

The Falcon 720 infrared detector uses the latest focal plane technology to provide high definition infrared images compatible with commercial 720p HDTV signal formats. The  $12\mu m$ -pitch focal plane array enables this high definition detector to be offered in a compact, low-cost, low-power format.

The Falcon Medium Wave Infrared (MWIR) detector is a compact and lightweight 1280 x 720 Mercury Cadmium Telluride (MCT) Integrated Detector Cooler Assembly (IDCA). The Falcon MWIR detector is designed for high performance, low cost imaging in the  $3\text{-}5\mu\text{m}$  waveband.

Using the MCT process, the Falcon MWIR detector provides the highest environmental integrity along with the superior performance of focal plane detectors.

## MAIN FEATURES

- Integrate-then-read (ITR) or Integrate-while-read (IWR) operation
- Simple to use
- Medium wave 3-5µm
- Small element pitch enables miniaturisation of the Dewar assembly and optics
- High electro-optic performance with low crosstalk, automatic anti-blooming at the pixel level and excellent sensitivity
- Windowing gives enhanced frame rates over selected areas of the array
- Electronic boresighting provides low-cost method for precision alignment of FPA to optical axis
- · Higher operating temperature than InSb
  - · Longer cooler life
  - · Less in-service support
  - · Lower through-life cost



## **KEY BENEFITS**

- Low cost
- Lightweight
- Compact
- · High resolution



# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### **Format**

| Array       | 1280 x 720 pixels |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Pixel pitch | 12µm              |
| Active area | 15.36 x 8.64mm    |

# Typical performance

| NETD (median)     | 22mK   |
|-------------------|--------|
| Pixel operability | >99.8% |

## Interface parameters

| Modes                 | ITR or IWR                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Configuration control | Single serial interface       |
| Charge capacity       | 4 x 10 <sup>6</sup> electrons |
| Number of outputs     | 8                             |
| Pixel rate            | Up to 10MHz per output        |
| Array operating       | 80 to 100K                    |
| temperature           |                               |
| Window material       | Germanium                     |
| Window thickness      | 1.73mm                        |
| Cold filter material  | Silicon                       |
| Cold filter thickness | 0.4mm                         |
|                       |                               |

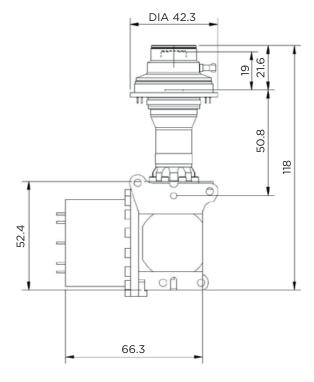
## **Rotary cooler**

| Weight            | 500g                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Power consumption | 6W steady state        |
| Cooling engine    | Rotary Stirling engine |
| Operating         | -40°C to +70°C         |
| temperature       |                        |
| range             |                        |

## Linear cooler

| Weight            | 1100g                  |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Power consumption | 8W steady state        |
| Cooling engine    | Linear Stirling engine |
| Operating         | -40°C to +70°C         |
| temperature       |                        |
| range             |                        |
| Cooler MTTF       | 40,000 hours           |

Alternative cooler options are available



All dimensions in mm

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