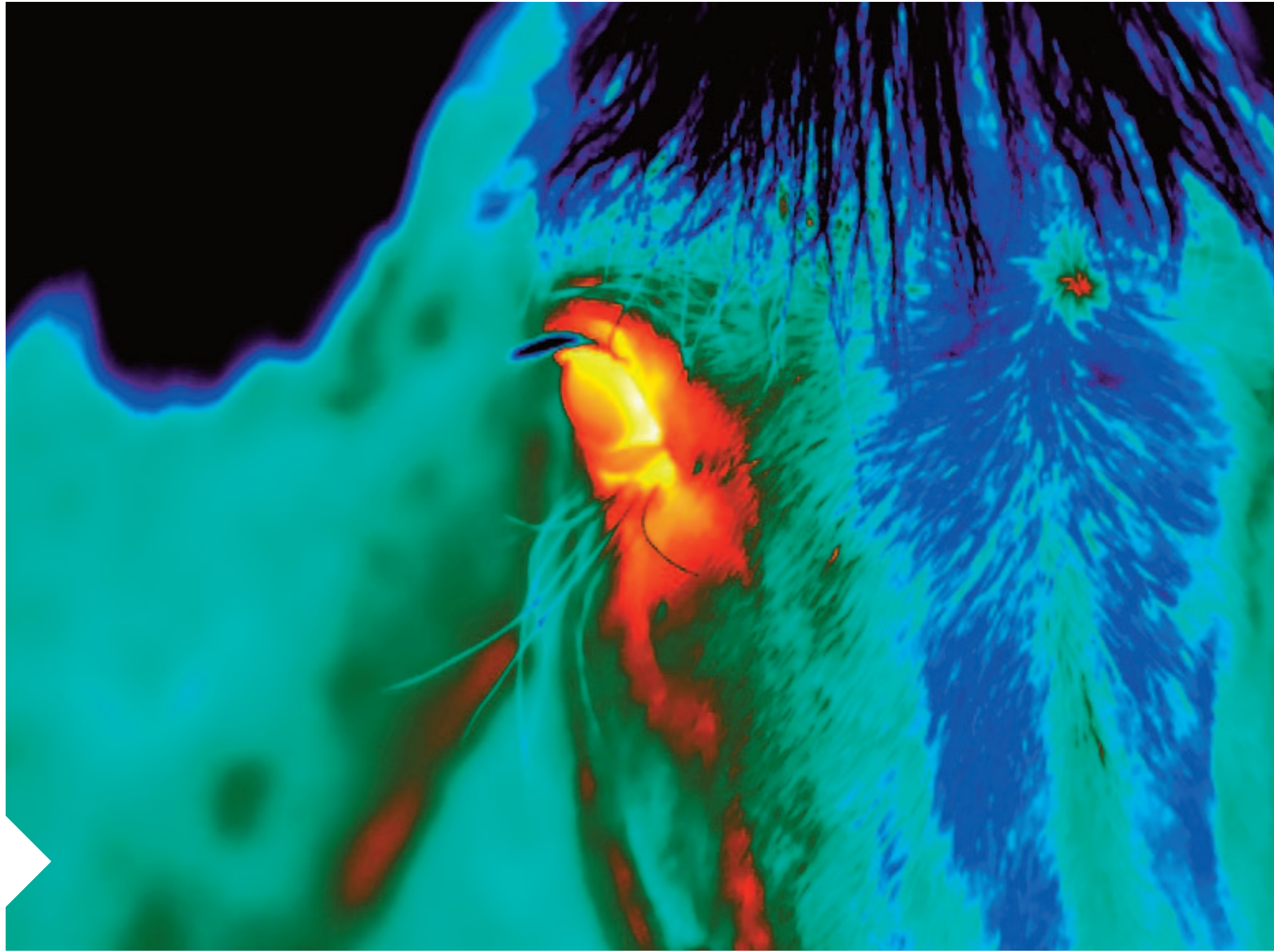


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we see  
heat

HIGH PERFORMANCE  
CAMERAS FOR  
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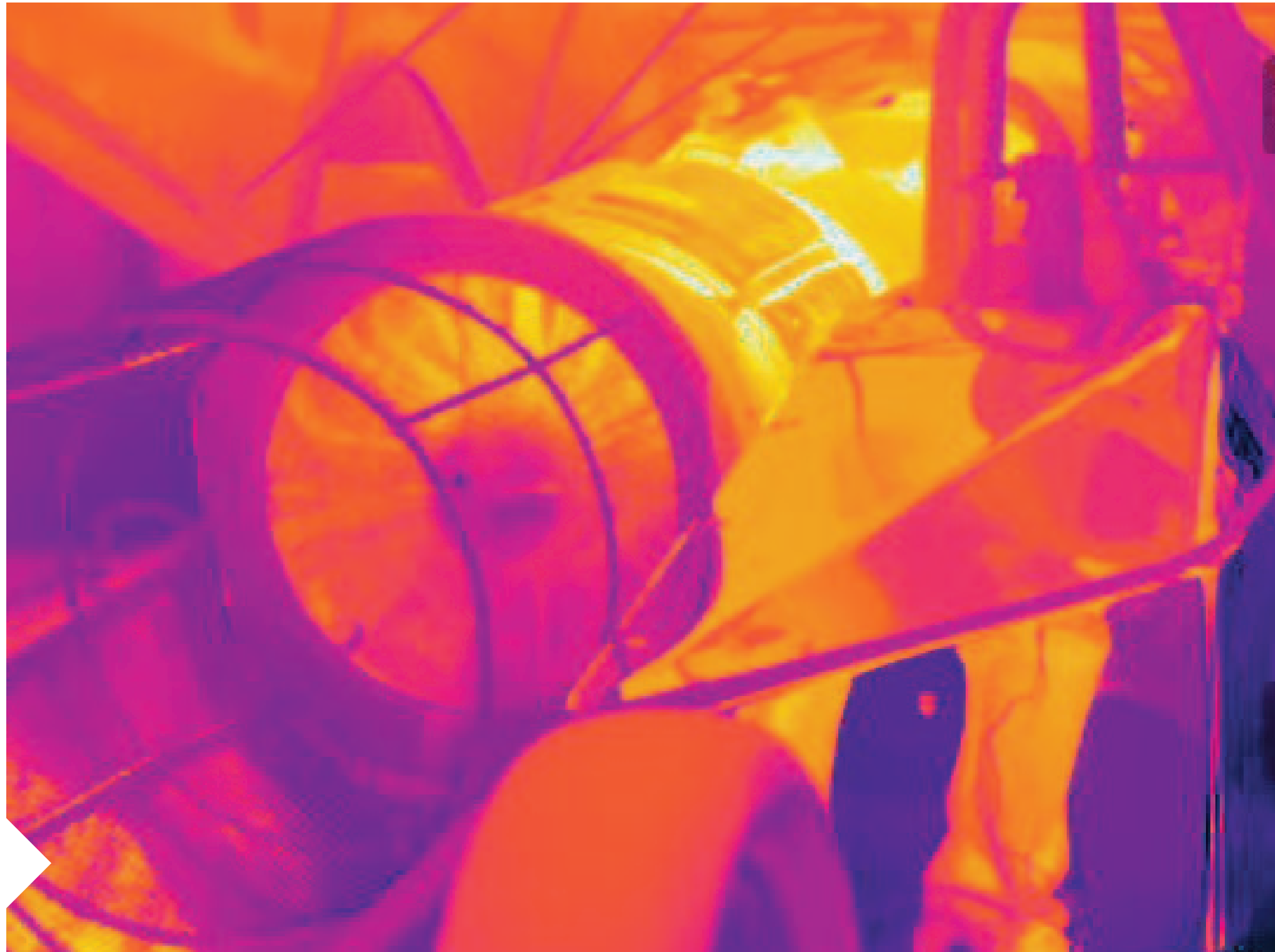
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# About us

**Thermal Vision Research Ltd (TVR)** has over 10 years' experience in the thermal imaging market. Founded by entrepreneur Matthew Clavey, we supply FLIR's range of specialist IR thermography cameras for the **research and development (R&D)** market.

Whether you work for a blue chip company, a national organisation or are an engineer, scientist or inventor developing a project on a smaller scale, we'll be able to tailor a camera package to suit your project and budget. This brochure is an introduction to the **services we provide**, but nothing compares to the personal approach.

What makes us unique is that many of our cameras are not widely available in the UK – and combining this with the tailored software packages and the expert technical support our team provides, we offer a bespoke solution to our clients which

cannot be matched by any other UK distributor.

From **equipment** and **network set ups**, to **training** and **evaluation** support, we pride ourselves on bringing a personal service to experienced and novice technicians alike, across all industry sectors. Our clients challenge us to develop and apply **thermographic solutions** for every application you can think of, from non-destructive testing to paper processing, or consumer appliance design, to ballistics. But this is what we do best – and it's why industry leader **FLIR** continues to engage us as a distributor.

► Please get in touch, arrange for us to visit and we can show you how IR thermography could be your problem-solver.



**OVERVIEW:** FLIR X8500sc MWIR

**Detector Type**  
FLIR indium antimonide (InSb)

**Dynamic Range**  
14-bit

**Accuracy**  
±2°C or ±2% of reading

**NETD**  
<20 mK

**Automatic Gain Control**  
Manual, Linear, Plateau equalization, ROI, ODE

**Spectral Range**  
3.0 – 5.0 µm / 1.5 – 5.0 µm

**Size [L x W x H] without Lens & Handle**  
249mm x 158mm x 147mm  
(9.8" x 6.2" x 5.8")

**Weight (without Lens & with Handle)**  
6.35 kg (14 lbs)



# The basics

We never like to assume what our clients may or may not know about **infrared (IR) thermal imaging** – so we'll start with the basics. Feel free to skip ahead if you need to.

The concept of **IR thermal imaging or thermography** is very simple: **We can see light**, but we can't see radiation, or heat. This is because our vision is limited to a very small portion of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Thermal imaging is the process of converting that infrared radiation into visible images, enabling us to see and measure the thermal energy which is being emitted. To explain in a little more detail, unlike visible light, in the infrared world everything with a temperature above absolute

zero emits heat. Even very cold objects, like ice cubes, emit infrared.

The higher the object's temperature, the greater the IR radiation emitted. An infrared camera is a non-contact device, similar in construction to a video camera. It produces images of invisible infrared or 'heat' radiation by detecting the energy being emitted and converting it into an electronic signal. This is then processed to produce a thermal image or video, which enables us to precisely examine

materials or component parts of a given subject.

Nearly everything gets hot before it fails, which is why IR cameras are an extremely popular, cost-effective, valuable diagnostic tool in many applications. And as we look at ways to improve manufacturing efficiencies, manage energy, improve product quality and enhance worker safety, the capabilities and opportunities for infrared cameras are on the increase.

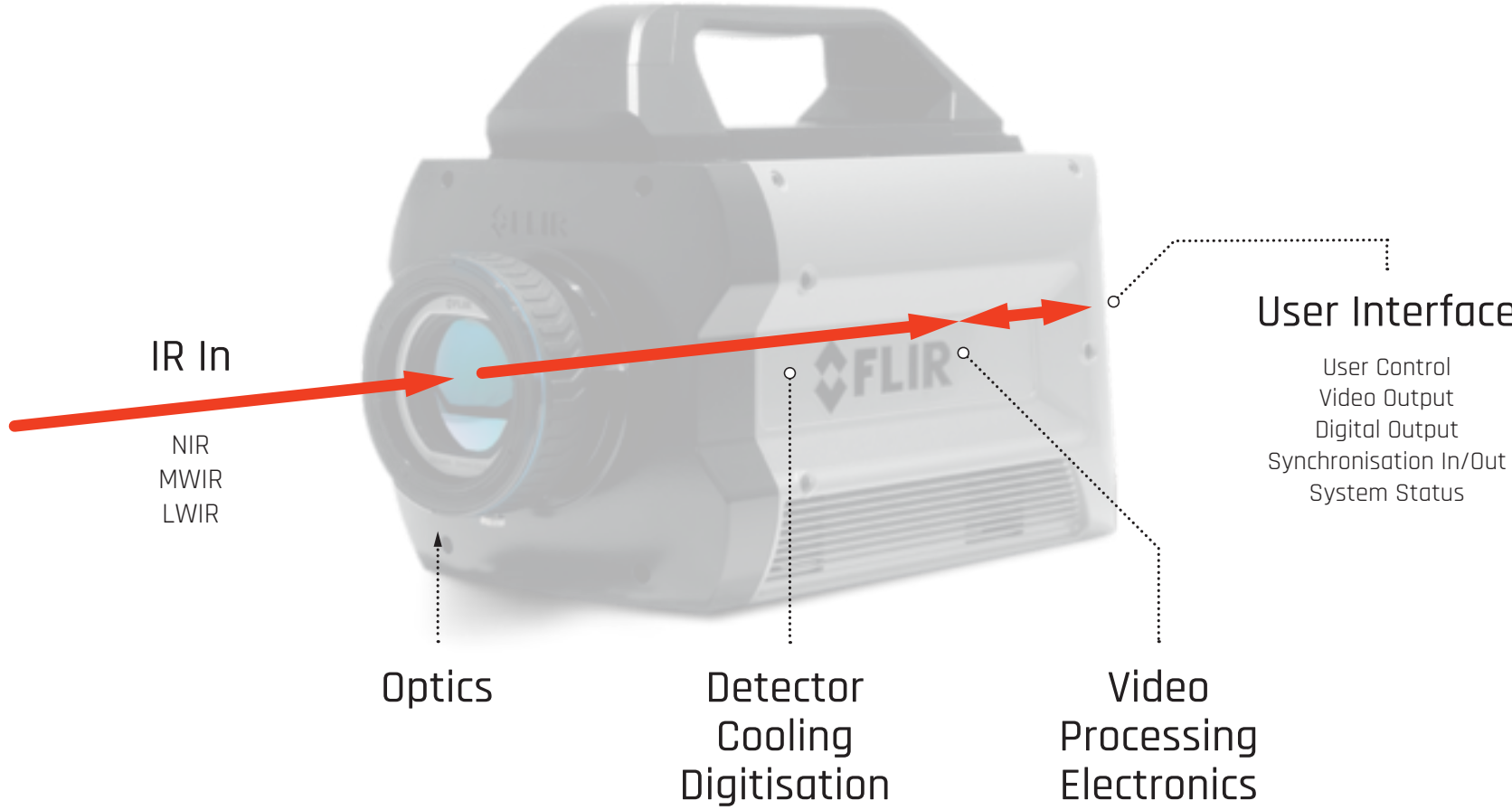


DIAGRAM: Simplified diagram of an IR camera.



# Building your camera package



**OVERVIEW:** FLIR A6250sc

**Detector Type**  
Indium Gallium Arsenide (InGaAs)

**Dynamic Range**  
14-bit

**Accuracy**  
±1°C or ±1% of reading

**NETD**  
NA

**Automatic Gain Control**  
Manual, Linear, Plateau equalization, DDE

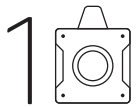
**Spectral Range**  
0.9 – 1.7 µm

**Size [L x W x H] without Lens**  
216mm x 102mm x 109mm  
(8.5" x 4.0" x 4.3")

**Weight (without Lens)**  
2.3 kg (5 lbs)

# BUILDING YOUR CAMERA PACKAGE

The IR camera you choose has to be **fit for purpose**, but how do know which one is right for your specific application when there are so many to choose from? By working with us, we'll take you through a **simple process** to ensure we find **exactly** the right camera package to **suit your requirements**.



## You and your camera

The first and most important part of your camera selection process is for us to fully understand what you need a camera to do. We'll start by talking to you about your specific requirements, either over the phone or in person, before exploring some more detailed discussion points.



## Temperature measurement

IR cameras are generally used to measure the temperature changes of a particular object. By knowing the temperature range of that object and the temperature resolution you want to achieve, we can narrow down which types of infrared cameras would suit you best.

### ► Temperature range

By this we mean how hot or how cold your project will become in a given setting. For example, an aircraft sitting on a runway might have a body temperature of 25°C and an engine temperature of 500°C – so you need an IR camera which can measure from 25°C to 500°C at the same time.

### ► Temperature resolution

This is sometime called temperature sensitivity, or Noise Equivalent Delta Temperature (NEDT), and is the smallest temperature difference you need to be able to measure. IR cameras sensitivities can range from 0.020°C to 0.075°C, depending on the camera's detector type.

FLIR Camera Model	Detector Type	Thermal Sensitivity/NEDT	Temperature Range
A655sc	Microbolometer	<30 mK	-40°C to 650°C (-40°F to 1202°F) Optional Range: Up to 2000°C
A6751sc MWIR	Indium antimonide (InSb)	<18 mK	-20°C to 350°C (-4°F to 662°F) Optional Range: Up to 1500°C, 2000°C, or 3000°C
X6901sc LWIR	Strained Layer Superlattice (SLS)	<40 mK	-20°C to 650°C (-4°F to 1202°F) Optional Range: Up to 1500°C, 2000°C, or 3000°C

TABLE: Temperature range and resolution of common IR cameras.



## Data capture speed

Data capture speeds can vary enormously - we need to consider exposure times, frame rates and total recording time to ensure your camera is capable of capturing the right data.

### ► Exposure time

Referred to as its 'integration time', this is how quickly an IR camera can capture a single frame of data. The shorter the exposure time, the less likely there is to be any blurring, however the image may be under-exposed. For longer exposure times, more heat data can be captured, but if the object is moving, the image may be blurred. Camera selection therefore has to be combined with thermal resolution,

considering the required exposure time with the sensitivity of the camera.

### ► Frame rate

This means how many thermal images you can capture, per second. IR cameras with fast frame rates allow you to capture the thermal signatures of fast-moving targets. Shorter exposure times allow for faster frame rates and overall frame rates can vary from a few frames per second, to thousands of frames per second.

### ► Total record time

You might want to capture data at high speed for long periods, at high speed for short bursts, or at slow rates for hours. There are plenty of data recording options

available and we'll work through these with you as part of your selection process.

FLIR Camera Model	Detector Type	Exposure Times	Frame Rate
A655sc	Microbolometer	12 milliseconds	50 Hz
A6751sc MWIR	Indium antimonide (InSb)	1.0 milliseconds	125 Hz
X6901sc LWIR	Strained Layer Superlattice (SLS)	0.2 milliseconds	1000 Hz

TABLE: Frame rates and exposure times of common IR cameras.

# BUILDING YOUR CAMERA PACKAGE CONTINUED...

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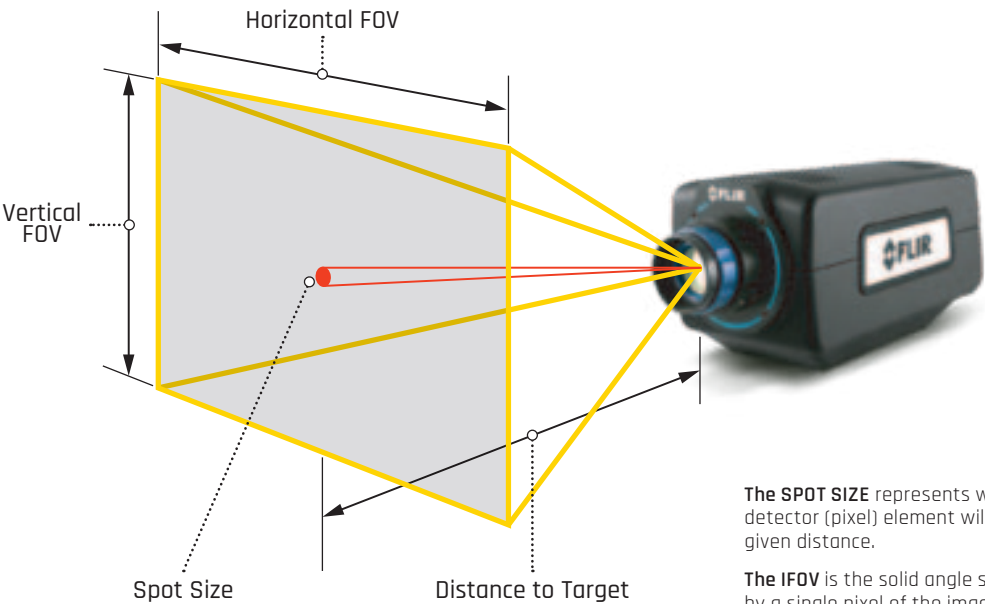
### Lens selection

To get the best thermal imagery and most points of measurement for your specific project, you need a lens which fills your field of view with exactly what you need to see - and provides the best spatial resolution to ensure you capture even the smallest of details.

► **Spatial resolution**  
Also known as the Instantaneous Field of View or IFOV, this refers to the smallest physical detail you can detect on your target - the smallest area a single camera (detector) pixel covers. The closer you move to an object, the smaller the area a pixel will detect.

► **Field of View**  
Your field of view changes as you look at objects from further away - so you will have fewer pixels on your target when you're imaging from a distance. Ideally, you want your object to fill your field of view, but sometimes this isn't possible if your subject is particularly hot, or poses danger.

When we know what you want your spatial resolution and field of view to be, we can help you choose the right lens, or set of lenses to capture the data you need.



The **SPOT SIZE** represents what a single detector (pixel) element will see at a given distance.

The **IFOV** is the solid angle subtended by a single pixel of the imaging system. It varies by camera FPA dimensions and lens combination.

**SPOT SIZE** = IFOV x Distance to Target

DIAGRAM: Relationship between Field of View and Distance.

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### Detector selection

Different detectors sense infrared energy in different wavelengths or wavebands. So, depending on your application, the waveband over which your IR camera senses energy can have a significant impact on your measurement results.

For example, if you need your camera to measure the filament of a lightbulb, you need a detector which operates within the transmission window of the lightbulb's glass. Use the wrong detector and you'll simply capture data for the glass instead of the filament.

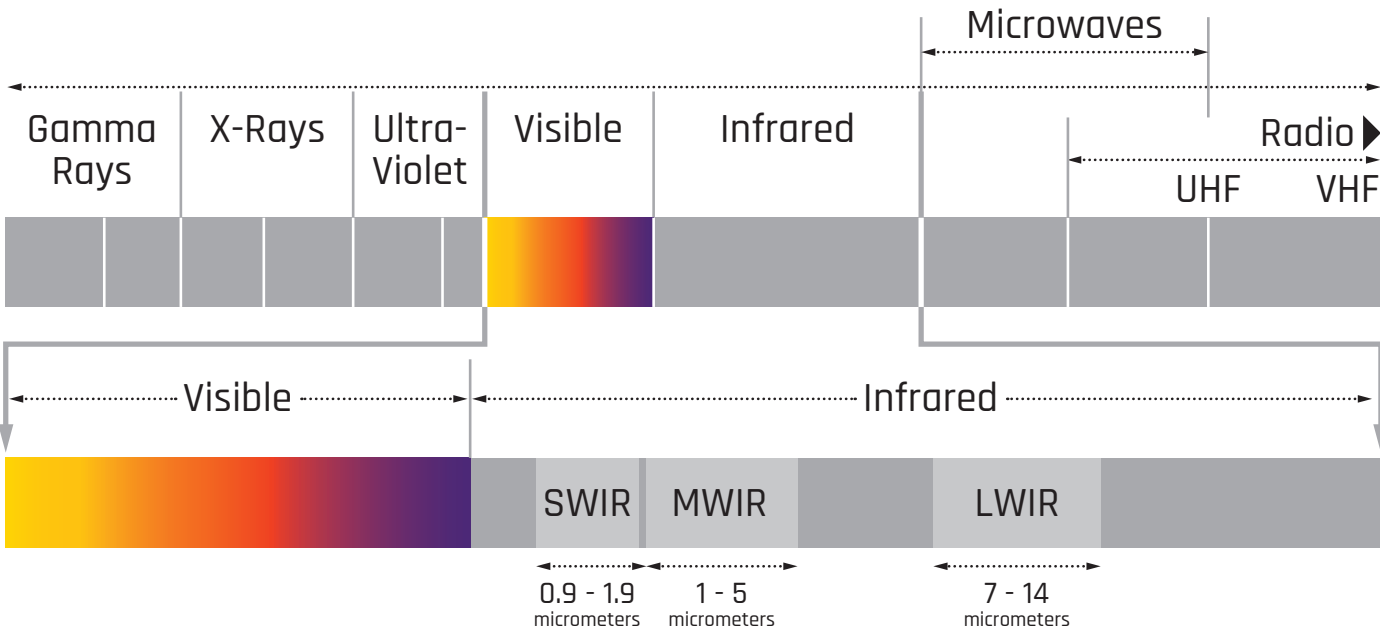


FIGURE: Atmospheric transmission for infrared energy.

# BUILDING YOUR CAMERA PACKAGE CONTINUED...

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### Data reporting

**Camera hardware and data collection is only half the story, our expert team can also help you find the best way of analysing and reporting data.**

► **Data analysis**

Just by looking at an IR image you can quickly see areas of hot and cold, but by applying techniques for image enhancement, emissivity adjustment or image subtraction, you can gain a detailed understanding of the thermal changes taking place on a target object.

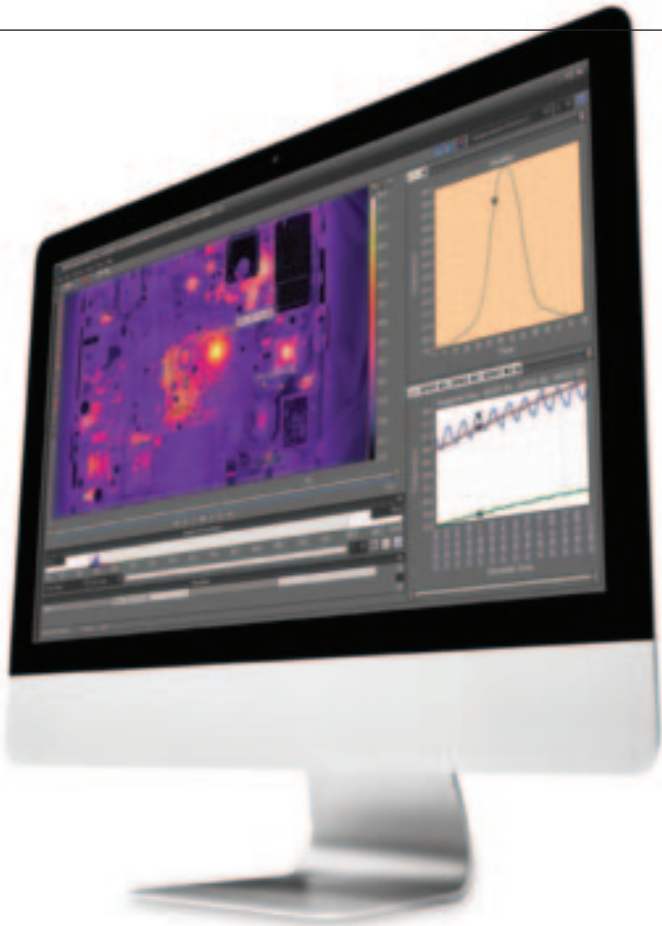
Image enhancement for example, allows you to draw out subtle temperature differences. Or removing a baseline image from an energised image allows you to expose extremely small temperature variances.

It's likely you'll also need to share your data with others, so having an IR software package which allows data export may also be important.

► **Superframing**

This involves cycling the IR camera through up to four unique temperature ranges and sequentially capturing data from each range. By using software such as FLIR ResearchIR Max you can present this data as movie files.

Superframing only works with certain cameras and software though – and we would consider this as part of your selection process.



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### Accessories

**From protective enclosures to infrared windows, we can advise on the right kit to use with your camera, tailored to the environment it will be operating in.**

For mounting your camera outdoors or in manufacturing environments, you may want to consider an enclosure with a special infrared window which is optimised for your specific camera and detector.

Another common accessory is a cable extension for use where your camera is located a long distance away. We can explore options with you for transmitting your thermal data at full frame rates, for miles if necessary.

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### Support, training and warranty

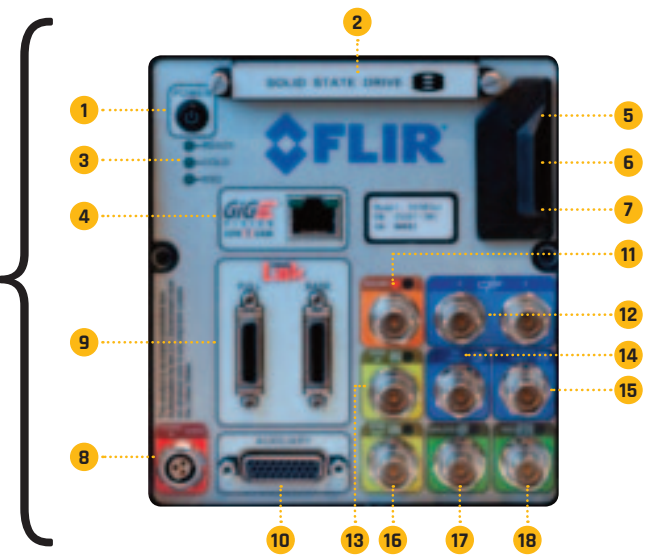
**Finally, from learning how to switch your camera on, to bespoke measurement techniques, we can provide as much or as little support as you need.**

Warranty packages can be tailored to extend from the standard one year to five, or to provide 24hr swap out options for production line applications, where downtime is critical.



# CONNECTIONS

There are many ways in which you can connect your camera for data capture and transfer. The image shown here uses the X6900sc as an example, though user manuals specific to each camera would provide information relevant to individual products.



**1. Power switch:** This illuminates when camera power is 'On'.

**2. Solid State Drive (SSD):** Your camera may be supplied with a suitable SSD, formatted to provide the best possible data transfer.

**3. Status lights:** These help you understand how the camera is operating. The 'Cold' light tells you when the camera has reached its operating temperature.

**4. Gigabit Ethernet:** This is for connecting with your PC and can be used for data acquisition and/or camera control.

**5. MicroSD:** Not currently available.

**6. USB client:** This is a Command and Control port for user interface – it can also be used for firmware upgrades provided by FLIR.

**7. HDMI video:** This is active when HD video mode is selected. It's compatible with standard HDMI cables.

**8. Power interface:** An AC-DC power convertor will be supplied with your camera. Guidance will be provided if you choose to use your own DC power supply.

**9. CameraLink video output:** A standard data interface for high end visible and IR cameras.

**10. Auxiliary connector:** This provides access to a range of alternative input and output signals.

**11. Record trigger:** This allows the camera to use an external signal to start recording. The LED will flash when the recorder is ready.

**12. CoaXPress video output:** This is a standard interface for high speed digital video data and can support flexible image sizes and frame rates.

**13. Sync in:** This can be selected for the camera to operate as an external Frame Sync to clock frames.

**14. HD-SDI:** This is a standard HD video interface which can transmit either 1080p or 720p video over distances up to 300ft.

**15. Composite video output:** BNC connector point.

**16. Sync out:** This works together with 'Sync in' and can be used to synchronise other events when the camera is in 'Free Run' mode.

**17. Genlock input:** This allows the camera to synchronise the active video output, to an external video signal.

**18. IRIG input:** An IRIG-B decoder is built in to the camera to allow for the time stamping of each frame.

# ACCESSORIES

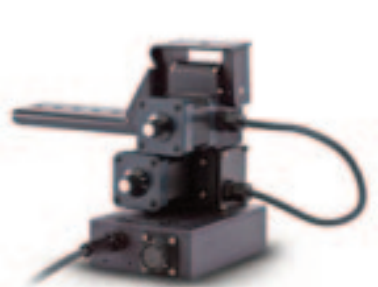
We offer a wide range of accessories from HD tripods to Pan & Tilt systems. Most cameras we supply are built to your bespoke requirements and we'll provide advice on the most suitable hardware to suit your system.

## X-Series Filter Wheels

- ▶ ND 1.0
- ▶ ND 2.0
- ▶ ND 3.0
- ▶ ID07 MWIR - Standard MWIR, 3.0 - 5.0  $\mu$ m, MWIR imaging
- ▶ ID10 Thru Glass - Inspections through glass
- ▶ ID11 Glass Surface - Makes glass surface opaque
- ▶ ID12 Flame - Inspections through flame
- ▶ ID15 Plastic - Makes some thin film plastics opaque
- ▶ ID16 CO<sub>2</sub> - Imaging CO<sub>2</sub> band
- ▶ ID17 Nitrous-Oxide - Imaging CO<sub>2</sub> band
- ▶ ID18 COS - Flame imaging
- ▶ ID23 Thru Glass HT
- ▶ ID24 Glass Surface HT
- ▶ ID25 Flame Surface HT

## X-Series Filter Wheels Blank Filter Holder

- ▶ X-Series Filter Wheel Blank Filter Holder (XX = 40-58 filter IDs reserved for custom cal and camera recognition) (X69XX, X68XX, X85XX)



Pan & Tilt system



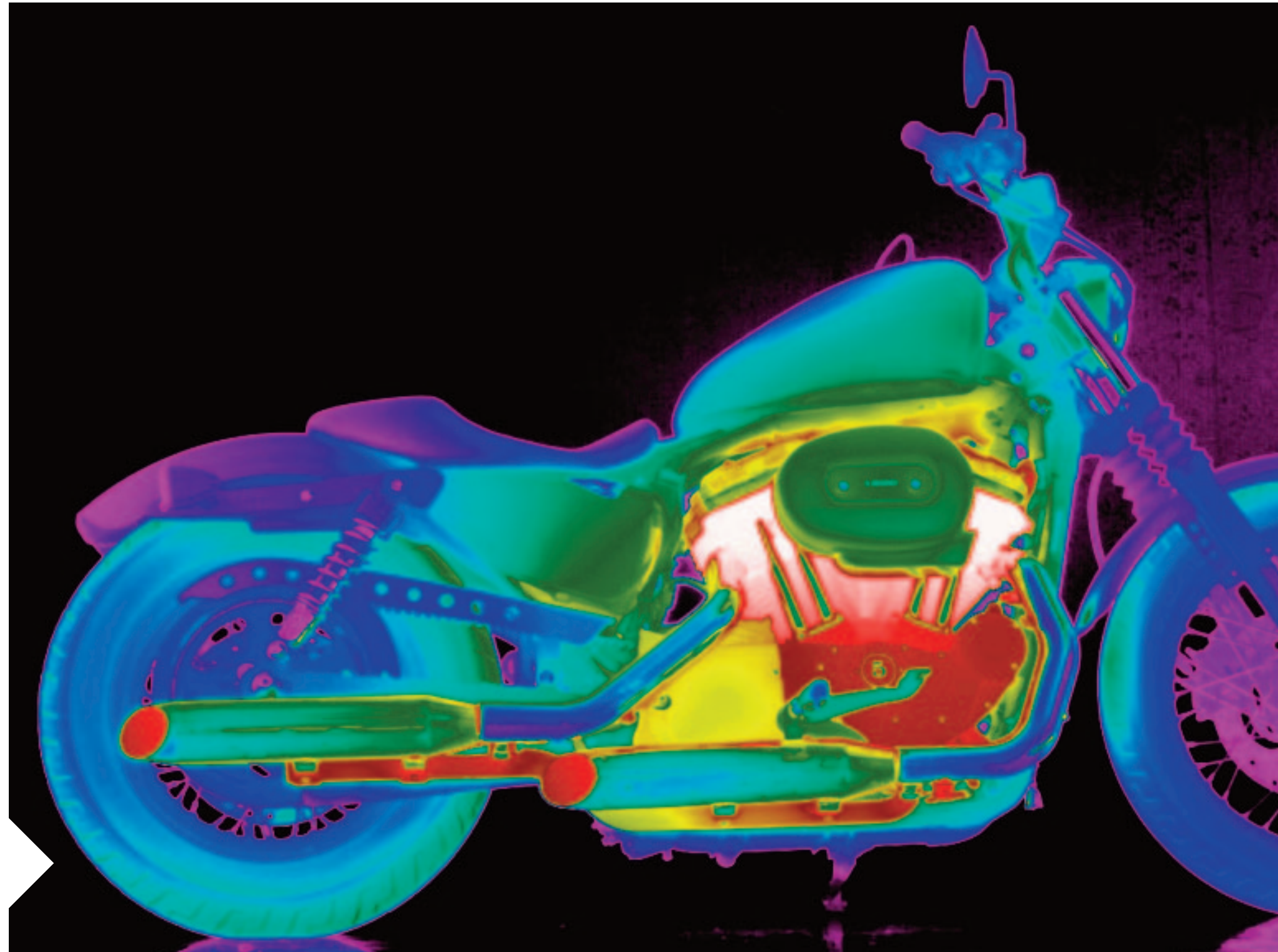
Data logger



Custom housings



HD tripod



# Using thermal imaging technology



**OVERVIEW:** FLIR A6700sc Series

**Detector Type**  
FLIR Indium Antimonide (InSb)

**Dynamic Range**  
14-bit

**Accuracy**  
±2°C or ±2% of reading

**NETD**  
<18 mK

**Spectral Range**  
3.0 – 5.0 µm or 1.0 – 5.0 µm

**Size [L x W x H] without Lens**  
216mm x 102mm x 109mm  
(8.5" x 4.0" x 4.3")

**Weight (without Lens)**  
2.3 kg (5 lbs)

# USING THERMAL IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

FLIR's **world-leading** R&D camera range combines high performance thermal imaging and precise temperature measurement, with **powerful tools** and **software** for **analysing** and **reporting**.

Their cameras can distinguish temperature changes as subtle as 0.02°C, provide precise measurements from -80°C to +3000°C, and feature state-of-the-art detector technology. These are just some of the reasons why FLIR is typically the first choice for R&D professionals.



Research & Development

Thermal imaging has proven itself to be an indispensable analysis method in the R&D community – its application possibilities are seemingly endless.



Printed circuit boards

Understanding heat dissipation within a circuit board is extremely difficult, but thermal imaging makes this possible without compromising performance.



High-speed/stop motion

With cameras capable of microsecond exposure times capturing more than 62,000 frames per second, FLIR is at the cutting edge of high-speed camera technology. Its pioneering applications of high-speed thermography include analysis of jet engine turbine blades, supersonic projectiles and explosions.



Thermal signatures

Commonly used in the design of vehicles, sensors and camouflage systems, thermal signatures measure infrared brightness and can reveal the appearance of a given object.



Tracking

Thermal imaging camera systems can be used to work alongside video tracking systems to help maintain visibility and track a specific object when working in low light conditions.



Directed energy

Directed Energy Weapons (DEW) include laser, high power radio frequency and particle beam technologies. Thermal imaging cameras are used in the testing of DEW instrumentation and the analysis of target impacts.



Thermal imaging microscopy

When a thermal imaging camera is combined with a microscope, it becomes a thermal imaging microscope. Using this technology, temperature measurements can be taken from subjects as small as 3microns.



Medical thermography

FLIR cameras are widely used in medicine diagnostics and treatment. They provide an accurate, measurable, non-contact technique which can capture changes in surface temperatures.



Laser designation

Laser designators emit a beam of laser energy which is used to mark a specific place or object. Thermal imaging cameras can detect these otherwise invisible laser beams and are used for identifying locations and targets.



Infrared Non-Destructive Testing (IR NDT)

IR NDT can identify internal issues by studying thermal differences on a target surface. It's a valuable tool for detecting voids, delaminations and trapped water in composite materials.



Technical surveillance and countermeasures

Thermal imaging is used to identify heat signatures from covert surveillance devices. Even devices hidden within objects can be revealed by the minute energy given off in the form of IR energy.



Short Wave Infrared (SWIR)

This is used in the non-destructive quantitative analysis of crops, pharmaceuticals and agricultural products. It's also used to examine art forgeries.



# CASE STUDY #1

## IN PRACTICE: Road repair

Tens of thousands of bridges across the United States have been in use long past their 50-year design life, meaning there's a \$multi-billion repair and maintenance job to be done. The challenge however lies in identifying which sections of road have become delaminated and are in need of repair.

Using traditional methods, inspectors apply a non-destructive testing process called acoustic chain dragging. The chain makes a distinctive hollow sound when it's dragged across a delaminated section of

road, which an inspector then manually logs. This method is time consuming, subjective, can be compromised by other road noises and requires lane closures.

NEXCO-West USA wanted to find a high tech alternative to this method and started to work with FLIR's A6701sc camera. Mounted on a truck to pinpoint delaminated sections of road, this NDT inspection technique incorporated images from a cooled FLIR infrared camera, into maps created with NEXCO-West's own software.

Inspections were carried out with the truck-mounted infrared camera while driving across a bridge at 50 miles per hour, with traffic, during the day or within a few hours after sunset when

large temperature shifts can be seen. Roads normally heat and cool evenly, but delamination interrupts the conduction path, so could be easily detected by the IR camera. The camera was set for a 10Hz frame rate which records a crisp, thermal image every two metres and accurate data for a mile-long bridge can be gathered in just a few minutes. The camera was connected to a laptop inside the vehicle so the team could see real-time analysis and could identify potentially delaminated areas.

This high-tech approach has proven so successful that NEXCO-West engineers are now working with others to develop efficient inspection procedures which could be used by state highways agencies across the US.

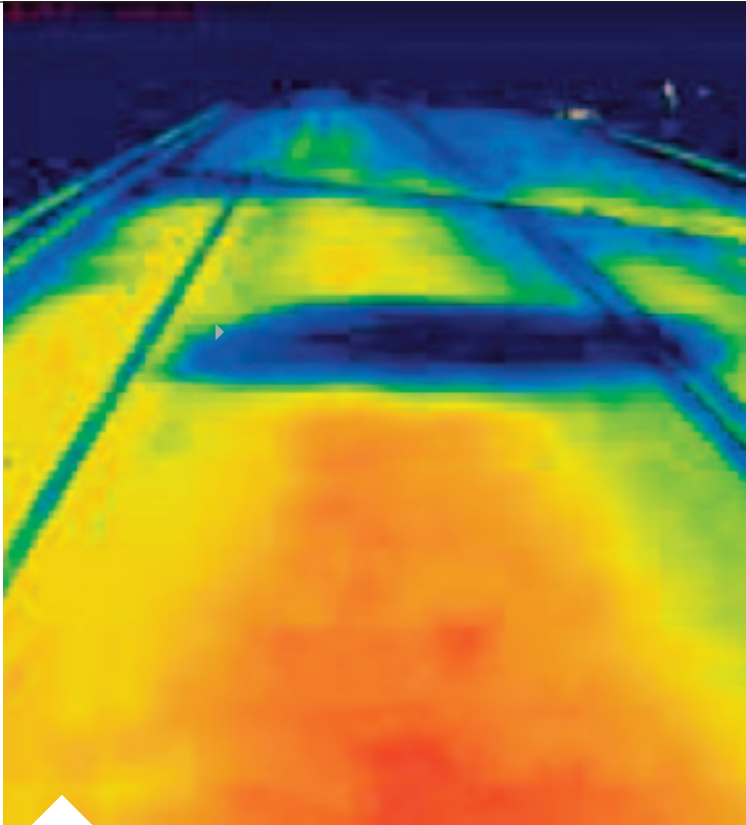


IMAGE: Thermal image used to create bridge deck deficiency map

# CASE STUDY #2

## IN PRACTICE: Pilot performance

Helicopter pilots are under immense pressure in the cockpit. With information being passed to them simultaneously from internal and external sources, manufacturers and training providers need to ensure the pilot's environment allows them to remain calm and able to do their job.

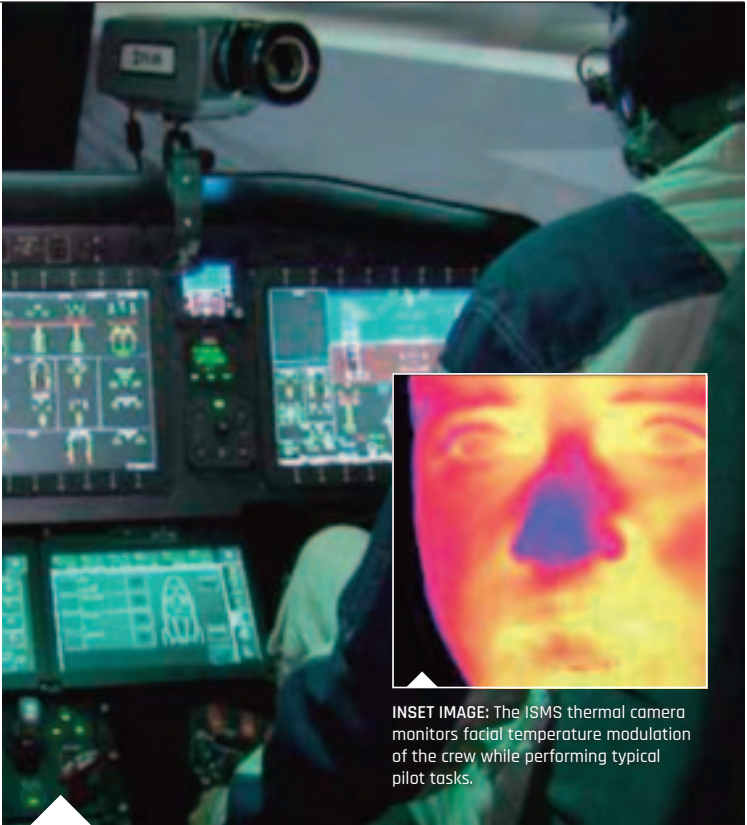
Italian helicopter manufacturer Leonardo wanted to find a reliable and objective way to measure the stress that pilots experience, to help them design more functional cockpits and deliver effective training.

Leonardo teamed up with Next2U, a scientific start-up company, and the Italian Army Aviation to develop an Infrared Stress Monitoring System (ISMS). Cold sweat or feeling warm are both indicators of stress and affect skin temperature, so the non-invasive stress analysis system included the FLIR A6750sc - a cooled camera capable of capturing the subtle changes in skin temperature associated with human emotions.

The FLIR A6750sc was also the ideal camera to choose for this experiment as it complied with the strict technical constraints for flight simulators - having suitable performance, dimensions and weight for example. It can also freeze motion and perform accurate temperature

measurements on moving subjects and its high resolution of 640-x512 provides a good definition of the morphological features of the face of the pilot.

When combined with the data captured from other sources as part of the ISMS, Next2U has commented on how thermal IR imaging has matured to now provide an insight into how humans interact with machines.



MAIN IMAGE: The ISMS helps Leonardo understand stress imposed on pilots during missions, either in simulators or in real missions.

INSET IMAGE: The ISMS thermal camera monitors facial temperature modulation of the crew while performing typical pilot tasks.



# CASE STUDY #3

## IN PRACTICE: Photonics research

As demands on consumer technology increase, so too do the challenges for equipment manufacturers to find new ways of integrating devices to support the next generation's communication needs.

The level of integration required brings with it a challenge for thermal management however. As more and more functionality is needed to be built into less packing space, it becomes more likely the photonic platform will overheat.

To manage this problem, researchers at the Tyndall National Institute in Cork,

Ireland are developing a passive optical network (PON) for high-speed fibre-to-home internet connectivity. They're using a silicon photonic integrated circuit (Si-PIC) to receive incoming information (downloading), before reflecting an optical signal back (uploading). Within this device they're bonding an electronic integrated circuit (EIC) to manage the electronic timing signals which are needed to drive an optical modulator. However, these high-frequency timing signals cause an increase in temperature, which can have an impact on how the photonic chip works.

Researchers used the FLIR X6540sc – a high speed, full frame (640 x 512) camera to simultaneously measure the temperatures of the EIC and

Si-PIC, to find the most efficient way to thermally stabilise the photonic chip. As a result, they have been able to see thermal activity in much greater detail than ever before and have seen how the thermal management of the photonic module accounts for around 30% of the overall power budget.

They plan to use the camera as part of their ongoing development of packaging design – refining photonic platforms to meet future technology needs.

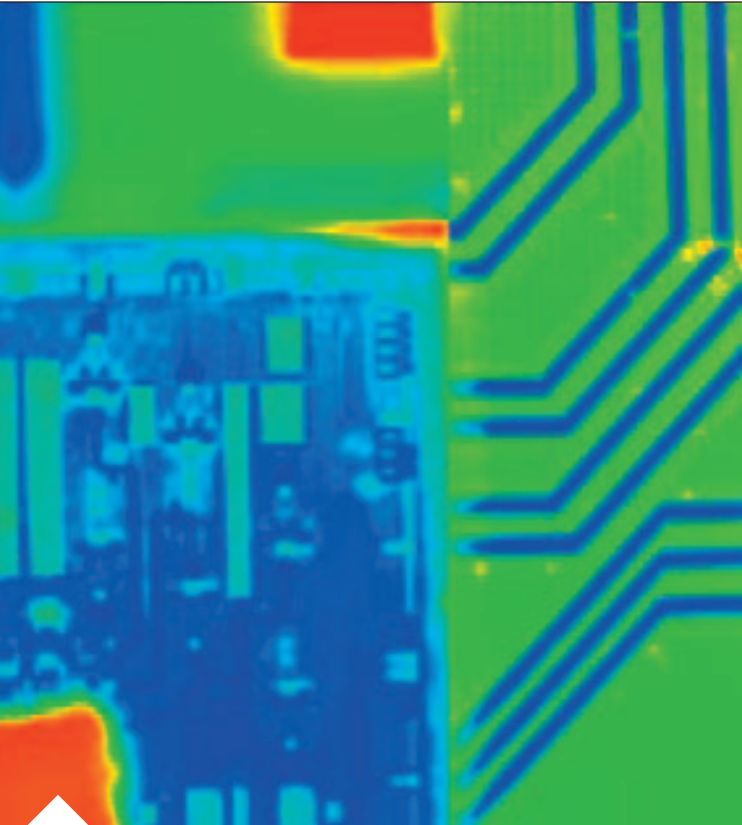


IMAGE: Measurement of EIC and Si-PIC temperatures on a Si Photonic Chip (composite thermal image).

# CASE STUDY #4

## IN PRACTICE: The electrocaloric effect

The fridge in your kitchen uses a coolant that turns into a gas. This process works, but it can be harmful to the environment.

At the Luxembourg Institute of Science & Technology (LIST), researchers are using FLIR thermal imaging cameras to see how solid materials which exhibit the electrocaloric effect, could be used instead to cool down food, drinks and medicine.

The electrocaloric effect is a phenomenon whereby a polarisable material can have a reversible change in temperature when an electric field is either applied or taken away. A fridge could be cooled by this method

for example, by increasing the frequency of the electric field applied to an object, followed by a rapid heat exchange with its surrounding environment.

The rate of heat exchange is crucial to success, so LIST scientists needed to determine how this process might be limited by the material used – in terms of its thermal conductivity, or by its shape, for example. Indirect measurement methods had previously been used, but the results were not always accurate. But when the team started using the FLIR X6580sc, they were able to gain accurate and sensitive imaging data of caloric effects and thermal behaviour of the different materials, both temporally and spatially.

LIST combined the FLIR X6850sc with a lens which enabled them to achieve a 3x magnification – capable of capturing very small temperature differences at a very high frequency. The team then combined this with FLIR's ResearchIR Max software for thermal measurement, recording and real-time analysis. The software allowed them to record temperature changes induced by the electric field and make better distinctions in the image between what was induced by the electric field and what was image noise. Overall, they were able to review the thermal images in a higher level of detail than before and generate positive results for their ongoing research.

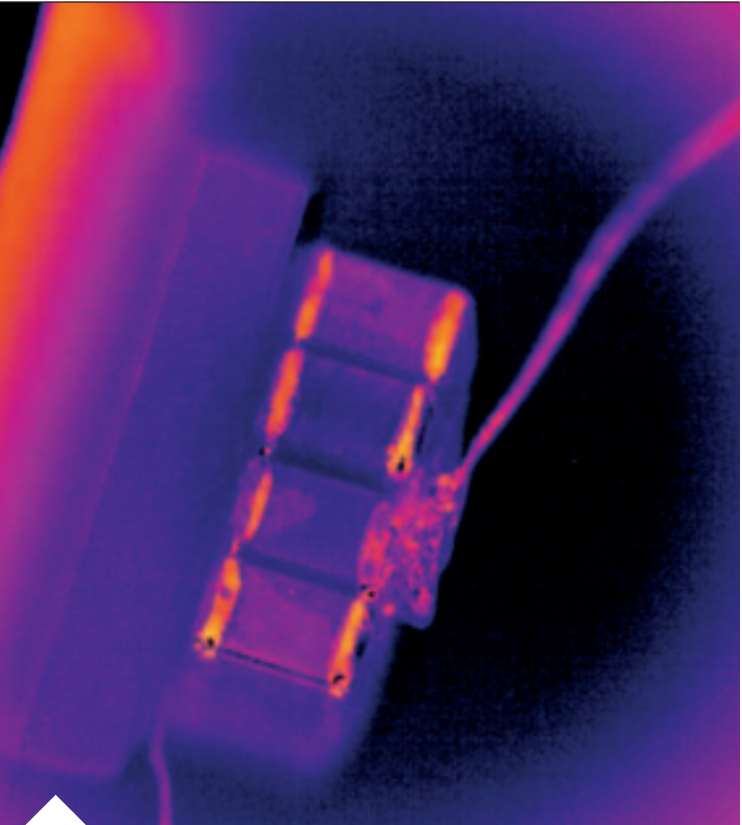
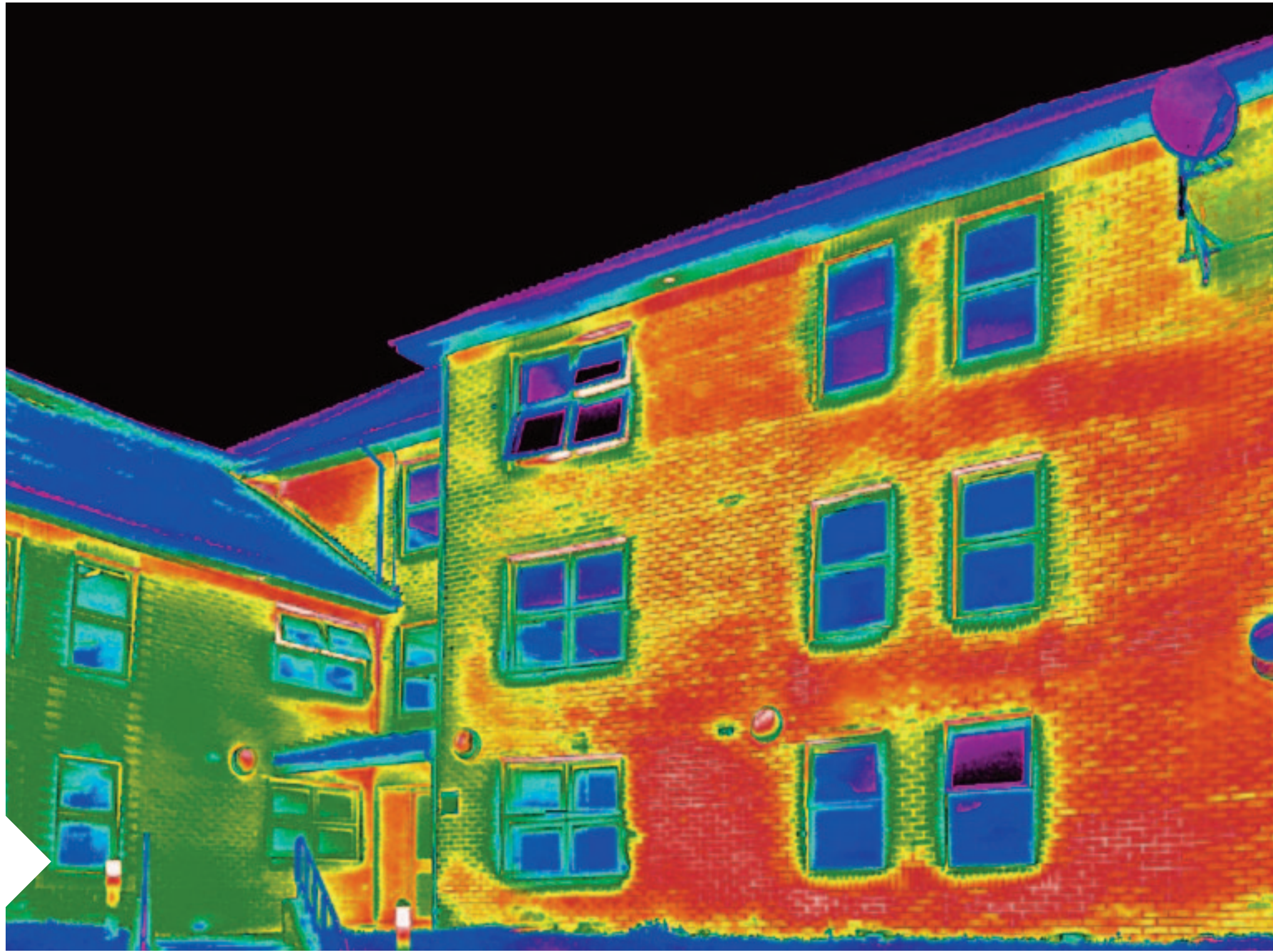


IMAGE: The electrocaloric effect in thin films could have the potential to be used for efficient refrigerators and cooling systems for high power electronic devices.



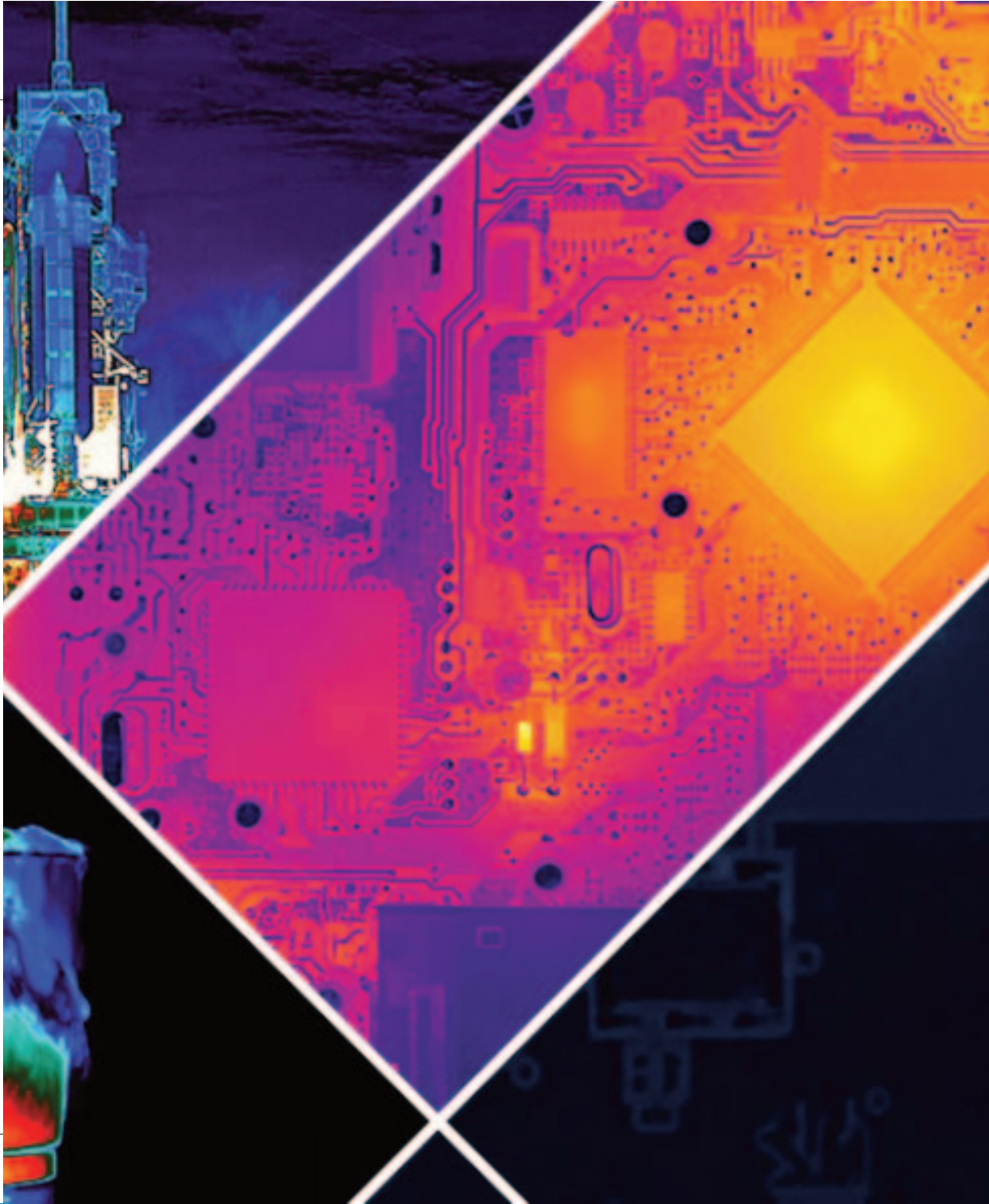


# Cameras and software



# Cameras

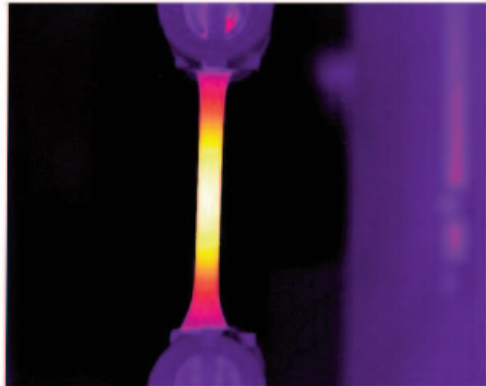
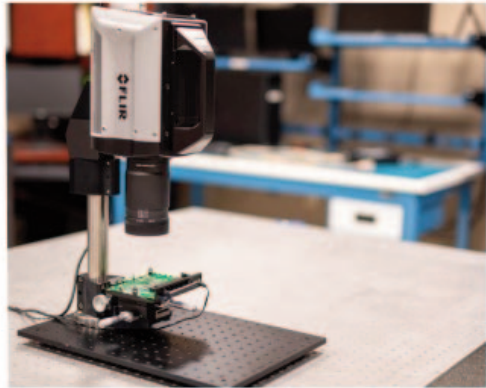
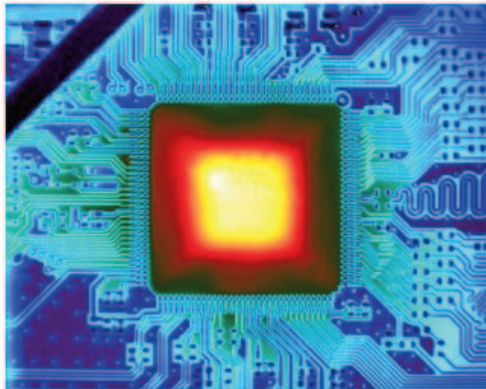
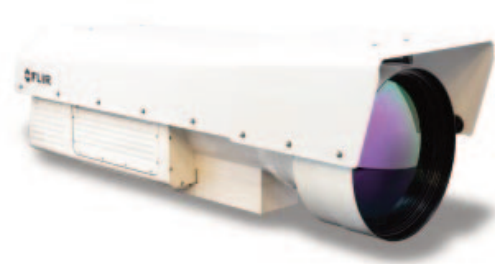
FLIR's R&D/Science infrared camera solutions offer the sensitivity, spatial resolution, frame speed and integration time needed to capture fast temperature changes, and take pinpoint accurate temperature readings on targets with motion.





# Cooled Photon Detectors

A modern cooled thermal imaging camera has an imaging sensor that is integrated with a cryo-cooler. This is a device that lowers the sensor temperature to cryogenic temperatures. This reduction in sensor temperature is necessary to reduce thermally-induced noise to a level below that of the signal from the scene being imaged. Cooled thermal imaging cameras are the most sensitive type of cameras and can detect the smallest of temperature differences between objects. They can be produced to image in the mid-wave infrared (MWIR) band and the long-wave infrared (LWIR) band of the spectrum where the thermal contrast is high due to black-body physics. Thermal contrast is the change in signal for a change in target temperature. The higher the thermal contrast, the easier it is to detect objects against a background that may not be much colder or hotter than the object. Un-Cooled Microbolometer Systems



**FLIR X8580™**  
High Definition MWIR Science-Grade Camera



**FLIR X8580 SLS™**  
High Definition LWIR Science-Grade Camera



**FLIR X6980™**  
High-Speed MWIR Science-Grade Camera



**FLIR X6980 SLS™**  
High-Speed LWIR Science-Grade Camera



**FLIR A6780 MWIR**  
Midwave Infrared Thermal Camera



**A6780 SLS**  
Longwave Infrared Thermal Camera



**FLIR X6800SC MWIR**  
High Speed, Performance MWIR InSb Camera



**FLIR A6260**  
SWIR Camera with InGaAs Detector



**FLIR A6750 MWIR**  
High Performance MWIR InSb Camera



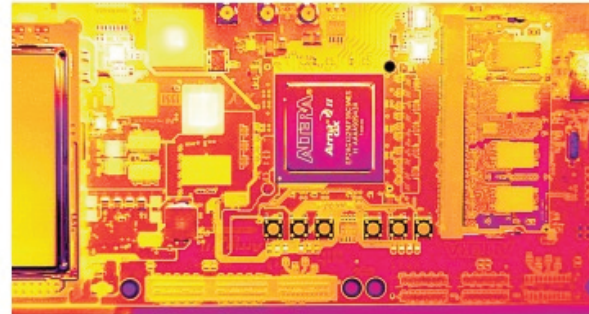
**FLIR A6750 SLS**  
Longwave Infrared Thermal Camera



# Microbolometer Systems

An uncooled infrared camera is one in which the imaging sensor does not require cryogenic cooling. A common detector design is based on the microbolometer, a tiny vanadium oxide resistor with a large temperature coefficient on a silicon element with large surface area, low heat capacity and good thermal isolation. Changes in scene temperature cause changes in the bolometer temperature which are converted to electrical signals and processed into an image. Uncooled sensors are designed to work in the Longwave infrared (LWIR) band, where terrestrial temperature targets emit most of their infrared energy. Uncooled cameras are generally much less expensive than cooled infrared cameras. The sensors can be manufactured in fewer steps with higher yields relative to cooled sensors, less expensive vacuum packaging, and uncooled cameras do not require cryocoolers, which are very costly devices. Uncooled cameras have fewer moving parts and tend to have much longer service lives than cooled cameras under similar operating conditions.

## FLIR A-SERIES™ Science Kits



FLIR A-Series Science Kits simplify temperature measurement for researchers and engineers working in a variety of applications, from electronics and aerospace to the life sciences. With streamlined connections and multiple lens options, users can quickly view, acquire, and analyze thermal data within the FLIR Research Studio software. Based on FLIR A400, A500, and A700 Advanced Image Streaming cameras, the Standard Kit offers a 24° lens with automatic/remote and manual focusing as well as FLIR Macro Mode for superior system flexibility. The Professional Kit has the added benefits of MSX® image enhancement, to better distinguish between components on your test target; radiometric data transmission over Wi-Fi, so you can cut the cord between camera and workstation; and a close-up lens for accurate thermal measurements on small components.

### UNPARALLELED THERMAL IMAGING & INNOVATIONS

Get accurate thermal data on your entire device and individual subcomponents

- Obtain correct thermal measurements with crisp remote, automatic, and manual focusing
- Multiple lens options ensure you get the maximum number of pixels on your test article
- Accurately measure temperatures on small objects without the need to switch lenses using the included one-touch enabled FLIR Macro Mode
- Better differentiate between features and components with the patented FLIR MSX® image enhancement\*

### SIMPLIFIED DATA ANALYSIS, SHARING, & COLLABORATION

Start collecting and sharing meaningful data with limited ramp-up time and simple connections

- Employ FLIR Research Studio's simple Connect→View→Record→Analyze workflow to obtain and analyze thermal results quickly
- Work in the operating system you prefer and share data globally with colleagues in their preferred language
- Stream fully radiometric compressed data over Wi-Fi to devices running FLIR Research Studio\*

\*Included in the Professional Science Kits ONLY

### ADVANCED FEATURES FOR UNMATCHED CONNECTIVITY

Get up and running faster with simple yet robust connections

- Ensure camera connections are correct and secure with M-style, positive lock connectors
- Eliminate the need for additional cables using standard Power over Ethernet (PoE)
- Connect the camera to your workstation using Wi-Fi for camera control, data recording and image analysis\*
- Control camera parameters and recording through digital I/O

## FLIR A50/A70 Research & Development Kit

FLIR A50/A70 Research & Development Kits are affordable, ready-to-use solutions for thermal imaging analysis in proof-of-concept, electronics testing, and R&D applications. Providing thousands of temperature measurement points, users can eliminate thermal guesswork, reduce product development time, and increase product efficiency and reliability. These kits are the right choice for engineers and technicians who need to fully understand the thermal profiles of their systems or require defensible thermal data to support critical decisions. Simple connections and standard manual focus lens options provide the ultimate flexibility to satisfy research and development needs. Users can quickly view, record, analyze and share thermal data with the included FLIR Research Studio software or take advantage of industry-standard connections to integrate into custom software applications when needed. When mobility is required, the compressed radiometric data transmitted over Wi-Fi eliminates the cord between the camera and workstation.



### IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

Quickly reveal thermal characteristics to eliminate guesswork and reduce product development time

- Accurately measure temperatures with up to 307,200 thermal measurement pixels (640 × 480 resolution) and ±2°C accuracy
- Reveal unknown thermal anomalies faster with quality infrared imagery
- Easily differentiate between features and components with the built-in visible camera
- Enhance understanding of infrared image data using FLIR MSX®

### CAPTURE MEANINGFUL DATA QUICKLY

Start testing sooner with limited ramp-up time and simple non-proprietary industry standard interfaces

- Stream full radiometric image data using standard Gigabit Ethernet or Wi-Fi connections
- Perform qualitative and quantitative thermal analysis with the included FLIR Research Studio software
- Quickly view, record, analyze and share important thermal data across multiple platforms and languages
- Compare and examine thermal data simultaneously from multiple connected cameras and recorded data files

### RUGGED, COMPACT, AND FLEXIBLE

Meet the demands of multiple application environments and installations

- Ensure operation in tough environments thanks to rugged M-style connectors and standard IP66 protection
- Easily install this compact camera in any location, with multiple mounting options
- Eliminate the need for multiple cables using Power over Ethernet and included Wi-Fi connectivity
- Transition from design and testing in the lab to process control in production using non-proprietary GigE Vision and GenICam protocols, as well as SDKs



# Software

FLIR Research Studio provides robust yet easy-to-use recording and analysis capabilities for a variety of research & development applications. This premium thermal analysis software offers a simplified workflow for viewing, recording, and analyzing FLIR camera data – allowing users to quickly interpret and understand critical information. With advanced thermal analytic capabilities and recording control, researchers can capture precise thermal data that can be quickly shared with colleagues in standard file formats. Research Studio also offers multi-language and multi-platform support (Windows, MacOS, Linux) to improve collaboration between team members, increase efficiency, and help reduce the potential for misinterpretation.

## SIMPLE TO USE

Increase efficiency and reduce testing cycles with this streamlined, intuitive software

- Quickly interpret and understand critical thermal measurement data with the easy Connect -> View -> Record -> Analyze -> Share workflow
- Compare thermal data between multiple connected cameras and recorded data files simultaneously to provide instant feedback on thermal anomalies, reducing the need for multiple repetitive tests
- Easily navigate the user interface with large, familiar icons that are touchscreen friendly

## ADVANCED THERMAL ANALYSIS

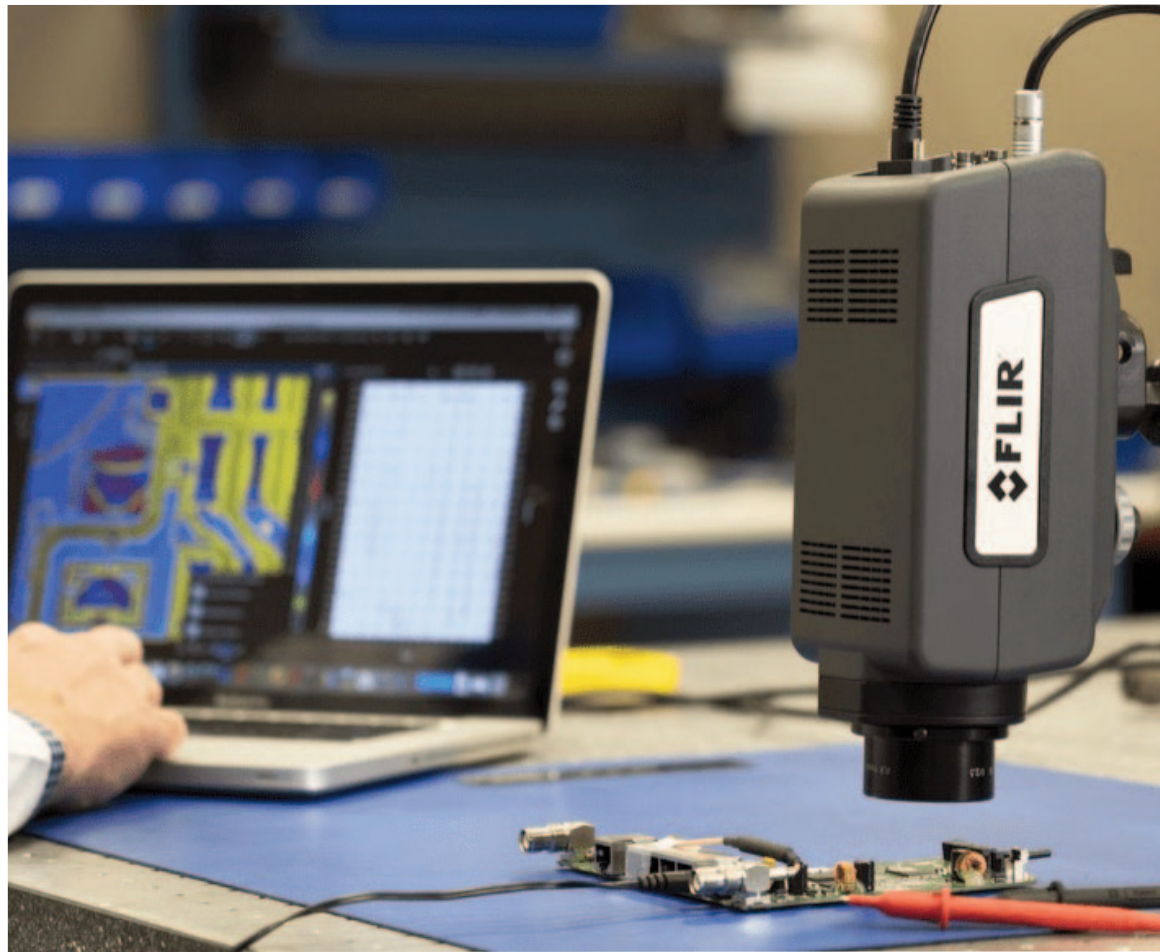
Acquire meaningful data with advanced recording and analysis features

- Fully analyze thermal data in unique and meaningful ways using multiple region-of-interest types, data plotting options, and customizable workspaces
- Quickly highlight important thermal trends and potential problems using the sophisticated image filters, multiple palette selections, and isotherms
- Optimize your workflow for unique thermal test captures with custom user calibration support and measurement functions

## SHARE RESULTS EASILY

Make it simple to collaborate with team members

- Increase efficiency and reduce the potential for misinterpretation by sharing important thermal data quickly and easily with colleagues across multiple operating systems and languages
- Export data into commonly used file and image formats, or enhance collaboration by sharing crucial thermal analysis work using Research Studio Player files
- Trim recorded data files to highlight only the most important information



### Analysis software that works the way you work

FLIR Research Studio provides users with a quick and efficient way to display, record, analyze, and report accurate thermal data. With a streamlined, intuitive GUI and unique feature set, users at all levels can effortlessly record and evaluate thermal data from multiple FLIR cameras and recorded sources simultaneously.

### User-friendly, intuitive set up and control

- Set up quickly with plug-and-play camera connection
- Begin analysis immediately with streamlined workflow
- Hand off projects when needed thanks to easy-to-learn instructions
- Runs on most preferred platforms: Windows, MacOS, Linux
- Available in 22 languages

### Feature-rich analysis tools

- Perform thermal measurements on objects of any shape or size
- Analyze data with line profile and time-versus-temperature plots
- Generate both types of plots simultaneously from multiple connected cameras and recorded data
- Better understand thermal impact and drift with the help of Frame Subtraction
- Share data and reduce analysis time during repeat events using workspaces
- Review and recall files using the quick-collect strip

### WORKFLOW

#### 1. Control connected cameras

- **Thermally tune the image**
  - Select palettes
  - Adjust level/span
  - Target regions with digital zoom

#### 3. Record data

- Take single image snapshots or infrared movie

#### 4. Playback & Analyze Data

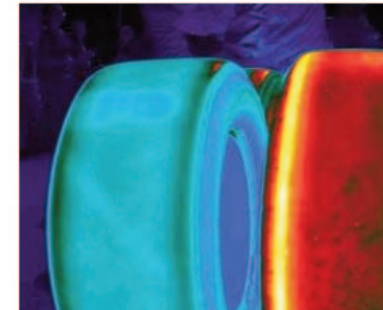
- ROIs – Spot, Line, Box, Circle
- Analysis – Statistics Table, Line Profile, Temp

#### 5. Export Data to 3rd-party formats

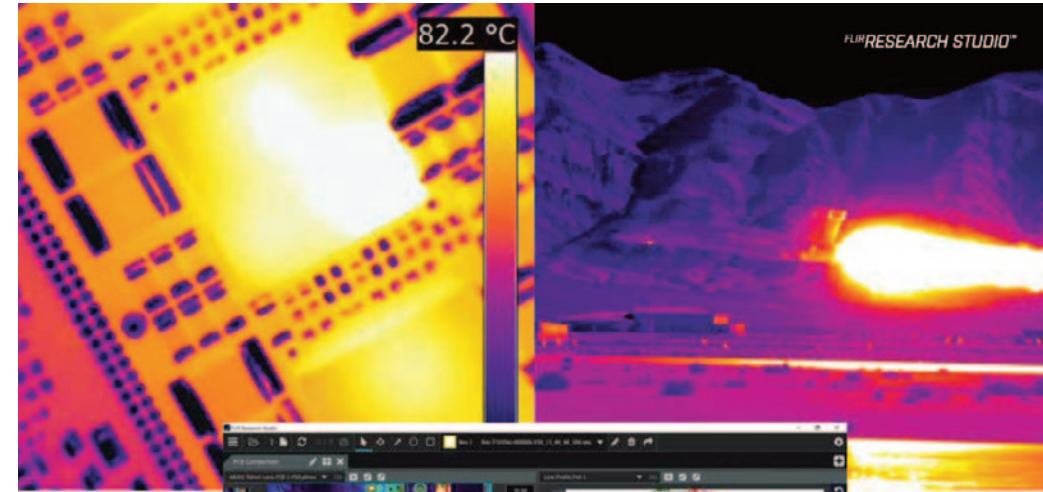
- CVS and JPG/PNG/BMP/TIFF files and MPEG

#### 6. Share data

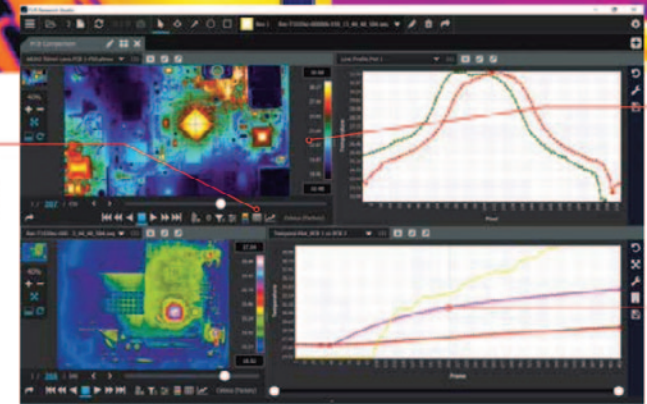
- Save and recall workspaces
- View images and movies in the free player app



Thermal tire comparison

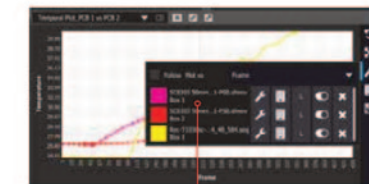


Connect multiple cameras and open multiple recorded files on the same tab or create new ones

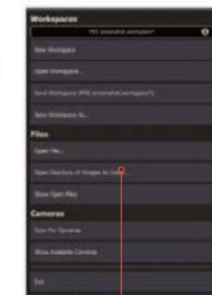


Simplified workflow  
– Connect  
– View  
– Record  
– Analyze  
– Export

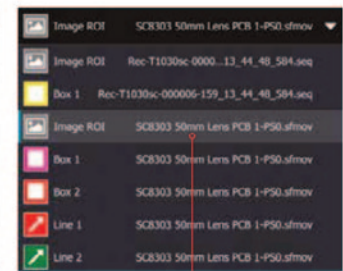
Compare data from different recorded files and/or connected cameras within the same plot or chart



Simultaneously generate line profile and time-versus-temperature plots for multiple camera inputs

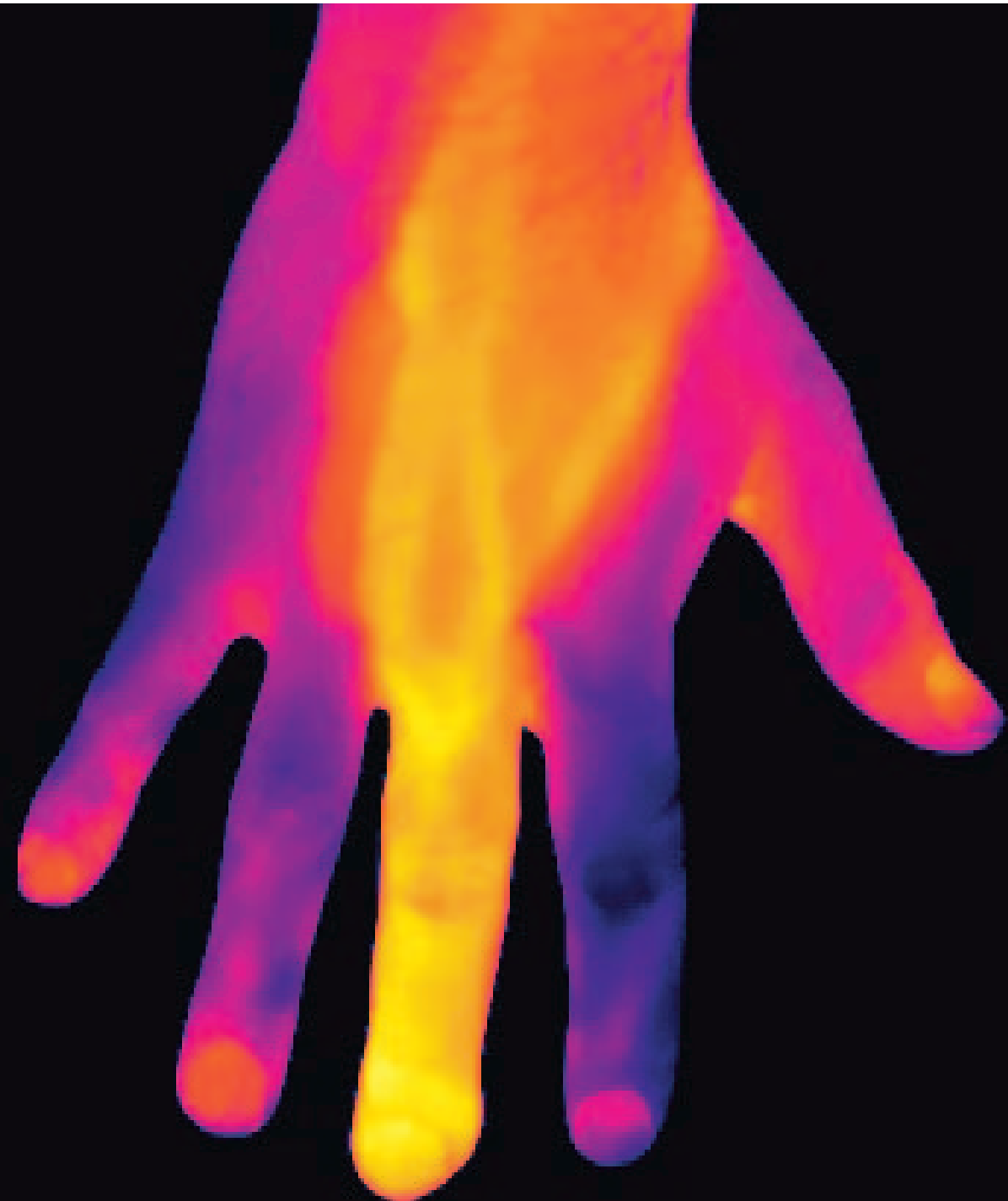


Reduce analysis time and eliminate confusion when sharing data by creating and sharing workspaces



Isolate specific regions of interest (ROIs) for thermal analysis or emissivity correction



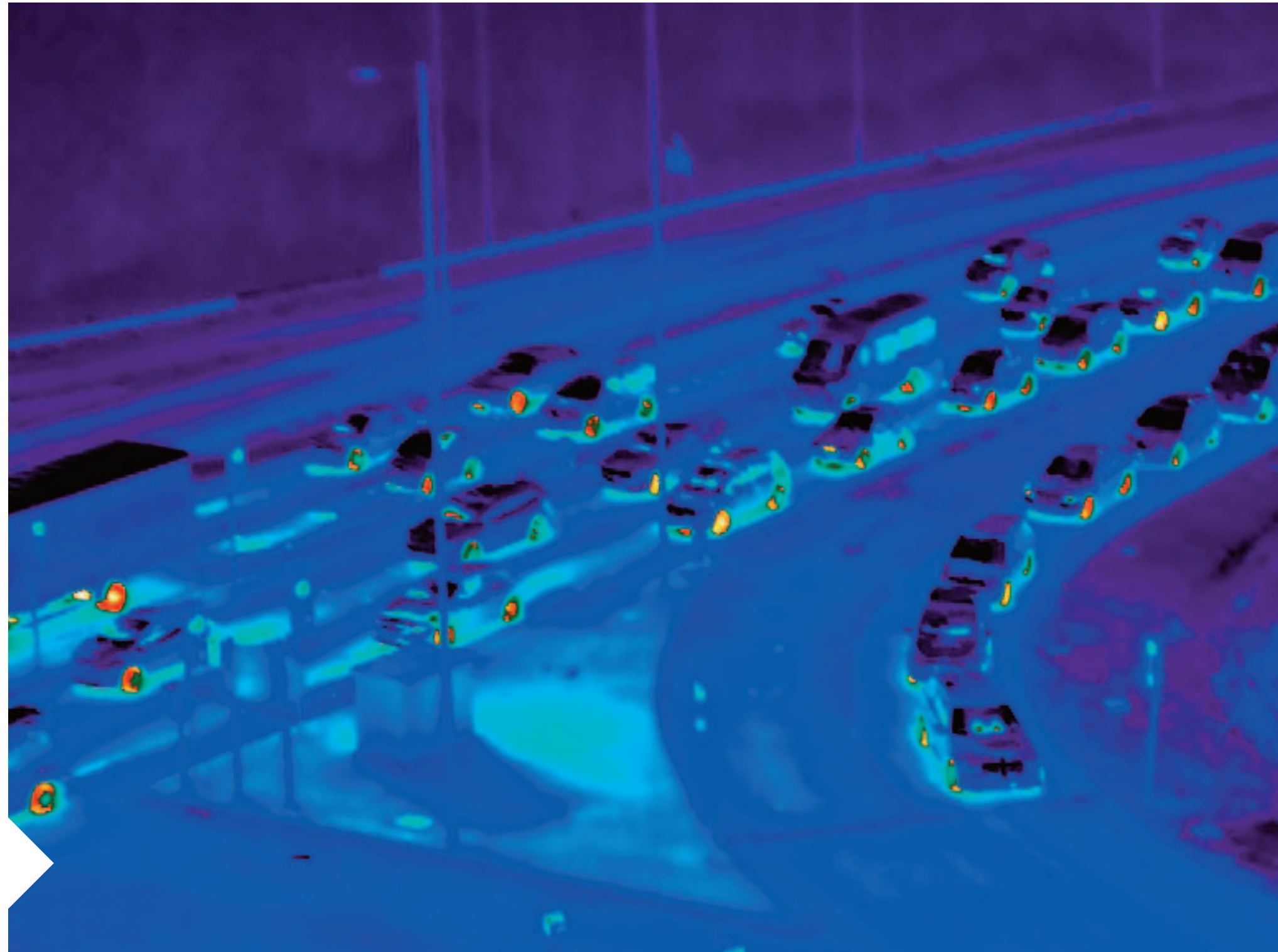


# Service & Support

We understand your FLIR camera is essential for your work. And, in the same way you couldn't work without your laptop or phone, if you have an issue with your camera, you need it back up and running as quickly as possible.

Prevention is always better than cure which is why FLIR recommends investing in one of its tailored maintenance packages. These include a 14-point inspection and calibration programme:

1. A complete operational check
2. Calibration of MSX and laser alignment
3. Checking of all internal cables and PCB connections
4. Cleaning the viewfinder and checking the optics
5. Upgrading internal camera software with the latest versions
6. Performing minor repairs
7. Verifying/re-equalising the temperature ranges
8. Verifying the standard lens calibration
9. Verifying the ambient temperature compensation
10. Recalibrating the camera to meet factory specifications
11. Calibrating temperature ranges up to 1,500°C if appropriate
12. Performing quality-approved acceptance test procedures
13. Providing calibration labelling with the next maintenance date
14. Providing a calibration certificate



## WHO WE WORK WITH



Thermal Vision Research has amassed many years of experience in the capabilities of the ever-changing portfolio of FLIR infrared cameras as they are used in the research and scientific markets. By accessing this, we are able to quickly specify the instrumentation and support packages our projects need and know there is knowledgeable back up available.

**Cailean Forrester**  
Managing Director  
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We consider TVR a valuable partner to our research. We acknowledge that without Matthew's repeated visits to the University and his valuable comments, suggestions and constructive criticism, we wouldn't have obtained the quality data needed for our research.

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Matthew has worked with us over the past six years to address a number of thermal imaging requirements for various applications spanning R&D as well as designing thermal imaging technology into custom products. His familiarity with the FLIR product range and experience of applying thermal imaging techniques in a research and development environment has been invaluable in helping us select the best suited products to meet our requirements. The on-site demonstrations and short term rentals have also given us absolute confidence, that we've selected both the right product and the right supplier. We thoroughly value Matthew's expertise and focus on problem solving rather than box shifting. I would highly recommend others to seek out his services for any thermal imaging applications.

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