

Megapixel USB2.0 CMOS ANARA User Guide

SMX-M8xx Series USB2.0 Cameras

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Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

SMX-M8xx Series Cameras are megapixel CMOS cameras with USB2.0 interface suitable for scientific and industrial applications. The cameras are designed for capturing, streaming and storing high quality digital images.

SMX-M8xx Series Cameras are available in three modifications:

- SMX-M81M (1.3 megapixel, monochrome)
- SMX-M82C (2 megapixel, color)
- SMX-M83C (3 megapixel, color)

All the SMX-M8xx Cameras feature:

- Communication interface USB2.0
- Form factor a duralumin housing with C/CS mount

Benefits of the SMX-M8xx Cameras are:

- High speed
- Low power consumption
- No external power supply required
- Ease of use
- Compact size

Programmable functions include viewport window settings, adjustable exposure time and gain, selectable sensor clock frequency and image decimation, flipping image horizontally and vertically. The SMX-M8xx Series Cameras can be used in microscopy, video conferencing, webcasting, surveillance and security systems, etc.

Chapter 2

INSTALLATION AND UPDATE

Before installing the camera software, install a USB2.0 adapter if needed. Install all required drivers. Installation of the USB2.0 adapter is beyond the scope of this document.

System Requirements

Operating System XP SP1+/2003/Vista/2008/7, recommended: Windows 7 or XP SP1 and higher		
Processor	Intel PIII or higher, recommended: Intel Core 2 Duo	
Performance	Performance Minimum 300 Mflops, recommended: 400 Mflops or higher	
Memory	256 MP for XP (512 MB for 2008/Vista/7), recommended: 512 MB (1024 MB)	
USB 2.0	Recommended: Intel integrated Host Controller, not recommended: VIA-based USB 3.0 Host Controller is also supported	
Video	8 MB memory, recommended: GeForce 4xxx/Radeon 9xxx or higher	

Installation

To install the SMX-M8xx camera application software:

- 1 Run the **SMXM8X-<version>.exe** file downloaded via the URL provided by Sumix Corporation.
- 2 Welcome to the SMX-M8x USB 2.0 Camera Software Setup Wizard starts. The wizard will guide you through the software and hardware drivers installation. Close all other applications that are running on your computer and then click the **Next** button to continue the installation.

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Figure 2-1 Welcome to the SMX-M8x Camera Setup Wizard

3 In the License Agreement box, read the license. Then select I accept the agreement and click Next.



Figure 2-2 License Agreement dialog box

4 The wizard starts to check your system information. Upon completion, a table with check results is displayed in the **System Information** box.

🔂 Setup - SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software 📃 🖃 🔤				
System Information System Information collects your system configuration information.				
	OS	Microsoft Windows 7 Ultimate (x64)		
	Processor(s)	Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU T9400 @ 2.53GHz ~2534 MHz (2 CPU)		
	Performance	737 Mflops		
	Memory	2045 MB		
	USB2.0	USB2.0 controller found		
	Video	NVIDIA GeForce 9600M GT, 512 MB		
		Refresh Requirements		
		< Back Next > Cancel		

Figure 2-3 System Information box

- 5 Do one of the following, depending on the results of the check:
 - click the **Next** button if all table cells with system parameters are green (the parameters satisfy the software requirements)
 - update your system if at least one cell is red such configuration is not recommended
 - update your system if at least one cell is yellow, otherwise the technical characteristics declared for the camera will not be achieved.

To see the recommended system requirements, click the **Requirements** button in the **System Information** dialog box:

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59	System Information System Information collects your system configuration information.			
	OS	XP SP1+/2003/Vista/2008/7, recommended Win7 or XP SP1+		
	Processor(s)	Intel P4 or higher, recommended Intel Core 2 Duo		
	Performance	Minimum 300 Mflops, recommended - 400 Mflops or higher		
	Memory	XP - 256 MB (512 - 2008/Vista), recommended 512 MB (1024 MB)		
	USB2.0	Recommended Intel integrated controller, not recommended VIA-base		
	Video	8 MB memory, recommended GeForce 4xxx/Radeon 9xxx or higher		
		Refresh System Info		
		< Back Next > Cance	el	

Figure 2-4 Recommended system configuration

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6 In the **Select Destination Location** box, click **Browse** to change the folder in which the SMX-M8xx camera application software will be installed, or leave the one suggested by the wizard. Click **Next**.

词 []] Setup - SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software	- • •
Select Destination Location Where should SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software be installed?	
Setup will install SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software into the fo	llowing folder.
To continue, click Next. If you would like to select a different folder, clic	k Browse.
C:\Program Files\Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera	Browse
At least 11,8 MB of free disk space is required.	
< Back Next >	Cancel

Figure 2-5 Select Destination location box

7 In the same way, in the **Select Start Menu Folder** box, leave the suggested location or specify the folder you wish. Click **Next**.



Figure 2-6 Select Start Menu Folder box

8 In the **Ready to Install** step, view the options you selected and click **Install**.

🔂 Setup - SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software	• ×
Ready to Install Setup is now ready to begin installing SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software on your computer.	
Click Install to continue with the installation, or click Back if you want to review or change any settings.	
Destination location: C:\Program Files\Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Start Menu folder: Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera	*
<u>د</u> ۲	Ŧ
< Back Install (Cancel

Figure 2-7 Ready to Install box

9 The wizard will start to install the application on your computer.



Figure 2-8 Installing box

During the installation, the system will ask you whether you want to install the device software. Press **Install** to proceed.



Figure 2-9 Windows Security box

10 On the last step, check the boxes for creating desktop and/or Quick Launch icons. If you want to install the TWAIN driver, check the box for it (see <u>"WIA" on page 53</u>). If you want to launch the camera application program right after finishing the installation, check the box for it.





- *Note:* TWAIN driver can be also installed separately, using the \Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera\Drivers\TWAIN folder. Browse to the Sumix folder that appears after the **SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software Setup Wizard** installation and run the TWAIN driver setup (see "Installation" on page 69).
- *Note:* If you face problems during the camera installation, see <u>"Troubleshooter" on page 17.</u>

The installation of the camera driver will be completed when you first connect the camera to the computer's USB port.

Update

The camera application software is constantly developed and improved. When a new version is available, the customers are notified and a new installer file is sent to them.

The update procedure is exactly the same as the installation described in the previous section. Simply run the new installer **SMXM8X**<**version**>**.exe** and follow the wizard (see <u>"Installation" on page 9</u>).

Driver Update

When a new camera driver version is available, you can update it via the Windows device manage.

To update the camera driver:

- 1 Connect the camera to the computer.
- 2 Open the **Device Manager** window in the **Control panel** window.
- 3 Double-click Imaging devices.
- 4 Right-click SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera and select Update Driver Software...



Figure 2-11 Updating the camera driver

5 Follow the easy-on-screen instructions. On the first step, select **Browse my computer for driver software**. 16



Figure 2-12 Updating the camera driver: step1

6 On the next step, browse for the location on your computer where the driver is saved and click **Next**.



Figure 2-13 Updating the camera driver: step 2

7 The system will start installing the driver. In the end, a message that the installation is successful will appear. Press **Close** to finish.

Removal

To remove the camera application software, use the **Add/Remove Programs** section in the **Windows Control Panel**. Remove the application according to the general Windows application uninstallation rules.

Alternatively, you can click the uninstallation shortcut in the application folder (Start > All Programs > Sumix > SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera > Uninstall SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Software) and follow the uninstallation wizard.

After removing the software, you need also to remove the camera driver.

To remove the camera driver:

- 1 Connect the camera to the computer.
- 2 Open the **Device Manager** window in the **Control panel** window.
- 3 Double-click Imaging devices.
- 4 Right-click SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera and select Uninstall.
- **5** Confirm removing the driver: check the **Delete the driver software for this device** and click **OK**.

Confirm Device Uninstall		
SMX-M&x Series USB2.0 Camera		
Warning: You are about to uninstall this device from your system.		
Delete the driver software for this device.		
OK Cancel		

Figure 2-14 Driver removal confirmation

6 After the driver is uninstalled, the SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera will disappear from the Imaging Devices section of the Device Manager.

Troubleshooter

If you face problems with installation and detection of the camera, use this Troubleshooter. If you face problems that are not described below, contact Sumix Technical Department.

Note: Tasks and problems in this section are demonstrated in Windows XP operating system.

Camera Was Not Detected or Recognized

If after connecting the camera to your computer the system does not detect it: there is

no icon 🏂 on the Taskbar or the camera was not recognized by the system:



Try doing the following:

- Check if the device was installed successfully: open system folder WINDOWS\ system32\drivers and check if there is the SMXM8X.sys file (normally it is located on the C: hard disk). If not, run the driver installation again. Be sure that no camera is connected during installation.
- If the problem still persists, manually save the SMXM8X.sys file to the \WIN-DOWS\system32\drivers folder (the SMXM8X.sys file is located in the \Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera\Drivers folder).

If the problem still persists, try one of the following:

- Reconnect the camera.
- Use other USB2.0 port of your computer the problem might be due to the USB2.0 port malfunction.
- Use another USB2.0 cable the problem might be due to the USB2.0 cable malfunction.
- Connect other SMX-M8xx camera (if any) to the same USB2.0 port the problem might be due to the camera malfunction.
- Disconnect the camera and restart your computer.

If any of the above steps did not help and the device is not recognized yet, try the following:

- 1 Connect the problematical camera to the computer.
- 2 Open the **Device Manager** window (right-lick **My Computer** desktop icon, select **Properties**, select **Hardware** tab, and then click **Device Manager**).
- 3 In **Device Manager**, double-click **Universal Serial Bus** controllers.
- 4 In **Device Manager**, select one of the following:

 Imaging devices> SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera with Warning status, if it is available there:



Figure 2-15 Device Manager: the SMX-M8x camera with Warning status

• Universal Serial Bus controllers> Unknown device:



Figure 2-16 Device Manager: the SMX-M8x camera is detected as Unknown device

5 Right-click and select **Update Driver...**:



Figure 2-17 Device Manager: Updating the SMX-M8x camera driver

Run the Hardware Update Wizard the same way as the Found New Hardware Wizard by choosing the Install the software automatically (Recommended) option:



Figure 2-18 Hardware Update Wizard: the Welcome window

6 If some problems occur during the manual hardware installation, read the next section of this Troubleshooter.

Cannot Install the Hardware

If the **Found New Hardware Wizard\Hardware Update Wizard** failed to install the hardware (the wizard that starts after the first connection of the camera or the **Wizard** that starts for updating the hardware; failure occurs after you browse to the files needed for the installing),



Figure 2-19 Found New Hardware Wizard: Cannot install this Hardware

try doing the following:

- 1 Click Back in the Found New Hardware Wizard and select Install from a list or specific location (Advanced).
- 2 Click Next.



Figure 2-20 Found New Hardware Wizard: Installing from a list or specific location (Advanced)

- **3** Select Search for the best driver in these locations.
- 4 Check the Include this location in the search box.
- 5 Browse to the Drivers folder on the SMX-M8x Camera CD or in the Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera folder (located on the hard disk where you installed the SMX-M8x Camera Software, normally it is the C:\Program Files\Sumix\SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera).
- 6 Click Next.



Figure 2-21 Installing from a list or specific location: specifying location

- 7 In the list, select the last item.
- 8 Click Next.
- 9 Wait till the wizard installs all files.
- 10 Click Finish if installation passed successfully.

Chapter 3

GETTING STARTED

Installing Lens

To use a lens with the camera, remove the cover from the camera and install a lens as described below.

It is recommended to remove the cover and install a lens (as well as remove a lens and put on the cover) when the camera is faced down, to prevent the sensor contamination.

To install a lens:

- 1 Face the camera down.
- 2 Remove the camera cover.
- 3 Screw the lens in.

To remove the lens

- 1 Face the camera down.
- 2 Screw the lens out.
- **3** Put on the cover.

Note: Before screwing the lens in or putting on the cover, make sure that the surfaces are free from dust

When you remove the cover, put it facing down to keep dust out



Recommendations on the Camera Connection

Most computers have both front and back USB2.0 ports location. We do not recommend using the front USB2.0 port of your computer since it is not directly connected to the computer's USB Host Controller.



As shown on the picture above, the front USB2.0 port is connected to the USB Host Controller by long cables inside computer, meanwhile back USB2.0 port is connected directly to its controller at the back panel of computer.

So, when connecting the camera to the front USB2.0 port the device might not work properly. We recommend to use the back USB2.0 port to avoid problems with the camera work (see the picture below).



Note:

Design and configuration of the front USB2.0 port location shown on the pictures above might differ from yours. The pictures' goal is only to show how the front USB2.0 port is connected to its controller

Plugging in the Camera

Connect SMX-M8xx camera with USB2.0 cable.

Connect the other end of the USB cable to the back USB2.0 port of your computer.



Installing Driver Software

After you connect the camera to the USB port of you computer, a **Found New Hardware** message will appear in the notification area of the task bar, and Windows will install the hardware driver. When the installation is finished, a message will appear in the notification area:



Figure 3-1 Notification about successful camera installation

Note If you experience problems during the driver software installation, refer to the Installation Troubleshooter and learn how to fix such problems (see "Troubleshooter" on page 17).

Starting the Application

After the camera hardware has been installed, you can start the application.

To start the camera application:

Click Start > All Programs > Sumix > SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera > SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera Application Program. If during the installation you chose to install a desktop icon and/or a quick launch icon, you can also click the icon to launch the application. The SMX-M8xx application will start with its main window.

The SMX-M8xx application consists of the following parts:

• Main window which contains the main functions. On the top of the main window, there is an application toolbar:

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Sensor Con	rol	_		
Exposure -	Giain —	Frequency		
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		Decimation		
		1.4		
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		1000 u 1000		
		1600 X 1200		
	AIRGB	a(0,0		
	Lock Ratio	Settings		
Image Correction Color Palance Color Correction				
E Enable E	est Default			
Brightness	Brightness 0			
Contrast		= 0 /		
Gamma 🗆	ļ.	= 1,00		
Snapshot				
Loop Snapshot				
l imeout (sec)	▼ External	Cancel		
SMV M92 Color Popely				
SIVIA-1/182 C010	Reduy	200m1x 50 tps		

Figure 3-2 SMX-M8xx application main window

• **Histogram** which reflects all color settings of the camera.

To open the histogram:

Press the **h** button on the keyboard or select **Histogram** from the **Device** menu.

Histogram		×
Min: 0	Avg : 179,70	Max : 255

Figure 3-3 Camera histogram

Note: The histogram window is empty when the video is not started.

• **Device Settings** window contains the camera settings.

To open the Device Settings window:

Select **Settings** from the **Device** menu or press **Alt+s** on the keyboard.

Device Settings		×		
Camera Info SMX-M82 Color USE	32.0 Camera			
Max Resolution: 160 Device ID: 2027.19.)0x1200 .1.2.0	Close		
Color Mode	Flip Image	Average Frames		
Monochrome Nearest Color	🔲 Horizontal	C Last N frames		
C Bilinear	Vertical	C Pack N frames		
C Laplacian		Frames: 10 🚖		
External Trigger P	External Trigger Polarity Max Exposure			
Positive Interview Set				
Black Level Calibr	Black Level Calibration Value			
t				
Direct Access To Driver Frame Memory FrameRate				
Enable Image Correction				
🔲 Display Video on Program Startup 🛛 🗌 Median Filter				
🔲 Auto White Balance Hardware 👘 Limit Gain 10				
Auto White Balance Software				
🔲 Show Only Valid	🔲 Show Only Valid Frames			



• Video mode window which shows a live view from the camera and reflects all settings of the image

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Figure 3-5 Video mode window

To start video from the camera:

Click the **Start Video** button in the toolbar:



If the **Start Video** button is not active, in the **SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera Software** main window, click **Device** menu, select **Switch Multiple...** and select the connected camera.

Switching Between Cameras

If you have more than one SMX-M8xx Series camera connected to your PC, the camera application allows you to switch between them.

To switch between multiple cameras:

- 1 In the **Device** menu of the application's main window, select the **Switch Multiple** command.
- 2 The Choose a Camera window will appear.



Figure 3-6 Switching between cameras

3 In the list of the present cameras, select the desired one and click **OK**.

Viewing Camera ID

The camera ID is shown on the top of the **Device Settings** window.

Device Settings	×
Camera Info SMX-150M USB2.0 Camera Max Beselutian: 1290x1024 Device ID: 2256.3.8.14.34	Close

Figure 3-7 Camera ID

Reducing CPU Load

You can reduce CPU load by enabling the **Direct Access to Driver Frame Memory** option at the bottom of **Device Settings** window. See API documentation for the details on how to provide direct pointer to the driver frame memory instead of copying the frame to the user buffer.

TUNING GUIDELINES

Initial Settings

Chapter 4

Check if the **Start Video** button on the camera application's toolbar is enabled:



If it is not enabled, check the list of all available cameras in **Main menu > Device > Switch Multiple...** If the list is empty, check if the camera is connected and if the driver is installed correctly.

The illumination of the camera's image depends on the values of frequency, exposure, gain, the image dimensions (resolution) and decimation factor.

The recommended initial settings are:

- Gain and Exposure sliders are in the lowest position
- Decimation is 1:1
- Viewport size is 800 x 600 (the Viewport settings dialog box is activated with the button on the camera application toolbar or **Alt** + **v** on the keyboard)
- Color Mode is set to Bilinear (Main Menu > Device > Settings... dialog box, Color Mode section)
- Histogram is active (Main menu >Device > Histogram is selected or h is pressed)

Histogram		×
Min: 0	Avg: 1,00	Max: 1

Figure 4-1 Histogram of initial state

- The Image Correction tab is selected
- The Enable check box is set
- The **Brightness**, **Contrast**, **Gamma** sliders of the **Image Correction** tab are in the central position (their values are 0, 1, 1, respectively). To reset the values for all sliders at one go, click the **Default** button. To reset one of them, double-click its value at the right end of the slider bar
- The **R**, **G**, **B** sliders of the **Color Balance** tab are in the central position (their values are 1, 1, 1, respectively). To reset the values for all sliders at one go, click the **Default** button. To reset one of them, double-click its value at right end of the slider bar

• The **Brightness**, **Contrast**, **Saturation** sliders of the **Color Correction** tab are in the central position (their values are 0, 1, 1 - respectively). To reset the values for all sliders at one go, click the **Default** button. To reset one of them, double-click its value at right end of the slider bar

Note: The slider values will affect the image, only if the **Enable** box is checked.

Tuning Light in the Image

To tune illumination, install a lens (see "Installing Driver Software" on page 25).

To tune light in the image:

- 1 Use maximum diaphragm aperture of your lens.
- 2 Try to get enough light using the **Exposure** slider.
- **3** If the **Exposure** slider is at maximum and more light is needed, decrease frequency (it will enlarge the exposure interval).
- 4 If illumination is not enough, use the Gain group of sliders (All, R, G, B).
- 5 Press e on the keyboard to adjust the exposure automatically.

Histogram		— ×
Min : 12	Avg: 28,47	Max : 247

Figure 4-2 Histogram after illumination is tuned

- 6 If the image is still too dark, you can also change black level:
 - a. Open the Device Setting window by pressing Alt+s.
 - **b.** Go to the **Black Level Calibration Value** control and move the slider until the image becomes as bright as you need.

Black Level Calibration Value	

Figure 4-3 Black Level Calibration control

Color Tuning

To tune color of the image:

- 1 Put a white object (for example, a piece of paper) in front of the camera.
- 2 Perform White Balance (Hard): select Device > White Balance (Hard) or press Alt+w. It will balance the RGB components of white at the hardware level.

3 Select Main > Device > White Balance (Soft) item or press w on the keyboard (color balance at software level).

To control the color components, use the **R**, **G**, **B** sliders of the **Color Balance** tab and the **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Saturation** sliders of the **Color Correction** tab.



Figure 4-4 Histogram after performing White Balance (Soft)

Contrast Tuning

Activate the **Histogram (H)**, activate the **Image Correction** tab, set the **Enable** check box and use the **Contrast** slider to get the histogram as wide as possible (ideal min = 0, max = 255 provided there are no red points at the extremities of the histogram window).

Sensor Controls

The sensor control options are located in the **Sensor Control** section of the application main window. They are as follows.



Figure 4-5 Sensor controls

Exposure

The exposure parameter defines time during which the sensor will consume light energy before starting to record data.

Use the **Exposure** slider to adjust the camera exposure time manually. The current exposure time in milliseconds is displayed above the control. This value depends on viewport height, decimation and sensor frequency.

If you need to set exposure even higher than the maximum slider value, use the **Max Exposure** control in the **Device Settings** window. Check the **Limit Max Exposure** box, enter new limit value and press **Set**.

External Trigger Polarity	Max Exposure
Positive 🔻	☑ Limit Max Exposure
	100 _{ms} Set

Figure 4-6 Max Exposure control

To tune exposure automatically:

In the **Device** menu select the **Auto Exposure** command, or press **E** on the keyboard.

Gain

Gain can be controlled independently for **Red**, **Green** and **Blue** channels (**R**, **G**, **B**). All gain sliders control the camera's hardware gain amplifier. The **R**, **G** and **B** gain sliders control the software gain for each color channel.

Checking the **Lock Ratio** check box allows controlling gain on three channels simultaneously keeping the fixed **R**; **G**; **B** gain ratio.

Use the 'White balance (Hard)' menu item (Device> White Balance (Hard) or Alt+w to balance the gain of all three channels so they are equally intense.

Note: **Auto Exposure** is done automatically every time **White Balance (Hard)** is performed.

In case of SMX-M81M monochrome camera, set gain using the All slider.

You can limit the maximal set gain value to 10. Use the **Limit Gain 10** checkbox in the **Device Settings** window.

Γ	Median Filter
	Limit Gain 10

Figure 4-7 Limit Gain control

If this box is checked, you will not be able to set gain higher than 10.

Frequency

The **Frequency** drop-down box provides values for the pixel clock frequency of the sensor. The lower the frequency, the higher the maximum possible exposure time and the less the frame rate is. This control defines the frequency of polling the camera for its image stream.

Decimation

Use the **Decimation** drop-down box to decimate (sub-sample) the picture by 2, 4 or 8. The decimation means excluding pixels and rows from the scan process (for example, every second pixel and second row for the 1:2 decimation). This mode thus allows viewing the picture at the higher frame rate.

The higher decimation can be used for preview, when the full 1600 x 1200 image can be displayed as 800 x 600 with the frame rate two times higher.

Viewport

Viewport is a rectangular area of the sensor on which the image is scanned. It can have variable size: from the full sensor field of view to the small area of 8 x 8 pixels. The smaller vertical size (in lines) of the viewport, the faster the scan process and the higher the frame rate is.

To change the viewport:

1 Press Alt+v on the keyboard

OR

Click the Settings... button below Viewport (pix)

OR

Click the **Viewport Settings** button on the toolbar:

E

2 The Viewport Settings window will open.

Viewport Settings	×
	Close
	Predefined ○ 320x240 ○ 400x400 ○ 640x480 ○ 768x576 ○ 800x600 ○ 1024x768 ○ 1280x1024 ○ 1600x1200 ☞ [2048x1538]
Offset: X 0 Y 0 Size: X 2048	Y 1536

Figure 4-8 Viewport Settings window

- **3** You can select one of the predefined viewport options and then drag the rectangle across the full viewport resolution area for the viewport window. You will notice how the image in the **View Mode** window changes with the movement.
- 4 Alternatively, you can change values in the following fields:
- Offset X, Y fields with coordinates of the top left corner of the rectangle
- Size X, Y fields with coordinates of the bottom right corner of the rectangle

If the viewport size is smaller than maximum viewport size, you can also change it by dragging the video image in the **Video mode** window.

Image Correction

The **Image Correction** controls are designed for setting up the camera brightness, contrast and gamma. These corrections are programmable with the conversion (lookup) table of the values. They do not affect any electrical settings of the camera. The gamma correction is done by the camera hardware.

Image Correction	Color Balance Color Correction
I Enable Best Brightness I Contrast I Gamma I	

Figure 4-9 Image correction controls

To use these controls, check the **Enable** box - the **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Gamma** sliders become editable. By default, the values of **Brightness**, **Contrast** and **Gamma** are set to **0**; **0**; **1**, **00**, respectively.

You can restore the default values at any step, just click the **Default** button on the **Image Correction** tab.

Click the **Best** button to automatically achieve the optimal combination of brightness, contrast and gamma instead of setting them manually. As the result, the application will transform the look-up table of 8 and 10 bit to increase the dynamic range.

Note The default values of **Image Correction** are the most suitable and recommended for performing **White Balance** (Hard).

The SMX-M8x camera software does not display changes of the Image Correction look -up table when the **Best** button is pressed.

With every change of any **Image Correction** control, you can view a graphical interpretation of dependence of the image's changes from the changes of the **Image Correction** controls.

Color Balance

The **Color Balance Controls** are designed for the SMX-M82C and SMX-M83C (color) models to adjust the ratio of the main induced color components (**Red**, **Green** and **Blue**) of the image. This correction is performed on the software level and does not affect any electrical settings of the camera.

To use the **Color Balance Controls**, set the **Enable** check box on the **Color Balance** tab - **R**, **G** and **B** sliders become editable.
Image Correction	Color Balance	Color Correction
🔽 Enable	Default	White Balance
R /		0,76
G /		1,05
B		1,37

Figure 4-10 Enabling the Color Balance Controls

Use the **White Balance** button for white color balancing (the same can be done in **Device> White Balance** or by pressing **w** on the keyboard) on the **Color Balance** tab. The **Default** button returns the color balance controls to their default values: 1.00; 1.00; 1.00, respectively.

Single step of the **Color Balance** controls is 10 times smaller than **R**, **G**, **B** (Gain) of the **Sensor Controls**, so all changes of **Color Balance** can be performed with more accuracy than it can be done using **R**, **G**, **B** (Gain) of **Sensor Controls**.

- Note: The difference between **White balance (Soft)** and **White Balance (Hard)** is as follows: the **White Balance (Soft)** operation is done only on the software level, so it changes the **Color Balance** controls. The **White Balance** (Hard) operation is done programmatically by the camera firmware, so it changes **R**, **G** and **B** (**Gain**) of **Sensor Controls**.
- *Note:* It is not recommended to perform *White Balance (Hard)* when *White Balance (Soft)* is already performed. It may cause the image colors distortion.

Color Correction

The **Color Correction Controls** are designed for the SMX-M82C and SMX-M83C (color) models to adjust the intensity of the color properties (brightness, contrast and saturation) of the image. This correction is performed on the software level and does not affect any electrical settings of the camera.

Check the **Enable** check box on the **Color Correction** tab to make the **Color Correction Controls** available.

Image Correction	Color Balance	Color Correction
Enable	Default	
Brightness /		0,00
Contrast 🗸		1,00
Saturation /	ļ	1,00

Figure 4-11 Enabling the Color Correction tab

Use the **Default** button to restore the default values of brightness, contrast and saturation - 0.0; 1.00; 1.00, respectively.

Advanced Sensor Controls

Apart of the controls in the main application window, you can also use controls available in the **Device Settings** window. To access the **Device Settings** window, press **Alt+s** on the keyboard or select **Settings** from the **Device** menu.

Color Mode

The **Color Mode** section defines the rules for decoding the stream of source pixels from the sensor and transforming it into the output image. This control is available for the SMX-M82C and SMX-M83C color models.

Device Settings		×
Camera Info SMX-M82 Color USI Max Resolution: 160 Device ID: 2027.19	32.0 Camera 00x1200 .1.2.0	Close
Color Mode C Monochrome C Nearest Color Bilinear C Laplacian	Flip Image	Average Frames Disable Last N frames Frames: 10

Figure 4-12 Advanced sensor controls

- The Monochrome mode forces the transformation of the sensor pixels data into monochrome stream.
- The Nearest Color mode: Bayer matrix from the sensor is transformed into destination stream using the Nearest Color algorithm (the fastest algorithm that gives the worst, compared to other algorithms, image quality).
- The Bilinear mode: Bayer matrix from the sensor is transformed into destination stream using the Bilinear algorithm (a slower algorithm that gives better quality).
- The Laplacian mode: Bayer matrix from the sensor is transformed into destination stream using the Linear Interpolation with Laplacian second-order correction terms (the slowest algorithm that gives the best quality).

Image Flip

You can flip the image in the **Video** mode window horizontally and/or vertically. Check the corresponding boxes in the **Flip Image** section of the **Device Settings** window. Using the flip controls, you can rotate the image without changing the camera position itself.

Increasing Image Quality

You can increase the image quality by compensating the random noise of the sensor. For this purpose, use the **Average Frames** controls in the **Device Settings** window.

There are two averaging modes:

• Last N frames: the currently displayed frame is the average of the last N frames set in the Frames box. The picture is updating every frame

- **Pack N Frames**: the currently displayed frame is the average of the last N frames set in the **Frames** box. The picture is updating every N-th frame.
- *Note* Use the averaging only for static pictures. Displaying moving objects in the average mode will lead to the image blurring.

Frame Rate

You can change the frame rate for the current sensor parameters (for example, frequency or viewport) using the **FrameRate Control** button in the lower part of the **Device Settings** window.

To change frame rate:

- 1 Open the **Device Settings** window by pressing **Alt+s** on the keyboard.
- 2 Press the FrameRate Control button.

[Frame Rate Control	
L	Frame Rate: 5,045 (fps) Set	
	Set Default Set Maximum	FrameRate 10 bit mode

Figure 4-13 The Frame Rate Control window

- 3 The Frame Rate Control box opens. By default, it shows the maximum value for the current sensor parameters.
- 4 Type in the new value in the Frame Rate field, then press Set. You will not be able to set frame rate lower or greater than limits. To check the maximum limit, press the Set Maximum button.

The **Set Default** button - if applied, the default value of frame rate for the camera with current settings will be performed. The default value is flashed in every camera and is applied automatically when the camera's settings are changed.

Note: For the Snapshot Loop mode, it is recommended to use the default value of frame rate

As a result, the **Frame Rate** value will not be greater than the one you entered in the **Frame Rate Control** window. Check it when running video: frame rate value will be displayed at the bottom-right corner of the status bar in the application's main window.

Note: When running the camera on a system that does not meet the minimal requirements (see <u>"System Requirements" on page 9</u>), the frame rate value can be less than it is set with the **Frame Rate Control** option, especially when running with full viewport and with high frequencies.

Auto White Balance

Note: These controls are used for the SMX-M82C and SMX-M83C color camera models.

Enable the **Auto White Balance Hardware** and/or **Auto White Balance Software** checkboxes if you want to automatically balance white at the hardware and/or software

levels every time when the picture changes. For Auto White Balance Software operation, check also the **Enable** box on the **Color Balance** tab of the main window.

◄	Auto White Balance Hardware
◄	Auto White Balance Software

Figure 4-14 Auto White Balance checkboxes

For more information on white balance, see "Color Balance" on page 36.

Output Bits per Pixel

If the Use 10 bits box is checked, it enables the software to transmit 10 bit images from the camera as opposed to regular 8 bit.

🔲 Use 10 Bits

Figure 4-15 10 bit mode checkbox

Filtering

The Median Filter option turns on pixel averaging. The brightness of every single pixel becomes affected by the brightness of its neighbor pixels and the whole image becomes smoother.

🔽 Median Filter

Figure 4-16 Median Filter checkbox

Removing Error Frames

SMX-M8xx Series cameras can sometimes record frames with errors. To ignore and remove such error frames, check the Show Only Valid Frames box in the bottom of the Device Settings window.

✓ Show Only Valid Frames

Figure 4-17 Show Only Valid Frames checkbox

Saving and Loading Camera Profiles

The SMX-M8xx camera application automatically stores most of the camera settings on exit and restores them on startup. You can also store current settings in profile files (*.pro) and load them whenever you need. Profiles store frequency, gain, exposure, viewport, flip, black level and column balancing, and other settings.

To save current camera settings into a profile:

1 Press Ctrl+s.

OR

In the File menu select the Save Profile command.

2 Save Camera Profile box appears. Type in profile title and select a folder where you want to save the file.

Save Camera A	Profile					×
Save in:	ᠾ test		•	← 🗈	➡ 📰 🕈	
Recent Places	4					
Desktop						
Libraries	1.pro					
Computer						
Network						
	File name:	2			•	Save
	Save as type:	Profile Files (*.pro)			•	Cancel

Figure 4-18 Saving camera profile

3 Press Save.

To load a profile:

- 1 Press **Ctrl+o** or in the **File** menu, select the **Open Profile** command.
- 2 Load Camera Profile box appears. Browse to a folder with profile files and select one you want to load.

S Load Camera	Profile				X
Look in:	鷆 test		•	+ 🗈 💣 📰	•
Recent Places	1.pro	2.pro			
Libraries Computer Other Network					
	File name: 2 Files of type: P	rofile Files (*.pro)		•	Open Cancel

Figure 4-19 Loading camera profile

3 Press Open.

Chapter 5

CAPTURING

The SMX-M8xx camera application enables you to capture images from the camera and to store them in BMP or TIFF format files. You can also save files with video that you record.

Capturing Images

To capture frames:

- 1 Start video (press **F5** or the button **Start Video** in the toolbar).
- 2 You can capture a single frame or a frame sequence:
 - For a single frame press **F2** or the button **m** in the toolbar
 - For a sequence press **F3** or the button **2** in the toolbar.
- **3** The frame/frame sequence is captured immediately and saved in the folder specified in **Capture Options** (see <u>"Saving Options" on page 45</u>).

Capture Limits

The **Limits** section in the **Capture Options** dialog box allows controlling the capture parameters. To open the dialog box, press **Alt+c** on the keyboard.

You can lower the noise level in the frame being captured using the **Capture single frame as average** of box. Check the box and type in the number of frame you want to average.

- Limits
✓ Capture single frame as average of 2 frames
Capture a frame every 100 ms Snapshot Save Only

Figure 5-1 Limits section of Capture Options

By default, two frames are captured in a sequence. You can increase this value:

- 1 Check the Limit sequence count to box.
- 2 Type in the new value in the field near the checkbox.
- 3 Change the time period for capturing frames in the **Capture a frame every** field. The sequence capture interval cannot be less than current frame exposure time. If it is less, an error message will be displayed when you try to perform a sequence capture:



Figure 5-2 Message about incorrect sequence capture interval

4 Press OK.

Recording Video

To record a video:

- 1 Start video (press **F5** or the button **Start Video** in the toolbar).
- 2 To start video recording, press **F4** or the button **in** the toolbar.
- 3 Press **Shitf+F5** to stop the video stream or click the Stop Video button in the toolbar.
- 4 The video is recorded and saved in the folder specified in **Capture Options** (see <u>"Sav-ing Options</u>" on page 45) as an **.avi** file.

Saving Video to Memory

You can save video or frames to the core memory. This is done without a delay between frames. Do the following:

- 1 Start video.
- 2 Press the Save Video to Memory button in the toolbar or press Shift+F4 on the keyboard.

Number of frames in the video is set via the **Capture Options** box. Type in the required number in the **Capture Limit** field:

Capture Limit: 100

Figure 5-3 Save Video to Memory section

When you use the **Save to Memory** option, frames will be saved as image files similarly to the simple saving (see <u>"Saving Options" on page 45</u>). Video will be saved as a **.smx** file which can be replayed and converted to the **.avi** file with the **SMXView** utility that goes with the standard SMX-M8x software package.

Saving video directly to memory can slow down the camera's output visualization, but this method insures that no frames are missing in the saved file.

Saving Options

When you capture frames or record a video, they are saved in directory and with file prefix specified in **Capture Options**.

To change options for saving frames/video:

1 Open the **Capture Options** dialog by pressing **Alt+c** on the keyboard or go to the **File** menu and select **Capture Options**.

SMX-M8x Capture Options	X
Picture File Store Folder	
C:\Users\Igor\Desktop	<u>ک</u>
File Name Prefixes Single Frame FRAME_ Sequence SEQ_ Video VIDEO_ Capture single frame as average of 2	
Limit sequence count to 2 frames Capture a frame every 1 ms Snapshot S	ave Only
Save Video to Memory Capture Limit 100 0K 0K	Cancel

Figure 5-4 Capture Options box

- 2 Set the options:
 - a. In the **Picture File Store Folder** box, change the directory in which you want to save frames/video or leave the default one.

```
Note: This folder will also store snapshots (see "Snapshots" on page 47).
```

- b. Change the prefix that will be assigned to all frame/frame sequence and video files or leave the default ones. Use the Single Frame, Sequence and Video fields. The files are named automatically by combining the corresponding File Name Prefix and numerical value that is calculated by the number of last captured file + 1.
- c. Select image file format for frames:
- **BMP** saves any 8 bit or 10 bit image as 8 bit BMP image.

• **TIFF** - saves 8 bit image as 8 bit TIFF image and 10 bit image as 10 bit TIFF image. Select also compression type: **NONE** (without compression) or **LZW** (Lemple-Zif-Welch - lossless type of compression).

Note: The selected image format will also be used for snapshots.

3 Press OK.

Chapter 6

SNAPSHOTS

Snapshots Basics

The SMX-M8xx Series cameras can work only in one of the two modes at the same time: **Video** or **Snapshot**. When the camera is not in the video mode, it is possible to take a snapshot - to capture a still image. A snapshot can be triggered by the software, or by external (with respect to the camera) hardware.

The Video mode is the normal mode when the camera is producing the image data. The Snapshot mode forces the camera to capture a still image (a single frame).

To take a snapshot from the camera, use the **Snapshot** section of the camera application main window. Remember that you need to stop video (**Shift+F5**) before you turn on the snapshot mode. To start the snapshot process, press the **Snapshot** button.

Taking Snapshots Using Software Trigger

To make a snapshot using the software trigger:

- 1 Turn the video mode on (press F5 or the Start Video button in the toolbar).
- 2 Set exposure, gain, viewport, etc.
- 3 Turn the video mode off (press Shift+F5 or the Stop Video button in the toolbar).
- 4 Click the **Snapshot** button in the **Snapshot** section of the main window.

Snapshot		
	Snapshot	
Timeout (sec) 🔁 丁 📔 External Frigger	Cancel	
SMX-M82 Color Ready	Stoppe	

Figure 6-1 Making a snapshot using software trigger

- 5 The **Snapshot** window will open.
- *Note:* In the **Video** mode, the **Exposure** slider controls the exposure time for the video. When the video is stopped, the **Exposure** slider controls the exposure time of the snapshot.

For continuous sequence of snapshots, use the **Loop** option. The stream of continuous snapshots will be displayed in the **Snapshot** window. This mode can be useful to adjust the picture parameters for the Snapshot mode.

To make a continuous sequence of snapshots:

1 Turn off the video.

- 2 Check the **Loop** box in the **Snapshot** section of the main window.
- 3 Click the Snapshot button. Snapshots will continuously appear in the Snapshot window.
- **4** To stop taking snapshots, press **Cancel**.

Taking Snapshots Using Hardware Trigger

To take a snapshot using a hardware trigger:

- 1 Connect an external device (equipment).
- 2 Turn the video mode off (press Shift+F5 or the Stop Video button in the toolbar).
- **3** Set exposure, gain, viewport, etc.
- 4 Set **Timeout** (seconds to wait for external triggering pulse).
- 5 Check the **External Trigger** box.
- 6 Click the **Snapshot** button.

	Snapshot
Timeout (sec) C T IV External Trigger	Cancel
SMX-M82 Color Ready	Stopped

Figure 6-2 Taking a snapshot using the hardware trigger

- 7 Apply triggering pulse (See "External Trigger Connector Pinout" on page 48).
- 8 As a result, the **Snapshot** window will open if the camera has detected the external triggering pulse.
- 9 If it failed to detect the external triggering pulse, the **Snapshot** window will not open and a timeout message will be displayed in the application status bar).

Γ	Snapshot				
L	Loop	Sna	pshot		
L	Timeout (sec) 5 🗢 🔽 External Trigger				
L		Ca	ncel		
L					
1	Snapshot Status: Empty Frame (Time: Zoom 1x Stoppe:				

Figure 6-3 Timeout message in the application status bar

External Trigger Connector Pinout

External Trigger Connector Pinout is described in the table below.

Note: It is strongly recommended not to change any of the camera's settings when running the **Snapshot Loop** mode. This may interrupt the camera operation.

Pin Number	Direction	Signal	Polarity
1	Input	External trigger input 1	Positive
2	Output	Frame start pulse	Positive
3	-	User programmed output	-
4	Input	External trigger input 2	Negative
5	Output	Synchronous Shutter Start	Positive
6	-	Common (Ground)	-

- **External trigger input 1** an input used to trigger a snapshot by applying a positive pulse (3.3V, duration is not less than one period of clock frequency)
- Frame start pulse a pulse occurs at this output when the image sensor starts scanning a new frame
- User programmed output a user programmed output
- External trigger input 2 the same as the External trigger input 1, but for negative triggering pulse
- Synchronous shutter start a pulse occurs at this output when the camera is in the Snapshot mode and snapshot control sequence begins. It can be used to trigger another camera for synchronous operation, or to activate a flash



Figure 6-4 Camera Connector View, as mounted on the camera

Setting External Trigger Polarity

The polarity of external trigger is set via the **Device Setting** window (press **Alt+s** on the keyboard).

External Trigger Polarity			
	Positive	•	
	Positive		
- Black	Negative		bn Value

Figure 6-5 Setting the external trigger polarity

The following options are available:

- **Positive -** the **External Trigger Input 1** will be enabled
- **Negative** the **External Trigger Input 2** will be enabled.

Saving Snapshots

When you take snapshots, they are saved in directory and with file prefix specified in **Capture Options**.

To change options for saving snapshots:

 Open the Capture Options dialog by pressing Alt+c on the keyboard or go to the File menu and select Capture Options.

SMX-M8x Capture Options				
Picture File Store Folder C:\Users\Igor\Desktop	<u>e</u>			
File Name Prefixes Single Frame FRAME_ Sequence SEQ_ Video VIDEO_	Format C BMP C TIFF NONE NONE ZW			
Limits Capture single frame as average of 2 frames Limit sequence count to 2 frames Capture a frame every 1 ms Snapshot Save Only				
Save Video to Memory Capture Limit: 100	OK Cancel			

Figure 6-6 Snapshot saving options

- 2 Set the options:
 - a. In the **Picture File Store Folder** box, change the directory in which you want to save snapshots or leave the default one.
- *Note:* This folder will also store captured videos and frames.
 - b. Change the prefix that will be assigned to all snapshot files or leave the default one. Use the Snapshot field. The files are named automatically by combining the corresponding File Name Prefix and numerical value that is calculated by the number of last captured file + 1.

- c. Select image file format:
- **BMP** saves any 8 bit or 10 bit image as 8 bit BMP image.

• **TIFF** - saves 8 bit image as 8 bit TIFF image and 10 bit image as 10 bit TIFF image. Select also compression type: **NONE** (without compression) or **LZW** (Lemple-Zif-Welch - lossless type of compression).

Note: The selected image format will also be used for captured frames.

d. Check the **Snapshot Save Only** to save snapshots without showing them on the screen.

Press OK.

It is possible to use the SMX-M8xx cameras to get images using the **Scanners and Cameras** option - standard **Windows Administrative Tool** (in the **Control Panel**, open **Scanners and Cameras**).

You can use almost any of the image editing programs to get images from the SMX-M8xx cameras. This option is available in most image editing programs. We will use an image editing program that is always available in Windows XP - Microsoft Paint.

Note: WIA operation with the camera is demonstrated in Windows XP operating system.

Installation

To use the SMX-M8xx cameras for getting images, you should first install the required software - TWAIN driver. Installing and using the TWAIN driver require that the needed hardware for the camera is already installed (see <u>"Installation" on page 9</u>).

If the TWAIN driver was installed during the SMX-M8xx USB2.0 camera Software Package installation, it is ready to be used. If not, browse to the *Sumix* folder, to which the camera was installed, and open the *SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera**Drivers**TWAIN* folder. To install the TWAIN driver, run the *SMX15WIA.exe* application file. Wait awhile for completing the driver installation.

The TWAIN driver is installed and ready to be used now.

Note: The TWAIN driver is not available yet for 64 bit Windows.

How It Works

Location

Open the **Control Panel** window (click **Start>Control Panel**), then open **Scanners and Cameras**.



Figure 7-1 Scanners and Cameras in the Control Panel window

Since **TWAIN Driver** is already installed, the **SMX-M8xx Series USB2.0 Camera WIA** should be in the list.



Figure 7-2 Viewing Scanners and Cameras

Now you can use the **SMX-M8xx Series USB2.0 Camera WIA** to get the image from your camera.

Getting Image Using Scanner and Camera Wizard

To get the image using the Scanner and Camera Wizard:

- 1 Connect the SMX-M81M, SMX-M82C or SMX-M83C USB2.0 Camera to your computer
- 2 Open Control Panel>Scanners and Cameras
- 3 Select SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera WIA and do one of the following:
 - Right-click and select **Get picture using Scanner Wizard**.



Figure 7-3 Selecting the Scanner Wizard to get image from camera

• Double-click the selection. **Welcome to the Scanner and Camera Wizard** will appear.



Figure 7-4 Scanner and Camera Wizard

Scanner and Camera Wizard				
Choose Scanning Preferences Choose your scanning preferences, and then click Preview to see how your preferences affect the picture.				
Picture type:				
Scolor picture	.			
Grayscale picture				
Sustom				
Custom settings	•			
	Preview	會 (國)		
	< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext >	Cancel		

4 Click the **Next** button to go to the next step of the **Scanner and Camera Wizard**.

Figure 7-5 Scanner and Camera Wizard: selecting the scanning preferences

5 Select **Picture Type** and adjust the image's settings:

cture type:			
Properties		?	☑
Advanced Properties			
Appearance			
	Brightness:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		0	
	Contrast		
		0	
	-		
Resolution (DPI):	Picture type:		
150	Color picture	~	

Figure 7-6 Scanner and Camera Wizard: Advanced Properties

- **Color picture** to get the color image
- Grayscale picture to get the black-and-white image
- 6 Click the **Custom Settings** button to adjust properties of the image



Figure 7-7 Scanner and Camera Wizard: preview

- 7 Click the **Preview** button to view the image from the camera to be scanned.
- 8 Resize the image if needed.
- 9 Click the **Next** button to go to the next step of the **Scanner and Camera Wizard**.

Scanner and Camera Wizard		
Pic	Select a name and destination for your pictures.	
1.	Type a name for this group of pictures:	
	Picture	
2.	<u>S</u> elect a file format:	
	📸 TIF (TIF File) 💌	
3.	Choose a place to save this group of pictures:	
	Spowse	
	< <u>B</u> ack <u>Next></u> Cancel	

Figure 7-8 Scanner and Camera Wizard: picture name and destination

- **10** Enter the name, select file format and specify the location where you want to save your picture.
- 11 Click the Next button the Scanner and Camera Wizard starts scanning the picture.



Figure 7-9 Scanner and Camera Wizard: scanning picture

12 After the **Wizard** finishes scanning the picture, you will be asked for other options of the picture. Select the last option and click the **Next** button.

🌣 Scanner and Camera Wizard 🛛 🛛 🕅			
Other Options You can choose to keep working with your pictures.			
Your pictures have been successfully copied to your computer or network. You can also publish these pictures to a Web site or order prints online.			
What do you want to do?			
O Publish these pictures to a Web site			
○ Order prints of these pictures from a photo printing Web site			
Nothing, I'm finished working with these pictures			
Learn more about <u>working with pictures</u> .			
< <u>Back</u> <u>N</u> ext > Cancel			

Figure 7-10 Scanner and Camera Wizard: other options

8. On the last step of the Scanner and Camera Wizard click the Finish button.



Figure 7-11 Completing the Scanner and Camera Wizard

Microsoft Windows will open the folder, where you saved your scanned image.

Getting Image Using Scan

To get the image using Scan:

- 1 Connect the SMX-M81M, SMX-M82C or SMX-M83C USB2.0 Camera to your computer.
- 2 Open Control Panel>Scanners and Cameras.
- 3 Right-click SMX-M8x USB2.0 Camera WIA and select Scan.

😌 Scanners and Cameras		
File Edit View Favorites Tools	Help	
🔇 Back 🝷 🕥 - 🎓 🔎	Search 😥 Folders 🛄 🕶	
Address 🍣 Scanners and Cameras		💌 🄁 Go
Imaging Tasks 🏾 🎗	SMX-M8X Series USB2 Community Scan Get picture using Scanner Wizard	
Get pictures View device properties	Delete Rename	
Other Places	Properties	
 Control Panel My Documents Shared Documents My Network Places 		
Details © SMX-M8X Series USB2.0 Camera WIA Image scanner		

Figure 7-12 Scanners and Cameras: selecting Scan

4 As a result a window with a list of available programs will appear - the programs that are installed in your computer to launch for scanning the image.



Figure 7-13 Select the program to launch for Scanning

Note Some image editor programs that can be also used for scanning images might not be displayed in the list that is shown (see Figure 7-13 Select the program to launch for Scanning). It might be due to the current operating system settings or the image editing program configuration. For more information, see **Help Topics** of Windows operating system about **Scanners and Cameras** or **Help Topics** of the image editing program

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5 Select the program most suitable for you and click the **OK** button. The selected program will open and **Scan Using SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera WIA** will open.

> Scan using SMX-M8X Series USB2.0 Camera WIA 🔹 👔		
What do you want to scan?		
Select an option below for the type of picture you want to scan.		
Color picture		
Grayscale picture		
Custom Settings		
You can also: Adjust the quality of the scanned picture		
	Preview Scan Cancel	

Figure 7-14 Scan using SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera WIA

- Note Not all image editing programs open **Scan Using SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera WIA** window (<u>see Figure 7-14 Scan using SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera WIA</u>) automatically some of them just open the program's main window. It depends on the image editing program configuration. In this case, for more information get Help Topic of this program.
 - 6 Select Color or Grayscale picture or click the Adjust the quality of the scanned picture link to change the image's settings. Click the Preview button to preview the image to be scanned.
 - 7 When ready, click the Scan button the image editor will start scanning and will show the scanned image in the current program's window.

Getting Image from Camera Using Microsoft Paint

To get the image from the camera using Microsoft Paint program:

- 1 Open Microsoft Paint (click Start>All Programs>Accessories>Paint).
- 2 Connect the SMX-M81M, SMX-M82C or SMX-M83C USB2.0 Camera to your computer.
- 3 In Microsoft Paint, open File>From Scanner or Camera... Scan Using SMX-M8x Series USB2.0 Camera WIA will open.



Figure 7-15 Getting image from camera using Microsoft Paint program

4 Adjust the image's settings, click **Preview** to view the image that is scanning.



Figure 7-16 Microsoft Paint: Image received after scanning

- 5 When ready, click the **Scan** button.
- 6 When done, save the scanned image.
- *Note:* To get more information about *Scanners and Cameras* operation, see standard *Window's XP Help Topics* about it.

USE OF ACCESSORIES

SMX-M8xx Series cameras can be supplied with the following accessories:

- 1. C-mount adapter
- 2. C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter
- 3. Tripod adapter
- 4. USB A to Mini B cable

This chapter will show you how to use the cameras with adapters.

Using C-mount Adapter with IR-cut Filter

The SMX-M8xx Series cameras can be a C-mount (with the adapter/adapter with filter) or a CS-mount (without the adapter/adapter with filter).

IR-cut Filter Characteristics

The IR-cut filter provided with the camera has the following characteristics:

- Diameter = 20mm
- Thickness = 2 mm

Chart of the IR-cut filter transmission characteristics:





C-mount

In this case, the camera is used with the C-mount adapter or with the C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter:



Using Adapter with Color Cameras. Since the SMX-M8xx color cameras are sensitive to IR-light, use the C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter for the color camera models to make colors of the image more realistic.

Many light sources, including the sun, emit infrared light, so the color camera in daylight will see a significant amount of infrared light without the IR-cut filter. As a result, strange, non-realistic colors appear.

Another reason for using the IR-cut filter is the limited color correction for many lenses. that have different depth of focus for the visible and infrared spectrum. The IR-cut filter cuts away a significant amount of the overall collected light and thereby affects the sensitivity in a negative way. In general, color cameras are one factor less sensitive compared to monochrome (depending on the sensor). This is primarily due to the IR-cut filter.

Using Adapter with Monochrome Cameras. SMX-M8xx monochrome cameras (the SMX-M81M cameras) are more sensitive to infrared light than color models. Using the cameras in the environment rich for infrared light may result in highlighted images. To avoid this effect, use the C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter for monochrome cameras.

CS-mount

In this case, the camera is used without both C-mount adapter and C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter:



Converting the Camera from CS-mount to C-mount or from C-mount to CS-mount

Usually the SMX-M8xx camera goes with the C-mount adapter or C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter already screwed in.

- To use the SMX-M8xx camera as CS-mount, screw the C-mount adapter/C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter out.
- To use the SMX-M8xx camera as C-mount, screw the C-mount adapter/C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter in.
- *Note* It is recommended to screw in (as well as screwing out) the C-mount adapter/C-mount adapter with IR-cut filter, lens or the camera's cover when the camera is facing down or when the camera is in horizontal position to prevent the sensor contamination



Using Tripod Adapter

The SMX-M8xx camera may go with the Tripod adapter already put on:



To remove the tripod adapter from the camera:

- 1 Loosen the screw of the adapter.
- 2 Remove it from the camera:



To put the tripod adapter on the camera:

- 1 Loosen the screw of the adapter.
- 2 Put the Tripod adapter on the camera. Locate the tripod on the camera as shown in the image below:


Appendix 1

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Keyboard shortcut	Description
F1	Help
F2	Captures a frame into bitmap file
F3	Captures a sequence of frames into bitmap files
F4	Captures a sequence of frames into AVI file
Shift + F4	Capture a sequence of frames into the memory
F5	Starts live video display in the View window
Shift+F5	Stops live video display and closes the View window
F9	Takes a snapshot
F12	Brings up the Main window when displaying the live video
Esc	The same as Shift + F5, stops the video
Ctrl + O	Opens Camera Profile
Ctrl + S	Stores Camera Profile
Ctrl+C	Copies an image from the camera to buffer
Alt + C	Brings up the Capture Options dialog box
Alt + S	Brings up the Device Settings dialog box
Alt + V	Brings up the Viewport Settings dialog box
н	Brings up the Histogram
W	Performs White Balance (Soft) using Color Balance
Alt + W	Performs White Balance (Hard) using Gain Controls
Numpad +/-	Zoom In/Zoom Out the picture in the View window
Numpad *	Restores the picture in the View window to its original (100%) size

Appendix 2

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TOOLBAR OVERVIEW

The most common menu commands are duplicated on the application toolbar:



Starts saving Video to memory



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