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**QHYCCD**



**QHY268C APS-C  
Back-Illuminated  
28Mp Color CMOS**



## QHY268C

**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 x 16000 frames, 10*10 image x 250000 frames.



