



Apogee Alta Series

## System Features<sup>1</sup>

- **High Resolution Sensors**  
1.0 Megapixel sensor with large 24  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels deliver a large field of view with high resolution.
- **Programmable TE cooling down to 50°C below ambient**  
Ideal for detection of weak chemiluminescence or astronomy images, enabling long exposure acquisitions with optimised signal to noise ratio.
- **USB 2.0 interface**  
Direct 'Plug and Play' simplicity of USB 2.0.
- **16-Bit digitization**  
High photometric accuracy.
- **High longevity shutter**  
Shutter during readout and take dark reference frames - 43 mm.
- **Programmable I/O port**  
Synchronization with intricate experimental set-ups.
- **Remote Triggering**  
LVTTTL input allows exposure to start within 25 microseconds of the rising edge of the trigger.
- **Focusing mode**  
Faster readout option, ideal for focus optimisation.
- **Andor OEM optimisation**  
Compact and robust, Andor integration support, Andor quality enhancement, Andor post-sale support. Now also supported by 'Andor SDK'

## Apogee Alta F6: Compact, 1.0 Megapixel CCD

Ideal for OEM and astronomy applications, the Apogee Alta family has been a mainstay of high end imaging for many years, offering a wide range of full frame and interline CCDs. Cooling performance down to 50°C below ambient ensures optimal signal to noise for long exposure applications. A USB 2.0 interface offers the convenience of simple, robust connection to PC.

The Alta F6 has a 1.0 megapixel full frame sensor. It has two output amplifiers enabling it to be configured in either a Low Noise, or a High Dynamic Range version depending on the application. High quantum efficiency and large pixels maximise sensitivity making the Apogee Alta F6 an exceptional performer for OEMs, biological sciences, spectroscopy, and astronomy.

## Specifications Summary<sup>1</sup>

<b>Array Size (pixels)</b>	1024 x 1024 (1.0 Megapixel)	
<b>Pixel Size</b>	24 x 24 $\mu\text{m}$	
<b>Sensor Size</b>	24.6 x 24.6 mm (604 mm <sup>2</sup> ) 34.8 mm diagonal	
<b>Dark Current<sup>**</sup></b>	0.110 e <sup>-</sup> /pixel/sec	
	<b>Low Noise</b>	<b>High Dynamic Range</b>
<b>Pixel Well Depth (typical)</b>	100 000 e <sup>-</sup>	530 000 e <sup>-</sup>
<b>Read Noise<sup>**</sup></b>	10.9 e <sup>-</sup> (RMS)	14.4 e <sup>-</sup> (RMS @0.79 Mhz)
<b>Maximum Dynamic Range</b>	79.4 dB (9174:1)	91.3 dB (36806:1)
<b>Quantum Efficiency</b>	>72% @560nm 40% @400nm	

## SPECIFICATIONS

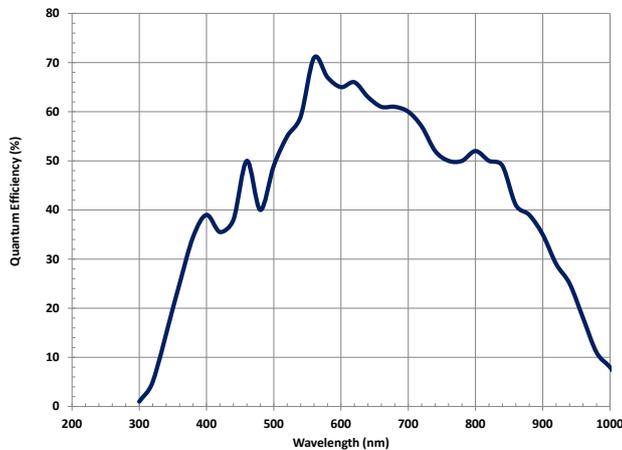
### Technical Specifications<sup>\*1</sup>

<b>Sensor Type</b>	KAF-1001 (ON Semiconductor)
<b>Active pixels</b>	1024 x 1024 W x H (1.0 Megapixel)
<b>Sensor Size</b>	24.6 x 24.6 mm (604 mm <sup>2</sup> ) 34.8 mm diagonal
<b>Pixel Size</b>	24 x 24 μm
<b>Pixel Well Depth</b>	Low Noise 100 000 e <sup>-</sup> High Dynamic Range: 530 000 e <sup>-</sup>
<b>Read Noise <sup>*3</sup></b>	Low Noise: 10.9 e <sup>-</sup> (RMS) High Dynamic Range: 14.4 e <sup>-</sup> (RMS @0.79 Mhz)
<b>Pixel Binning</b>	1 x 1 to 8 x 1024 on chip
<b>Quantum Efficiency <sup>*4</sup></b>	>72% @560nm 40% @400nm
<b>Cooling</b>	Maximum cooling up to 50°C below ambient temperature; -25°C at 25°C ambient Thermoelectric cooler with forced air.
<b>Temperature Stability</b>	+/- 0.1°C
<b>Dark Current <sup>*3</sup></b>	0.110 e <sup>-</sup> /pixel/sec
<b>Blemish Specification</b>	Grade 2 as standard, as per sensor manufacturer definition
<b>Anti-blooming factor</b>	None
<b>Maximum Dynamic Range</b>	Low Noise: 79.4 dB (9174:1); High Dynamic Range: 91.3 dB (36806:1)
<b>Linearity</b>	Better than 99%
<b>Frame Rate (fps) <sup>*5</sup></b>	0.77 Full frame (@0.79 MHz) 5.26 Full frame (@5.47 MHz, focusing mode)
<b>Frame Sizes</b>	Full frame, sub-frame
<b>Digital Resolution</b>	16-bit
<b>Camera Window</b>	UV-grade fused silica

### General Specifications

<b>Interface Options</b>	USB 2.0
<b>Remote Triggering</b>	LVTTTL trigger input, expose strobe output
<b>Peripheral communications</b>	8 pin mini-DIN I/O connector
<b>Image Sequencing</b>	1 to 65535 image sequences under software control
<b>Exposure Time</b>	Up to 95 minutes (1.33 microsecond increments)

## Quantum Efficiency (QE) Curve<sup>\*5</sup>

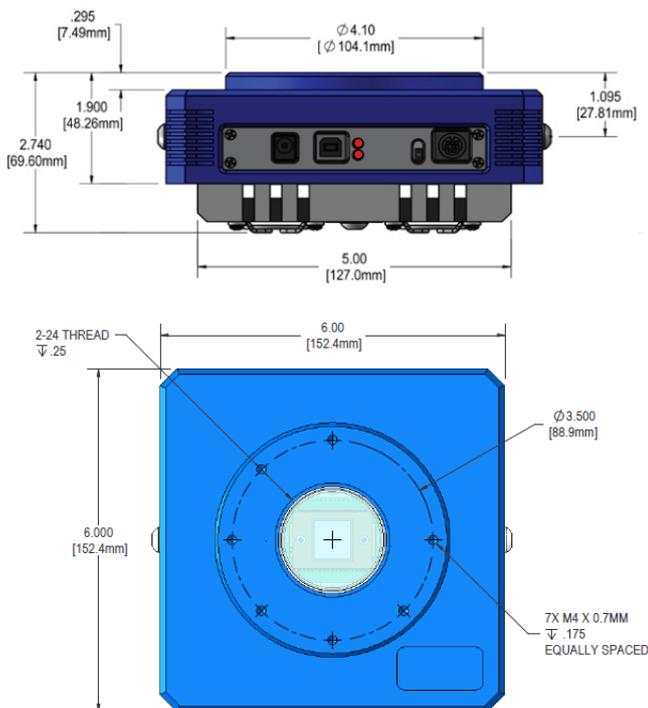


## Size of CCD Imaging Area

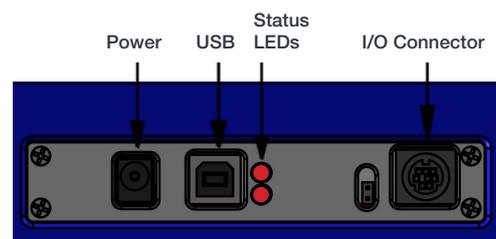
24.6 x 24.6 mm



## Mechanical Drawings



## Connections



## Mechanical Specifications

Camera Housing	Aluminum, hard anodized (D02)
Camera Head Size	6"x6"x 2.5" (15x15x6.35 cm)
Back Focal Distance	1.025" (2.6 cm) [optical]
Mounting	3.5" bolt circle. 2" 24 TPI thread. Optional Nikon F-mount or Canon EOS/EF or FD mount.
Shutter	43 mm shutter.
Weight	3.1 lb. (1.4 kg)

## CREATING THE OPTIMUM PRODUCT FOR YOU

How to customize the Apogee Alta F6:

### Step 1: Select your camera type



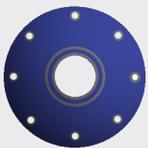
Camera

Description	Part Code
Apogee Alta F6 Low Noise 1.0 Megapixel Full frame CCD camera Grade 2 sensor and 43 mm Shutter	F6-LN-2-D02-S43
Apogee Alta F6 High Dynamic Range 1.0 Megapixel Full frame CCD camera. Grade 2 sensor and 43 mm Shutter	F6-HDR-2-D02-S43

Note: Please enquire for price and availability of Grade 1 sensor options.



### Step 2: Please indicate which adapters and accessories are required



Adapters & Accessories

A wide range of mounting adapters and accessory options are available for the Alta. Please refer to the links below for further information on filters and adapters.

#### Filters

A comprehensive selection of Astrodon filters are available.

Please refer to [Apogee Filters](#)

#### Lens Adapters and flanges

Select the required camera mounting option for your application, from our range of lens, telescope and slip-fit faceplate adapters.

Please refer to [Apogee Adapters](#)



### Step 3: Please indicate which software you require



Software

The Alta also requires at least one of the following software options:

Description	Ordering Information
Windows SDK for Apogee	Please download from the <a href="#">Apogee Downloads Page</a>
ASCOM Camera and Filter Wheel Driver	Please download from the <a href="#">Apogee Downloads Page</a>
Linux Driver CD	Please download from the <a href="#">Apogee Downloads Page</a>
Maxim DL Pro Software CD	MAXIM-DL/PRO-SW
MicroManager	Please see <a href="https://micro-manager.org/wiki/Apogee">https://micro-manager.org/wiki/Apogee</a>

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## Footnotes

1. Figures are typical unless stated otherwise
2. At minimum temperature
3. Readout noise is for the entire system. It is a combination of sensor readout noise and A/D noise.
4. Quantum efficiency of the sensor at 25°C, as supplied by the sensor manufacturer.
5. Assumes internal trigger mode of operation and minimum exposure time.



### PC Requirements

- 3.0 GHz single core or 2.4 GHz multi core processor
- 2 GB RAM
- 100 MB free hard disc to install software (at least 1GB recommended for data spooling)
- USB 2.0 High Speed Host Controller capable of a sustained rate of 40MB/s
- Windows (7, 8, 8.1 and 10) or Linux (please contact us for specific build compatibility)

### Operating and Storage Conditions

- Operating Temperature: 0 to 40°C
- Relative Humidity: < 70% (non-condensing)
- Storage Temperature: -25°C to 50°C
- Altitude up to 2000 m

### Power Requirements

- 100-240V, AC 50-60Hz, or via alternate 12V input from user's source.
- 40W maximum power consumption (shutter open and cooling maximum)

