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## REPORT OF CALIBRATION of Aerial Mapping Camera

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**Camera type:** Wild RC30\*  
**Lens type:** Wild Universal Aviogon /4-S  
**Nominal focal Length:** 153 mm

**Camera serial no.:** 5355  
**Lens serial no.:** 13406  
**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:** 153.313 mm

### II. Lens Distortion

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

Symmetric radial distortion	Decentering distortion	Calibrated principal point
$K_0 = 0.6598\text{E-}04$	$P_1 = -0.2112\text{E-}07$	$x_p = -0.004 \text{ mm}$
$K_1 = -0.1480\text{E-}07$	$P_2 = -0.1301\text{E-}07$	$y_p = 0.006 \text{ mm}$
$K_2 = 0.6620\text{E-}12$	$P_3 = 0.0000$	
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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: 115

Field angle:	0°	7.5°	15°	22.7°	30°	35°	40°
Radial Lines	159	159	159	134	113	113	95
Tangential Lines	159	159	134	113	113	95	80

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 Wild 420 filter No. 7312 and 525 filter No. 7901 accompanying this camera are within 10 seconds of being parallel. The 525 filter was used for the calibration.

**V. Shutter Calibration**

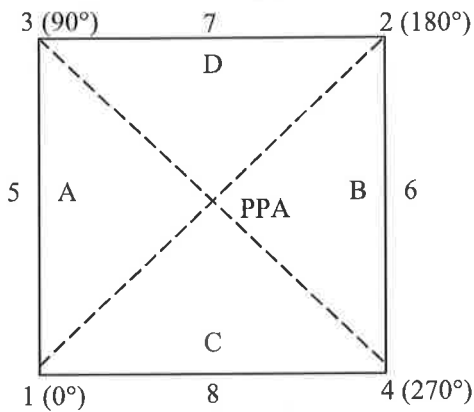
Indicated Time (sec)	Rise Time ( $\mu$ sec)	Fall Time ( $\mu$ )	$\frac{1}{2}$ Width Time (ms)	Nom. Speed (sec)	Efficiency (%)
1/125	1069	1072	8.93	1/120	93
1/250	508	526	4.57	1/240	93
1/500	262	255	2.35	1/460	93
1/1000	122	120	1.20	1/890	94

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. Film Platen**

The platen mounted in Wild drive unit No. 5355 does not depart from a true plane by more than 13  $\mu$ m (0.0005 in).

This camera is equipped with a platen identification marker that will register "745" in the data strip area for each exposure.

**VII. Principal Point and Fiducial Mark Coordinates**d  
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a  
  
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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)

0.006      0.001

-0.001      0.002

0.000      0.000

-0.004      0.006

Fiducial Marks

1	-105.994	-105.998
2	106.006	105.998
3	-105.990	106.004
4	105.998	-105.998
5	-111.994	0.003
6	112.004	0.002
7	0.004	112.008
8	-0.006	-111.994

**VIII. Distances Between Fiducial marks**

Corner fiducials (diagonals)      1-2:    299.810 mm      3-4:    299.806 mm

Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of  $89^{\circ} 59' 56''$

Midside fiducials      5-6:    223.998 mm      7-8:    224.002 mm

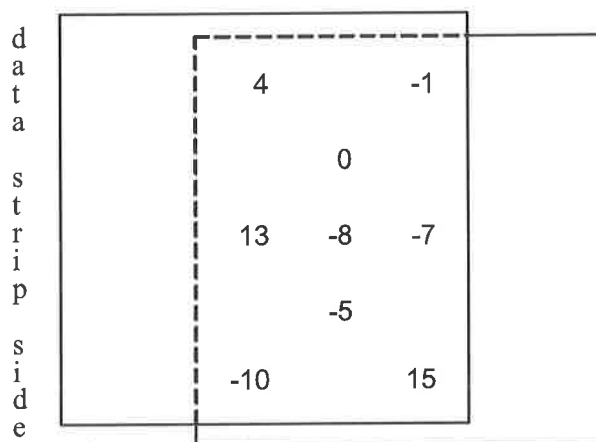
Lines joining these markers intersect at an angle of  $89^{\circ} 59' 51''$

Corner fiducials (perimeter)      1-3:    212.001 mm      2-3:    211.995 mm

1-4:    211.993 mm      2-4:    211.996 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 277mm.

**IX. Stereomodel Flatness****FMC Drive Unit No:** 5355**Base/Height ratio:** 0.6**Platen ID:** 745**Maximum angle of field tested:** 40 °

Stereomodel Test Point Array  
(values in micrometers)

The values shown on the diagram are the average departures from flatness (at negative scale) for two computer-simulated stereo models. The values are based on comparator measurements on Agfa Avitone P3p copy film made from Agfa Aviphot Pan 200 film exposures. These measurements are considered accurate to within 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**X. System Resolving Power on film in cycles/mm****Area-weighted average resolution:** 52**Film:** Pan 200

Field angle:	0°	7.5°	15°	22.7°	30°	35°	40°
Radial Lines	57	57	57	57	57	48	48
Tangential Lines	57	57	57	57	48	48	40

This aerial mapping camera calibration report supersedes the previously issued USGS Report No. OSL/3651, dated March 14, 2014.

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