

# FIREBIRD COAXPRESS

## Dual CXP-6 Frame Grabber



- CoaXPRESS Frame Grabber
- Two CoaXPRESS links, each at 6.25 Gbps
- RISC based ActiveDMA engine technology
- 8-lane Gen2 PCI Express interface

### FEATURES

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- CoaXPRESS gives high speed data, power, and camera control all over a single cable.
- High performance with 12.5 Gigabits per second input rate.
- Fast PCI Express 8-lane Gen2 interface.
- ActiveDMA engine – acquisition with zero CPU usage.
- Comprehensive I/O.
- Supports PoCXP (Power over CoaXPRESS).
- Standard half-length PCI form-factor.
- Full GenICam support (including GenTL Producer).
- Supported by the proven ActiveSDK.



### OVERVIEW

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**FireBird Dual CXP-6** is a member of Active Silicon's state-of-the-art FireBird frame grabber family.

**FireBird** is designed for ultimate performance using Active Silicon's proprietary DMA Engine technology, "ActiveDMA". This technical innovation applies RISC based processor techniques and guarantees zero CPU intervention, high speed and low latency image data transfers.

CoaXPRESS is a leading transmission standard for high-speed imaging in professional and industrial applications. Each CoaXPRESS link supports up to 6.25 Gbps data rates, along with device power up to 13W and device control at 20 Mbps – all on a single coax cable. For faster devices, the links can be concatenated to provide multiples of the single coax bandwidth. Very long cable lengths are supported – up to 40m at 6.25 Gbps and over 100m at 3.125 Gbps using Belden 1694A cable – or even longer lengths using thicker cables. Active Silicon was one of the primary authors of the CoaXPRESS international standard, which is hosted by the JIIA (Japan Industrial Imaging Association). All our CoaXPRESS products are certified compliant to the specification through the JIIA CoaXPRESS Product Certification Program.

**FireBird** is supported by Active Silicon's software development kit, ActiveSDK. ActiveSDK is available as a separate item and allows rapid system development and integration. It provides comprehensive example applications and optimized libraries and supports a variety of operating systems via a common API, including Windows, Linux and QNX. Drivers for third party applications are also available such as Cognex VisionPro, HALCON, Common Vision Blox, StreamPix, LabVIEW etc. Full GenICam support is included in the drivers and this includes a GenTL Producer for data streaming as well as register accesses. In addition to functions that control the hardware, the libraries include general purpose functions for the manipulation and display of images. A separate datasheet describes ActiveSDK in detail.

## SPECIFICATION SUMMARY

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<i>CoaXPress Interface:</i>	Two 75 Ohm BNC connectors each operate at all CXP speeds up to 6.25 Gbps. Up to 17W is available to power cameras on each BNC via Power over CoaXPress (PoCXP), with 13W available at the camera according to the CXP specification. <b>FireBird</b> supports one camera requiring two links or two cameras each using one link. LEDs built into each BNC show the link status according to the CoaXPress specification.
<i>Buffer Memory:</i>	512 MBytes of DDR3 memory is fitted for buffering between the CoaXPress interface and the PCI Express bus.
<i>PCI Express:</i>	8-lane Gen2 interface typically providing 3.4 Gbytes/sec transfer from <b>FireBird</b> to the PC, subject to PC performance.
<i>I/O:</i>	The following I/O lines are provided for triggers, shaft encoders, exposure control and general I/O: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 opto-isolated inputs.</li> <li>• 4 opto-isolated outputs.</li> <li>• 4 TTL inputs, 5V tolerant.</li> <li>• 4 TTL outputs, 5V logic.</li> <li>• 4 RS-422 inputs.</li> <li>• 4 RS-422 outputs.</li> </ul> All these I/O signals are provided on a 50-way header on the <b>FireBird</b> board.
<i>Power Input:</i>	An 8-way PCI Express Graphics (PEG) connector is provided to connect to a 6 or 8-way PEG connector from the PC power supply. This is only needed for PoCXP.
<i>Fan Controller:</i>	The fan speed is linked to the temperature of the FPGA die for optimum cooling and noise level.

## CONFORMANCE

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<i>PCI Express Interface:</i>	PCI Express Bus eight lane Gen2 interface to Specification Revision 2.0, with a max payload size of 512 bytes. <b>FireBird Dual CXP-6</b> supports both Short (32-bit) and Long (64-bit) Address packets. It also generates Posted Writes for image data, thus achieving transfer rates in excess of 3.4 GBytes/sec, subject to host performance. The board requires 16 MBytes of address space.
<i>CoaXPress:</i>	<b>FireBird Dual CXP-6</b> conforms to v1.1.1 of the CoaXPress specification.
<i>Approvals:</i>	EU      € mark for compliance with EMC EN 55022:2010 (class A) and EN 55024:2010 in accordance with EU directive 2014/30/EU. RoHS compliance to RoHS3 directive 2015/863/EU. USA      EMC FCC Class A. The printed circuit board is manufactured by UL recognised manufacturers and has a flammability rating of 94V-0.

## PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETAILS

<i>Dimensions:</i>	PCB: 168mm by 111mm. Overall: 187mm by 111mm.
<i>Approximate weight:</i>	162g.
<i>Power consumption (typical): (Measured while acquiring from 2 CXP-6 links)</i>	+3.3 V      +12 V      +12V PEG Connector 400mA      900mA      Up to 34W for PoCXP
<i>Storage Temperature:</i>	-15°C to +85°C.
<i>Operating Temperature:</i>	0°C to +60°C (ambient environment).
<i>Relative Humidity:</i>	10% to 90% non-condensing (operating and storage).

## ORDERING INFORMATION

<b>PART NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>AS-FBD-2XCXP6-2PE8</b>	<b>FireBird Dual CXP-6</b> frame grabber.
<b>AS-ACTIVESDK-xxx</b>	Software Development Kit for xxx operating system. For a full list of all supported operating systems please refer to the ActiveSDK datasheet, or contact your distributor.
<b>AS-CBL-1BB-0010-xM</b>	BNC to BNC cable x metres in length for use with CoaXPress video sources. Made from Belden 1855A cable rated to CXP-6. The standard stock length is 3m. High-flex rating and much longer length cables also available – contact your distributor for details.
<b>AS-CBL-1BD-0001-xM</b>	As above, but BNC to DIN1.0/2.3.
<b>AS-CBL-1BM-0010-xM</b>	As above, but BNC to Micro-BNC cable and made from Belden 4855R cable rated to CXP-12.

## THE FIREBIRD RANGE

The following products are also available in the range:

- High performance CoaXPress CXP-12 and CXP-6 frame grabbers in single, dual and quad configurations.
- Camera Link frame grabbers in Base, Medium, Full, 80-bit (Deca) and Dual 80-bit configurations.

Some variants in the range are also available in non-PC form-factors such as PC/104-Express and CompactPCI Serial.



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