



Atik Series 3 User Manual
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1 Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of an Atik Series 3 camera. This manual will help you get the most out of your Atik camera: please take the time to read it thoroughly, and you will be ready to discover new worlds.

Atik cameras provide exceptional value for money, superior performance and unrivalled ease of use. Our cameras are the result of extensive research and development, each one having been designed and built with the requirements of the most demanding astro-imager in mind. Your Atik camera incorporates state-of-the-art design and materials, and it will be your trusted astro-photography companion for a long time to come.

Repairs, servicing and upgrades are available through your local dealer or at <http://www.atik-cameras.com>.

Please note that modifications to the camera and/or accessories which are undertaken without the manufacturer's written permission will void the warranty, details of which are given at the back of this manual.

1.1 Further information

For installation instructions and other useful information please refer to the quickstart guide which was shipped with the camera. Information on the software is given in the ArtemisCapture guide, a PDF file of which is copied to your computer hard drive by the software installer. Further information is available on our website at <http://www.atik-cameras.com>.

2 Pack Contents

This pack includes:



1. Atik Series 3 camera
2. USB cable
3. Car lighter type power cable
4. CD with software and manuals
5. Quick start guide

3 Getting to know your camera

3.1 Camera Parts



1. ST-4 compatible autoguider port
2. 2.1mm centre-positive 12V DC input
3. 1.25" nosepiece with T2 (M42 x 0.75mm pitch) thread
4. USB port

3.2 Sensor

The sensors used in the Atik series 3 cameras are listed below:

| | Black and White | Colour |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Atik 314L+</i> | SONY ICX285AL | SONY ICX285AQ |
| <i>Atik 320E</i> | SONY ICX274AL | SONY ICX274AQ |



Due to the very clean nature of these CCDs, dark frames are unnecessary in most cases. This is due to the low noise which stands at an amazing less than 5 electrons RMS.

3.3 *Optical Window*

The optical window used in front of the CCD is a BK7 with BBAR coatings on both sides ensuring that no reflection will appear in your image.

3.4 *Analog to Digital Converter (ADC)*

The Analog to Digital Converter (ADC) is a 16-bit ADC. This means that your Atik camera will allow you to record subtle levels of gray, providing you with enhanced dynamic range when capturing an image.

3.5 *Power Consumption*

Your Atik camera was designed to have low power consumption: please see the table in section 4 for details specific to your camera model. The 2.1mm centre-positive DC input is compatible with a wide range of 12V DC supplies.

WARNING: If you have purchased the optional mains power adaptor, please note that it is for indoor or observatory use only. There is a risk of electric shock if the adaptor is used in damp environments or outside. If in doubt do not use the adaptor and consult a trained electrician.

3.6 *USB Port*

The Atik series 3 cameras use a USB 2.0 high-speed interface, allowing full-frame image downloads in only a few seconds. A higher speed “preview” mode is also present, providing roughly twice the speed.

3.7 *Autoguiding Port*

The autoguiding port enables you to do autoguiding with any ST4 compatible guiding software when using the optional cable. The port schematics are shown in section 4.

3.8 Cooling

Atik cameras are thermally stabilized to allow your CCD to output the best result that it can deliver: please see the table in section 4 for details specific to your camera model. After switching on the camera it is advisable to allow at least 2 minutes before taking images, in order to allow the temperature to stabilize. The very low readout noise, combined with efficient cooling, means that dark frames are not necessary in most situations, allowing you to spend more time imaging and less time taking calibration frames.

The Atik 314L+ has a regulated cooler that allows the selection of the desired sensor temperature. Please refer to the Artemis Capture guide for reference on how to set this up.

3.9 Replacing the desiccant

Your camera includes a high-performance molecular sieve desiccant tablet which is used to avoid condensation in the CCD chamber. Although this desiccant will last a long time it may eventually need replacement or recharging, in which case please follow the instructions below:



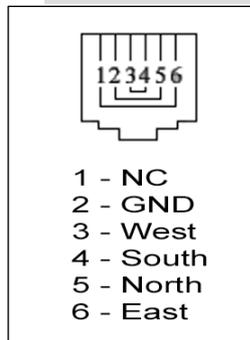
Desiccant port

- To replace the desiccant, open the desiccant port with the supplied plastic interface and a screwdriver, take out the used tablet and replace it with a fresh one. Replace the port cover and tighten (no need to over-tighten). Wait 24 hours before connecting the camera again.
- To recharge the desiccant, place the tablet in an electric oven at 200°C for a couple of hours. Take it from the oven, wait a few minutes for it to cool down slightly, then put it back in the camera and wait 24 hours.

You will notice that there is a filter inside the desiccant chamber. The purpose of this is to avoid contamination of the chamber when the desiccant is being replaced. The filter is very fragile and should not be touched.

4 Technical Information Summary

| | Atik 314L+ | Atik320E |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Sensor Type | Sony ICX285 | Sony ICX274 |
| Resolution | 1392x1040 pixels | 1620x1220 pixels |
| Pixel Size | 6.45x6.45µm | 4.4x4.4µm |
| ADC | 16 bit | 16 bit |
| Readout Noise (typical) | 4 e ⁻ | 4 e ⁻ |
| Interface | USB | USB |
| Power | 12V DC 0.8A | 12V DC 0.8A |
| Maximum Exposure | Unlimited | Unlimited |
| Minimum Exposure | 1/1000 s | 1/1000s |
| Guide Port | ST-4 compatible | ST-4 compatible |
| Cooling | Thermoelectric | Thermoelectric |
| Weight | Approx. 400 g | Approx. 350g |
| Backfocus distance | 13mm | 13mm |



Guider port pinout

The following table gives the angular resolution per pixel with certain focal distances. The formula to calculate any other focal length is:

$$(Pixel\ Size\ (\mu m) / Focal\ Distance\ (mm)) * 206.3 = angular\ resolution\ (arcseconds/pixel)$$

| Focal Distance (mm) | Angular resolution (arcsec/pixel) – 314L | Angular resolution (arcsec/pixel) – 320E |
|---------------------|--|--|
| 350 | 3.80 | 2,59 |
| 400 | 3.33 | 2,27 |
| 450 | 2.96 | 2,02 |
| 500 | 2.66 | 1,82 |
| 550 | 2.42 | 1,65 |
| 600 | 2.22 | 1,51 |
| 650 | 2.05 | 1,40 |
| 700 | 1.90 | 1,30 |
| 750 | 1.77 | 1,21 |
| 800 | 1.66 | 1,13 |
| 850 | 1.57 | 1,07 |
| 900 | 1.48 | 1,01 |
| 950 | 1.40 | 0,96 |
| 1000 | 1.33 | 0,91 |

5 Declaration of Conformity



EU Declaration of Conformity.

This product carries the CE Mark in accordance with the related European Directive. CE Marking is the responsibility of:

Perseu, SA
R. Dr. Agostinho Neto, 1D
2690-576 Sta Iria da Azoia
Portugal

Critical Applications.

This product is not designed for any “critical applications”. “Critical applications” means life support systems, medical applications , connections to medical devices, commercial transportations, nuclear facilities or systems or any other applications where product failure could lead to injury to persons or loss of life or catastrophic property damage.

This product is not a toy.

This is a class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

5.1 *Disposal of the camera*

When no longer required do not dispose of this electronic device with general household waste. To minimise pollution and protect the environment the camera should be recycled. Local recycling drop off points available under the Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations which will accept the camera. For further information contact Perseu SA at the above address, or the shop from which the camera was bought.





6 Warranty

The equipment is guaranteed against defective design, manufacture or materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

This means that Atik Cameras will repair or replace the equipment at its sole option, at no charge to the purchaser for parts or for labour, if the fault is reported within the guarantee period, provided however that Atik Cameras is able to duplicate the defect or problem at its facilities. This warranty does not apply to damage that occurred as a result of abuse or misuse, abnormal service or handling, damage which may have been caused either directly or indirectly by another product, or if the equipment has been altered or modified in any way, or if the damage was caused by repairs or service provided or attempted by anyone other than Atik Cameras. This warranty does not include or provide for incidental or consequential damages.

To exercise your rights under this warranty, you must return the equipment to the dealer from whom it was purchased together with proof of purchase and a clear description of the fault. If it's not possible to return the equipment to your dealer, you should contact Atik Cameras. Equipment returned to Atik Cameras must be sent in appropriate packaging and at your expense (insurance is recommended), together with proof of purchase, a return address and a clear description of the fault.

This does not affect your statutory rights.