

Apogee Aspen Series

System Features^{*1}

- High Resolution Sensor**
 15.7 Megapixel sensor with 7.4 μm pixels delivers an exceptionally large field of view with high resolution.
- Programmable TE cooling down to 60°C below ambient**
 Ideal for detection of weak chemiluminescence or astronomy images, enabling long exposure acquisitions with optimized signal to noise ratio.
- Ethernet interface with built-in web server**
 Remote access and control over the Internet, via standard web browser.
- 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 - 58 mm.
 Specified for >5 million cycles.
- 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.
- Precision locking filter wheels optional**
 Choose from a range of Apogee family filter wheels with up to 17 positions.

Apogee Aspen CG16070: Compact, 15.7 Megapixel CCD

Ideally suited to challenging astronomy and physical science imaging applications, the Apogee Aspen family offers a range of popular full frame and interline CCD sensors, within a camera platform that is designed to push performance. Deep thermoelectric cooling ensures optimal sensitivity for long exposure applications. The simple convenience of a USB 2.0 interface is accompanied by an Ethernet network interface with a built-in web server. The Apogee Aspen also utilizes a new extremely high reliability shutter, specified for > 5 million shutter cycles.

The Aspen CG16070 has a 15.7 megapixel format interline transfer CCD sensor with very low noise and small 7.4 μm pixels. Cooling down to 60°C below ambient results in a low dark current contribution. These features combine to make the CG16070 ideal for a wide range of OEM applications, biological and physical sciences.

Specifications Summary^{*1}

Array Size (pixels)	4864 x 3232 (15.7 Megapixel)
Pixel Size	7.4 x 7.4 μm
Sensor Size	36 x 23.9 mm (860.4 mm ²) 43.2 mm diagonal
Pixel Well Depth (typical)	41,000 e ⁻
Dark Current^{*2}	0.0081 e ⁻ /pixel/sec
Read Noise^{*3}	9.8e ⁻ (RMS @ 0.92 Mhz)
Maximum Dynamic Range	72.4dB (4183:1)
Quantum Efficiency	48% @520 nm

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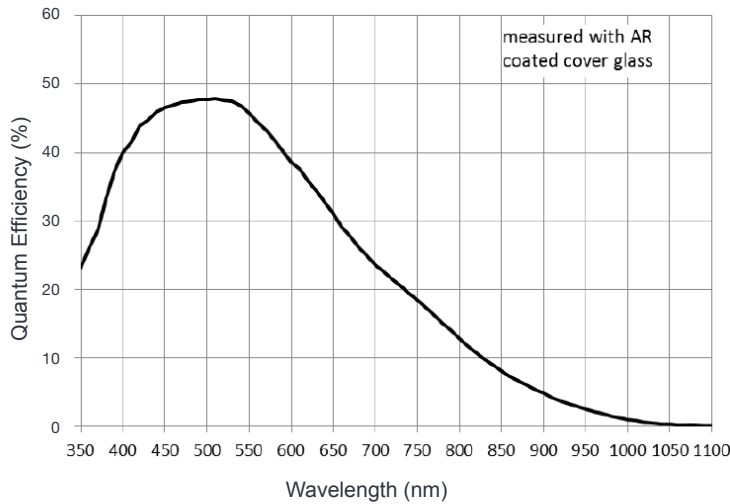
Technical Specifications¹

Sensor Type	KAI-16070 (ON Semiconductor)
Active pixels	4864 x 3232 W x H (15.7 Megapixel)
Sensor Size	36 x 23.9 mm (860.4 mm ²) 43.2 mm diagonal (35 mm optical format)
Pixel Size	7.4 x 7.4 μm
Pixel Well Depth	41,000 e ⁻
Read Noise ^{*3}	9.8 e ⁻ (RMS @ 0.92 MHz)
Pixel Binning	1 x 1 to 8 x 3232 on chip
Quantum Efficiency ^{*4}	48% @500nm
Cooling	Maximum cooling up to 60°C below ambient temperature ; -35°C at 25°C ambient Thermoelectric cooler with forced air.
Temperature Stability	+/- 0.1°C
Dark Current ^{*3}	0.0081 e ⁻ /pixel/sec
Blemish Specification	Grade 2 as standard, as per sensor manufacturer definition
Anti-blooming factor	>1000x
Maximum Dynamic Range	72.4 dB (4183:1)
Linearity	Better than 99%
Frame Rate (fps) ^{*5}	0.06 Full frame (@0.92 MHz) 0.46 Full frame (@7.44 MHz, focusing mode)
Frame Sizes	Full frame, sub-frame
Digital Resolution	16-bit
Camera Window	UV-grade fused silica

General Specifications

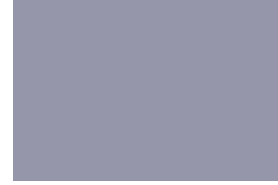
Interface Options	USB 2.0 Ethernet: Network interface with built-in web server, up to 2 MHz throughput
Remote Triggering	LVTTTL trigger input, expose strobe output
Peripheral communications	8 pin mini-DIN I/O connector
Image Sequencing	1 to 65535 image sequences under software control
Exposure Time	95 minutes (max) (1.33 microsecond increments)
Operating System Support	Windows, Linux

Quantum Efficiency (QE) Curve⁴

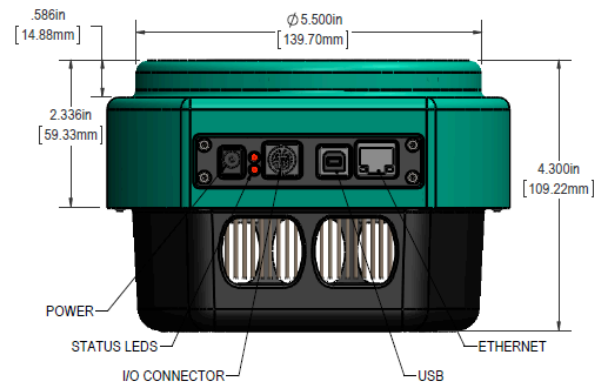
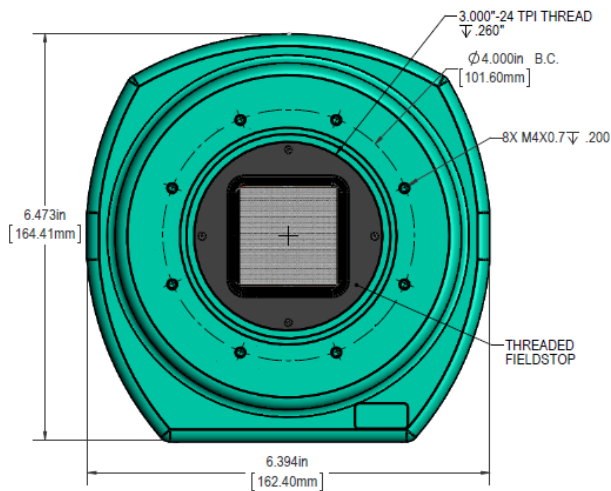


Size of CCD Imaging Area

36 x 23.9 mm



Mechanical Drawings



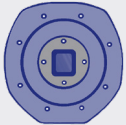
Mechanical Specifications

Camera Housing	Aluminum, hard anodized (G07)
Camera Head Size	6.5" x 6.4" x 4.3" [16.4 x 16.2 x 10.9 cm]
Back Focal Distance	1.01" (2.57 cm) [optical]
Mounting	2.25" Shutter aperture, 3" mounting thread Optional threaded fieldstop and adapters available
Shutter	58 mm shutter (specified for >5 million cycles)
Weight	3.1 lb. (1.4 kg)

CREATING THE OPTIMUM PRODUCT FOR YOU

How to customize the Apogee Aspen CG16070:

Step 1: Select your camera type



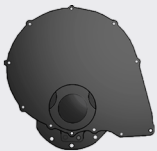
Camera

Description	Part Code
Apogee Aspen CG16070 15.7 Megapixel Interline CCD camera with grade 2 sensor and 58 mm Shutter	CG16070-2-G07-S58
Apogee Aspen CG16070 15.7 Megapixel Interline CCD camera with grade 2 sensor without Shutter	CG16070-2-G07-NSH

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 Aspen. Please refer to the links below on the Andor website for further information on filter wheels, filters and adapters.

Filter Wheels

Filter wheels available with up to 17 filter positions.

Please refer to [Apogee Filter Wheels](#)

Filters

A comprehensive selection of Astrodon filters and filters are available to complement your selected filter wheel

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 Adapter Matrix](#)



Step 3: Please indicate which software you require



Software

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

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

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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 alternate 12V input from user's source.
- 75W maximum power consumption (shutter open and cooling maximum)

