# KAF-4320

# 2084 (H) x 2085 (V) Full Frame CCD Image Sensor

### **Description**

The KAF−4320 Image Sensor is a high performance monochrome area CCD (charge-coupled device) image sensor designed for a wide range of image sensing applications.

The sensor incorporates true two-phase CCD technology, simplifying the support circuits required to drive the sensor as well as reducing dark current without compromising charge capacity. The sensor also utilizes the TRUESENSE Transparent Gate Electrode to improve sensitivity compared to the use of a standard front side illuminated polysilicon electrode.

The full imaging array is read out of four outputs, each of which is driven by a low impedance two stage source follower that provides a high conversion gain. This combination enables low noise at a net readout rate of 12 MHz (3 MHz per output).

### **Table 1. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**



NOTE: Parameters above are specified at  $T = 25^{\circ}$ C unless otherwise noted.



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### **Figure 1. KAF−4320 Full Frame CCD Image Sensor**

### **Features**

- True Two Phase Full Frame Architecture
- TRUESENSE Transparent Gate Electrode for High Sensitivity

### **Applications**

- Medical Imaging
- Scientific Imaging

### **ORDERING INFORMATION**

See detailed ordering and shipping information on page 2 of this data sheet.

## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

### **Table 2. ORDERING INFORMATION − KAF−4320 IMAGE SENSOR**



### **Table 3. ORDERING INFORMATION − EVALUATION SUPPORT**



See the ON Semiconductor *Device Nomenclature* document (TND310/D) for a full description of the naming convention used for image sensors. For reference documentation, including information on evaluation kits, please visit our web site at [www.onsemi.com.](http://onsemi.com)

### **DEVICE DESCRIPTION**

### **Architecture**



\*The center row is predominately a 24  $\mu$ m × 25  $\mu$ m polysilicon pixel that splits evenly into each half of the array. Thus, each quadrant will consist of 1046 (H)  $\times$  1047 (V) rows where the last row will contain roughly half the signal.

### **Figure 2. Block Diagram**





### **Image Acquisition**

An electronic representation of an image is formed when incident photons falling on the sensor plane create electron-hole pairs within the sensor. These photon induced electrons are collected locally by the formation of potential wells at each photogate or pixel site. The number of electrons collected is linearly dependent on light level and exposure time and non-linearly dependent on wavelength. When the pixel's capacity is reached, excess electrons will leak into the adjacent pixels within the same column. This is termed blooming. During the integration period, the  $\phi V1$ and  $\phi$ V2 register clocks are held at a constant (low) level. See Figure [17](#page-18-0).

#### **Charge Transport**

Referring again to Figure [17,](#page-18-0) the integrated charge from each photogate is transported to the output using a two-step process. Each line (row) of charge is first transported from the vertical CCD to the horizontal CCD register using the  $\phi$ V1 and  $\phi$ V2 register clocks. The horizontal CCD is presented a new line on the falling edge of  $\phi$ V2 while  $\phi$ H1 is held high. The horizontal CCD then transports each line, pixel by pixel, to the output structure by alternately clocking the  $\phi$ H1 and  $\phi$ H2 pins in a complementary fashion. On each falling edge of  $\phi$ H1L a new charge packet is transferred onto a floating diffusion and sensed by the output amplifier.

#### *Output Structure*

Charge presented to the floating diffusion is converted into a voltage and current amplified in order to drive off-chip loads. The resulting voltage change seen at the output is linearly related to the amount of charge placed on the

floating diffusion. Once the signal has been sampled by the system electronics, the reset gate  $(\phi R)$  is clocked to remove the signal and the floating diffusion is reset to the potential applied by  $V_{RD}$ . (See Figure 4). More signal at the floating diffusion reduces the voltage seen at the output pin. In order to activate the output structure, an off-chip load must be added to the VOUT pin of the device such as shown in Figure [6](#page-7-0).

If charge binning is desired, the charge can be combined at the output node or it can be combined in the  $\phi H1L$  gate and then presented to the output node.

#### *Dark Reference Pixels*

There are 4 light shielded pixels at the beginning of each line. There are 4 dark lines at the start of every frame and 4 dark lines at the end of each frame. Since there are outputs at each of the four corners, the light shield will affect the beginning of each line from each output, and for the first four lines from each of the outputs. Under normal circumstances, these pixels do not respond to light. However, dark reference pixels in close proximity to an active pixel can scavenge signal depending on light intensity and wavelength and therefore will not represent the true dark signal.

#### *Dummy Pixels*

Within the horizontal shift register are 4−1/2 leading pixels that are not associated with a column of pixels within the vertical register. These pixels contain only horizontal shift register dark current signal and do not respond to light. A few leading dummy pixels may scavenge false signal depending on operating conditions.



**Figure 4. Output Architecture**

# **Physical Description**

*Pin Description and Device Orientation*



**Figure 5. Pinout Diagram**

### **Table 4. PIN DESCRIPTION**





1. Like named pins (e.g. VSS) should be connected to the same supply.

### **IMAGING PERFORMANCE**

### **Electro-Optical Specifications**

All values measured at 25°C, and nominal operating conditions. These parameters exclude defective pixels.

### **Table 5. SPECIFICATIONS**



1. The maximum output video amplitude limits the charge capacity and dynamic range. The maximum charge capacity is determined from a photon transfer measurement and is defined as the point where the mean-variance fails to demonstrate the theoretical behavior.

2. Worst case deviation from straight line fit, between 0.1% and 95% of  $V_{\text{SAT}}$ .

3. One Sigma deviation of a 1042  $\times$  1042 sample (data from one output) when the CCD is illuminated uniformly at half of saturation, excluding defective pixels. [100 ⋅ (Std Deviation / Average)]

4. Average of all pixels with no illumination at 25°C.

5. Average dark signal of any of 16  $\times$  16 blocks within the sensor (each block is 130  $\times$  130 pixels).

6. The dynamic range limited by the noise of the output amplifier (i.e. at temperatures less than  $-10^{\circ}$ C), pixel frequency = 3 MHz, and bandwidth =  $10$  MHz.

7. Noise floor of the CCD amplifier assuming correlated double sampling, pixel frequency = 3 MHz, and bandwidth = 10 MHz.

8. ∆G = abs (100 ⋅ (1 – [response of a channel] / [average response of all four channels])). The specified gain difference is the combination of all the gain errors on the CCD sensor and the analog signal processing in the test system.

9. A parameter that is measured on every sensor during production testing.

10.A parameter that is quantified during the design verification activity.

# <span id="page-7-0"></span>**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE CURVES**







**KAF−4320 Dark Current**

**Figure 7. Dark Current Temperature Dependence**

### **Linearity**

Figure 8 shows a typical result from measuring the signal response as a function of integration time, while the illumination level is constant. The data is fit in log space to give equal weighting between low and high signal levels. A perfectly linear system would have a slope of 1.00 in log

space. The slope in the fit is allowed to deviate from the ideal by a small amount. Typical values of the slope are between 1.00 and 1.02. The deviation from linear is defined as:

$$
\% Dev = \left| 100 \cdot \frac{\text{[Measured Value - Fit Value]}}{\text{Fit Value}} \right|
$$



**Figure 8. Linearity**

### **CCD Output**

The following figures show typical CCD video at the output of the CCD and at the input of the analog to digital

converter (A/D) in the test system. Bandwidth limiting is applied at the A/D input to minimize the noise floor.







**Figure 10. CCD Output: Large Signal**

### **Noise**

The CCD amplifier noise floor, the CCD dark current during readout, and other system components such as the analog-digital converter dictate the total system noise.

### *CCD Amplifier*

The noise contributed by the output amplifier is determined from the amplifier's noise power spectrum, the system bandwidth, and any other analog processing. Correlated double sampling is a standard analog processing technique used with CCDs and it is assumed that it is used for all of the rest of the calculations and results in this document.

### *System Noise*

The total noise will be the combination of the CCD noise and the noise contributed by other components in the processing circuitry. The total noise, dominated by the CCD and the A/D converter is also shown in Figure [11.](#page-11-0) The measured vales were obtained using a system that employed Datel 16 bit analog to digital converters, the ADS931 and ADS933. The system noise obtained matched the Datel specifications exactly and was similar and slightly lower than the CCD noise contribution. The table below shows the results and good agreement between the expected and measured results for the CCD alone and the CCD in the system at 1 MHz and 3 MHz. The values in the table are in electrons referred to the CCD amplifier input.

### **Table 6.**



### *Temperature Dependance of the Noise Floor*

The temperature dependence of the noise floor is dictated primarily by the dark current generated during the readout time for the CCD. Figure [12](#page-11-0) and Figure [13](#page-12-0) show the expected dynamic range as a function of temperature for two pixel rates, 3 MHz and 1 MHz. The dynamic range was calculated using the measured amplifier and system noise values, the expected dark current performance, and the saturation signal. At 25°C, the dark current shot noise can contribute from 12 to 50 electrons and dominate the noise floor. The maximum dynamic range can be achieved at temperatures  $\langle -10^{\circ}\text{C}$  for these read out frequencies.

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### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**Noise vs. Frequency**

**Pixel Rate Dependency of Noise**



**Figure 11. Noise vs. Pixel Rate**





**KAF−4320 System Dynamic Range**

Total System Noise: CCD Readout Dark Current + CCD Amplifier + A/D Converter (Datel 933 16 Bit Converter)

**Figure 12. Noise vs. Temperature − 3 MHz Pixel Rate**

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**KAF−4320 System Dynamic Range**

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Total System Noise: CCD Readout Dark Current + CCD Amplifier + A/D Converter (Datel 933 16 Bit Converter)

**Figure 13. Noise vs. Temperature − 1 MHz Pixel Rate**

### **DEFECT DEFINITIONS**



#### **Table 7. SPECIFICATIONS** (Cosmetic tests performed at  $T = 25^{\circ}C$ )

### *Point Defects*

Dark: A pixel which deviates by more than 6% from neighboring pixels when illuminated to 70% of saturation.

Bright: A pixel with a dark current greater than 5,000 e−/pixel/sec at 25°C.

### *Cluster Defect*

A grouping of not more than 5 adjacent point defects.

### *Column Defect*

A grouping of > 5 contiguous point defects along a single column.

A column containing a pixel with dark current > 100,000 e−/pix/sec (Bright column).

A column that does not meet the minimum vertical CCD charge capacity (Low charge capacity column).

A column that loses > 3,500 e− under 2 ke− illumination (Trap defect).

### *Neighboring Pixels*

The surrounding  $128 \times 128$  pixels or  $\pm 64$  columns/rows.

### *Defect Separation*

Column and cluster defects are separated by no less than two (2) pixels in any direction (excluding single pixel defects).

Cluster defects are separated by no less than 2 pixels from other column and cluster defects.

Column defects are separated by no less than 5 pixels from other column defects.

## **OPERATION**

### **Table 8. ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS**



Stresses exceeding those listed in the Maximum Ratings table may damage the device. If any of these limits are exceeded, device functionality should not be assumed, damage may occur and reliability may be affected.

1. Referenced to pin VSUB or between each pin in this group.

2. Includes pins: VRD, VDD, VSS, VOUT.

3. Includes pins:  $\phi V1$ ,  $\phi V2$ ,  $\phi H1$ ,  $\phi H2$ ,  $\phi H1$ L.

4. Includes pins:  $VOG$ ,  $VLG$ ,  $\phi R$ .

5. Avoid shorting output pins to ground or any low impedance source during operation.

6. This sensor contains gate protection circuits to provide protection against ESD events. The circuits will turn on when greater than 18 volts appears between any two gate pins. Permanent damage can result if excessive current is allowed to flow under these conditions.

#### **Equivalent Input Circuits**

Many of the pins contain a form of gate protection to prevent damage from electrostatic discharge. These take the form of zener diodes that prevent the voltage differences between gates from becoming large enough to damage the sensor. Isolated gates such as  $\phi$ R and V<sub>LG</sub> require only protection between the gate and the sensor substrate.



**Figure 14. Equivalent Input Circuits**

### **Table 9. DC BIAS OPERATING CONDITIONS**



1. An output load sink must be applied to V<sub>OUT</sub> to provide a constant current source and activate the output amplifier – see Figure 15.<br>2. Voltage tolerance is 2% (actual voltage should be nominal ± tolerance).

3. Voltage tolerance is 5% (actual voltage should be nominal  $\pm$  tolerance).



**Figure 15. Example Output Structure Load Diagram**

### **AC Operating Conditions**

### **Table 10. CLOCK LEVELS**



1. All pins draw less than 10  $\mu$ A DC current.

2. Capacitance values relative to V<sub>SUB</sub>.

3. Voltage tolerance is 2% (actual voltage should be nominal  $\pm$  tolerance).

4. Voltage tolerance is 5% (actual voltage should be nominal  $\pm$  tolerance).

5. Total clock capacitance is 4 ⋅ 75 nF = 300 nF.

6. Total clock capacitance is  $4 \cdot 150$  pF = 600 pF.

7. Total clock capacitance is  $4 \cdot 100$  pF = 400 pF.

### **AC Timing Conditions**

### **Table 11. AC TIMING CONDITIONS**



1. 50% duty cycle values.

2. CTE may degrade above the nominal frequency.

3. Rise and fall times (10/90% levels) should be limited to 5−10% of clock period. Crossover of register clocks should be between 40−60% of amplitude.

4.  $\phi$ R should be clocked continuously.

5.  $t_{READOUT} = (1046 \cdot t_{LINE})$ 

6. Integration time  $(t_{\text{INT}})$  is user specified. Longer integration times will degrade noise performance due to dark signal fixed pattern and shot noise.

7. t<sub>LINE</sub> = (3 ⋅ t<sub>φV</sub>) + t<sub>φHS</sub> + (1050⋅ t<sub>e</sub>).<br>8. When combining the image from the upper half of the device with that from the lower half, line 1047 from each must be added together and gained (approx. 1.2X) to match the other 1046 lines.

### *Pixel Rate Clock Waveforms*

For best performance, the horizontal clocks should be damped, similar to those shown in Figure 16. The clocks in

this figure were generated using a 50  $\Omega$  output impedance clock driver. Excessively fast clocks can result in a higher noise floor.



**Figure 16. Clock Example**

# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**TIMING**

## **Normal Read Out**





**Line Timing** Pixel Timing



**Line Content − per Quadrant (Each Output Contains One Half of the Line)**



 $\blacktriangleright$   $\blacktriangleright$   $t_{\varphi R}$ R φH1, φH<sub>1</sub>L φH<sub>2</sub> te 1 Count V<sub>PIX</sub> ℶለ  $\overline{\textbf{r}}$ VOUT  $V_{\text{SAT}}$   $V_{\text{DARK}}$   $V_{\text{ODC}}$ - V<sub>SUB</sub>

V<sub>SAT</sub> Saturated pixel video output<br>V<sub>DARK</sub> Video output signal in no-ligh Video output signal in no-light situation (not zero due to J<sub>DARK</sub> and H<sub>CLOCK</sub> feedthrough)  $V_{\text{PIX}}$  Pixel video output signal level, more electrons = more positive\*  $V_{\text{ODC}}$  Video level offset with respect to  $V_{\text{SUB}}$ <br>  $V_{\text{SUB}}$  Analog ground Analog ground

\* See Image Acquisition section.



### **Power Dissipation**

The power dissipated by the CCD clocks is calculated using the formula:

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Power = C \cdot V^2 \cdot f
$$

Where C is the capacitance in farads, V is the clock amplitude in volts, and f is the frequency in Hz.

### *Amplifier Power*

The power dissipated by amplifiers is calculated by Power =  $I \cdot V$  where I is the current and V is the voltage drop on the CCD. The sensor contains two stage source followers. The first stage draws approximately 250 micro amps and the

voltage drop is  $V_{DD} - V_{SS}$ . The second stage sources much more current, approximately 5 mA while the voltage drop on the sensor is much smaller,  $V_{DD} - V_{OUT}$  where  $V_{OUT} \sim V_{RD}$ .

### *Total Power*

The table below shows the power dissipated at three different pixel frequencies. For each of these cases the amplifier operating conditions are held constant so its contribution is not frequency dependent. The time for the vertical clock transfers is also held constant (90 microseconds per line) but the line time changes depending on the pixel rate.



### **Table 12. TOTAL POWER**

### *CCD Surface Flatness*

The flatness of the die is defined as a peak-to-peak distortion in the image sensor surface. The parallelism between the image sensor surface and any of the package

components is not specified or guaranteed. The non-parallelism is removed when measuring the distortion in the image sensor surface.

**Table 13.** 



Some examples of profiles of some typical image sensors surfaces are shown below.



**Figure 18. Die Flatness Data**

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**Figure 19. Die Flatness Data**



**Figure 20. Die Flatness Data**

### **STORAGE AND HANDLING**

### **Table 14. STORAGE CONDITIONS**



1. Image sensors with temporary cover glass should be stored at room temperature (nominally 25°C) in dry nitrogen.

For information on ESD and cover glass care and cleanliness, please download the *Image Sensor Handling and Best Practices* Application Note (AN52561/D) from [www.onsemi.com.](http://onsemi.com)

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### **MECHANICAL INFORMATION**

### **Completed Assembly**









**Figure 22. Completed Assembly (2 of 2)**

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