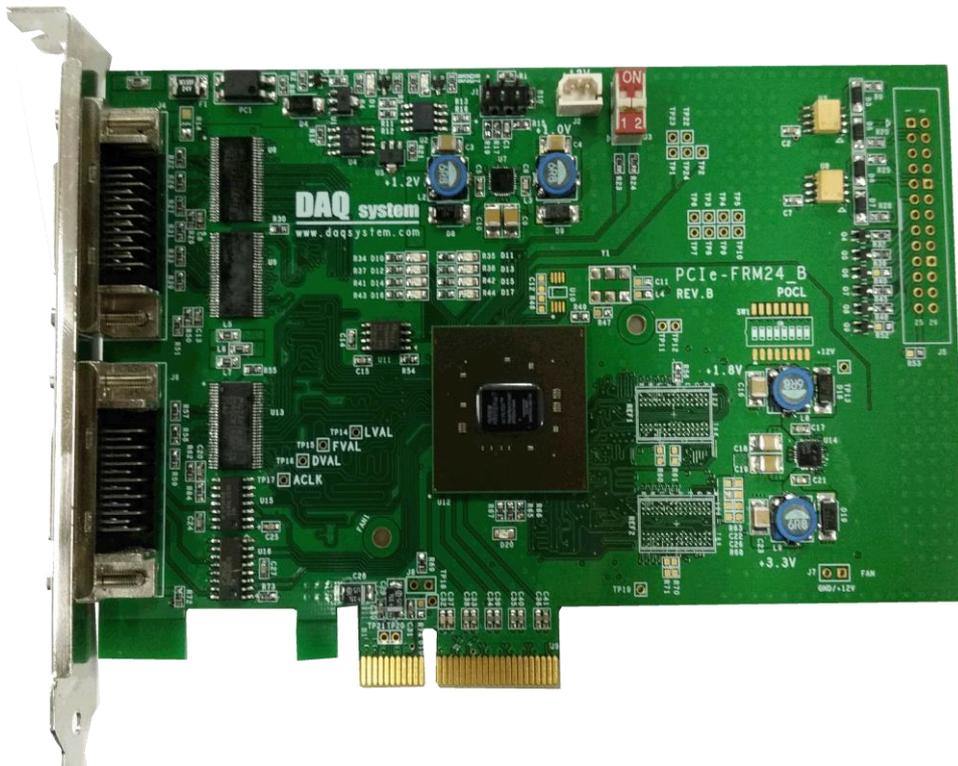


PCIe-FRM24_B

User's Manual



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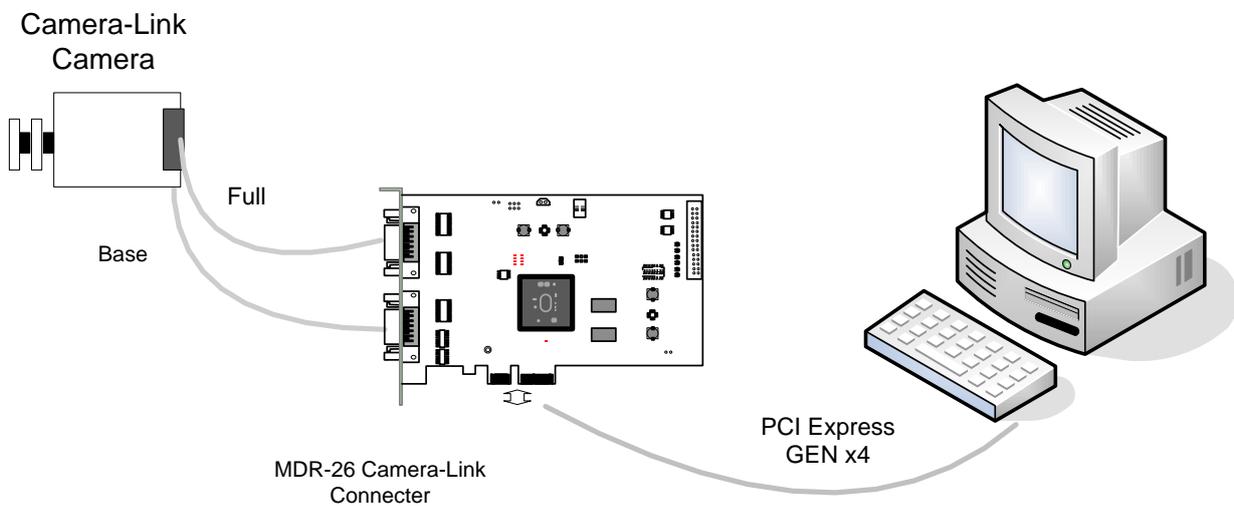
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1. Introduction

The PCIe-FRM24_B is a board having the function of processing the frame data received from Camera-link camera and saving the image frame data in the system's main memory. It supports full Camera Link configuration, and Area Scan Camera, Line Scan Camera, Monochrome Camera Link Camera.

The operation of the board is controlled by program API, figure [1-1] shows connection of the system (usually PC).



[Figure 1-1. PCIe-FRM24_B Board Usage]

As shown in Figure [1-1], the PCIe-FRM24_B is inserted into any available PCI Express slot in your PC. It receives Image Frame from camera via Camera-Link Standard Interface. And, received data transmit to the API through PCI Express GEN2 x4 interface.

[Features of the PCIe-FRM24]

- Support Base Configuration Camera Link
- Support Full/Medium Configuration Camera Link
- Support Line Scan & Area Scan Camera
- PCI Express GEN2 4x Interface
- Acquisition pixel clock rates up to 85MHz
- Data rate of up to maximum 2Gbytes/sec (GEN2)
- UART(Data bit 8, 1 start, 1 stop, No parity, 9600/19200/38400/57600/115200bps) Rx/Tx
- External Device Interface : 4 TTL Digital Input/Output, and 2 TTL trigger Input Signals and 4-pair RS-422
- User Environment : Windows 2000 SP4, Windows XP SP1
- Convenient Windows Application Programming Interface(DLL)

[Application]

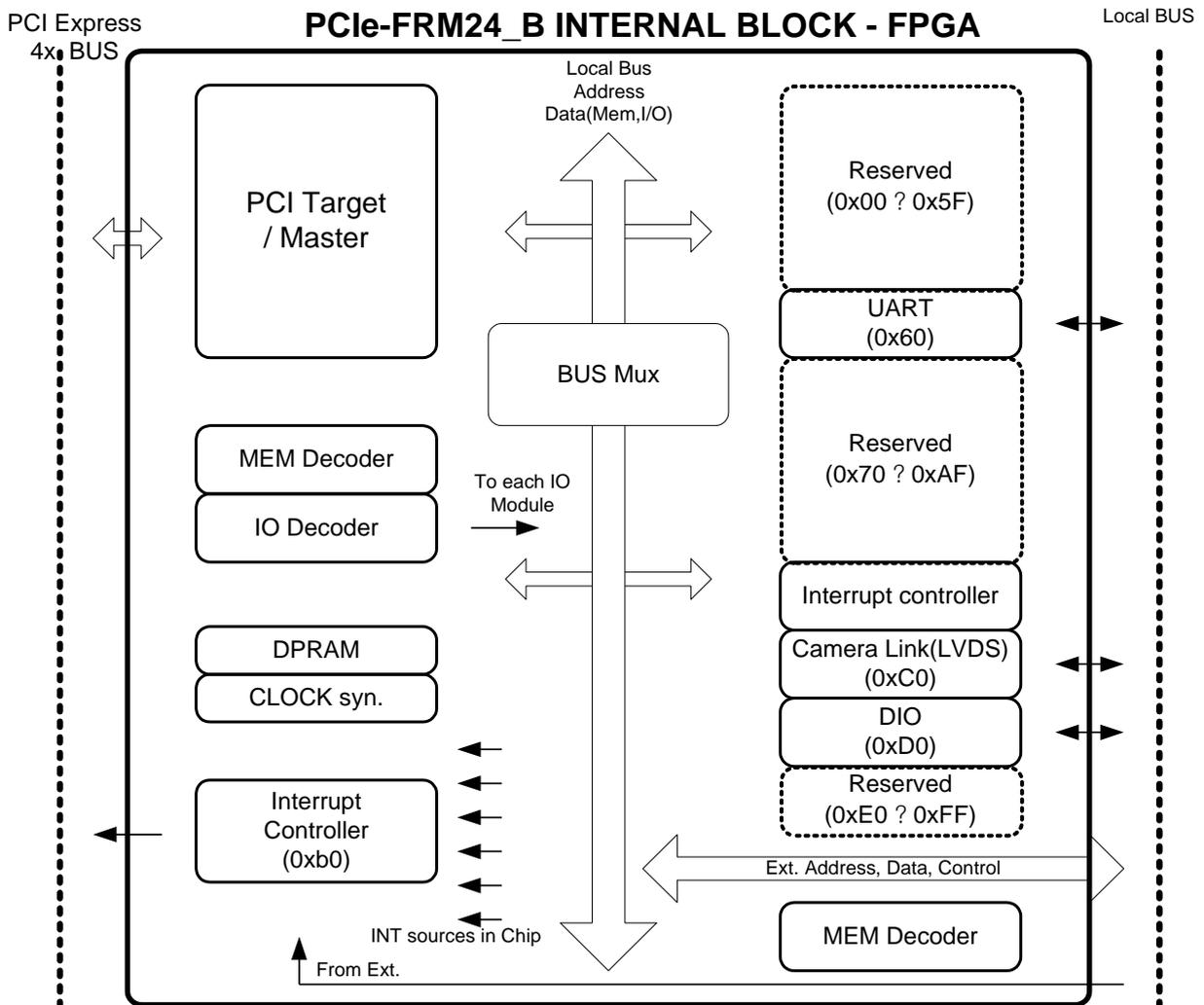
- Image Acquisition (Pattern, Particle etc.)
- Inspection Equipment (Sensor, Semiconductor, Device etc.)
- Security Solution
- Black and White, Color Image Display
- Medical Image Capture (X-ray, Supersonic etc.)

2. PCIe-FRM24_B Functions

2.1 Block Diagram

As shown in the following figure, main control of the board is performed in FPGA Core Logic. Primary functions are receiving the image frame data, camera control signal and external Line Trigger I/O.

You can control these functions using API provided by DAQ system through PCI Express 4x interface.



[Figure 2-1. Functional Block Diagram]

The core logic program of the FPGA is loaded by JTAG. It saves a program at the FPGA Program Logic and loads when power-up.

2.2 Camera Link

Camera Link is a communication interface for use in a vision application development. In the past, the camera manufacturer and Frame Grabber manufacturers use their own standard connectors and cables. This has caused a lot of confusion and increased costs to users. In order to eliminate this confusion and increase the data rate and data transmission trouble, the specifications of Camera Link interface have been made to the regulations of cable or connector assembly specifications, transfer speed, transfer method at the meeting of camera makers and Frame grabber manufacturers.

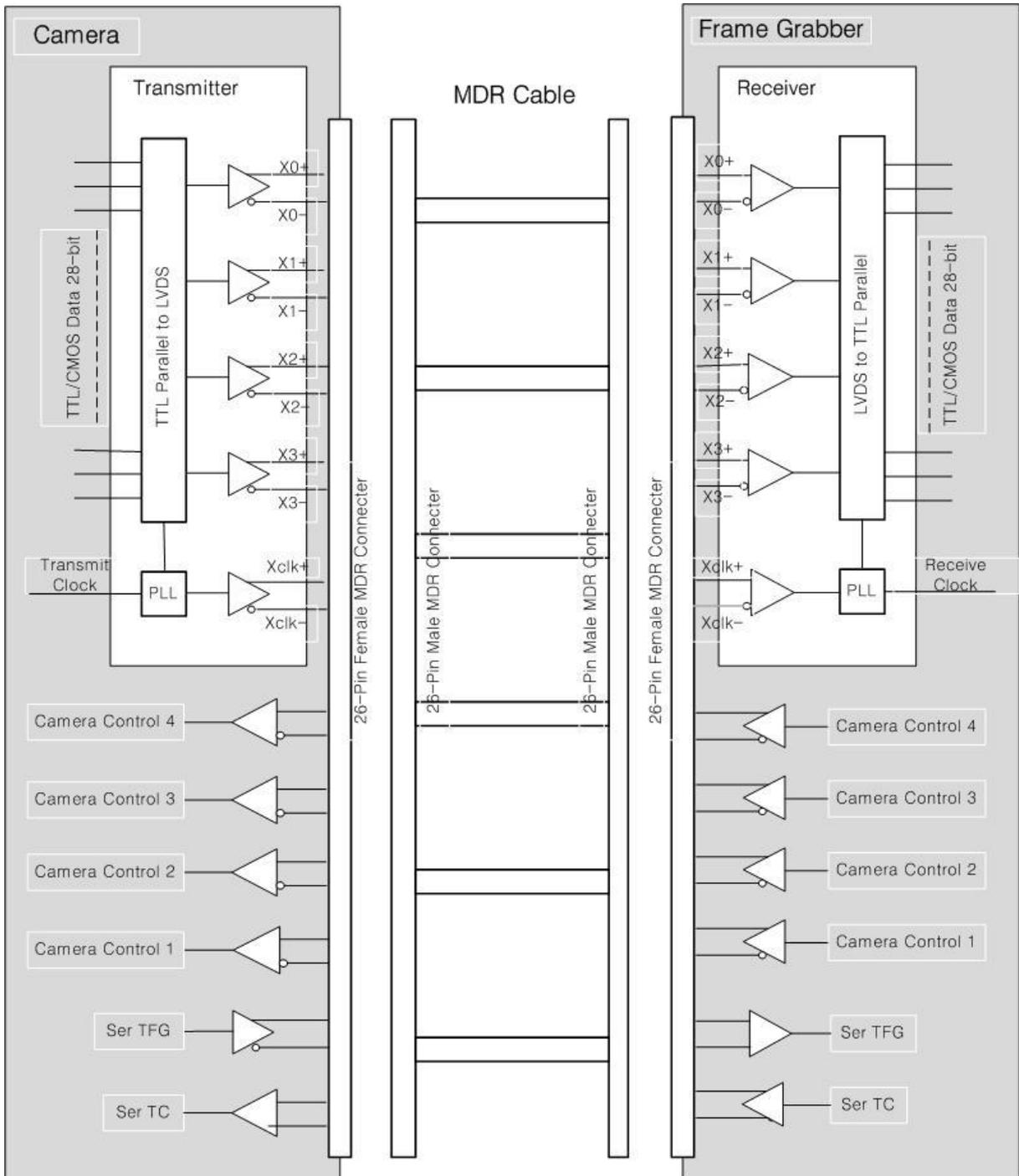
Currently, many digital video solution use the LVDS (Low Voltage Differential Signal) communication as defined RS-644. LVDS is a way to improve the existing RS-422 that had intractable cable and transmission speed limit. RS-644 LVDS was the Camera Link standard. The LVDS can be transferred the data at high speed using low voltage swing differential signal Differential Signal. This is compared with the existing single-ended signal (Single-ended Signal) using one of the lines, the differential signal transmits the signal using two complementary lines. Such a transfer is characterized by excellent noise immunity, low power consumption, large in-phase voltage transmission to refer only to the data transfer on the ground, however Single-ended system is impossible.

Camera Link has multiple configuration with depending on the amount of data to be transferred. Base Configuration consists of 28 bits, including a 24-bit pixel data and 3-bit video sync signal lines of the Data Valid, Frame Line Valid, Line Valid, one reserved signal line, and can transmit 2.04Gbit / s (256MB / s). Medium Configuration can be transmitted the 48bit video signal to 4.08Gbit/s(510Mb/s), Full Configuration can be transmitted the 64bit video signal to 5.44Gbit/s(680MB/s). Camera Link requires two cables to transfer more than Medium Specifications.

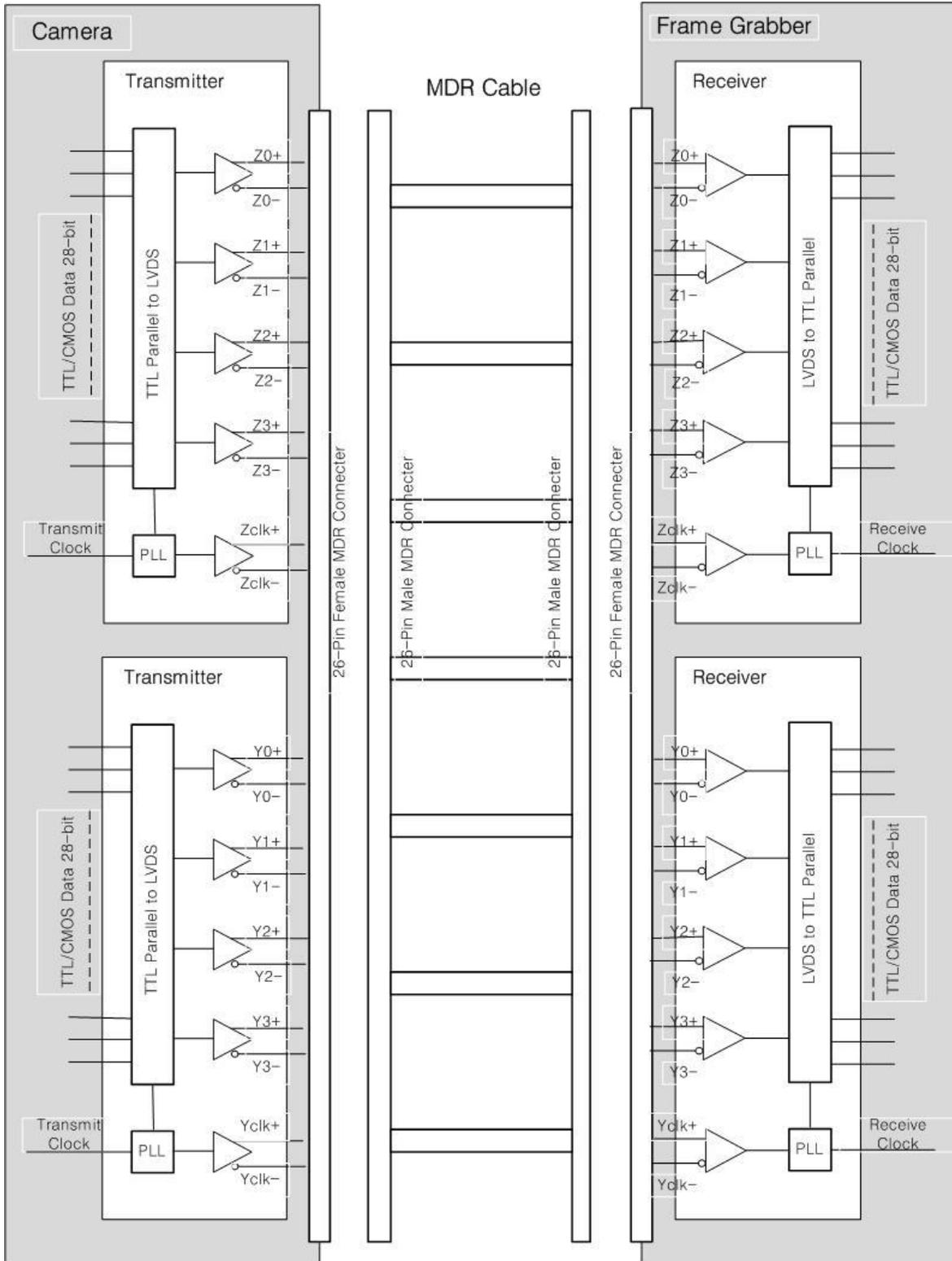
Transmitter part is converted to LVDS data stem's 4/8/12 from 28/48/64 bit CMOS / TTL data only. Converted signal is transmitted to MDR Cable in accordance with the Transmit Clock signal, the opposite Receiver will be converted into parallel LVDS data of 28/48/64 bits of CMOS / TTL according to the Receive Clock signal from 4/8/12 LVDS data. This Channel Link technology can immediately take advantage of the low cost chip-set because easy to learn and easy to transplant.

Camera Link Interface includes Base Configuration, Medium Configuration, Full Configuration. Base Configuration is used 4 RS-644 LVDS pairs for controlling the Transmitter/Receiver and Camera like Figure 2-2, is used for communication between the camera and the frame grabber. Transferred the data from serial 26-Pin MDR Cable, is used to change 28-bit parallel image data at

the Receiver part of Frame Grabber.



[Figure 2-2. Base Camera Link Block Diagram]

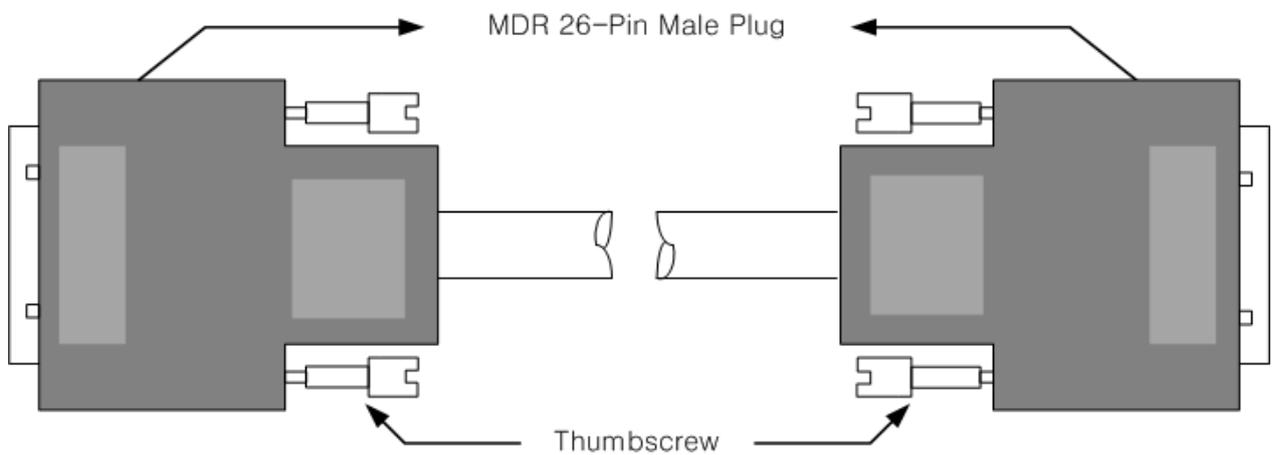


[Figure 2-3. Full Camera Link Block Diagram]

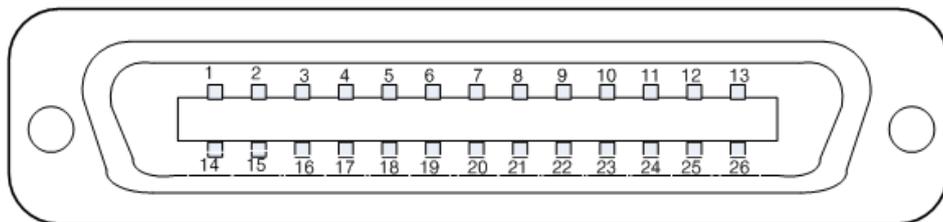
2.3 Camera Link Cable & Connector

The connection between the camera link cameras and PCIe-FRM24_B board uses the 26 Pin Mini MDR cable. Camera Link cable consists of twin-axial shielded cable and 2 Mini MDR 26-male plug. The bottom of Figure 2-4 Camera Link cable is typically used.

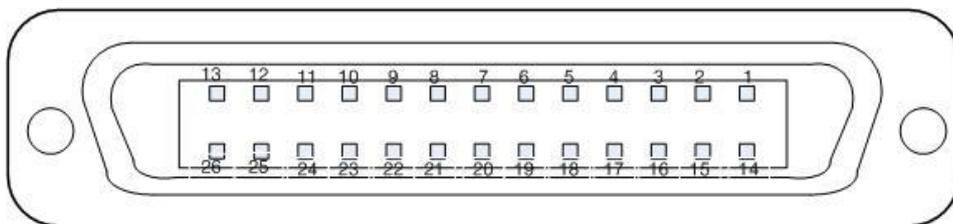
26-Pin Mini MDR Connector is located at the end of the cable as like Figure 2-5, Figure 2-6 is 26-Pin Mini MDR Connector, placed at the Camera or Frame Grabber. As shown in the figure, Pin numbers are cross-linked to each other, Transmitter and Receiver of Camera and Frame Grabber signals are connected cross each other.



[Figure 2-4. Mini MDR-26 Camera Link Straight Cable]



[Figure 2-5. Mini MDR-26 Cable Pin Map]



[Figure 2-6. Mini MDR-26 Connector Pin Map (Opposite Connector)]

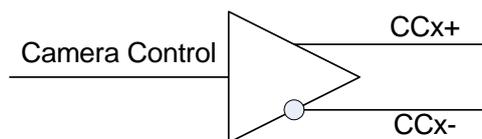
Cable Specification (Standard)

- Characteristic Impedance : 100 ± 10 ohms
- Propagation Delay : 1.5 NS/ft
- Mutual Capacitance : 17 pF/ft nominal
- Conductor Resistance : 72 Ohms / 1k
- Velocity of Propagation : 78% maximum
- Voltage Rating : 30V
- Temperature : -20 ~ +80°C
- Length (m) : 1 / 2 / 3 / 4.5 / 5 / 7 / 10

2.4 Camera Link and PCIe-FRM24_B

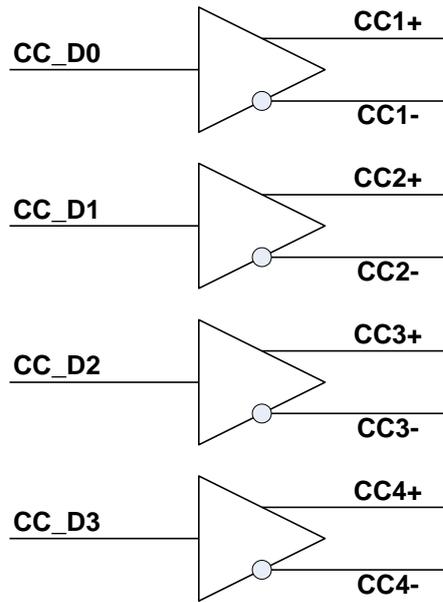
PCIe-FRM24_B supports Camera Link Base/Medium/Full Configuration. Base Configuration, 24 data bits and four enable signals Frame Valid, Line Valid, Data Valid and a spare, including 28-bit parallel signals serialized four LVDS signal lines and one LVDS signal line to fit the camera and synchronous LVDS signal lines including four CC (Camera Control) signal and full 11 includes two asynchronous serial communication to communicate with the camera LVDS lines, is transmitted through one MDR cable. In order to use the MDR Medium / Full Configuration is used other cable and has a total 64bit wide video path.

The transmitted signal is parallelized to 64-bit parallel image signal and Frame Valid, Line Valid, Data Valid, and a spare for each specification from 12 image LVDS serial signal through channel link chip of PCIe-FRM24_B.



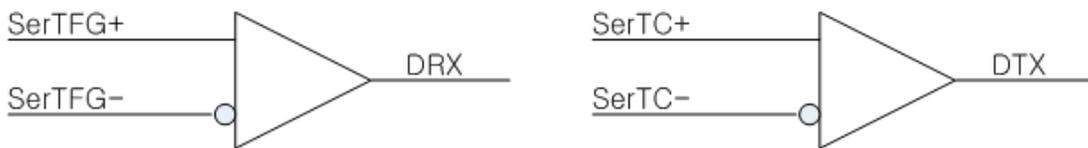
Above picture is a Camera Control output circuit from PCIe-FRM24_B board to Camera for the specific control of the Camera-link Cable.

The PCIe-FRM24_B board has four differential digital outputs. Each output is mapped by Digital output. Below picture[Figure 2-7] display that each bit position set.



[Figure 2-7. Camera Control LVDS Digital Output Circuit]

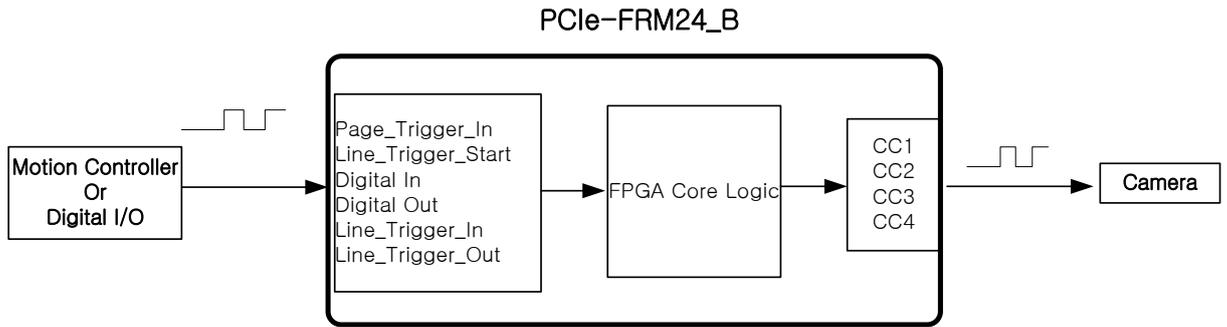
The serial input signal through the Camera-link cable is used for general input circuit from PCIe-FRM24_B board.



[Figure 2-8. Serial Communication LVDS Digital Output Circuit]

2.5 Encoder Trigger Controller

PCIe-FRM24_B can be used for an external trigger. The figure below shows a circuit that trigger signal inputs through the connector J11 are used to the general board input/output. This signals - are converted the CC (Camera Control) signal of Camera Link inside FPGA logic - will send to the camera. Currently set to CC1 ~ CC4 is shown below.



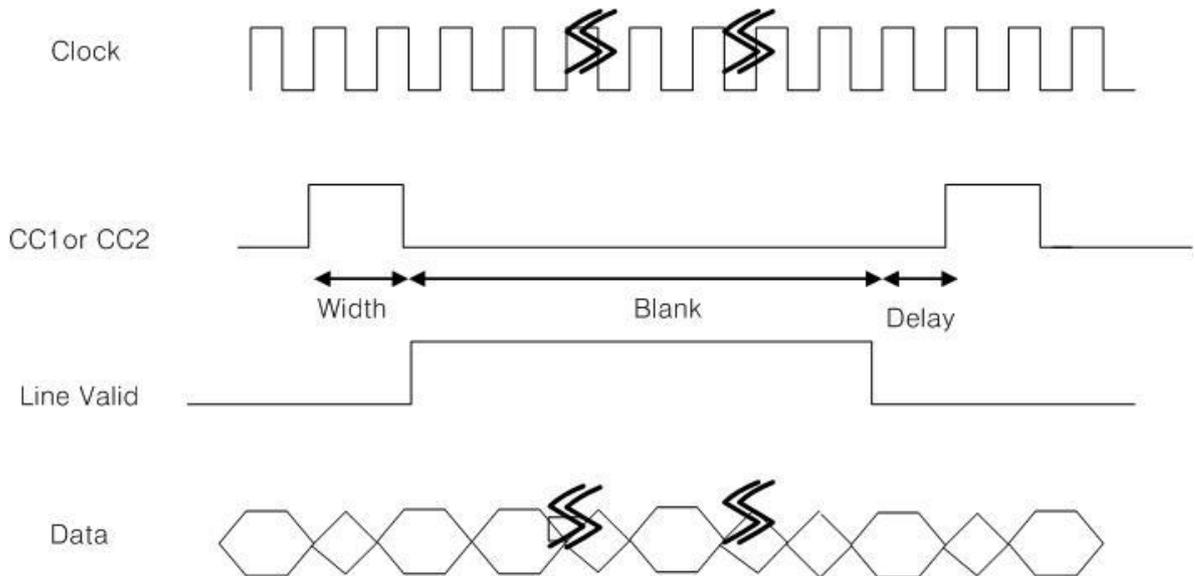
[Figure 2-9. CC Control]

bit0(CC1 configure) = "0" : digital out1 / "1": alternate (Trigger1 output)

bit1(CC2 configure) = "0" : digital out2 / "1": alternate (Trigger2 output)

bit2(CC3 configure) = "0" : digital out3 / "1": alternate (Trigger form External Port)

bit3(CC4 configure) = "0" : digital out4 / "1": alternate (Reference clock output(50MHz))

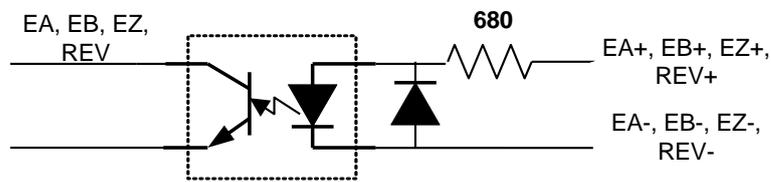


[Figure 2-10. CC Trigger Timing]

The Line Scan Camera is less time to transfer the information rather than Area Scan Camera because the outputs are a single line of pixels per exposure. However, the Line Scan Camera will

be required moving objects in order to obtain images. Synchronization between the movements of the camera and the object is required. This synchronization is a little difference according to the manufacture's cameras and is performed by the trigger pulse which most of the triggering signal of an external camera or the camera's itself. The trigger pulse is initiated by the application. A thickness, width, delay of the trigger can be gave a value (Blank, Width, Delay) by the program.

PCIe-FRM24_B board can be controlled with using four pair Isolated Photo coupler input signals. Photo-coupler circuit is shown below. Output current should be used less than 10mA.

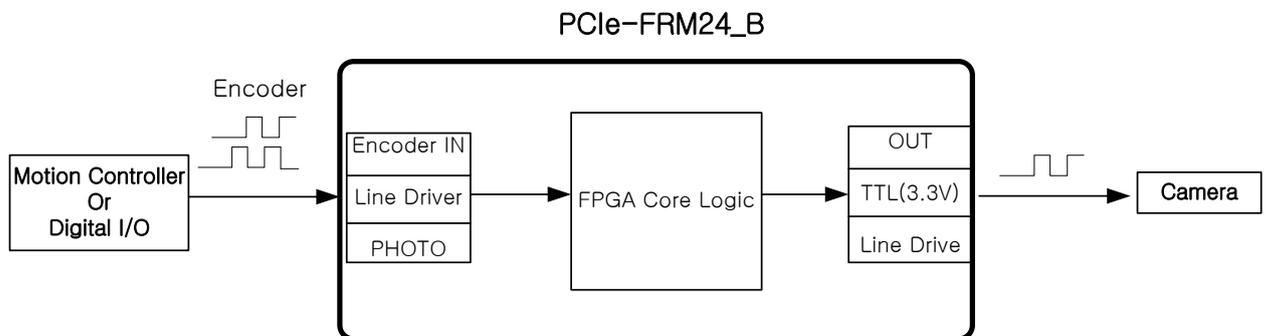


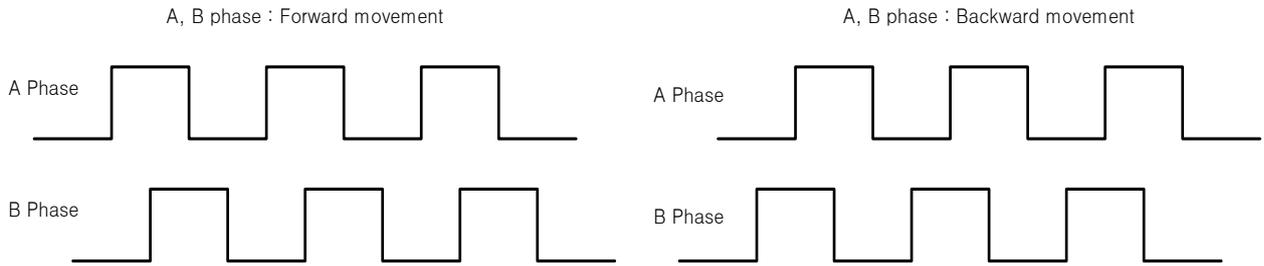
[Figure 2-11. Photo-coupler Circuit]

Caution) As Trigger Control can change according to kinds of Motion Controller or Camera, when you want use this function, contact to DAQ system

Rotary Encoder is used to detect a speed and turn direction of the electric volume or Motor. When turning the axis of rotation, two pulse signals that are able to distinguish between left and right, come out proportional to the speed. A single phase, A / B phase, A / B / Z phase are separated, the resolution can be determined according to the A / B pulse number by one turn.

Refer to 3.3.5 chapter about the more signal description.





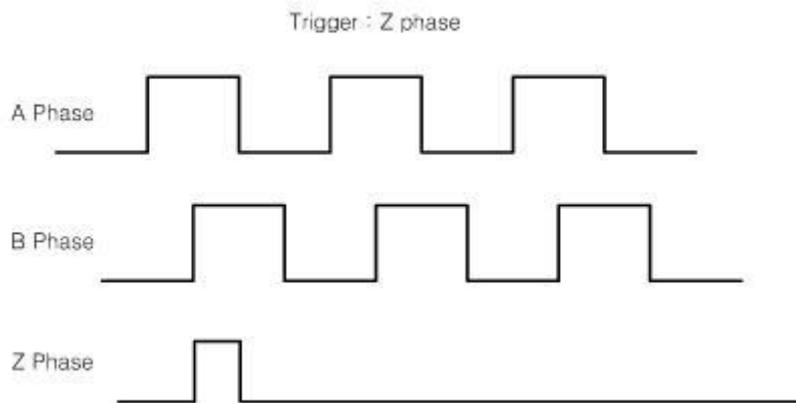
[Figure 2-12. Encoder A/B Phase Clockwise/Counter Clockwise]

A and B operates the difference of 90 degree as shown in the figure above.

When "B" is low and "A" is high, it move counter-wise direction

When "B" is high and "A" is high, it move count counter-wise direction.

Z also used as a trigger because Z shows the one on the wheel once.

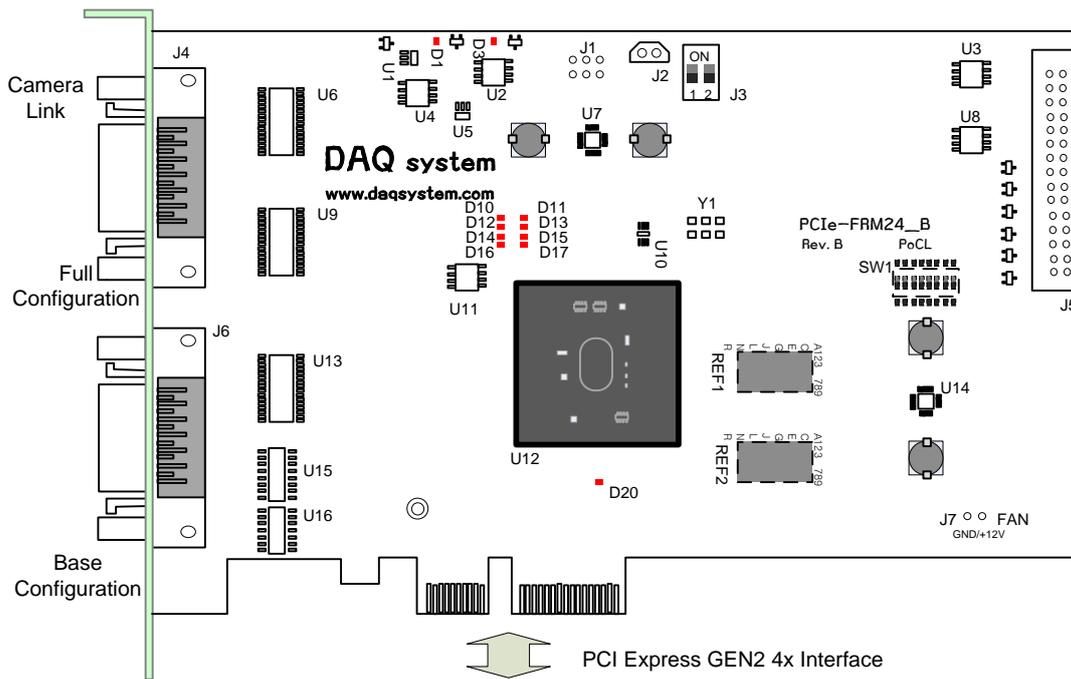


[Figure 2-13. Encoder Z Phase]

3. PCIe-FRM24_B Board Description

In this chapter, the primary functions of the PCIe-FRM24 board are described briefly. For more information, refer to the device specification

3.1 PCIe-FRM24_B Layout



[Figure 3-1. PCIe-FRM24_B PCB Layout]

The board has five LEDs to indicate the operation status.

D11 ~ D14 turns on when PCI Express Lane (4 differential signal) is normal state.

D20 turns on when power is applied to the board and the initialization ends up.

3.2 Description of the functional blocks

(1) **MDR-26 Connector : J4, J6**

Camera Link Base (J6), medium/Full (J4) Signal Connector

(2) **LVDS Link : U6, U9, U13**

Receive Image frame

(3) **FPGA : U12**

All of the board functions are controlled by the Logic program of the FPGA.

(4) **Line Trigger : J5**

It is supposed to I/O circuit for external devices.

(5) **Regulator : U7, U14**

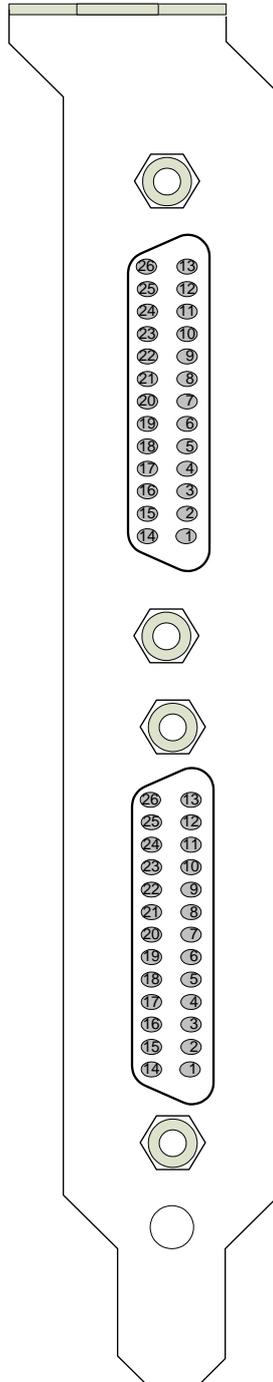
This block is for supplying the power to the board.

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3.3 Connector Pin-out

The PCIe-FRM24_B board is equipped with external MDR 26 Pin connector J5, J6 for Camera Link connection and internal 26pin Box Header connector for external Trigger I/O.

Figure [3-2] shows the bracket of the board and connector.



[Figure 3-2. PCIe-FRM24_B Front View]

3.3.1 J1 jumper (2Pin Header, 2.54mm)

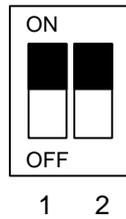
The J1 connector is used for the FPGA program upgrade. Never use it at the normal operation. [Figure 3-6] shows the J9 connector.

3.3.2 J2 Connector

It is a 12V external DC power connector.

3.3.3 J3

The PCIe-FRM24_B board is designed of four maximum PCIe-FRM24_B boards at the same time so as usable. Distribution of each board sets it up through 4 pin switch (J3) in a board.



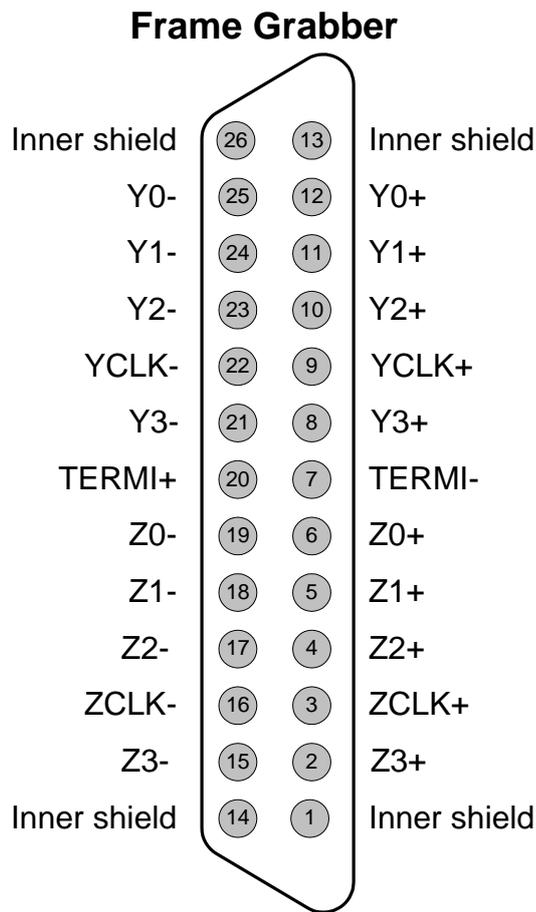
[Figure 3-3. J3 Switch]

[Table 3. J3 Description]

1	2	Description
OFF	OFF	Board No. 0
ON	OFF	Board No. 1
OFF	ON	Board No. 2
ON	ON	Board No. 3

3.3.4 J4(MDR26) Connector

Figure [3-4] shows the board's J4 connector pin-map when you use the Full Configuration Camera Link. All of the pin functions are based on the Camera link standard, so please refer to the Camera link standard document for more description and information.



[Figure 3-4. J4 Connector Pin-out]

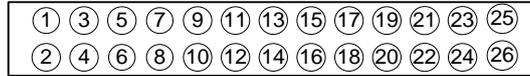
[Table4. J4 Connector Description]

Pin	Signal Name	Description	Remark
1	Inner Shield	Cable shield	
2	Z3+-	Camera link LVDS receive data11+	
3	ZCLK+	Camera link LVDS receive clock+	
4	Z2+-	Camera link LVDS receive data10+	
5	Z1-	Camera link LVDS receive data9+	
6	Z0+	Camera link LVDS receive data8+	
7	TERMI-	Serial to Camera-	
8	Y3+	Camera link LVDS receive data7 +	
9	YCLK+	Camera link LVDS receive clock +	
10	Y2+	Camera link LVDS receive data6 +	
11	Y1+	Camera link LVDS receive data5 +	
12	Y0+	Camera link LVDS receive data4 +	
13	Inner Shield		
14	Inner Shield		
15	Z3-	Camera link LVDS receive data11-	
16	ZCLK-	Camera link LVDS receive clock-	
17	Z2-	Camera link LVDS receive data10-	
18	Z1-	Camera link LVDS receive data9-	
19	Z0-	Camera link LVDS receive data8-	
20	TERMI+	Serial to Camera+	
21	Y3-	Camera link LVDS receive data7-	
22	YCLK-	Camera link LVDS receive clock-	
23	Y2-	Camera link LVDS receive data6-	
24	Y1-	Camera link LVDS receive data5-	
25	Y0-	Camera link LVDS receive data4-	
26	Inner Shield		

(Note) For more information, refer to Camera Link Standard Specification.

3.3.5 J5 Connector

J5 of the input and output connectors support the Isolated Photo-coupler input signals of four pairs and four TTL Input, two TTL Output signal line.



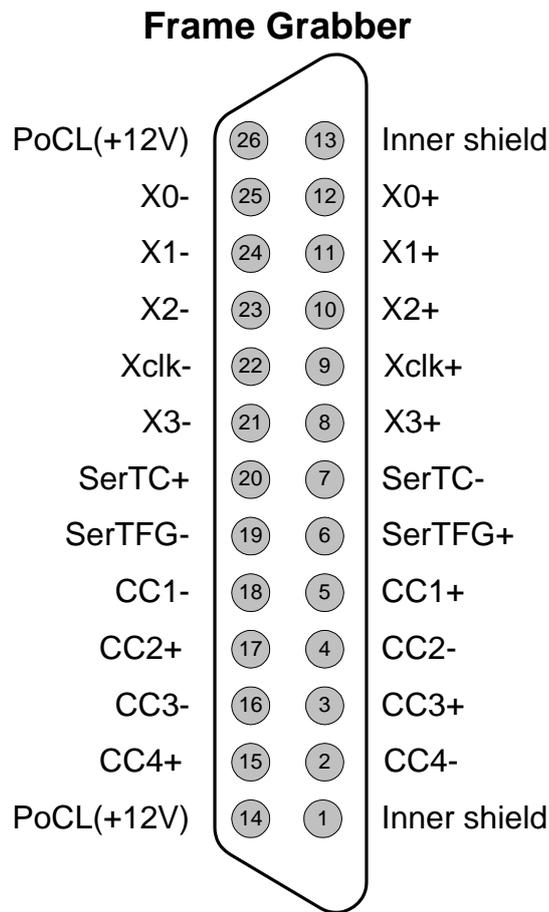
[Figure 3-5. J5 Connector (Top View)]

[Table 5. J5 PIN-OUT Description

Pin	Signal Name	Description
1	N.C.	No Connection
2	N.C.	No Connection
3	EA+	Encoder A+ (Positive) Phase
4	EA-	Encoder A- (Negative) Phase
5	EB+	Encoder B+ (Positive) Phase
6	EB-	Encoder B-(Negative) Phase
7	EZ+	Encoder Z+ (Positive) Phase
8	EZ-	Encoder Z- (Negative) Phase
9	REV+	Direction (Positive) Signal
10	REV-	Direction (Negative) Signal
11	PAGE_TRIGGER_IN	TTL Input
12	N.C.	No Connection
13	LINE_TRIGGER_START	TTL Input
14	N.C.	No Connection
15	DIGITAL_OUT	TTL Output
16	N.C.	No Connection
17	DIGITAL_IN	TTL Input
18	N.C.	No Connection
19	LINE_TRIGGER_IN	TTL Input
20	GND	Board Ground
21	LINE_TRIGGER_OUT	TTL Output
22	GND	Board Ground
23	N.C.	No Connection
24	GND	Board Ground
25	+3.3V	Board Power(+3.3V)
26	GND	Board Ground

3.3.6 J6(MDR26) Connector

Figure [3-5] shows the board's J6 connector pin-map when you use the Base Configuration Camera Link. All of the pin functions are based on the Camera link standard, so please refer to the Camera link standard document for more description and information.



[Figure 3-6. J6 Connector Pin-out]

[Table 6. J6 Connector Description]

Pin	Signal Name	Description	Remark
1	PoCL_Pin	Power over Camera Link(+12V)	
2	CC4+-	Camera Control output 4+	
3	CC3-	Camera Control output 3-	
4	CC2+-	Camera Control output 2+	
5	CC1-	Camera Control output 1-	
6	DRRX+	Serial to Frame grabber +	
7	DRTX-	Serial to Camera-	
8	RxIN3+	Camera link LVDS receive data3 +	
9	RxCLKIN+	Camera link LVDS receive clock +	
10	RxIN2+	Camera link LVDS receive data2 +	
11	RxIN1+	Camera link LVDS receive data1 +	
12	RxIN0+	Camera link LVDS receive data0 +	
13	Inner Shield		
14	Inner Shield		
15	CC4-	Camera Control output 4-	
16	CC3+	Camera Control output 3+	
17	CC2-	Camera Control output 2-	
18	CC1+	Camera Control output 1+	
19	DRRX-	Serial to Frame grabber-	
20	DRTX+	Serial to Camera+	
21	RxIN3-	Camera link LVDS receive data3-	
22	RxCLKIN-	Camera link LVDS receive clock-	
23	RxIN2-	Camera link LVDS receive data2-	
24	RxIN1-	Camera link LVDS receive data1-	
25	RxIN0-	Camera link LVDS receive data0-	
26	PoCL_Pin	Power over Camera Link(+12V)	

(Note) For more information, refer to Camera Link Standard Specification.

3.3.7 J7 Connector (2Pin Header, 2.54mm)

12V FAN power connector.

J7 ○ ○ FAN
GND/+12V

[Figure 3-6. J7 Connector]

4. Installation

4.1 Hardware Installation

In addition to the user's Manual, the package includes the following items. If any of these items is missing or damaged, contact DAQ system.

After unpacking, inspect the board carton to make sure there are no damages on the board.

4.1.1 Package Contents

- ① PCIe-FRM24_B Board
- ② CD (Driver/Manual/API/Sample Source etc.)
 - Document Folder : Manual and Catalog
 - Driver Folder : pcie_frm24.sys, pcie_frm24.inf
 - Sample Folder : Sample Application and DLL
 - TestApp Folder : FrmTest.exe

4.1.2 Installation Process

- ① Turn off the PC power.
- ② Remove the computer cover using the instructions from the computer manual.
- ③ Insert the board empty PCI Express slot as soon as possible to close the CPU.
- ④ Remove the blank metal plate located at the back of the selected slot. Keep the removed screw to fasten the board after installation.
- ⑤ You should try number 3 in case of multi-board.

4.2 Software Driver Installation

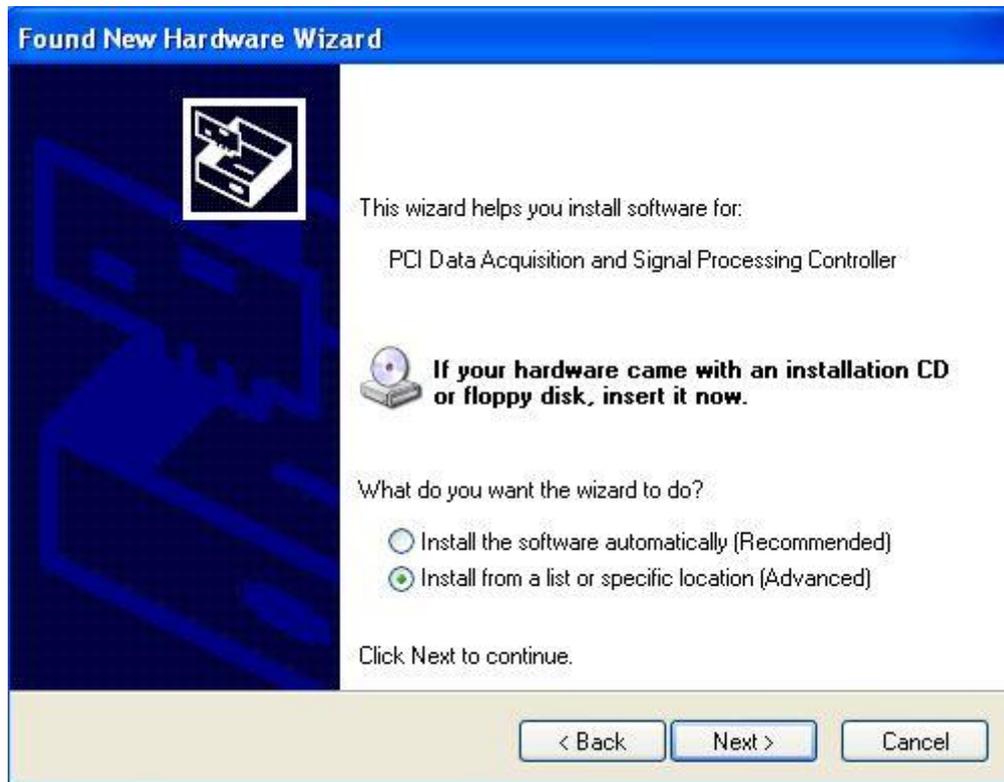
To install your PCIe-FRM24_B board in your PC, follow the steps described in the document “How to install PCI DAQ Board” provided by DAQ System. If the document is missing, you can get it from www.daqsystem.com. The PCIe-FRM24_B board is completely Plug & Play. There are no switches or jumpers to set. Therefore you can install it easily.

- Your OS requirement : Windows 2000 SP4 or Windows XP SP1 above

The PCIe-FRM24_B connects to Express Card Port. After that you can show the below picture of “Welcome to found New Hardware Search Wizard” window.

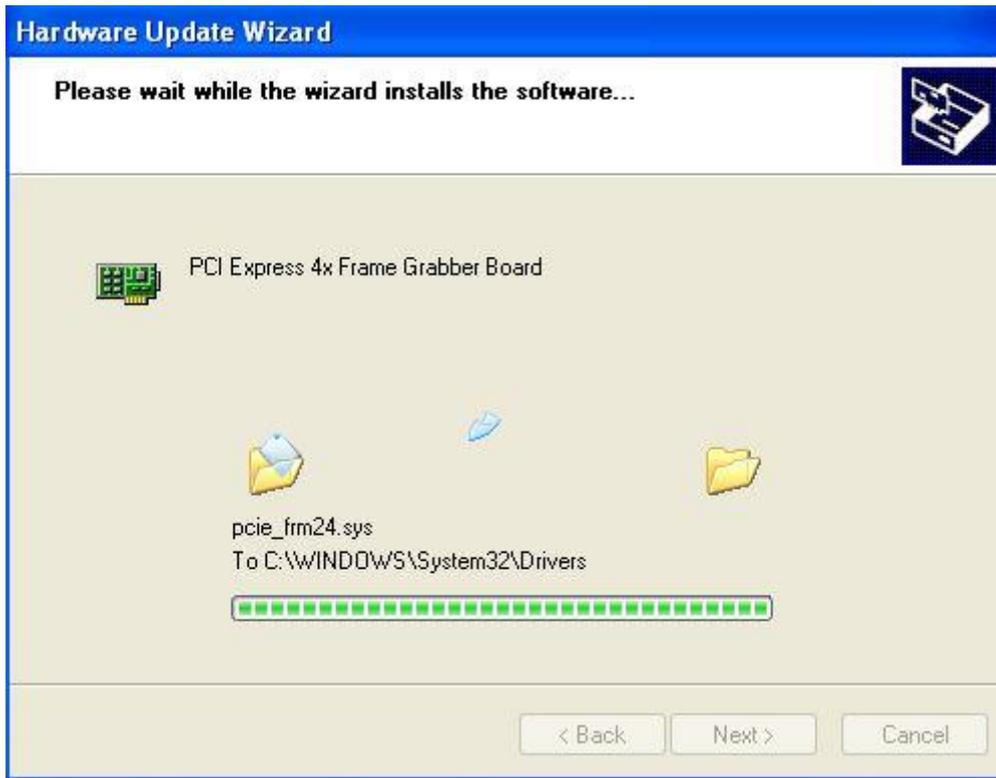


If new hardware is found, Wizard will ask you to install the corresponding driver. For installation of the driver, select the item “Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)” and click “Next” as in the figure.



Select “Search for the best driver in these locations”. Check “Search removable media (floppy, CD-ROM)”. Check “include this location in the search”. Click “Browse” button. Select the folder where the drivers are located. Click “OK”. Click “Next”.

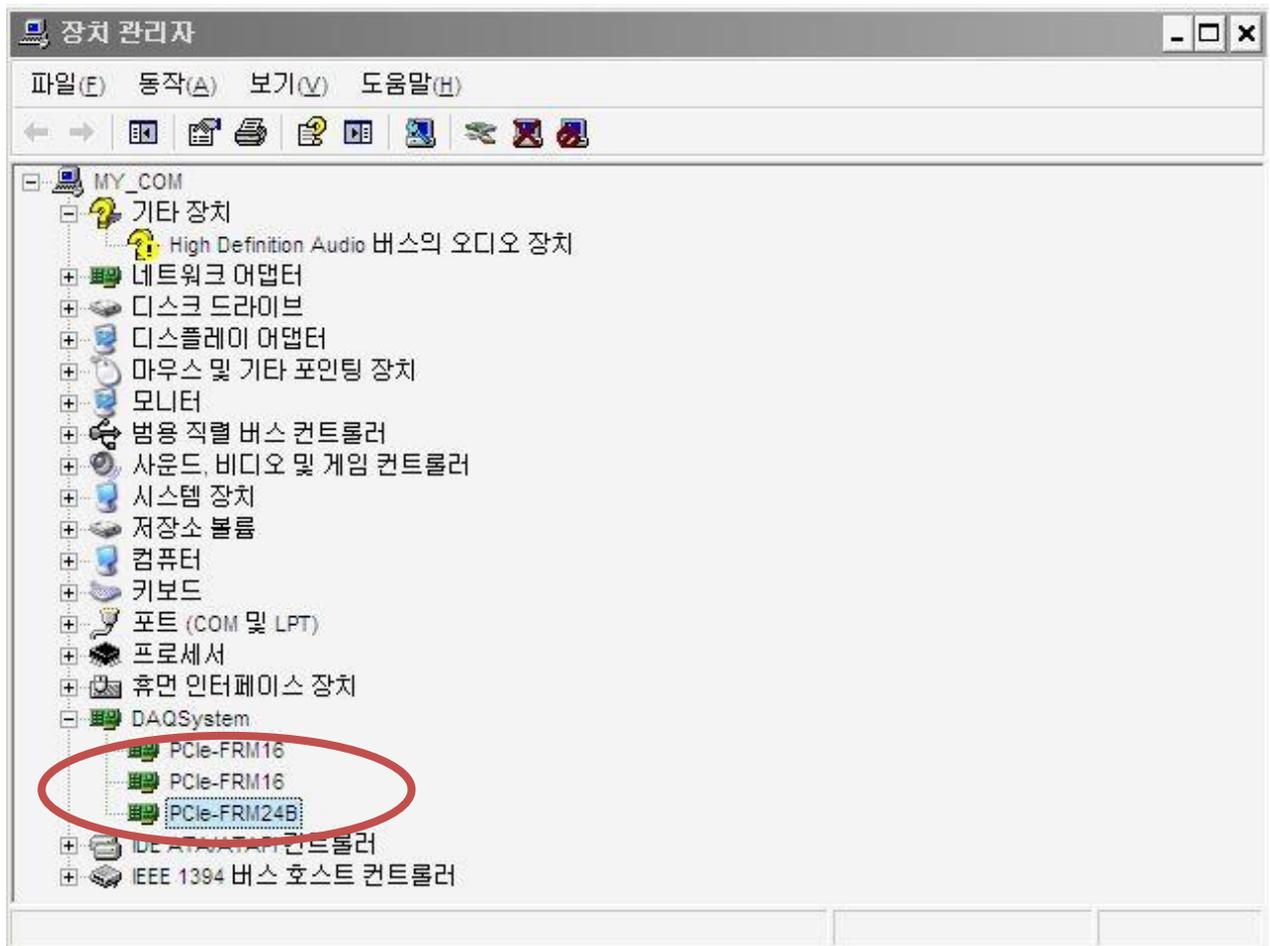
The necessary files are “**pcie_frm24b.inf**” and “**pcie_frm24b.sys**” in the driver polder.



If the installation is completely finished, you confirm it in the following ways.

Do the following steps to show up the “Device Manager” window.

[My Computer -> properties -> Hardware -> Device Manager -> **DAQSystem -> PCIe-FRM24B**]



If you can see the “PCIe-FRM24B” at Multifunction Adaptors, the driver installation is to have been over. (Check the red circle)

Important Notice : After installation, you should re-boot the system for the proper operation.

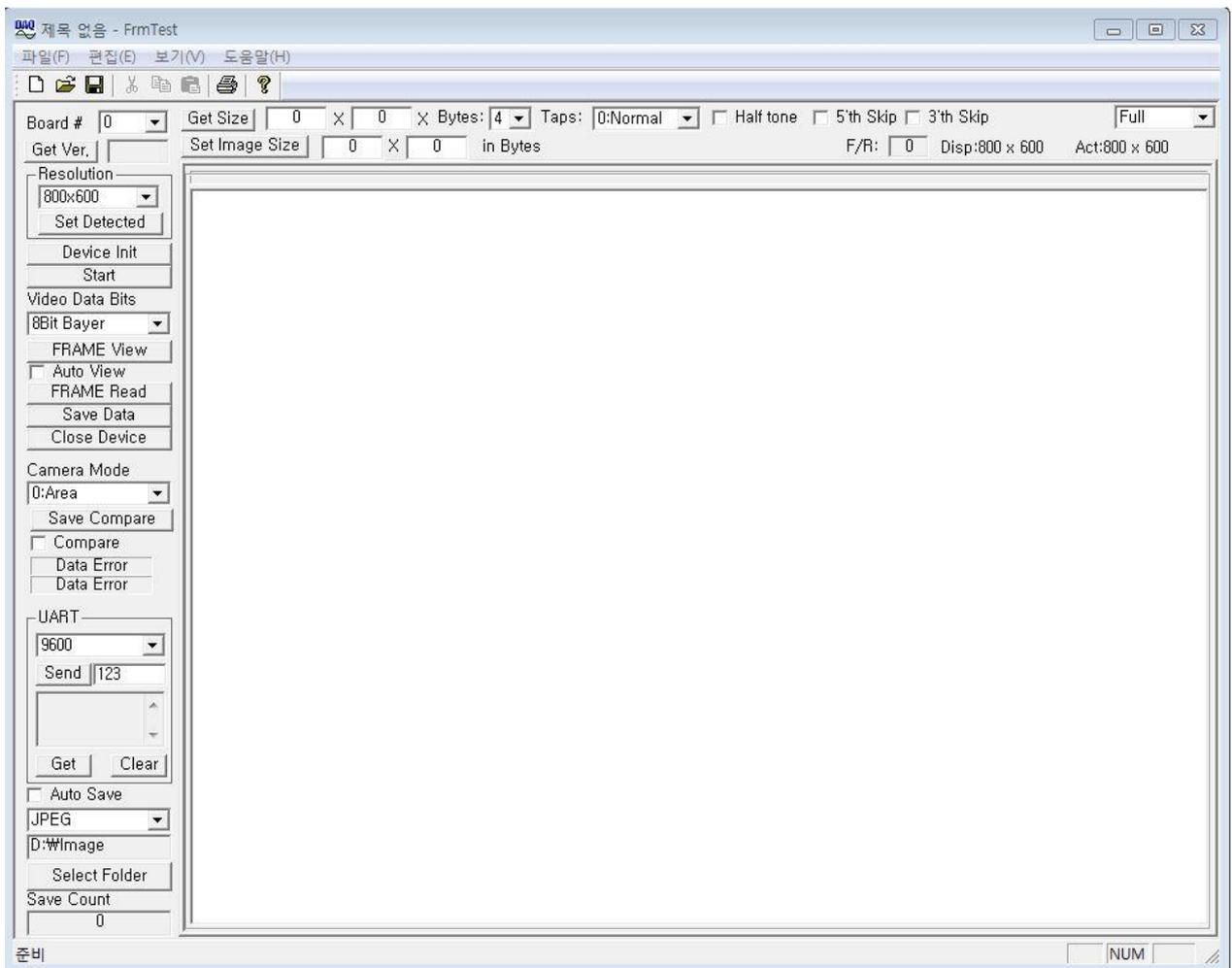
5. Sample Program

DAQ system provides a sample program to make the user be familiar with the board operation and to make the program development easier. You can find the sample program in the CDROM accompanying with the board.

One of the execution file is “**FrmTest.exe**”. It stores the frame data to memory or hard-disk and displays it to Hexa-decimal values which can utilize necessary frame data to developers. The other is “**FrameView.exe**”. It is easy to understand frame data to display the screen. Before using it, you have to install the PCIe-FRM24 board and its drivers in your computer.

Sample program is provided in source form in order to show the usage of API (Application Programming Interface) of the board and may be modified for customer’s own usage.

5.1 FrmTest Program



[Figure 5-1. When Sample program “FrmTest.exe’ is executed]

To run the sample application program, you need to use API, it is a form of client DLL. To compile the sample source to make its executable file, you have to use Import Library files and header files. You can find them in the CDROM. To run the .exe file, the API DLL file (**pci_frm24b.dll**) must be in the same directory with the .exe file or Windows system folder. Another method is to add the directory of API DLL file to PATH environmental variable.

Each menu bar explains as below explanation. It is not use a function without mention it.

(1) **Board # selection**

It can select a Board #0 ~ Board #3. (Selection J4)

(2) **“Get Ver.”**

It shows the version of FPGA and Firmware.

(3) **“Get Size”**

It gets the input image resolution of sensor.

(4) **“Bytes”**

It selects a Video Data Width. “0”: 8bit, ”1”: 16bit, ”2”: 32bit.

(5) **“Set Image Size”**

It sets the input size that user want.

(6) **“Taps”**

It shows Taps of Camera Mode. 0: Normal Mode, 1 : Alternate Mode
(Not currently implemented.)

(7) **“Half tone” toggle**

It selects a halftone.

“5’t h Skip” : When this button is selected, it goes beyond the 5th byte from the image data.

“3’t h Skip” : When this button is selected, it goes beyond the 3th byte from the image data.

(8) **“F/R”**

Frame rates/sec

(9) **“Full/Top Left/Top Right/Bot. Left/Bot. Right” Selection**

It shows the video of 800x600 resolution where you wish selected parts.

(10) Resolution

User can set up the resolution is 640x480, 800x600, 1024x768, 1280x720, 1280x1024, 1600x1200, 1920x1080, 1920x1200, 2048x1536, 2560x2048, 4080x2448.

When reinstall the resolution, “Device Init” should be re-execute.

(11) Device Init

Press this button to initialize the function of receiving image frame data. It is performed only once after power is applied to the board.

(12) Start

Press this button to begin to save image data.

(13) Video Data Bits

You can select 8Bit, 16Bit YUV, 24Bit BGR, 8Bit Bayer, 10bit bayer.

(14) FRAME View

Press this button to read the image frame data of the board to your PC. If image frame data is not saved on the board, you must wait until the end of data collection.

Auto View” : If checked, it shows continuously.

(15) Save Data

Press this button, the image begins to save in binary form to the PC.

(16) Close Device

Press this button to finish usage of the board and terminate the program.

(17) Camera Mode

Line or Area select a camera image according to the input.

0 : Area 1 : Line (Freerun) 2: Line (Ext) 3: Line (Int)

(18) ”Save Compare”

“Compare” :Shows the number of false-bytes that compare between the saved file and the original file.

(19) “UART” selection

Select the Baud Rate (9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200 Baud Rate).

(20) **“Send” button**

Send the UART data..

(21) **“Get” button**

Get the data from UART buffer.

(22) **“Clear” button**

Clear the UART Receiver buffer.

(23) **Auto Save**

When check this box, it save a file by BMP or JPEG format each 30 frames per 1 second until un-check this box.

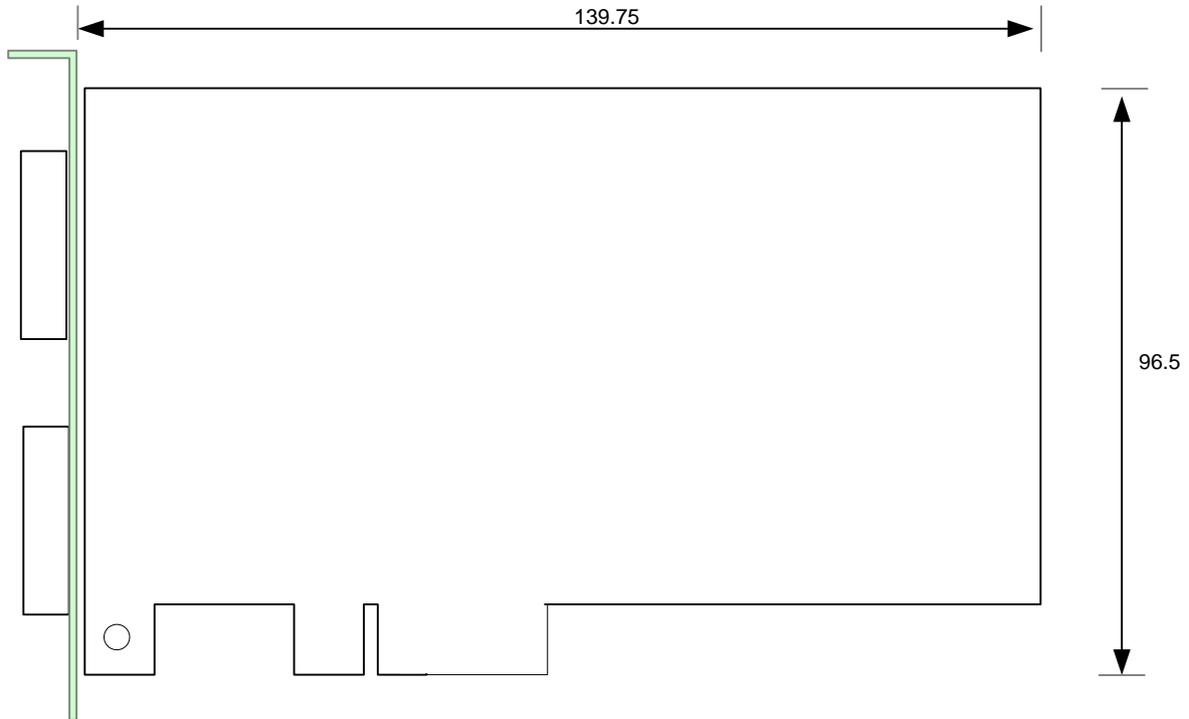
(24) **Select Folder**

It selects a folder for saving. It set “D:\Image” folder basically.

Appendix

A.1 General Specification

Specification	
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCI Express Specification Revision 1.0 • PCI Express GEN2 4x interface • Camera Link interface specification 1.0 and 1.1 • Support a Full Camera Link Interface • Two 26-pin (MDR-26) Connectors with full support of the “Full” Camera Link Specification • Data rate of up to maximum 2Gbytes/sec (GEN2) • H/W and SDK is controlled by a programmable FPGA • Transmit Image Frame Data to PC
Software	
Supported OS	Windows 2000/XP/7
API	Interface with Application through client DLL
Sample Software	Test Sample software for evaluation

A.2 Physical Dimension (139.75 x 96.5 mm)

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