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## PRELIMINARY

# High Performance Cooled CCD Camera System ASCENT A340

The Ascent A340 has a 1/3" format interline transfer sensor with high quantum efficiency and twice the dynamic range of similar Sony sensors. The camera is available with a monochrome sensor or color sensor with a Bayer mosaic (with C suffix). The A340S supports single channel output; the A340D supports dual channel output for twice the speed. Low noise and small pixels are ideal for OEM applications, biological sciences, guiding / adaptive optics, and other high frame rate applications.

- Astronomy
- Fluorescence microscopy
- Luminance testing

- 648 x 484 array, 7.4 x 7.4 micron pixels
- 32 Mbyte SDRAM image buffer
- Programmable dual channel 16-bit digitization speeds up to 10 Mpixels/sec per channel
- USB 2.0 interface: no plug in cards or external controllers
- Programmable, intelligent cooling to 40°C below ambient
- Binning up to 4 Horizontal x CCD height
- Subarray readout and fast sequencing modes
- Programmable offset and gain
- External triggering and strobe controls
- ActiveX drivers included with every system
- Field upgradeable firmware
- BK7 windows (optional fused silica)
- Optional internal vane or external electromechanical shutter
- Optional C-mount, Nikon F-mount, or 2" slip fit adapter
- Single 6V supply with input voltage protection system
- Compact enclosure: 23 oz. (0.65 kg)
- Programmable status indicators

Imaging Area of CCD



## CCD SPECIFICATIONS

CCD	Kodak KAI-0340M (mono) or MC (color)
Array Size (pixels)	648 x 484
Pixel Size	7.4 x 7.4 microns
Imaging Area	4.8 x 3.6 mm (17.2 mm <sup>2</sup> )
Imaging Diagonal	6 mm
Video Imager Size	0.37"
Linear Full Well	40K electrons (typical)
Dynamic Range	74 dB
QE at 400 nm	47%
Peak QE (480 nm)	56%
Anti-blooming (nominal)	300X



For complete CCD specifications, including cosmetic grading, see data sheet from manufacturer.

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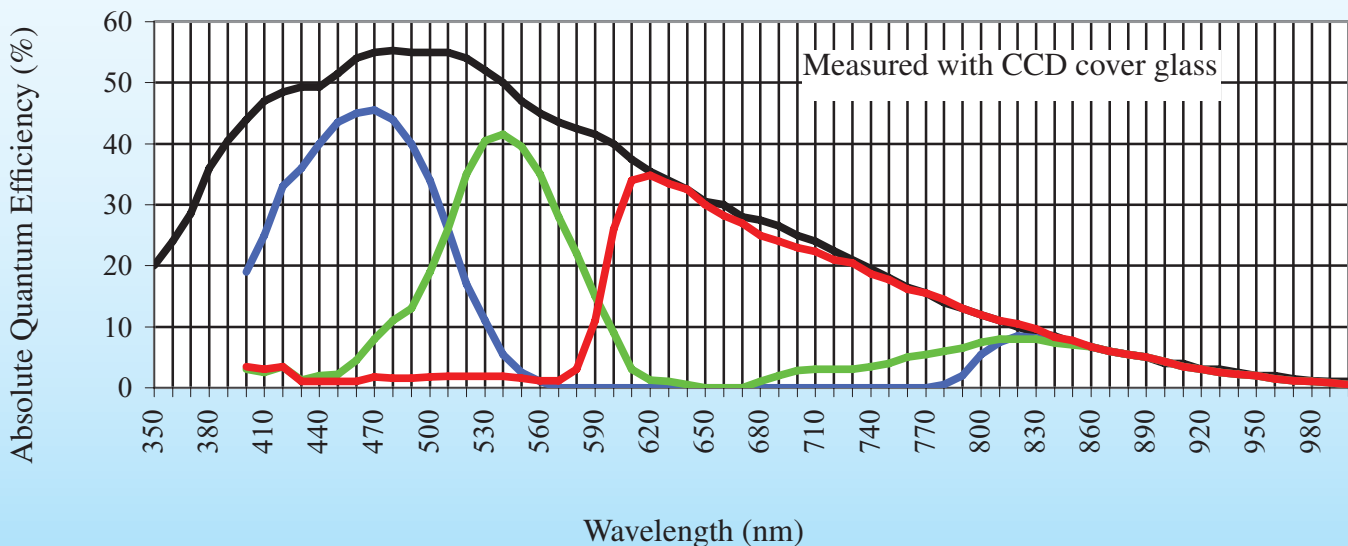
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## ASCENT A340 Camera System Performance



PC Interface	USB 2.0
USB2 Cable	Std.: 5m. Extensions: 5 meters between hubs; 5 hubs maximum (max. total of 30m) Wide variety of extenders available, including fiber optics to 10 km.
Digital Resolution	16 bits at up to 10 Mpixels/sec per channel (A340S = single channel; A340D = dual channel)
System Noise (typical)	15 e <sup>-</sup> RMS at 1.5 MHz
Pixel Binning	1 x 1 to 4 x 484 on-chip
Exposure Time	Minimum 100 microseconds (no vane shutter); max.183 minutes
Image Sequencing	1 to 65535 image sequences under software control
Frame Sizes	Full frame, subframe, focus mode
Cooling (typical)	Thermoelectric cooler. Maximum forced air cooling 40°C below ambient temperature.
Dark Current (typical)	Photodiode: 0.6 e <sup>-</sup> /pixel/sec. Storage diode: 6 e <sup>-</sup> /pixel/sec. (-15°C)
Temperature Stability	± 0.1°C
Camera Head Size	Aluminum. 3.2" x 5.7" x 1.3" (8.1 x 14.5 x 3.3 cm) Weight: 1.4 lb. (0.65 kg)
Mounting	1.5" x 2.5" bolt pattern, 6-32 thread. Optional C-mount (1" 32 tpi thread), Nikon F-mount, or 2" slip-fit adapters.
Back Focal Distance	Standard: 0.32" (0.81 cm). [optical]
Operating Environment	-30°C to 35°C. Relative humidity: 10 to 90% non-condensing.
Op.Sys.Support	Windows, Linux, Mac OSX
Power	20W maximum power with internal shutter open and cooling maximum. AC/DC "brick" supply with int'l AC input plug (100-240V, 50-60 Hz). Alternate 6V input from user's source.
Shutter	Standard: Electronic. Optional internal vane or external electromechanical shutter.
Remote Triggering	LVTTTL input allows exposure to start within 25 microseconds of rising edge of trigger

### CCD SENSITIVITY



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