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## REPORT OF CALIBRATION of Aerial Mapping Camera

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Camera type: Zeiss RMK Top 15\*  
Lens type: Zeiss Pleogon A3/4  
Nominal focal Length: 153 mm

Camera serial no.: 149998  
Lens serial no.: 150018  
Maximum aperture: f/4  
Test aperture: f/4

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### Reference:

These measurements were made on Agfa glass plates, 0.19 inch thick, with spectroscopic emulsion type APX Panchromatic, developed in D-19 at 68° F for 3 minutes with continuous agitation. These photographic plates were exposed on a multicollimator camera calibrator using a white light source rated at approximately 5200K.

**I. Calibrated Focal Length:** 152.802 mm

### II. Lens Distortion

Field angle:	7.5°	15°	22.7°	30°	35°	40°
Symmetric radial ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0	1	1	1	0	-1
Decentering tangential ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0	0	1	2	3	4

<u>Symmetric radial distortion</u>		<u>Decentering distortion</u>		<u>Calibrated principal point</u>	
$K_0$	= -0.1400E-04	$P_1$	= 0.2389E-06	$x_p$	= -0.012 mm
$K_1$	= 0.1011E-09	$P_2$	= 0.8298E-07	$y_p$	= 0.002 mm
$K_2$	= 0.6530E-13	$P_3$	= 0.0000		
$K_3$	= 0.0000	$P_4$	= 0.0000		
$K_4$	= 0.0000				

The values and parameters for Calibrated Focal Length (CFL), Symmetric Radial Distortion ( $K_0, K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4$ ), Decentering Distortion ( $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$ ), and Calibrated Principal Point [point of symmetry] ( $x_p, y_p$ ) were determined through a least-squares Simultaneous Multiframe Analytical Calibration (SMAC) adjustment. The x and y-coordinate measurements utilized in the adjustment of the above parameters have a standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) of  $\pm 3$  microns.

\* Equipped with Forward Motion Compensation

**III. Lens Resolving Power in cycles/mm**

Area-weighted average resolution: 103

Field angle:	0°	7.5°	15°	22.7°	30°	35°	40°
Radial Lines	159	159	134	95	95	95	95
Tangential Lines	159	159	134	95	95	95	95

The resolving power is obtained by photographing a series of test bars and examining the resultant image with appropriate magnification to find the spatial frequency of the finest pattern in which the bars can be counted with reasonable confidence. The series of patterns has spatial frequencies from 5 to 268 cycles/mm in a geometric series having a ratio of the 4th root of 2. Radial lines are parallel to a radius from the center of the field, and tangential lines are perpendicular to a radius.

**IV. Filter Parallelism**

The two surfaces of the USGS TOP 15 test filter KL-F (60%) No. 142399 are within 10 seconds of being parallel. This filter, in conjunction with the internal "B" filter, was used for the calibration.

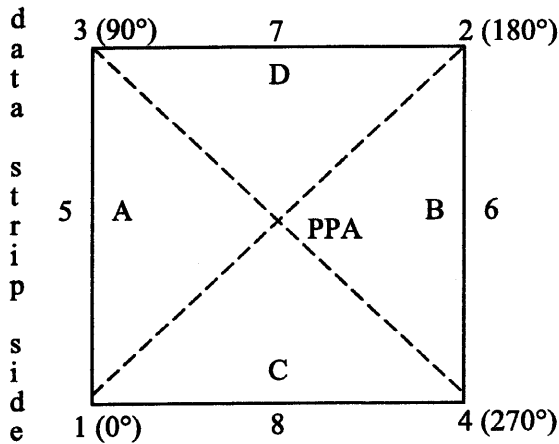
**V. Shutter Calibration**

Indicated Time (sec)	Rise Time (μ sec)	Fall Time (μ	½ Width Time (ms)	Nom. Speed (sec)	Efficiency (%)
1/100	4292	4040	10.41	1/130	75
1/200	1677	1921	5.18	1/250	78
1/300	1285	1183	3.42	1/380	77
1/400	910	947	2.56	1/510	77
1/500	731	728	2.05	1/630	78

The effective exposure times were determined with the lens at aperture f/4. The method is considered accurate within 3 percent. The technique used is described in International Standard ISO 516:1999(E).

**VI. Magazine Platen**

N/A

**VII. Principal Point and Fiducial Mark Coordinates**

Positions of all points are referenced to the principal point of autocollimation (PPA) as origin. The diagram indicates the orientation of the reference points when the camera is viewed from the back, or a contact positive with the emulsion up. The data strip is to the left.

Indicated principal point, corner fiducials  
Indicated principal point, midside fiducials  
Principal point of autocollimation (PPA)  
Calibrated principal point (point of symmetry)

X coordinate (mm)      Y coordinate (mm)

0.015      0.002

0.018      -0.001

0.000      0.000

-0.012      0.002

**Fiducial Marks**

1	-112.977	-113.001
2	113.012	113.010
3	-112.984	112.989
4	113.029	-113.001
5	-112.975	-0.009
6	113.022	0.007
7	0.013	112.990
8	0.024	-113.006

**VIII. Distances Between Fiducial marks**

Corner fiducials (diagonals)      1-2:    319.612 mm      3-4:    319.614 mm

Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of 90° 00' 01"

Midside fiducials      5-6:    225.997 mm      7-8:    225.996 mm

Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of 89° 59' 55"

Corner fiducials (perimeter)      1-3:    225.990 mm      2-3:    225.996 mm

1-4:    226.006 mm      2-4:    226.011 mm

The Method of measuring these distances is considered accurate within 0.003 mm

**Note:** For GPS applications, the nominal entrance pupil distance from the focal plane is 254mm with a 10 mm filter thickness. Additional filter thickness will increase entrance pupil distance by 0.34 X added thickness.

This aerial mapping camera calibration report supersedes the previously issued USGS Report No. OSL/2876, dated November 1, 2002.

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