HRXCAM-1280 MICROSCANNED LIGHTWEIGHT CATADIOPTRIC OPTICS

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The HRXCAM-1280 is built around catadioptric optics. Catadioptric optics are based on refractive and reflective elements. Reflective elements such as mirroir, can be made of light materials, such as aluminum, and are usually lighter than their refractive counterparts. Reflective architectures can also be intrinsically athermalized and used on wider wavebands. This requires fewer optical elements resulting in reduced weight. By using folded path, the optics can be made compact.

INO has designed catadioptric optics for wide field-of-view and large numerical aperture. These optics are designed to provide excellent infrared imaging performance with minimum weight. INO can design and fabricate custom optics according to customer specifications and applications.



Québec city image of 1280 x 960 pixels using microscan.



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PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Resolution	1280 x 960 pixels
Effective pixel pitch	12.5 microns
FPA	640 x 480 pixels uncooled microbolometers , 25 micron pitch, UlisUL04171
NETD (#1.0, 300 K, 30 Hz)	< 100 mK
Readout mode	Row per row
TECless Operation	Single detector parameter configuration for high-gain operation over a broad temperature range
Output	16-bit raw data, Gigabit Ethernet
Detector configuration via GIGE	All detector parameters can be adjustedincluding input voltages, gain and integration time
	• Operating : -30 to 55 °C
Temperature	• Start : 0 to 55 °C
	• Storage : -40 to 80 °C
Mechanics	Integrated heat sink
Size	11.4 cm () x 27.6 cm
Weight	1.6 kg
Power supply	12 V
Software	Control and operation software available
Waveband	8 to 14 microns
Focal length	50.0 mm
Effective F/#	F/1.05
FOV	22.6 degrees
Relative illumination	85% at 6 degrees
Microscan responsetime	< 1.5 milliseconds
Manuel focus range	10 meters to infinity
Optical Dimensions	72 mm diameter (78 mm with flange)
Optics mass	750 grams without front window
Athermal range	-30 °C / 60 °C

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