

CMOS, EMCCD AND CCD CAMERAS FOR LIFE SCIENCES



Primary applications: Super-Resolution Microscopy Confocal Microscopy Single Molecule Fluorescence Light Sheet Microscopy

- 95% Quantum Efficiency
- 11µm x 11µm Pixel Area
- 1.3e- Read Noise (rms)
- 41fps @ 16-bit / 82fps @ 12-bit



Back Illuminated Scientific CMOS Discovery depends on every photon

Prime 95B is the Scientific CMOS with extreme sensitivity using high Quantum Efficiency (QE) Backside Illumination (BSI), a first for Scientific CMOS cameras. The 95B's sensor converts up to 95% of incident photons into a measurable signal. Unlike microlens approaches to increasing QE, which lose effectiveness as objective magnification is increased, Prime 95B's BSI sensor brings light into the pixel photodiode from behind, avoiding structures that reflect or absorb light. When combined with large 11µm pixels, Prime 95B can deliver over 300% more signal than other sCMOS cameras at 100X magnification.

More importantly, Prime 95B outperforms EMCCD cameras—with no excess noise that negates the benefit of using a high QE sensor, and additional limitations from EM gain calibration, stability, expense, and sensor lifetime With a true 16-bit dynamic range, Prime 95B easily accomplishes what EMCCD can not—detect weak and bright signals within the same image with photon-noise limited performance.

The extreme sensitivity not only allows fainter signals to be detected, it provides the flexibility to increase frame rates, or turn down the excitation intensity to reduce cellular photo-damage. Yet Prime 95B maintains the same high frame rates, field-of-view and extremely low read noise that has made sCMOS so popular for live-cell imaging.

Features	Advantages
High Quantum Efficiency 95% Peak QE	Maximizes ability to detect weak signals, enables short exposure times for high frame rates, or to minimize photoxicity across a wide range of wavelengths
Large 11µm Pixel Size	Maximize light collection while maintaining proper spatial sampling
Extremely Low Read Noise	Maximize your ability to detect faint fluorescence
Fast Frame Rates	Capture highly dynamic events with high temporal resolution
Large Field of View	Maximize the number of cells that can be tracked and monitored per frame
Enhanced Dynamic Range	Measure both bright and dim signal levels within the same image 61,500:1 Dynamic Range (95.8 dB)
Multiple Expose Out Triggering	Use the camera to control up-to four light sources for multi-wavelength acquisitions
SMART Streaming	Faster acquisition rates with variable exposures, ideal for multi-probed live cell imaging Compatible with Multiple Expose Out Triggering

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1.4 Megapixel BSI CMOS Sensor

Backside Illuminated Sensor 1.3e- Read Noise (Median) >95% peak QE 80,000e- full well 11 x 11µm pixels 18.7mm diagonal

Easily Mounted and Secured

C-mount Two ¼"-20 mounting holes per side



Up to four selectable expose-out lines

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Specifications	Camera Performance
Sensor	GPixel GSense 144 BSI CMOS Gen IV, Grade 1 in imaging area
Active Array Size	1200 x 1200 pixels (1.44 Megapixel)
Pixel Area	11μm x 11μm (121μm²)
Sensor Area	13.2mm x 13.2mm 18.7mm diagonal
Peak QE%	>95%
Read Noise	1.3e- (Median) 1.5e- (RMS)
Full-Well Capacity	80,000e- (Combined Gain) 8,000e- (High Gain)
Dynamic Range	61,500:1 Combined Gain 6,150:1 High Gain
Bit Depth	16-bit Combined Gain 12-bit High Gain
Readout Mode	Rolling Shutter Effective Global Shutter
Binning	2x2 (on FPGA)

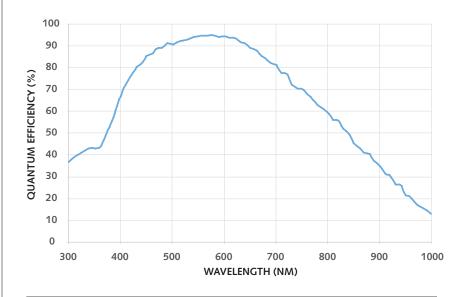
Cooling Performance	Sensor Temperature	Dark Current
Air Cooled	-10°C @ 30°C Ambient	0.5 e-/pixel/second
Liquid Cooled	-25°C @ 30°C Ambient	0.15 e-/pixel/second

Specifications	Camera Interface
Digital Interface	PCIe
Lens Interface	C-Mount
Mounting Points	$2 \times 1\!\!\!/ 20''$ mounting points per side to prevent rotation
Liquid Cooling	Quick Disconnect Ports

Triggering Mode	Function
Input Trigger Modes	Trigger-First – Sequence triggered on first rising edge Edge – Each frame triggered on rising edge SMART Streaming – Fast iteration through multiple exposure times
Output Trigger Modes	First Row – Expose signal is high while first row is acquiring data Any Row – Expose signal is high while any row is acquiring data All Rows – Effective Global Shutter – Expose signal is high when all rows are acquiring data
Output Trigger Signals	Expose Out (up to four signals), Read Out, Shutter Out, Trigger Ready

95% Quantum Efficiency

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Frame Rate (PCIe interface)				
Array Size	16-bit	12-bit		
1200 x 1200	41	82		
1200 x 512	96	192		
1200 x 256	192	384		
1200 x 128	384	768		

Accessories (Included)

PCIe Card/Cable Trigger Cable Power Supply

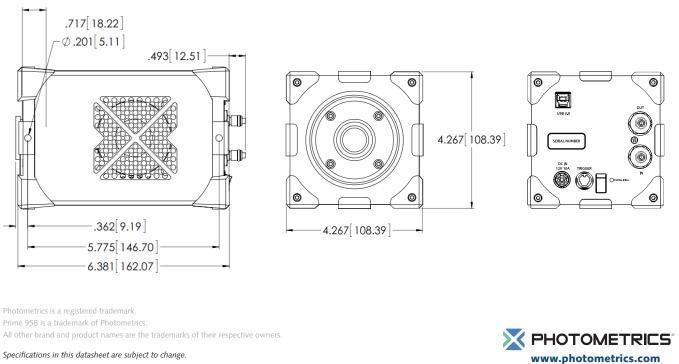
Manuals and QuickStart Guide Performance and Gain Calibration Test Data

Accessories	(Additional)
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Liquid Circulator

Liquid Cooling Tubes

Distance from C-mount to sensor



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Refer to the Photometrics website for most current specifications.

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