

## PIXIS 256 CCD CAMERA

### KEY FEATURES

- 1024 x 256 format sensor for spectroscopy
- Huge 26  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels to maximize sensitivity
- Open electrode or deep depleted sensor architectures
- Thermoelectric cooling down to  $-75\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for low dark current
- Acquisition rates of up to 2 MHz
- Permanent vacuum seal
- Extremely low bin noise
- Dual-digitizer option
- Optional UV phosphor coatings

### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- Raman spectroscopy
- Single-molecule spectroscopy
- Absorbance spectroscopy
- Emission spectroscopy
- Fluorescence spectroscopy
- Reflectance spectroscopy

### RELIABILITY

- One-year warranty
- Lifetime vacuum guarantee

## High-Performance, Low-Noise CCDs

The PIXIS camera family are fully integrated, low noise CCD cameras with deep cooling for quantitative scientific imaging and spectroscopy applications from UV to NIR. High quantum efficiency and ultra-low-noise electronics make PIXIS cameras highly sensitive and ideal for demanding low-light applications.

The model is the PIXIS 256 CCD, featuring a 1024 x 256 sensor format and huge 26  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels, optimized for sensitive spectroscopy research. The PIXIS 256 offers thermoelectric cooling down to  $-70\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , an all-metal hermetically sealed design (with lifetime vacuum guarantee), and exclusive eXcelon® technology for increased sensitivity from UV to NIR with reduced etaloning.



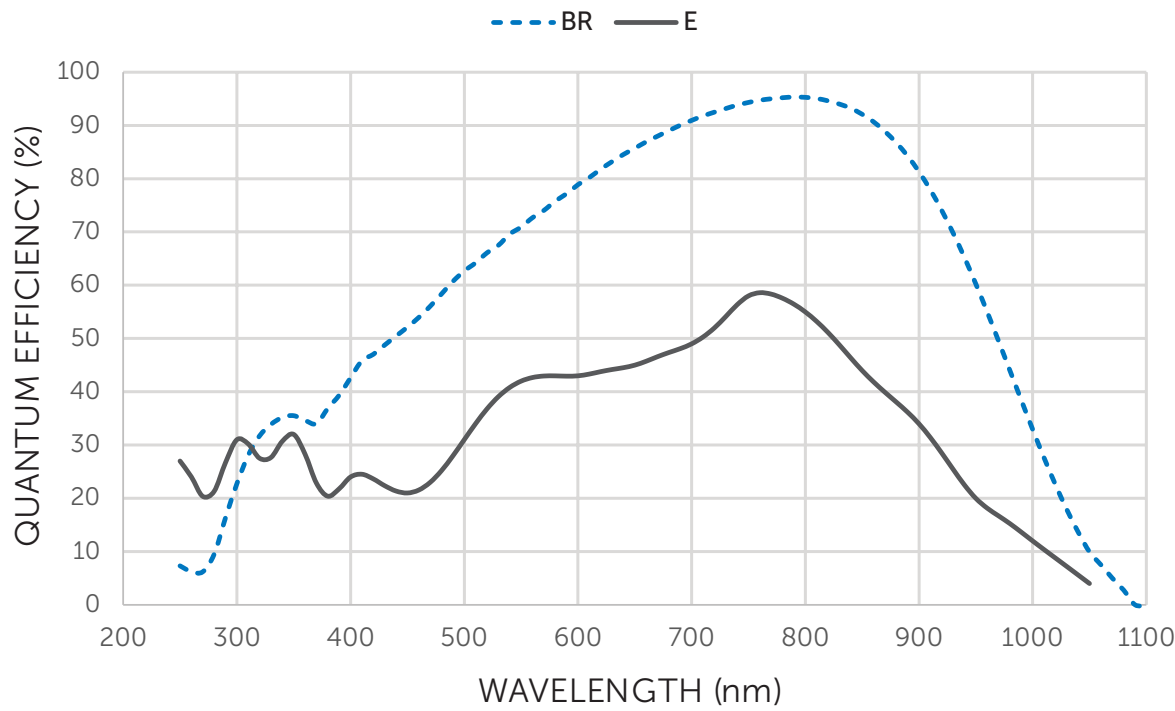
## PIXIS 256 SPECIFICATIONS

| SPECIFICATIONS               | PIXIS 256 BR                                                                                                                            | PIXIS 256 E                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CCD Sensor Format            | Teledyne e2v CCD30-11, scientific grade 1, back-illuminated, deep-depleted (high QE in NIR with minimal etaloning, optional UV coating) | Teledyne e2v CCD30-11, scientific grade 1, front-illuminated, open electrode (improved QE over typical front-illuminated devices, no etaloning) |
| Active Array Size            | 1024 x 256 pixels                                                                                                                       | 1024 x 256 pixels                                                                                                                               |
| Pixel Area                   | 26 $\mu\text{m}$ x 26 $\mu\text{m}$ (676 $\mu\text{m}^2$ )                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sensor Area                  | 26 mm (W) x 6.7 mm (H) (optically centered)                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Spectral Response            | 250 – 1100 nm                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Spectrometric Well Capacity  | 500,000 e <sup>-</sup>                                                                                                                  | 300,000 e <sup>-</sup>                                                                                                                          |
| ADC Rates                    | 2 MHz, 100 kHz                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Analog Gain (typical)        | 3, 6, 12 e <sup>-</sup> /ADU (available at all ADC rates)                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Non-linearity                | < 1.0% @ 100 kHz<br>< 2.0% @ 2 MHz                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |
| I/O Signals                  | Two MCX to BNC connectors for programmable frame readout, shutter, trigger in                                                           |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Typical System Readout Modes | 6.0 e <sup>-</sup> @ 100 kHz; 22.0 e <sup>-</sup> @ 2 MHz                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Typical Dark Current         | 0.3 e <sup>-</sup> /p/s @ -75 °C                                                                                                        | 0.003 e <sup>-</sup> /p/s @ -75 °C                                                                                                              |
| Cooling Options              | Thermoelectric air or liquid cooling (optional CoolCUBE II coolant circulator available)<br>-75 °C                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Thermostating Precision      | ± 0.05 °C across temperature range                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Vertical Shift Times         | < 15 $\mu\text{sec}$ /row (programmable)                                                                                                | < 30 $\mu\text{sec}$ /row (programmable)                                                                                                        |
| Output Interface             | USB 2.0                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Digitization                 | 16-bit                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Operating Temperature Range  | 5 °C to 30 °C (non-condensing)                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Camera Weight                | 5 lbs, 2.27 kg                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Camera Dimensions            | 163 x 118 x 114 mm (L x W x H)                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Optical Mount                | Teledyne Princeton Instruments' Acton spectrometer adapter with optional shutter                                                        |                                                                                                                                                 |
| Certification                | CE                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |

## PIXIS 256 SPECTRAL RATES

| SPECIFICATIONS             | PIXIS 256 BR    | PIXIS 256 E     |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| @100 kHz Full Vertical Bin | 65 spectra/sec  | 52 spectra/sec  |
| @2 MHz Full Vertical Bin   | 190 spectra/sec | 118 spectra/sec |

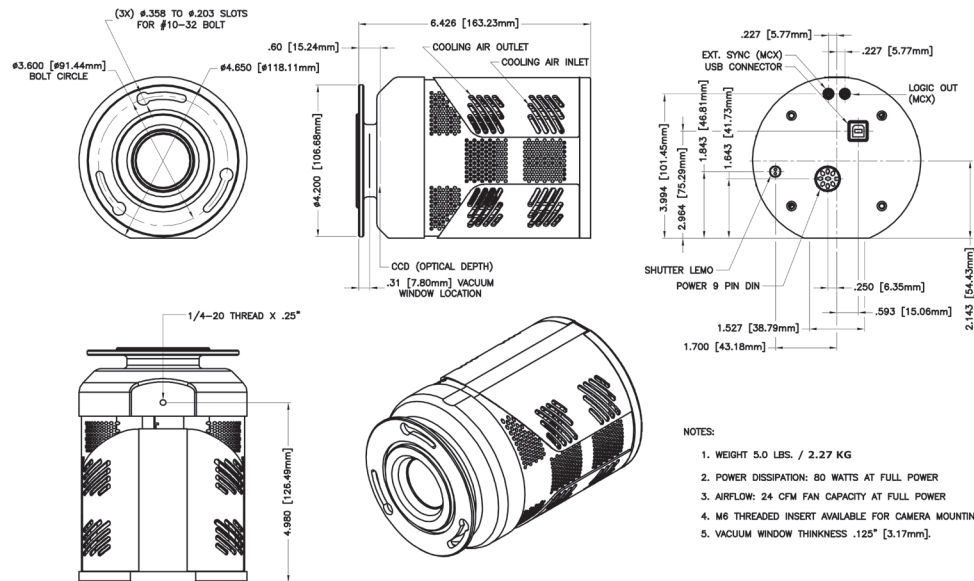
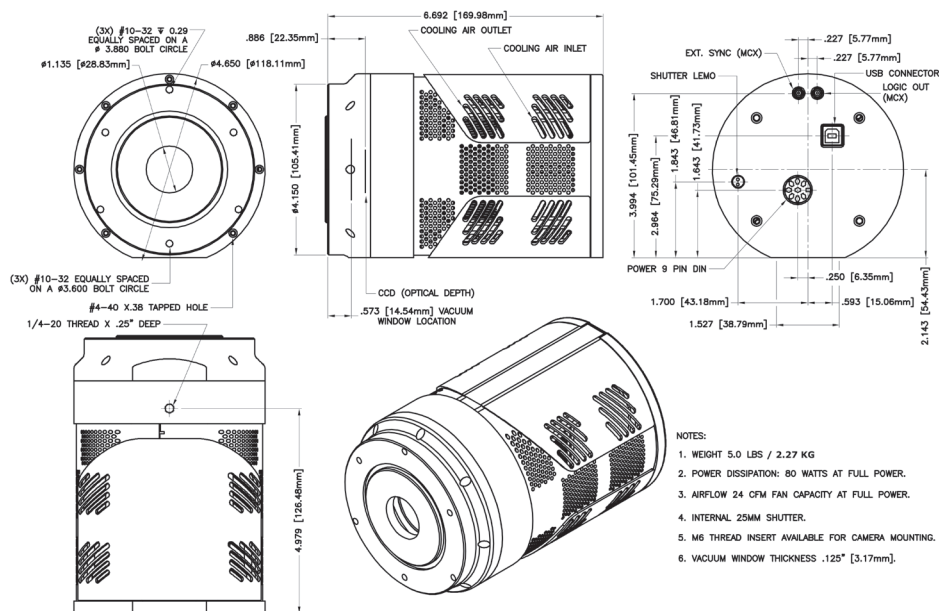
PIXIS 256 QE CURVES



Enhanced UV version available upon special request

PIXIS 256 ACCESSORIES

| Accessories (Air Cooled)        | Accessories (Liquid Cooled)             | Accessories (Optional)           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MCX to BNC cables (x2)          | MCX to BNC cables (x2)                  | WinX application software        |
| USB 2.0 interface cable         | USB 2.0 interface cable                 | LightField® application software |
| Certificate of Performance      | Certificate of Performance              | SITK™ for LabVIEW                |
| Power supply (120V/240V)/cables | Power supply (120V/240V)/cables         | Internal 25 mm or 45 mm shutter  |
|                                 | CoolCUBEII liquid circulator with hoses | Fiber optic extender kit         |

**PIXIS 256 DIMENSIONAL OUTLINES — SPECTROMETER MOUNT (UNITS: INCHES [MM])**

**PIXIS 256 DIMENSIONAL OUTLINES — SPECTROMETER MOUNT WITH SHUTTER (UNITS: INCHES [MM])**

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