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QHY268C APS-C Back-Illuminated 28Mp Color CMOS



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**26 Megapixel
Back-Illuminated
Native 16-bit A/D
<1e- Read Noise
APS-C Color**



Ultra High Resolution, 26 Megapixels, APS-C format

QHY268C is a 26 Megapixel back-illuminated cooled color CMOS camera with 16-bit A/D and 3.76um pixels. The QHY268C is available only in a color model.

Native 16-bit A/D, 65536 Levels

The QHY268C is the CMOS camera with native 16-bit A/D on-chip. The output is real 16-bits with 65536 levels. Compared to 12-bit and 14-bit A/D, 16-bit A/D provides higher sampling resolution. System gain is less than 1e-/ADU with low noise and no sampling error.

Full Well, 51ke- and > 80ke- in Extended Mode

One benefit of the back-illuminated CMOS structure is improved full well capacity. This is particularly helpful for sensors with small pixels. Even with unbinned 3.76um pixels the QHY268C has a full well capacity of 51ke-. When binned 2x2 to 7.5um the full well is 176ke- and when binned 3x3 to 11um the full well is 396ke-.

Ultra-Low Read Noise, < 1 Electron at High Gain

The QHY268 has less than one electron of read noise at high gain and 6 FPS high readout speed. One electron of read noise means the camera can achieve a SNR>3 at only 3 to 4 photons. This is perfect performance when conditions are photon limited, i.e., short exposures, narrow band imaging, etc., making this large area sensor ideal for sky surveys and time domain astronomy.

Low Dark Current, TE Cooling, Round Body

The QHY268C has extremely low dark current using SONY's Exmor BSI CMOS technology. In addition, the camera uses QHYCCD's proprietary thermal noise reduction technology and 2-stage TE cooling to reduce the dark current noise to extremely low levels. The round body and sensor size make this camera ideal for Hyperstar systems. The camera has a USB3.0 interface to the computer.



TYPICAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Model	QHY268C-PH (Photographic Version)
Image Sensor	SONY IMX571 APS-C BSI CMOS Sensor
Array	26 Megapixels (6280 x 4210 incl. overscan and optically black pixels)
Pixel Size	3.76um x 3.76um
Image Area	APS-C Format, 23.5mm x 15.7mm (28.3mm Diagonal)
Color / Mono	Color Only
Full Well Capacity	51ke- / > 80ke- in extended mode
A/D	Native 16-bit
Full Frame Rate	6 FPS @ 16-bits
Read Noise	0.7e- to 3.5e-
Dark Current	0.0005e-/p/s @ -20C, 0.001e-/p/s @ -10C
Exposure Time Range	30us - 3600sec
Firmware/FPGA remotely upgrade	Yes, via USB port
Shutter Type	Electronic Rolling Shutter
Computer Interface	USB3.0
Built-in Image Buffer	1GByte/2GByte (16Gbit) DDR3
Cooling System	Dual Stage TE Cooler -35C below ambient
Anti-Dew Heater	Yes
Telescope Interface	M54/0.75
Optical Window	AR+AR High Quality Multi-Layer Anti-Reflection Coating
Non-volatile memory / In camera storage	Built-in total 64MByte Flash Memory. 10MBytes user-accessible space for stellar ROI frames for analysis of exoplanet investigation, occultations, atmospheric seeing measurement, focus, optical analysis etc. Supports 100*100 image x 500 frames, 50*50 image x 4000 frames, 25*25 image x16000 frames, 10*10 image x 250000 frames.



