System Features[*1]

- **High Resolution Sensor**
  8.2 Megapixel sensor with 5.5 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 - 35 mm.
  Specified for >5 million cycles.

- **Programmable I/O port**
  Synchronization with intricate experimental set-ups.

- **Remote Triggering**
  LVTTL 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 CG8050: Compact, 8.2 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 CG8050 has a 8.2 megapixel format interline transfer CCD sensor with low noise and high quantum efficiency and small 5.5 mm pixels. Cooling down to 60°C below ambient results in a low dark current contribution. These features combine to make the CG8050 ideal for microscopy applications requiring both high resolution and large field of view

Specifications Summary[*1]

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Array Size (pixels)	3296 x 2472 (8.2 Megapixel)
Pixel Size	5.5 x 5.5 µm
Sensor Size	18.1 x 13.6 mm (246.5 mm^2) 22.7 mm diagonal
Pixel Well Depth (typical)	18,000 e$^-$
Dark Current[*2]	0.0061 e$^-$/pixel/sec
Read Noise[*3]	10.8e$^-$ (RMS @ 0.91 Mhz)
Maximum Dynamic Range	64.4dB (1667:1)
Quantum Efficiency	50% maximum @500 nm 32% @400 nm

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Technical Specifications[1]

Sensor Type	KAI-08050 (ON Semiconductor)
Active pixels	3296 x 2472 W x H (8.2 Megapixel)
Sensor Size	18.1 x 13.6 mm (246.5 mm²) 22.7 mm diagonal
Pixel Size	5.5 x 5.5 µm
Pixel Well Depth	18,000 e⁻
Read Noise [3]	10.8 e⁻ (RMS @ 0.91 MHz)
Pixel Binning	1 x 1 to 8 x 2472 on chip
Quantum Efficiency [4]	50% maximum @500 nm 32% @400 nm
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]	0.0061 e-/pixel/sec
Blemish Specification	Grade S as per sensor manufacturer definition
Anti-blooming factor	>300x
Maximum Dynamic Range	64.4 dB (1667:1)
Linearity	Better than 99%
Frame Rate (fps) [5]	0.11 Full frame (@0.91 MHz) 0.87 Full frame (@7.31 MHz, focusing mode)
Frame Sizes	Full frame, sub-frame
Digital Resolution	16-bit
Camera Window	UV-grade fused silica

General Specifications

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Interface Options	USB 2.0 Ethernet: Network interface with built-in web server, up to 2 MHz throughput
Remote Triggering	LVTTL 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) Curve[4]

Quantum Efficiency (%) vs Wavelength (nm)

Measured with AR coated cover glass
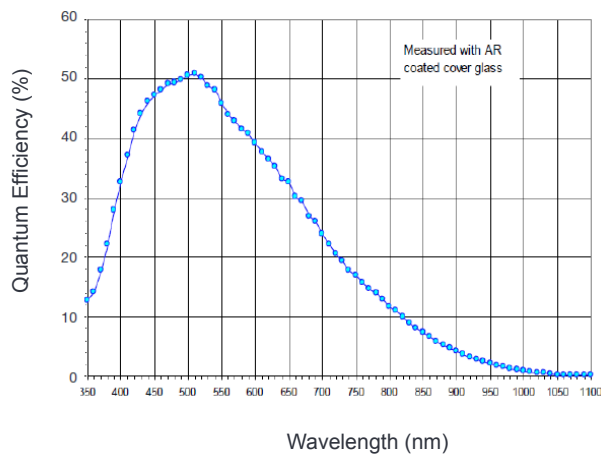
Size of CCD Imaging Area

18.1 x 13.6 mm

Mechanical Drawings
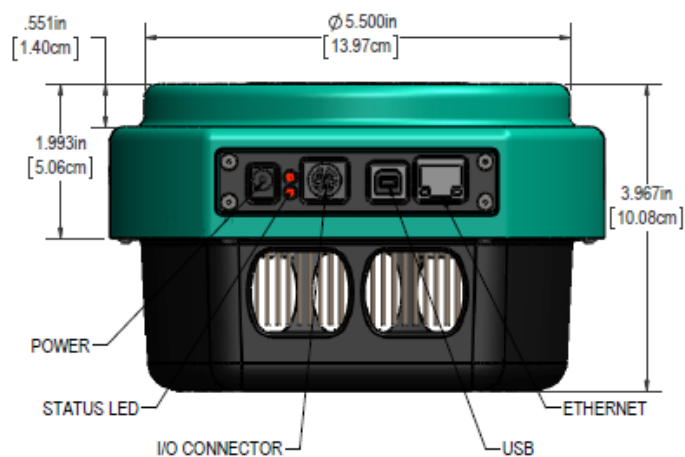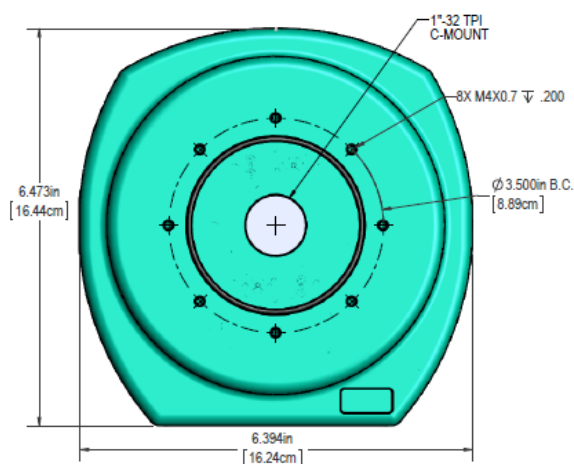
Mechanical Specifications

Camera Housing	Aluminum, hard anodized (G01)
Camera Head Size	6.5" x 6.4" x 3.9" [16.4 x 16.2 x 10 cm]
Back Focal Distance	0.68" (1.72 cm) [optical]
Mounting	1" Aperture, C-mount, 1-32 UN-2B Thread
Shutter	35 mm shutter (specified for >5 million cycles)
Weight	3.1 lb. (1.4 kg)

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How to customize the Apogee Aspen CG8050:

Step 1: Select your camera type
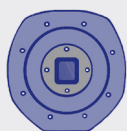
Camera

Description	Part Code
Apogee Aspen CG8050 8.2 Megapixel Interline CCD camera with grade S sensor and 35 mm Shutter	CG8050-S-G01-S35
Apogee Aspen CG8050 8.2 Megapixel Interline CCD camera with grade S sensor and without Shutter	CG8050-S-G01-NSH

Step 2: Please indicate which adapters and accessories are required
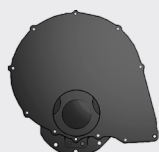
Adapters & Accessories

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.

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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)

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