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G3-ANCL02-V2: Genie Nano-CL Application Note

Configuring Genie Nano-CL and Teledyne DALSA Frame Grabbers

For Nano-CL models with P/N: G3-Cxxx-xxxxx

Overview

Genie Nano-CL (CameraLink) cameras require a connection to a frame grabber to acquire images. This application note describes how to configure a Genie Nano-CL with a Teledyne DALSA frame grabber.

The Genie Nano-CL is GenCP compliant; its features are defined using an XML file and can be accessed using software that supports the GenCP protocol.

For information on installing and connecting the Genie Nano-CL, refer to the application note G3-ANCL02-V1: Genie Nano-CL Application Note.

Tap Configurations

Tap configurations determine how data is output from the camera and received by the frame grabber; both the frame grabber and the camera must be set to the same tap configuration to enable correct image acquisition. Each tap represents a data communication lane that can transmit one pixel (for example, 8 or 10 bit) per pixel clock tick.

The Genie Nano CL tap configuration is determined by the device firmware; each firmware supports a unique tap configuration. To change the tap configuration, the corresponding firmware must be uploaded to the camera. Currently, 3 firmware versions are available that provide the following tap configurations:

- Base, 8-bit (2 or 3 tap, model dependent)
- 8 tap, 8-bit
- 10 tap, 8-bit (factory default firmware)

For CameraLink devices, the pixel clock is 85MHz, therefore the maximum throughput is:

- 850 MB/s (6.8 Gbit/s) for 10 tap (Deca), 8-bit configurations
- 680 MB/s (5.44 Gbit/s) for 8 tap (Full), 8-bit configurations
- 510 MB/s (4.08 Gbit/s) for 6 tap (Medium), 8-bit configurations
- 255 MB/s (2.04 Gbit/s) for 3 tap (Base), 8-bit configurations

Eight Taps
 8 zones in X, 1 zone in Y (8X-1Y)
 Left to Right

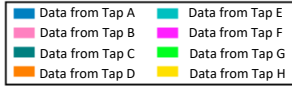


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Ten Taps
 10 zones in X, 1 zone in Y (10X-1Y)
 Left to Right

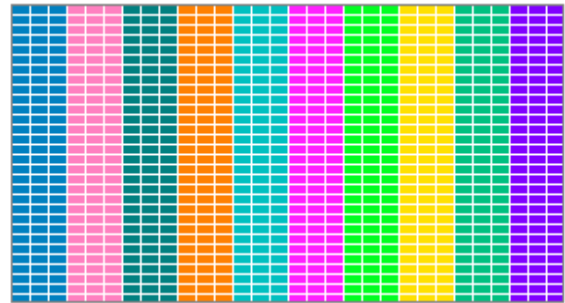
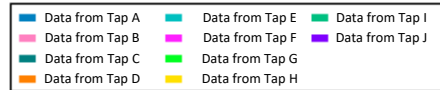
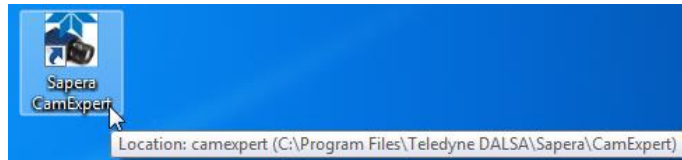
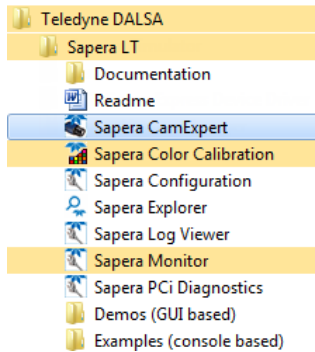


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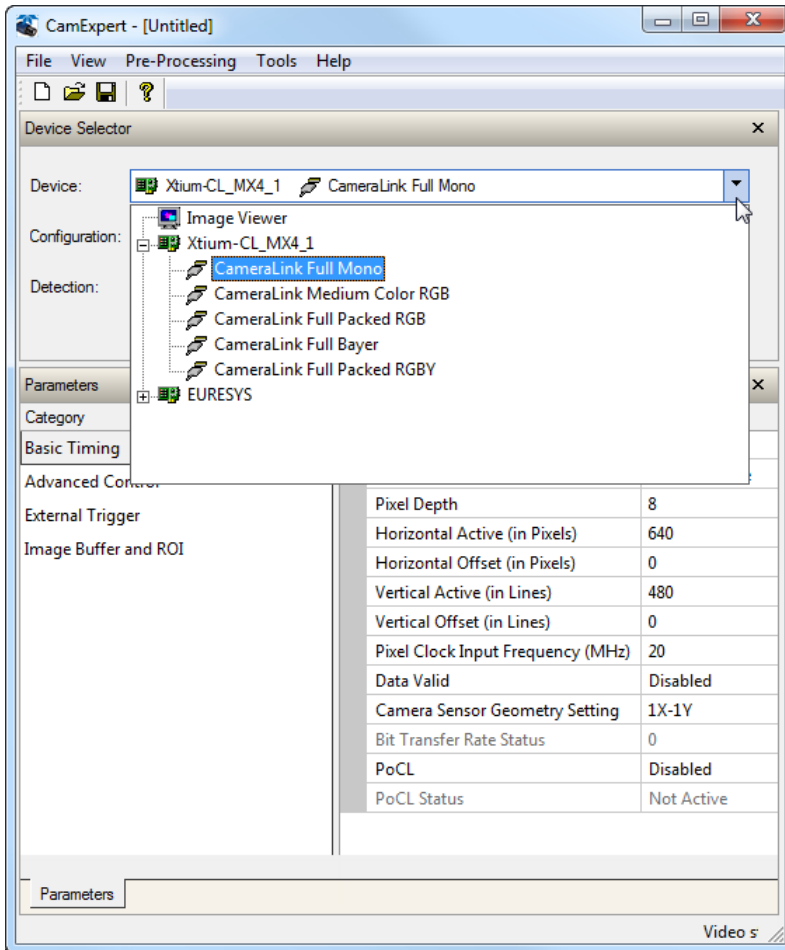
1. Start the Sopera CamExpert Application

The Sopera CamExpert application is included as part of the Sopera LT SDK. It is Teledyne DALSA's camera and frame grabber interfacing tool that allows you to quickly validate hardware setup, change parameter settings, and test image acquisition. It is available from the Windows Start Menu or desktop shortcut.




2. Select the Frame Grabber

In the Device Selector panel, use the Device drop-down menu to select the Teledyne DALSA frame grabber the Genie Nano-CL is connected to.



The available servers for the frame grabber are determined by its currently loaded firmware (default firmware is 8 tap 8-bit (Camera Link Full))



Note, Genie Nano CL 10-tap models require the frame grabber firmware configuration to be *80-Bits Camera Link*.

If necessary, use the Teledyne DALSA Device Manager tool to change the firmware configuration; refer to Performing a Frame Grabber Firmware Update.

The Video Status bar indicates if the pixel clock, frame valid, and line valid signals are present by being displayed in green:

Video status: Pixel Clock 1 Pixel Clock 2 Pixel Clock 3 Frame Valid Line Valid PoCL PoCL 2

The number of available pixel clock signals depend on the tap configuration (Base, Medium, Full or Deca); the number of PoCL signals is camera dependent.

If the camera detection parameter are properly configured, both the frame grabber and camera parameters are displayed.

The screenshot shows a 'Parameters' dialog box with a tree view on the left and a table of parameters on the right. The tree view is expanded to 'Attached Camera - CameraLink_1' and then to 'Advanced Processing'. The table lists various camera parameters and their current values.

Category	Parameter	Value
Board	Camera Type	Areascan
Basic Timing	Color Type	Monochrome
Advanced Control	Horizontal Active (in Pixels)	1280
External Trigger	Horizontal Offset (in Pixels)	0
Image Buffer and ROI	Vertical Active (in Lines)	1024
Attached Camera - CameraLink_1	Vertical Offset (in Lines)	0
Camera Information	Pixel Clock Input Frequency (MHz)	85
Sensor Control	Camera Sensor Geometry Setting	Custom
I/O Controls	Bit Transfer Rate Status	0
Counter And Timer Control	PoCL	Disabled
Advanced Processing	PoCL Status	Not Active
Image Format Controls		
Camera Link Transport Layer		
File Access Control		

3. Verify the Camera Settings

In the Camera Information category, the *Feature Manufacturer Info* feature in the Camera Information displays the configuration (for example, 80-bit 10 Taps Design). The *Feature Model Name* feature displays the camera model which identifies if the camera is monochrome or color (for example, M5100 (monochrome) or C5100 (color)).

Adjust any camera settings as required and save the settings to the camera; it is recommended that the camera Power-Up Configuration be set to use this user set.

Verify the Width and Height feature settings; the default values for the Genie Nano-CL M25 and M16 camera models are 5120 (5K) and 4096 (4K), respectively.

4. Save the Genie Nano-CL Camera Settings

Current Genie Nano-CL camera settings can be saved a User Set that can be loaded when the camera is reset or power on. Use the Power-Up Configuration dialog, available through the Camera Information category, to specify feature settings.

The screenshot displays two overlapping windows from a software interface. The background window is titled "Parameters" and contains a table of camera parameters. The foreground window is titled "Power-up Configuration" and contains configuration options for saving and loading user sets.

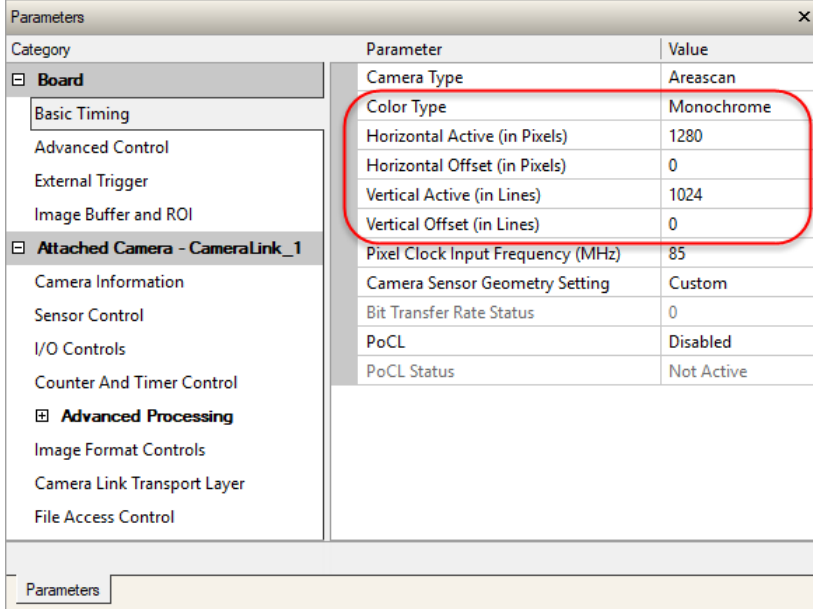
Category	Parameter	Value
Board	Manufacturer Name	Teledyne DALSA
	Device Family	Genie
	Model Name	G3-CC10-C510500
	Device Version	1.00 Beta
	Manufacturer Part Number	
	Manufacturer Info	80-bit 10 Taps D
	Firmware Version	1CA21.0005
	Serial Number	S1139051
	Device User ID	
	Device Built-In Self Test	Press...
	Device Built-In Self Test Status	Passed
	Device Built-In Self Test Status All	0
	Device Reset	Press...
	Device Temperature Selector	Internal
Device Temperature	58.995041	

Power-up Configuration dialog box details:

- Camera Power-up configuration: UserSet1
- Load / Save Configuration: UserSet 1
- Buttons: Save, Load, Close

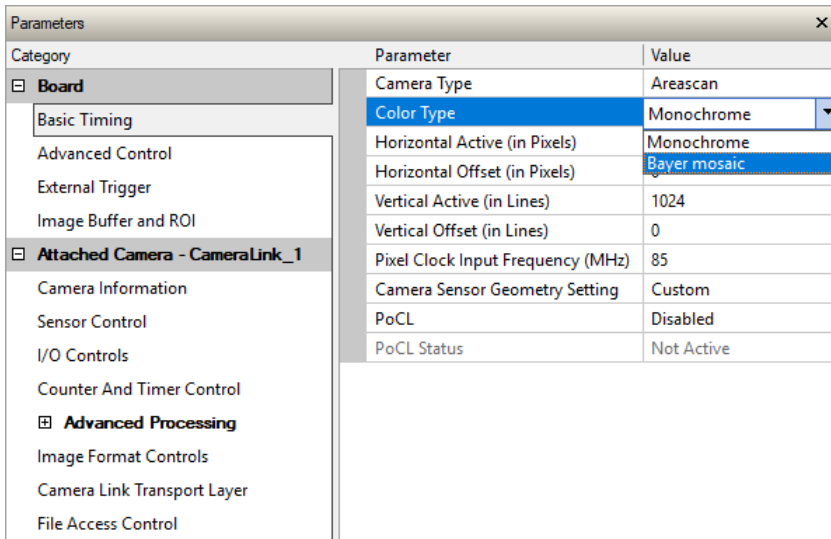
5. Verify the Frame Grabber Settings

Adjust any frame grabber settings as required. Verify that the Color Type, Horizontal Active, Horizontal Offset, Vertical Active and Vertical Offset parameters correspond to those output by the camera.



Category	Parameter	Value	
Board	Camera Type	Areascan	
	Color Type	Monochrome	
	Horizontal Active (in Pixels)	1280	
	Horizontal Offset (in Pixels)	0	
	Vertical Active (in Lines)	1024	
Attached Camera - CameraLink_1	Vertical Offset (in Lines)	0	
	Pixel Clock Input Frequency (MHz)	85	
	Camera Sensor Geometry Setting	Custom	
	Bit Transfer Rate Status	0	
	PoCL	Disabled	
	PoCL Status	Not Active	
	Advanced Processing		
	Image Format Controls		
	Camera Link Transport Layer		
	File Access Control		

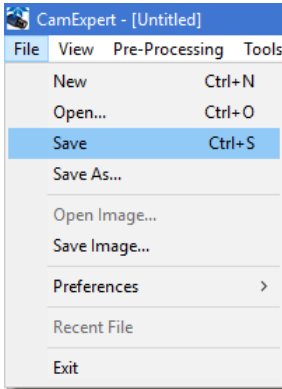
For Bayer cameras, set the Color Type to "Bayer Mosaic".



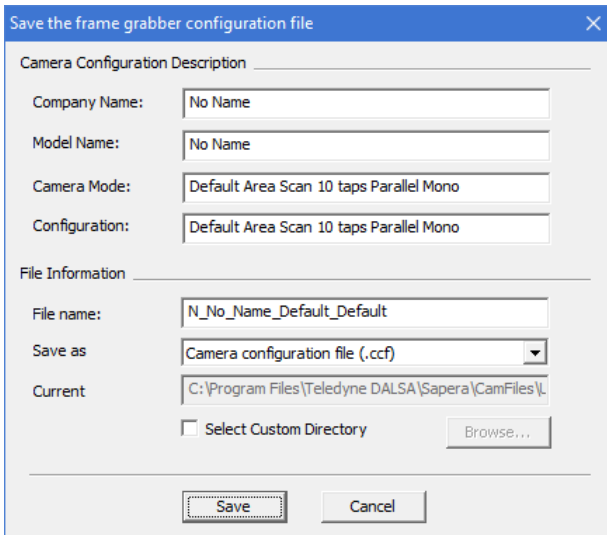
Category	Parameter	Value	
Board	Camera Type	Areascan	
	Color Type	Monochrome	
	Horizontal Active (in Pixels)	Monochrome	
	Horizontal Offset (in Pixels)	Bayer mosaic	
	Vertical Active (in Lines)	1024	
Attached Camera - CameraLink_1	Vertical Offset (in Lines)	0	
	Pixel Clock Input Frequency (MHz)	85	
	Camera Sensor Geometry Setting	Custom	
	PoCL	Disabled	
	PoCL Status	Not Active	
	Advanced Processing		
	Image Format Controls		
	Camera Link Transport Layer		
	File Access Control		

6. Save the Frame Grabber Settings

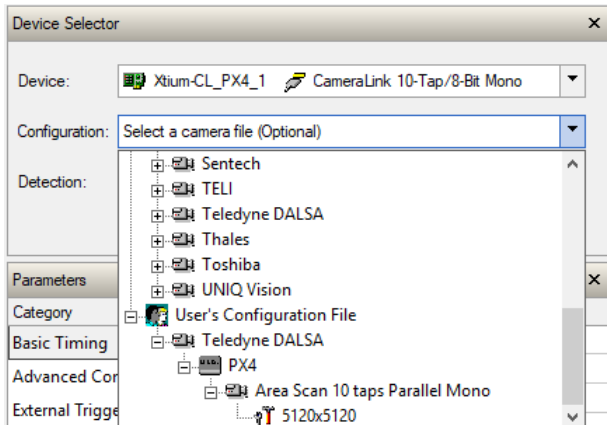
Use the CamExpert **File > Save** menu command to save these settings as a .ccf (camera configuration file).




The save dialog allows you to provide descriptive information relevant to the particular .ccf file.



This file is then available in the CamExpert Configuration drop-down list to load the camera file parameter settings to the frame grabber.



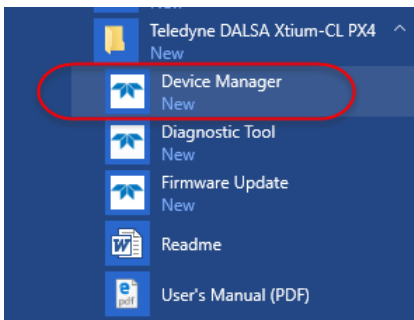
In the Spera LT API, this configuration file can be referenced by the SapAcquisition constructor when creating a SapAcquisition object for the frame grabber.

	Note, if the frame grabber is reset, power-cycled, or the connected application restarted, the frame grabber initializes with default settings; to restore saved settings a configuration file must be reloaded.
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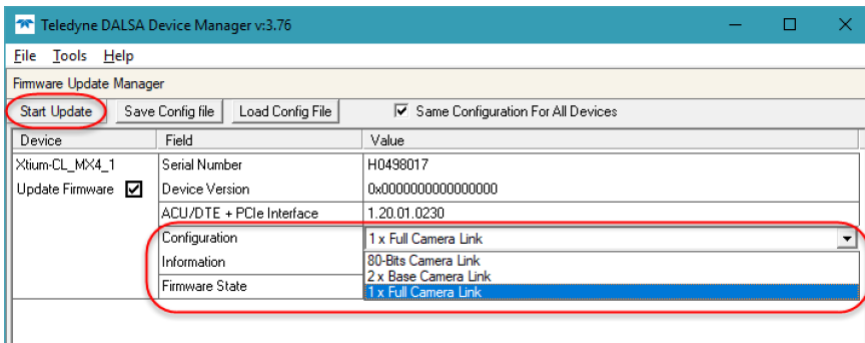
For more information, refer to the Spera LT 8.30 Getting Started Manual for Frame Grabbers.

Performing a Frame Grabber Firmware Update

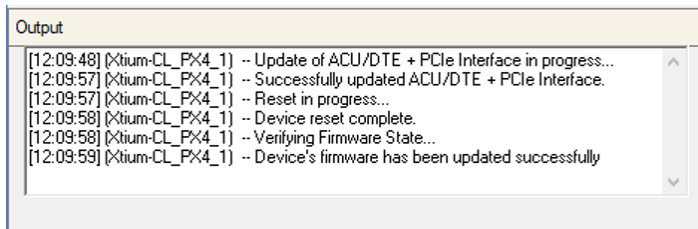
Start the Teledyne DALSA Device Manager application, available through the start menu:



On the Firmware Update tab, select the required configuration and click **Start Update**. Refer to the frame grabber documentation for information on supported user programmable firmware configurations.



The Output window displays if the update was successful.



POCL

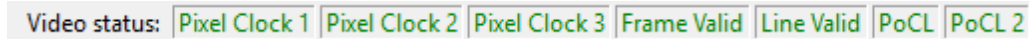
If using Power-over-CameraLink to power the Genie Nano-CL, enable PoCL on the frame grabber (by default, it is disabled) using the PoCL parameter, available in the frame grabber’s Basic Timing category.

Category	Parameter	Value
Board	Camera Type	Areascan
	Color Type	Monochrome
	Pixel Depth	8
	Horizontal Active...	640
	Horizontal Offset ...	0
	Vertical Active (in...	480
	Vertical Offset (in ...	0
	Pixel Clock Input ...	20
	Data Valid	Disabled
	Camera Sensor G...	1X-1Y
Attached Camera - Cam...	PoCL	Disabled
	PoCL Status	Disabled
		Enable
	Camera Information	
	Sensor Control	
	I/O Controls	
	Counter And Timer Control	
	Advanced Processing	
	Image Format Controls	
	Camera Link Transport Layer	
File Access Control		


The PoCL Status parameter can be used to verify if PoCL is active:

PoCL	Enable
PoCL Status	Active

The CamExpert video status bar displays the PoCL signals in green:



When PoCL is enabled and the PoCL Status is “Not active” (that is, false), this indicates that the camera is not PoCL compliant, the wrong cable is used, or the camera is not connected.



External power must be provided to the frame grabber to use PoCL; if not the following status message is displayed when attempting to enable PoCL on the frame grabber:

[14:41:30] (Xtium-CL_PX4_1) Error: "CorAcqSetPrms" <Acq module> - External power not present ()

Refer to the frame grabber documentation for information on how to connect power to the frame grabber to use PoCL.

Frame Grabber Image Width Considerations

Depending on the camera/frame grabber pair, each may have different image width increments. With certain camera image width settings, the frame grabber may not be able to exactly match the same width due to a different increment step. In this case, the frame grabber width can be set to the next smaller/larger increment step to either crop the camera image output, or pad the image output from the frame grabber with extra pixels.

That is, when setting the frame grabber Horizontal Active, the line may contain cropped or padded pixels if the multiple of increment does not coincide with the camera horizontal width.

The following table provides the possible values for image and width height features for the Genie Nano-CL 16M and 25M (Monochrome and Bayer) cameras:

Feature	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Increment in Pixels
Height	256	4096 (Genie Nano-CL 16M) 5120 (Genie Nano-CL 25M)	16
Width	16	4096 (Genie Nano-CL 16M) 5120 (Genie Nano-CL 25M)	16

The following table provides the possible values for Horizontal Active and Vertical Active parameters for a typical Teledyne DALSA frame grabber, such as the Xtium-CL PX4:

Parameter	Minimum Value	Maximum Value	Increment in Pixels
Horizontal Active	40	8-bits/pixel x 64k Pixels 16-bits/pixel x 32k Pixels 32-bits/pixel x 16k Pixels 64-bits/pixel x 8k Pixels	10 (10-tap configuration) 8 (8-tap configuration)
Vertical Active	1	16777215	1

The frame grabber tap configuration setting can be verified using the Camera Sensor Geometry Setting parameter.

The screenshot shows a 'Parameters' dialog box with a tree view on the left and a list of parameters on the right. The 'Camera Sensor Geometry Setting' parameter is selected and highlighted in blue. Below the list, there is a detailed description of the 'Camera Sensor Geometry Setting' parameter.

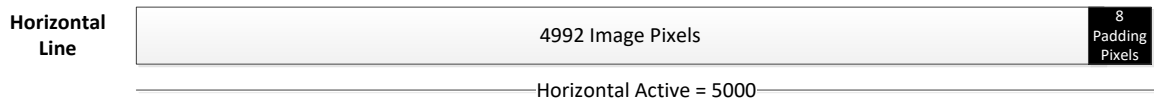
Category	Parameter	Value
Board	Camera Type	Areascan
	Color Type	Monochrome
	Pixel Depth	8
	Horizontal Active (in Pixels)	2000
	Horizontal Offset (in Pixels)	0
	Vertical Active (in Lines)	481
	Vertical Offset (in Lines)	0
	Pixel Clock Input Frequency (MHz)	20
	Data Valid	Disabled
	Camera Sensor Geometry Setting	1X10-1Y
	PoCL	Disabled
	PoCL Status	Not Active


Camera Sensor Geometry Setting
 Defines the number of taps output and how the multi-tap data is output by the camera. Combined together, the tap data make up one video line. Refer to the camera specifications for information on its multi-tap data output.

Select from Popular Modes
 Click on the Value field and a tap configuration menu with a number of common modes is displayed. Each mode has a demo button which will display an animated graphic illustration for that tap configuration.

Define a Custom Mode
 Click on the custom configuration settings button to define a new multi-tap mode to match the camera used. The variables available will be dependent on the acquisition board used.

For example, when in 10-tap configuration, the frame grabber receives 10 pixels per clock, therefore the increment for the Horizontal Active is also 10. If the camera width is set to 4992, the frame grabber Horizontal Active is set to 5000 to capture the entire line, resulting in 8 padded pixels.



 Note, padded pixels contain any data that was previously written in the image buffer memory location.