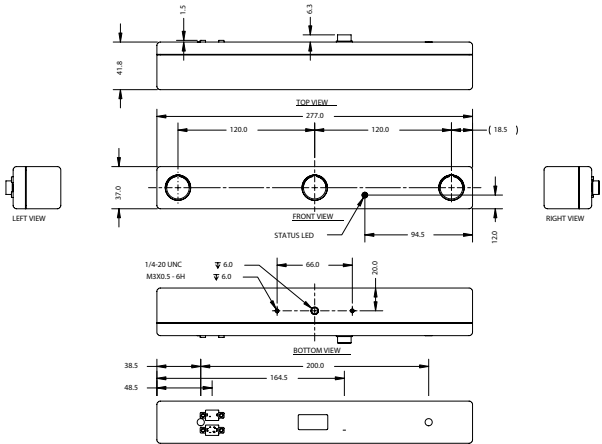


## Development Kit Contents

First time *Bumblebee XB3* users are required to purchase this KIT in addition to the initial camera:

- 4.5 meter, 9-pin to 9-pin locking IEEE-1394b cable for secure connection
- 4.5 meter, 6-pin to 9-pin locking IEEE-1394a to 1394b cable for secure connection
- IEEE-1394b OHCI PCI Host Adapter 3-port 800Mb/s card
- Hirose HR10 12-pin male GPIO connector pre-wired for easy triggering
- *FlyCapture*® SDK and *Triclops* SDK (C/C++ API and device drivers)

## Physical Dimensions



## Camera Specifications

Specification	
Imaging Sensor	Three Sony ICX445 1/3" progressive scan CCD's 1280x960 max pixels, 3.75µm square pixels
Baseline	12 cm and 24 cm
Lens Focal Length	2.5mm with 100° HFOV or 3.8mm with 70° HFOV or 6mm with 50° HFOV
A/D Converter	Analog Devices 12-bit analog-to-digital converter
Video Data Output	8 and 16-bit digital data (see <i>Supported Data Formats</i> below)
Frame Rates	15, 7.5, 3.75, 1.875 FPS
Interfaces	2x 9-pin IEEE-1394b for camera control and video data transmission 4 general-purpose digital input/output (GPIO) pins.
Voltage Requirements	8-32V
Power Consumption	Less than 4W
Gain	Automatic/Manual/One-Push Gain modes 0dB to 24dB      0dB to 24dB
Shutter	Automatic/Manual/One-Push Shutter modes 0.01ms to 66.63ms @15 FPS      0.01ms to 66.63ms @15 FPS Extended Shutter modes 0.01ms to 7900ms @ 15 FPS      0.01ms to 5200ms @ 15 FPS
Trigger Modes	DCAM v1.31 Trigger Modes 0, 1, 3, and 14
Signal To Noise Ratio	TBD
Dimensions	276 x 36 x 41.8mm
Mass	505 grams
Camera Specification	IIDC 1394-based Digital Camera Specification v1.31
Emissions Compliance	Complies with CE rules and Part 15 Class A of FCC Rules
Operating Temperature	Commercial grade electronics rated from 0° to 45°C
Storage Temperature	-30° to 60°C

## Spectral Response (QE)

For full sensor datasheets, visit [www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/index.asp?a=4&q=23](http://www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/index.asp?a=4&q=23)

## Status LED

LED Status	Description
Steady on	Camera receiving power and initialized
Steady on and very bright	Camera acquiring and transmitting images
Flashing bright, then brighter	Camera registers being accessed
Steady or slow flashing on and off	Firmware updated, or possible camera problem (power cycle)

## Camera Features

### Image Acquisition

Feature	Description
Automatic Synchronization	Multiple cameras on the same 1394 bus automatically sync
Fast Frame Rates	Faster standard frame rates
Multiple Trigger Modes	Bulb-trigger mode, overlapped trigger/transfer
Embedded Image Info	Pixels contain frame-specific info (e.g. shutter, 1394 cycle time)

### Camera and Device Control

Feature	Description
Frame Rate Control	Fine-tune frame rates for video conversion (e.g. PAL @ 24 FPS)
Strobe Output	Increased drive strength, configurable strobe pattern output
RS-232 Serial Port	Provides serial communication via GPIO TTL digital logic levels
Memory Channels	Non-volatile storage of camera default power-up settings
Temperature Sensor	Reports the temperature near the imaging sensor
Camera Upgrades	Firmware upgradeable in field via IEEE-1394 interface.

### Calibration and Mechanics

Feature	Description
Lens System	High quality microlenses protected by removeable glass system
Accurate Pre-Calibration	For lens distortions and camera misalignments
Stereo Pair Alignment	Left and right images aligned to within 0.05' pixel RMS error
Calibration Retention	Minimizes loss of calibration due to shock and vibration
Multiple Baselines	Choice of 12 cm or 24 cm baseline for stereo processing

<sup>1</sup> Based on epipolar accuracy at a stereo resolution of 320x240; valid for 1024x768 and 640x480 model.

## Stereo Image Formats

The *Bumblebee XB3* can be configured to output images from any set of two sensors, or from all three sensors, at the same time. This image data is formatted as pixel (byte) interleaved stereo images using *Format 7*. Pixel interleaved images use a raw 24bit-per-pixel format. For color cameras, each sensor represents an RGB color channel, where red is from the right camera, blue from the left and green from the middle.

Future firmware versions may support line (row) interleaved images, where the rows from each of the cameras are interleaved to speed processing.

Mode	Pixel Format	Max Size	FPS	Description
3	RGB8 (24bpp)	1280x960	15	Pixel interleaved stereo image (8 bits from each imaging sensor)

## Single Camera Image Formats

Standard Modes	Frames Per Second (one camera only <sup>1</sup> )					
	1.875	3.75	7.5	15	30	60
1280x960 Y16 (16bpp)	•	•	•	•		
1280x960 Y8 (8bpp)	•	•	•	•		

<sup>1</sup> Use the PAN control to select the camera that is outputting images


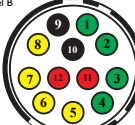
## Camera Interface

### IEEE-1394 Connector and Cables

The *Bumblebee XB3* has a standard 9-pin IEEE-1394b connector that is used for data transmission, camera control and powering the camera. The maximum 1394 cable length between any 1394 node (e.g. camera to PCI card, card to hub, etc.) is 4.5m, as specified by the IEEE-1394 standard. Use standard, shielded twisted pair copper cables.

### General Purpose I/O Connector

The *Bumblebee XB3* has a 12-pin Hirose HR10 (Mfg P/N: HR10A-10R-12SB) female circular connector on the back of the case. Camera KIT contents include a pre-wired male connector; refer to the diagram below for wire color-coding. Additional male counterparts (Mfg P/N: HR10A-10P-12P) can be purchased from Digi-Key (P/N: HRI12-ND).

Diagram	Pin	Function	Description
	1	IO0	Input / Output (default: Trigger_Src)
	2	IO1	Input / Output
	3	IO2	Input / Output / RS232 Transmit (TX)
	4	IO3	Input / Output / RS232 Receive (RX)
	5	RTS	RS-232 Request to Send
	6	CTS	RS-232 Clear to Send
	7	TX	RS-232 Transmit (Output)
	8	RX	RS-232 Receive (Input)
	9, 10	GND	
	11	V <sub>EXT</sub>	Voltage limit: 8-30V; Current limit: 1A
	12	+3.3V	Power external circuitry up to a total of 150mA
	To configure the GPIO pins, consult the "General Purpose Input / Output" section of the PGR IEEE-1394 Digital Camera Register Reference.		
<sup>1</sup> Due to stock fluctuation the GPIO cable you receive is either Model A or B			

The *Bumblebee XB3* GPIO pins are TTL 3.3V pins. **Inputs** can be configured to accept external trigger signals. When configured as inputs, the pins are internally pulled high using weak pull-up resistors to allow easy triggering of the camera by simply shorting the pin to ground (GND). The inputs are protected from both over and under voltage. It is recommended, however, that they only be connected to 5V or 3.3V digital logic signals. **Outputs** can be configured to send an output signal or strobe pulse. When configured as outputs, each line can sink 10mA of current.

# 1 Installation

## 1. Recommended System Configuration

- Windows® XP Service Pack 1
- 512MB of RAM
- Intel® Pentium 4 2.0GHz or compatible processor
- AGP video card with 128MB video memory
- PCI slot for the IEEE-1394 OHCI card (PCI Express recommended)
- Microsoft® Visual C++ 6.0 (to compile and run example code)



## 2. Electrostatic Precautions and Camera Care

- To avoid static discharge that could damage a camera, users should:
  - Either handle bare handed or use non-chargeable gloves, clothes or material. Also use conductive shoes.
  - Install a conductive mat on the floor or working table to prevent the generation of static electricity.
- When handling the camera unit, avoid touching the lenses. To clean the lenses, use a standard camera lens cleaning kit or a clean dry cotton cloth. Do not apply excessive force.
- Extended exposure to bright sunlight, rain, dusty environments, etc. may cause problems with the electronics and the optics of the system.
- Avoid excessive shaking, dropping or mishandling of the device.

# 2 Installation

## 3. Install the IEEE-1394 PCI card



- Place the IEEE-1394 PCI card in an open PCI slot.
- Connect the 4-pin connector on the card to the PC power supply.
- Turn the computer back on and log into Windows.
- In most cases, the Windows IEEE-1394 drivers will be automatically installed for the card, with no user input required. However, in some cases the *Found New Hardware Wizard* will appear. Follow the prompts given by the Wizard to install the card.
- Open Windows Device Manager by going to the Control Panel > System > Hardware tab > Device Manager. Ensure that the PCI card is properly installed as an *IEEE 1394 Bus host controller*.

## 4. Install the FlyCapture® and Triclops™ Software

- Insert the software CD-ROM. If the Installation Wizard does not automatically run, browse to your CD-ROM directory and run *setup.exe*.
- Follow the installation instructions to install the software.



### IMPORTANT NOTE for Windows XP Users

A dialog will appear prompting you to install the **PGR1394b-PRO** driver. We strongly recommend that users do this in order to take full advantage of 1394b 800Mb/s speeds. See this Knowledge Base article for further information:  
[www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/index.asp?a=4&q=171](http://www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/index.asp?a=4&q=171)

# 3 Installation

## 5. Connect the 1394 PCI Card and Cable to the Camera

- Plug the 4.5 meter IEEE-1394 cable into the 1394 PCI card and the camera's 1394 connector.  
**NOTE:** The camera relies on the 1394 cable to provide power. If using an interface card other than that provided, ensure that adequate power is provided.
- If the Microsoft Windows "Found New Hardware Wizard" appears, proceed to Step 7. Otherwise, proceed to Step 8.

## 6. Install the Camera Driver

- Click "Install from a list or specific location" and click "Next".
- Select "Don't search. I will choose the driver to install" and "Next".
- Click "Have Disk" and browse to C:\Program Files\Point Grey Research\PGR FlyCapture\driver, click "Open", then "OK".
- Select the camera model and click "Next". You will be prompted to continue installation - click "Continue Anyway" then "Finish" to complete installation.

## 7. Confirm Successful Installation

- Check the Device Manager to confirm that installation was successful. Go to the Start menu, select Run and enter "devmgmt.msc".

# 4 Installation

## 8. Test Camera Capabilities

- To test the camera's image acquisition capabilities, run FlyCap. From the Start menu, select All Programs > Point Grey Research > PGR FlyCapture > FlyCap.exe.
- To test stereo processing, run TriclopsDemo. From the Start menu, select All Programs > Point Grey Research > Triclops SDK > TriclopsDemo.exe.

# 5 Troubleshooting

Technical references can be found in the Programs > Point Grey Research > directory. Our on-line [Knowledge Base](http://www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/) ([www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/](http://www.ptgrey.com/support/kb/)) also addresses the following problems:

- Article 21: Troublesome hardware configurations
- Article 91: PGR camera not recognized by system and not listed in Device Manager
- Article 93: My laptop's IEEE-1394 port or PCMCIA card doesn't supply power to my camera
- Article 145: Image discontinuities or horizontal tearing of images when displayed on monitor
- Article 171: Performance of 1394 devices may decrease after installing Windows XP SP2
- Article 188: Image data acquired by my camera is corrupt and displayed images are broken
- Article 189: Image capture freezes after a period of successful image capture.

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