

QUICK START GUIDE

HARRIER HDMI CAMERA INTERFACE BOARD

Introduction

This guide is designed to get you quickly up and running with the **Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board** (AS-CIB-HDMI-001-A) and the Harrier USB/HDMI Evaluation Kit (AS-CIB-USBHDMI-001-EVAL-A). The interface board can be purchased with a Sony FCB-EV7520A camera as a pre-assembled unit, shown in Figure 1 (AS-CIB-HDMI-001-7520A-A).

This document should be read in conjunction with the Harrier HDMI interface board datasheet and other documents available on [Active Silicon's website](http://www.activesilicon.com), (see Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board - Downloads section):

<https://www.activesilicon.com/products/harrier-hdmi-camera-interface-board/>



Figure 1. Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board mounted on a camera.



Figure 2. Reverse side of Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board.

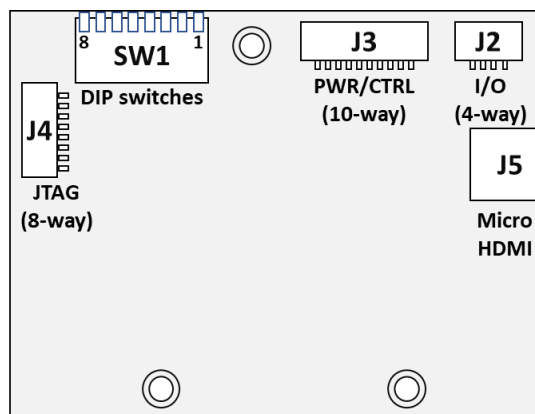


Figure 3. Interface board block diagram showing position of connectors and DIP switches

The Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board can also be supplied in USB/HDMI or USB-only variants. A 3G-SDI/HD-SDI camera interface board is also available. For more details contact Active Silicon.

Evaluation Kit Contents

The Evaluation Kit (AS-CIB-USBHDMI-001-EVAL-A) contains all the parts needed to evaluate the Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board (and the Harrier USB/HDMI board).

Note that the Evaluation Kit does not include a Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board or camera, these need to be ordered separately.

Please check that you have all the parts listed below:

- Harrier Evaluation Board
- Red 10-way cable
- Black 4-way cable
- White 8-way cable
- Micro HDMI cable
- USB Type A to mini USB cable
- Multi-region 12V power supply (please fit the adapter suitable for your region)

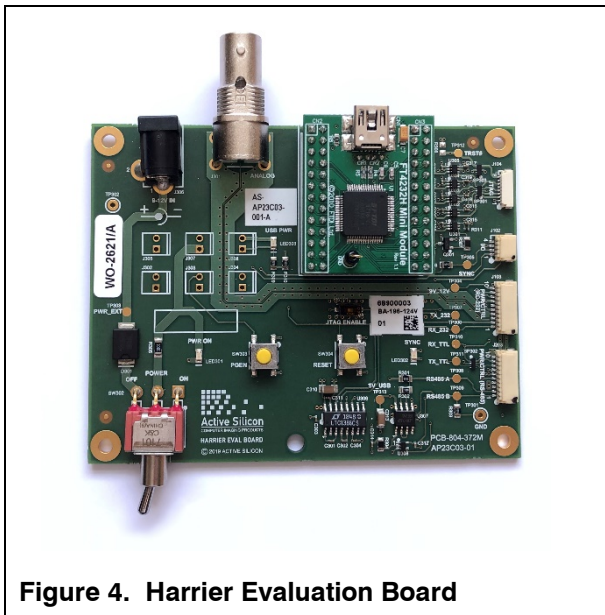


Figure 4. Harrier Evaluation Board

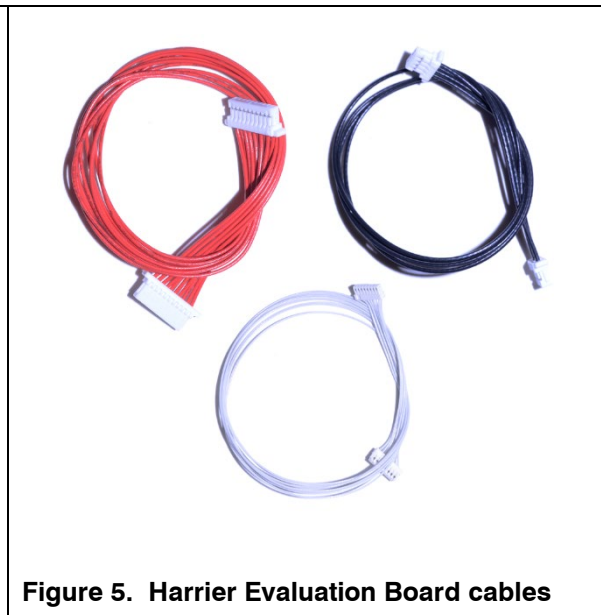


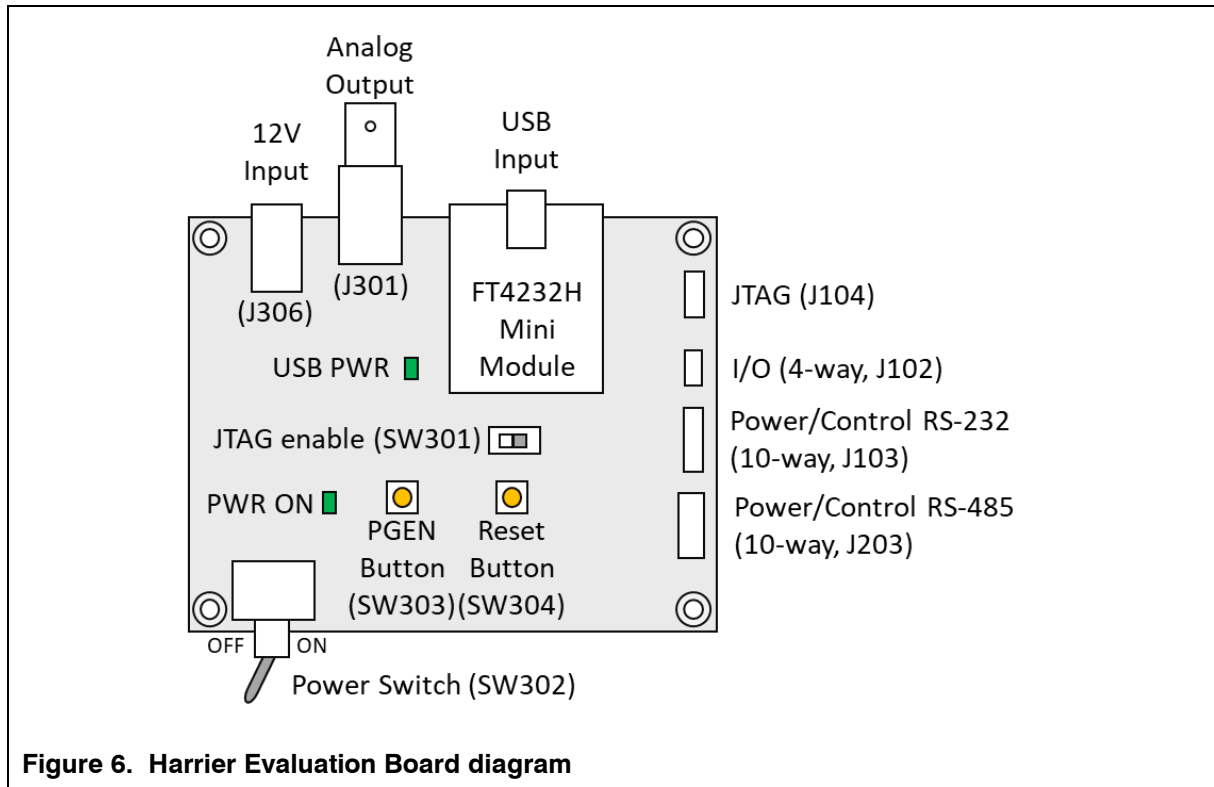
Figure 5. Harrier Evaluation Board cables

Sony Camera Control Application

To evaluate the serial communications capability you will need an application that can provide serial communication via a COM port, like the [Sony Camera Control software](#) application.

Note: in its default build configuration, the Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board only supports TTL communications.

Harrier Evaluation Board Overview



The Harrier Evaluation Board connects to the camera interface board using the supplied cable kit.

- JTAG (J104) - white 8-way cable (connects to J4; not required for normal use).
- I/O (J102) - black 4-way cable (connects to J2).
- Power/control RS-232 (J103) - red 10-way cable (connects to J3).

The board is powered by the 12V power supply via a barrel connector (J306). This supply is also used as a power supply for the camera and is connected to the camera via the Power Switch (SW302). When the Power Switch (and camera power supply) is switched ON the PWR ON LED will illuminate.

For more information please see the [Harrier Evaluation Board datasheet](#) on the [Active Silicon website](#) (see Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board - Downloads section).

Setting the Camera Video Mode

Changing the video output mode of the Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board can be done using an external controller over the serial (TTL) interface.

Cameras usually start up in the same video mode that was set when the camera was powered down. Immediately after power-up completes, the camera interface board can change the camera video mode to a user chosen mode; this ensures that on application start-up the camera is always in a known video mode. This is done by setting DIP switches 1 to 4 on the Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board as shown below. VISCA commands can be used at any time to change the camera video mode (requires camera reset).

SW1-4	SW1-3	SW1-2	SW1-1	VIDEO FORMAT	MODE	HDMI
OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	Default Camera Mode ⁽¹⁾	0	✓
OFF	OFF	OFF	ON	1080p60 ⁽²⁾	1	✓
OFF	OFF	ON	OFF	1080p59.94 ⁽²⁾	2	✓
OFF	OFF	ON	ON	1080p50 ⁽²⁾	3	✓
OFF	ON	OFF	OFF	1080p30	4	✓
OFF	ON	OFF	ON	1080p29	5	✓
OFF	ON	ON	OFF	1080p25	6	✓
OFF	ON	ON	ON	1080i60	7	✓
ON	OFF	OFF	OFF	1080i59.94	8	✓
ON	OFF	OFF	ON	1080i50	9	✓
ON	OFF	ON	OFF	720p60	10	✓
ON	OFF	ON	ON	720p59.94	11	✓
ON	ON	OFF	OFF	720p50	12	✓
ON	ON	OFF	ON	720p30	13	✓
ON	ON	ON	OFF	720p29	14	✓
ON	ON	ON	ON	720p25	15	✓

Table 1. DIP switch settings for selecting camera video output mode

Notes:

- 1) “Default camera mode”: on power-up, the camera will start in the video format/mode that was set/being used when it was last powered down. The video mode can then be changed using a VISCA serial command, followed by a camera reset (there is also the camera hard reset in the extended VISCA commands which will also serve this purpose).
- 2) Due to the high data bandwidth required, these video modes (above 1080p30) require the camera to be set to dual LVDS mode. Other modes (1080p30 and below) require the camera to be set to single LVDS mode. When using VISCA commands to change camera video mode the LVDS mode must be set correctly, otherwise there will be no video output from the camera. See your camera documentation for more information on VISCA commands for setting LVDS mode.
- 3) **The DIP switches to select the video format are only read on power-up.** Therefore, to change mode using the DIP switches, power down the camera, set the switches and then power up the camera. DIP switches will only be effective for the operating modes supported by the camera currently in use.

Setting up the System

The Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board needs to be connected to a camera and power supply. To get the board running please follow the instructions below:

1. Connect the camera to the camera interface board connector (J1) using a KEL30 multi-way cable (connector type: KEL USL00-30L). (If you have purchased a pre-assembled camera module, e.g. AS-CIB-HDMI-001-7520A-A, this cable will be already be connected).
2. Connect the camera interface board I/O connector (J2) to the Harrier Evaluation Board I/O connector (J102) using the black 4-way cable.
3. Connect the camera interface board PWR/CTRL connector (J3) to the Harrier Evaluation Board PWR/CTRL connector J103 using the 10-way cable.
4. To see the camera output on HDMI, use the micro HDMI cable to connect the camera interface board micro HDMI out connector (J5) to a monitor that can display the video modes that you intend to use (maximum 1080p60).
5. If you want to use serial communications with the camera, connect the mini USB connector to the USB connector on the Harrier Evaluation Board and connect the USB A plug to a PC. The USB PWR LED should light up indicating a live connection to the PC. An easy way to do this is to use the [Sony Camera Control software](#) application.
6. Set/check the DIP switch settings, e.g. SW1 (1-4) OFF (no video mode change on power up).
7. Connect the power supply barrel connector to the Harrier Evaluation Board power input connector (J306).
8. Set the Harrier Evaluation Board power switch (SW302) to OFF (left, viewed from above).
9. Plug in the power supply and switch ON the Harrier Evaluation Board power switch (SW302). The PWR ON should light up.
10. The camera will make audible mechanical noises as it goes through its power up sequence and after a short time the interface board video output will be working.
Note: if the DIP switches have been used to set the camera mode, and the mode last used was different to the DIP switch setting, it will take a few seconds for the camera interface board to detect this, change the camera mode and reset the camera.
11. If the HDMI cable is connected you will see the camera video on the monitor (if the monitor supports the mode set on the camera).

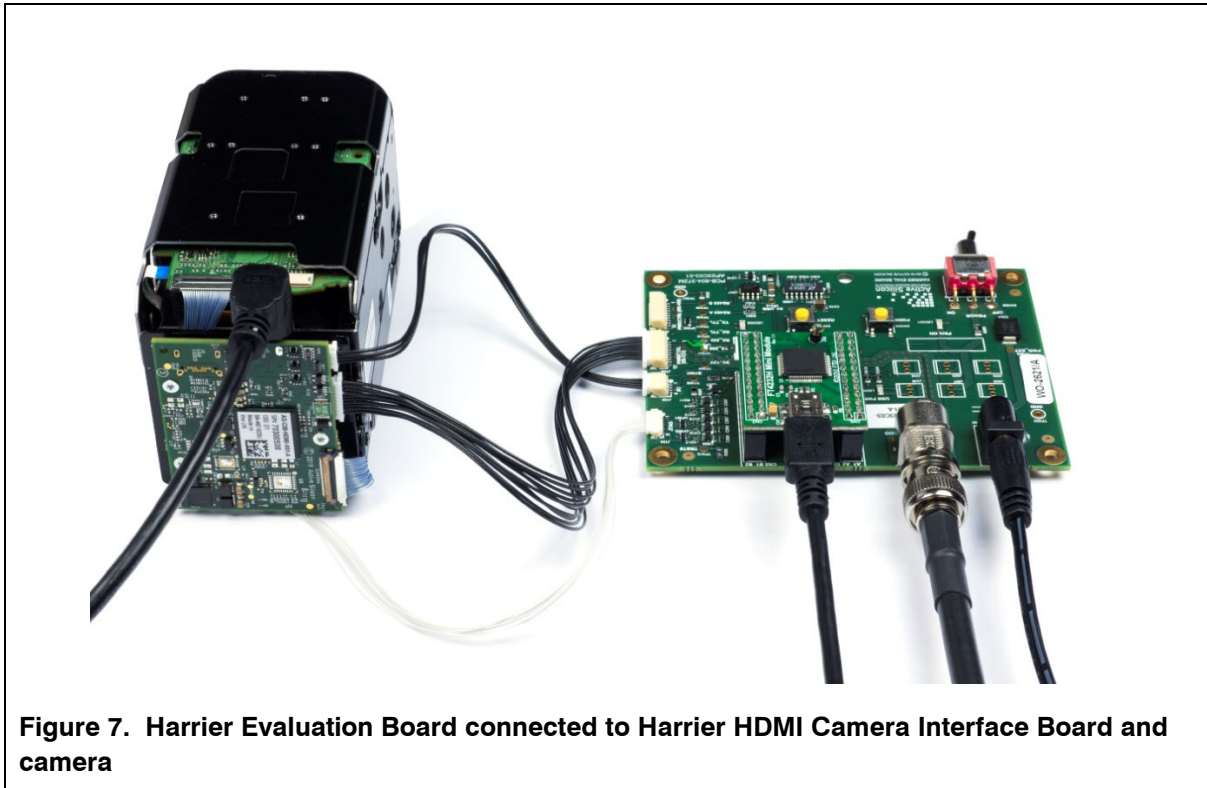


Figure 7. Harrier Evaluation Board connected to Harrier HDMI Camera Interface Board and camera

Test Pattern

With no video input connected, a simple blue screen is displayed. You may see this when the camera resets.

To display a 1080p60 static test pattern (Figure 8), press the PGEN button on the Harrier Evaluation Board.

Note: this will only work if the 4-way cable is connected between the Harrier Evaluation Board (J102) and the camera interface board (J2).

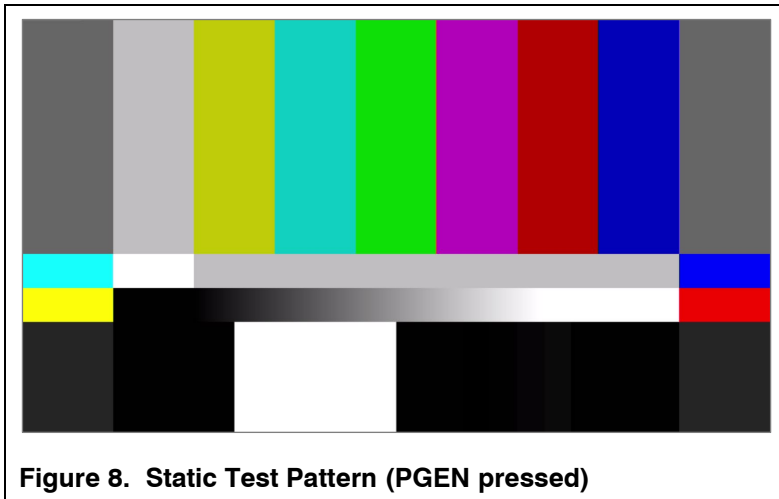


Figure 8. Static Test Pattern (PGEN pressed)

Reset Button

Pressing this button on the Harrier Evaluation Board causes the camera interface board and camera to reset. Some features require a camera reset to activate/complete certain VISCA commands (e.g. change of video mode).

Note: this button only works if the 4-way cable is connected between the Harrier Evaluation Board (J102) and the camera interface board (J2).

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In case of any issues, please contact Active Silicon Technical Support on the telephone numbers below or by email to techsupport@activesilicon.com.



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