">General questions</a>
<b>Support Ticket</b>	<a href="#">Technical support</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="#">Ladybug6 Support page</a> for articles, firmware, CAD models, video resources

# 1 Ladybug6 Specifications

## 1.1 Image Processing Pipeline

### 1.1.1 Capture Workflow

The diagram below depicts the flow of data on the Ladybug during image capture. The table that follows describes the steps in more detail.



Ladybug capture workflow

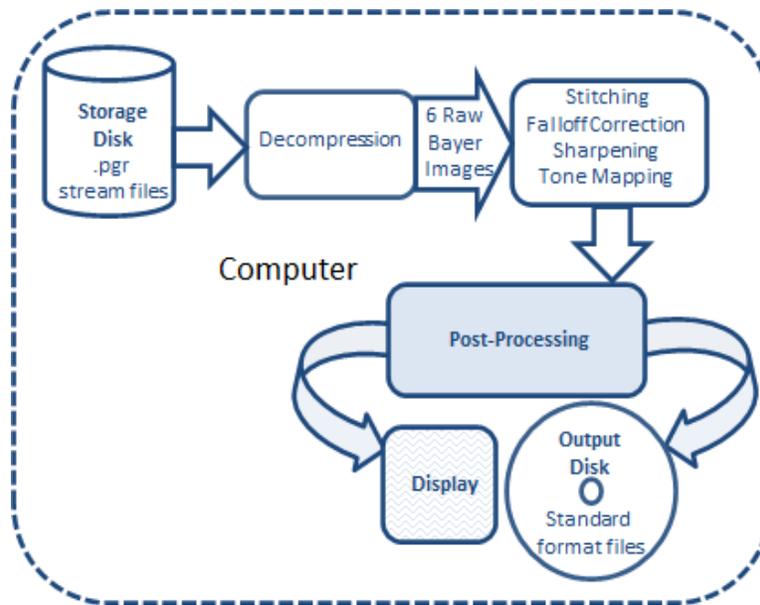
Image Flow Step	Description
<b>Sensor</b>	Each of the six sensors produces voltage signals in each pixel from the optical input.
<b>Analog to Digital (A/D) Converter</b>	Each sensor’s A/D Converter transforms pixel voltage into a 12-bit value, adjusting for gain in the process.
<b>Pixel Correction</b>	The camera firmware corrects any blemish pixels identified during manufacturing quality assurance by applying the average value of neighboring pixels.

Image Flow Step	Description
<b>On Camera Processing</b>	The amount of on camera processing performed is dependent on which data format is selected.  For some formats, gain, black level, white balance, and gamma are applied.  For other formats, exposure time and gain are optimized for highest bit depth. Gamma, white balance and other correction is performed during post capture. This ensures maximum dynamic range and flexibility since post capture can be reapplied indefinitely.
<b>JPEG Compression</b>	Image data accumulates in an on-camera frame buffer to perform JPEG compression. Following compression, image data is output via the USB3 interface.
<b>Storage Disk</b>	The image data is stored on the PC as stream files (.pgr format).
<b>Display</b>	For the purpose of display, minor processing such as decompression and stitching is performed to allow for verification of the capture. Further processing may be performed depending on the available resources of the PC.

## 1.1.2 Post Processing Workflow

After capturing images, you can use the Ladybug API to perform the remaining tasks on the PC.

The diagram below depicts the flow of data on the Ladybug during post processing. The table that follows describes the steps in more detail.



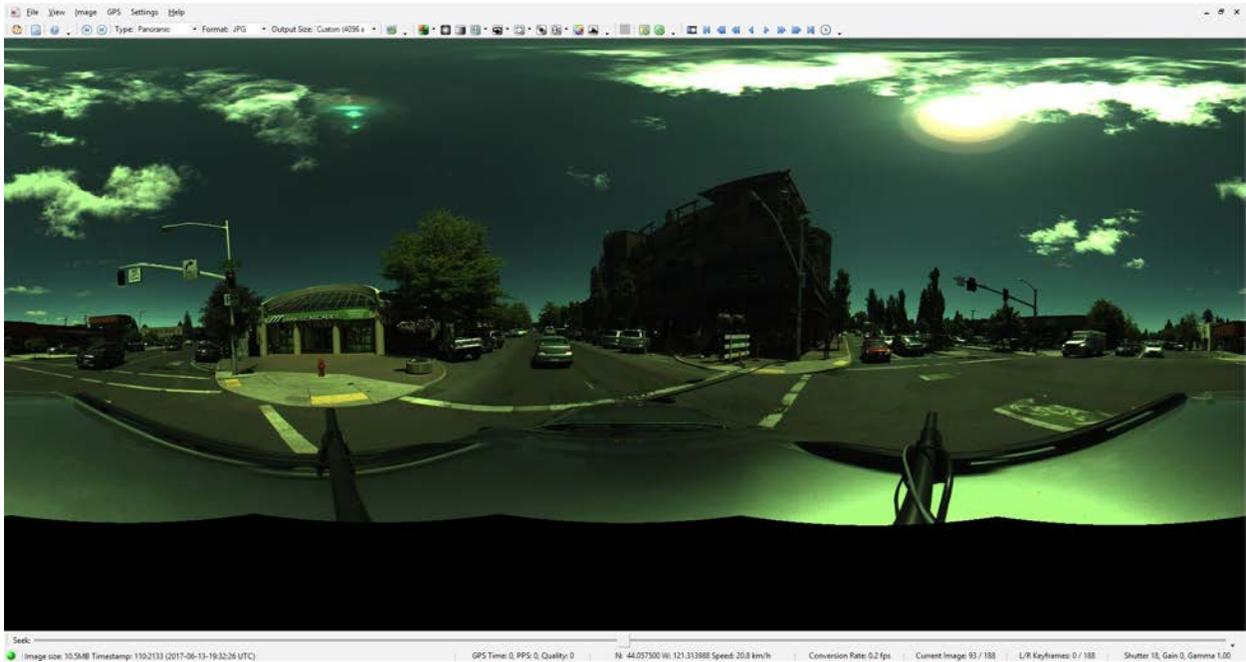
**Ladybug post processing workflow**

Image Flow Step	Description
<b>Storage Disk</b>	Image data from the capture workflow is stored on PC as stream files (.pgr).
<b>Decompression</b>	Images are decoded back into raw image format for further processing.

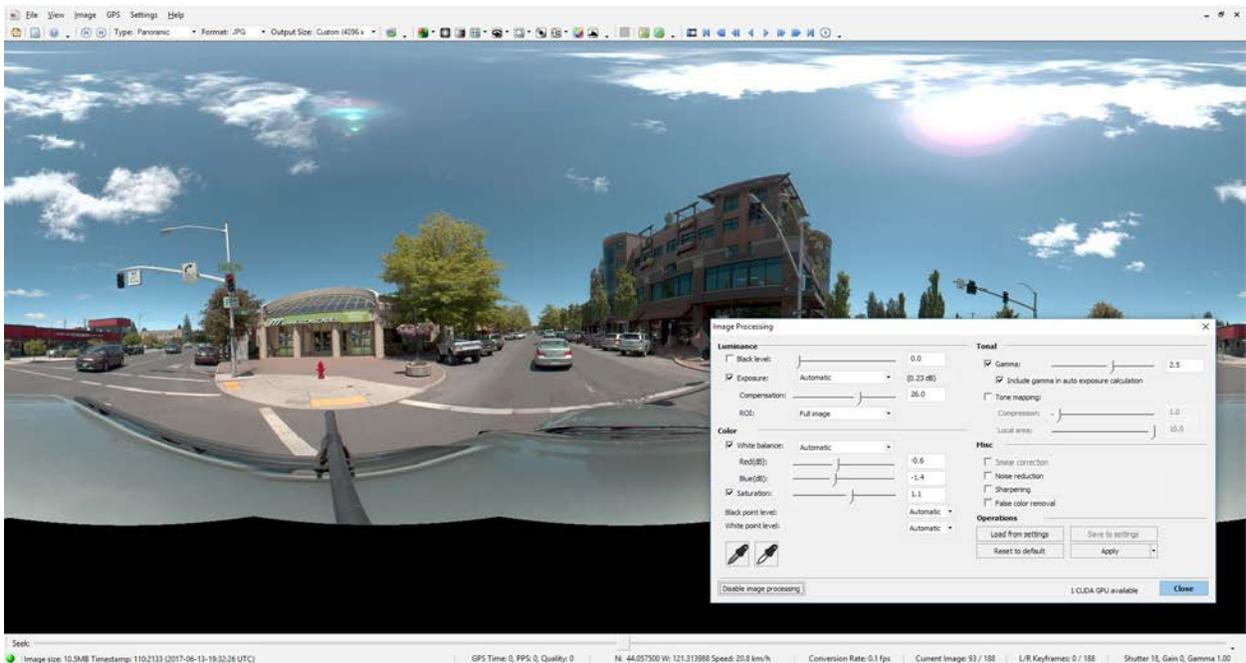
Image Flow Step	Description
<b>Stitching</b>	By default, the stitching process assumes that all points in the field of view are 20 meters from the camera. This measure produces optimal results for most types of outdoor use.
<b>Falloff Correction</b>	Falloff Correction adjusts the intensity of light in images to compensate for a vignetting effect.
<b>Sharpening</b>	Image textures are sharpened. This effect may be most noticeable along texture edges.
<b>Tone Mapping</b>	The dynamic range of images is converted from high (HDR) to low (LDR) to resemble more closely the dynamic range of the human eye
<b>Post Processing</b>	<p>The amount of post processing performed is dependent on which data format is selected.</p> <p>For some formats, only the above processing is performed (stitching, falloff correction, sharpening, and tone mapping).</p> <p>For other formats, in addition to the above, color processing, gain, black level, white balance, gamma, and EV compensation are available.</p>
<b>Display</b>	You can change the way images are rendered for display.
<b>Output</b>	Final image files can be output in standard formats.

### Unprocessed versus Processed Images

<b>Color Processing</b>	The raw Bayer-tiled images are interpolated to create full RGB images. For more information, see <a href="#">Color Processing</a> . Following color processing, images are loaded onto the graphics card of the PC for rectification, projection and blending.
<b>Rectification</b>	Rectification corrects the barrel distortion caused by the Ladybug lenses.
<b>Projection</b>	Image textures are mapped to a single 2- or 3-dimensional coordinate system, depending on the projection that is specified.
<b>Blending</b>	Pixel values in each image that overlap with the fields of adjacent images are adjusted to minimize the effect of pronounced borders. The result is a single, stitched image.
<b>White Balance</b>	Color intensities can be adjusted manually to achieve more correct balance. White Balance is ON by default. If not ON, no white balance correction occurs.
<b>Gamma</b>	Gamma can be manually adjusted. By default gamma adjustment is OFF, and no correction occurs.



12-bit unprocessed image



12-bit image corrected during post processing

For details see [Adjusting Unprocessed Images](#).

## 1.2 Ladybug6 Specifications

SPECS	LD6-U3-122S7C
Full Resolution	12,288 x 6,144 (72 MP)
Frame Rate	15 FPS JPEG at 72 MP resolution / 29.9 FPS JPEG at 36 MP resolution
Frame Rate in Standard External Trigger Mode 0	13.9 FPS at 72 MP resolution / 25 FPS at 36 MP resolution
Frame Rate in Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger Mode 14	14.9 FPS at 72 MP resolution / 28.7 FPS at 36 MP resolution
Interface	M12 X-coded 8-pin USB 3.2 Gen 1 for camera control and video data
General Purpose I/O Ports	12-pin GPIO connector for external trigger input, strobe output, power, and PPS
Dimensions/Mass	198 mm (height) x 269 mm (diameter) / 5.2 kg
Optics	Six high quality 6.94 mm focal length lenses
Case	Machined aluminum housing, anodized red or black
Protection	IP67
Mounting	Five M4-0.7 x 8 mm mounting holes to attach to tripod adapter or custom mount.
Desiccant	Desiccant plug to minimize moisture in the enclosure and prevent lens fogging
Transfer Rates	5 Gbit/s
Power Interface	via GPIO only, not USB3 interface
Power	12-24 V via GPIO (external power required) / 13 W maximum
Environmental Sensors	Temperature, Humidity
LED	One general purpose status LED for monitoring camera power, initialization, and USB3 activity
Field of View	~90% of full sphere
Angular FOV (per rotated sensor)	Vertical: ~117.4° / Horizontal: ~85.9°
Spherical Distance	Calibrated from 2 m to infinity
Focus Distance	~200 cm. Objects have an acceptable sharpness from ~100 cm to infinity
High Dynamic Range	Cycle 4 gain and exposure presets
External Trigger Modes	Standard, skip frames, overlapped, and multi shot trigger modes
Image Processing	Luminance: Black Level, Exposure Tonal: Gamma, Tone Mapping Color: White Balance, Saturation, Leveling, Noise Reduction, Sharpening, False color removal
Gain	0 - 18 dB
Gamma	0.50 to 4.00
Image Output (SDK)	Image Projections: Panoramic up to 16,382 x 8,192 (134 MP), Dome, Cubic, Individual Sensor, Rectified  File Types: JPG, BMP, PNG, TIFF
Video Output (SDK)	Video .AVI: H.264 / Video .MP4: H.264, HEVC/H.265, AV1
Shutter Speed	0.02 ms to 2 seconds (extended shutter)
Shutter Type	Global shutter
Memory Channels	2 memory channels for custom camera settings

SPECS	LD6-U3-122S7C
Flash Memory	1 MB
Recommended RAM	8 GB for capture and recording / 16 GB for post processing
Recommended Operating System	Windows 10 64-bit or Ubuntu 20.04 64-bit for capture, recording, and post processing
Recommended CPU	11th Gen Intel® Core™ i7 processor
Recommended Compilers	Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 or newer / g++ 9.3.0 or newer
Machine Vision Standard	IIDC v1.32
Compliance	CE, RCM, FCC, RoHS, KCC
Temperature	Operating: -30° to 50°C / Storage: -30° to 60°C
Humidity	Operating: 20 to 80% (no condensation) / Storage: 20 to 95% (no condensation)
Warranty	2 Years

## 1.3 Camera Care

**Warning!** Do not open the camera housing. Doing so voids the Hardware Warranty.

Your camera is a precisely manufactured device and should be handled with care. Here are some tips on how to care for the device.

- Avoid electrostatic charging.
- When handling the camera unit, avoid touching the lenses. Fingerprints affect the quality of the image produced by the device.
- To clean the lenses, use a standard camera lens cleaning kit or a clean dry cotton cloth. Do not apply excessive force.
- Avoid excessive shaking, dropping or any kind of mishandling of the device.

**Note:** To replace the protective glass the camera must be returned to Teledyne for servicing. Contact [Support](#) for more details.

## 2 Ladybug6 Installation

### 2.1 Before You Install

#### 2.1.1 Will your system configuration support the camera?

Recommended system configuration

- **OS**—Windows 10 64-bit or Ubuntu 20.04 64-bit for capture, recording, and post processing
- **CPU**—11th Gen Intel® Core™ i7 processor
- **RAM**—8 GB for capture and recording / 16 GB for post processing
- **Software**—Microsoft Visual Studio 2015 or newer / g++ 9.3.0 or newer

#### 2.1.2 Do you have all the parts you need?

To install your camera you need the following components:

- **Cable**—USB3 cable, 8-pin Type A-male locking to M12-male.
- **GPIO Cable**—12-pin Hirose GPIO cable
- **Power supply**—provided through 12-pin GPIO interface. The required input voltage is 12 - 24 V.
- **Interface card**—USB3 Host Controller Card compliant with SuperSpeed USB and xHCI specifications.
- **Desktop mount** (optional) or **tripod adapter** (optional)

Teledyne FLIR sells all parts required for installation. To purchase, visit our [Spherical Imaging page](#).

#### 2.1.3 Do you have a downloads account?

A downloads account is required to download software and firmware.

1. Go to [www.flir.com/account](http://www.flir.com/account).
2. Enter your email address and click Continue.
3. Complete the Create an account form and click Continue.
4. You will receive an email with a link to activate your account.
5. Once activated, you can login using the credentials you've created.

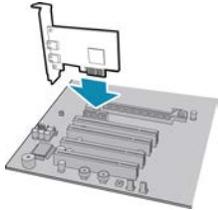
The [Ladybug6 Support page](#) has many resources to help you operate your camera effectively, including:

- Ladybug® SDK software
- Firmware updates and release notes

- Dimensional drawings and CAD models
- Documentation
- Accessories

## 2.2 Installing Your Interface Card and Software

### 1. Install your Interface Card



Ensure the card is installed per the manufacturer's instructions.

Alternatively, use your PC's built-in host controller, if equipped.

Open the Windows Device Manager. Ensure the card is properly installed under **Universal Serial Bus Controllers**. An exclamation point (!) next to the card indicates the driver has not yet been installed.

### 2. Install the Ladybug® Software

**Note:** For existing users who already have Ladybug software installed, we recommend ensuring you have the latest version for optimal performance of your camera. Ladybug6 requires version 1.18 or newer.

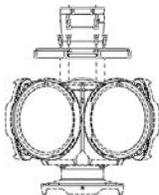
- a. Go to the [Ladybug SDK](#) page.
- b. Click the Download button. You are prompted to login, if not already.
- c. Select your OS.
- d. Click the version to download.

After the download is complete, the Ladybug setup wizard begins. If the wizard does not start automatically, double-click the .exe file to open it. Follow the steps in each setup dialog.

## 2.3 Installing Your Ladybug6

### 1. Install a mounting bracket (optional)

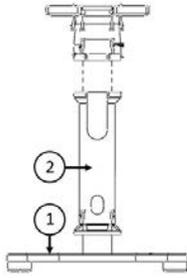
- a. Install the Tripod Adapter.



Place the camera upside down on a flat, non-abrasive surface and attach the tripod adapter to the bottom of the camera.

**Note:** the tripod adapter uses a 3/8" mounting hole which requires an adapter to fit a standard tripod.

- b. Attach the tripod adapter to the stand plate or stand post.



The tripod adapter can be attached to the stand plate (1) or optionally to the stand post (2) which is then attached to the stand plate. Both the post and the plate have openings for the camera cables to thread through.

Note: the recommended torque for M4 fasteners is 1.5 N-m.

**2. Connect the USB3 interface cable to the Ladybug6**



Plug the M12 X- coded USB3 cable into the camera and screw until tight. Securing the cable ensures a reliable connection and helps to keep moisture out of the camera.

**3. Connect the Ladybug6 to the interface card**

Plug the USB3 cable into the host controller or hub.

**4. Connect the GPIO wiring harness to the Ladybug6**



Plug the 12-pin GPIO cable into the camera and half turn to lock. Securing the GPIO ensures a reliable connection and helps to keep moisture out of the camera. The wiring harness must be compatible with a Hirose 12-pin female GPIO connector.

GPIO is used for external trigger input, strobe output, power, and PPS.

**5. Confirm successful installation**

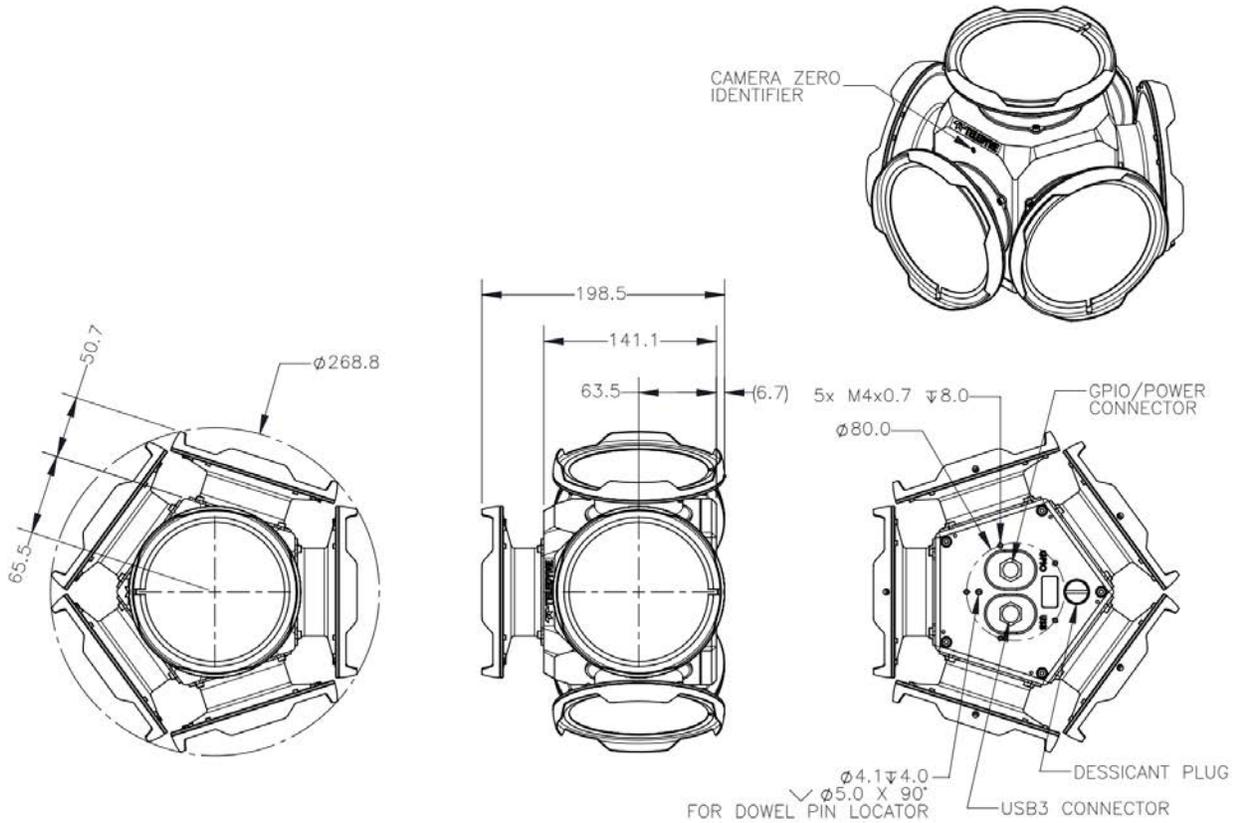
Open LadybugCapPro:

**Start menu** → **Teledyne Ladybug SDK** → **LadybugCapPro**

- a. The Welcome dialog opens, and it will display a choice of starting a camera, or loading a previously recorded stream file. Select Start Camera.
- b. The Select Camera dialog opens. This dialog allows you to view a list of all the currently connected Ladybug cameras, and select one to control.
- c. Ensure the camera is identified as USB3. If the camera is identified as USB2 it could indicate a bad cable connection or incorrect driver and the camera will not function properly.
- d. To begin grabbing images, select a camera and click OK.

# 3 Ladybug6 Physical Interface

## 3.1 Camera Dimensions



Ladybug6 Dimensional Drawing

**Note:** To obtain 3D models, go to the [Ladybug6 Support page](#).

## 3.2 Mounting

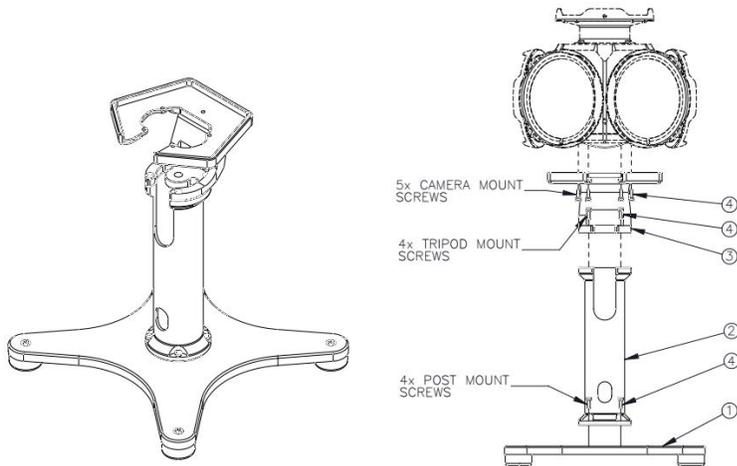
### 3.2.1 Using the Case

The case is equipped with five M4 X 0.7 mounting holes on the bottom of the case that can be used to attach the camera directly to the tripod adapter or to a custom mount.

### 3.2.2 Using the Tripod Adapter and Stand

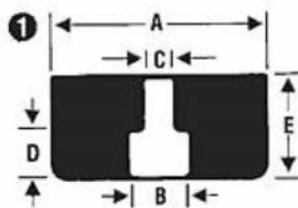
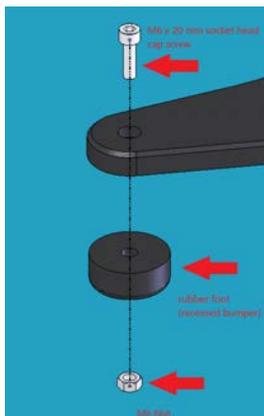
The tripod adapter has a 3/8" mounting hole which requires an adapter to fit a standard tripod.

The tripod adapter can be attached to the stand plate or to the stand post. Both the post and the plate have openings for the camera cables to thread through.

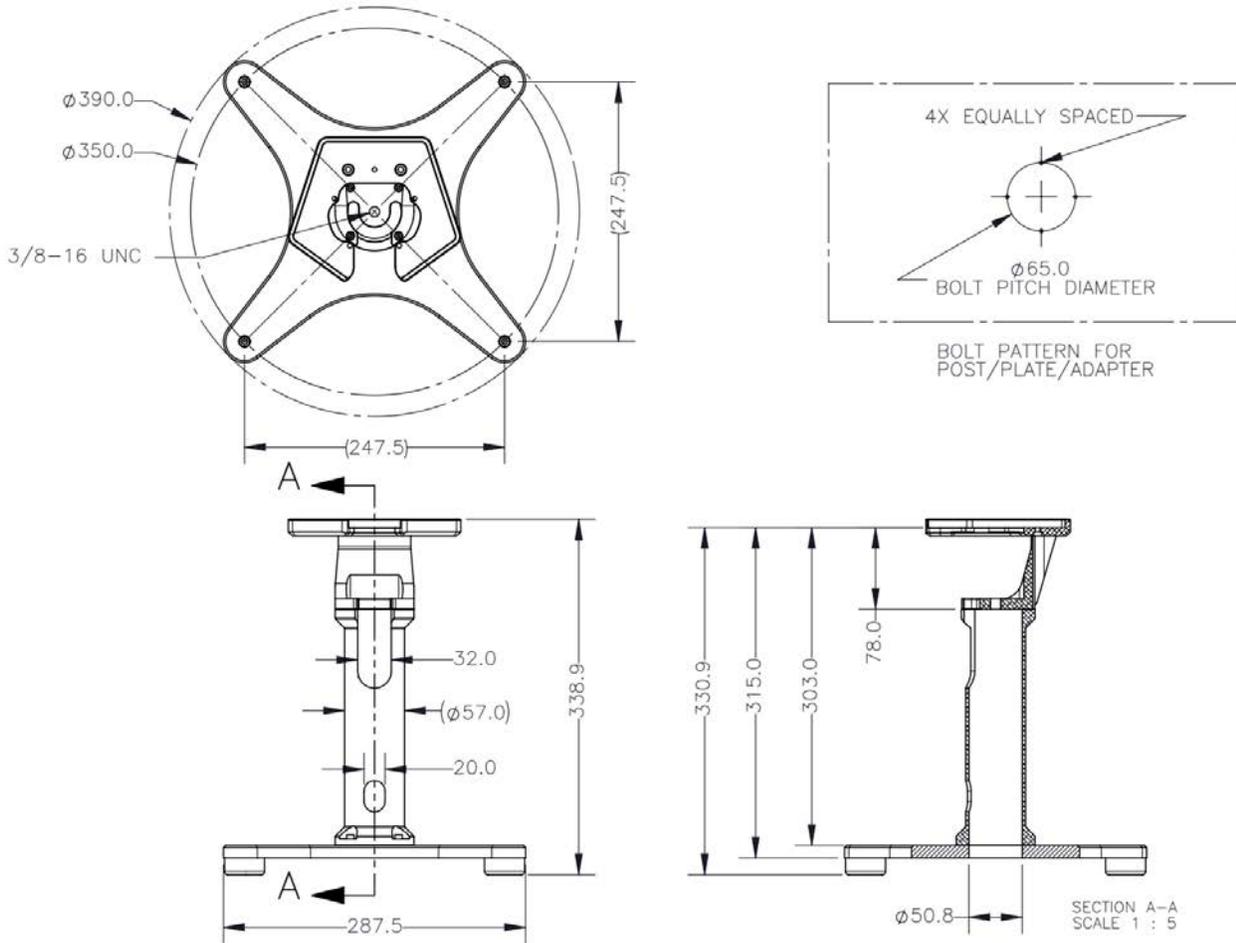


1	Stand Plate
2	Stand Post
3	Stand Camera / Tripod Adapter
4	5x Camera Mount screws 4x Tripod Mount screws 4x Post Mount screws

The tripod stand has four rubber feet attached with M6 x 20 mm socket head cap screws and an M6 nut. These can be detached by loosening the nut and removing the fastener.

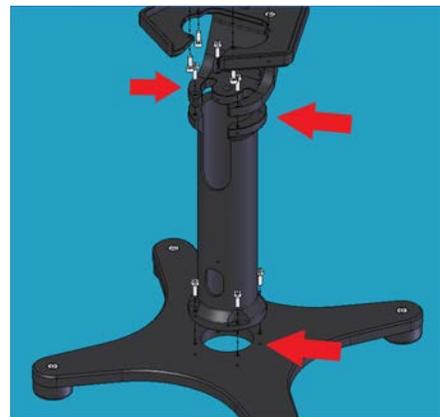


<b>Outside Diameter A</b>	1-1/2 inch
<b>Recess Diameter B</b>	3/4 inch
<b>Bore Diameter C</b>	5/16 inch
<b>Recess Depth D</b>	11/32 inch
<b>Total Height E</b>	5/8 inch
<b>Material</b>	Styrene-Butadiene rubber
<b>Hardness</b>	Duro 70 A



**Tripod Adapter and Stand Mount (in mm)**

Bolt Pitch Diameter is the spacing of the mounting holes on the plate, post, and adapter. The bolt holes fit on a pitch circle of a diameter of 65 mm where each bolt is equally spaced from each other. These parts have the same pattern, so you can adapt parts of the stand assembly to a custom fixture if needed.



## 3.3 Water and Dust Protection

To protect against dust and water, the Ladybug6 camera housing includes a sealed layer of glass, with anti-reflective coating on both sides, over each of the six lenses.

The Ladybug6 has passed IP67 environmental protection testing.

Because the camera bottom contains outside interfaces, the camera should be operated in rainy weather only when connected to the desktop mount or the tripod adapter. The camera should not be submerged under water in any circumstances.

**Note:** If the camera is exposed to water during capture, remove excess water and cover the camera when not shooting. Standing water should not be allowed to pool on the top camera frame. The camera should never be stored uncovered outside.

The Ladybug6 contains space to house a desiccant plug to reduce the risk of humidity damaging the camera. See [Camera Dimensions](#) for the location on the bottom of the camera. The desiccant plug should be replaced periodically. Contact [mv-sales@flir.com](mailto:mv-sales@flir.com).

## 3.4 Camera Interface and Connectors

### 3.4.1 USB 3.2 Gen 1 Connector

The camera is equipped with an M12 X-coded 8-pin USB3 connector that is used for data transmission, camera control and power. For more detailed information, consult the USB3 specification available from <http://www.usb.org/developers/docs/>.

### 3.4.2 USB3 Cables

The USB3 standard does not specify a maximum cable length.

Teledyne FLIR sells all parts required for installation. To purchase, visit our [Spherical Imaging page](#).

- 1-meter USB 3.2 Gen 1, Type A-male locking to M12-male (ACC-01-2308)
- 3-meter USB 3.2 Gen 1, Type A-male locking to M12-male (ACC-01-2309)
- 5-meter USB 3.2 Gen 1, Type A-male locking to M12-male (ACC-01-2310)

**Note:** A 5-meter cable (or longer) is not recommended for laptops or on board controllers.

### 3.4.3 Interface Card

Teledyne FLIR sells all parts required for installation. To purchase, visit our [Spherical Imaging page](#).

The camera must connect to an interface card. This is sometimes called a host adapter, a bus controller, or a network interface card (NIC).

In order to achieve the maximum benefits of USB3, the camera must connect to a USB 3.2 Gen 1 PCIe 2.0 (or greater) card.

### 3.4.4 General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)

The camera has an 12-pin GPIO connector on the bottom of the case; refer to the diagram below for wire color-coding. The GPIO is a Hirose waterproof 12-pin female connector (Mfg P/N:LF10WBP-12P).

For more information on camera power, see [Powering the Camera](#).

For more information on configuring input/output with GPIO, see [Input/Output Control](#).

For details on GPIO circuits, see [12-Pin GPIO Electrical Characteristics](#).

**Note:** Teledyne recommends you ground the shielding of the GPIO cable to prevent electric static discharge.

# 4 Tools to Control the Ladybug6

The Ladybug6's features can be accessed using various controls, including:

- Control and Status Registers
- Ladybug SDK including API examples, the LadybugCapPro application, and the LadybugRecorder application

Examples of the controls are provided throughout this document. Additional information can be found in the appendices.

## 4.1 Using Ladybug SDK

The user can monitor or control features of the camera through Ladybug API examples provided in the Ladybug SDK, or through the LadybugCap and LadybugRecorder applications.

### 4.1.1 Custom Applications Built with the Ladybug API

The Ladybug SDK includes a full Application Programming Interface that allows you to create custom applications to control Teledyne Spherical Products. Included with the SDK are a number of source code examples to help programmers get started.

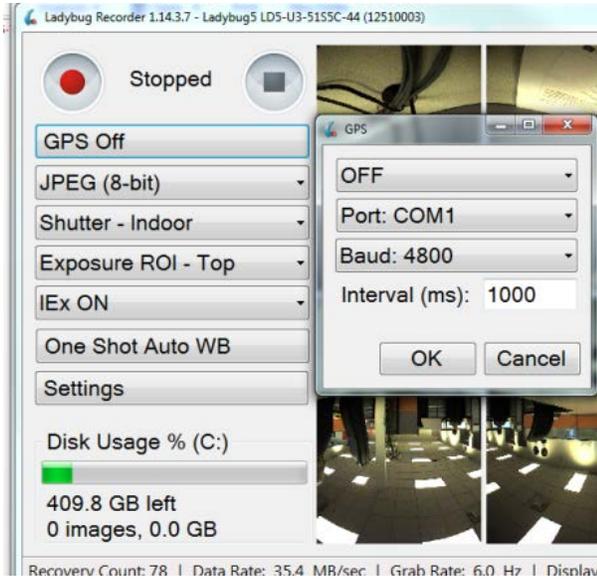
Ladybug API examples are in C++ language and are also provided in a precompiled state. Several examples are provided in C# as well as C++. For more information, see [Ladybug API Examples](#).

### 4.1.2 Using LadybugRecorder

LadybugRecorder provides direct access to the main settings used during capture.

To open the LadybugRecorder:

**Start Menu → Teledyne Ladybug SDK → LadybugRecorder**



The LadybugRecorder provides access to these options:

- Record: Stop/Start and Pause
- GPS On/Off. Click to open GPS window.
- Data format
- Shutter Range Mode (includes Motion, Indoor, Low Noise)
- Exposure ROI (Region of Interest)
- IEx (Independent Exposure)
- One Shot Auto White Balance (WB)
- Settings (including Compression Quality, Frame Rate, and Gamma)

## 4.2 Using the LadybugCapPro Application

The LadybugCapPro application provides an easy-to-use interface for controlling many functions of your Ladybug camera. LadybugCapPro consists of two primary interfaces: the [LadybugCapPro Main Window](#) and the [Camera Control Dialog](#).

Interface	Functions
<b>Main Window</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Control image processing settings(<a href="#">Working with Images</a>), including color processing algorithm, falloff correction, blending width, projection, stabilization and vertical tilt adjustment.</li> <li>▪ View a live video stream (<a href="#">Reading Stream Files</a>)from the camera and record stream files (<a href="#">Capturing Stream Files</a>).</li> <li>▪ Output stream files into other formats (<a href="#">Viewing and Outputting Stream Files</a>).</li> <li>▪ Save individual panoramic images (<a href="#">Saving Images</a>).</li> <li>▪ Record positional data from a GPS device into a stream, and generate Google Maps or Google Earth files. (<a href="#">Working with GPS Positional Data</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>Camera Control Dialog</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Control settings such as brightness, gain, shutter, white balance and others (<a href="#">Camera Settings</a>)</li> <li>▪ Adjust JPEG Compression (<a href="#">Ladybug Settings</a>)</li> <li>▪ Operate the camera in <a href="#">High Dynamic Range (HDR) Imaging</a> mode</li> <li>▪ Configure the GPIO for <a href="#">Trigger/Strobe</a> control</li> <li>▪ Access <a href="#">Camera Registers</a></li> <li>▪ Control each sensor independently for shutter, gain and auto exposure (<a href="#">Ladybug Settings</a>)</li> <li>▪ Access <a href="#">Advanced Camera Settings</a></li> </ul>

### *To start LadybugCapPro*

To run LadybugCapPro from the **Start** menu, select **Teledyne Ladybug SDK**→**LadybugCapPro**.

The [Welcome Dialog](#) opens.

## 4.2.1 Welcome Dialog

When LadybugCapPro starts, the **Welcome** dialog opens. You have a choice of starting a camera, or loading a previously recorded stream file.

### *Start Camera*

If you choose to start a camera, the **Select Camera** dialog opens. This dialog allows you to view a list of all the currently connected Ladybug cameras across all buses, and select one to control and view images from. The dialog also lists basic information for each camera, such as the serial number and the current firmware version.

To begin grabbing images, select a camera and click **OK**. The [LadybugCapPro Main Window](#) opens in live image-grabbing mode.

To access the [Camera Control Dialog](#) prior to grabbing images, select a camera and click **Configure Selected**. After configuring the camera, close the Camera Control dialog and click **OK** to begin grabbing images.

### *Load Stream File*

If you choose to load a stream file, the Windows file explorer opens, allowing you to browse for a .pgr stream file to open. After selecting a stream file, the [LadybugCapPro Main Window](#) opens in recorded stream mode.

## 4.2.2 LadybugCapPro Main Window

The Main Window is where you do most of your work in LadybugCapPro. After starting a camera or loading a stream file in the [Welcome Dialog](#), the Main Window opens and displays either a live video stream from the current camera or a previously-recorded video stream.

**Note:** To magnify the display of toolbar icons for improved accessibility, click Settings → Options on the menu. In the LadybugCapPro Options dialog, at bottom, click Use large icons. Then click OK.

In Stream File mode, the title bar of the main window contains the file path name, serial number, data format, and frame rate for the loaded stream file.

Functions in LadybugCapPro can be accessed via menus or toolbars.

### 4.2.2.1 Main Toolbar



Use the Main Toolbar for connecting to a new camera (or stream) or changing LadybugCapPro application settings.

Icon	Description
	Starts a new camera or loads a .pgr stream file. For more information, see <a href="#">Welcome Dialog</a> .
	Allows you to set the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Options for communicating with your GPS receiver. See <a href="#">Working with GPS Positional Data</a></li> <li>▪ JPEG Compression Quality—Controls the quality of images that are saved from a stream file in JPEG format. See <a href="#">Saving Images</a> . We recommend the default setting of 85%. The increased file size and processing resources at higher settings may not be worth the minimal increase in quality.</li> <li>▪ Options for Google Map. See <a href="#">Generating Google Maps and Google Earth data</a>.</li> <li>▪ Stabilization—Adjusts Parameters for working with image stabilization. See <a href="#">Stabilizing Image Display</a>.</li> <li>▪ Dynamic Stitch properties used for auto and one shot dynamic stitch. See <a href="#">Adjusting Sphere Size for Stitching</a>.</li> <li>▪ Use large icons—Check to magnify the display of toolbar icons.</li> </ul>
	Copyright information about LadybugCapPro.

### 4.2.2.2 Live Camera Toolbar



The Live Camera Toolbar displays only if the camera is in live image-grabbing mode. Use this toolbar for the following functions:

- Start or stop recording a stream.
- Pause the grabbing of images from the camera.
- Access the [Camera Control Dialog](#).
- Change the [Data Formats and Frame Rates](#)(pixel format) of the images being outputted from the camera.
- Perform a one-shot [White Balance](#) auto-adjustment.
- Enable/Disable Independent Auto Exposure. ([Independent Sensor Control of Shutter, Gain and Auto Exposure](#))
- Select a [Shutter Range](#) from Drive Highway, Drive City, Indoor, or Low Noise.
- Select an [Auto Exposure ROI](#) from Full, Bottom, or Top.

For more information, see [Capturing Stream Files](#).

### 4.2.2.3 Stream Navigation Toolbar

The Stream Navigation toolbar displays only when a previously-recorded stream file is opened. Use this toolbar for navigating within a stream.

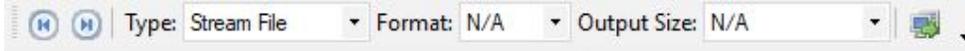


Toolbar Control	Description
	Opens a dialog for navigating to a specific frame.
	A series of buttons for navigating through the frames of the video stream. Mouse over each button for an explanation. Alternatively, use the 'Jump to frame' icon or the <b>Seek</b> slider at bottom.
	Click to play the stream file. Click again to pause.
	Specifies the first frame from which to begin outputting the stream. Use the buttons at right, or the <b>Seek</b> slider at bottom, to navigate to the desired frame. Then click. If not specified, the stream outputs from the beginning frame.
	Specifies the frame on which to stop the output. Use the buttons at right, or the <b>Seek</b> slider at bottom, to navigate to the desired frame. Then click. If not specified, the stream output ends at the final frame.

For more information, see [Viewing and Outputting Stream Files](#).

### 4.2.2.4 Stream Processing Toolbar

The Stream Processing toolbar display only when a previously-recorded stream file is opened. Use this toolbar for outputting the stream in a different format and resolution.



Toolbar Control	Description
	Sets the left keyframe from which to begin outputting the stream. Use the buttons, or the <b>Seek</b> slider at bottom, to navigate to the desired frame. Then click Mark left keyframe. If not specified, the stream outputs from the beginning frame.
	Sets the right keyframe on which to stop the output. Use the buttons, or the <b>Seek</b> slider at bottom, to navigate to the desired frame. Then click Mark right keyframe. If not specified, the stream output ends at the final frame.
<b>Output Type</b>	A drop-down list of formats for outputting the stream. For more information about these formats, see <a href="#">Projection Types</a> .
<b>Format</b>	The video or image format of the output. <b>Output Type</b> (see above) determines which formats are supported. If AVI or H.264 is selected and total output is greater than 2 GB, separate files are created for each sequential 2 GB section of the output.
<b>Output Size</b>	A drop-down list of resolutions for outputting the stream. To specify a custom resolution, select <b>Custom</b> .
	<b>Click to start conversion.</b> The <i>Confirm Settings</i> dialog opens for specifying an <b>output directory</b> for the output file. After specifying all applicable settings, click <b>Convert!</b> to create the output file(s).

For more information, see [Viewing and Outputting Stream Files](#).

### 4.2.2.5 Image Processing Toolbar



The Image Processing Toolbar contains settings that are common to both the live camera and stream file modes. The controls on this toolbar are used to change the way images are processed and rendered. You can use this toolbar to change the color processing algorithm, panoramic viewing angle, panoramic mapping type, falloff correction, blending width, stabilization, sphere size, and color correction. Additionally, you can view a histogram of RGB values represented in the current image.

Control	Description
<b>Color Processing</b> 	<p>Specifies the algorithm that LadybugCapPro uses to convert raw Bayer-tiled image data to 24-bit RGB images. Lower-quality algorithms can increase the LadybugCapPro display rate, and higher-quality algorithms can decrease the display rate.</p> <p>Two additional algorithms are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>High Quality Linear on GPU:</b> Same output as High Quality Linear, but better performance on graphics cards with NVidia CUDA support.</li> <li>▪ <b>Directional Filter:</b> Highest quality output, but significantly better performance than Rigorous.</li> </ul>
<b>Falloff Correction</b> 	<p>Enables or disables falloff correction, which adjusts the intensity of light in images to compensate for a vignetting effect. This control is off by default. To enable, check <b>Enable Falloff Correction</b>. Then, specify an attenuation value either by using the slider or entering a value in the textbox. The attenuation value regulates the degree of adjustment you want to apply. Then click <b>OK</b>.</p>
<b>Blending Width</b> 	<p>Allows you to adjust the pixel width along the sides of each of the six images within which blending takes place prior to stitching. Blending is the process of adjusting pixel values in each image that overlap with the fields of adjacent images to minimize the effect of pronounced borders. The default width of 100 pixels is suitable for the 20-meter sphere radius to which Ladybug cameras are pre-calibrated. To change the sphere radius calibration, see below.</p>
<b>Image Type</b> 	<p>Changes the way images are rendered. See <a href="#">Projection Types</a>.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>Note:</b> These controls affect video display only. To specify how images are rendered when outputting to video, specify an Output Type using the <a href="#">Stream Navigation Toolbar</a>.</p> </div>
<b>Rotation Angle</b> 	<p>Specifies the orientation of the camera unit's six cameras to the projection. The default orientation is camera 0 projects to the front of the sphere and camera 5 to the upward pole (or top) of the sphere.</p>
<b>Mapping Type</b> 	<p>Specifies the mapping projection that dictates how the six individual pictures from each camera are stitched into a panoramic display—either Radial or Cylindrical. See <a href="#">Projection Types</a>.</p>

Control	Description
<b>Image Stabilization</b> 	Adjusts image display to compensate for the effect of unwanted movement across frames when the camera records on an unstable surface. See <a href="#">Stabilizing Image Display</a> .
<b>Sphere Size</b> 	Allows you to change the sphere radius, in meters, to which images are calibrated for stitching panoramas. See <a href="#">Adjusting Sphere Size for Stitching</a> .
<b>Image Adjustment</b> 	Opens a dialog for performing color correction, sharpening, texture intensity adjustment and tone mapping. See <a href="#">Adjusting 8-bit and JPEG12Processed Images</a> and <a href="#">Adjusting Unprocessed Images</a> .
<b>Anti-Aliasing</b>	Minimizes sampling errors, especially in low-resolution images. From the <b>Settings</b> menu, select <b>Enable Anti-Aliasing</b> .
<b>Histogram</b> 	Displays a histogram of the values represented in the pixels of the current image.  <b>Max Percent</b> allows you adjust the graphical display to view a subset of percentage representation. For example, to view only the first 5% of the representation of values in the graph, enter '5' in the Max Percent field.  <b>All Camera</b> specifies that the values are compiled from all six cameras on the Ladybug system. To see values from only one camera at a time, select a camera. (For camera orientation, see <b>Rotation Angle</b> above.)

### 4.2.2.6 GPS Toolbar



The GPS Toolbar is used for starting or stopping a GPS device, as well as generating Google Map and Google Earth data when a stream file is loaded.

Icon	Description
	Instructs LadybugCapPro to begin receiving positional data from the GPS unit. When used in conjunction with <a href="#">Capturing Stream Files</a> , GPS data is saved with the stream file. For more information, see <a href="#">Stream File Format</a> . This control is not available in recorded stream mode. Click again to stop GPS recording.
	Creates a Google Map file from the GPS data that was previously recorded with the stream file, and allows you the option to load it. An internet connection is required to view the file. Google Maps are saved as .html files in the bin folder of the PGR Ladybug installation directory. This control is not available in live image-grabbing mode.
	Creates a Google Earth file from the GPS data recorded with the stream file, and allows you the option to load it. The Google Earth application and an internet connection are required to view the file. Google Earth files are stored as .kml files in the bin folder of the PGR Ladybug installation directory. This control is not available in image capture mode.

You can also export GPS NMEA data from a loaded stream file using the GPS menu.

For more information, see [Working with GPS Positional Data](#).

### 4.2.2.7 LadybugCapPro Main Menu

In LadybugCapPro, most tasks represented in the top menu bar can also be performed using the LadybugCapPro toolbars. Using the menu bar, you can accomplish the following additional tasks:

#### *Saving Images*

In both Live Camera and Stream File mode, you can save the current image to panoramic JPEG or panoramic bitmap format, or as six individual color-processed images, rectified or non-rectified. For more information, see [Saving Images](#).

#### *Downloading the Configuration File*

You can download the file that calibrates the sphere radius for stitching panoramic images. To download this file to your 'My Documents' folder, select **File** → **Save Configuration File**. By default, images are stitched using a sphere radius of 20 meters. To change the sphere radius, see [Adjusting Sphere Size for Stitching](#).

#### *Downloading the Alpha Mask File*

You can download the alpha mask files that dictate pixel opaqueness during the blending stage of the stitching process. To download, select **File** → **Save Alphamask File**.

#### **Related Knowledge Base Articles**

Title
<a href="#">Overview of the Ladybug Image Stitching Process</a>

#### *Getting Help*

You can get the following information from the Help menu:

- The SDK Help file.
- LadybugCapPro copyright and version.
- Information about the video card on the system that is being used with LadybugCapPro to render images.

### 4.2.2.8 LadybugCapPro Status Bar

The status bar at the bottom of the window displays different information, depending on which mode the application is in.

#### *Live Camera mode*

- The first (left-most) status pane displays the status of the connection between LadybugCapPro and the camera unit. A red light here indicates a loss of image or other issue (for example, JPEG error). Click on the red light to display an event statistics dialog with details.
- The second status pane displays the grab/recording status, image payload size, and timestamp.
- The third status pane displays GPS/PPS status.
- The fourth status pane displays GPS positional information.
- The fifth status pane displays the display rate, which is the rate at which images are being drawn to screen.
- The sixth status pane displays the grab rate at which the images are being grabbed from the camera.
- The seventh status pane displays the rate by which image data is being transferred from the camera to the PC over the bus.
- The eighth status pane displays image properties such as gain and shutter.

For more information, see [Capturing Stream Files](#).

#### *Stream File mode*



- The first (left-most) status pane displays information about the status of stream conversion.
- The second status pane displays image payload size and timestamp.
- The third status pane displays GPS/PPS status.
- The fourth status pane displays the rate at which image conversion is processed.
- The fifth status pane displays the index number of the current image being displayed, out of the total number of images in the stream.
- The sixth status pane displays the current values of the left and right keyframes.
- The seventh status pane displays image properties such as gain and shutter under which the stream file was recorded.

For more information, see [Viewing and Outputting Stream Files](#).

## 4.2.3 Camera Control Dialog

The Camera Control dialog allows you to control most Ladybug camera functions.

**Note:** To include this dialog within a custom software application, link to `pgrflycapturegui.lib` and create a new `CameraGUIContext` within your application. Refer to the LadybugCap demo source code for an example of how to do this.

The following settings can be viewed or set using this dialog:

- [Camera Settings](#)—For controlling settings such as Brightness, Exposure, Shutter, Gain and others.
- Camera Information - Provides information about the camera hardware and firmware.
- [Camera Registers](#) —Provides direct access to camera registers.
- [Trigger/Strobe](#)—For configuring the general purpose input/output (GPIO) capabilities of the camera.
- [Advanced Camera Settings](#)—For controlling memory channels, embedded image information and auto-exposure range.
- [High Dynamic Range \(HDR\) Imaging](#)—Enables high dynamic range exposure.
- Data Flash - Provides access to the camera's flash memory.
- System Information - Provides information about the host system to which the camera is connected.
- Bus Topology - Displays the network topology.
- Help / Support - Information about downloading software and firmware updates, accessing the knowledge base, and opening a support ticket.
- [Ladybug Settings](#)—For controlling JPEG compression and independent sensor control of exposure settings and auto-exposure statistics.

**Note:** Some camera controls and formats may be greyed out. If a camera control is greyed out, this means that the camera does not support the function.

### 4.2.3.1 Camera Settings

The Camera Settings dialog allows the user to control settings such as Brightness, Exposure, Shutter, Gain and others.

Access to parameters may be limited by which data format is in use. Some images have more control during the image capture phase while some images have more control during post processing.

*To open the Camera Settings dialog:*

From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.

### 4.2.3.2 Camera Registers

This dialog provides direct access to camera registers, and is therefore recommended for advanced users only. The camera register space conforms to IIDC specifications (see <https://www.ieee.org/>).

### 4.2.3.3 Trigger/Strobe

The GPIO/Trigger dialog provides control over the general purpose input/output (GPIO) capabilities of the camera, including the ability to configure:

- Specific pins for input and output.
- External trigger mode.
- External trigger delay (or shutter delay when not in trigger mode).
- Strobe pulse polarity, duration and delay.

**Note:** Special output modes such as strobe signal pattern must be configured using the camera register.

Control	Description
<b>Enable/Disable trigger</b>	When checked, allows the camera to respond to external triggers or internal software triggers.
<b>Mode</b>	Specifies the mode for how the camera responds to an external trigger. Not all modes are supported by all camera models.
<b>Parameter</b>	Certain trigger modes require a parameter to define the triggering cycle.
<b>Trigger Source</b>	Specifies which GPIO pin receives input from an external trigger device.
<b>Trigger Polarity</b>	Specifies a low or high signal polarity.
<b>Trigger Delay</b>	When checked, you can use the slider to specify the time delay, in seconds, from when an external trigger event occurs to the start of integration (when the shutter opens). When <b>Trigger On/Off</b> is unchecked, this value represents the shutter delay.
<b>Fire Software Trigger</b>	When clicked, causes a one-time internal (software-based) trigger to fire. <b>Enable/Disable Trigger</b> must be checked for the camera to respond.
<b>Pin Direction Control</b>	Specifies whether the pin is configured for input or output. The <b>Source</b> pin cannot be configured as an output when <b>Trigger On/Off</b> is checked.

Control	Description
<b>Strobe Control Delay (GPIO 0...n)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enables a GPIO pin for strobe output.</li> <li>▪ Allows configuration of polarity and the period to delay assertion of the output strobe signal after start of exposure. Delay can be specified in ticks of your camera's clock and must be within the range of 0 to 4095.</li> <li>▪ Specifies the duration of the strobe output signal. If a value of 0 is entered, the duration is the same as the length of exposure. Duration can be specified in ticks of your camera's clock and must be within the range of 0 to 4095.</li> </ul>

### 4.2.3.4 Advanced Camera Settings

The Advanced Features Dialog allows the control of advanced camera features including:

- [User Sets \(Memory Channels\)](#)
- [Ladybug Image Information](#)
- Auto Range Control—Allows you to specify a range for exposure, shutter and gain that is narrower than the full range for the camera, when operating in auto-exposure mode. Use the [Camera Settings](#) dialog to set auto-exposure.

### 4.2.3.5 Ladybug Settings

The Ladybug Settings dialog allows you to adjust JPEG compression and control exposure for each sensor independently.

#### *Compression Control*

**JPEG Quality** - Controls the JPEG compression rate of the compressor unit. Increasing the compression rate increases JPEG image quality and, as a result, the amount of image data that is produced and collects in the image buffer.

Select **Auto** to set the compression rate to the maximum allowed by the image buffer. Auto JPEG Quality means the compression rate continually adjusts so that it never exceeds the amount of data allowed by the image buffer. Manual JPEG Quality provides consistent compression however, the size of compressed image data may exceed the image buffer size, resulting in buffer size errors.

A **JPEG Quality** value between 80% and 95% is recommended, depending on your application's requirements. The visual improvement at higher than 95% is negligible and usually not worth the increased amount of data that is generated.

See [JPEG Compression and JPEG Buffer Usage](#).

**Auto buffer usage**—When **JPEG Quality - Auto** is selected, you can use this slider to specify the percentage of the image buffer that is used for JPEG-compressed image data. Specifying a value less than the maximum allows for room in the image buffer to accommodate extra image data, depending on scene variations from frame to frame. Increasing this value may result in an increase in the **JPEG Quality** setting. When **JPEG Quality - Auto** is not selected, the percentage of the image buffer that is used cannot be controlled.

A **Buffer Usage** setting between 80% and 95% is recommended.

#### *Independent Sensor Control*

This interface provides customized control of exposure for each of the six sensors independently for greater dynamic range. Independent Sensor Control is activated by any one of the following ways:

- Selecting the Shutter or Gain **On/Off** control (the On/Off control for each sensor controls all sensors).
- Deselecting the Shutter or Gain **On/Off** control on the [Camera Settings](#) pane.
- Clicking the  icon on the [Live Camera Toolbar](#).

When shutter or gain is selected in the Independent Sensor Control interface, the following options are available:

- When either shutter or gain is selected, auto exposure can be controlled manually or automatically for each sensor; OR
- When gain is selected, gain can be controlled manually or automatically for each sensor. When shutter is selected, shutter can be controlled manually or automatically for each sensor.

For best results, apply texture intensity adjustment and tone mapping during image processing. For more information, see [Adjusting 8-bit and JPEG12Processed Images](#).

### *Sensors Used for Auto Exposure Statistics*

When operating in auto exposure mode, you can control which camera sensors are used for calculating the settings of the auto exposure algorithm. For example, if you want all the sensors on the side of the camera to be used in this calculation, but not the top sensor, check boxes 0 through 4, and leave box 5 blank. Leaving all sensors unchecked is equivalent to checking all.

To set exposure in auto mode, use the [Camera Settings](#) dialog.

**Note:** Camera 0 is etched onto the camera housing. Camera 5 is the top sensor.

# 5 General Ladybug6 Operation

## 5.1 Powering the Camera

Power must be provided through the GPIO interface. For more information, see [Input/Output Control](#). The required input voltage is 12-24 V via GPIO (external power required). A power supply is included in the development kit.

The camera does not transmit images for the first 100 ms after power-up. The auto-exposure and auto-white balance algorithms do not run while the camera is powered down. It may therefore take several ( $n$ ) images to get a satisfactory image, where  $n$  is undefined.

When the camera is power cycled (power disengaged then re-engaged), the camera reverts to its default factory settings, or if applicable, the last saved memory channel. For more information, see [User Sets \(Memory Channels\)](#).

## 5.2 User Sets (Memory Channels)

The camera can save and restore settings and imaging parameters via on-board user configuration sets, also known as memory channels. This is useful for saving default power-up settings, such as gain, shutter, video format and frame rate, and others that are different from the factory defaults.

User Set 0 (or Memory channel 0) stores the factory default settings that can always be restored. Two additional user sets are provided for custom default settings. The camera initializes itself at power-up, or when explicitly reinitialized, using the contents of the last saved user set. Attempting to save user settings to the (read-only) factory default user set causes the camera to switch back to using the factory defaults during initialization.

The following camera settings are saved in user sets.

- Acquisition Frame Rate and Current Frame Rate
- Image Data Format, Position, and Size
- Image mirror, if applicable
- Current Video Mode and Current Video Format
- Camera power
- Frame information
- Trigger Mode and Trigger Delay
- Imaging Parameters such as: Brightness, Auto Exposure, Shutter, Gain, White Balance, Sharpness, Hue, Saturation, and Gamma
- Input/output controls such as: GPIO pin modes, GPIO strobe modes
- Color Coding ID/Pixel Coding

*To access user sets:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Advanced Camera Settings tab.
- CSRs—[Memory Channel Registers](#)

## 5.3 Non-Volatile Flash Memory

The camera has 1 MB for users to store data.

*To control flash memory:*

- CSRs—[DATA\\_FLASH\\_CTRL: 1240h](#)

### Knowledge Base Article

[Storing Data in On-Camera Flash Memory](#)

## 5.4 Environmental Sensors

The camera provides sensors to report on current internal conditions of the camera. These environmental sensors are:

- Temperature, in degrees Celsius  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Humidity, in percent of relative humidity  $\pm 3\% \text{ RH}$

**Note:** The environmental sensors provide general information only. If precise measurements are required for your application, external devices should be used.

*Using LadybugCapPro:*

From the Settings menu, select Environmental Sensors.

*Using Ladybug API:*

Refer to the [ladybugEnvironmentalSensors](#) example program to see how to use the API to read the information.

## 5.5 Stream Files

Ladybug images are written to a set of Ladybug stream files. The size of each stream file is limited to 2 Gigabytes. The stream files are named as `[Stream Base Name]-[Stream Serial Number].pgr`. The `[Stream Base Name]` is defined by the user or the application. The `[Stream Serial Number]` is generated internally by the Ladybug library.

For example, if `[Stream Base Name]` is given as 'myStream', Ladybug stream writing API functions will name the stream files as follows:

- myStream-000000.pgr
- myStream-000001.pgr

- myStream-000002.pgr
- Etc. ...

The [*Stream Serial Number*] always begins with 000000. All stream files that have the same [*Stream Base Name*] are considered as subsets of the same Ladybug stream.

When opening a Ladybug stream with a [*Stream Base Name*], the Ladybug API opens all the stream files that have the same [*Stream Base Name*] beginning with 000000.

The total number of images of a Ladybug stream is the sum of all the number of images in each stream file that has the same [*Stream Base Name*].

For more information see [Stream File Format](#).

## 5.6 Camera Firmware

Firmware is programming that is inserted into the programmable read-only memory (programmable ROM) of most cameras. Firmware is created and tested like software. When ready, it can be distributed like other software and installed in the programmable read-only memory by the user.

The latest firmware versions often include significant bug fixes and feature enhancements. To determine the changes made in a specific firmware version, consult the Release Notes.

Firmware is identified by a version number, a build date, and a description.

### 5.6.1 Determining Firmware Version

*To determine the firmware version number of your camera:*

- In LadybugCapPro, open the Camera Control dialog and click on the Camera Information tab
- Query the Firmware Version register 1F60h

### 5.6.2 Upgrading Camera Firmware

Camera firmware can be upgraded or downgraded to later or earlier versions using the UpdatorGUI program that is bundled with the Ladybug SDK.

Before upgrading firmware:

- Install the SDK, available from the [Ladybug SDK](#) page
- For Ladybug6: Download the firmware file from the [Ladybug6 Support page](#)

**Warning!** Do not disconnect the camera during the firmware update process.

*To upgrade the firmware using LadybugCapPro:*

1. **Start Menu**→**Teledyne Ladybug SDK**→**UpdatorGUI3**

2. Select the camera from the list at the top.
3. Click Open to select the firmware file.
4. Click Update.
5. Click Yes to continue.

**Related Knowledge Base Articles**

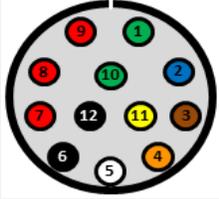
Title
<a href="#">Teledyne FLIR machine vision software and firmware version numbering scheme</a>
<a href="#">Determining the firmware version used by my camera</a>
<a href="#">Should I upgrade my camera firmware or software?</a>

# 6 Input/Output Control

## 6.1 General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)

The camera has an 12-pin GPIO connector on the bottom of the case; refer to the diagram below for wire color-coding. The GPIO is a Hirose waterproof 12-pin female connector (Mfg P/N:LF10WBP-12P).

GPIO pin assignments

Diagram	Color	Pin	Function	Description
	Green	1	OPTO_GND	Ground for opto-isolated IO pins
	Blue	2	I0	Opto-isolated input (default Trigger in)
	Brown	3	O1	Opto-isolated output
	Orange	4	IO2	Input/Output / GPS data
	White	5	+3.3 V	Power external circuitry up to 150 mA
	Black	6	GND	Ground for bi-directional IO, V <sub>EXT</sub> , +3.3 V pins
	Red	7	V <sub>EXT</sub>	Allows the camera to be powered externally
	Red	8	V <sub>EXT</sub>	Allows the camera to be powered externally
	Red	9	V <sub>EXT</sub>	Allows the camera to be powered externally
	Green	10	OPTO_GND	Ground for opto-isolated IO pins
	Yellow	11	IO3	Input/Output / PPS signal
	Black	12	GND	Ground for bi-directional IO, V <sub>EXT</sub> , +3.3 V pins

Power must be provided through the GPIO interface. The required input voltage is 12 - 24 V.

For more information on camera power, see [Powering the Camera](#).

For details on GPIO circuits, see [12-Pin GPIO Electrical Characteristics](#).

**Note:** Teledyne recommends you ground the shielding of the GPIO cable to prevent electric static discharge.

## 6.2 GPIO Modes

### 6.2.1 GPIO Mode 0: Input

When a GPIO pin is put into GPIO Mode 0 it is configured to accept external trigger signals.

### 6.2.2 GPIO Mode 1: Output

When a GPIO pin is put into GPIO Mode 1 it is configured to send output signals.

**Warning!** Do not connect power to a pin configured as an output (effectively connecting two outputs to each other). Doing so can cause damage to camera electronics.

### 6.2.3 GPIO Mode 2: Asynchronous (External) Trigger

When a GPIO pin is put into GPIO Mode 2, and an external trigger mode is enabled (which disables isochronous data transmission), the camera can be asynchronously triggered to grab an image by sending a voltage transition to the pin. See [Asynchronous Triggering](#).

### 6.2.4 GPIO Mode 3: Strobe

A GPIO pin in GPIO Mode 3 outputs a voltage pulse of fixed delay, either relative to the start of integration (default) or relative to the time of an asynchronous trigger. A GPIO pin in this mode can be configured to output a variable strobe pattern. See [Programmable Strobe Output](#).

## 6.3 Programmable Strobe Output

The camera is capable of outputting a strobe pulse off select GPIO pins that are configured as outputs. The start of the strobe can be offset from either the start of exposure (free-running mode) or time of incoming trigger (external trigger mode). By default, a pin that is configured as a strobe output will output a pulse each time the camera begins integration of an image.

The duration of the strobe can also be controlled. Setting a strobe duration value of zero produces a strobe pulse with duration equal to the exposure (shutter) time.

Multiple GPIO pins, configured as outputs, can strobe simultaneously.

Connecting two strobe pins directly together is not supported. Instead, place a diode on each strobe pin.

The camera can also be configured to output a variable strobe pulse pattern. The strobe pattern functionality allows users to define the frames for which the camera will output a strobe. For example, this is useful in situations where a strobe should only fire:

- Every Nth frame (e.g. odd frames from one camera and even frames from another); or
- N frames in a row out of T (e.g. the last 3 frames in a set of 6); or
- Specific frames within a defined period (e.g. frames 1, 5 and 7 in a set of 8)

### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">Buffering a GPIO pin strobe output signal using an optocoupler to drive external devices</a>
<a href="#">GPIO strobe signal continues after isochronous image transfer stops</a>

## 6.4 12-Pin GPIO Electrical Characteristics

Opto-isolated **input** pins require an external pull up resistor to allow triggering of the camera by shorting the pin to the corresponding opto ground (OPTO\_GND). Non opto-isolated input pins are internally pulled high using weak pull-up resistors to allow triggering by shorting the pin to GND. Inputs can also be directly driven from a 3.3 V or 5 V logic output.

The inputs are protected from over voltage. Non-isolated inputs are protected from both over voltage/over current and polarity.

When configured as **outputs**, each line can sink 25 mA of current.

The  $V_{EXT}$  pins (Pins 7, 8 and 9) allow the camera to be powered externally. The voltage limit is 12-24 V, and current is limited to 1.5 A.

The **+3.3V** pin (Pin 5) is limited to 150 mA by a fuse. External devices connected to Pin 5 should not attempt to draw higher current.

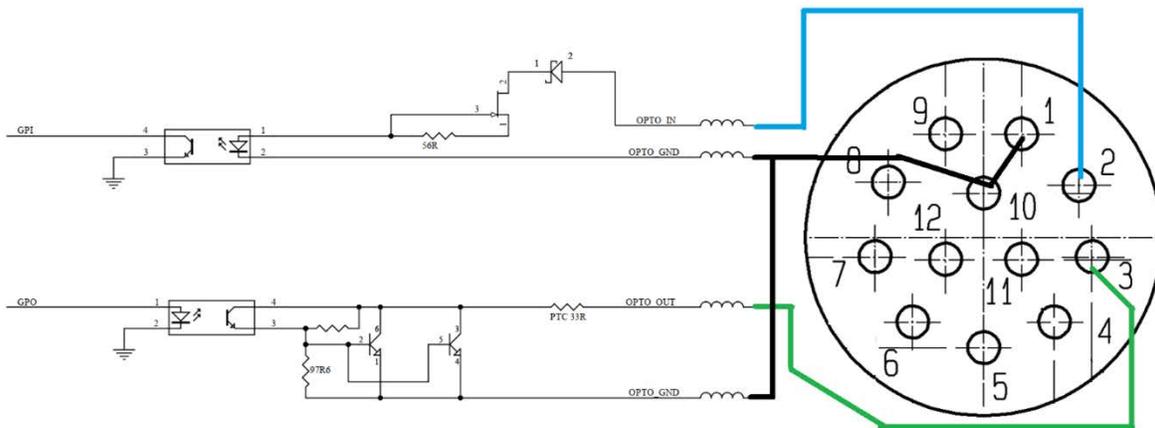
**Warning!** To avoid damage, connect the OPTO\_GND pin first before applying voltage to the GPIO line.

### 6.4.1 Opto-isolated electrical characteristics

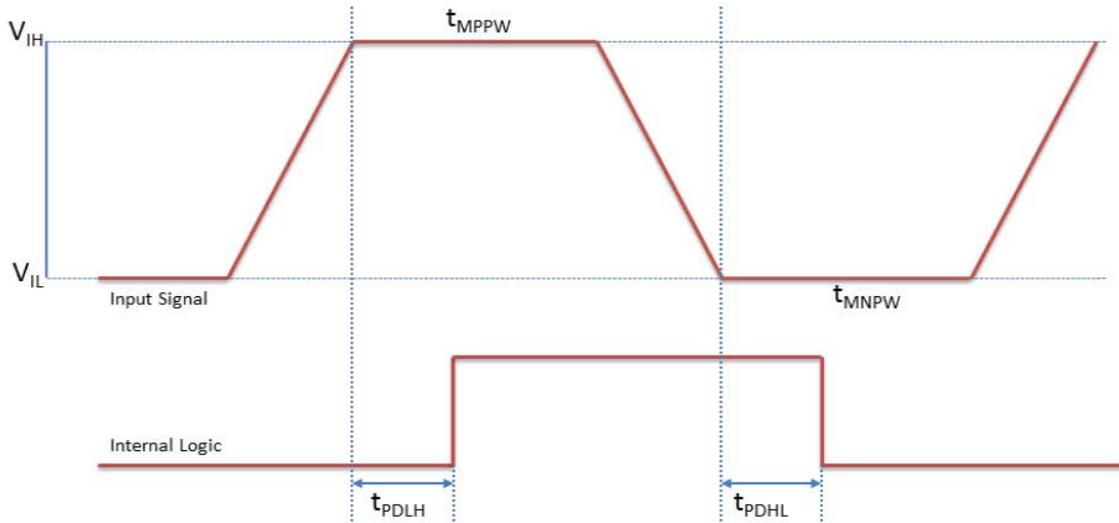
**Note:** Values are for reference only and could vary between cameras.

**External voltage resistor combinations at lowest frame rate**

External Voltage	External Resistor	OPTO_OUT Low Voltage	OPTO_OUT High Voltage	Current
3.3 V	200 Ω	1.44 V	3.29 V	8.2 mA
5.0 V	1.0 KΩ	0.88 V	4.94 V	3.8 mA
12 V	2.0 KΩ	1.1 V	11.93 V	5.1 mA
12 V	2.4 KΩ	0.98 V	11.93 V	4.2 mA
24 V	4.7 KΩ	0.75 V	23.75 V	4.5 mA



Opto-isolated circuit



Opto-isolated input timing characteristics

Source

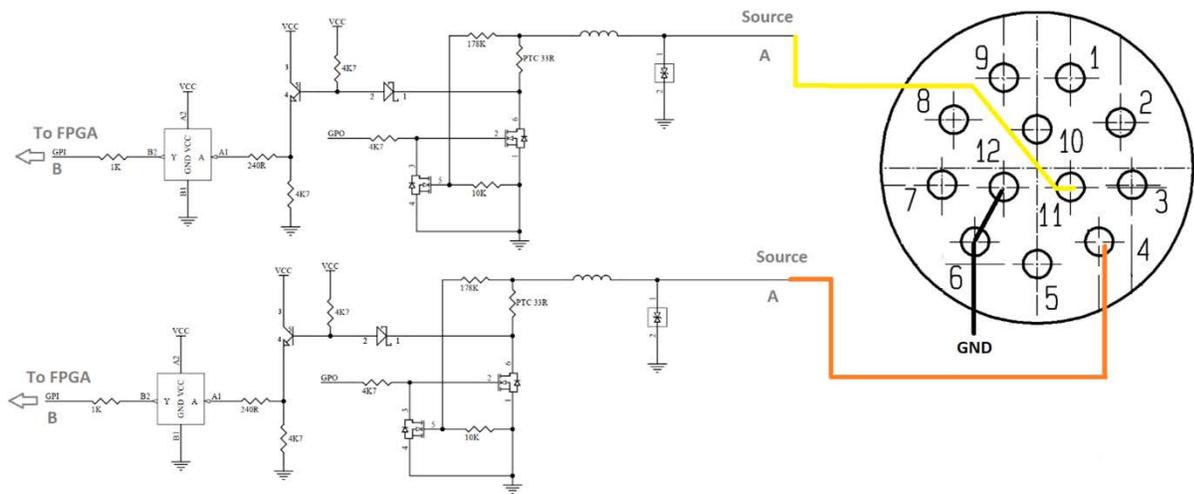
Parameter	Symbol	Value
Input Low Voltage	$V_L$	0.03 V
Input High Voltage	$V_H$	4.69 V
Input Threshold High Voltage	$V_{THH}$	4.22 V
Input Threshold Low Voltage	$V_{THL}$	0.5 V
Cycle Rise Time	$t_R$	93.32 nS
Cycle Fall Time	$t_F$	92.82 nS

Triggering at 15 FPS

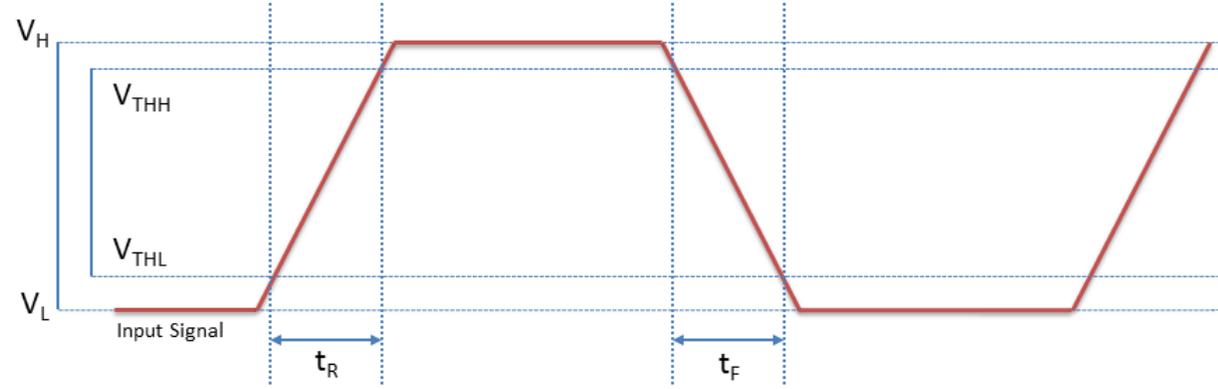
Parameter	Symbol	Opto-isolated
Propagation Delay Low to High (Source POV)	$t_{PDLH}$	556.98 nS
Propagation Delay High to Low (Source POV)	$t_{PDHL}$	26.4 $\mu$ S
Minimum Positive Pulse Width (Input Source)	$t_{MPPW}$	56.5 $\mu$ S
Minimum Negative Pulse Width (Input Source)	$t_{MNPW}$	2.16 $\mu$ S

6.4.1.1 Non-isolated electrical characteristics

**Note:** Values are for reference only and could vary between cameras.



Non-isolated GPIO circuit



Non-isolated input timing characteristics

**Note:** Input Performance measured with a 3.3Vp-p 1KHz Square Wave input @ point A

### Input Source Pulse

Parameter	Symbol	Non-isolated
Input Low Voltage	$V_L$	0.11 V
Input High Voltage	$V_H$	3.34 V
Input Threshold High Voltage (90%)	$V_{THH}$	3.01 V
Input Threshold Low Voltage (10%)	$V_{THL}$	0.43 V
Cycle Rise Time	$t_R$	154.9 nS
Cycle Fall Time	$t_F$	155.32 nS

# 7 Image Acquisition

## 7.1 Capturing Stream Files

Stream files are saved in the bin folder of the Ladybug SDK installation path.

**Note:** When capturing stream files, there must be at least 2 GB of free space on the hard drive before writing to disk.

### *Using LadybugCapPro:*

You can record stream files when you start a camera in Live Camera mode, using the controls in the Live Camera Toolbar.

1. From the Settings menu select Camera Control, or click the  button.
  - Use the Camera Control dialog to select your trigger mode, and other imaging parameters such as brightness, shutter, gain, auto exposure range, and others.
2. Use the [Live Camera Toolbar](#) to  start,  stop, and  pause recording.

### *Using Ladybug API:*

An example of writing to disk using the Ladybug API can be found in the [ladybugSimpleRecording](#) example.

**Note:** When used in conjunction with a GPS device, you can record images to stream files when the GPS location changes after a specified distance. This feature is available using the Ladybug API. For more information, see the [ladybugSimpleRecording](#) example.

## 7.2 Asynchronous Triggering

The camera supports asynchronous triggering, which allows the start of exposure (shutter) to be initiated by an external electrical source (or hardware trigger) or from an internal software mechanism (software trigger).

### *To access trigger modes:*

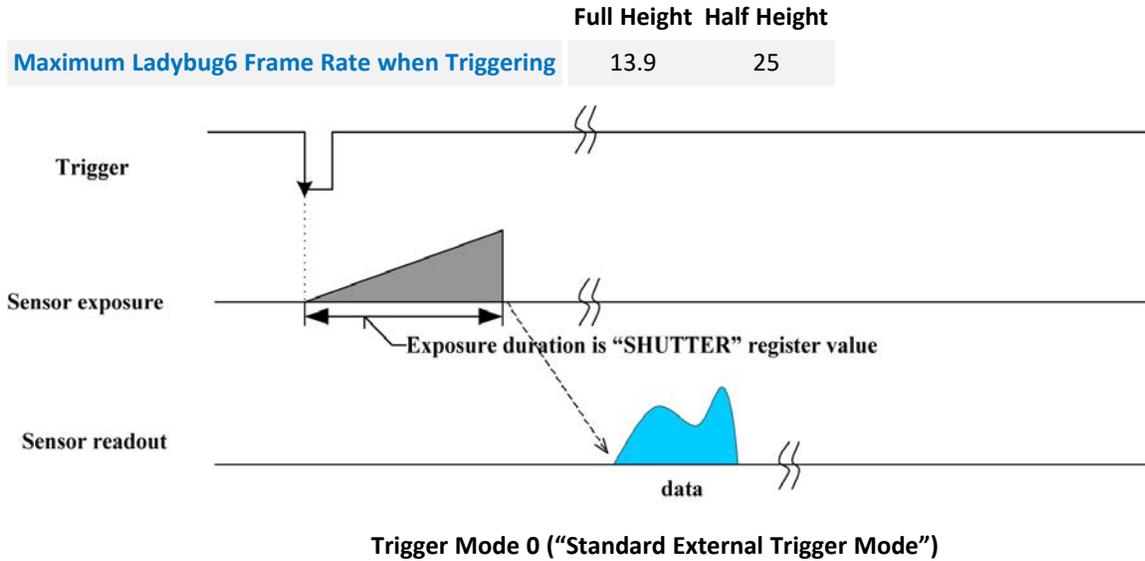
- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Trigger/Strobe tab.
- CSRs—[TRIGGER\\_MODE: 830h](#)

**Supported Trigger Modes**—Standard, skip frames, overlapped, multi-shot

## 7.2.1 Standard External Trigger (Mode 0)

Trigger Mode 0 is best described as the standard external trigger mode. When the camera is put into Trigger Mode 0, the camera starts integration of the incoming light from external trigger input falling/rising edge. The Shutter value describes integration time. No parameter is required. The camera can be triggered in this mode by using the GPIO pins as external trigger or by using a software trigger.

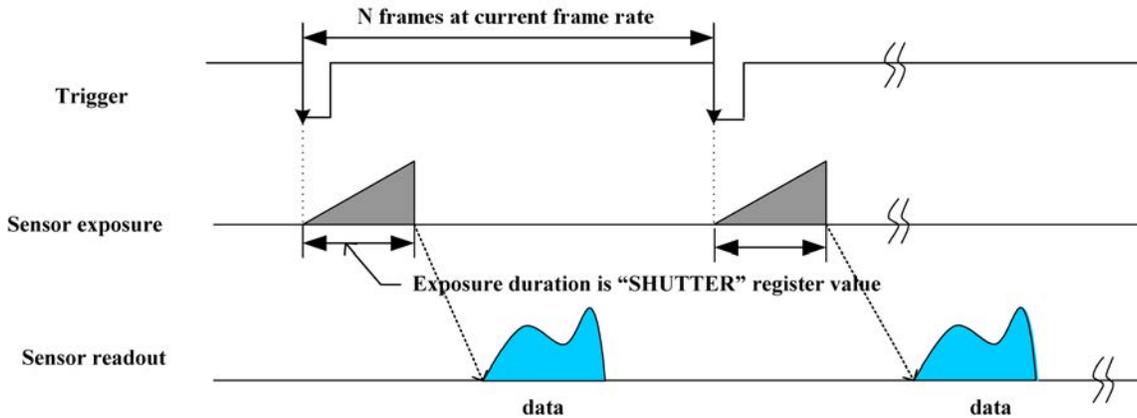
It is not possible to trigger the camera at full frame rate using Trigger Mode 0; however, [Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger \(Mode 14\)](#) allows triggering at nearly full frame rate.



Registers—TRIGGER_MODE: 830h		
Presence	[0]	1
ON	[6]	1
Polarity	[7]	Low/High
Source	[8-10]	GPIO Pin
Value	[11]	Low/High
Mode	[12-15]	Trigger_Mode_0
Parameter	[20-31]	None

## 7.2.2 Skip Frames Trigger (Mode 3)

Skip Frames mode allows the user to put the camera into a mode where the camera only transmits one out of  $N$  specified images. This is an internal trigger mode that requires no external interaction. Where  $N$  is the parameter set in the Trigger Mode, the camera will issue a trigger internally at a cycle time that is  $N$  times greater than the current frame rate. As with Trigger Mode 0, the Shutter value describes integration time.



Trigger Mode 3 (“Skip Frames Mode”)

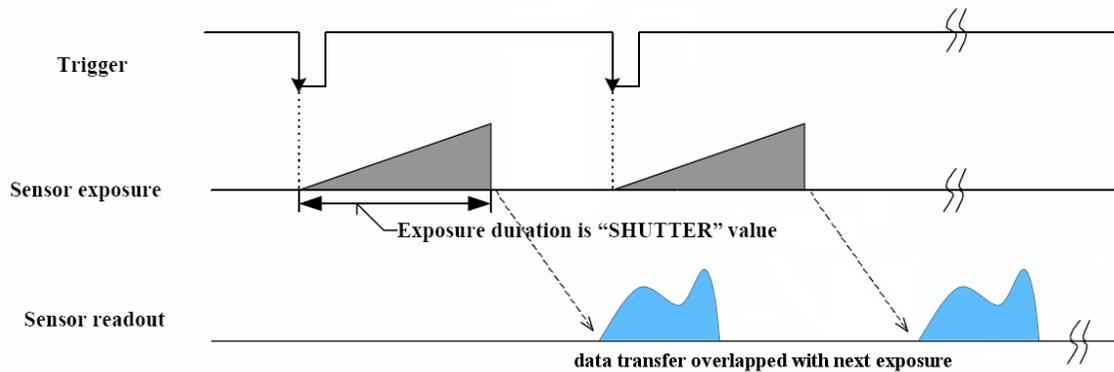
Registers—TRIGGER_MODE: 830h		
Presence	[0]	1
ON	[6]	1
Polarity	[7]	Low/High
Source	[8-10]	GPIO Pin
Value	[11]	Low/High
Mode	[12-15]	Trigger_Mode_3
Parameter	[20-31]	$N$ 1 out of $N$ images is transmitted. Cycle time $N$ times greater than current frame rate

### 7.2.3 Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger (Mode 14)

Overlapped Exposure Readout mode is a vendor-unique trigger mode that is very similar to Standard External mode, but allows for triggering at faster frame rates. This mode works well for users who want to drive exposure start with an external event. However, users who need a precise exposure start should use [Standard External Trigger \(Mode 0\)](#).

	Full Height	Half Height
Ladybug6 Frame Rate	14.9	28.7

In the figure below, the trigger may be overlapped with the readout of the image, similar to continuous shot (free-running) mode. If the trigger arrives after readout is complete, it starts as quickly as the imaging area can be cleared. If the trigger arrives before the end of shutter integration (that is, before the trigger is *armed*), it is dropped. If the trigger arrives while the image is still being read out of the sensor, the start of exposure is delayed until the next opportunity to clear the imaging area without injecting noise into the output image. The end of exposure cannot occur before the end of the previous image readout. Therefore, exposure start may be delayed to ensure this, which means priority is given to maintaining the proper exposure time instead of to the trigger start.



Trigger Mode 14 (“Overlapped Exposure/Readout Mode”)

Registers—TRIGGER_MODE: 830h		
Presence	[0]	1
ON	[6]	1
Polarity	[7]	Low/High
Source	[8-10]	GPIO Pin
Value	[11]	Low/High
Mode	[12-15]	Trigger_Mode_14
Parameter	[20-31]	None

## 7.2.4 Multi-Shot Trigger (Mode 15)

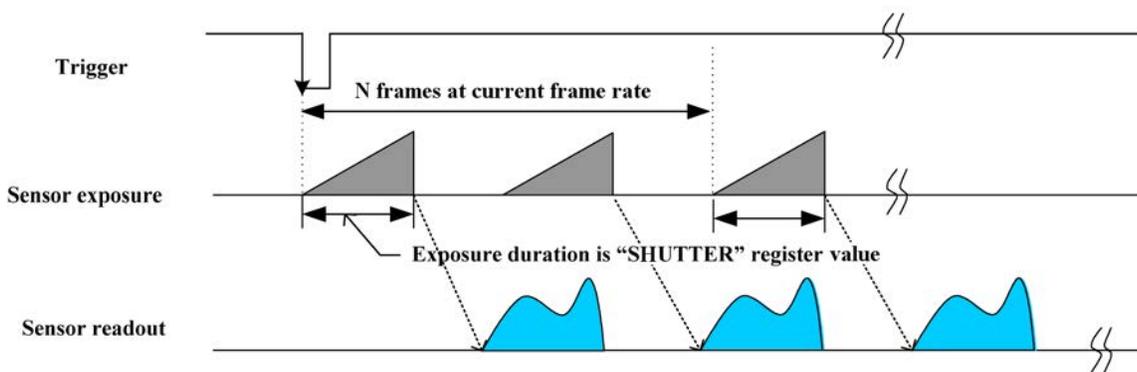
Multi-Shot mode is a vendor-unique trigger mode that allows the user to fire a single hardware or software trigger and have the camera acquire and stream a predetermined number of images.

The number of images to be acquired is determined by the parameter specified with the trigger mode. This allows up to 255 images to be acquired from a single trigger. Setting the parameter to 0 results in a non-free running, non-overlap mode. If Trigger Mode 14 is supported by the camera, setting the parameter to 0 results in a non-free running, overlap mode.

Once the trigger is fired, the camera will acquire  $N$  images with an exposure time equal to the value defined by the shutter, and stream the images to the host system at the current frame rate. Once this is complete, the camera can be triggered again to repeat the sequence.

Any changes to the trigger control cause the current sequence to stop.

**Note:** During the capture of  $N$  images, provided that  $N > 0$ , the camera is still in an asynchronous trigger mode (essentially Trigger Mode 14), rather than continuous (free-running) mode. The result of this is that the frame rate is turned OFF, and the camera put into extended shutter mode. Users should ensure that the maximum shutter time is limited to  $1/\text{frame\_rate}$  to get the  $N$  images captured at the current frame rate.



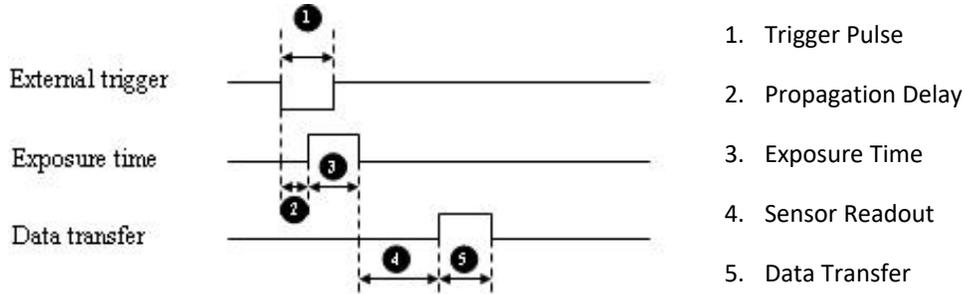
Trigger Mode 15, when  $N$  is greater than 0. (“Multi-Shot Trigger Mode”)

Registers—TRIGGER_MODE: 830h		
Presence	[0]	1
ON	[6]	1
Polarity	[7]	Low/High
Source	[8-10]	GPIO Pin
Value	[11]	Low/High

Registers—TRIGGER_MODE: 830h		
Mode	[12-15]	Trigger_Mode_15
Parameter	[20-31]	<i>N</i> number of images to be acquired

## 7.3 External Trigger Timing

The time from the external trigger firing to the start of shutter is shown below:



External trigger timing characteristics

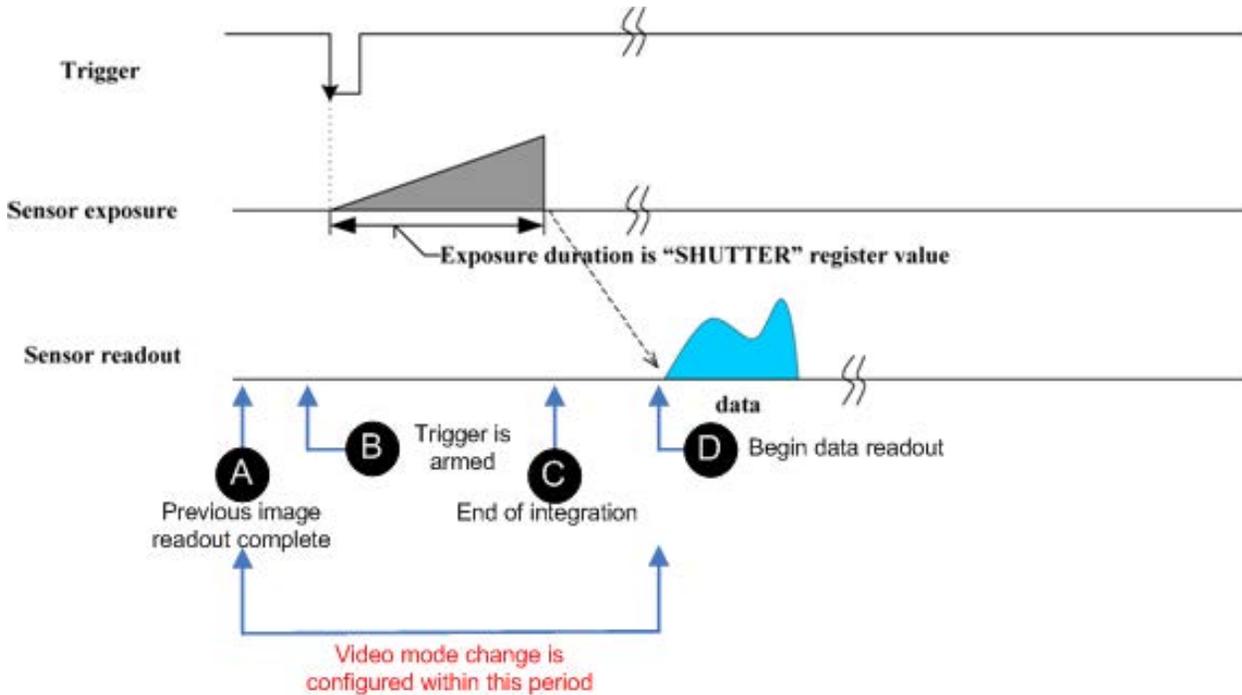
It is possible for users to measure this themselves by configuring one of the camera’s GPIO pins to output a strobe pulse (see [Programmable Strobe Output](#)) and connecting an oscilloscope up to the input trigger pin and the output strobe pin. The camera will strobe each time an image acquisition is triggered; the start of the strobe pulse represents the start of exposure.

## 7.4 Camera Behavior Between Triggers

When operating in external trigger mode, the camera clears charges from the sensor at the horizontal pixel clock rate determined by the current frame rate. For example, if the camera is set to 10 FPS, charges are cleared off the sensor at a horizontal pixel clock rate of 15 KHz. This action takes place following shutter integration, until the next trigger is received. At that point, the horizontal clearing operation is aborted, and a final clearing of the entire sensor is performed prior to shutter integration and transmission.

## 7.5 Changing Video Modes While Triggering

You can change the video format and mode of the camera while operating in trigger mode. Whether the new mode that is requested takes effect in the next triggered image depends on the timing of the request and the trigger mode in effect. The diagram below illustrates the relationship between triggering and changing video modes.



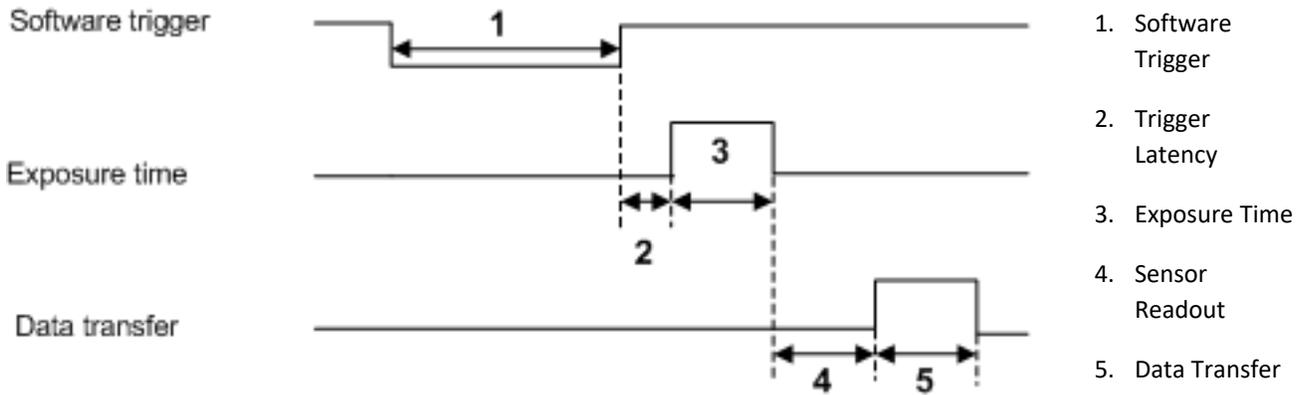
**Relationship Between External Triggering and Video Mode Change Request**

When operating in [Standard External Trigger \(Mode 0\)](#) video mode change requests made before point A on the diagram are honored in the next triggered image. The camera attempts to honor a request made after point A in the next triggered image, but this attempt may or may not succeed, in which case the request is honored one triggered image later. In [Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger \(Mode 14\)](#), point B occurs before point A. The result is that, in most cases, there is a delay of one triggered image for a video mode request, made before the configuration period, to take effect. In [Multi-Shot Trigger \(Mode 15\)](#), change requests made after point A for any given image readout are honored only after a delay of one image.

## 7.6 Asynchronous Software Triggering

Shutter integration can be initiated by a software trigger via [SOFTWARE\\_TRIGGER: 62Ch](#).

The time from a software trigger initiation to the start of shutter is shown below:



Software trigger timing

The time from when the software trigger is written on the camera to when the start of integration occurs can only be approximated. We then add the trigger latency (time from the trigger pulse to the start of integration) to this.

**Note:** This timing is solely from the camera perspective. It is virtually impossible to predict timing from the user perspective due to latencies in the processing of commands on the host PC.

## 7.7 Asynchronous Trigger Settings

*Using LadybugCapPro:*

You can control the trigger in the Camera Settings:

1. From the Settings menu, select Camera Control, or click the  button.
2. Click the Trigger / Strobe tab.
3. Under Trigger Control:
  - Select Enable/Disable trigger.
  - Select a trigger mode from the drop-down list.
  - Enter a parameter.
4. Under Trigger Delay:

- Select Enable/Disable delay.
  - Use the sliding scale or enter a value for the trigger delay. The trigger delay controls the delay between the trigger event and the start of integration (shutter open).
5. To use a software trigger, click the Fire Software Trigger button.

*Using Registers:*

- Use the [TRIGGER\\_MODE: 830h](#) register to enable and select a trigger mode and set parameters.
- Use the [TRIGGER\\_DELAY: 834h](#) register to enable and set a trigger delay.
- Use the [SOFTWARE\\_TRIGGER: 62Ch](#) register to generate a software trigger.

## 7.8 Working with an External GPS Device for Positioning

You can use an external GPS receiver with a Ladybug camera to record GPS positional data with stream files, generate Google Map or Google Earth files, and download a GPS data file.

In addition, the camera has a pulse per second (PPS) feature that allows you to synchronize the timestamps of images with GPS time.

For information on working with GPS data using LadybugCapPro, see [Working with GPS Positional Data](#).

For information on working with GPS data using Ladybug API, see [Using GPS with the Ladybug API](#).

**Related Knowledge Base Article**

Description	Article
Information on working with PPS to synchronize to GPS time	<a href="#">Using PPS to Synchronize with External GPS</a>

### 7.8.1 Working with GPS Positional Data

You can use a GPS receiver in conjunction with a Ladybug camera to record GPS data with stream files, generate Google Map or Google Earth files, and download a GPS data file.

**Note:** You can record images to stream files when the GPS location changes after a specified distance. This feature is available using the Ladybug API. For more information, see the [ladybugSimpleRecording](#) example.

When using a GPS receiver with your Ladybug, keep in mind the following:

- Your GPS receiver should have a serial or USB interface for connecting with your computer and be able to stream NMEA 0183 data in real time.
- To provide reliable data, your GPS device should show a connection with at least 3 satellites.

- It may take some time between when you first connect the GPS device to your PC and when it is recognized and configured for use with LadybugCapPro.
- The following GPS NMEA data structures are supported: GPGGA, GPGSA, GPGSV, GPRMC, GPZDA, GPVTG and GPGLL.

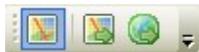
For information about how GPS data is incorporated into stream files, see [Stream File Format](#).

### Configuring the GPS receiver

Before capturing GPS data, use the LadybugCapPro Options button (  ) on the [Main Toolbar](#) to specify some basic settings for communicating with your GPS receiver.

Control	Description
<b>Port Number</b>	<p>The port to which the GPS receiver is connected. To determine the port, expand the Ports node in the Windows Device Manager.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #0070C0; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #D9E1F2; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> <p><b>Note:</b> LadybugCapPro does not automatically detect this setting upon startup.</p> </div>
<b>Baud Rate</b>	The signaling event rate at which the GPS receiver communicates with the PC. This rate is limited by what the GPS unit supports. The NMEA 0183 standard supports the default value of 4800.
<b>Data Update Interval</b>	The time interval at which positional data is updated from the GPS to the PC. This rate can be set up to the maximum supported by the GPS unit. The default value is 1000 ms.
<b>Start GPS when starting LadybugCapPro</b>	When checked, specifies that the GPS unit should transmit positional data as soon as the LadybugCapPro application starts in live camera mode, using the existing settings.
<b>Google Map Height /Google Map Width</b>	Specifies the dimensions of the Google Maps that are generated. These dimensions affect the amount of area covered in the maps, rather than their resolution.

### Using the GPS Toolbar



Once you have configured your GPS receiver, you are ready to use the GPS toolbar to record GPS data and generate Google Map or Google Earth files.

Icon	Description
	Instructs LadybugCapPro to begin receiving positional data from the GPS unit. When used in conjunction with <a href="#">Capturing Stream Files</a> , GPS data is saved with the stream file. For more information, see <a href="#">Stream File Format</a> . This control is not available in recorded stream mode. Click again to stop GPS recording.
	Creates a Google Map file from the GPS data that was previously recorded with the stream file, and allows you the option to load it. An internet connection is required to view the file. Google Maps are saved as .html files in the bin folder of the PGR Ladybug installation directory. This control is not available in live image-grabbing mode.

Icon	Description
	<p>Creates a Google Earth file from the GPS data recorded with the stream file, and allows you the option to load it. The Google Earth application and an internet connection are required to view the file. Google Earth files are stored as .kml files in the bin folder of the PGR Ladybug installation directory. This control is not available in image capture mode.</p>

### Generating a GPS data file

You can download the data file containing the GPS data for each frame of a recorded stream file. From the **GPS** menu item, select **Generate GPS/frame information**. After the file is generated, a dialog box informs you of the location of the file.

## 7.8.2 Using GPS with the Ladybug API

For a code example, please see the [ladybugSimpleGPS](#) example. Examples can be accessed from:

**Start Menu → Teledyne Ladybug SDK → Examples**

The Ladybug library has the ability to interface with a GPS device and insert NMEA sentence data into Ladybug images. The data can then be extracted at a later time and be used to generate HTML data, which can be displayed as a Google Map, or KML data, which can be loaded into Google Earth.

The NMEA sentences supported by the Ladybug library are:

- GPGGA
- GPGSA
- GPGSV
- GPRMC
- GPZDA
- GPVTG
- GPGLL

### Detecting the GPS COM Port

Using the GPS functionality requires the use of a GPS device. The COM port that the GPS device is connected to must be known. To determine the port, perform the following steps:

- Right click on "My Computer".
- Click on the Hardware tab and click the "Device Manager" button.
- Expand the "Ports (COM & LPT)" node and note the COM port that the GPS device is mapped to.

### Using the Ladybug API for GPS

The following steps provide a brief overview of how to use the GPS functionality of the Ladybug library:

1. Create a GPS context (`LadybugGPSContext`) by calling `ladybugCreateGPSContext()`. This may be done at the same time as the creation of the Ladybug camera context.
2. Register the GPS context with the Ladybug camera context by calling `ladybugRegisterGPS()`. A single GPS context can be registered with several Ladybug camera contexts.
3. Initialize the device by calling `ladybugInitializeGPS()`.

4. Start the GPS device by calling `ladybugStartGPS ()`. This may be called when `ladybugStart ()` is called. It takes about 5 seconds for the GPS data to become available.
5. Once image grabbing is active, there are several options for image grabbing. The options, with further explanations below, are:

- **Getting NMEA data from a GPS device or LadybugImage**

The functions `ladybugGetGPSNMEAData` or `ladybugGetGPSNMEADataFromImage` can be used to get a single NMEA sentence from a GPS device or `LadybugImage`. This is usually sufficient if only a small set of values are needed (for example, only latitude and longitude).

If all the sentences are required, calling `ladybugGetAllGPSNMEAData` or `ladybugGetAllGPSNMEADataFromImage` will populate a `LadybugNMEAGPSData` structure with all the supported NMEA sentences (if available).

Each NMEA structure has a boolean value called `bValidData`. This value is true only if the data contained in that structure is valid.

- **Getting GPS data from a LadybugImageInfo structure**

When grabbing images in JPEG mode, a filled `LadybugImageInfo` structure is available in each `LadybugImage`. When the GPS functionality is active, the following values are populated:

- `dGPSAltitude`
- `dGPSLatitude`
- `dGPSLongitude`

If any of these values are equal to `LADYBUG_INVALID_GPS_DATA`, then they should be considered invalid.

6. Once image grabbing has been completed, call `ladybugStopGPS ()` to stop data acquisition from the GPS device.
7. Unregister the GPS context by calling `ladybugUnregisterGPS ()`.
8. Destroy the context by calling `ladybugDestroyGPSContext ()`.

### 7.8.3 Generating Google Maps and Google Earth data

The Ladybug library allows the user to retrieve GPS data from a stream file and automatically generate Google Maps or Google Earth data, which can then be loaded in their respective applications.

#### *Using LadybugCapPro:*

From the GPS menu, select Generate Google Map HTML or click the  button.

From the GPS menu, select Generate Google Earth KML or click the  button.

#### *Using Ladybug API:*

If a stream context has already been initialized for reading, calling `ladybugWriteGPSSummaryDataToFile` with the relevant `LadybugGPSFileType` generates GPS data for the entire stream file.

# 8 Ladybug6 Attributes

## 8.1 Data Formats and Frame Rates

Changing the size of the image or the pixel encoding format requires an undetermined length of frame times, including the stop/start procedure, tearing down/reallocating image buffers, write times to the camera, etc.

Panoramic Image (Full Height Acquisition Mode)	Ladybug6
Resolution (MP)	72
Dimensions (WxH)	12,288 x 6,144
Frame Rate (FPS)	15
Frame Rate in Standard External Trigger Mode 0 (FPS)	13.9
Frame Rate in Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger Mode 14 (FPS)	14.9
Panoramic Image (Half Height Acquisition Mode)	Ladybug6
Resolution (MP)	36
Dimensions (WxH)	6,144 x 6,144
Frame Rate (FPS)	29.9
Frame Rate in Standard External Trigger Mode 0 (FPS)	25
Frame Rate in Overlapped Exposure Readout Trigger Mode 14 (FPS)	28.7

Ladybug sensors are arranged in "portrait" orientation to increase the vertical field of view. As a result, height measurements appear as width in the Ladybug SDK, and width measurements appear as height.

The image size accounts for six separate images captured by each of the camera's six sensors prior to blending and stitching. Image size for JPEG compressed images is dependent on variables such as image composition and compression rate. For more information, see [JPEG Compression and JPEG Buffer Usage](#).

### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">Overview of multithreading optimizations in Ladybug library</a>
<a href="#">Ladybug JPEG Image Quality and Buffer Size Settings</a>

### Determining Image Size

For Ladybug6, the maximum size of a single camera image after image conversion is 4096 x 2992.

If your software allocates its own memory for image conversion and texture updating, the amount of memory to be allocated is:

$$\text{Image Size in MB} = (\text{Number of cameras} \times W \times H \times \text{BPP}) / 1,000,000$$

Bytes per pixel (BPP) is 1 for 8-bit modes and 2 for 12-bit modes.

For example, the memory size allocation required for a JPEG8 image after conversion is:

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Image Size} &= (\text{Number of cameras} \times W \times H \times \text{BPP}) / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Image Size} &= (6 \times 4096 \times 2992 \times 1) / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Image Size} &= 73,531,392 / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Image Size} &= 74 \text{ MB} \end{aligned}$$

*Determining Bandwidth*

To calculate your bandwidth requirements, use your required resolution, frame rate, and compressed data format as follows:

$$\text{Bandwidth in MB/s} = ((\text{Number of Cameras} \times W \times H \times \text{FPS} \times \text{BPP}) / \text{Compression Ratio}) / 1,000,000$$

For example, a 5:1 compressed JPEG8 full size image at maximum frame rate would use the following bandwidth:

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bandwidth} &= ((\text{Number of Cameras} \times W \times H \times \text{FPS} \times \text{BPP}) / \text{Compression Ratio}) / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Bandwidth} &= ((6 \times 4096 \times 2992 \times 15 \times 1) / 5) / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Bandwidth} &= 220,594,176 / 1,000,000 \\ \text{Bandwidth} &= 221 \text{ MB/s} \end{aligned}$$

## 8.1.1 Data Formats

Data formats are an encoding scheme by which color or monochrome images are produced from raw image data. Most data formats are numbered to represent the number of bits per pixel.

The Ladybug's Analog-to-Digital Converter, which digitizes the images, is configured to a fixed bit output (12-bit). If the format selected has fewer bits per pixel than the ADC output, the least significant bits are dropped. If the format selected has greater bits per pixel than the ADC output, the least significant bits are padded and can be discarded by the user.

Data Format	Bits per Pixel
JPEG 8	8
JPEG 12	12

### 8.1.1.1 JPEG

JPEG is a format which supports 16.7 million colors and follows a standard for compression by disposing of redundant pixels. The degree of compression can be adjusted allowing for a balance between image size and image quality.

## 8.1.2 JPEG Compression and JPEG Buffer Usage

The camera's compressor unit processes JPEG image data based on a compression rate. This can be automatically calculated (recommended mode) or user specified. Specifying a higher JPEG quality value produces higher-quality images, but these images are also larger in size. The maximum image size is limited to what the maximum USB3 bandwidth can handle. If the bandwidth is exceeded then frames may be dropped.

Compression and image quality are highly dependent on the scene being captured and can be affected by levels of light, complexity of scene, and data format.

**Note:** Using the JPEG compression in auto mode is recommended to allow the compressor unit to determine the best compression rate to fit the bandwidth and avoid dropped frames.

JPEG compression adjusts to the following parameters:

- The maximum allowed by the size of the image buffer on the PC (controlled by the camera driver).
- **Auto buffer usage**—When JPEG compression is in **auto** mode this setting is the percentage of the image buffer that is used for image data. Specifying a value less than the maximum 100% allows for room in the buffer to accommodate extra images, depending on scene variations from frame to frame. A setting of no more than 95% is recommended. The visual improvement in compression quality that results from a setting higher than 95% is negligible compared to the increased amount of data generated.
- **JPEG Quality (in %)**—When JPEG compression is in **manual** mode this setting is the percentage for the JPEG compression quality. The recommended value for Ladybug6 is dependent on the data format:

Data Format	%
JPEG8	90
JPEG12	35
JPEG12 Processed	12

*To adjust the compression control:*

1. From the Settings menu, select Camera Control, or click the  button.
2. Click the Ladybug Settings tab.
3. Under Compression Control:
  - Select Auto for JPEG Quality to specify auto compression. **This is the recommended setting.**
  - Then select an Auto Buffer Usage percentage from the sliding scale. A setting of no more than 95% is recommended.

Or,

  - Deselect Auto JPEG Quality and select a fixed JPEG Quality percentage from the sliding scale.

*Using Registers:*

- Use the **JPEG\_CTRL: 1E80h** register to turn auto JPEG compression on or off and to set the JPEG quality percentage used if auto JPEG compression is disabled (manual mode).
- If auto JPEG compression is enabled:
  - Use the **JPEG\_BUFFER\_USAGE: 1E84h** register to set the image buffer percentage used. A setting of no more than 95% is recommended.

- Use the [JPEG\\_MAX\\_QUALITY: 1E8Ch](#) register to set the maximum JPEG quality percentage used. The default is 80.

#### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">Ladybug JPEG image quality and buffer size settings</a>

## 8.2 Brightness

Brightness, also known as offset or black level, controls the level of black in an image.

The camera supports brightness control.

*To adjust brightness:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.
- **During Post Processing**—From the Settings menu, select Image Processing and select Black Level to make an adjustment with the slider.
- CSRs—[Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#)

## 8.3 Shutter Time

The Ladybug supports Automatic, Manual, and One Push control of the image sensor shutter time.

**Note:** The terms “integration”, “exposure” and “shutter” are interchangeable.

Shutter times are scaled by the divider of the basic frame rate. For example, dividing the frame rate by two (e.g. 15 FPS to 7.5 FPS) causes the maximum shutter time to double (e.g. 66 ms to 133 ms).

The maximum shutter time can be extended beyond the normal range by disabling the frame rate. Once the frame rate is disabled, you should see the maximum value of the shutter time increase.

The supported shutter time range is:

The time between the end of shutter for consecutive frames is always constant. However, if the shutter time is continually changing (e.g. being controlled by Auto Exposure), the time between the beginning of consecutive integrations will change. If the shutter time is constant, the time between integrations will also be constant.

The camera continually exposes and reads image data off of the sensor under the following conditions:

1. The camera is powered up; and
2. The camera is in free running, not asynchronous trigger, mode. When in trigger mode, the camera simply clears the sensor and does not read the data off the sensor.

The camera continues to expose images even when data transfer is disabled and images are not being streamed to the computer. The camera continues exposing images in order to keep things such as the auto exposure algorithm (if enabled) running. This ensures that when a user starts requesting images, the first image received is properly exposed.

When operating in free-running mode, changes to the shutter value take effect with the next captured image, or the one after next. Changes to shutter in asynchronous trigger mode generally take effect on the next trigger.

### *To adjust shutter:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.
- CSRs—[Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#)

### *To enable extended shutter:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab. Deselect Frame Rate On/Off to disable the frame rate.

## 8.3.1 Shutter Range

The camera offers three preset shutter range modes to set the maximum shutter value:

- Drive Highway—maximum shutter is set to as short as possible to prevent motion blur. Best used outdoors or images may be too dark. This is the recommended default.
- Drive City—maximum shutter set for city driving speed (40 km/h or 25 m/h) to prevent motion blur.
- Indoor—maximum shutter is slightly longer than the driving modes, for use in indoor or lower light applications.
- Low Noise—maximum shutter range allowed for lowest noise. This may introduce motion blur.

### *To set the shutter range:*

- **During Capture**—From the [Live Camera Toolbar](#), make a selection from the Shutter range drop-down.

## 8.4 Gain

Gain is the amount of amplification that is applied to a pixel by the A/D converter. An increase in gain can result in a brighter image but also an increase in noise.

The Ladybug6 supports Automatic and One Push and gain modes. The A/D converter provides a PxGA gain stage (white balance/preamp) and VGA gain stage. The main VGA gain stage is available to the user.

### *To adjust gain:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.
- **During Post Processing**—From the Settings menu, select Image Processing. Select Exposure and then select Manual from the drop-down to adjust the Gain with the slider.
- CSRs—[Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#)

## 8.5 Auto Exposure

Auto exposure allows the camera to automatically control shutter and/or gain in order to achieve a specific average image intensity. Additionally, users can specify the range of allowed values used by the auto-exposure algorithm by setting the auto exposure range, the auto shutter range, and the auto gain range.

Auto Exposure allows the user to control the camera system's automatic exposure algorithm. It has three useful states:

State	Description
Off	Control of the exposure is achieved via setting both Shutter and Gain. This mode is achieved by setting Auto Exposure to Off, or by setting Shutter and Gain to Manual.
Manual Exposure Control	The camera automatically modifies Shutter and Gain to try to match the average image intensity to the Auto Exposure value. This mode is achieved by setting Auto Exposure to Manual and either/both of Shutter and Gain to Automatic.
Auto Exposure Control	The camera automatically modifies the value in order to produce an image that is visually pleasing. This mode is achieved by setting the all three of Auto Exposure, Shutter, and Gain to Automatic. In this mode, the value reflects the average image intensity.

Auto Exposure can only control the exposure when Shutter and/or Gain are set to Automatic. If only one of the settings is in "auto" mode then the auto exposure controller attempts to control the image intensity using just that one setting. If both of these settings are in "auto" mode the auto exposure controller uses a shutter-before-gain heuristic to try and maximize the signal-to-noise ratio by favoring a longer shutter time over a larger gain value.

In absolute mode, an exposure value (EV) of 0 indicates the average intensity of the image is 18% of 1023 (18% gray).

The auto exposure algorithm is only applied to the active region of interest, and not the entire array of active pixels.

There are four parameters that affect Auto Exposure:

**Auto Exposure Range**—Allows the user to specify the range of allowed exposure values to be used by the automatic exposure controller when in auto mode.

**Auto Shutter Range**—Allows the user to specify the range of shutter values to be used by the automatic exposure controller which is generally some subset of the entire shutter range.

**Auto Gain Range**—Allows the user to specify the range of gain values to be used by the automatic exposure controller which is generally some subset of the entire gain range.

**Auto Exposure ROI**—Allows the user to specify a region of interest within the full image to be used for both auto exposure and white balance. The ROI position and size are relative to the transmitted image. If the request ROI is of zero width or height, the entire image is used.

Auto exposure can be controlled on each of the six sensors independently.

#### *To control auto exposure:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.
- **During Post Processing**—From the Settings menu, select Image Processing. Select Exposure and then select Automatic from the drop-down to adjust with the slider. Select an ROI from the drop-down. See [Auto Exposure ROI](#).
- CSRs—[Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#) and [AE\\_ROI: 1A70 – 1A74h](#)

## 8.5.1 Auto Exposure ROI

There are three preset modes for the auto exposure algorithm:

- **Bottom 50%**—uses only the bottom 50% of the five side cameras and excludes the top camera from its calculations.

- Top 50%—uses only top 50% of the five side cameras and includes the top camera in its calculations. This is the upside down version of the first mode, used when the camera is mounted upside down (for example, on a helicopter).
- Full Image—uses the entire image of all six cameras for its calculations. This is the default.

For some data formats – 8-bit and JPEG12Processed – the auto exposure modes are set for image capture using LadybugCapPro and set for post processing using the Ladybug API.

For other data formats – JPEG12 – the auto exposure modes are set both for image capture and post processing using LadybugCapPro.

*To select an auto exposure ROI:*

**During Capture:**

- From the [Live Camera Toolbar](#), make a selection from the AE ROI drop-down.

**During Post Processing:**

1. From the Settings menu, select Image Processing.
2. Select Exposure and then select Automatic from the drop-down to adjust with the slider.
3. Select an ROI from the drop-down.

## 8.6 Independent Sensor Control of Shutter, Gain and Auto Exposure

The Independent Sensor Control feature provides customized control of exposure for each of the six cameras on the camera system independently. This feature allows users to acquire images with greater dynamic range of the overall scene.

**Note:** Independent Sensor Control provides independent control of exposure-related features only. This feature does not encompass other camera control settings such as gamma or white balance.

Global control applies the same setting (automatic or manual) and value to all six cameras. Independent control allows separate settings (automatic or manual) and values to each camera.

- If global shutter is off, shutter can be independently controlled.
- If global gain is off, gain can be independently controlled.
- If either global shutter or global gain is off, exposure can be independently controlled.

*To control shutter, gain, and exposure:*

**During Capture:**

- From the Settings menu, select Camera Control, or click the  button.
  - Global control of shutter, gain, and exposure is set on the Camera Settings tab.
  - Independent control of shutter, gain, and exposure is set on the Ladybug Settings tab.

*Using Registers:*

- Use the shutter and gain registers to turn off global control of Shutter and Gain.
  - For details of these registers see [SHUTTER: 81Ch](#) and [Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#)
- Use SUB\_AUTO\_EXPOSURE\_\* to independently control the exposure for each camera.
- Use SUB\_SHUTTER\_\* and SUB\_GAIN\_\* to independently control shutter and gain for each camera.
  - For details of these registers see [INDEPENDENT\\_CONTROL\\_INQ: 1E94h](#).

## 8.7 Gamma and Lookup Table

The camera supports gamma functionality.

Sensor manufacturers strive to make the transfer characteristics of sensors inherently linear, which means that as the number of photons hitting the imaging sensor increases, the resulting image intensity increases are linear. Gamma can be used to apply a non-linear mapping of the images produced by the camera. Gamma is applied after analog-to-digital conversion and is available in all data formats except Raw. Gamma values between 0.5 and 1 result in decreased brightness effect, while values between 1 and 4 produce an increased brightness effect. By default, Gamma is enabled and has a value of 1.25. To obtain a linear response, disable gamma.

For 8-bit, gamma is applied as:

$$OUT = 255 * (IN/255) ^ (1/gamma)$$

### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">How is gamma calculated and applied?</a>

*To adjust gamma:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab.
- **During Post Processing**—From the Settings menu, select Image Processing. Select Gamma to adjust with the slider. See [Adjusting Unprocessed Images](#).

## 8.8 High Dynamic Range (HDR) Imaging

Generally speaking, digital camera systems are not capable of accurately capturing many of the high dynamic range scenes that they are exposed to in real world settings. That is, they may not be able to capture features in both the darkest and brightest areas of an image simultaneously - darker portions of the image are too dark or brighter portions of the image are too bright. High Dynamic Range (HDR) mode helps to overcome this problem by capturing images with varying exposure settings. HDR is best suited for stationary applications.

The camera can be set into an HDR mode in which it cycles between 4 user-defined shutter and gain settings, applying one gain and shutter value pair per frame. This allows images representing a wide range of shutter and gain settings to be collected in a short time to be combined into a final HDR image later. The camera does not create the final HDR image; this must be done by the user.

The HDR interface contains gain and shutter controls for 4 consecutive frames. When **Enable high dynamic range** is checked, the camera cycles between settings 1-4, one set of settings per consecutive frame.

#### To enable HDR:

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the High Dynamic Range tab.
- **Ladybug SDK example program**—use the ladybugCapterHDRImage example
- CSRs—[HDR: 1800h – 1884h](#)

#### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">Capturing HDR Images with Ladybug cameras</a>

## 8.9 Ladybug Image Information

Ladybug image information is stored at the beginning of each image and contains frame-specific data. This data is separate from the image payload.

The following frame-specific information is provided:

- Timestamp in seconds and microseconds
- Sequence number of the image
- Horizontal refresh rate
- Gain used by each of the 6 cameras
- Shutter for each of the 6 sensors
- Brightness
- White Balance
- Gamma
- Bayer Gain
- Bayer Map
- Serial number of the camera

**Note:** Ladybug image values are those in effect at the end of shutter integration.

The LadybugImageInfo structure in ladybug.h contains the format of the embedded information. This information is always provided at the start of the image.

## 8.10 White Balance

The Ladybug supports white balance adjustment, which is a system of color correction to account for differing lighting conditions. Adjusting white balance by modifying the relative gain of R, G and B in an image enables white areas to look "whiter". Taking some subset of the target image and looking at the relative red to green and blue to green response, the objective is to scale the red and blue channels so that the response is 1:1:1.

The user can adjust the red and blue values. Both values specify relative gain, with a value that is half the maximum value being a relative gain of zero.

White Balance has two states:

State	Description
Off	The same gain is applied to all pixels in the Bayer tiling.
On/Manual	The Red value is applied to the red pixels of the Bayer tiling and the Blue value is applied to the blue pixels of the Bayer tiling.

### *To manually adjust white balance:*

- **During Capture**—From the Settings menu, select Camera Control and click the Camera Settings tab or use the [Live Camera Toolbar](#).
- **During Post Processing**—From the Settings menu, select Image Processing. Select White Balance to make custom adjustments with the sliders, or select presets from the drop-down list.
- CSRs— [WHITE\\_BALANCE: 80Ch](#)

## 8.11 Color Processing

A Bayer tile pattern color filter array captures the intensity red, green or blue in each pixel on the sensor. The image below is an example of a Bayer tile pattern.

To determine the actual pattern on your camera, query [BAYER\\_TILE\\_MAPPING: 1040h](#).

G1	R2	G3	R4	G5
B6	G7	B8	G9	B10
G11	R12	G13	R14	G15
B16	G17	B18	G19	B20
G21	R22	G23	R24	G25

Example Bayer Tile Pattern

*To control color processing:*

- **During Post Processing**—Click the button to select the algorithm used to convert raw Bayer-tiled image data to 24-bit RGB images. Lower-quality algorithms can increase the LadybugCapPro display rate, and higher-quality algorithms can decrease the display rate.
- **During Post Processing**—Click the button to select the algorithm used to convert raw Bayer-tiled image data to 32-bit RGBA images. Lower-quality algorithms can increase the LadybugCapPro display rate, and higher-quality algorithms can decrease the display rate.

The algorithms are:

- **High Quality Linear:** Full size, high quality debayering algorithm that balances good performance and image quality. **This is the recommended default.**
  - **High Quality Linear on GPU:** Same output as High Quality Linear, but potentially better performance on graphics cards with NVidia CUDA support.
- Downsample algorithms that are useful for generating images with reduced dimensions (for thumbnails or preview):
- **Downsample4:** Processes every second pixel, resulting in a 1/4 sized image
  - **Downsample16:** Processes every fourth pixel, resulting in a 1/16 sized image
  - **Downsample64:** Processes every eighth pixel, resulting in a 1/64 sized image
- CSRs—[BAYER\\_TILE\\_MAPPING: 1040h](#)

# 9 Post Processing Control

**Note:** The options available for post processing control are dependent on the data format chosen during image capture.

Certain parameters can be adjusted after image capture during post processing, including:

- Stabilization
- Vertical tilt
- Stitching
- Image parameters such as black level, exposure, gamma, tone mapping, white balance

For 8-bit and JPEG12Processed formats see [Adjusting 8-bit and JPEG12Processed Images](#).

For 12-bit formats see [Adjusting Unprocessed Images](#).

## 9.1 Reading Stream Files

*Using LadybugCapPro:*

From the File menu, select New or click the  button. Click Load Stream File. Select your file and click Open.

**Note:** When LadybugCapPro is launched, it prompts you to start a camera or load a stream file.

*Using Ladybug API:*

The following steps provide a brief overview of how to use the stream functionality of the Ladybug library to read a stream from disk:

1. Create a stream context (LadybugStreamContext) by calling `ladybugCreateStreamContext()`.
2. Initialize the stream context for reading by calling `ladybugInitializeStreamForReading()`.
3. At this point, additional information about the stream can be obtained by calling `ladybugGetStreamHeader` and `ladybugGetStreamNumOfImages`.
4. If a specific image is required, calling `ladybugGoToImage()` will move the stream to the specified image. Otherwise, `ladybugReadImageFromStream()` will retrieve the image from the current reading pointer.
5. When reading is complete, call `ladybugStopStream()` to stop reading.

6. Destroy the context by calling `ladybugDestroyStreamContext()` when suitable (such as program termination).

## 9.2 Working with Images

In both live camera and recorded video modes, you can use the [Image Processing Toolbar](#) to change the way the camera processes and renders images. You can also click and drag inside the image display to render image rotation and magnification in different ways.

### 9.2.1 Falloff Correction

Falloff Correction adjusts the intensity of light in images to compensate for lens vignetting effects. This control is enabled by default.

*To enable fall off correction:*

1. From the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, or, from the Settings menu select Falloff Correction.
2. Select Enable falloff correction.
3. Specify an attenuation value with the slider or textbox. The attenuation value regulates the degree of adjustment to apply.
4. Click OK.

### 9.2.2 Blending Width

Blending is the process of adjusting pixel values in each image that overlap with the fields of adjacent images to minimize the effect of pronounced borders. The default width of 100 pixels is suitable for the 20-meter sphere radius to which Ladybug cameras are pre-calibrated. To change the sphere radius see [Adjusting Sphere Size for Stitching](#).

The blending width control allows you to adjust the pixel width along the sides of each of the six images within which blending takes place prior to stitching.

*To modify the blending width:*

1. From the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, or, from the Settings menu select Blending Width.
2. Specify a blending width with the slider or textbox.
3. Click OK.

### 9.2.3 Rendering the Image for Display

**Note:** These controls affect video display only. To specify how images are rendered when outputting to video, specify an Output

Type using the [Stream Processing Toolbar](#).

You can change the way images are rendered for display. See [Projection Types](#) for detailed information.

*To modify the image display:*

- From the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, then select an image type from the drop-down list.

Display	Description
Panoramic	Renders the image as a panoramic projection. This is the default display. Use <b>Mapping Type</b> to specify either a radial or cylindrical projection.
Spherical 3D	Renders the image as a 3-dimensional spherical projection.
Dome Projection	Renders the image as a dome projection.
All-Camera	Six images from each camera are rendered separately, unstitched.
Single-Camera (Raw)	Image data from a selected camera is displayed.
Single-Camera (Rectified)	Image data from a selected camera is displayed and rectified to account for lens distortion. Rectification is the process of generating an image that fits a pin-hole camera model.

- For the Rotation Angle, from the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, then select from the drop-down list. The rotation angle specifies the orientation of the camera unit's six cameras to the projection. The default orientation is camera 0 projects to the front of the sphere and camera 5 to the upward pole (or top) of the sphere.
- For the Mapping Type, from the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, then select radial or cylindrical from the drop-down list. The mapping projection dictates how the six individual pictures from each camera are stitched into a panoramic display.

*Using the Mouse*

You can click and drag inside the image display to control the way images render on the screen. These controls do not affect how images are recorded or how the streams are output to other formats. Not all controls work in all display renderings (panoramic, spherical, dome).

Mouse Control	Description
Left-click, drag	Rotates the yaw view in the direction of the drag. In spherical view, the rotation is sustained at a rate proportional to the speed of the drag. Click again to stop rotation.
Right-click, drag horizontally	Rotates the image pitch. For best results, magnify the image.

Mouse Control	Description
Right-click, drag vertically	Rotates the image roll. For best results, magnify the image.
Scroll wheel	Magnifies the image display.
Right-click, drag horizontally + Shift button	Rotates the yaw view horizontally when image is magnified.
Changing window size	Images stretch to fit the current size of the display window.

## 9.2.4 Projection Types

Once a three-dimensional spherical coordinate system is obtained, the image on the sphere can be projected to a mapping based on different projection methods. The projected image is usually two-dimensional so that it can easily be displayed on a monitor or printed on paper. Each projection type has its own benefits and shortcomings.

### *Radial (Equirectangular) Projection*

This is one of the most popular projections, and the output image is easy to use. In LadybugCapPro, you can output video to this projection by using the [Stream Processing Toolbar](#) and selecting Output Type “Panoramic.” Then, using the [Image Processing Toolbar](#), specify Mapping Type “Radial.”

The projected image has two coordinates – theta for horizontal, and phi for vertical. The projection equation from the spherical coordinate system is as follows:

$$R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{ATAN2}(Y, X)$$

$$\phi = \text{ACOS}\left(\frac{Z}{R}\right)$$

Where (X, Y, Z) are points on the spherical coordinate system, and ATAN2 and ACOS are functions provided by the standard C library.

( $\Theta, \Phi$ ) are coordinates of the projected image.

The range of values of  $\Theta$  is  $-\text{Pi}$  to  $\text{Pi}$ .

The range of values of  $\Phi$  is 0 to  $\text{Pi}$ .

In order to convert to the actual pixel position on the radial projection image, appropriate scaling is needed based on these value ranges.

( $\Theta, \Phi$ ) can be obtained by referring to the `fTheta` and `fPhi` members of the `LadybugPoint3d` struct, which is obtained by invoking `ladybugGet3dMap()`.

The benefit of this projection is that all the points in the original spherical coordinate system can be mapped on a single image. Additionally, the correspondence of the original point and the projected point is simple, in that the horizontal axis corresponds to longitude and the vertical axis corresponds to latitude of a globe. However, this projection suffers

from the disadvantage of pixels becoming increasingly stretched out as one approaches the poles of the sphere (top and bottom of the projected image).



**Example radial projection image**

### Cylindrical Projection

This projection is similar to the radial projection, but with a limited field of view, as areas close to the poles are not able to be rendered. In LadybugCapPro, you can output video to this projection by using the [Stream Processing Toolbar](#) and selecting Output Type "Panoramic." Then, using the [Image Processing Toolbar](#), specify Mapping Type "Cylindrical."

The projection equation is as follows:

$$R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{ATAN2}(Y, X)$$

$$\phi = -\frac{ZR}{\sqrt{R^2 - Z^2}}$$

$(\theta, \phi)$  are the coordinates of the projected image.

$\theta$  is computed in the same manner as in the radial projection.

$\phi$  can go to infinity as the 3D point nears the pole, which is why the field of view of the cylindrical projection must be limited. When rendered using LadybugCapPro, only the field of view between -45 degrees and 45 degrees is displayed. Thus this projection is useful when only the images from the side cameras are needed.

$(\theta, \phi)$  can be obtained by referring to the `fCylAngle` and `fCylHeight` members of the `LadybugPoint3d` struct, which is obtained by invoking `ladybugGet3dMap()`.



Example cylindrical projection image

### Dome Projection

This is a projection that maps the sphere to a dome-like shape. In LadybugCapPro, select Output Type "Dome." The projection equation is as follows:

$$R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{ATAN2}(Y, X)$$

$$\varphi = -\frac{Z \times R}{\sqrt{R^2 - Z^2}}$$

$$U = -\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_{Max}} \times \sin \theta$$

$$V = -\frac{\varphi}{\varphi_{Max}} \times \cos \theta$$

Where U ranges between -1 and 1, V ranges between -1 and 1 and  $\sqrt{U^2 + V^2} \leq 1$ .

U and V are zero at the center of the image with U increasing to the right and V increasing upwards.

The amount of the image drawn can be controlled by  $\varphi_{Max}$  which can be set and get via `ladybugChangeDomeViewAngle()` and `ladybugGetDomeViewAngle()`.

In the above formulas,  $\varphi_{Max}$  is measured in radians.



Example dome projection image

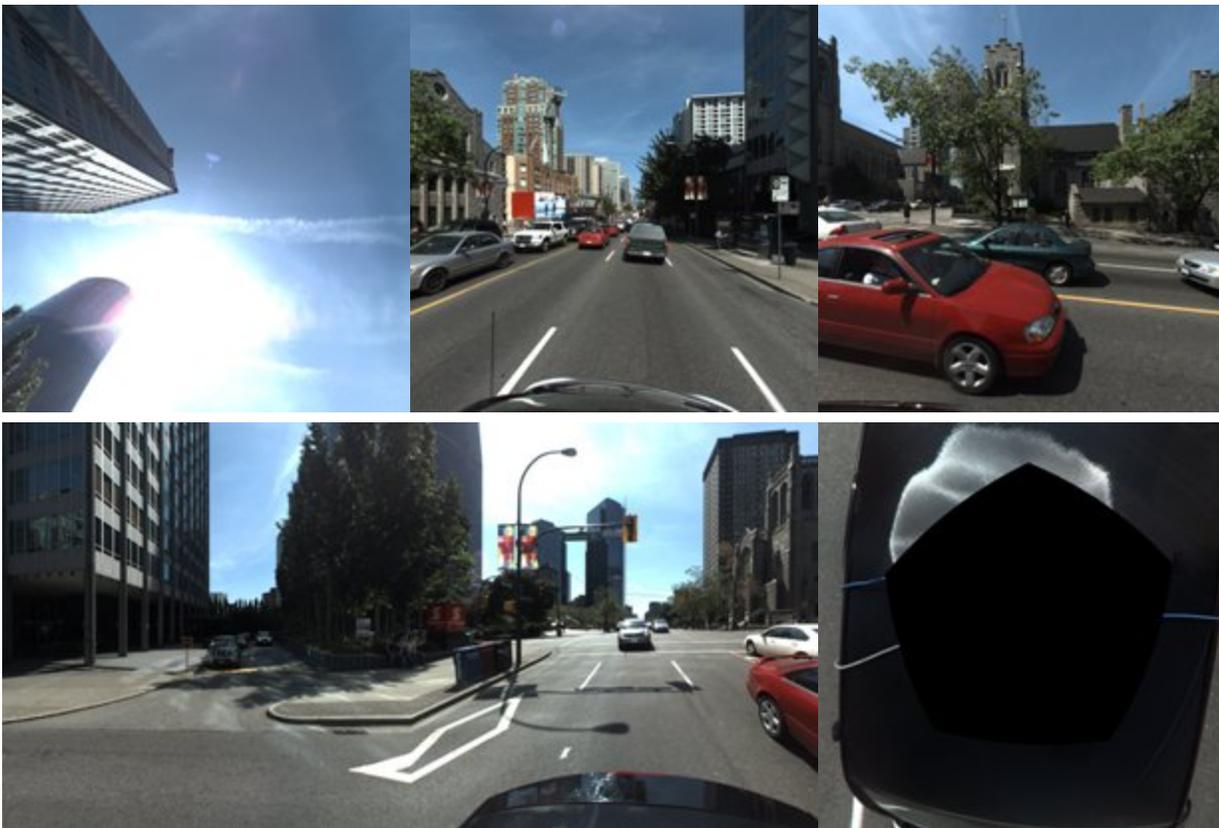
*Cubic (Skybox) Projection*

This projection requires 6 images, where each image is the surface of a cube. By dividing the entire sphere into 6 images, the distortion in each image is limited. To reconstruct the panoramic image, the 6 cube-surface images must be displayed using 3D computer graphics. Thus, this mapping is suitable for video game applications. The projection equation is as follows:

$$U = \frac{X}{Z}$$

$$V = \frac{Y}{Z}$$

This projection is equivalent to the view captured by a lens that has no distortion (pin-hole lens). Each surface of the cube can be obtained by rendering the spherical image while setting the appropriate camera rotation and field of view to exactly 90 degrees. This is achievable by calling ladybugSetSphericalViewParams(). To use LadybugCapPro, select Output Type "6 Cube map."



Example cubic projection images

**9.2.5 Stabilizing Image Display**

You can adjust the display of images to compensate for the effect of unwanted movement across frames when the camera records on an unstable surface. Image stabilization can be enabled in both live camera and recorded video modes.

**Note:** Image stabilization works best in scenarios where capture is free running and not triggered.

Image stabilization is purely image-based. It does not use external sensors to detect motion. Instead, it compares image patterns across successive frames. Therefore, in order for image stabilization to produce good results, the following requirements should be met:

- Shutter speed must be fast enough to produce clear images without motion blur. Images produced outdoors during daylight hours should not be a concern. In darker places, you may need to set the shutter speed manually.
- There must be patterns across images. If entire images only contain simple textures, such as clear sky or a white wall, the algorithm will have difficulty finding patterns. It is not necessary for all the cameras in the system to have patterns; having patterns on some cameras may suffice. Additionally, patterns should be distant. If they are too close to the camera, there may be errors.
- The frame rate should be fast enough so that the relative movement across frames is not large. If the frame rate is low and the relative movement of images across frames is large, the algorithm may be unable to find patterns. The faster the movement, the faster the frame rate should be.

Although you can enable image stabilization during both live camera and recorded video modes, we recommend using it primarily when outputting stream files. The stabilization algorithm is resource-intensive. When stabilization is enabled during live camera mode, the system may be unable to perform the necessary computations while keeping up with all the incoming frames.

#### *To enable Image Stabilization:*

- In LadybugCapPro, select **Enable Stabilization** from the **Settings** menu, or click the Stabilization () icon on the Image Processing toolbar. For more information, see [Working with Images](#).
- Using the Ladybug API, invoke the ladybugEnableImageStabilization function. For more information, refer to the **LadybugProcessStream** example, available from the Windows **Start** menu → **Teledyne Ladybug SDK** → **Examples**.

Once enabled, the panoramic, spherical and dome view outputs become stabilized. Additionally, stream files that are output to images are stabilized.

#### *To set Stabilization Parameters:*

Depending on your requirements, you can adjust the following image stabilization parameters:

**Decay Rate** - Specifies the degree of correction across images that the stabilization algorithm uses. The default setting is 0.9. A setting of 1.0 (maximum) instructs the algorithm to apply correction across all positional difference. A decay rate of 1.0 may result in an undesired drift effect, as the camera's original position may shift slowly over a long period of time. Other unwanted effects may result. For example, when capturing images from a car as it turns at intersections, the algorithm will attempt to recover the image pattern produced before the turn. By setting this value a little lower than 1.0, the display slowly re-adjusts, cancelling the drift effect.

**Maximum Search Range** - The stabilization algorithm searches for patterns within a series of templates in each frame. This value specifies the size, in pixels, of each template. If the frame rate is low or movement is fast, try using a larger value for better results. However, keep in mind that a larger value requires more computation.

To Set stabilization parameters, select **Options** from the **Settings** menu, or click the Options (  ) icon on the Main toolbar.

## 9.2.6 Adjusting Sphere Size for Stitching

Using the sphere size control (  ) on [Image Processing Toolbar](#), you can minimize parallax by changing the sphere radius to which images are calibrated for stitching panoramas. The following options are available:

### *Fixed Size*

By default, the sphere radius is calibrated at 20 m, which is well-suited for most outdoor scenes. However, if most subjects in the scene are closer than 20 m, you may get better stitching results by choosing a smaller radius. A larger sphere radius of 100 m is also available for scenes that are more distant.

Selecting a fixed size disables dynamic stitching.

### *One-Shot Dynamic Stitch*

One-shot dynamic stitch calculates an optimal sphere radius for the entire scene. Successive frames are stitched to the same radius until another adjustment is made.

### *Auto Dynamic Stitch*

Auto dynamic stitch calculates optimal stitching distances for different areas of the image, so that these distances vary across the entire image. Stitching distances are re-calculated for each frame. Auto dynamic stitch is best used when distances in the same image coordinates vary greatly across successive frames, and prominent stitching errors cannot be fixed using another stitching calculation technique listed above.

**Note:** Although you can enable auto dynamic stitch during both live camera and recorded video modes, we recommend using it primarily when outputting stream files. The dynamic stitch algorithm is resource-intensive. When enabled during live camera mode, the system may be unable to perform the necessary computations while keeping up with all the incoming frames.

You can modify the Minimum distance, Maximum distance, and Default distance used for dynamic stitching. From the Settings menu, select Options to open the LadybugCapPro Options dialog.

Selecting a fixed size from the drop-down as above disables dynamic stitching.

## 9.2.7 Adjusting Vertical Tilt

Panoramic images produced by the Ladybug camera system are sensitive to the position of the camera during image capture. Due to the nature of the panoramic mapping, if the camera is at a slight tilt, vertical lines in the scene will

appear curved in the image. Since it is not always possible to ensure that the camera is perfectly aligned with the vertical axis in the scene, the Ladybug SDK allows you to correct vertical tilt in images. This is done by selecting **Set Z Axis** in the **Settings** menu in the [LadybugCapPro Main Window](#) . You can adjust vertical tilt either during image capture or stream file playback.

The following images show the effect of adjusting for vertical tilt. The image on top shows vertical lines curved. This curvature is corrected in the bottom image.



**Scene with Tilt Effect**



**Tilt-Adjusted Scene**

*To adjust Vertical Tilt*

When you select **Set Z Axis** from the **Settings** Menu, LadybugCapPro prompts you to Shift-click on four points in the image. The first two clicks specify points on a line in the image that should be adjusted vertically, and the second two clicks specify another line in the image that should be adjusted vertically. By doing this, LadybugCapPro can orient the selected lines with the center of the sphere, and re-adjust the Z (vertical) axis of the radial projection. After the fourth click, all the images being captured or replayed are adjusted vertically.

For example, in the first figure above, you might select the following four points to adjust:



**Suggested Clicking Points to Specify Vertical Line Adjustment**

When selecting vertical line clicking points, keep in mind the following:

- The two points of each line should be as distant as possible.
- The two lines should not be too close to each other, or too close in an exact opposite direction (that is, 180 degrees apart).

**Note:** Vertical tilt adjustment can also be accomplished by manually adjusting the image roll using the mouse. To adjust image roll, right-click and drag the mouse vertically inside the image. For best results, magnify the image first using the mouse scroll wheel.

*To undo Vertical Tilt*

To undo any vertical tilt adjustments, click the Rotation Angle control (  ) on the [Image Processing Toolbar](#), and select **Default**.

**9.2.8 Adjusting 8-bit and JPEG12Processed Images**

Use the Image Processing control (  ) on the [Image Processing Toolbar](#), to make the following adjustments to 8-bit and JPEG12Processed images:

*Color Correction*

When enabled, overall image hue, intensity and saturation of images can be adjusted. Red, green and blue can also be adjusted individually, which may help to correct white balance issues during image capture.

**Note:** Color correction may degrade overall image quality.

### Sharpening

When enabled, image textures are sharpened. This effect may be most noticeable along texture edges.

### Tone Mapping

When enabled, the dynamic range of images is converted from high (HDR) to low (LDR) to resemble more closely the dynamic range of the human eye. When using OpenGL, the following controls are available:

- **Compression**—Gamma-style adjustment re-maps image values. A higher value yields greater compression in bright areas of the image.
- **Local area**—Determines the size of the area around each pixel that is used to calculate new values as part of the overall compression process.

12-bit images have the option of using CPU for better quality but slower processing.

## 9.2.9 Adjusting Unprocessed Images

Use the Image Processing control () on the [Image Processing Toolbar](#), to make adjustments to unprocessed images.

### Luminance

- **Black Level**—Adjustments to the image Black Level can be enabled and set.
- **Exposure**—Adjustments to the image auto exposure settings include selecting an ROI (Full Image, Top camera only, Bottom only). Selecting Automatic adjusts the six images as a whole while selecting Automatic Independent adjusts each image separately. When in Automatic Exposure, compensation can be applied. When in Manual Exposure, gain settings can be adjusted.

### Tonal

#### Gamma:

Sensor manufacturers strive to make the transfer characteristics of sensors inherently linear, which means that as the number of photons hitting the imaging sensor increases, the resulting image intensity increases are linear. Gamma can be used to apply a non-linear mapping of the images produced by the camera. Gamma is applied after analog-to-digital conversion and is available in all data formats except Raw. Gamma values between 0.5 and 1 result in decreased brightness effect, while values between 1 and 4 produce an increased brightness effect. By default, Gamma is enabled and has a value of 1.25. To obtain a linear response, disable gamma.

Gamma can be included in the auto exposure calculation.

#### Tone Mapping:

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- **Local area**—Determines the size of the area around each pixel that is used to calculate new values as part of the overall compression process.

12-bit images have the option of using CPU for better quality but slower processing.

## Color

### White Balance:

The Ladybug supports white balance adjustment, which is a system of color correction to account for differing lighting conditions. Adjusting white balance by modifying the relative gain of R, G and B in an image enables white areas to look "whiter". Taking some subset of the target image and looking at the relative red to green and blue to green response, the objective is to scale the red and blue channels so that the response is 1:1:1.

The user can adjust the red and blue values. Both values specify relative gain, with a value that is half the maximum value being a relative gain of zero.

Use the sliders to make custom adjustments, or select a preset from the drop-down list.

**Saturation**—use the slider controls to make adjustments to the vibrancy of the image.

### Levelling controls:

Set the Black Point Level and White Point Level using the sliders.

Use the Grey eyedropper control to set the white balance by clicking on a region of the image that should be a shade of grey.

Use the White eyedropper control to set the white balance and white point by clicking on a region of the image that should be white.

## Miscellaneous

- **Noise reduction**—When enabled, noise present in the image is reduced.
- **Sharpening**—When enabled, image textures are sharpened. This effect may be most noticeable along texture edges.
- **False color removal**—When enabled, removes rainbow sparkles in the image caused by small points of light.

Adjustments to an image can be saved by clicking the Save to settings button. Saved settings are in use the next time the file is opened. Saved settings can also be used for all images in the stream by clicking the Apply to all images button. To return to the default settings, click the Reset button. To return to a saved configuration, click the Load from settings button.

Saved settings are persistent and unique to a particular file.

## 9.2.10 Histogram

Displays a histogram of the values represented in the pixels of the current image.

*To display a histogram:*

1. From the Imaging Processing toolbar click the  button, or, from the Settings menu select Histogram.
2. From Image Information select the channels to view. Red, Green, and Blue are all selected by default.
3. From the Options, select:
  - **Max Percent** allows you adjust the graphical display to view a subset of percentage representation. For example, to view only the first 5% of the representation of values in the graph, enter '5' in the Max Percent field.
  - **All Cameras** specifies that the values are compiled from all six cameras on the Ladybug system. To see values from only one camera at a time, select a camera. (For camera orientation, see [Rendering the Image for Display.](#))

## 9.3 Saving Images

In both Live Camera and Stream File mode, you can save the current image to panoramic JPEG or panoramic bitmap format, or as six individual color-processed bitmap images, rectified or non-rectified. Images are saved to the My Documents folder.

*To save images:*

From the **Image** menu, select one of the following:

- **Save Panoramic JPG or Save Panoramic BMP.** You can select a pre-defined resolution, or a custom resolution.
  - When **Custom Size** is selected for the first time, enter your desired dimensions. To change your custom dimensions, select **Change Custom Size.**
  - To set the quality of JPEG compression, see 'Main Toolbar' in [LadybugCapPro Main Window](#) .
  - Saved Images are rendered only in Panoramic display format, regardless of display setting.
- **Save 6 Color Processed Images BMP or Save 6 Rectified Images BMP.** These options allow you save separate color-processed images from each of the six cameras on the system. If the second option is chosen, images are rectified to correct lens distortion.

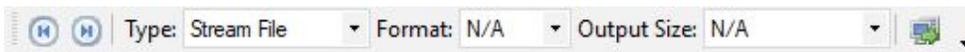
## 9.4 Viewing and Outputting Stream Files

When you load a previously-recorded stream file, you can use the Stream Toolbar to navigate the frames of the stream file and output the file to a variety of different video or image formats.

Use the [Stream Navigation Toolbar](#) to navigate to specific frames for the output.



Use the [Stream Processing Toolbar](#) to set the output type, format and size, and to convert the file for output.



*Selecting an output Type*

A drop-down list of formats for outputting the stream. For more information about these formats, see [Projection Types.](#)

Type	Description
<b>Display only</b>	Displays the frames successively. This option does not create a new file.
<b>Panoramic</b>	Outputs the stream in panoramic view. All output formats are supported. If JPG, BMP, PNG, or TIFF are chosen, separate files are created for each stitched frame. To specify a radial or cylindrical mapping projection, select a Mapping Type using the <a href="#">Image Processing Toolbar</a> .
<b>Dome</b>	Outputs the stream in dome view. Output formats are the same as <b>Panoramic</b> , above.
<b>Stream file</b>	Saves the stream file as another .pgr stream file. This option is useful for creating a stream file out of a subset of frames from the original.
<b>6 Processed</b>	Saves each individual image from each of the camera system's six cameras, that comprises the specified output, as separate BMP or TIFF files. Images are not rectified to correct lens distortion.
<b>6 Rectified</b>	Similar to '6 Processed,' except each image is rectified to correct lens distortion. Supports JPG, BMP, PNG, and TIFF formats.
<b>6 Cube map</b>	Saves six individual images that can be used to construct a cube covering the entire field of view. Supported formats are JPG, BMP, PNG, and TIFF. Cube mapping is an environment mapping method that is useful for creating video game skyboxes and other computer graphics applications. Cube mapping produces an image that is less distorted than panoramic, cylindrical or dome views. Images are named ladybug_cube_XXXXXX_Y, where XXXXXX is the frame number and Y indicates the cube face, 0-5. Cube face is numbered as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-front</li> <li>1-right</li> <li>2-back</li> <li>3-left</li> <li>4-top</li> <li>5-bottom</li> </ul>

### To convert Stream Files

1. Click the  button to start conversion. The Confirm Settings dialog opens for specifying an output directory for the output file.
2. If outputting to AVI format, you can specify a video encoding codec compressor. The compressors that are listed depend on the compression software currently installed on your system. Compressors that we have tested and are known to work correctly are shaded a different color.
3. Parallel processing—When selected, instructs LadybugCapPro to create multiple threads to speed up image processing. This consumes additional system resources. For best performance, we recommend the following system configuration:
  - Multi-core CPU
  - 16 GB RAM or more
  - Optimized hard disk drive configuration, such as RAID 0
  - Multiple hard drives or partitions, to write the video stream to a different drive.
4. After specifying all applicable settings, click **Convert!** to create the output file(s).

### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">Recommended codecs for AVI output in Ladybug SDK</a>

# 10 Troubleshooting

## 10.1 Downloads and Support

Teledyne endeavors to provide the highest level of technical support possible to you. Most support resources can be accessed through your product's Support page.

From the [spherical imaging](#) page, click on your product family and then click the **Go to Support Page** link.

[Ladybug6 Support page](#)

### 10.1.1 Finding information

**Ladybug<sup>®</sup> SDK**—The Ladybug SDK provides API examples and the LadybugCapPro camera evaluation application. Available from the [Ladybug SDK](#) page.

**Product Documentation**—Documentation that provides information on installing components and software needed to run the camera as well as the camera's specifications, features, operations, imaging and acquisition controls is available from the documents tab of the product's support page.

**Product Downloads**—Software, drawings, and firmware can be found on the downloads tab of the product's support page. You must be logged in to download software and firmware.

### 10.1.2 Contacting technical support

Before contacting Technical Support, have you:

1. Read the product documentation?
2. Searched the knowledge base?
3. Downloaded and installed the latest version of software and/or firmware?

If you have done all the above and still can't find an answer to your question, [contact our Technical Support team](#).

## 10.2 Camera Diagnostics

Use the following parameters to monitor the error status of the camera and troubleshoot problems:

**Time from Initialize**—This reports the time, in seconds, since the camera was initialized during a hard power-up. This is different from powering up the camera, which will not reset this time.

**Time from Bus Reset**—This reports the time, in seconds, since the last bus reset occurred. This will be equal to the Time from Initialize if no reset has occurred since the last time the camera was initialized.

**Transmit Failure**—This contains a count of the number of failed frame transmissions that have occurred since the last reset. An error occurs if the camera cannot arbitrate for the bus to transmit image data and the image data FIFO overflows.

**Camera Log**—This provides access to the camera’s 256 byte internal message log, which is often useful for debugging camera problems. Contact [technical support](#) for interpretation of message logs.

## 10.3 Status Indicator LED

The user can turn off the camera’s status LED. LEDs are re-enabled the next time the camera is power cycled.

LED Status	Description
Off	Not receiving power
Steady green	Receiving power
Flashing/steady yellow	Initializing
Steady yellow-green	Sensor powered down or insufficient power
Steady bright green	Acquiring and transmitting images
Flashing green	Accessing camera registers (no acquisition)
Flashing green-red	Updating firmware
Flashing red	Temporary problem
Steady red	Serious problem

## 10.4 Link Recovery

Link recovery occurs when communication between the camera and the host controller has encountered enough errors to require a renegotiation.

If you encounter link recover errors try the following, in order:

1. Ensure the cable is seated correctly in the camera and in the host controller.
2. Unplug and reconnect the cable.
3. Use a different cable.
4. Update the camera firmware to the latest version (available from the [spherical imaging](#) page).
5. Update the SDK to the latest version (available from the [Ladybug SDK](#) page).
6. Simplify the topology of the system by using shorter cables, or by not chaining cables.
7. Use a USB3 hub ([ACC-01-6001](#)) plus cable.
8. Use a different host controller, even one by the same manufacturer.

If none of these options helps to remove the link recovery errors, contact support.

## 10.5 Blemish Pixel Artifacts

Cosmic radiation may cause random pixels to generate a permanently high charge, resulting in a permanently lit, or 'glowing,' appearance. FLIR tests for and programs white blemish pixel correction into the camera firmware.

In very rare cases, one or more pixels in the sensor array may stop responding and appear black (dead) or white (hot/stuck).

### 10.5.1 Pixel Defect Correction

Teledyne tests for blemish pixels on each camera. The mechanism to correct blemish pixels is hard-coded into the camera firmware, and can be turned off and on by the user. Pixel correction is on by default. The correction algorithm involves applying the average color or grayscale values of neighboring pixels to the blemish pixel.

#### Related Knowledge Base Articles

Title
<a href="#">How we test for white blemish pixels</a>

# A Ladybug API Examples

The following examples are included in the Ladybug SDK.

Examples are accessible from:

**Start Menu → Teledyne Ladybug SDK → Examples**

With the exception of ladybugCSharpEx and ladybugProcessStream\_CSharp, all examples are Visual C++.

Example	Description
<a href="#">ladybug3dViewer</a>	Shows how to display a spherical view in which the user can pan and tilt the image inside the sphere.
<a href="#">ladybugAdvancedRenderEx</a>	Shows how to draw a Ladybug 3D spherical image in conjunction with other 3D objects.
<a href="#">ladybugCaptureHDRImage</a>	Demonstrates how to capture a series of images closely spaced in time suitable for input into a high dynamic range image creation system.
<a href="#">ladybugCSharpEx</a>	Shows how to create a C# program that uses the Ladybug API.
<a href="#">ladybugEnvironmentalSensors</a>	Shows how to access the information from the environmental sensors.
<a href="#">ladybugEnvMap</a>	Shows how to apply cube mapping on spherical images to construct a skybox.
<a href="#">ladybugGPSTimeSync</a>	Shows how to use the GPS Time Synchronization functionality.
<a href="#">ladybugOGLTextureEx</a>	Shows how to access Ladybug images directly on the graphics card as an OpenGL texture map.
<a href="#">ladybugOutput3DMesh</a>	Demonstrates how to produce a 3D mesh out of calibration data from the connected camera.
<a href="#">ladybugPanoramic</a>	Shows how to use a document-view application to grab Ladybug images and display them in a window.
<a href="#">ladybugPanoStitchExample</a>	Shows how to extract an image set from a Ladybug camera, stitch it together and write the final stitched image to disk.
<a href="#">ladybugPostProcessing</a>	Shows how to perform post processing on 12-bit images.
<a href="#">ladybugProcessStream</a>	Shows how to process all, or part, of a stream file. Also available as a C# example: ladybugProcessStream_CSharp.
<a href="#">ladybugProcessStreamParallel</a>	Shows how to process a Ladybug image stream using multiple Ladybug context parallel processing.
<a href="#">ladybugSimpleGPS</a>	Shows how to use a GPS device in conjunction with a Ladybug camera to integrate GPS data with Ladybug images.
<a href="#">ladybugSimpleGrab</a>	Illustrates the basics of acquiring an image from a Ladybug camera.
<a href="#">ladybugSimpleGrabDisplay</a>	Shows how to use the OpenGL Utility Toolkit (GLUT) to grab Ladybug images and display them in a simple window.

Example	Description
<a href="#">ladybugSimpleRecording</a>	Shows how to record Ladybug images to .pgr stream files. When used in conjunction with a GPS device, also shows how to record images when the GPS location changes after a specified distance.
<a href="#">ladybugStitchFrom3DMesh</a>	Shows how to stitch six raw images without using the Ladybug SDK.
<a href="#">ladybugStreamCopy</a>	Copies images from a Ladybug source stream to a destination stream.
<a href="#">ladybugTranslate2dTo3d</a>	Shows how to translate a 2D point in the raw image to a 3D point.
<a href="#">ladybugTriggerEx</a>	Shows how to control trigger and strobe.

## A.1 ladybug3dViewer

This example shows how to display a spherical view in which the user can pan and tilt the image inside the sphere. The program reads one rectangular panoramic image (.bmp or .ppm) and maps it onto the sphere using OpenGL functions.

This program does not handle video or .pgr format stream files, and does not require the Ladybug SDK API.

## A.2 ladybugAdvancedRenderEx

This example shows how to draw a Ladybug 3D spherical image in conjunction with other 3D objects. To render 3D objects together with a Ladybug 3D spherical image, `ladybugDisplayImage()` must be called prior to drawing any objects. The size and position of the objects must be inside the Ladybug spherical image. Otherwise, the objects will not be seen. Additionally, the OpenGL depth test must be enabled.

**Note:**

This example must be run with `glut32.dll`.

This example must open the following .ppm texture files:

- `TextureCam0.ppm`
- `TextureCam1.ppm`
- `TextureCam2.ppm`
- `TextureCam3.ppm`
- `TextureCam4.ppm`
- `TextureCam5.ppm`

## A.3 ladybugCaptureHDRImage

This example code demonstrates how to capture a series of images closely spaced in time suitable for input into a high dynamic range image creation system.

The `main()` function initializes the camera and calls the other subroutines.

The `setupHDRRegisters()` subroutine sets all of the registers necessary to put the camera into 'HDR Mode'.

`captureImages()` captures images directly from a Ladybug camera.

`processImages()` computes the panoramic images.

The Ladybug has a bank of four gain and shutter registers in addition to its standard set. When put into 'HDR Mode', the camera cycles through the settings contained in these registers on an image by image basis. This allows users to capture a set of four images with widely varying exposure settings. The four images can be captured within 4/30 of a second if the data format is set to `LADYBUG_DATAFORMAT_COLOR_SEP_SEQUENTIAL_JPEG`.

The shutter and gain values are read from an INI file defined by `INI_FILE_NAME`. If you find the shutter and gain settings are not appropriate, change the data in this file.

Once these images have been captured, the program processes the images and outputs a configuration file containing exposure data suitable for input into a program such as 'pfstools' and 'pfs calibration'.

Having captured the images, the user should then run the 'pfsinhdrgen' program in the image directory with a command line similar to the following:

```
pfsinhdrgen HDRDescription.hdrgen | pfshdrcalibrate -v | pfsout output.hdr
```

Where 'HDRDescription.hdrgen' is the name of the configuration file output by this program and 'output.hdr' is the name of the output image.

Then the output file can be viewed using `pfsview` ( or `pfsv`).

```
pfsv output.hdr
```

You can also make an HDR image out of four output images using Adobe Photoshop CS3, easyHDR, etc. In this case, you don't need to provide additional exposure data.

'pfstools' is available at <http://pfstools.sourceforge.net/>

'pfs calibration' is available at: <http://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/resources/hdr/calibration/pfs.html>

## A.4 ladybugCSharpEx

This example shows how to create a C# program that uses the Ladybug API. The program can display stitched panoramic images either from the camera or from a stream file. If a stream file contains GPS information, it is also displayed. The program requires `LadybugAPI.cs` and `LadybugAPI_GPS.cs`, which define the interface of the Ladybug API for the C# language.

## A.5 ladybugEnvironmentalSensors

This example shows how to use the Ladybug API to obtain data from the environmental sensors on the Ladybug5. In addition to reading the raw information from the camera, the example shows how to calculate the camera's heading from the raw compass values.

## A.6 ladybugEnvMap

This example illustrates how to apply cube mapping on Ladybug's spherical images to construct a skybox. In computer graphics, cube mapping is a type of environment mapping used to simulate surfaces that reflect the scene at a distant location.

Here, Ladybug images are used as the environment and are updated in real time. For each scene, six surfaces of a cube are rendered. This is done by rendering Ladybug's spherical view 6 times, setting the field of view to 90 degrees and positioning the virtual camera to specific surface directions. These rendering results are then used as textures for the cube mapping. The overall scene, which is comprised of the reflective objects, is then rendered. All calculations required to construct the cube map are handled inside the OpenGL library.

**Note:** This example must be run with freeglut32.dll present.

## A.7 ladybugGPSTimeSync

This example shows how to use the GPS Time Synchronization functionality. This includes enabling and disabling the GPS Time Sync, setting an appropriate baud rate and checking the status of the time synchronization.

### Related Knowledge Base Article

Description	Article
Information on working with PPS to synchronize to an external GPS device	<a href="#">Using PPS to Synchronize with External GPS</a>

## A.8 ladybugOGLTextureEx

This example shows how to access Ladybug images directly on the graphics card as an OpenGL texture map. The rendered Ladybug image is accessed by its texture ID and can be mapped to any geometric object as desired by using OpenGL functions.

Right click the mouse in the client area to display a menu and select various Ladybug image types.

**Note:** This example must be run with glut32.dll.

## A.9 ladybugOutput3DMesh

This example demonstrates how to produce a 3D mesh out of calibration data from the connected camera. The output of this program can be directly used for the input of the program [ladybugStitchFrom3DMesh](#). You can save the output of this program to a file by using redirection. From the command prompt, navigate (cd) to the Ladybug SDK's "bin" directory and type ladybugoutput3dmesh >mymesh.txt. You will then have the output in the file "mymesh.txt".

## A.10 ladybugPanoramic

This example shows how to use a document-view application to grab Ladybug images and display them in a window.

The CLadybugPanoramicDoc class is used to initialize and start a Ladybug camera. It creates a thread for grabbing and processing images.

The CLadybugPanoramicView class is used to display Ladybug images. It initializes the window for OpenGL display. To display a ladybug image, CLadybugPanoramicView::OnDraw() calls the image-drawing API functions.

## A.11 ladybugPanoStitchExample

This example shows how to extract an image set from a Ladybug camera, stitch it together and write the final stitched image to disk.

This example is modified to use ladybugRenderOffScreenImage(), which is hardware accelerated, to render the stitched images.

Typing ladybugPanoStitchExample /? (or ? -?) at the command prompt prints the usage information of this application.

## A.12 ladybugPostProcessing

This example shows how to use the post processing pipeline together with a 12-bit image to produce a processed image. The code shows how to modify the LadybugAdjustmentParameters structure to define the type of post processing to perform.

## A.13 ladybugProcessStream

This example shows how to process all, or part, of a stream file. The program processes each frame and outputs an image file sequentially. If the stream file contains GPS information, the program outputs the information to a separate text file. By editing this source code, users can change image size, image type, output file format, color processing algorithm, and blending width. Users can also change options for falloff correction, software rendering and stabilization.

**Note:** This example is also available in C# as ladybugProcessStream\_CSharp.

## A.14 ladybugProcessStreamParallel

This example shows how to process a Ladybug image stream using multiple Ladybug context parallel processing.

This program creates a stream reading thread and one or more image processing threads. The stream reading thread reads images from a stream and puts them into a buffer queue. Each processing thread gets images from the buffer queue and processes the images concurrently with other threads.

The number of processing threads you can create depends on many factors such as image resolution, color processing method, the size of the rendered image and the size of the graphics card memory.

If the required resources are beyond the ability of the graphics card, the program may report a run-time error.

The overall processing speed depends on several factors: disk I/O speed, number of CPUs and performance of the graphics card. For fast stream processing, we recommend the following:

- Multi-core processor machine
- Graphics card with 512 Mbytes memory or more
- Fast hard disk drive configuration, such as RAID0
- Reading the stream from one drive and writing the rendered images to another drive.

This example reads the processing parameter options from the command line. Use `-?` or `-h` to display the usage help.

## A.15 ladybugSimpleGPS

This example shows how to use a GPS device in conjunction with a Ladybug camera to integrate GPS data with Ladybug images.

Before running this example, you need to know the COM port to which the GPS device is mapped, even if the device uses a USB interface. Right click on "My Computer" from the Windows Start menu. Under the "Hardware" tab, click "Device Manager." Expand the "Ports (COM & LPT)" node and note the COM port to which the GPS device is mapped.

## A.16 ladybugSimpleGrab

This example illustrates the basics of acquiring an image from a Ladybug camera. The program performs the following tasks:

1. Creates a context.
2. Initializes a camera.
3. Starts the transmission of images.
4. Grabs an image.
5. Processes the grabbed image using a color processing algorithm.
6. Saves the 6 raw images as BMP files.
7. Destroys the context.

## A.17 ladybugSimpleGrabDisplay

This example shows how to use OpenGL Utility Toolkit (GLUT) to grab Ladybug images and display them in a simple window. This example starts the first Ladybug camera on the bus. The camera is started in JPEG mode and the images are processed with the `LADYBUG_DOWNSAMPLE4` color processing method.

Right click the mouse in the client area to display a menu and select various Ladybug image types.

**Note:** This example must be run with glut32.dll.

## A.18 ladybugSimpleRecording

This example shows how to record Ladybug images to .pgr stream files. The example starts the first Ladybug camera on the bus with the parameters in the .ini file defined by INI\_FILENAME.

This example displays the grabbed images only when the grabbing function returns LADYBUG\_TIMEOUT. This means that saving images is the highest priority.

Right click the mouse in the client area to popup a menu and select various options, or use the following hot keys:

- 'r' or 'R' - start recording, press again to stop recording.
- 'p' or 'P' - display panoramic image.
- 'a' or 'A' - display all-camera image.
- 'd' or 'D' - display dome view image.
- 'Esc', 'q' or 'Q' - exit the program.

When used in conjunction with a GPS device, this example also shows how to record images when the GPS location changes after a specified distance, in meters. The distance parameter is specified in the .ini file. The accuracy of the result depends on the GPS device and the GPS data update rate.

**Note:** This example must be run with freeglut.dll.

## A.19 ladybugStitchFrom3DMesh

This example shows how to stitch six raw images without using the Ladybug SDK. Note that users still need the 3D mesh data produced by the program [ladybugOutput3DMesh](#), which requires the Ladybug SDK.

This program is useful for users who want to stitch images in an environment where the Ladybug SDK is not supported.

## A.20 ladybugStreamCopy

This program copies images from a Ladybug source stream to a destination stream. If a calibration file is specified, this program writes this calibration file to the destination file instead of using the calibration file in the source stream.

The last two arguments specify how many images to copy. If they are not specified, all the images are copied.

## A.21 ladybugTranslate2dTo3d

This example shows how to use the Ladybug API to translate a 2D point in the raw image to a 3D point in the Ladybug camera coordinate space and vice versa. It also shows how to use ladybugGet3dMap() provided by the Ladybug API to perform the translation.

### Related Knowledge Base Article

Description	Article
This example is a companion to:	<a href="#">Geometric Vision using Ladybug Cameras</a>

## A.22 ladybugTriggerEx

This example shows how to use the Ladybug API to control the trigger and strobe functionality of the camera. The example sets the camera into trigger mode 0 (Standard) and then uses software triggering to trigger when an image is captured.

# B Stream File Format

## B.1 File Signature

Every Ladybug stream file starts with a signature. This signature uniquely identifies the file as a Ladybug stream file.

Offset	Name	Bytes	Type	Value	Description
0x0000	Signature	16	Character string	PGRLADYBUGSTREAM	Ladybug Stream file identifier

## B.2 Stream Header Structure

The stream header structure begins immediately after the file header at offset 16 from the beginning of the file. It contains the information defined by `LadybugStreamHeadInfo` in `ladybug.h`. The byte order of this data block is little endian.

Offset	Name	Bytes	Type	Description
0x0000	Ladybug stream version no.	4	unsigned int	Stream version number
0x0004	Frame rate	4	unsigned int	The frames recorded per second
0x0008	Base serial No.	4	unsigned int	Ladybug base unit serial number
0x000C	Head serial No.	4	unsigned int	Ladybug head unit serial number
0x0010	Reserved	104	unsigned int	Reserved space
0x0078	Data format	4	unsigned int	Image data format defined in ladybug.h
0x007C	Resolution	4	unsigned int	Image resolution defined in ladybug.h
0x0080	Stippled format	4	unsigned int	Image Bayer pattern
0x0084	Configuration data size	4	unsigned int	Number of bytes of the configuration data
0x0088	N - Number of images	4	unsigned int	Number of images in this stream file
0x008C	M- Number of index	4	unsigned int	Number of entries used in the index table
0x0090	K - Increment	4	unsigned int	Interval value for Indexing the images
0x0094	Stream data offset	4	unsigned int	Offset of the first image data

Offset	Name	Bytes	Type	Description
0x0098	GPS summary data offset	4	unsigned int	Offset of GPS summary data block
0x009C	GPS summary data size	4	unsigned int	Size of GPS summary data block
0x00A0	Frame header size	4	unsigned int	Size of internal frame header.
0x00A4	Humidity availability	4	bool	Whether humidity sensor is available
0x00A8	Humidity minimum	4	unsigned int	Minimum value for sensor
0x00AC	Humidity maximum	4	unsigned int	Maximum value for sensor
0x00B0	Air pressure availability	4	bool	Whether air pressure sensor is available
0x00B4	Air pressure minimum	4	unsigned int	Minimum value for sensor
0x00B8	Air pressure maximum	4	unsigned int	Maximum value for sensor
0x00BC	Compass availability	4	bool	Whether compass sensor is available
0x00C0	Compass minimum	4	unsigned int	Minimum value for sensor
0x00C4	Compass maximum	4	unsigned int	Maximum value for sensor
0x00C8	Accelerometer availability	4	bool	Whether accelerometer sensor is available
0x00CC	Accelerometer minimum	4	unsigned int	Minimum value for sensor
0x00D0	Accelerometer maximum	4	unsigned int	Maximum value for sensor
0x00D4	Gyroscope availability	4	bool	Whether gyroscope sensor is available
0x00D8	Gyroscope minimum	4	unsigned int	Minimum value for sensor
0x00DC	Gyroscope maximum	4	unsigned int	Maximum value for sensor
0x00E0	Frame rate	4	float	Actual frame rate, represented as a floating point value.
0x00E4	Reserved space	780	unsigned int	Reserved space
...	...	...	...	

Offset	Name	Bytes	Type	Description
Image index [M-1]	4	unsigned int	Offset of image (M-1)*K	
...	...	...	...	
0x0BE4	Image index [2]	4	unsigned int	Offset of image 2*K
0x0BE8	Image index [1]	4	unsigned int	Offset of image K
0x0BEC	Image index [0]	4	unsigned int	Offset of image 0.

The image index table between 0x03F0 and 0x0BF0 is used to locate the keyframes of the stream. Using this table can speed up image searching. The value of K (offset 0x0090) means that the index table contains the offset values for every K<sup>th</sup> image. The offset values are relative to the beginning of the stream file. For example, if K = 50, the value of 'Image index [5]' is the offset of image 250 (K \* 5 = 250). It is the location of image 250 relative to the first byte of the stream file.

## B.3 Configuration Data

The configuration data begins immediately after stream header structure. The data is in ASCII text format. It is extracted from the Ladybug camera head for image calibration. The size of this data block is the value of 'Configuration Data Size' as defined in the Stream Header Structure.

## B.4 Frame Header

Since v7 of the frame header, there is a frame header at the start of each image. The size of the frame header can be found in the stream header. Frame headers are present regardless of whether the image data format is JPEG or uncompressed. The information in the frame header can be found in the `LadybugImageHeader` structure.

## B.5 JPEG Compressed Image Data Structure

If the image format specified for recording is JPEG, each image for the six camera sensors is JPEG compressed in four separate Bayer channels. Therefore, a frame of ladybug image has 24 JPEG data blocks.

The first frame of JPEG images begins immediately after the configuration data. The second frame follows the first frame, the third frame follows the second, and so on. The offset value of the first JPEG image, relative to the beginning of the file, is the value of `Stream Data Offset` as defined in the Stream Header Structure.

The general layout of a JPEG compressed LadybugImage is as follows:

```

Image Header (0x000 – 0x400)
    Cam 0 Bayer 0
    Cam 0 Bayer 1
    Cam 0 Bayer 2
    Cam 0 Bayer 3
    Cam 1 Bayer 0
    ...
    
```

Cam 4 Bayer 3  
 Cam 5 Bayer 0  
 Cam 5 Bayer 1  
 Cam 5 Bayer 2  
 Cam 5 Bayer 3  
 GPS NMEA data

For each compressed Ladybug image, the GPS NMEA sentences are written at the end of each JPEG image data and are located at the offset value of `GPS_Offset`. If there is no GPS data, `GPS_Offset` and `GPS_Size` are set to zero.

The byte order of this data block is big endian.

Offset	Name	Value	Bytes	Type	Description
0x0000	Timestamp		4	unsigned int	The cycle time seconds, cycle time count and cycle offset of this image
0x0004	Reserved		4	N/A	N/A
0x0008	Data size		4	unsigned int	The total data size of the this frame, including the padding block
0x000C	Reserved		4	N/A	Filled with 0s
0x0010	Fingerprint	0xCAFEBAFE	4	Character	Unique fingerprint
0x0014	Version Number		4	unsigned int	Version number
0x0018	Time (seconds)		4	unsigned int	Timestamp, in seconds (UNIX time epoch)
0x001C	Time (microseconds)		4	unsigned int	Microsecond fraction of above second
0x0020	Sequence ID		4	unsigned int	Image sequence number
0x0024	Refresh Rate		4	unsigned int	Horizontal refresh rate
0x0028	Gain[6]		24	unsigned int	Gain values for each camera
0x0040	White balance		4	unsigned int	White balance
0x0044	Bayer gain		4	unsigned int	Same as register 0x1044
0x0048	Bayer map		4	unsigned int	Same as register 0x1040
0x004C	Brightness		4	unsigned int	Brightness
0x0050	Gamma		4	unsigned int	Gamma

Offset	Name	Value	Bytes	Type	Description
0x0054	Head Serial Number		4	unsigned int	Serial number of Ladybug Head
0x0058	Shutter[6]		24	unsigned int	Shutter values for each camera
0x0070	PPS Data		4	unsigned int	Refer to GPS_PPS_TIME_SYNC_VERIFICATION register on the camera
0x0074	Free space		24	N/A	Reserved space
0x0088	Free space		632	N/A	Random data
0x0300	Free space		56	N/A	Filled with 0s
0x0338	GPS data offset	GPS_Offset	4	unsigned int	The offset of GPS data
0x033C	GPS data size	GPS_Size	4	unsigned int	The size of GPS data
0x0340	JPEG data offset	Offset_0_0	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 0
	JPEG data size	Size_0_0	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 0
	JPEG data offset	Offset_0_1	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 1
	JPEG data size	Size_0_1	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 1
	JPEG data offset	Offset_0_2	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 2
	JPEG data size	Size_0_2	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 2
	JPEG data offset	Offset_0_3	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 3
	JPEG data size	Size_0_3	4	unsigned int	Cam 0, Bayer Channel 3
	JPEG data offset	Offset_1_0	4	unsigned int	Cam 1, Bayer Channel 0
	JPEG data size	Size_1_0	4	unsigned int	Cam 1, Bayer Channel 0
...	...	...	...	...	...
	JPEG data offset	Offset_5_2	4	unsigned int	Cam 5, Bayer Channel 2
	JPEG data size	Size_5_2	4	unsigned int	Cam 5, Bayer Channel 2
	JPEG data offset	Offset_5_3	4	unsigned int	Cam 5, Bayer Channel 3
	JPEG data size	Size_5_3	4	unsigned int	Cam 5, Bayer Channel 3
0x0400	JPEG data		...	Binary	...

Offset	Name	Value	Bytes	Type	Description
Offset_i_j	JPEG data		Size_i_j	Binary	Beginning from offset 0x0400 are the 24 JPEG data blocks for Camera <i>i</i> , Bayer Channel <i>j</i> , where <i>i</i> = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and <i>j</i> = 0, 1, 2, 3.
...	...		...	...	...
GPS_Offset	GPS NMEA data		GPS_Size	ASCII text	GPS NMEA sentences

The four bytes of timestamp data at offset 0x0000 are the cycle time seconds, cycle time count and cycle offset when the image is captured.

Description	Cycle Time (seconds)	Cycle Time (ms)	Cycle Offset
Range	0-127	0-7999	0-3071
Bits	0-6	7-19	20-31

For more information about Ladybug time stamp, see the definition of `LadybugTimestamp` struct in `ladybug.h`.

The data between offset 0x0010 and 0x008F contains the information of the `LadybugImageInfo` structure defined in `ladybug.h`.

## B.6 Uncompressed Image Data Structure

If the image format is uncompressed, the image data is the raw binary data from the camera. The first frame begins immediately after the configuration data. The number of bytes for each of the six images is determined by image resolution and data format as defined in the Stream Header Structure.

The Bayer pattern of the image is defined by `Stippled Format` as defined in the Stream Header Structure.

For uncompressed Ladybug images, the GPS NMEA sentences are written to the last 1024 bytes of the image data of camera 5. This means that the last 1024 bytes of image data will be overwritten by GPS data if the GPS device is available.

The following table lists the data structure of each uncompressed image, assuming a resolution of `LADYBUG_RESOLUTION_1632x1232`.

Offset	Name	Type	Description
0x00000000	Image Data	Binary	Cam-0, Bayer pattern image data
0x001EAE00	Image Data	Binary	Cam-1, Bayer pattern image data
0x003D5C00	Image Data	Binary	Cam-2, Bayer pattern image data
0x005C0A00	Image Data	Binary	Cam-3, Bayer pattern image data
0x007AB800	Image Data	Binary	Cam-4, Bayer pattern image data
0x00996600	Image Data	Binary	Cam-5, Bayer pattern image data
0x00B81400	GPS NMEA data	ASCII text	1024 bytes space for GPS NMEA sentences

## B.7 GPS Summary Data Format

The GPS summary data begins immediately after the image data discussed in JPEG Compressed or Uncompressed Image. The offset value relative to the beginning of the file is the value of `GPS Summary Data Offset` as defined in the Stream Header Structure. The data structure of the GPS summary data is defined by `GPS3DPoint` in `ladybugstream.h`. No other groups are defined in version 1.2 Beta 19 or earlier. The byte order of this data block is big endian.

Offset	Name	Value	Bytes	Type	Description
0x0000	Data identifier	GPSSUMMARY_00001	16	Characters	First group identifier
0x0010	Reserved	Filled with 0's	16	N/A	Reserved space
0x0020	Item data size		4	unsigned int	Size of each data item
0x0024	Number of Items		4	unsigned int	The number items
0x0028	Image No.		4	unsigned int	Associated image number
0x002C	Longitude		8	double	Longitude of item 0
0x0034	Latitude		8	double	Latitude of item 0
0x003C	Altitude		8	double	Altitude of item 0
0x0044	Image No.		4	unsigned int	Associated image number
0x0048	Longitude		8	double	Longitude of item 1
0x0050	Latitude		8	double	Latitude of item 1
0x0058	Altitude		8	double	Altitude of item 1
	...	...	...	...	...
	Image No.		4	unsigned int	Associated image number
	Longitude		8	double	Longitude of item N-1
	Latitude		8	double	Latitude of item N-1
	Altitude		8	double	Altitude of item N-1

# C Control and Status Registers

Some features of the Ladybug6 are accessible only using control and status registers (CSRs) that conform to the IICD 1.32 standard.

These include the following:

- Bayer tile mapping—[BAYER\\_TILE\\_MAPPING: 1040h](#)
- Flash data—[DATA\\_FLASH\\_CTRL: 1240h](#)
- Imaging parameters (Auto Exposure, Brightness, Gain, Gamma)—[Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h](#)
- Independent control—[INDEPENDENT\\_CONTROL\\_INQ: 1E94h](#)
- JPEG buffer—[JPEG\\_BUFFER\\_USAGE: 1E84h](#)
- JPEG compression—[JPEG\\_CTRL: 1E80h](#)
- JPEG quality—[JPEG\\_MAX\\_QUALITY: 1E8Ch](#)
- Memory channels—[Memory Channel Registers](#)
- Shutter—[SHUTTER: 81Ch](#)
- Software trigger—[SOFTWARE\\_TRIGGER: 62Ch](#)
- Trigger delay—[TRIGGER\\_DELAY: 834h](#)
- Trigger modes—[TRIGGER\\_MODE: 830h](#)

**Note:**

To calculate the base address for an offset CSR:

1. Query the offset inquiry register.
2. Multiple the value by 4. (The value is a 32-bit offset.)
3. Remove the 0xF prefix from the result. (i.e., F70000h becomes 70000h)

## C.1 AE\_ROI: 1A70 – 1A74h

Format:

Offset	Name	Field	Bit	Description
1A70h	AE_ROI_CTRL	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0:Not Available, 1: Available
			[1-5]	Reserved
		ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
			[7-31]	Reserved
1A74h	AE_ROI_OFFSET		[0-31]	32-bit offset for the AE_ROI CSRs
Base + 0h	AE_ROI_UNIT_POSITION_INQ	Hposunit	[0-15]	Horizontal units for position
		Vposunit	[16-31]	Vertical units for position
Base + 4h	AE_ROI_UNIT_SIZE_INQ	Hunit	[0-15]	Horizontal units for size
		Vunit	[16-31]	Vertical units for size
Base + 8h	AE_ROI_POSITION	Left	[0-15]	Left position of ROI
		Top	[16-31]	Top position of ROI
Base + Ch	AE_ROI_SIZE	Width	[0-15]	Width of ROI
		Height	[16-31]	Height of ROI

## C.2 BAYER\_TILE\_MAPPING: 1040h

This 32-bit read only register specifies the sense of the cameras' Bayer tiling. Various colors are indicated by the ASCII representation of the first letter of their name.

Color	ASCII
Red (R)	52h
Green (G)	47h
Blue (B)	42h
Monochrome (Y)	59h

For example, 0x52474742 is RGGB and 0x59595959 is YYYY.

**Note:** Because color models support on-board color processing, the camera reports YYYY tiling when operating in any non-raw Bayer data format. For more information, see .

**Format**

Field	Bit	Description
Bayer_Sense_A	[0-7]	ASCII representation of the first letter of the color of pixel (0,0) in the Bayer tile.
Bayer_Sense_B	[8-15]	ASCII representation of the first letter of the color of pixel (0,1) in the Bayer tile.
Bayer_Sense_C	[16-24]	ASCII representation of the first letter of the color of pixel (1,0) in the Bayer tile.
Bayer_Sense_D	[25-31]	ASCII representation of the first letter of the color of pixel (1,1) in the Bayer tile.

## C.3 DATA\_FLASH\_CTRL: 1240h

This register controls access to the camera's on-board flash memory. Each bit in the data flash is initially set to 1.

The user can transfer as much data as necessary to the offset address (1244h), then perform a single write to the control register to commit the data to flash. Any modified data is committed by writing to this register, or by accessing any other control register.

**Format:**

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
	[1-5]	Reserved
Clean_Page	[6]	Read: 0: Page is dirty, 1: Page is clean  Write: 0: No-op, 1: Write page to data flash
	[7]	Reserved
Page_Size	[8-19]	8 == 256 byte page 9 == 512 byte page
Num_Pages	[20-31]	11 == 2048 pages 13 == 8192 pages

## C.4 DATA\_FLASH\_DATA: 1244h

This register provides the 32-bit offset to the start of where the data is stored in the flash memory.

**Format:**

Offset	Field	Bit	Description
1244h	DF_Data	[0-31]	32-bit offset to the start of data

## C.5 FRAME\_INFO: 12F8h

Field	Bit	Description	Frame-Specific Information
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available	
	[1-5]	Reserved	

Field	Bit	Description	Frame-Specific Information
ROI_Pos_Inq	[6]	Presence of image-specific information display 0: Not Available, 1: Available	
GPIO_State_Inq	[7]		
Strobe_Pat_Inq	[8]		
Frame_Count_Inq	[9]		
WB_CSR_Inq	[10]		
Exp_CSR_Inq	[11]		
Bright_CSR_Inq	[12]		
Shutter_CSR_Inq	[13]		
Gain_CSR_Inq	[14]		
Time_Inq	[15]		
CSR_Abs_Value	[16]	Toggles between displaying 32-bit relative or absolute CSR values. If absolute value not supported, relative value is displayed. 0: Relative, 1: Absolute This field is currently read-only	
	[17-21]	Reserved	
Insert_Info	[22]	Display image-specific information 0: Off 1: On	Region of Interest (ROI) position
	[23]		GPIO Pin State
	[24]		Strobe Pattern Counter
	[25]		Frame Counter
	[26]		White Balance CSR
	[27]		Exposure CSR
	[28]		Brightness CSR
	[29]		Shutter Value
	[30]		Gain CSR
	[31]		Timestamp

## C.6 HDR: 1800h – 1884h

This register allows the user to access and control a multiple exposure quick cycle mode, which is useful for high dynamic range (HDR) imaging.

Note that if bit [31] of the [FRAME\\_INFO: 12F8h](#) is set to 1, the camera will embed the current shutter/gain value in the image when bit [6] of HDR\_CTRL is set to 1. The image timestamp will be embedded in the first 32-bits of image data, the shutter value in the second 32-bits, and gain in the third, all in big-endian format.

Note that the on/off bit for the HDR shutter and gain registers is hard-coded to on.

**Format:**

Offset	Name	Field	Bit	Description
1800h	HDR_CTRL	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
		-	[1-5]	Reserved
		ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
		-	[7-31]	Reserved
1820h	HDR_SHUTTER_0	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
		-	[1-19]	Reserved
		Value	[20-31]	Query SHUTTER_INQ register 51Ch for range of possible shutter values
1824h	HDR_GAIN_0	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
		-	[1-19]	Reserved
		Value	[20-31]	Query GAIN_INQ register 520h for range of possible gain values
1840h	HDR_SHUTTER_1	Same format as HDR_SHUTTER_0		
1844h	HDR_GAIN_1	Same format as HDR_GAIN_0		
1860h	HDR_SHUTTER_2	Same format as HDR_SHUTTER_0		
1864h	HDR_GAIN_2	Same format as HDR_GAIN_0		
1880h	HDR_SHUTTER_3	Same format as HDR_SHUTTER_0		
1884h	HDR_GAIN_3	Same format as HDR_GAIN_0		

## C.7 Imaging Parameters: 800h-888h

The following imaging parameters share the same register format.

Parameter	Register
Brightness	800h
Auto Exposure	804h
Gamma	818h
Gain	820h

These imaging parameters are defined by **modes** and **values**.

There are three modes:

Mode	Description
On/Off	Determines if the feature is on. If off, values are fixed and not controllable.
Auto/Manual	If the feature is on, determines if the feature is in automatic or manual mode. If manual, values can be set.
One Push	If the feature is in manual mode, the camera executes once automatically and then returns to manual mode.

The value field in this register can be set in three ways:

Method	Description
Absolute	The user sets the value is set via the absolute register. The <i>Value</i> field becomes read only and reflects the converted absolute value.
Manual	The user sets the value in the <i>Value</i> field. The absolute register becomes read only and contains the current value.
Automatic	The value is set automatically by another register and both the <i>Value</i> field and the absolute register become read only.

**Note:** Formulas for converting the fixed point (relative) values to floating point (absolute) values are not provided. Users wishing to work with real-world values should refer to Absolute Value CSRs .

**Format:**

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
Abs_Control	[1]	Absolute value control 0: Control in the Value field, 1: Control in the Absolute value CSR. If this bit = 1, the value in the Value field is read-only.
	[2-4]	Reserved
One_Push	[5]	One push auto mode (controlled automatically only once) Read: 0: Not in operation, 1: In operation Write: 1: Begin to work (self-cleared after operation) If A_M_Mode = 1, this bit is ignored
ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only

Field	Bit	Description
A_M_Mode	[7]	Read: read a current mode Write: set the mode 0: Manual, 1: Automatic
	[8-19]	Reserved
Value	[20-31]	Value. A write to this value in 'Auto' mode will be ignored.

## C.8 INDEPENDENT\_CONTROL\_INQ: 1E94h

This register gives the 32-bit offset of the base address of the SUB\_SHUTTER\_\*, SUB\_GAIN\_\* and SUB\_AUTO\_EXPOSURE\_\* CSRs.

### Format:

Offset	Name	Bit	Description
1E94h	INDEPENDENT_CONTROL_INQ	[0..31]	32-bit offset of the Independent Sensor Control CSRs.

### Format:

Offset	Name	Field	Bit	Description
Base + 00h	SUB_GAIN_0	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
			[1-5]	Reserved
		ON_OFF	[6]	Write: ON or OFF for this feature Read: read a status 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields are read only. This bit is shared across all SUB_GAIN_* registers; it cannot be set independently. Setting this bit effectively sets the equivalent bit of Gain CSR 820h to the inverse value, and vice versa. Setting this bit effectively sets the equivalent bit of the Sub_Auto_Exposure_* CSRs to the inverse value.
		A_M_Mode	[7]	Write: set the mode Read: read a current mode 0: Manual, 1: Automatic
			[8-19]	Reserved
		Value	[20-31]	Gain value of Camera_0. A write to this field in 'Auto' mode is ignored.

Offset	Name	Field	Bit	Description
Base + 04h	SUB_SHUTTER_0	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
			[1-5]	Reserved
		ON_OFF	[6]	Write: ON or OFF for this feature Read: read a status  0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields are read only.  This bit is shared across all SUB_SHUTTER_* registers; it cannot be set independently.  Setting this bit effectively sets the equivalent bit of Shutter CSR 81Ch to the inverse value, and vice versa.  Setting this bit sets the equivalent bit of the Sub_Auto_Exposure_* CSRs to the inverse value.
		A_M_Mode	[7]	Write: set the mode Read: read a current mode  0: Manual, 1: Automatic
			[8-19]	Reserved
		Value	[20-31]	Shutter value of Camera_0. A write to this field in 'Auto' mode is ignored.
Base + 08h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0	Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not available, 1: Available
		-	[1-5]	Reserved
		ON_OFF	[6]	Write: ON or OFF for this feature Read: read a status  0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields are read only.  This bit is shared across all SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_* registers; it cannot be set independently.  Setting this bit effectively sets the equivalent bits of SUB_SHUTTER_* and SUB_GAIN_* CSRs to the inverse value.
		A_M_Mode	[7]	Write: set the mode Read: read a current mode  0: Manual, 1: Automatic
			[8-19]	Reserved
		Value	[20-31]	Auto exposure value of Camera_0. A write to this field in 'Auto' mode is ignored.
Base + 20h	SUB_GAIN_1	Same format as SUB_GAIN_0		
Base + 24h	SUB_SHUTTER_1	Same format as SUB_SHUTTER_0		
Base + 28h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_1	Same format as SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0		
Base + 40h	SUB_GAIN_2	Same format as SUB_GAIN_0		

Offset	Name	Field	Bit	Description
Base + 44h	SUB_SHUTTER_2	Same format as SUB_SHUTTER_0		
Base + 48h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_2	Same format as SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0		
Base + 60h	SUB_GAIN_3	Same format as SUB_GAIN_0		
Base + 64h	SUB_SHUTTER_3	Same format as SUB_SHUTTER_0		
Base + 68h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_3	Same format as SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0		
Base + 80h	SUB_GAIN_4	Same format as SUB_GAIN_0		
Base + 84h	SUB_SHUTTER_4	Same format as SUB_SHUTTER_0		
Base + 88h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_4	Same format as SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0		
Base + A0h	SUB_GAIN_5	Same format as SUB_GAIN_0		
Base + A4h	SUB_SHUTTER_5	Same format as SUB_SHUTTER_0		
Base + A8h	SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_5	Same format as SUB_AUTO_EXPOSURE_0		

## C.9 JPEG\_BUFFER\_USAGE: 1E84h

This register is for Ladybug cameras only.

Specifies the percentage of the image buffer on the PC that is used for JPEG compressed image data, when the camera is operating in a JPEG mode.

### Format:

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
	[1-24]	Reserved
Value	[25-31]	Value. Valid range: 0x00 (0%) to 0x7F (100%) A value of 0 is treated as 0x66 (80%). On Ladybug3 firmware v1.2.2.1 or later, a value of 0 is treated as 0x72 (90%).

## C.10 JPEG\_CTRL: 1E80h

Specifies the JPEG compression rate.

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
RTP_ON_OFF	[1]	Enable/disable RTP transmission 0: RTP is OFF, 1: RTP is ON
	[2-5]	Reserved

Field	Bit	Description
ON_OFF	[6]	JPEG compression ON_OFF. Read: Read the current status Write: Set the status  0: JPEG compression is OFF, 1: JPEG compression is ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
A_M_Mode	[7]	Read: Read a current mode Write: Set the mode  0: Manual, 1: Automatic JPEG quality control
	[8-23]	Reserved
Value	[24-31]	JPEG quality value. Valid range: 0x01 (1%) to 0x64 (100%). A value of 0 is treated as 60%. A write to this value in 'Auto' mode will be ignored.

## C.11 JPEG\_MAX\_QUALITY: 1E8Ch

Specifies the maximum percentage of the JPEG compression when auto compression ([JPEG\\_CTRL: 1E80h](#)) is enabled.

### Format:

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
	[1-24]	Reserved
Value	[25-31]	Value. Maximum percentage of JPEG compression when auto compression is enabled. The default value is 80%. A value higher than 80% is not recommended.

## C.12 Memory Channel Registers

User Set 0 (or Memory channel 0) stores the factory default settings that can always be restored. Two additional user sets are provided for custom default settings. The camera initializes itself at power-up, or when explicitly reinitialized, using the contents of the last saved user set. Attempting to save user settings to the (read-only) factory default user set causes the camera to switch back to using the factory defaults during initialization.

## C.13 SHUTTER: 81Ch

This register has three states:

State	Description
Manual/Abs	The shutter value is set by the user via the ABS_VAL_SHUTTER register . The <i>Value</i> field becomes read only and reflects the converted value of the ABS_VAL_SHUTTER register.
Manual	The user sets the shutter value via the <i>Value</i> field. The ABS_VAL_SHUTTER register becomes read only and contains the current shutter time.
Auto	The shutter value is set by the auto exposure controller (if enabled) . Both the <i>Value</i> field and the ABS_VAL_SHUTTER register become read only.

**Format:**

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
Abs_Control	[1]	Absolute value control 0: Control with the <i>Value</i> field, 1: Control with the Absolute value CSR. If this bit = 1, the value in the <i>Value</i> field is ignored.
	[2-4]	Reserved
One_Push	[5]	One push auto mode (controlled automatically by camera only once) Read: 0: Not in operation, 1: In operation Write: 1: Begin to work (self-cleared after operation) If A_M_Mode = 1, this bit is ignored
ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
A_M_Mode	[7]	Read: read a current mode Write: set the mode 0: Manual, 1: Automatic
High_Value	[8-19]	Upper 4 bits of the shutter value available only in extended shutter mode (outside of specification).
Value	[20-31]	Value. A write to this value in 'Auto' mode will be ignored.

## C.14 SOFTWARE\_TRIGGER: 62Ch

**Note:** Bit 0 of this register indicates if the camera is ready to be triggered again for both software and hardware triggering.

**Format:**

Field	Bit	Description
Software_Trigger	[0]	This bit automatically resets to zero in all trigger modes except Trigger Mode 3. Read: 0: Ready, 1: Busy Write: 0: Reset software trigger, 1: Set software trigger

## C.15 TRIGGER\_DELAY: 834h

### Format:

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
Abs_Control	[1]	Absolute value control 0: Control with the Value field, 1: Control with the Absolute value CSR. If this bit = 1, the value in the Value field is read-only.
	[2-5]	Reserved
ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
	[7-19]	Reserved
Value	[20-31]	Value.

## C.16 TRIGGER\_MODE: 830h

Control of the register is via the *ON\_OFF* bit and the *Trigger\_Mode* and *Parameter* fields.

### Format

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
Abs_Control	[1]	Absolute value control 0: Control with the Value field, 1: Control with the Absolute value CSR. If this bit = 1, the value in the Value field is read-only.
	[2-5]	Reserved
ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
Trigger_Polarity	[7]	Select trigger polarity (except for Software_Trigger) 0: Trigger active low, 1: Trigger active high
Trigger_Source	[8-10]	Select trigger source: used to select which GPIO pin will be used for external trigger purposes. Sets trigger source ID from <i>Trigger_Source_Inq</i> field of TRIGGER_INQ register.
Trigger_Value	[11]	Trigger input raw signal value: used to determine the current raw signal value on the pin. Read only 0: Low, 1: High
	[8-11]	Reserved

Field	Bit	Description
Trigger_Mode	[12-15]	Trigger mode (Trigger_Mode_0..15): used to set the trigger mode to be used. For more information, see <a href="#">Asynchronous Trigger Settings</a> . Query the <i>Trigger_Mode_Inq</i> fields of the TRIGGER_INQ register for available trigger modes.
	[16-19]	Reserved
Parameter	[20-31]	Parameter for trigger function, if required (optional)

## C.17 WHITE\_BALANCE: 80Ch

### Format:

Field	Bit	Description
Presence_Inq	[0]	Presence of this feature 0: Not Available, 1: Available
Abs_Control	[1]	Absolute value control 0: Control with the Value field, 1: Control with the Absolute Value CSR If this bit is 1, then Value is ignored
	[2-4]	Reserved
One_Push	[5]	One push auto mode (controlled automatically by camera only once) Read: 0: Not in operation, 1: In operation Write: 1: Begin to work (self-cleared after operation) If A_M_Mode = 1, this bit is ignored
ON_OFF	[6]	Read: read a status Write: ON or OFF for this feature 0: OFF, 1: ON If this bit = 0, other fields will be read only
A_M_Mode	[7]	Read: read the current mode. Write: Set the mode. 0: Manual, 1: Auto
U_Value/B_Value	[8-19]	Blue Value. A write to this value in 'Auto' mode will be ignored.
V_Value/R_Value	[20-31]	Red Value. A write to this value in 'Auto' mode will be ignored.