

# **Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Release Notes**

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## Summary by Version

This table provides quick access to what's new in each version. For clarification, see “Using Release Notes” on page 2.

<b>Version (Release)</b>	<b>New Features and Changes</b>	<b>Version Compatibility Considerations</b>	<b>Fixed Bugs and Known Problems</b>	<b>Related Documentation at Web Site</b>
<b>Latest Version V3.1 (R2008a)</b>	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	Printable Release Notes: PDF  Current product documentation
V3.0 (R2007b)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
V2.1 (R2007a)	Yes Details	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
V2.0 (R2006b)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
V1.10 (R2006a)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
V1.9.x (R14SP3)	Yes Details	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No
V1.8 (R14SP2)	Yes Details	No	Fixed bugs	No
V1.7 (R14SP1)	Yes Details	No	Fixed bugs	No
V1.6 (R14+)	Yes Details	No	Fixed bugs	No
V1.5 (R14)	Yes Details	No	Fixed bugs	No
V1.1 (R13SP1)	Yes Details	No	Fixed bugs	No
V1.0 (R13.0.1+)	Yes Details	No	No	No

## Using Release Notes

Use release notes when upgrading to a newer version to learn about:

- New features
- Changes
- Potential impact on your existing files and practices

Review the release notes for other MathWorks™ products required for this product (for example, MATLAB® or Simulink®) for enhancements, bugs, and compatibility considerations that also might impact you.

If you are upgrading from a software version other than the most recent one, review the release notes for all interim versions, not just for the version you are installing. For example, when upgrading from V1.0 to V1.2, review the release notes for V1.1 and V1.2.

## What's in the Release Notes

### New Features and Changes

- New functionality
- Changes to existing functionality

### Version Compatibility Considerations

When a new feature or change introduces a reported incompatibility between versions, the **Compatibility Considerations** subsection explains the impact.

Compatibility issues reported after the product is released appear under Bug Reports at the MathWorks Web site. Bug fixes can sometimes result in incompatibilities, so you should also review the fixed bugs in Bug Reports for any compatibility impact.

### Fixed Bugs and Known Problems

The MathWorks offers a user-searchable Bug Reports database so you can view Bug Reports. The development team updates this database at release time and as more information becomes available. This includes provisions

for any known workarounds or file replacements. Information is available for bugs existing in or fixed in Release 14SP2 or later. Information is not available for all bugs in earlier releases.

Access Bug Reports using your MathWorks Account.

## Version 3.1 (R2008a) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.1 (R2008a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	Printable Release Notes: PDF  Current product documentation

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- “New Hamamatsu Hardware Support” on page 4
- “National Instruments® RTSI Support” on page 4
- “Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values – Phase 3” on page 5

### New Hamamatsu Hardware Support

Support has been added for the following new hardware:

- Hamamatsu C9100–13

For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox™ product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).

### National Instruments® RTSI Support

Some National Instruments® boards support RTSI, which is a real-time system interface that allows you to use multiple boards together. This feature involves hardware synchronization. The Image Acquisition Toolbox software now supports use of the RTSI functionality in National Instruments boards that are supported by the toolbox.



## **Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values – Phase 3**

In release R2007a, the following QImaging device-specific property values were changed to correct the spelling:

- The fan speed property value ThreeQuater is now correctly spelled ThreeQuarter.
- The readout speed property value 2M5 is now correctly spelled 2.5M.

### **Compatibility Considerations**

In R2007a, use of the incorrect spelling produced a warning. In R2007b, use of the incorrect spelling produced an error. In this release, the incorrectly spelled property name will no longer work.

For detailed information on the property spelling changes and the new error, see Compatibility Considerations for R2007a.

## Version 3.0 (R2007b) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 3.0 (R2007b):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- “Introduction of the Image Acquisition Tool” on page 6
- “Support for National Instruments® Hardware” on page 7
- “Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values – Phase 2” on page 7

### Introduction of the Image Acquisition Tool

The functionality of the Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software is now available in a desktop application. You connect directly to your hardware in the tool and can preview and acquire image data. You can log the data to MATLAB® in several formats, and also generate an AVI file, right from the tool.

The Image Acquisition Tool provides a desktop environment that integrates a preview/acquisition area with acquisition parameters so that you can change settings and see the changes dynamically applied to your image data.

You can open the Image Acquisition Tool by doing one of the following:

- Type `imaqtool` at the MATLAB command line.
- Select **Start > Toolboxes > Image Acquisition > Image Acquisition Tool** from MATLAB.

## Support for National Instruments® Hardware

The Image Acquisition Toolbox software now supports image hardware from National Instruments®. The following hardware is supported:

- PCI-1405, PCI-1407, PCI-1409, PCI-1410, PCI-1411, PCI-1422, PCI-1424, PCI-1426, and PCI-1428
- PCIE-1427, PCIE-1429, and PCIE-1430
- PXI™-1407, PXI™-1409, PXI™-1411, PXI™-1422, and PXI™-1428

For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).

## Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values – Phase 2

In the previous release, R2007a, the following QImaging device-specific property values were changed to correct the spelling:

- The fan speed property value ThreeQuarter is now correctly spelled ThreeQuarter.
- The readout speed property value 2M5 is now correctly spelled 2.5M.

## Compatibility Considerations

In R2007a, use of the incorrect spelling produced a warning. In this release, R2007b, use of the incorrect spelling will produce an error.

For detailed information on the property spelling changes and the new error, see Compatibility Considerations for R2007a.

## Version 2.1 (R2007a) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.1 (R2007a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	Yes Summary	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- “New Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Simulink® Block” on page 8
- “New Hardware Support” on page 9
- “Improved DCAM Driver” on page 9
- “Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values” on page 9

### New Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Simulink® Block

A new Simulink® block, the From Video Device block, allows Simulink users to acquire image and video data streams from image acquisition devices such as cameras and frame grabbers in order to incorporate the image data into a Simulink model. The new block also offers the ability to configure and preview the acquisition directly from Simulink.

### Compatibility Considerations

The former Image Acquisition Toolbox™ block, the Video Input block, is obsolete. If you have models that use the Video Input block, you should change them to use the new From Video Device block, which offers additional functionality and features.

## New Hardware Support

- **Support for additional QImaging devices** – Retiga 2000RV, Retiga 4000RV, and Rolera MGi.
- **Support for additional Matrox® devices** – Helios XA and Solios XA.

For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).

## Improved DCAM Driver

The Image Acquisition Toolbox software now uses an improved DCAM adaptor, which uses version 6.4.2 of the CMU DCAM driver. The new driver supports 1394B firewire and DCAM 1.3.1. It also supports new frame rates of 120 and 240 frames per second.

## Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values

The following QImaging device-specific property values have changed to correct the spelling:

- The fan speed property value `ThreeQuater` is now correctly spelled `ThreeQuarter`.
- The readout speed property value `2M5` is now correctly spelled `2.5M`.

## Compatibility Considerations

### Fan Speed Property

Some QImaging video input source objects have a fan speed property if the camera supports it. If they do, one of the possible values is  $\frac{3}{4}$  speed. This property value was misspelled as `ThreeQuater` instead of `ThreeQuarter` (when the QImaging adaptor was introduced in the Image Acquisition Toolbox software Version 1.9, Release 2006a). The change allows the correct spelling to work instead of causing an error.

**VIDEOINPUT objects:** When loaded from MAT files, any misspelling will be silently corrected. You could notice the value is different if you inspect

the FanSpeed property. Misspellings saved in R2006a/R2006b would load seamlessly in R2007a (backward compatible). Corrected spellings saved in R2007a, however, would error (not load) in R2006a/R2006b (forward incompatible).

**SET:** The misspelling will be obsoleted over several releases. In R2007a both spellings will be supported (backward compatible) but the misspelling will generate a warning. In the next significant release (IAT v2.1+1), the warning will be changed to an error that suggests correct spelling. In the following significant release (IAT v2.1+2), the error will become the standard incorrect property value response. Corrections written in R2007a would error in R2006a/R2006b (forward incompatible).

**GET:** Will return the correctly spelled value, even if set is called with the misspelling.

### **Readout Speed Property**

Most/all QImaging video input source objects have a readout speed property. If they do, one of the possible values is 2.5 MHz. This property value was misspelled as 2M5 instead of 2.5M (when the QImaging adaptor was introduced in the Image Acquisition Toolbox software Version 1.9, Release 2006a). The change will allow the correct spelling to work instead of erroring.

**VIDEOINPUT objects:** When loaded from MAT files, any misspelling will be silently corrected. You could notice the value is different if you inspect the Readout property. Misspellings saved in R2006a/R2006b would load seamlessly in R2007a (backward compatible). Corrected spellings saved in R2007a, however, would error (not load) in R2006a/R2006b (forward incompatible).

**SET:** The misspelling will be obsoleted over several releases. In R2007a both spellings will be supported (backward compatible) but the misspelling will generate a warning. In the next significant release (IAT v2.1+1), the warning will be changed to an error that suggests correct spelling. In the following significant release (IAT v2.1+2), the error will become the standard incorrect property value response. Corrections written in R2007a would error in R2006a/R2006b (forward incompatible).

**GET:** Will return the correctly spelled value, even if set is called with the misspelling.

## Version 2.0 (R2006b) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 2.0 (R2006b):

<b>New Features and Changes</b>	<b>Version Compatibility Considerations</b>	<b>Fixed Bugs and Known Problems</b>	<b>Related Documentation at Web Site</b>
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are

- Hamamatsu hardware support.

(For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox™ product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).)



## Version 1.10 (R2006a) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.10 (R2006a):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- Support for additional Coreco boards.
- Support for the Coreco Sopera driver. The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software now supports both the Coreco IFC driver and the Coreco Sopera driver.
- Support for additional Matrox® boards.
- Support for QImaging devices.

For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).

- Native Bayer Demosaicing. This new color space setting will interpolate Bayer pattern encoded images into standard RGB images. If your camera uses Bayer filtering, the Image Acquisition Toolbox software now supports the Bayer pattern and can return color if desired.

## Version 1.9.x (R14SP3) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.9.x (R14SP3):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Bug Reports Includes fixes	No

**New Features in Version 1.9.** New features introduced in this version are:

- Support for the Matrox® Meteor-II/Camera Link frame grabber  
For the latest information about supported hardware, visit the Image Acquisition Toolbox™ product page at the MathWorks Web site [www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq).
- Significant improvements to the Video Input block for use with Simulink®
- Improved performance of the Video Preview window (the version built with Handle Graphics® components)

In addition, this version includes the inaugural release of the Image Acquisition Toolbox Adaptor Kit, Version 1.0. The adaptor kit is a C++ framework for developing hardware adaptors. You can use this kit to add support for additional hardware to the toolbox.

**New Features in Version 1.9.1.** This version introduces support for the Matrox Helios XCL camera link frame grabber. Note that this device requires Matrox Imaging Library (MIL), Version 8.0.

**Upgrading from an Earlier Release.** The following issue is related to upgrading from a previous release:

- The Helios XCL requires Matrox Imaging Library (MIL), Version 8.0.

## Version 1.8 (R14SP2) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.8 (R14SP2):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Yes Details below	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- “User-Customizable Video Preview Window”
- “Support for Format 7 Added to the DCAM Adaptor”
- “Getting Information About the Native Data Type”
- “Acquiring Data in Single-Precision Format”

### User-Customizable Video Preview Window

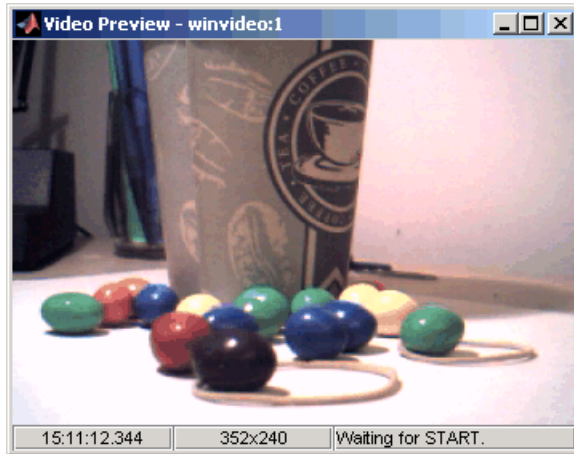
The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software includes a new open-architecture reimplementaion of the Video Preview window. The new Video Preview window provides the same capabilities as its predecessor: it displays a live preview of the video stream from a particular video input object, with information about the video resolution, video frame timestamp, and the status of the video input object.

In addition, because this previewing capability is built using standard MATLAB® Handle Graphics® features, you can access the video data using standard Handle Graphics techniques. For example, you can now use the `preview` function to direct the live preview video stream to any Handle Graphics image object. This lets you include the previewing capability in GUIs of your own creation.

To start the Video Preview window, use the `preview` function, as follows:

```
vid = videoinput('winvideo');
preview(vid)
```

The Video Preview window displays a preview of the live video stream being provided by the device.



### Stopping the Live Preview Video Stream

The toolbox includes a new function, `stoppreview`, that you can use to stop the live preview video stream for a specific video input object. For example, the following code stops the preview video stream started in the previous example:

```
stoppreview(vid)
```

### Support for Format 7 Added to the DCAM Adaptor

The Image Acquisition Toolbox DCAM adaptor now supports DCAM Format 7 (also called partial scan format). When creating a video input object with the DCAM adaptor, the prefix `F7_` identifies Format 7 video formats in the list of formats returned by `imaqhwinfo`.

### Getting Information About the Native Data Type

With this release, `imaqhwinfo` now includes information about the native data type of a device, based on the video format used to create the video input object.

To get this information, call the `imaqhwinfo` function specifying a video input object as an argument. `imaqhwinfo` returns a structure

containing information about the object and this structure now contains a `NativeDataType` field that contains this information.

## Acquiring Data in Single-Precision Format

The `getdata` function can now return image data in single-precision format.

## Major Bug Fixes

Version 1.8 of the Image Acquisition Toolbox software includes the following bug fixes.

### DCAM Monochrome 16-Bit Formats Returned as Big-Endian

The DCAM adaptor now correctly returns data in Mono 16-bit format as big-endian, as specified in the DCAM specification (1.30). Previously, the DCAM adaptor returned Mono 16-bit data in little-endian.

### Preview No Longer Produces Errors when ROIPosition Is Set for Matrox® Meteor-II/1394

You can now preview data from the Matrox® Meteor-II/1394 board after configuring the `ROIPosition` property. Previously, previewing produced the following error:

```
??? matrox: DigControl Error  
Value is out of range  
(Error detected on 1394 system)
```

### Miscellaneous Fixes to Video Input Block

This release includes several fixes to the Video Input block in the Image Acquisition Block Library. The fixes include the following:

- The Source Block Parameters dialog box now updates the **Input video format** list when you change the selected device.
- The Source Block Parameters dialog box no longer contains duplicate entries in the **Input video format** list.

## Upgrading from a Previous Release

The following issue is related to upgrading from a previous release.

### Update of the IFC Libraries Used with Coreco Devices

The Image Acquisition Toolbox software now requires Version 5.8.0 of the IFC libraries when you are working with Coreco devices.

## Known Software and Documentation Issues

This section describes some known software issues with Version 1.8:

- “General Issues” on page 18
- “Matrox Matrox® Devices” on page 20
- “Data Translation® Devices” on page 21
- “Image Acquisition Block Library” on page 22

### General Issues

- Warning messages indicating that the toolbox was unable to allocate memory can be displayed multiple times under the following scenario:
  - a The Video Preview window is open.
  - b The `imaqmem` function is used to limit memory to a very small amount.
  - c Hardware trigger executes, initiating an acquisition.

To prevent this problem, close the Video Preview window.

- You might encounter a problem logging data to an AVI file. For example, the value of the `DiskLoggerFrameCount` property might remain at 0 (zero). To remedy this problem, try changing the value of the AVI file object's `Compression` property to `'none'`.

**Video Preview Window Performance Issues.** The Video Preview window may experience performance issues when previewing large images or when previewing image data from multiple devices. If performance problems occur, or MATLAB appears to stop responding, the following actions may help alleviate some of these issues:

- Try reducing the size of the image being previewed. You can reduce the size by either:
  - Using the `ROIPosition` property to configure a smaller resolution
  - Resizing the preview window such that the entire image is not visible
  - Creating a custom preview window GUI by following the example in “Previewing Data in Custom GUIs” in the Image Acquisition Toolbox User’s Guide documentation. Doing so will allow you to scale the image size down when the preview window is resized.
- Avoid previewing multiple video input objects simultaneously. In general, for best performance, preview only one video input object at a time.

If performance issues persist, you can disable the new Video Preview window and use the preview window included in previous releases. Use the following commands to disable the new Video Preview window. Note, however, that when you disable the new Video Preview window, the Handle Graphics customization features of the preview function will be unavailable.

```
imaqreset
imaqmex('feature', '-useObsoletePreview', true)
```

Restarting MATLAB will reenables the MATLAB Handle Graphics based Video Preview window. To manually reenables the new Video Preview window, execute the following commands:

```
imaqreset
imaqmex('feature', '-useObsoletePreview', false)
```

### **Generic Windows® Acquisition Devices.**

- You cannot create multiple video input objects for the same device when the device is active. The toolbox issues an error. For example:

```
vid = videoinput('winvideo', 1);
preview(vid)
newvid = videoinput('winvideo', 1, 'RGB24_160x120');
??? Cannot access information on the image acquisition device. One
or more arguments are invalid. Make sure no other objects or
applications are accessing the same device.
```

If you close the preview window, you can create the object.

```
closepreview(vid)
newvid = videoinput('winvideo', 1, 'RGB24_160x120');
preview(newvid)
```

- There are known issues with the USB Creative WebCam drivers that can lead to crashes and computer reboots. It is recommended that you only install one of these devices per system.
- Some device drivers, most commonly Video for Windows (VFW) drivers, might request a device to be selected via a dialog box. By choosing a device from the dialog box, you can associate an image acquisition object with an installed device.

**TV Tuner Devices.** The following list covers known issues with TV Tuner Devices (devices with an AnalogVideoFormat video source property):

- Video input objects associated with a TV tuner card like the ATI Rage Theater Video Capture card might be created with an invalid analog format selected. To correct this, modify the value of the AnalogVideoFormat property on the currently selected video source object. (Use the `getselectedsource` function to retrieve the currently selected video source object.)
- While accessing a TV tuner card, a blue screen crash can occur if you repeatedly open and close the Video Preview window.

### **Matrox Matrox® Devices**

- The Matrox MIL or MIL-Lite Library is required and must be installed before you can use the toolbox.
- The Gencout program, which is related to the Genesis board, will start when you first try to use the toolbox. This causes MATLAB to lose focus. To work around this behavior, uninstall the Genesis Native Library. Gencout is not used by the Image Acquisition Toolbox software, but it is installed by default by the installation program for the Genesis drivers.
- It is recommended that MIL's nonpaged reserved memory be greater than the size of four incoming images. You can change this value using the Matrox MIL Configuration utility, provided with MIL.



- For standard RS170 and CCIR monochrome formats, at least 2 MB of nonpaged memory is recommended.
- For standard NTSC and PAL color formats, at least 8 MB is recommended.
- Two- and four-band images are not supported. Dual-channel video, however, is supported via a DCF file if the resulting image is a single band.
- UARTs are not supported.
- If the device supports exposure timers, they are exposed as video source object properties using the prefix `Timer`. These properties are implemented using the manual bypass exposure model as described in the Matrox *MIL User's Guide*. Do not set these parameters while the object is previewing or running, to avoid invalid combinations of parameters while the object is accessing the device.
- User digital inputs are not currently supported. User digital output values are exposed as video source object properties using the prefix `UserOutputBit`.

### **Data Translation® Devices**

- You should update device drivers to Imaging Omni CD 2.2 drivers. These drivers are available from the support page at [datatranslation.com](http://datatranslation.com).
- Data Translation® drivers allow for the reservation of nonpaged, nonvolatile memory. Set this value as follows:

Devices	Reserved Memory Recommendations
3120 313x 3152	<p>Nonpaged reserved memory must be greater than the size of four incoming images. Recommended values are:</p> <p>For standard RS170 and CCIR monochrome formats, at least 2 MB of nonpaged memory</p> <p>For standard NTSC and PAL color formats, at least 8 MB</p> <p>You can change this value in the DT driver properties; see the <i>Data Translation User's Guide</i> for your hardware for more information.</p>
3152-LS 3153 3154 3155 3157	<p>Nonpaged reserved memory must be greater than the size of the total number of frames provided by the hardware for a whole trigger. Use this equation to determine the size of the total number of frames:</p> $\text{total} = \text{FramesPerTrigger} * \text{FrameGrabInterval}$ <p>where <code>FramesPerTrigger</code> and <code>FrameGrabInterval</code> are properties of the video input object. Refer to the Image Acquisition Toolbox documentation for more information on these properties.</p>

- Line scan mode for the 3152-LS is not supported.
- For the 3152-LS, 3153, 3154, 3155, and 3157 devices in immediate trigger mode, the last image frame of a trigger and the first image frame of the next trigger might not be adjacent frames in the incoming video; that is, one or more frames might be dropped between triggers.
- The 3152 might require certain color depths from your video card in order to fully function. To determine whether the proper color depth is selected, start `DTAcquire` (provided with your hardware) and verify that both `'Passthru'` and `'Single Frame Acquire'` function properly. If `'Passthru'` fails, try using a different color depth, e.g., 24-bit truecolor instead of 32-bit truecolor.

### Image Acquisition Block Library

The following are known issues with the Image Acquisition Block Library:

- Support limited to Windows video devices compatible with DirectX® — The Video Input block only supports Windows video devices that are compatible with DirectX. To determine whether a device is DirectX compatible, use the `AMCAP.EXE` utility included with the Image Acquisition Toolbox software in the `toolbox\imaq\imaq` directory. You can also download this utility from the MathWorks FTP site.

`ftp://ftp.mathworks.com/pub/tech-support/solutions/s1-1B4VP/AMCap.exe`

- Invalid devices in the Device name list — When you first open the Video Input block mask, MATLAB searches your computer and populates the Device name list in the Block Parameters dialog box with all the image acquisition devices available on your system. If you disconnect or change the device connected to the computer while MATLAB is running, the mask will not reflect these hardware changes. The Device name list continues to list the devices initially found when the mask was first opened. The only way to update this list is to restart MATLAB; using the Image Acquisition Toolbox function `imaqreset` has no effect.
- No support for DV camcorders — The Image Acquisition block library does not currently support DV camcorders. Attempting to access the Image Acquisition block library while a DV camcorder is connected to your system will cause MATLAB to hang. This will be addressed in a future release.
- Support only for RGB24 formats — The Video Input block only supports RGB24 formats. Other video formats, such as RGB8 and Y422, cause an error when the model is run. This will be corrected in a future release.
- No preview or configuration capabilities — The Video Input block does not support a preview window, nor does it provide access to device configuration parameters. To configure a device or see a preview of the acquired data, you must use utility programs supplied with the device or third-party applications, such as the Microsoft® `AMCAP.EXE` utility. The `AMCAP.EXE` utility is included with the Image Acquisition Toolbox software in the `toolbox\imaq\imaq` directory. Any device configuration performed using a third-party application will affect the device in the Simulink® model.

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**Note** Make sure to close whatever third-party application you use for previewing or configuration before running your Simulink model.

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## Version 1.7 (R14SP1) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.7 (R14SP1):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Yes Details below	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- Matrox® Meteor-II/1394 — The Matrox adaptor now supports the Matrox Meteor-II/1394 adaptor board for digital video acquisition. The Meteor-II/1394 board supports IEEE® 1394 video cameras based on the IIDC Digital Camera Specification using Matrox Imaging Library (MIL).

### Known Software and Documentation Issues

This section describes some known software problems with Version 1.7.

#### Limitations of Matrox® Meteor-II/1394 Support

The support for the Matrox Meteor-II/1394 board includes the following limitations:

- Automatic mode for properties is not supported.
- DCAM absolute properties are not supported.

These settings are not exposed by the Matrox Imaging Library and are therefore unavailable.

#### Known Issue with the Matrox® Meteor-II/1394 Support

The Matrox Meteor-II/1394 board provides only limited support for the ROIPosition property. You can define a region of interest using the ROIPosition property, specifying the value as a four-element vector of the form

[XOffset YOffset Width Height]

However, for the Meteor-II/1394 board, the value of the XOffset and YOffset elements of the position vector must be 0 (zero).

### **Other Issues**

See the issues described in Known Software and Documentation Issues for Version 1.8.

## Version 1.6 (R14+) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.6 (R14+):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Yes Details below	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- New Image Acquisition Block Library
- DCAM Adaptor Now Supports Absolute Values
- Performance Enhancements

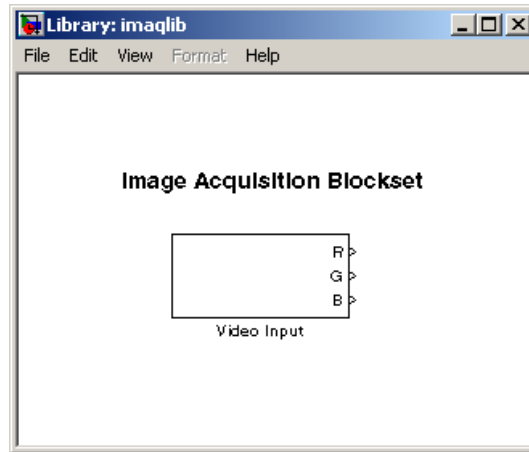
### New Image Acquisition Block Library

The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software now includes a Simulink® block library, called the Image Acquisition Block Library. The block library contains one block: the Video Input block. You can use this block to bring live video data into a simulation.

To open the Image Acquisition Block Library, enter

```
imaqlib
```

at the MATLAB® prompt. MATLAB displays the contents of the block library in a separate window:



## DCAM Adaptor Now Supports Absolute Values

The DCAM adaptor now supports properties that let you specify the value of a property as an absolute value, if the device supports that capability for a particular feature.

As defined by the IIDC DCAM specification, the values specified for properties can be interpreted as either relative or absolute. Relative values only have meaning in relation to a device-specific reference point. For example, if you set the shutter speed property to 4000, this value might be interpreted as 4000 seconds for one device, but 4000 milliseconds for another device. Previously, the DCAM adaptor device-specific properties only supported relative values.

To provide more precise control, the IIDC DCAM specification also defines absolute values, where the units are specified as part of the definition. For example, the DCAM specification defines the units for shutter speed property as seconds. So, if you specify a value of 0.10032 for this property, any DCAM device that supports absolute values would interpret the value as 100.32 milliseconds. To find out the units used with a feature that supports absolute values, see Appendix B of the IIDC 1394-based DCAM specification or check the documentation that came with your device.

## **New Properties**

To support both absolute and relative values, the DCAM adaptor now provides additional device-specific properties. If a device supports absolute values for a particular feature, the DCAM adaptor creates a property, using the same feature name as the relative property but with the word “Absolute” appended to it. For example, if a device supports both relative and absolute values for shutter speed, the DCAM adaptor creates properties named Shutter and ShutterAbsolute.

When it creates an absolute value property, the DCAM adaptor also creates a property to control the type of value the device uses. This property has the same name as the feature with the word “Control” appended to it. For example, if the DCAM adaptor created the ShutterAbsolute property, it also creates a ShutterControl property.

If you set either the relative or absolute properties, the corresponding mode property is set to 'manual'. For example, if you set the ShutterAbsolute property, the value of the ShutterMode property changes to 'manual'. Setting the control property has no effect on the mode property.

## **Performance Enhancements**

Because of a number of enhancements to the way that the toolbox handles video frames, you might notice increased performance in the following areas:

- Faster acquisition with the `getdata`, `peekdata`, and `getsnapshot` functions.
- Previewing should consume less CPU overhead.
- Frame handling during acquisition should be faster.

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**Note** The actual performance improvement achieved depends on factors such as video format, resolution, and CPU speed.

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## Major Bug Fixes

This release includes the following major bug fix:

- For long acquisitions, the metadata information reported from `getdata` was sometimes incorrect. This included reporting the wrong values for the `AbsTime` and `FrameNumber` fields of the `getdata` metadata structure. This has been fixed.

## Upgrading from a Previous Release

The following are some changes from previous releases:

- The `FieldStart` property for the Coreco PC-Vision device has been removed. To specify which field the device uses as the first field for an interlaced video signal, use the `StartingField` property.
- The way the toolbox determines the default value of device-specific properties for Matrox® devices has changed. In some cases, the initial value of the property at object creation time (and the default value returned by the `propinfo` function) might be different than what was returned in previous releases. To ensure that properties that are important to your application have the value you expect, you should explicitly set them. Do not depend on the default value.

## Other Issues

See the issues described in [Known Software and Documentation Issues for Version 1.8](#).

## Version 1.5 (R14) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.5 (R14):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Yes Details below	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- Additional Hardware Support
- New Utility Functions
- Changes to Existing Functions

### Additional Hardware Support

The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software provides support for specific image acquisition devices by providing adaptors that enable a connection between MATLAB® and devices. The toolbox supports devices from specific hardware vendors, such as Matrox® or Data Translation®, or for general categories of devices, such as consumer-level video devices that support a connection via DirectX® or Video for Windows® drivers.

This release provides support for the following additional vendors and device categories:

- Coreco Imaging, Inc. image acquisition devices, including the PC2-Vision™, the PCVision, the PCVisionplus, the PC-RGB, and the PC-DIG
- Matrox CronosPlus
- Digital cameras that comply with the IIDC 1394-based Digital Camera (DCAM) Specification

### New Utility Functions

The toolbox includes the following new utility functions:

- `isrunning` — Determines if a video input object is running
- `islogging` — Determines if a video input object is logging
- `obj2mfile` — Saves a video input object by creating an M-file containing the commands necessary to recreate the object

## Changes to Existing Functions

The toolbox includes the following enhancements to existing functions and properties:

- You can now specify the color space of the returned image data by setting the value of the `ReturnedColorSpace` property.
- The `imaqmem` function can now retrieve specific fields by field name.
- `flushdata` now accepts an array of video input objects
- The `wait` function can now wait until an object stops running or logging. Previously, this function only waited until an object stopped running.

## Major Bug Fixes

The Image Acquisition Toolbox software 1.5 includes several important bug fixes made since Version 1.1.

## Limitations from the Previous Version Lifted

The following are limitations that existed in previous versions of the toolbox that are no longer issues:

- Matrox acquisition devices that support image scaling now scale images correctly for any selected video source object. Previously, the toolbox only honored the `XScaleFactor` and `YScaleFactor` properties of the first video source object.
- DV devices, such as camcorders, were limited to the default 'dvsd' format provided by the device. Additional formats are now available for these devices.
- DV devices, such as camcorders, no longer experience a short lag between the preview window display, and what is actually captured by the device.

### **Incorrect MIL-Lite Version No Longer Crashes MATLAB®**

The Image Acquisition Toolbox software requires MIL-Lite Version 7.0 or later. Now, if you attempt to create a video input object for a Matrox device and the installed version of the Matrox MIL-Lite library is earlier than Version 7.0, the toolbox issues an error.

### **The trigger Function Now Accepts Vector of Video Input Objects**

You can now pass a vector of video input objects to the trigger function. Previously, this function only accepted a single video input object.

### **The winvideo Adaptor Works with Devices That Provide Input/Output Capabilities**

The toolbox winvideo adaptor now lets you acquire video from devices that support video output and video input on the same card, such as the nVidia TV tuner card.

### **Known Software and Documentation Problems**

See the issues described in Known Software and Documentation Issues for Version 1.8.

## Version 1.1 (R13SP1) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes what's new in Version 1.1 (R13SP1):

New Features and Changes	Version Compatibility Considerations	Fixed Bugs and Known Problems	Related Documentation at Web Site
Yes Details below	No	Yes Details below	No

New features and changes introduced in this version are:

- Region of interest (ROI) configurations using the `ROIPosition` property are now supported for all hardware devices.
- A troubleshooting utility is now included in the `matlabroot/toolbox/imaq/imaq` directory called `AMCap.exe`. This utility can be used to verify that Windows® video devices are working properly.
- Enhanced memory management is now provided to optimize image frame storage efficiency.
- A warning is issued when accessing Windows video hardware using an incorrect DirectX® version.

### Major Bug Fixes

The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software 1.1 includes several bug fixes made since Version 1.0. This section describes the particularly important Version 1.1 bug fixes.

- A memory leak associated with running `peekdata` has been fixed.
- The toolbox now stops acquisition hardware when you press **Ctrl+C** to interrupt the `getsnapshot` function.
- When using Matrox® DCF camera files, the toolbox now configures all video source objects according to the camera file settings.

- A MATLAB® segmentation fault that occurred when using old versions of the Matrox MIL library has been fixed. The toolbox now displays a message instead.
- A segmentation fault associated with accessing the Data Translation® 3157 frame grabber has been fixed.

# Version 1.0 (R13.0.1+) Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

## Introduction to the Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

The Image Acquisition Toolbox™ software 1.0 is a new product from The MathWorks™ that lets you connect to an image acquisition device from within a MATLAB® session. Based on MATLAB object technology, the Image Acquisition Toolbox software provides functions for creating objects that represent the connection to the device.

For example, the following command creates an object `vid` associated with a Matrox® frame grabber. (Use the `imaqhwinfo` function to retrieve the object constructor syntax for the device installed on your system.)

```
vid = videoinput('matrox');
```

Using the properties of the `vid` object, you can control various aspects of the connection to the device.

## Software and Hardware Requirements

The toolbox requires the device drivers for the installed image acquisition hardware. For the most up-to-date list of supported hardware, go to the Image Acquisition Toolbox product page ([www.mathworks.com/products/imaq](http://www.mathworks.com/products/imaq)).

## Compatibility Summary for Image Acquisition Toolbox™ Software

This table summarizes new features and changes that might cause incompatibilities when you upgrade from an earlier version, or when you use files on multiple versions. Details are provided in the description of the new feature or change.

Version (Release)	New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact
<b>Latest Version</b> <b>V3.1 (R2008a)</b>	See the <b>Compatibility Considerations</b> subheading for this change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values</li> </ul>
3.0 (R2007b)	See the <b>Compatibility Considerations</b> subheading for this change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values</li> </ul>
V2.1 (R2007a)	See the <b>Compatibility Considerations</b> subheading for each of these new features or changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corrected Spelling of Two QImaging Device-Specific Property Values</li> <li>• New Image Acquisition Toolbox Simulink Block</li> </ul>
V2.0 (R2006b)	None
V1.10 (R2006a)	None



<b>Version (Release)</b>	<b>New Features and Changes with Version Compatibility Impact</b>
V1.9.x (R14SP3)	None
V1.8 (R14SP2)	None
V1.7 (R14SP1)	None
V1.6 (R14+)	None
V1.5 (R14)	None
V1.1 (R13SP1)	None
V1.0 (R13.0.1+)	None