

Features and Benefits

- **Peak QE up to 95%**
Visible-optimized 'BV' & infrared-optimized 'BR-DD' model
- **Extended range dual-AR option**
90% QE and over from 400 to 850 nm with no fringing
- **TE cooling down to -100°C**
Critical for elimination of dark current detection limit - no inconvenience associated with LN₂
- **Ultravac™**
Critical for sustained vacuum integrity and to maintain unequalled cooling and QE performance, year-after-year
- **Multi-Megahertz Readout**
High repetition rates achievable with low noise electronics
- **Crop Mode Operation**
Up to 1,600 spectra per second rates
- **Single UV-grade silica window**
Best UV-NIR throughput performance, specific AR coating and wedge options available
- **USB 2.0 connection**
Universal plug-and-play capability, ideal for laptop operation
Seamless operation alongside USB-based Shamrock spectrograph family
- **Down to 13.5 x 13.5 μm pixels**
Optimized pixel format for high resolution spectroscopy
- **Software-selectable pre-amplifier gain**
Choice of best SNR performance of dynamic range at the touch of a button
- **Solis software for Spectroscopy**
Comprehensive, user-friendly interface for simultaneous detector & spectrograph control
- **Software Development Kit (SDK)**
Ease of control integration into complex setups: Matlab, Labview, Visual Basic or C/C++

Spectroscopy at Pace

This high-end USB2.0 Newton CCD series brings together Andor's ultra fast, low-noise electronics platform and market-leading deep thermo-electric cooling to -100°C, complemented by Andor's Ultravac™ technology with its un-matched reliability track record in the scientific and industrial community.

Broadband detection rates of up to 1,600 spectra per second are enabled with intelligent Crop Mode operation. The Newton CCD is an ideal tool for ultrafast UV, VIS or NIR spectroscopy (or all the above with the Dual AR-coating BEX2-DD technology!), such as 2D chemical mapping, online process monitoring or non-invasive medical diagnosis.

The Newton 940 series offers 13.5 x 13.5 μm pixels for the highest UV to VIS resolution spectroscopy, while the 920 series and its 26 x 26 μm offers the highest dynamic range for UV to NIR applications. Both > 6.6 mm high sensors are ideally suited for multi-track spectroscopy or hyper-spectral imaging.

Specifications Summary

Active pixels	1024 x 255 (1024 x 256 for Bx-DD model) or 2048 x 512
Pixel size (W x H)	26 x 26 or 13.5 x 13.5 μm
Image area	Up to 27.6 x 6.9 mm
Register well depth (typical)	
Standard mode	1,000,000 e ⁻
High Capacity mode	600,000 e ⁻
High Sensitivity mode	150,000 e ⁻
Maximum cooling	-100°C
Maximum spectra per sec	1,612
Read noise	As low as 2.5 e ⁻
Dark current	As low as 0.00007 e ⁻ /pixel/sec

Key Specifications *1

Model number	DU920P	DU920P Bx-DD	DU940P
Sensor options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BU: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 350 nm optimized • BU2: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 250 nm optimized • BV: Back Illuminated CCD, VIS optimized • OE: Open Electrode CCD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with fringe suppression. • BEX2-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with fringe suppression, extended range dual AR coating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BU: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 350 nm optimized • BU2: Back Illuminated CCD, UV-Enhanced, 250 nm optimized • BV: Back Illuminated CCD, VIS optimized • FI: Front Illuminated CCD • UV: Front Illuminated CCD with UV coating
Active pixels *2	1024 x 255	1024 x 256	2048 x 512
Pixel size	26 x 26 μm	26 x 26 μm	13.5 x 13.5 μm
Image area	26.7 x 6.7 mm with 100% fill factor	26.7 x 6.7 mm with 100% fill factor	27.6 x 6.9 mm with 100% fill factor
Cooler type	DU		
Minimum temperatures *3			
Air cooled	-80°C		
Coolant recirculator	-95°C		
Coolant chiller, coolant @ 10°C, 0.75 l/min	-100°C		
Max spectra per second *4	144 (OE - Full Vertical Bin) 273 (Full Vertical Bin) 1,149 (OE - Crop Mode - 20 rows) 1,612 (Crop Mode - 20 rows)	272 (Full Vertical Bin), 1,587 (Crop Mode - 20 rows)	122 (Full Vertical Bin), 943 (Crop Mode - 20 rows)
System window type	Single quartz window, uncoated. Various AR coatings & MgF ₂ options available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BR-DD: Single quartz window, 1° wedge, AR coated on both sides, optimized at 900 nm • BEX2-DD: Single quartz window, 1° wedge, uncoated 	Single quartz window, uncoated. Various AR coatings & MgF ₂ options available
Blemish specifications	Grade 1 as per sensor manufacturer definition		

Advanced Specifications *1

Dark current, e⁻/pixel/sec @ max cooling									
FI, OE, UV	0.0005			-			0.0002		
BU, BU2, BV, UVB	0.001			-			0.0009		
Bx-DD	-			0.006			-		
Register well depth									
Standard mode	1,000,000 e ⁻			1,000,000 e ⁻			-		
High Sensitivity mode	-			-			150,000 e ⁻		
High Capacity mode	-			-			600,000 e ⁻		
Read noise (e⁻) *5	50 kHz	1 MHz	3 MHz	50 kHz	1 MHz	3 MHz	50 kHz	1 MHz	3 MHz
Standard mode: Typ (Max)	4 (8)	12 (18)	20 (30)	4 (8)	12 (15)	15 (30)	2.5 (4)	7 (12)	11 (15)
High Sensitivity mode: Typ (Max)							9 (12)	27 (32)	40 (56)
High Capacity mode: Typ (Max)									
Sensitivity (e⁻/count)									
Standard mode	Adjustable from 2.5 - 10			Adjustable from 2.5 - 10			-		
High Sensitivity mode	-			-			Adjustable from 1 - 4		
High Capacity mode	-			-			Adjustable from 4 - 16		
Linearity *6	Better than 99%								
Digitization	16 bit								
Vertical clock speed *7	Software selectable between 2 - 179 μs								

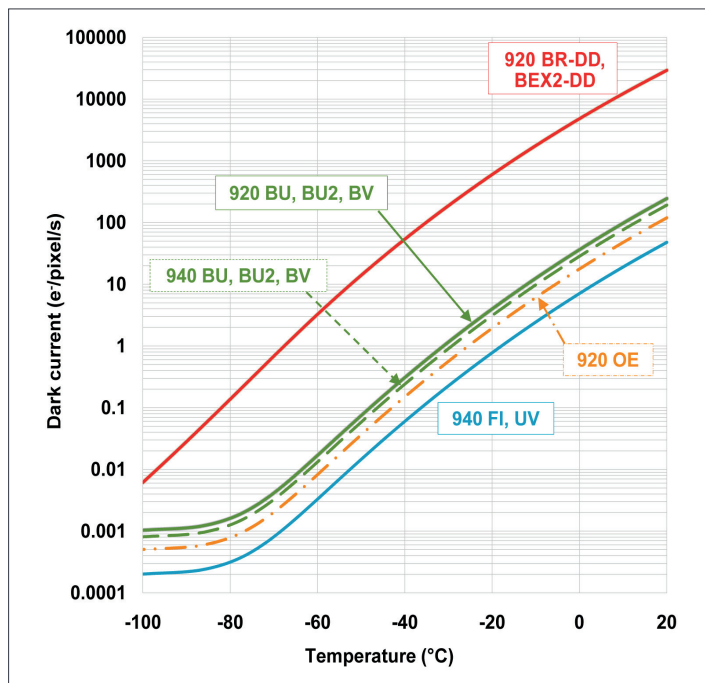
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Need to work further into the NIR? The iDus InGaAs series, with up to 1024 pixel linear array with transmission to 2.2 μm .

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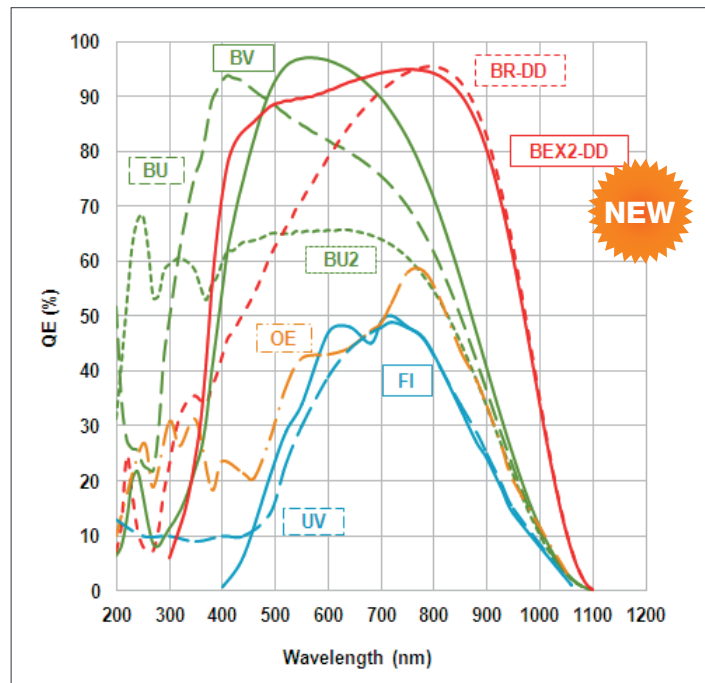
The Newton series combines seamlessly with Andor's research grade Shamrock Czerny-Turner spectrographs.

Dark Current ^{*8}

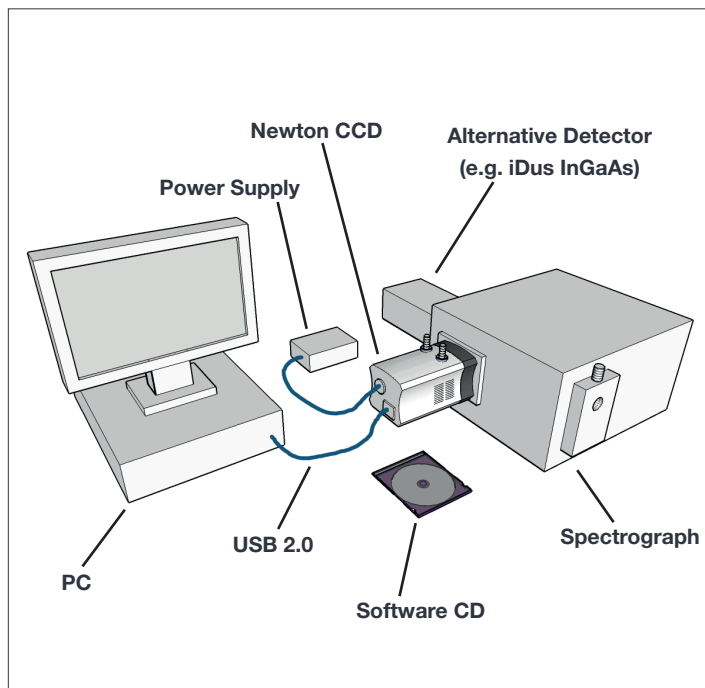


Quantum Efficiency Curves ^{*9}

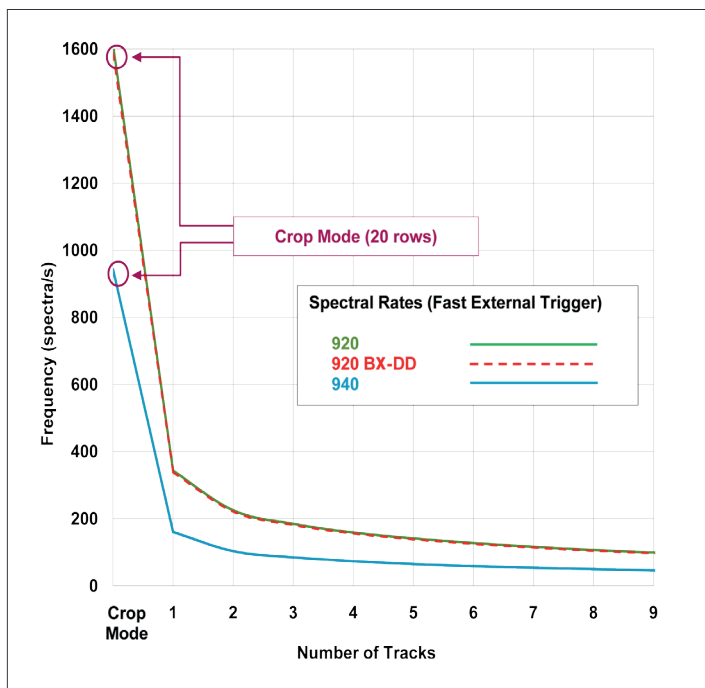
25°C



Typical Setup



Readout Rate & Speed ^{*10}



Creating The Optimum Product for You

How to customize the Newton CCD series :

Step 1.

Simply select from the 2 sensor array types that best suit your needs from the selection opposite.

Step 2.

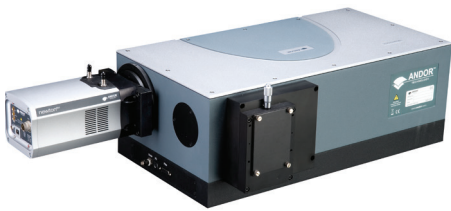
The Newton CCD comes with 8 options for sensor types. Please select the sensor which best suits your needs.

Step 3.

Please indicate if you wish to select an alternative window and which software you require.

Step 4.

For compatibility, please indicate which accessories are required.



Newton CCD mounted on a Shamrock 500 mm triple grating imaging spectrograph, ideal for high resolution spectroscopy.

DU 920 P- BV
example shown

Step 1.

Choose sensor array

920P: 1024 x 255 pixel array
1024 x 256 pixel array (BxDD)
940P: 2048 x 512 pixel array

Step 2.

Choose sensor type

BEX2-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with fringe suppression and extended range dual AR coating
BR-DD: Back Illuminated, Deep Depletion CCD with fringe suppression
BU: Back Illuminated CCD, Blue optimized AR coating for Spectroscopy
BU2: Back Illuminated CCD, AR coated for optimized performance in the 250 nm region
BV: Back Illuminated CCD, Vis optimized
FI: Front Illuminated CCD
OE: Open Electrode CCD
UV: Front Illuminated CCD with UV coating

Step 3.

The Newton CCD series models are supplied with an uncoated Quartz window as standard. BR-DD models are provided with an NIR optimized AR coating. The following alternative window choices are available and must be ordered at time of build (if selected):

OPTION-C1-AR1 AR coated quartz window (optimized broadband visible 400-900nm).
50% transmission at 180 nm

OPTION-C1-MGF2 Magnesium Fluoride window for transmission in the VUV.
50% transmission at 120 nm

The Newton CCD also requires at least one of the following software options:

Solis for Spectroscopy A 32-bit application compatible with 32 and 64-bit Windows (XP, Vista and 7) offering rich functionality for data acquisition and processing. AndorBasic provides macro language control of data acquisition, processing, display and export. Control of Andor Shamrock spectrographs and a very wide range of 3rd party spectrographs is also available, see list below.

Andor SDK A software development kit that allows you to control the Andor range of cameras from your own application. Available as 32 and 64-bit libraries for Windows (XP, Vista and 7) and Linux. Compatible with C/C++, C#, Delphi, VB6, VB.NET, LabVIEW and Matlab.

Step 4.

The following accessories are available:

XW-RECR Coolant re-circulator for enhanced cooling performance

ACC-XW-CHIL-160 Oasis 160 Ultra Compact Chiller Unit (tubing to be ordered separately)

ACC-6MM-TUBING-2xxxxM 6 mm tubing option for ACC-XW-CHIL-160

LM-C C-mount lens adaptor

LM-NIKON-F C-mount lens adaptor

LMS-NIKON-F-NS25B Nikon F-mount lens adaptor with shutter

ACC-SD-VDM1000 Shutter Driver for NS25B Bistable Shutter (not needed for Shamrock spectrographs)

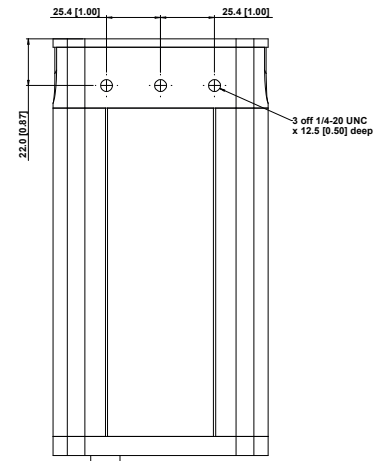
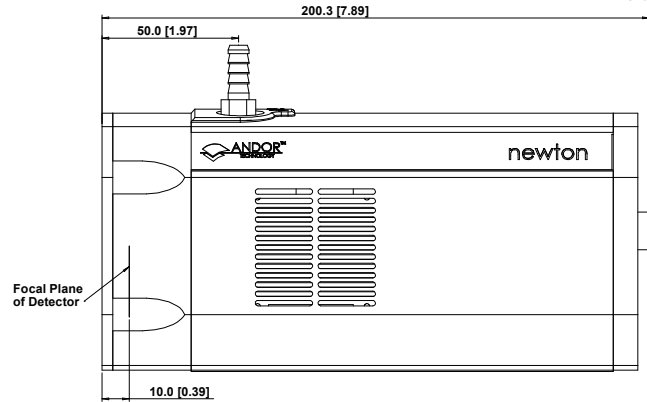
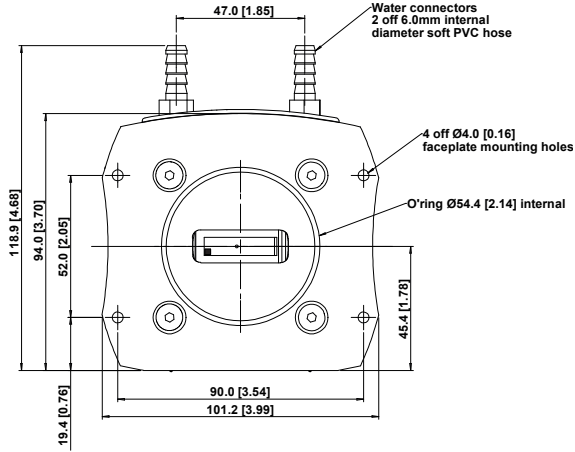
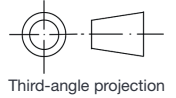
ACC-SHT-NS25B Bistable Shutter, Standalone (not needed for Shamrock spectrographs)

Spectrograph Compatibility

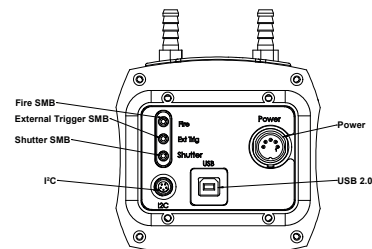
The Newton series is fully compatible with Andor's Shamrock spectrograph (163 - 750 nm focal lengths) family. Spectrograph mounting flanges and software control are available for a wide variety of 3rd party spectrographs including, McPherson (including 1 m and greater focal length option), JY/Horiba (excluding USB models), PI/Acton, Chromex/Bruker, Oriol/Newport, Photon Design, Dongwoo, Bentham, Solar TII and others.

Product Drawings

Dimensions in mm [inches]



Mounting hole locations



Rear connector panel

n = position of pixel 1,1

Weight: 2.7 kg [5 lb 15 oz]

Connecting to the Newton

Camera Control

Connector type: USB 2.0

TTL / Logic

Connector type: SMB, provided with SMB - BNC cable

1 = Fire (Output), 2 = External Trigger (Input), 3 = Shutter (Output)

I²C connector

Compatible with Fischer SC102A054-130

1 = Shutter (TTL), 2 = I²C Clock, 3 = I²C Data, 4 = +5 Vdc, 5 = Ground

Minimum cable clearance required at rear of camera

90 mm

Applications Guide

	BU/ BU2 models	BV models	BR-DD models	BEX2-DD models	FI models	OE models	UV models
Absorption/Transmittance/Reflection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atomic Emission Spectroscopy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fluorescence & Luminescence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NIR Spectroscopy			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Raman Spectroscopy (244 – 488 nm)	✓	✓				✓	✓
Raman Spectroscopy (514, 531, 633 nm)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Raman Spectroscopy (785, 830 nm)			✓	✓	✓	✓	
UV-VIS-NIR broadband spectroscopy				✓		✓	✓

✓ = Suitable ✓ = Optimum



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Items shipped with your camera:

- 1x 2m BNC - SMB connection cable
- 1x 3m USB 2.0 cable Type A Type B
- 1x Set of Allen keys (7/64", 3/32" & 3 mm)
- 1x Power supply with mains cable
- 1x Quick launch guide
- 1x CD containing Andor user guides
- 1x Individual system performance booklet
- 1x CD containing either Solis software or SDK (if ordered)

Footnotes: Specifications are subject to change without notice

1. Figures are typical unless otherwise stated.
2. Edge pixels may exhibit a partial response.
3. Cooling is provided by the use of an external mains driven power supply. Minimum temperatures listed are typical values with ambient temperature of 20°C. Systems are specified in terms of minimum dark current achievable rather than absolute temperature.
4. Based on horizontal pixel readout rate of 3 MHz and a vertical shift speed of 12.9 μ s (920 models), 14.5 μ s (940 models) and 25.7 μ s (OE model). Achievable spectral rates will vary with selected trigger mode. Due to the nature of the Open Electrode sensor, the minimum Vertical Shift Speed (VSS) available is 25.7 μ s, which will produce a lower maximum spectral rate compared to other models in the series.
5. Readout noise is for the entire system. It is a combination of CCD readout noise and A/D noise. Measurement is for Single Pixel readout with the CCD at a temperature of -80°C and minimum exposure time under dark conditions. Noise values will change with readout mode.
6. Linearity is measured from a plot of counts vs exposure time under constant photon flux up to the saturation point of the system.
7. Vertical speeds are software selectable. All sensors are designed to give optimum Charge Transfer Efficiency (CTE) at 12.9 μ s (920 models), 14.5 μ s (940 models) and 25.7 μ s (OE model) vertical pixel shift, some decrease in CTE may be observed at faster shift speeds.
8. The graph shows typical dark current level as a function of temperature. The dark current measurement is averaged over the CCD area excluding any regions of blemishes.
9. Quantum efficiency of the sensor at 20°C as measured by the sensor manufacturer
10. The chart shows the maximum possible readout rates available when using Multi-track mode, each track being defined as 20 rows. Crop mode is a specific single-track readout method optimized for rapid kinetic-type acquisition.

Minimum Computer Requirements:

- 3.0 GHz single core or 2.4 GHz multi core processor
- 2 GB RAM
- 100 MB free hard disc to install software (at least 1 GB recommended for data spooling)
- USB 2.0 High Speed Host Controller capable of sustained rate of 40 MB/s
- Windows (XP, Vista and 7) or Linux

Operating & Storage Conditions

Operating Temperature 0°C to 30°C ambient
 Relative Humidity < 70% (non-condensing)
 Storage Temperature -25°C to 50°C

Power Requirements

110 - 240 Vac, 50 - 60 Hz



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