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KAC-12040

4000 (H) x 3000 (V) CMOS Image Sensor

Description

The KAC-12040 Image Sensor is a high-speed 12 megapixel CMOS image sensor in a 4/3'' optical format based on a $4.7 \ \mu m$ 5T CMOS platform. The image sensor features very fast frame rate, excellent NIR sensitivity, and flexible readout modes with multiple regions of interest (ROI). The readout architecture enables use of 8, 4, or 2 LVDS output banks for full resolution readout of 70 frames per second.

Each LVDS output bank consists of up to 8 differential pairs operating at 160 MHz DDR for a 320 Mbps data rate per pair. The pixel architecture allows rolling shutter operation for motion capture with optimized dynamic range or global shutter for precise still image capture.

Table 1. GENERAL SP	PECIFICATIONS
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Parameter	Typical Value
Architecture	5T Global Shutter CMOS
Resolution	12 Megapixels
Aspect Ratio	4:3
Pixel Size	4.7 μ m (H) \times 4.7 μ m (V)
Total Number of Pixels	4224 (H) × 3192 (V)
Number of Effective Pixels	4016 (H) × 3016 (V)
Number of Active Pixels	4000 (H) × 3000 (V)
Active Image Size	18.8 mm (H) \times 14.1 mm (V) 23.5 mm (Diagonal), 4/3" Optical Format
Master Clock Input Speed	5 MHz to 50 MHZ
Maximum Pixel Clock Speed	160 MHz DDR LVDS, 320 Mbps
Number of LVDS Outputs	64 Differential Pairs
Number of Output Banks	8, 4, or 2
Frame Rate, 12 Mp	1–70 fps 10 bits 1–75 fps 8 bits
Charge Capacity	16,000 electrons
Quantum Efficiency KAC–12040–CBA KAC–12040–ABA	40%, 47%, 45% (470, 540, 620 nm) 53%, 15%, 10% (500, 850, 900 nm)
Read Noise (at Maximum LVDS Clock)	3.7 e [−] rms, Rolling Shutter 25.5 e [−] rms, Global Shutter
Dynamic Range	73 dB, Rolling Shutter 56 dB, Global Shutter
Blooming Suppression	> 10,000x
Image Lag	1.3 electron
Digital Core Supply	2.0 V
Analog Core Supply	1.8 V
Pixel Supply	2.8 V & 3.5 V
Power Consumption	1.5 W for 12 Mp @ 70 fps 10 bits
Package	267 Pin Ceramic Micro-PGA
Cover Glass	AR Coated, 2-sides

NOTE: All Parameters are specified at T = 40°C unless otherwise noted.



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Features

- Global Shutter and Rolling Shutter
- Very Fast Frame Rate
- High NIR Sensitivity
- Multiple Regions of Interest
- Interspersed Video Streams

Applications

- Machine Vision
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Surveillance

ORDERING INFORMATION

See detailed ordering and shipping information on page 2 of this data sheet.

The image sensor has a pre-configured QFHD ($4 \times 1080p$, 16:9) video mode, fully programmable, multiple ROI for windowing, programmable sub-sampling, and reverse readout (flip and mirror). The two ADCs can be configured for 8-bit, 10-bit, 12-bit or 14-bit conversion and output.

Additional features include interspersed video streams (dual-video), on-chip responsivity calibration, black

clamping, overflow pixel for blooming reduction, black-sun correction (anti-eclipse), column and row noise correction, and integrated timing generation with SPI control, 4:1 and 9:1 averaging decimation modes.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Table 2. ORDERING INFORMATION – KAC-12040 IMAGE SENSOR

Part Number	Marking Code		
KAC-12040-ABA-JD-BA	Monochrome, Micro-PGA Package, Sealed Clear Cover Glass with AR Coating (Both Sides), Standard Grade.	KAC-12040-ABA	
KAC-12040-ABA-JD-AE	Serial Number		
KAC-12040-CBA-JD-BA	Bayer (RGB) Color Filter Pattern, Micro-PGA Package, Sealed Clear Cover Glass with AR Coating (Both Sides), Standard Grade.	KAC-12040-CBA	
KAC-12040-CBA-JD-AE	Bayer (RGB) Color Filter Pattern, Micro-PGA Package, Sealed Clear Cover Glass with AR Coating (Both Sides), Engineering Grade.	Serial Number	

1. Engineering Grade samples might not meet final production testing limits, especially for cosmetic defects such as clusters, but also possibly column and row artifacts. Overall performance is representative of final production parts.

Table 3. ORDERING INFORMATION – EVALUATION SUPPORT

Part Number	Description
KAC-12040-CB-A-GEVK	Evaluation Hardware for KAC-12040 Image Sensor (Color). Includes Image Sensor.
KAC-12040-AB-A-GEVK	Evaluation Hardware for KAC-12040 Image Sensor (Monochrome). Includes Image Sensor.
LENS-MOUNT-KIT-C-GEVK	Lens Mount Kit that Supports C, CS, and F Mount Lenses. Includes IR Cut-filter for Color Imaging.

See the ON Semiconductor *Device Nomenclature* document (TND310/D) for a full description of the naming convention used for image sensors. For reference documentation, including information on evaluation kits, please visit our web site at www.onsemi.com.

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

Architecture



Figure 2. Block Diagram

Physical Orientation



Notes:

- 1. The center of the pixel array is aligned to the physical package center.
- 2. The region under the sensor die is clear of pins enabling the use of a heat sink.
- 3. Non-symmetric mounting holes provide orientation and mounting precision.
- 4. Non-symmetric pins prevent incorrect placement in PCB.

5. Letter "F" indicator shows default readout direction relative to package pin 1.



Table 4. PRIMARY PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin	Name	Туре	Description
AB09	RESETN	DI	Sensor Reset (0 V = Reset State)
E07	CLK_In1	DI	Sensor Input Clk_In1 (45–50 MHz)
D08	CLK_In2	DI	Sensor Input Clk_In2 (Connect to Clk1)
AB08	TRIGGER	DI	Trigger Input (Optional)
AA05	SCLK	DI	SPI Master Clock
AA08	MOSI	DI	SPI Master Output, Slave Input
AA07	MISO	DO	SPI Master Input, Slave Output
AA06	CSN	DI	SPI Chip Select (0 V = Selected)
AA14	ADC_Ref1	AO	4.02 k Ω ±1% Resistor between Ref1 & Ref2
AA15	ADC_Ref2	AO	$4.02 \text{ k}\Omega \pm 1\%$ Resistor between Ref1 & Ref2
AB07	MSO	DO	Mechanical Shutter Output Sync (Optional)
AB06	FLO	DO	Flash Output Sync (Optional)
E05	FEN	DO	Frame Enable Reference Output (Optional)
E06	LEN	DO	Line Enable Reference Output (Optional)

DI = Digital Input, DO = Digital Output, AO = Analog Output.
 Tie unused DI pins to Ground, NC unused DO pins.
 By default Clk_In2 should equal Clk_In1 and should be the same source clock.
 The RESETN pin has a 62 kΩ internal pull-up resistor, so if left floating the chip will not be in reset mode.
 The TRIGGER pin has an internal 100 kΩ pull down resistor. If left floating (and at default polarity) then the sensor state will not be affected by this pin (i.e. defaults to 'not triggered' mode if floated).
 All of the DI and DO pins nominally operate at 0 V → 2.0 V and are associated with the VDD_DIG power supply.

Table 5. POWER PIN DESCRIPTION

Name	Voltage	Pins	Description
VDD_LVDS	3.3 V D	C04, C05, C23, C24, D04, D24, E04, E24, AA04, AA24, AB04, AB24, AC04, AC05 AC23, AC24	LVDS Output Supply
VDD_DIG	2.0 V D	C18, C19, D18, D19, E18, AA18, AB18, AB19, AC18, AC19, C20, C21, C22, D20, D21, D22, D23, E20, E21, E22, AA20, AA21, AA22, AB20, AB21, AB22, AB23, AC20, AC21, AC22, AB15, E08	Digital Core Supply
AVDD_HV	3.5 V A	C11, D11, E11, AA11, AB11, AC11, C10, D10, E10, AA10, AB10, AC10	Pixel Supply 1
Vref_P	2.8 V A	C13, D13, E13, AA13, AB13, AC13	Pixel Supply 2
AVDD_LV	1.8 V A	C17, D16, D17, E17, AA17, AB16, AB17, AC17	Analog Low Voltage Supply
Vpixel_low	0 V	E09	Pixel Supply 3. Combine with VSS for normal operation. Can be pulsed for Extended Dynamic Range Operation.
VSS	0 V	C12, C14, D12, D14, E12, AA12, AB12, AB14, AC12, AC14, E15, D15, AA09, A02, A14, A26, B14, C03, C06, C25, D03, D25, E03, E19, E23, E25, AA03, AA19, AA23, AA25, AB25, AC03, AC06, AC25, AD14, AE02, AE14, AE26	Sensor Ground Reference
No Connect	NA	A01, AC09, E14, E16, C09, D09, D05, D06, D07, AA16, AB05	Unused and test-only pins. These pins must be floated.

Table 6. LVDS PIN DESCRIPTION

Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description	Pin	Name	Description
E01	1DCLK+	Bank 1	C07	3DCLK+	Bank 3	C15	5DCLK+	Bank 5	A22	7DCLK+	Bank 7
E02	1DCLK-	LVDS Clock	C08	3DCLK-	LVDS Clock	C16	5DCLK-	LVDS Clock	B22	7DCLK-	LVDS Clock
D01	1DATA0+		A07	3DATA0+		A15	5DATA0+		A23	7DATA0+	
D02	1DATA0-		B07	3DATA0-		B15	5DATA0-		B23	7DATA0-	
C01	1DATA1+		A08	3DATA1+		A16	5DATA1+]	A24	7DATA1+	
C02	1DATA1-		B08	3DATA1-		B16	5DATA1-		B24	7DATA1-	
B01	1DATA2+		A09	3DATA2+		A17	5DATA2+		A25	7DATA2+	
B02	1DATA2-		B09	3DATA2-		B17	5DATA2-	1	B25	7DATA2-	
A03	1DATA3+	Bank 1 LVDS Data	A10	3DATA3+	Bank 3	A18	5DATA3+	Bank 5	B27	7DATA3+	Bank 7
B03	1DATA3-		B10	3DATA3-	LVDS Dala	B18	5DATA3-	Libo Bulu	B26	7DATA3-	2.20 244
A04	1DATA4+		A11	3DATA4+		A19	5DATA4+	1	C27	7DATA4+	
B04	1DATA4-		B11	3DATA4-		B19	5DATA4-		C26	7DATA4-	
A05	1DATA5+		A12	3DATA5+		A20	5DATA5+		D27	7DATA5+	
B05	1DATA5-	B1	B12	3DATA5-		B20	5DATA5-		D26	7DATA5-	
A06	1DATA6+		A13	A13 3DATA6+		A21	5DATA6+	1	E27	7DATA6+	
B06	1DATA6-		B13	3DATA6-		B21	5DATA6-		E26	7DATA6-	

Pin	Name	Description									
AA01	0DCLK+	Bank 0	AC07	2DCLK+	Bank 2	AC15	4DCLK+	Bank 4	AE22	6DCLK+	Bank 6
AA02	0DCLK-	LVDS Clock	AC08	2DCLK-	LVDS Clock	AC16	4DCLK-	LVDS Clock	AD22	6DCLK-	LVDS Clock
AB01	0DATA0+		AE07	2DATA0+		AE15	4DATA0+		AE23	6DATA0+	
AB02	0DATA0-		AD07	2DATA0-		AD15	4DATA0-		AD23	6DATA0-	
AC01	0DATA1+		AE08	2DATA1+		AE16	4DATA1+		AE24	6DATA1+	
AC02	0DATA1-		AD08	2DATA1-		AD16	4DATA1-		AD24	6DATA1-	
AD01	0DATA2+		AE09	2DATA2+		AE17	4DATA2+		AE25	6DATA2+	
AD02	0DATA2-		AD09	2DATA2-		AD17	4DATA2-		AD25	6DATA2-	
AE03	0DATA3+	Bank 0	AE10	2DATA3+	Bank 2	AE18	4DATA3+	Bank 4	AD26	6DATA3+	Bank 6
AD03	0DATA3-	EVDO Dala	AD10	2DATA3-	EVDO Dala	AD18	4DATA3-	LVDO Dala	AD27	6DATA3-	LVDO Dala
AE04	0DATA4+		AE11	2DATA4+		AE19	4DATA4+		AC26	6DATA4+	
AD04	0DATA4-		AD11	2DATA4-		AD19	4DATA4-		AC27	6DATA4-	
AE05	0DATA5+		AE12	2DATA5+		AE20	4DATA5+		AB26	6DATA5+	
AD05	0DATA5-		AD12	2DATA5-		AD20	4DATA5-		AB27	6DATA5-	
AE06	0DATA6+		AE13	2DATA6+		AE21	4DATA6+]	AA26	6DATA6+	
AD06	0DATA6-		AD13	2DATA6-		AD21	4DATA6-		AA27	6DATA6-	

All LVDS Data and Clock lines must be routed with 100 Ω differential transmission line traces.
 All the traces for a single LVDS Bank should be the same physical length to minimize skew between the clock and data lines.
 In 2 Bank mode, only LVDS banks 0 and 1 are active.
 In 4 Bank mode, only LVDS bank 0, 1, 2, and 3 are active.
 Float the pins of unused LVDS Banks to conserve power.
 Unused pins in active banks (due to ADC bit depth < 14) are automatically tri-stated to save power, but these can also be floated.

IMAGING PERFORMANCE

Table 7. TYPICAL OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

(Unless otherwise noted, the Imaging Performance Specifications are measured using the following conditions.)

Description	Condition	Notes
Light Source	Continuous Red, Green and Blue LED Illumination	1
Temperature	Measured Die Temperature: 40°C and 27°C	
Integration Time	16.6 ms (1400d LL, Register 0201h)	
Readout Mode	Dual-Scan, Global Shutter, 320 MHz, PLL2	
Clamps	Column/Row Noise Corrections Active, Frame Black Level Clamp Active	
ADC Bit Depth	10 bit	
Analog Gain	Unity Gain or Referred Back to Unit Gain	

1. For monochrome sensor, only green LED used.

Table 8. KAC-12040-ABA CONFIGURATION (MONOCHROME)

Description	Symbol	Wavelength (nm)	Min.	Nom.	Max.	Unit	Sampling Plan	Temperature Tested at (°C)	Test
Peak Quantum Efficiency Green NIR1 NIR2	QE _{MAX}	550 850 900	- - -	53 15 10	- - -	%	Design	27	
Responsivity			-	84	-	$\frac{\text{ke}^-}{\text{Lux} \cdot \text{s}}$	Design	27	20
Responsivity			-	7.0	-	$\frac{V}{Lux \cdot s}$	Design	27	21

Table 9. KAC-12040-CBA CONFIGURATION (BAYER RGB)

Description	Symbol	Wavelength (nm)	Min.	Nom.	Max.	Unit	Sampling Plan	Temperature Tested at (°C)	Test
Peak Quantum Efficiency Green NIR1 NIR2	QE _{MAX}	470 540 620 850 900	- - - -	40 47 45 15 10	- - - -	%	Design	27	
Responsivity		Blue Green Red	- - -	17 35 38	- -	$\frac{\text{ke}^-}{\text{Lux} \cdot \text{s}}$	Design	27	20
Responsivity		Blue Green Red		1.4 2.9 3.2		$\frac{V}{Lux \cdot s}$	Design	27	21

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Table 10. PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS ALL CONFIGURATIONS

						Sampling	Temperature Tested at		
Description	Symbol	Min.	Nom.	Max.	Unit	Plan	(°C)	Test	Notes
Photodiode Charge Capacity	PNe	-	16	-	ke-	Die	27, 40	16	
Read Noise	ne-T	-	3.7 RS 25.5 GS	-	e− rms	Die	27	8	1
Total Pixelized Noise			4.5 RS 28.3 GS		e ⁻ rms	Die	27	19	1
Dynamic Range	DR	-	73 RS 56 GS	-	dB	Die	27		1, 4
Column Noise	C _N		0.6 RS 3.0 GS		e⁻ rms	Die	27	9	1,6
Row Noise	R _N	-	1.0 RS 5.0 GS	-	e− rms	Die	27	10	1,7
Dark Field Local Non-Uniformity Floor	DSNU_flr		3.0 RS 21 GS		e⁻ rms	Die	27, 40	1	1,5
Bright Field Global Photoresponse Non-Uniformity	PRNU_1	-	1.5	-	% rms	Die	27, 40	2	2
Bright Field Global Peak to Peak Photoresponse Non-Uniformity	PRNU_2	_	6.5	-	% pp	Die	27, 40	3	2
Maximum Photoresponse Non-Linearity	NL	-	6.3	-	%	Die	27, 40	11	3
Maximum Gain Difference between Outputs	ΔG	-	0.3	-	%	Die	27, 40	12	8
Photodiode Dark Current	I _{PD}	-	4.6	70	e/p/s	Die	40	13	9
Storage Node Dark Current	I _{VD}	-	1,200	5,000	e/p/s	Die	40	14	5
Image Lag	Lag	-	1.3	10	-	Design	27, 40	15	
Black-Sun Anti-Blooming	X _{AB}		12 > 10,000		W/cm ² xllumSat	Design	27	7	14
Parasitic Light Sensitivity	PLS	-	730	-	-	Design	27	6	10
Dual-Video WDR			140 RS 120 GS		dB	Design	27		1, 11, 12
Pulsed Pixel WDR (GS Only)		-	100	_	dB	Design	27		12, 13

1. RS = Rolling Shutter Operation Mode, GS = Global Shutter Operation Mode.

RS = Rolling Souther Operation Mode, GS = Global Souther Operation Mode.
 Measured per color, worst of all colors reported.
 Value is over the range of 10% to 90% of photodiode saturation, Green response used.
 Uses 20LOG (PNe / ne⁻T).
 Photodiode dark current made negligible.
 Column Noise Correction active.

7. Row Noise Correction active.

Row Noise Correction active.
 Measured at ~70% illumination.
 Storage node dark current made negligible.
 GSE (Global Shutter Efficiency) = 1 - 1 / PLS.
 Min vs Max integration time at 30 fps.

12. WDR measures expanded exposure latitude from linear mode DR.

13. Min/Max responsivity in a 30 fps image.

14. Saturation Illumination referenced to a 3 line time integration.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES



Figure 4. Monochrome QE (with Microlens)



Figure 5. Bayer QE (with Microlens)

Angular Quantum Efficiency

For the curves marked "Horizontal", the incident light angle is varied along the wider array dimension. For the curves marked "Vertical", the incident light angle is varied along the shorter array dimension.



Figure 6. Monochrome Relative Angular QE (with Microlens)



Figure 7. Bayer Relative Angular QE (with Microlens)

Dark Current vs. Temperature



NOTE: "Dbl" denotes an approximate doubling temperature for the dark current for the displayed temperature range.

Figure 8. Dark Current vs. Temperature

Power vs. Frame Rate

The most effective method to use the maximum PLL2 speed $(313 \rightarrow 320 \text{ MHz})$ and control frame rate with minimum Power and maximum image quality is to adjust Vertical Blanking. (register 01F1h). Unnecessary chip

operations are suspended during Vertical Blanking conserving significant power consumption and also minimizing the image storage time on the storage node when in Global Shutter Operation.



NOTE: The LVDS clock is $\frac{1}{2}$ the PLL2 clock speed.

Figure 9. Power vs. Frame Rate, 10 bit Mode

Power and Frame Rate vs. ADC Bit Depth

Increasing the ADC bit depth impacts the frame rate by changing the ADC conversion time. The following figure

shows the power and Frame rate range for several typical cases.



Figure 10. ADC Bit Depth Impact on Frame Rate and Power

DEFECT DEFINITIONS

Table 11. OPERATION CONDITIONS FOR DEFECT TESTING

Description	Condition	Notes
Operational Mode	10 bit ADC, 8 LVDS Outputs, Global Shutter and Rolling Shutter Modes, Dual-Scan, Black Level Clamp ON, Column/Row Noise Corrections ON, 1× Analog Gain, 1× Digital Gain	
Pixels per Line	4,000	
Lines per Frame	3,000	
Line Time	8.7 μs	
Frame Time	13.9 ms	
Photodiode Integration Time	33 ms	
Storage Readout Time	13.9 ms	
Temperature	40°C and 29°C	
Light Source	Continuous Red, Green and Blue LED Illumination	1
Operation	Nominal Operating Voltages and Timing, PLL1 = 320 MHz, Wafer Test	

1. For monochrome sensor, only the green LED is used.

Table 12. DEFECT DEFINITIONS FOR TESTING

Description	Defin	Limit	Test	Notes	
Dark Field Defective Pixel	30°C RS: Defect ≥ 20 dn GS: Defect ≥ 180 dn	40°C RS: Defect ≥ 30 dn GS: Defect ≥ 240 dn	120	4	1, 4, 5
Bright Field Defective Pixel	Defect $\geq \pm 12\%$ from Loca	120	5	2, 5	
Cluster Defect	A group of 2 to 10 contigues no more than 3 adjacent of the second secon	22		3	
Column/Row Major Defect	A group of more than 10 c along a single column or r	0			
Dark Field Faint Column/Row Defect	RS: 3 dn Threshold GS: 10 dn Threshold	0	17	1	
Bright Field Faint Column/Row Defect	RS: 12 dn Threshold GS: 18 dn Threshold	0	18	1	

1. RS = Rolling Shutter, GS = Global Shutter.

2. For the color devices, all bright defects are defined within a single color plane, each color plane is tested.

 Cluster defects are separated by no less than two good pixels in any direction.
 Rolling Shutter Dark Field points are dominated by photodiode integration time, Global Shutter Dark Field defects are dominated by the readout time.

5. The net sum of all bright and dark field pixel defects in rolling and global shutter are combined and then compared to the test limit.

Defect Map

The defect map supplied with each sensor is based upon testing at an ambient (29°C) temperature. All defective pixels are reference to pixel (0, 0) in the defect maps. See Figure 11 for the location of pixel (0, 0).

TEST DEFINITIONS

Test Regions of Interest

Image Area ROI:	Pixel (0, 0) to Pixel (4015, 3015)
Active Area ROI:	Pixel (8, 8) to Pixel (3999, 2999)
Center ROI:	Pixel (1958, 1458) to Pixel (2057, 1557)

Only the Active Area ROI pixels are used for performance and defect tests.



Figure 11. Regions of Interest

Test Descriptions

1) Dark Field Local Non-Uniformity Floor (DSNU_flr)

This test is performed under dark field conditions. A 4 frame average image is collected. This image is partitioned into 300 sub-regions of interest, each of which is 200 by 200 pixels in size. For each sub-region the standard deviation of all its pixels is calculated. The dark field local non-uniformity is the largest standard deviation found from all the sub regions of interest. Units: e⁻ rms (electrons rms).

2) Bright Field Global Photoresponse Non-Uniformity (PRNU_1)

The sensor illuminated to 70% of saturation (~700 dn). In this condition a 4 frame average image is collected. From this 4 frame average image a 4 frame average dark image is subtracted. The Active Area Standard Deviation is the standard deviation of the resultant image and the Active Area Signal is the average of the resultant image.

$$PRNU_1 = 100 \cdot \left(\frac{\text{Active Area Standard Deviation}}{\text{Active Area Signal}}\right)$$

3) Bright Field Global Peak to Peak Non-Uniformity (PRNU_2)

This test is performed with the sensor uniformly illuminated to 70% of saturation (~700 dn), a 4 frame average image is collected and a 4 frame averaged dark image is subtracted. The resultant image is partitioned into 300 sub regions of interest, each of which is 200 by 200 pixels in size. The average signal level of each sub regions of interest (sub-ROI) is calculated.

The highest sub-ROI average (Maximum Signal) and the lowest sub-ROI average (Minimum Signal) are then used in the following formula to calculate PRNU_2.

$$PRNU_2 = 100 \cdot \left(\frac{Max. Signal - Min. Signal}{Active Area Signal}\right)$$
Units : % pp

4) Dark Field Defect Test

This test is performed under dark field conditions. The sensor is partitioned into 300 sub regions of interest, each of which is 128 by 128 pixels in size. In each region of interest, the median value of all pixels is found. For each region of interest, a pixel is marked defective if it is greater than or equal to the median value of that region of interest plus the defect threshold specified in the Defect Definition Table section.

5) Bright Field Defect Test

This test is performed with the imager illuminated to a level such that the output is at approximately 700 dn. The average signal level of all active pixels is found. The bright and dark thresholds are set as:

Dark Defect Threshold = Active Area Signal · Threshold Bright Defect Threshold = Active Area Signal · Threshold

The sensor is then partitioned into 300 sub regions of interest, each of which is 128 by 128 pixels in size. In each region of interest, the average value of all pixels is found. For each region of interest, a pixel is marked defective if it is greater than or equal to the median value of that region of interest plus the bright threshold specified or if it is less than or equal to the median value of that region of interest minus the dark threshold specified.

Example for bright field defective pixels:

- Average value of all active pixels is found to be 700 dn
- Lower defect threshold: $700 \text{ dn} \cdot 12\% = 84 \text{ dn}$
- A specific 128 × 128 ROI is selected:
 - Median of this region of interest is found to be 690 dn.
 - Any pixel in this region of interest that is ≤ (690 - 84 dn) in intensity will be marked defective.
 - Any pixel in this region of interest that is
 ≥ (690 84 dn) in intensity will be marked
 defective.
- All remaining 299 sub regions of interest are analyzed for defective pixels in the same manner.

6) Parasitic Light Sensitivity (PLS)

Parasitic Light Sensitivity is the ratio of the light sensitivity of the photodiode to the light sensitivity of the storage node in Global Shutter. There is no equivalent distortion in Rolling Shutter. A low PLS value can provide distortion of the image on the storage node by the scene during readout.

 $PLS = \frac{Photodiode Responsivity}{Storage Node Responsivity}$ (UnitlessRatio)

GSE (Global Shutter Efficiency) is a related unit.

$$\mathsf{GSE} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\mathsf{PLS}}\right)\%$$

Detailed Method: Photodiode Responsivity:

The sensor is set in global shutter serial mode (integration time not overlapping readout) and the FLO signal is used to control a 550 nm normal incident (or large f# focused) illumination source so that the sensor is illuminated only during photodiode integration time (not illuminated during readout time). The integration time is not critical but should be large enough to create a measurable mean during this time. A 16 frame-average illuminated photodiode image is recorded. A 16 frame-average dark frame using the same sensor settings is captured and is subtracted from the illuminated image.

Detailed Method: Storage Node Responsivity:

The sensor is set to a special characterization mode where the PD signal is discarded and does not impact the storage node. A long total frame time (storage node exposure time) is used to increase the storage node signal. A 16 frame-average dark frame is captured. The sensor is illuminated by the same 550 nm incident light source used for the photodiode responsivity. A 16 frame-average illuminated photodiode image is recorded; the dark frame image is subtracted from this. The integration time is not critical but should be set such that a significant response is detected, typically several orders of magnitude greater than the photodiode integration time.

7) Black-Sun Anti-Blooming

A typical CMOS image sensor has a light response profile that goes from 0 dn to saturation (1023 dn for KAC-12040 in 10 bit ADC mode) and, with enough light, back to 0 dn. The sensor reaching 0 dn at very bright illumination is often called the "Black-sun" artifact and is undesirable. Black-sun artifact is typically the dominant form of anti-blooming image distortion. For the KAC-12040 the Black-sun artifact threshold is measured at the onset of saturation distortion, not at the point where the output goes to 0 dn. To first order the onset of black-sun artifact for the KAC-12040 is not proportional to the integration time or readout time.

The sensor is placed in the dark at unity gain and illuminated with a 532 nm laser with the intensity of about 26 W/cm² at the center of the sensor. The laser is strong enough to make the center of the laser spot below 1020 dn without any ND filters. ND filters are added to adjust the laser intensity until the signal in the region at the center of the spot increases to > 1020 dn.

This illumination intensity at this ND filter is recorded (W/cm^2) as the Black-Sun Anti-blooming.

The 'xIlumSat' unit is calculated using and integration time of $100 \ \mu$ sec.

Exposing the sensor to very strong illumination for extended periods of time will permanently alter the sensor performance in that localized region.

8) Read Noise

This test is performed with no illumination and one line of integration time. The read noise is defined as one standard deviation of the frequency histogram containing the values of all pixels after the excessively deviant pixels (\pm three standard deviations) are removed.

9) Column Noise

After all rows are averaged together. Shading (low frequency change wrt column address) is removed. A frequency histogram is constructed of the resulting column values. The column noise is the standard deviation of the frequency histogram of the column values.

10) Row Noise

All columns are averaged together. Shading (low frequency change wrt row address) is removed. A frequency histogram is constructed of the resulting row values. The row noise is the standard deviation of the frequency histogram of the row values.

11) Maximum Photoresponse Non-Linearity

The photoresponse non-linearity is defined as the deviation from the best fit of the sensor response using 70% of saturation and zero signal as the reference points. The different signal levels are determined by varying the integration time. The sensor saturation level is (1023-dark offset). The dark offset is subtracted from the image for the following M_{AVG} and L_{AVG} .

- The integration time is varied until the integration time required to reach the 70% saturation is determined. M_{AVG} = the active array mean at the 70% saturation integration time.
- The integration is set to 1/14 (5% exposure point). L_{AVG} = meant at the 5% exposure point.
- PRNL (@ 5% saturation) = $((L_{AVG}/M_{AVG}) \cdot (14/1) 1)$ $\cdot 100$

12) Maximum Gain Difference between Outputs

The sensor contains two ADC and four channels of analog data in its highest frame rate configuration. The sensor is factory calibrated to reduce the gain differences between the channels. The gain variations are manifest as a row oriented pattern where every other row uses a different ADC. Using triple scan read out mode, an additional two analog channels are introduced resulting in a four row pattern. With one channel ('Top Ping') used as the reference, the residual gain difference is defined as:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Bottom Ping Row Average}}{\text{Top Ping Row Average}} - 1 \right) \cdot 100$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{Top Pong Row Average}}{\text{Top Ping Row Average}} - 1 \right) \cdot 100$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{Bottom Pong Row Average}}{\text{Top Ping Row Average}} - 1 \right) \cdot 100$$

13) Photodiode Dark Current

The photodiode dark current is measured in rolling shutter read out mode using 105 ms integration time and an analog gain = 8. The value is converted to electrons/pix/sec using the formula:

$$\label{eq:photodiode} \mbox{ Photodiode Dark Current} = \mbox{ Aver. Signal (DN)} \cdot \frac{\mbox{el-per-DN (gain=8)}}{0.105 \mbox{ seconds}}$$

where 'average signal (DN)' is the average of all pixels in the sensor array, and 'el-per-DN (gain=8)' is measured on each sensor using the photon transfer method.

14) Storage Node Dark Current

The storage node dark current is measured in global shutter read out mode using a special timing mode to prevent the photodiode dark current from being transferred to the storage node. In global shutter mode, the integration time of the storage node is the time it takes to read out a frame. The sensor analog gain is set to 2:

Storage Node Dark Current = Aver. Signal (DN)
$$\cdot \frac{eI-per-DN (gain=2)}{0.138 \text{ seconds}}$$

where 'average signal (DN)' is the average of all pixels in the sensor array and 'el-per-DN (gain=2)' is measured on each sensor using the photon transfer method.

15) Lag

Lag is measured as the number of electrons left in the photodiode after readout when the sensor is illuminated at 70% of Photodiode Charge Capacity.

Analog gain is set to 8. With no illumination a 64 average dark image is recorded (Dark_ref). The 'el-per-DN' is measured using the photon transfer method.

Illumination is adjusted blink every other frame such that the mean image output is 70% of the Photodiode Charge Capacity for even frames, and with no illumination for odd frames. A 64 frame average of Odd Dark Frames is recorded as Dark_Lag.

> Lag = (Dark_Lag - Dark_Ref) · el-per-DN Units : Electrons rms

16) Photodiode Charge Capacity

The sensor analog gain is reduced to < 1 to prevent ADC clipping at 1023 dn. The 'el-per-DN' is measured using the photon transfer method. The sensor is illuminated at a light level ~1.5x the illumination at which the pixel output no longer linearly changes with illumination level. The Photodiode Charge Capacity is equal to the average signal (DN) \cdot el-per-DN. Units: electrons rms.

17) Dark Field Faint Column/Row Defect

A 4 frame average, no illumination image is acquired at one line time of integration. Major defective pixels are removed (> 5 Sigma). All columns or rows are averaged together. The average of the local ROI of 128 columns or rows about the column/row being tested is determined. Any columns/rows greater than the local average by more than the threshold are identified.

18) Bright Field Faint Column/Row Defect

A 4 frame average, 70% illumination image is acquired at one line time of integration. Major defective pixels are removed (> 5 Sigma). All columns or rows are averaged together. The average of the local ROI of 128 columns or rows about the column/row being tested is determined. Any columns/rows greater than the local average by more than the threshold are identified.

19) Total Pixelized Noise

This test is performed with no illumination and one line of integration time. A single image is captured including both Temporal and Fixed Pattern Noise (FPN). A spatial low pass filter is applied to remove shading and deviant pixels (± three standard deviations) are removed. The Total Pixelized Noise is defined as one standard deviation of the frequency histogram.

20) Responsivity ke^{-/}lux-sec

This number is calculated by integrating the multiplication of the sensor QE by the human photopic response assuming a 3200K light source with a QT100 IR filter. This is a sharp 650 nm cutoff filter. If the IR filter is removed a higher response value will result.

21) Responsivity V/lux-sec

Voltage levels are not output from the sensor. This metric uses the pixel output in volts at the ADC input for 1x Analog Gain.

OPERATION

This section is a brief discussion of the most common features and functions assuming default conditions. See the *KAC–12040 User Guide* for a full explanation of the sensor operation modes, options, and registers.

Register Address

The last bit of any register address is a Read/Write bit. Most references in this document refer to the Write address. All SPI reads are to an even address, all SPI writes are to an odd address.

Sensor States

Figure 12 shows the sensor states, see the *KAC-12040 User Guide* for detailed explanation of the States.



Figure 12. Sensor State Diagram

Encoded Syncs

To facilitate system acquisition synchronization the KAC-12040 places synchronization words (SW) at the beginning and at the end of each output row as indicated in

the following Figure 13. This is performed for each of the 8 LVDS output banks providing frame, line, and output synchronization. See the KAC-12040 User Guide for additional detail on LVDS and Encoded Sync output.



Figure 13. Encoded Frame Syncs

Line Time

This Datasheet presumes the recommended startup script that is defined in the *KAC-12040 User Guide* has been applied. The KAC-12040 defaults to Dual-Scan mode. In this mode the LVDS data readout overlaps the pixel readout and ADC conversion time. The Pixel and ADC conversion time are fixed (for 10 bit operation) and total ~8.66 μ s. The LVDS time will be dependent on the PLL2 frequency selected. If the PLL2 < 313 MHz, then the LVDS data readout will dominate the row time. For PLL2 > 313 MHz, the Pixel + ADC will set the minimum Line Time. The Line Time is not impacted by the selection of Rolling Shutter or Global Shutter mode. The KAC-12040 architecture always outputs two rows at once, one row from the top ADC, and one from the bottom ADC. Each ADC then divides up the pixel into $1 \rightarrow 4$ parallel pixel output LVDS Banks. The default is 4 output banks per ADC for a total of 8 parallel pixel outputs to minimize the LVDS data output time. Since the sensor always outputs 2 rows at a time the timing and registers are based on a Line Time (LT) or Line Length (LL) where one LT = the time to readout 2 rows in parallel (one even row and one odd row).



Figure 14. Default Line Time (Dual-Scan) with PLL2 = 320 MHz

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Frame Time

The frame time is defined in units of Line Time. 1 Line Time unit = 2 output rows. To first-order the frame rate is not directly impacted by selection of Global Shutter, Rolling Shutter, Dual-Scan, or Tri-Scan.

The Frame Time is made up of three phases:

- 1. Integration Phase
- 2. Readout Phase
- 3. Frame Wait Phase (Vertical Blanking, VBLANK)

By default the Integration Phase overlaps the Readout and Frame Wait Phases. If the Integration Phase is larger than the Readout + Frame Wait time, then the Integration Phase will determine the video frame rate. Otherwise the frame rate will be set by the Readout + Frame Wait time. In other words, if the programmed integration time is larger than the minimum readout time (and vertical blanking) then extra vertical blanking will be added and the frame rate will slow to accommodate the requested integration time.



Figure 15. Default Frame Time Configuration (Frame A)

If the Integration Phase is less than the Readout Phase then the start of integration is automatically delayed to minimize the storage time and dark current.



Figure 16. Frame Time with Extended Integration Time

If the Readout Phase (+ $V_{BLANKING}$) is less than the Integration Phase, then the readout occurs as soon the integration is complete to minimize the storage time and dark current.

See the KAC-12040 User Guide for detailed calculation of the Integration Phase, Readout Phase, and Frame Wait. To first-order the Readout Phase is equal to the number of rows \cdot row_time.

Global Shutter Readout

Global Shutter readout provides the maximum precision for freezing scene motion. Any motion artifacts will be 100% defined by an ideal integration time edge. Every pixel in the array starts and stops integration at the same time.

Figure 17 illustrates a Global Shutter Frame readout assuming the recommended Start-up Script defined in the KAC-12040 User Guide (8 LVDS banks, Dual-Scan, 8.75 µs line time). The Frame Wait Phase is not shown due to its small default size (1 LL) and for clarity.

Global Shutter readout mode is selected using Bits [1:0] of Register 01D1h.

Images can be initiated by setting and holding the TRIGGER input pin or by placing the sensor into RUNNING mode by writing 03d to register 4019h. If the TRIGGER input pin is true when at the start of the integration time for the next frame then the sensor will complete an additional frame integration and readout. In the case shown in Figure 17 two frames will be output.



Figure 17. Illustration of Frame Time for Global Shutter Readout

Rolling Shutter Readout

The KAC-12040 high speed Rolling Shutter readout provides the maximum dynamic range while still providing excellent motion capture. In Rolling Shutter the readout more closely matches a film camera shutter. Each row of the image receives the same integration time, but each row starts and ends at a different time as the shutter travels from the top of the array to the bottom. In the Figure 18 frame time illustration this 'moving shutter' displays as a sloped edge for the blue pixel array region, just as the readout edge is sloped.

The Figure 18 illustration shows a 2 frame output sequence using the external TRIGGER pin.



Figure 18. Illustration of Frame Time for Rolling Shutter Readout

Rolling Readout mode can be selected using Bits [1:0] of Register 01D1h.

Images can be initiated by setting and holding the TRIGGER input pin or by placing the sensor into

RUNNING mode by writing 03d to register 4019h. If the TRIGGER input pin is True when at the start of the integration time for the next frame then the sensor will complete an additional frame integration and readout.

8 BANK LVDS DATA READOUT

LVDS Banks

The KAC-12040 provides 8 parallel pixel banks, each consisting of 8 LVDS differential pairs (7 data pairs + 1 clock pair). This allows the output of 8 pixels per LVDS clock

period. All 7 data pairs, of each bank, are used only in 14 bit operation mode. By default only 5 data pairs are used for 10 bit mode (D4 \rightarrow D0). The unused pairs are held in low-power high impedance mode.



Figure 19. LVDS Bank Labeling

The number of output banks used is independent of the ADC bit depth chosen. By default the KAC–12040 uses all 8 output banks for maximum frame rate. If technical restrictions prevent the use of 8 LVDS banks, the sensor can be programmed to use 4 or 2 banks, however this can result in reduced frame rate and reduction of image quality. It is recommended that 8 banks be used when possible. Only the 8 bank option is discussed in detail in this specification, see the *KAC–12040 User Guide* for additional detail on 4 and 2 bank mode.

In order to minimize the LVDS clock rate (and power) for a given data rate the pixels are output in DDR (Double Data Rate) where the MSB is always sent first (on rising edge) and the LSB second (falling edge) This is not programmable.

Ports per LVDS Bank

The MSB comes out first on the falling edge, followed by the LSB on the net rising edge.

Bit Depth	Edge of DATA CLK	Data0	Data1	Data2	Data3	Data4	Data5	Data6
14 bits	Falling (MSB Nibble)	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13
	Rising (LSB Nibble)	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6
12 bits	Falling (MSB Nibble)	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	HiZ
	Rising (LSB Nibble)	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	HiZ
10 bits	Falling (MSB Nibble)	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	HiZ	HiZ
	Rising (LSB Nibble)	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	HiZ	HiZ
8 bits	Falling (MSB Nibble)	D4	D5	D6	D7	HiZ	HiZ	HiZ
	Rising (LSB Nibble)	D0	D1	D2	D3	HiZ	HiZ	HiZ

Table 13. NUMBER OF LVDS PAIRS (PORTS) USED VS. BIT DEPTH

8 Bank Pixel Order

The KAC-12040 always processes two rows at a time. Even row decodes are sent to the bottom ADC and LVDS output banks (0, 2, 4, 6). Odd rows are sent to the top ADC and LVDS banks (1, 3, 5, 7). The ROI must be (and is internally forced to) an even size and always starting on an even row decode.

The rows are read out progressively left to right (small column address to large). Eight pixels are sent out of the chip at once, one pixel per LVDS bank per LVDS clock cycle. Pixel Readout order:

- Two rows are selected, the even row is sent to the bottom ADC and the odd row to the top ADC.
- Each ADC converts its row of pixel data at once and stores the result in a line buffer.
- 3. At default settings there are 4 output LVDS banks for each ADC.

- 4. Each LVDS Bank outputs one pixel per clock cycle, so 4 pixels of each row are output each full LVDS clock cycle, two rows in parallel for 8 pixels per clock cycle total.
- 5. The pixels are sent out from left to right (low column number to high column number). So the first 4 pixels are sent out on clock cycle 1, and the next 4 pixels to the right are sent out on clock cycle 2.
- 6. To conserve the number of wires per port, the 10 bits per pixel are sent out DDR (Dual Data Rate) over 5 ports. On the falling edge the upper 5 MSB bits are sent out, and on the rising edge the lower 5 bits LSB are sent out. Completing one full LVDS clock cycle and one set of eight pixels.



Figure 20. Pixel Readout Order Diagram

Table 14.	PIXEL	READOUT	ORDER	TABLE
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LVDS Bank	Row	Pixel Number				
Bank 0	2n (Even)	0	4	8	12	16
Bank 2	2n (Even)	1	5	9	13	17
Bank 4	2n (Even)	2	6	10	14	18
Bank 6	2n (Even)	3	7	11	15	19
Bank 1	2n+1 (Odd)	0	4	8	12	16
Bank 3	2n+1 (Odd)	1	5	9	13	17
Bank 5	2n+1 (Odd)	2	6	10	14	18
Bank 7	2n+1 (Odd)	3	7	11	15	19
LV	DS Clock Cycle	1	2	3	4	5

De-Serializer Settings

Figure 21 shows the data stream of one LVDS bank for 10 bit resolution.

Data serialization is fixed at 2 cycle DDR for all bit depths. Data output order is MSB first on the falling edge, and LSB following on the rising edge.

Four pixel values per synchronization word are embedded into the video stream per LVDS bank.

The SOL/SOF synchronization words are sent out of each LVDS bank before the first valid pixel data from that bank. Each bank outputs all 4 syncs of the SOF or SOL.

And each of the active LVDS banks each output all 4 sync codes for the EOL/EOF.



Figure 21. Data Stream of One LVDS Bank for 10 bits ADC Resolution

REGISTER DEFINITION

Table 15. REGISTER DEFINITION

16 bit Write Address (Hex)	Default Value	SDI Stata	Group	Pogistor Namo
	100-1	SPI State	Group	
0001	4200	Any	Frame A Definition	
0009	21760	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A ROI h1
0011	80d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A ROI x1
0019	3856d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A ROI w1
0021	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI y2
0029	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI h2
0031	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI x2
0039	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI w2
0041	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI y3
0049	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI h3
0051	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI x3
0059	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI w3
0061	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI y4
0069	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI h4
0071	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI x4
0079	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A sub-ROI w4
0081	0033d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Decimation
0089	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Video Blanking
0091	800d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Integration Lines
0099	0d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Integration Clocks
00A1	10d	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Black Level
00A9	001Fh	Any	Frame A Definition	Frame A Gain
00E9	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B ROI y1
00F1	3016d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B ROI h1
00F9	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B ROI x1
0101	4016d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B ROI w1
0109	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI y2
0111	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI h2
0119	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI x2
0121	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI w2
0129	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI y3
0131	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI h3
0139	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI x3
0141	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI w3
0149	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI y4
0151	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI h4
0159	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI x4
0161	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B sub-ROI w4
0169	033h	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B Decimation
0171	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B Video Blanking
0179	800d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B Integration Lines
0181	0d	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B Integration Clocks
0189	10d	Anv	Frame B Definition	Frame B Black Level
0191	001Fh	Any	Frame B Definition	Frame B Gain