

# iKon-M Hardware Guide

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## Covering models:

- iKon-M 912
- iKon-M 934
- iKon-M SO
- iKon-M SY
- PV Inspector

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1.4	24 Apr 2019	Updated US and Japan addresses.
1.5	26 Sep 2024	Removed Model Options due to obsolescence
1.6	28 Jan 2025	Updated “Minimum Computer Requirements” to include Windows 11 (Section 3.10.1).

## UPDATES TO THIS MANUAL

Changes are periodically made to the product and these will be incorporated into new editions of the manual. Please check for new releases of the manual in MyAndor: <http://my.andor.com/login.aspx>. If you find an issue in this manual please contact your customer support representative (Section 1.1) with a description of the issue.



## SAFETY AND WARNING INFORMATION



### READ THIS INFORMATION FIRST

1. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by Andor, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
2. Before using the system, please follow and adhere to all warnings, safety, manual handling and operating instructions located either on the product or in this Hardware Guide.
3. Users must be authorised and trained personnel only; otherwise this may result in personal injury, and/ or equipment damage and impaired system performance.
4. There are no user-serviceable parts inside the product and the enclosure must not be opened. Only authorised service personnel may service this equipment.
5. Do not position this product so that it is difficult to operate the Mains disconnecting device. See SECTION 4.1, “Emergency Mains Disconnection”.
6. Protective earth is an integral part of the protection against electric shock in this product, and is provided via the earth pin of the external power supply. Ensure that this is plugged into the building earth system via the mains socket. Do not tamper with any of the earthing measures.
7. Only the correctly specified mains supply should be used.
8. Only the AC/DC external power supply provided with the product should be used.
9. Only the power supply cord provided with the product should be used. Should this not be correct for your geographical area, contact your local Andor representative.
10. Make sure the power supply cord is located so that it will not be subject to damage. If replacement of the detachable power supply cord is required, ensure replacement is of same type and rating.
11. Performance of the system may be adversely affected by rapidly changing environmental conditions or operation outside of the operating conditions specified in “TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS”
12. While running an experiment, try to keep temperature as stable as possible.
13. This equipment has not been designed and manufactured for the medical diagnosis of patients.
14. Electromagnetic Compatibility: This is a Class A product. In a domestic environment this product may cause electromagnetic interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.
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17. Your product is a precision scientific instrument containing fragile components. Always handle it with care.
18. Do not wet or spill liquids on the product, and do not store or place liquids on the product.
19. If spillage occurs on the product, switch off power immediately, and wipe off with a dry, lint-free cloth.

20. If any ingress of liquids has occurred or is suspected, unplug the mains cables, do not use, and contact Andor Customer Support.
21. When using a liquid cooling system it is recommended that an overpressure device is fitted to avoid leaks that may find their way to the mains electricity supply and create a hazard. Refer to the information in SECTION 3.7 for general guidelines on the correct installation and use of a liquid cooling system.
22. See SECTION 6.3, "Cleaning and Decontamination".
23. Do not expose the product to extreme hot or cold temperatures.
24. Do not expose the product to open flames.
25. Do not allow objects to fall on the product.
26. Keep this Hardware Guide in a safe place for future reference.

## WARNING AND SAFETY LABELS

PSUs contains hazardous voltages (100-240 VAC). Do not attempt to open the enclosure. There are no user serviceable components inside.



## UNPACKING INFORMATION

Carefully unpack the unit and retain the packaging materials to transport or return equipment if required:

- If the equipment appears damaged in any way, return it to sales outlet in its original packaging.
- No responsibility for damage arising from the use of non-approved packaging will be accepted.
- Ensure all items and accessories specified at the time of ordering and as detailed on the packing list are present: if any items are missing, please contact your sales representative.



## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

This manual provides an overview of the iKon-M camera series. The iKon-M is available in different configurations to suit demanding applications such as Astronomy, Life Sciences, Electro- and Photoluminescence Inspection and high energy applications. This manual includes a description of the main features of the iKon-M, installation, routine operation and troubleshooting. It also provides a summary of some of the technical features of the iKon-M series. For further information on operation and control of the iKon-M refer to the relevant software guide e.g. Solis, and to the andor website for further technical information to help you get the best from your camera.



Figure 1: The iKon-M (934 model shown)

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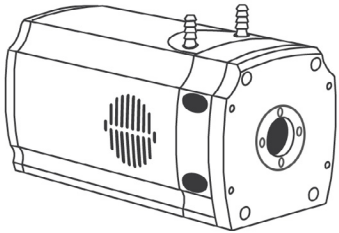
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iKon-M Series Manufacturers Information

**Andor Technology Ltd., Belfast, BT12 7AL, UK.**

## 1.5 SUPPLIED COMPONENTS

Description		Quantity
	<p><b>iKon-M CCD Camera</b></p> <p>(model as ordered: refer to Specification sheet for full model information)</p>	1

	<p><b>Software CD</b></p> <p>(Solis and SDK are ordered separately)</p>	-		Hardware Guide in electronic format	1
	Performance Booklet	1		BNC-SMB Cable	1
	USB 2.0 Cable	1			

### 1.5.1 IKON-M MODEL OPTIONS

There are a number of models of iKon-M, see table below. Refer to the specification sheet for model specific information.

	iKon-M 912	iKon-M 934		PV Inspector	iKon-M SO	iKon-M SY
<b>Model Code</b>	DU912P-BV	DU934P-xx		DU934P-CxV-BR-DD	DO934P-xx	DY934P-xx-T2
<b>Active pixels</b>	512 x 512	1024 x 1024		1024 x 1024	1024 x 1024	1024 x 1024
<b>Pixel size</b>	24 µm	13 µm		13 µm	13 µm	13 µm
<b>Max Cooling</b>	-100°C	-100°C		-70°C	-100°C	-100°C
<b>Air/Water cooling</b>	•/•	•/•		•/-	•/•	•/•
<b>Sensor options</b>	BV	BV BU2	BEX2-DD	BEX2-DD	BN BEN	BN
<b>In-built shutter</b>	•	•		Option	-	-
<b>Mounting Options (See mechanical drawing for details)</b>	C-mount Front face (4x M4/6-32 UNC) Mounting Posts (x3)	C-mount Front face (4 x M4/6-32 UNC) Mounting Posts (x3)		C-mount Front face (4x M4/6-32 UNC) Mounting Posts (x3)	DN100CF / 6" CF / CF-152 Mounting Posts (x3)	Front face Mounting Posts (x3)
<b>Notes</b>	-	-		Electro- and Photoluminescence Inspection "model"	Open fronted "High Energy" model	200 µm Beryllium foil window "High Energy" model

### 1.5.2 OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

A range of accessories is available (see table below). The iKon-M is intended only for use with accessories supplied and recommended by Andor. Please contact your local Andor representative if further information is required.

Description	Code	iKon-M 912	iKon-M 934	PV Inspector	iKon-M SO	iKon-M SY
C-mount to Nikon AF adapter	OA-CNAF	•	•	•	-	-
C-mount to Olympus F-mount adapter	OA-COFM	•	•	•	-	-
C-mount to T-mount adapter	OA-CTOT	•	•	•	-	-
Auto extension tubes (set of 3) for Canon AF	OA-ECAF	•	•	•	-	-
Auto extension tubes (set of 3) for C-mount	OA-ECMT	•	•	•	-	-
Auto extension tubes (set of 3) for Nikon AF	OA-ENAF	•	•	•	-	-
USB Extender: Icron USB 2.0 Ranger 2201 (100 m) - EU/UK/US	ACC-USBX-EU ACC-USBX-UK ACC-USBX-US	•	•	•	•	•
Re-circulator for enhanced cooling performance	XW-RECR	•	•	-	•	•
Oasis 160 Ultra compact chiller unit	ACC-XW-CHIL-160	•	•	-	•	•
Copper gasket for DN100CF / 6" CF open-front camera knife-edge vacuum seal	ACC-FLG-SO-GSKT-CU	-	-	-	•	-
Beryllium filter for iKon-M, Ø45.5 mm, 250 µm thick	ACC-OPT-02839	-	-	-	•	-
SO-SY adapter for iKon-M, Ø45.5 mm filter	FLG-SO-SY-CONVERT-45	-	-	-	•	-

• compatible, - not applicable

## SECTION 2: PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of the external features and the power and signal connections of the iKon-M. Note that this section outlines the 934 model. Refer to model specific variations highlighted, see Section 5 for SO and SY models.

### 2.1 EXTERNAL FEATURES OF THE IKON-M



Figure 2: iKon-M (934 model shown)

#### Mounting Flange

The mounting flange has 4 off mounting holes to clear 6-32 UNC, and M4 x 5 deep (see Appendix B).

#### Sensor

The iKon-M features high resolution CCD sensors with coatings depending on the model. Andor's unique UltraVac™ vacuum technology has been applied to the iKon-M. UltraVac provides a permanent hermetically sealed enclosure for maximum QE and cooling performance over many years operation.

#### Camera Window

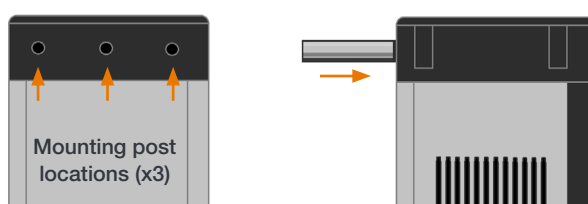
The iKon-M features a Single AR coated UV grade silica window for optimum transmission. For more information on camera windows please see <http://www.andor.com/learning-academy/camera-windows-optimizing-for-different-spectral-regions>.

#### Shutter

The C-mount integrated shutter is standard on 912 and 934 models, \*optional on PV-inspector.

#### Mounting Post Locations

There are three holes for the 1/4"-20 UNC tapped 0.4" deep mounting posts with 1" spacing located on the underside of the camera.





## 2.2 REAR PANEL

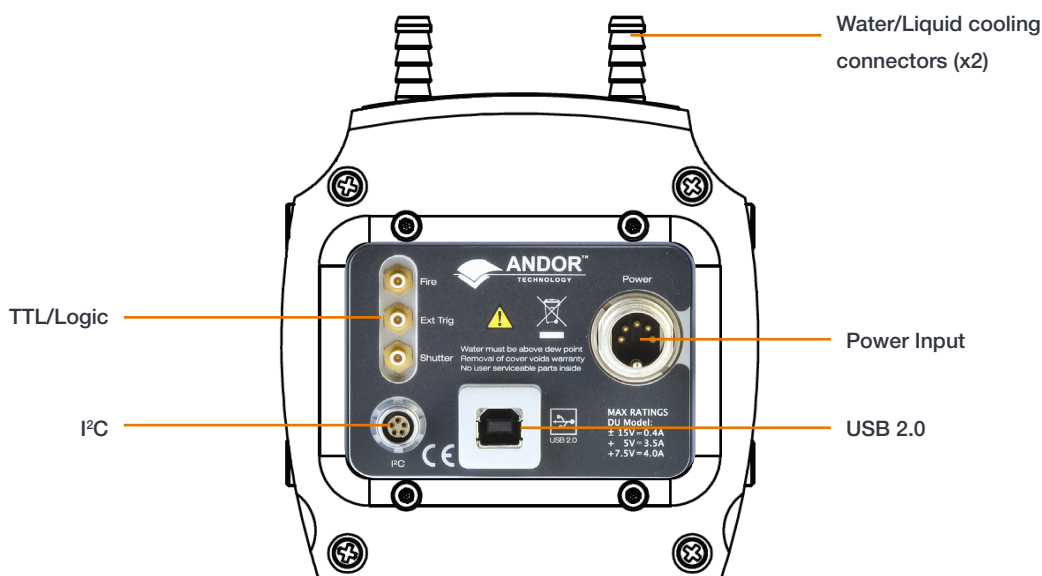


Figure 3: Rear Panel

### USB 2.0

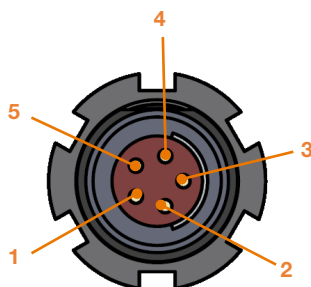
Connects the iKon-M to the control PC via a USB 2.0 connection.

### TTL / Logic

The TTL/Logic connection permit connection to other devices for synchronisation and control of fire, trigger and shutter operations. Connector type: SMA, provided with SMA - BNC cable Fire (Output), External Trigger (Input), Shutter (Output). The SMB outputs (Fire & Shutter) are CMOS compatible & Series terminated at source (i.e. in the camera head) for 50Ω cable. NOTE: The termination at the customer end should be high impedance (not 50Ω) as an incorrect impedance match could cause errors with timing and triggering. The SMB Ext Trig input is TTL level & CMOS compatible and has 470Ω impedance.

### I²C

The I²C provides a connection option via the I²C interface. Compatible with Fischer type SC102A054-130 connector. (1) Shutter (TTL), (2) I²C Clock, (3) I²C Data, (4) +5 Vdc, (5) Ground.



### Power

Power input connection for connection to the PSU. Refer to **Section 2.3**.

### Notes:

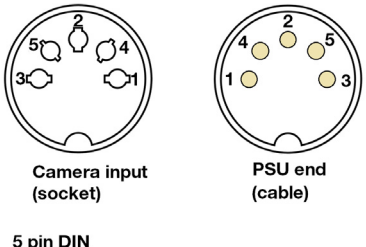
Minimum cable clearance required at rear of camera 90 mm.

Liquid cooling connections provide the facility for connection to re-circulator or other water/liquid cooling system. Refer to **Section 3.7**.

## 2.3 POWER SUPPLY UNIT

The standard PS-24 PSU is fitted with an IEC connector for the electrical supply input.

The connection to the iKon-M is made via a 5-pin DIN socket:

Pin	PS-24	PS-25	
1	+5V DC 5A max.	+5V DC 3.5A	
2	N/C	7.5V DC 4A	
3	Common	Common	
4	+15V DC 2A max.	+15V DC 100mA	
5	-15V DC 0.8A max.	-15V DC 100mA	
Shell	GND	GND	

The optional PS-25 PSU can be used to achieve maximum cooling and has 2x settings, STANDARD COOLING or DEEP COOLING. The connection to the iKon-M is also made via a 5-pin DIN socket.

## 2.4 POWER REQUIREMENTS

- **Ensure that the power connector for the iKon-M camera is inserted securely. The connector is keyed to aid correct orientation.**
- **Power Input: 100 - 240V, 50 - 60Hz, 1.6A.**
- **The electrical mains lead should be certified for use in your country and in applicable countries the plug must be fitted with a 240V 5A fuse.**
- **If users use any other power supply they do so at their own risk.**

## SECTION 3: INSTALLATION

### WARNINGS:

- PRIOR TO COMMENCING INSTALLATION, THE USER SHOULD REFER TO THE SAFETY AND WARNING INFORMATION AND UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MANUAL.
- CABLES SHOULD BE ROUTED TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, DAMAGE AND ACCIDENTAL UNPLUGGING WHILE AVOIDING BEND RADII OF LESS THAN 30 MM.
- TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY MUST MEET THE SPECIFICATIONS DEFINED IN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.
- FOR SO AND SY MODELS REFER ALSO TO SECTION 5 FOR MODEL SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

### 3.1 TRANSPORT AND STORAGE INFORMATION

- Storage Temperature: -30°C to 50°C.
- If it is to be stored after use at a temperature below the coolant freezing point, ensure that all liquid coolant has been expelled from the camera.

### 3.2 C-MOUNT

The standard iKon-M 912 and 934 models feature a C-mount for lens fitting. Adapters are also available for AF, F and T mount attachment. Refer to Section 1.5.2.

### 3.3 MOUNTING THE iKON-M USING THE MOUNTING FLANGE

The standard iKon-M mounting flange has mounting holes to clear either 4 x 6-32 UNC or 4x M4 fittings. For further information, refer to the mechanical drawings in **Appendix B**. For SO models refer to **Section 5**.

### 3.4 ATTACHING TO MOUNTING POSTS

There are three holes that can be used if required with the 1/4 - UNC mounting posts with 1" spacing.

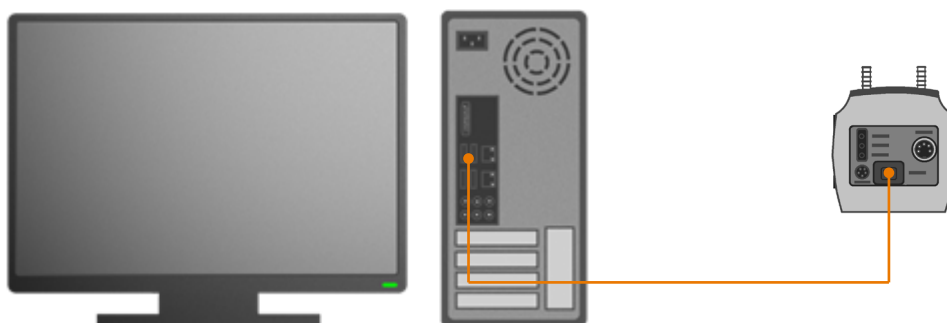
For further information, refer to the mechanical drawings in **Appendix B**.

### 3.5 CONNECTING THE iKON-M TO THE PC

The appropriate PCIe card should be available in the control PC.

#### USB 2.0

- Connect the USB 2.0 cable from the iKon-M to a suitable USB 2.0 slot on the control PC.



### 3.6 CONNECTING THE iKon-M TO THE POWER SUPPLY

- Connect the power cable between the Camera power input (rear panel) and the PSU.
- Connect the power cable of the PSU to the mains supply.



### 3.7 CONNECTING A COOLING SYSTEM

The iKon-M can use either air cooling, or optional liquid cooling (not PV Inspector models) for deep cooling.

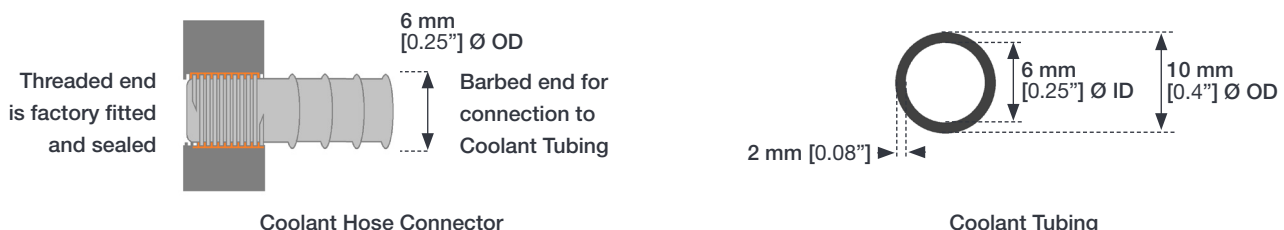
#### 3.7.1 IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS WHEN USING LIQUID COOLING SYSTEMS

- Before attempting to remove the coolant hose connections, ensure that all coolant has been drained from the hoses and integral coolant channel within the camera head.
- Care must be taken to avoid permanent damage to the camera system resulting from either leakage of coolant during connection/removal of hoses or spillage of any residual coolant contained within the camera head once the hoses have been removed.
- Always ensure that the temperature of the liquid coolant circulated through the camera head is above the dew point of the camera ambient temperature and humidity conditions. Refer to the Dew Point graph in **Appendix C** for guidance.
- Use of coolant at or below the dew point can result in permanent damage to the camera head, due to formation of condensation on internal components.
- When using a liquid cooling system it is recommended that an overpressure device is fitted to avoid leaks that may find their way to the mains electricity supply and create a hazard.
- Never use damaged, split or worn hoses.
- The coolant connectors are factory fitted and sealed, they cannot be removed.
- Always remove residual coolant from the camera head if the camera is to be stored after operation- especially if the storage conditions are below the freezing point of the coolant.

#### 3.7.2 COOLING HOSE CONNECTORS

There are two cooling hose connectors that are located on the top plate of the camera for connection of the iKon-M to a water cooler, or re-circulator system. One end is inserted into the camera body, the other end is barbed for push-fit connection to suitable tubing.

- **Coolant Hose Connectors:** Two push-fit hose connectors are factory fitted and sealed, suitable for connection to 6 mm [0.25"] internal diameter soft PVC tubing / hose
- **Recommended tubing:** 10 mm [0.4"] outside diameter, i.e. a wall thickness of 2 mm [0.08"]. Alternative hose dimensions and materials should be thoroughly tested to ensure a leak tight seal is achieved with the barbed connectors.



### 3.8 COOLANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Coolant temperature:** Refer to the temperatures specified in Technical Specifications for the specific model. Note that cooling performance may be affected by distance between camera head and cooler.

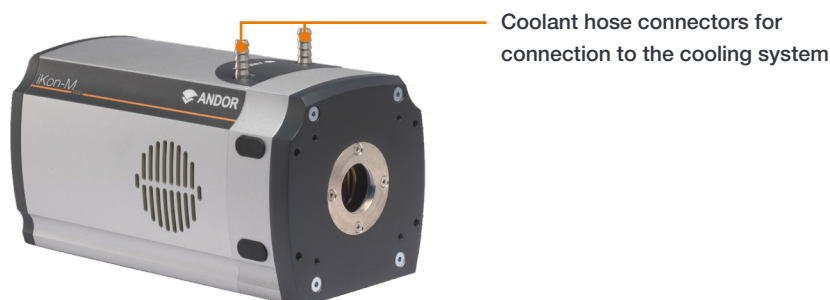
- **Recommended coolant:** water or water/glycol mix depending on the ambient environmental temperature during operation.

De-ionized water (without additives) may be used as the coolant. Some mains supply water is heavily mineralized (i.e. “Hard”) which could cause deposits in the water circuit inside the camera. This can reduce the flow-rate and cooling efficiency. The specified cooling performance of the camera can be achieved with coolant flow rates of 2 litres per minute, the maximum recommended pressure of coolant circulating through the camera head is 2 bar (30 PSI).

### 3.9 CONNECTING THE LIQUID COOLING SYSTEM

An overview for connecting a liquid cooling system is outlined below- please refer to the information supplied with your cooling system for further information.

#### 3.9.1 CONNECTING THE COOLANT HOSES



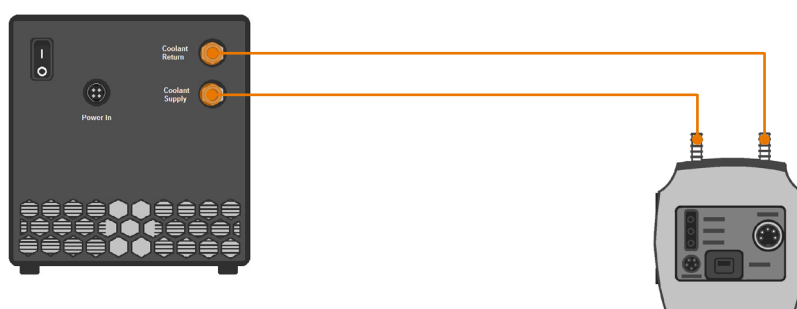
1. Remove the black rubber protective caps (x2) if fitted.



2. Press the hoses onto the connectors on the camera.



3. Confirm the hoses are connected securely.
4. Connect the other ends of the coolant hoses to the cooling system- refer to the cooling system manual.



### 3.9.2 DISCONNECTING THE COOLANT HOSES

#### Notes:

- Push-fit, barbed fittings are not intended for repeated disconnection/connection.
  - Fittings are sealed during production and should not be removed from the camera body.
1. Apply pressure and remove the tubing with a twisting motion, while holding the camera body.
  2. Once disconnected, the tubing should be inspected for cracks or stretching. It may be necessary to cut the end section of tubing so that a tight seal can be obtained.

## 3.10 INSTALLING SOFTWARE AND USB DRIVERS

### 3.10.1 MINIMUM COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

- 3.0 GHz single core or 2.4 GHz dual or quad core processor
- 2 GB RAM
- 100 MB free hard disc to install software
- Windows (7, 8, 8.1, 10 and 11) or Linux

### 3.10.2 INSTALLING SOLIS SOFTWARE AND USB DRIVERS

1. Terminate & exit any applications which are running on the PC.
2. Insert the Andor Solis CD. The InstallShield Wizard should now start. If it does not start automatically, run the file setup.exe directly from the CD.
3. Select appropriate location for installation of software and drivers on your computer / network.
4. When prompted, select iKon-M.
5. Continue installation and restart your computer - when prompted - to successfully complete the installation.
6. The shortcut icon for Solis will appear on the desktop on re-start.
7. The iKon-M is now ready to be connected to a PC / laptop and powered on.

### 3.10.3 NEW HARDWARE WIZARD

When the iKon-M camera is connected to a PC for the first time, the **New Hardware Wizard** screen will appear.

1. Select the '**No, not this time only**' option then click **Next>**.
2. Select the '**Install from a list or specified location (Advanced)**' option then click **Next>**.
3. Navigate to the directory where the Andor Solis software was installed to on the PC, then click **Next>** so that the **Installation Wizard can start**.
4. Click the **Finish** button to complete the installation.

**Note: If the camera is connected to a different USB port, steps 1 – 4 will have to be repeated on the first connection only.**

5. A system message will appear to indicate that the device has been successfully installed.

Note: You can check that the iKon-M is correctly recognized and installed by opening the Device Manager (Devices and printers) in Windows, Control Panel. The iKon-M will show under the Devices list.



### 3.11 INSTALLING A USB 2.0 CARD (IF NOT PRESENT)

USB 2.0 slots (USB 3 is backwards compatible) are found on most PCs. If a USB card needs to be installed please refer to the guidelines below and instructions supplied with your Card/PC.



**Ensure your PC is powered off. Ensure anti-static precautions using anti-static strap provided. Keep all screws safe.**

1. Unplug all cables from the rear of the computer.
2. Open the PC enclosure to gain access to the expansion slots.
3. Locate a suitable PCIe slot for a **USB 2.0** cards:
4. *If you are unsure which slot is correct, please consult the PC user manual.*
5. Remove the filler bracket corresponding to the slot you intend to use.
6. Remove the PCIe card carefully from its protective ESD packaging and insert the card connector fully into the expansion slot.
7. Ensure the card's mounting bracket is flush with any other mounting or filler brackets to either side of it, then secure the controller card in place.
8. Fit the computer panels and any accessories that you were using previously.

## SECTION 4: OPERATION

### WARNINGS:

- IF THE EQUIPMENT IS USED IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY ANDOR OR ITS DISTRIBUTORS, THE PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE EQUIPMENT MAY BE IMPAIRED.
- PLEASE READ THE USER GUIDES SUPPLIED WITH YOUR SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND CAMERA CONTROL SOFTWARE PRIOR TO USE.

### 4.1 EMERGENCY MAINS DISCONNECTION

In case of emergency, the disconnecting point of the equipment is the mains power cord connected to the external power supply, or the mains socket switch.

**WARNING: SWITCH OFF THE POWER AT THE MAINS SOCKET AND REMOVE THE MAINS LEAD FROM THE EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY.**

### 4.2 POWER-UP SEQUENCE

1. Ensure that the iKon-M is powered on at the mains power supply.
2. Ensure that the USB 2.0 cable is connected between the camera and the PC.
3. Start up the PC.
4. Launch your camera control software e.g. Solis or SDK2
5. The camera will now start up under control of the software and you are ready to use the camera.
6. Refer to your software manual for set-up and image acquisition information.

### 4.3 POWER-DOWN SEQUENCE

1. Exit the camera control software.
2. The camera will automatically turn off.
3. Switch off power to the camera and if not using for some time, disconnect from the mains power socket.

### 4.4 USING THE IKON-M

Once set-up the iKon-M is controlled through the camera control software. Please refer to the information supplied with the camera control software (available separately) for further details e.g. **Andor Solis** or **SDK2**. For information on the features available with the iKon-M please refer to the **Appendix D Reference Information**.

#### 4.4.1 ADJUSTING THE COOLING FAN SPEED.

1. Select Fan Control from the Hardware drop-down menu.
2. Select the speed you require as necessary (this may affect the cooling ability of the CCD).

**NOTE: After changing from High to Low, it may be necessary for the camera temperature to stabilize before acquiring data. However for optimum performance it is recommended to leave the fan setting at High.**

## SECTION 5: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SO AND SY MODELS

### 5.1 iKon-M SO

- The iKon-M SO model has an “open” CCD sensor which is exposed to the external environment instead of being sealed behind a window as would be typical of normal models.
- An ICF flange is built onto the front of the camera for attachment to the customer’s vacuum chamber.
- Note: SO models had a “DO” code.

#### 5.1.1 BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

##### Condensation

- It is strongly advised that the camera should not be used in a condensing atmosphere.
- If used in a condensing atmosphere the sensor MUST be protected, and the use of a cold finger is strongly recommended.

##### Contamination & Damage

- When not in use, the sensor chamber should be covered and sealed.
- Due to the exposed nature of the sensor, extreme care should be taken with the camera, as damage can easily occur through mishandling or by contamination.
- If the sensor becomes contaminated, due to accident or misuse, please contact Andor immediately for advice on cleaning.

##### Vacuum Operations

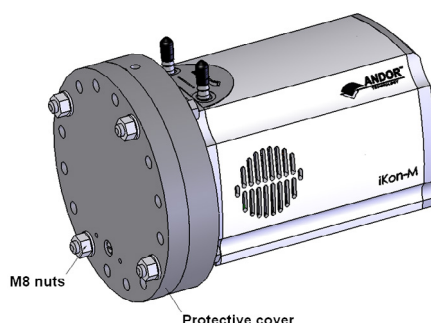
- NOTE: Do not operate the iKon-M in a vacuum that exceeds (i.e. lower pressure)  $1.33 \times 10^{-8}$  mb ( $10^{-8}$  Torr)
- Ensure that the vacuum environment to which the camera is fitted is free of water vapour and other contaminants.
- Care should also be taken to control pressure change, as sudden pressure changes can potentially cause damage to the sensor assembly.

Please refer to the Andor Technical Note: [Open-front camera flanges](#) for further details.

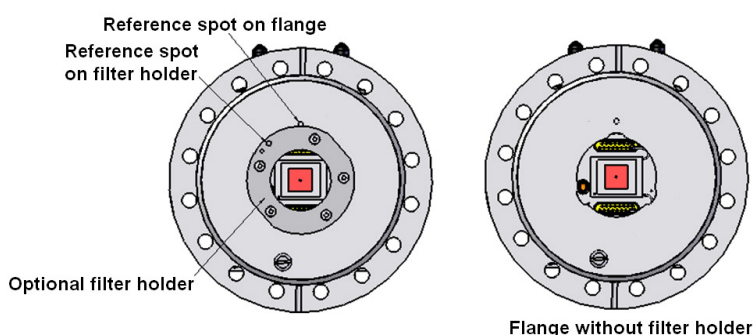
#### 5.1.2 REMOVAL OF THE PROTECTIVE PLATE

To mount the camera on a vacuum chamber the protective cover must firstly be removed as follows:

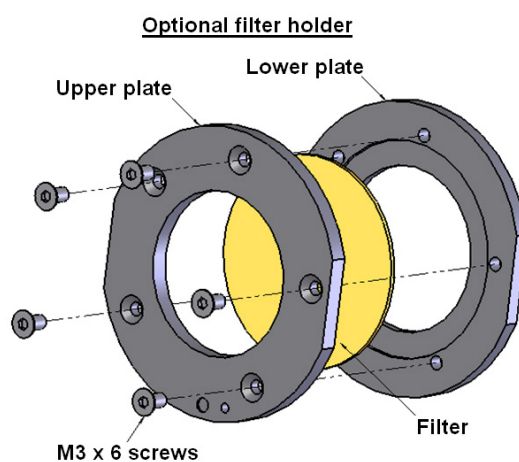
1. Use the appropriate spanners and/or socket driver to remove the screws and nut as shown below:



2. It is recommended that after removal of the protective cover, the camera is fitted to the chamber and evacuated immediately. The cover prevents accidental intrusion around the CCD installation and seals the sensor in a dry gas environment to minimize oxidation.
3. The camera can be fitted with the optional filter insert holder. An insert such as a beryllium foil (e.g. Andor part: **ACC-OPT-02839**) can be fitted here in front of the detector. The holder will accept an insert of  $\varnothing$  45.5 mm up to 1.0 mm thick.
4. To load an insert, grip the holder by hand across the flats and turn until the reference spot on the holder aligns with the reference spot on the flange, i.e.:



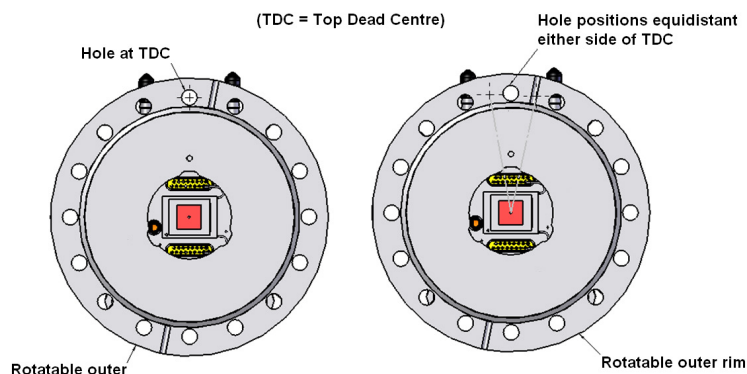
5. The holder can now be withdrawn from the flange.
6. Remove the 5 off M3 x 6 countersunk screws and lift off the upper plate of the filter holder.
7. Set the insert into the recess in the lower plate. Orientate the upper and lower plates; there is only one position where the flats and the 5 holes all align. Fasten together with the 5 off M3 x 6 countersunk screws.



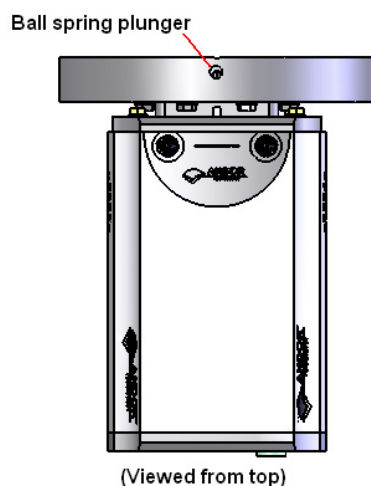
8. Re-engage filter holder in bayonet recess in DO flange and turn to achieve retention.

### 5.1.3 MOUNTING THE CAMERA ON THE VACUUM CHAMBER FLANGE

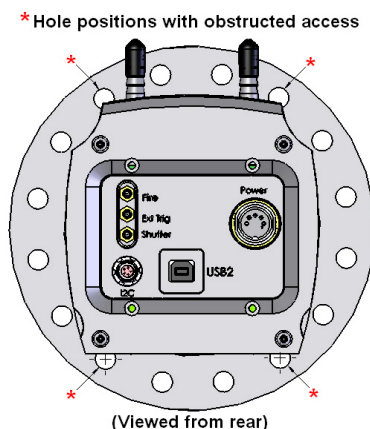
1. The SO version of the iKon-M is fitted with a 6" ICF flange as standard with 16 holes. The holes are on a rotatable rim which allows adjustment to match the hole pattern on the customer's vacuum chamber with either a hole indexed to the Top Dead Centre (TDC) position or with holes midway,  $(360/16)/2 = 11.25^\circ$  either side of TDC.



2. A ball spring plunger in the circumference of the rotatable rim will index to positions on, or either side of TDC with reference to the space between water connectors.



3. Up to 6 of the 16 holes may be obstructed from screw access depending on the orientation of the rim. These positions will be behind the water connectors and at the bottom corners of the camera body, i.e.:



4. The rotatable rim allows these holes to be moved clear of the obstructions so the screws can be loaded. The ball spring plunger may need to be loosened slightly to allow rotation.

5. The screws used should be M8 hex head, A4 stainless steel, fitted with plain stainless steel washers of a length to suit the design of the customers flange.
6. The screws/ washers must be inserted in the flange before the camera is fastened to the vacuum chamber since the rim will be prevented from rotation if any of the screws are fastened.
7. Having loaded the obstructed holes, the rim needs to be rotated to the appropriate index position with the holes matching the pattern on the customer flange.
8. The plunger can now be re-tightened to locate and lock the position. The rim may need to be rotated back and forth slightly about the required index position to verify engagement.
9. The camera can now be assembled onto the customer flange. An open ended wrench is required to tighten the M8 screws. Please observe the torque pattern recommended for the ICF 152.

## 5.2 iKon-M SY

- The iKon-M SY model has a Beryllium foil window as opposed to a standard window. This enables direct “soft” X-ray detection

### 5.2.1 BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

- When not in use the window should be covered and protected.
- Not suitable for mounting to vacuum chamber.
- Due to the exposed nature of the window, care should be taken with the camera, as damage can easily occur through mishandling or by contamination.
- If due to accident or misuse the window becomes contaminated, please contact Andor immediately for advice on cleaning.
- The Beryllium foil window is very brittle therefore extreme care should be taken to avoid shock damage. If the foil is broken there is a health risk. Please contact Andor for further information if required.



## SECTION 6: MAINTENANCE



THERE ARE NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE THE CAMERA. DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNAUTHORISED MAINTENANCE OR PROCEDURES WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY.

### 6.1 REGULAR CHECKS

- The state of the product should be checked regularly, especially the integrity of the PSU and the mains cable.
- Do not use equipment that is damaged.

### 6.2 ANNUAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY CHECKS

- It is advisable to check the integrity of the insulation and protective earth on an annual basis, e.g. U.K. PAT testing.
- Do not use equipment that is damaged.

### 6.3 GENERAL CLEANING & DECONTAMINATION INFORMATION

- The camera body can be cleaned with a soft cloth and dampened by water or glass cleaner.
- Never spray liquids directly on the camera; apply cleaning solution to the cloth, then wipe the camera body with the dampened cloth.
- Do not use abrasive or other detergents to clean the camera.

### 6.4 CLEANING THE CAMERA WINDOW



At some point, it may become necessary to clean debris that may have settled on the CCD imaging sensor window. Cleaning the camera window can provide effective results providing you carefully follow these step-by-step directions.

#### WARNINGS

- **Only open the shutter (if present) using camera control software.**
- **Do not attempt to manually open the shutter with your fingers or other objects.**
- **The glass is located very close to the CCD imaging sensor. Scratching the window may require the window to be replaced.**
- **Cleaning the window is done entirely at the customers risk, window replacement is not covered under the warranty. It's better to under-clean than to over-clean.**

### 6.4.1 TOOLS REQUIRED

- Compressed Air Can (or source of clean compressed air)
- Optics Brush

### 6.4.2 WINDOW CLEANING PROCEDURE

1. Remove the camera from your telescope (or other optical equipment) and place it on a clean dry surface.
2. Use the camera control software to open the shutter (if fitted).

TIP: If your program does not have this feature, try starting a long exposure. Over exposing the CCD to room light will not damage the CCD.

Guidelines for using Compressed Air

- **If you are using a compressed air can always test-blast away from window before blowing air on the window. When you test-blast, you'll notice a spray of condensation shoot out from the can.**
  - **If condensation does form on the window, do not wipe it off. Allow it to fully dry before proceeding.**
  - **Always orient the compressed air can in an upright position before spraying.**
  - **A clean source of compressed air such as an can is recommended- do not use a compressor that may spray fine droplets of oil, or an unfiltered air supply that may spray dust particles onto the camera window.**
3. With the shutter open, turn the camera on its side making it easier for particles to fall out of the camera head Face the window toward you at the edge of a table.
  4. Give the window short blasts of compressed air to work dust particles out of the camera head.
  5. If there are still particles stuck on the window use an optics brush to very carefully dislodge them from the window surface. Then spray the dust particles out of the camera head with compressed air.
  6. Make sure to use compressed air to clean your adapter tubes and focal reducers as well so you don't get more dust once everything's assembled.

## 6.5 FUSE REPLACEMENT

In the U.K, Ireland and some other countries, the supplied mains cable has a BS 1363 (or Type G) plug that includes an integrated fuse. Only replace with fuse of the same type and rating for continued protection. The characteristics of a replacement fuse are as follows:

- **Rating:** 5A 240 VAC
- **Type:** BS 1362, size: ¼ × 1" (6.3 × 25.4 mm) cartridge

## 6.6 COOLING HOSES AND CONNECTIONS

The user should routinely check all cooling hoses and connections for signs of leakage, damage or wear. All seals must be intact before powering on camera system and any worn/damaged items must be replaced immediately.

## SECTION 7: TROUBLESHOOTING

### 7.1 PREVENTING CONDENSATION

**NEVER USE WATER THAT HAS BEEN CHILLED BELOW THE DEW POINT OF THE AMBIENT ENVIRONMENT TO COOL THE CAMERA.**

You may see condensation on the outside of the camera body if the cooling water is at too low a temperature or if the water flow is too high. The first signs of condensation will usually be visible around the connectors where the water tubes are attached. If this occurs carry out the following actions:

1. Switch off the system
2. Wipe the camera with a soft, dry cloth.

**NOTE: It is likely there will already be condensation on the cooling block and cooling fins inside the camera.**

3. Set the camera aside to dry for several hours before you attempt reuse.
4. Before reuse blow dry gas through the cooling slits on the side of the camera to remove any residual moisture.

Use warmer water or reduce the flow of water when you start using the device again.

**NOTE: This is not an issue when using a Re-circulator which eliminates the dew point problem.**

Refer to **Appendix C** for a Dew Point Graph.

## APPENDIX A: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

(Note information given for iKon-M 934, refer to specifications for model variations)

### General Specifications

<b>Weight</b>	4.2 kg [9 lb 4 oz], Power Supply = 0.65 kg [1 lb 4 oz]
<b>Dimensions mm [inches] W x H x D</b>	110.7 x 231.0 x 137.2 mm [4.36 x 9.09 x 5.40 inches]

### Environmental Specifications

<b>Usage</b>	Indoor use only
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	0°C to 30 °C ambient
<b>Storage Temperature</b>	-25°C to 50 °C
<b>Operating Relative Humidity</b>	<70% (non-condensing)
<b>Ingress Protection</b>	IP20
<b>Overvoltage Category</b>	CAT II. An overvoltage category of CAT II means that the equipment is designed to cope with transient voltages above the rated supply that would be experienced by any product connected to a mains socket in a building.
<b>Rated Pollution</b>	Pollution Degree 2. Normally only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected.
<b>Cooling vent clearance</b>	100 mm minimum

### Power Requirements

<b>Mains Input</b>	100-240 V AC 50/60 Hz
<b>Cable pin-outs</b>	(see Section 2.3)
<b>Power Consumption</b>	85 W continuous

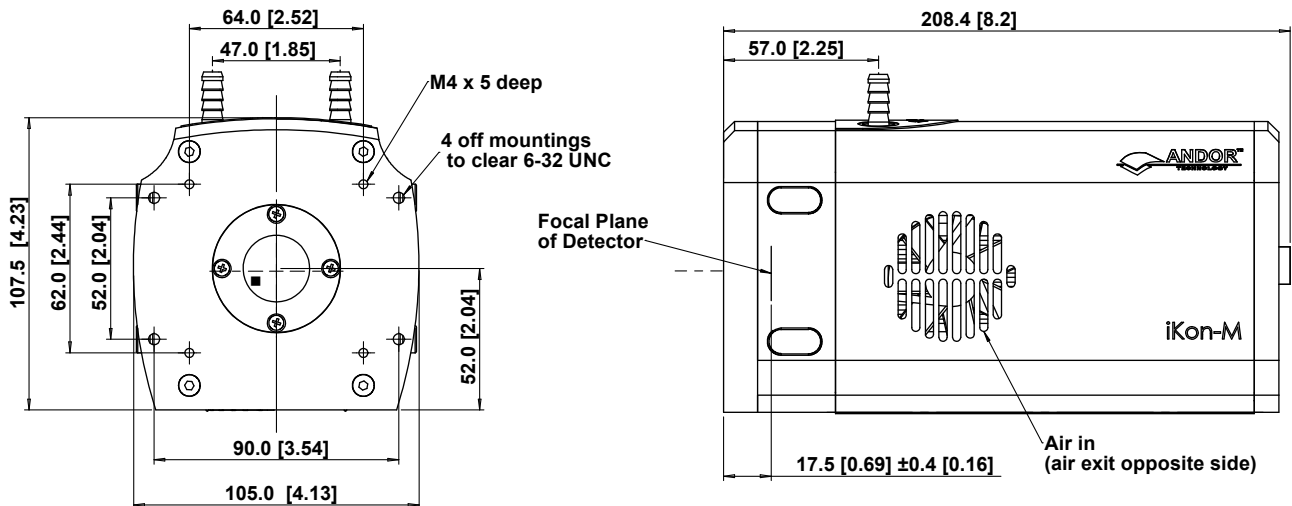
### Model Specific Information

Refer to the specification sheet for further technical and performance information required model:

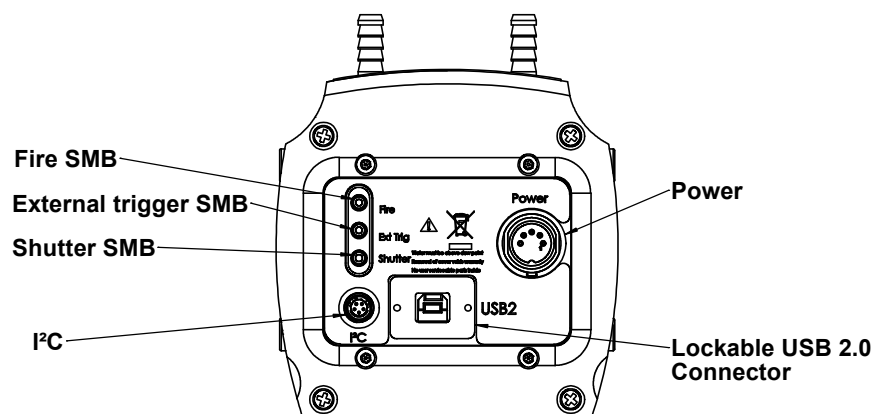
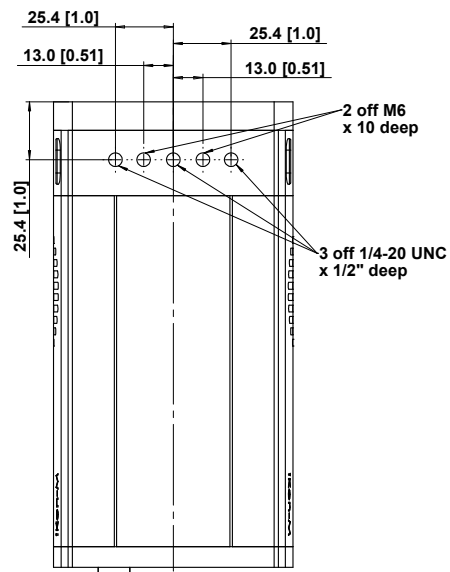
- [iKon-M 912](#)
- [iKon-M 934](#)
- [iKon-M PV Inspector](#)
- [iKon-M SO](#)
- [iKon-M SY](#)

## APPENDIX B: MECHANICAL DRAWINGS

iKon-M (912 and 934)

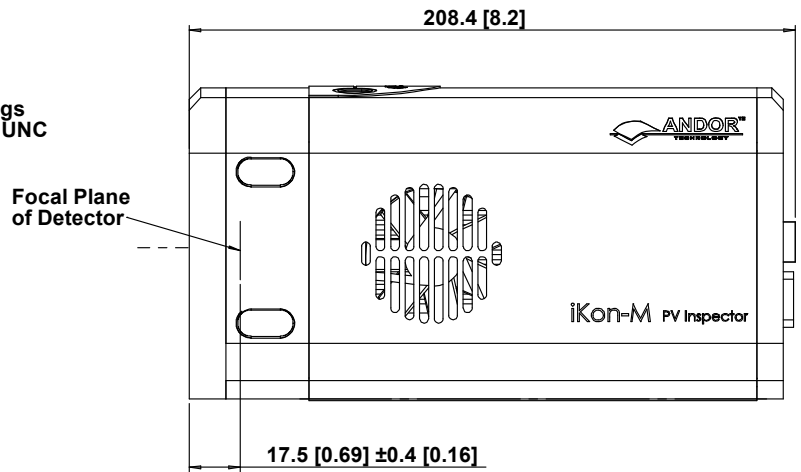


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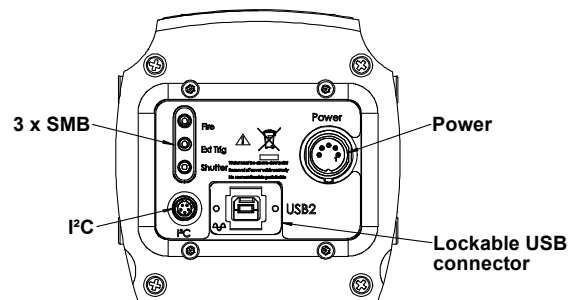
Technical drawing of a square plate with a central circular feature. The drawing includes the following dimensions and annotations:

- Overall Dimensions:**
  - Width: 105.0 [4.13]
  - Height: 107.5 [4.23]
- Central Circular Feature:**
  - Outer Diameter: 90.0 [3.54]
  - Inner Diameter: 52.0 [2.04]
- Mounting Holes:**
  - Four off-center mounting holes, each with a diameter of 62.0 [2.44].
  - Four off-center mounting holes, each with a diameter of 52.0 [2.04].
- Annotations:**
  - M4 x 5 deep
  - 4 off mountings to clear 6-32 UNC

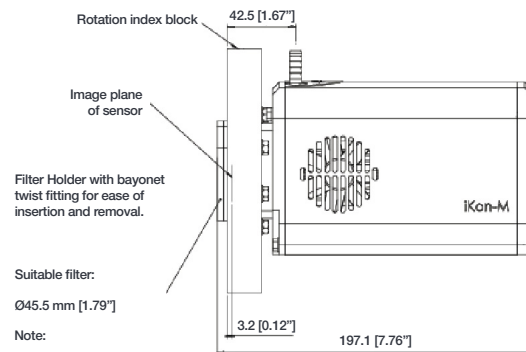
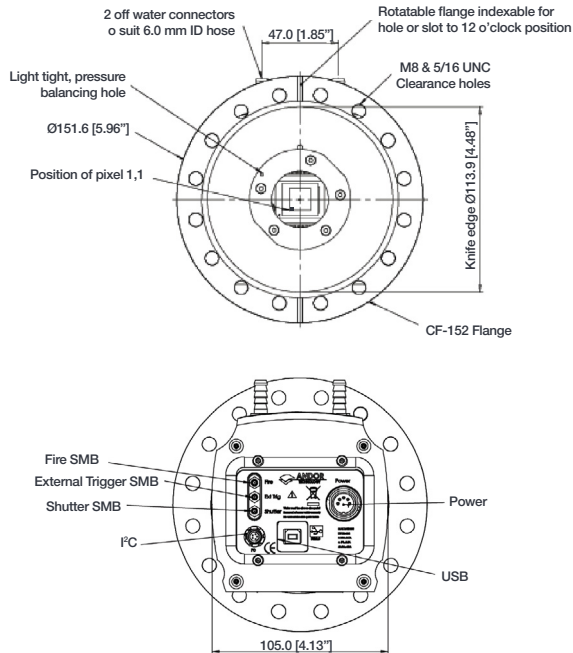


Technical drawing of a rectangular plate with the following dimensions and specifications:

- Overall width: 25.4 [1.0]
- Overall height: 25.4 [1.0]
- Top edge dimensions: 13.0 [0.51] (left), 25.4 [1.0] (center), 13.0 [0.51] (right)
- Mounting specifications:
  - 2 off M6 x 10 deep (pointing to two holes on the top edge)
  - 3 off 1/4-20 UNC x 1/2" deep (pointing to three holes on the top edge)

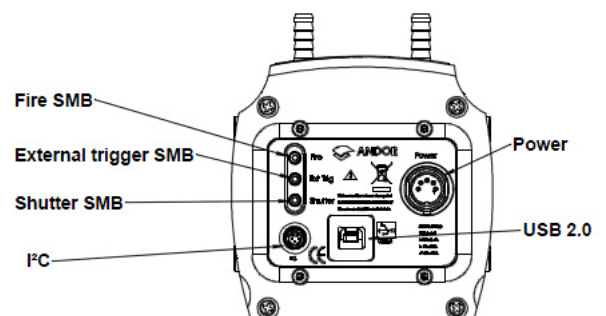
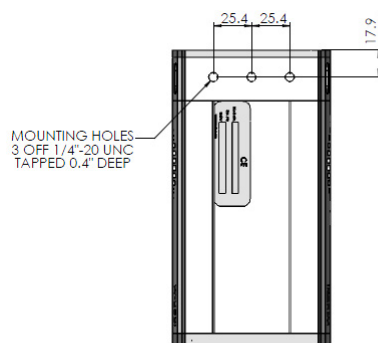
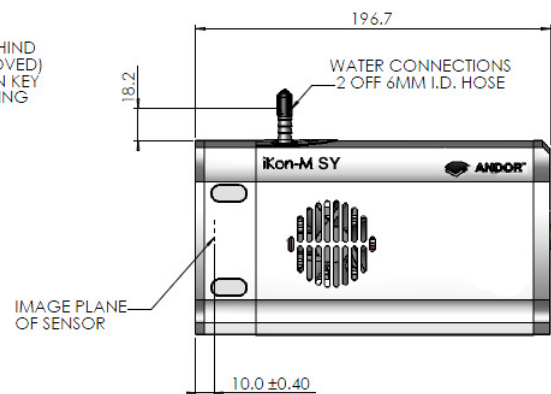
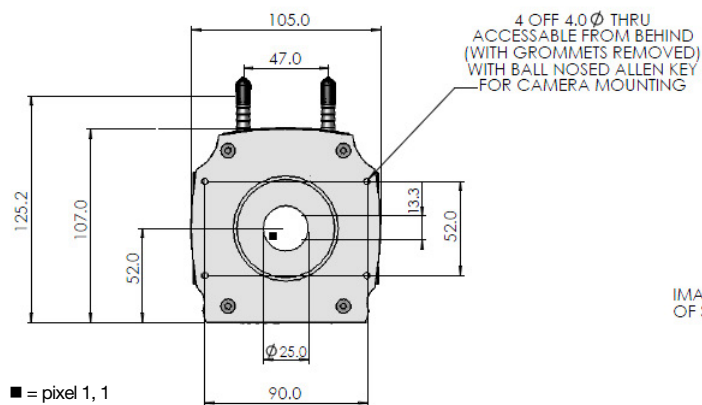


## iKon-M SO



• iKon-M SO: 4.9 kg [10 lb 13 oz]

## iKon-M SY



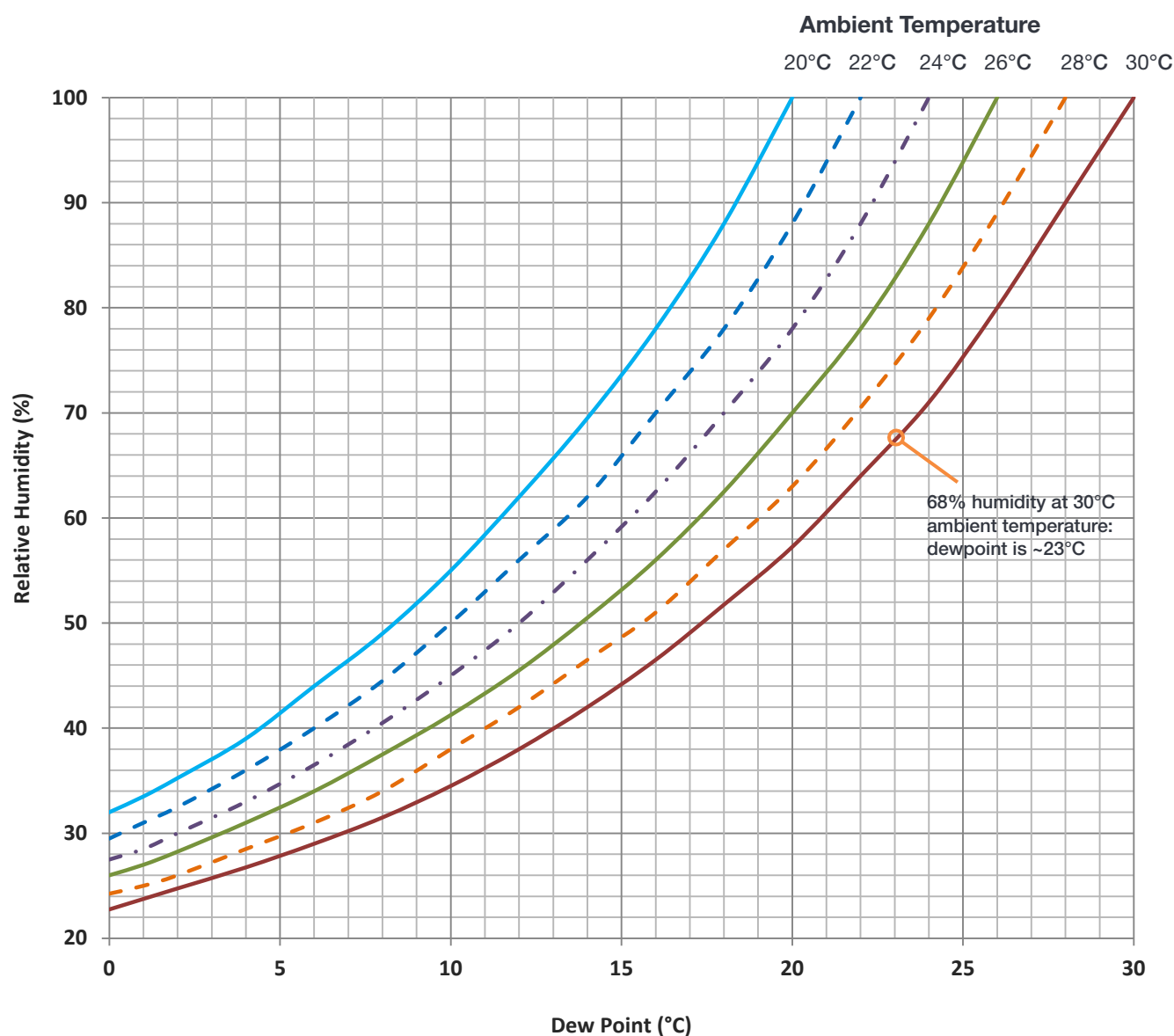
Weight: 2.2 kg [4 lb 13 oz]



## APPENDIX C: DEWPOINT INFORMATION

To avoid issues with condensation, the coolant temperature must be set above the dewpoint- the temperature at which condensation (dew) will form. In the relatively dry conditions of an air conditioned lab, or a cool dry climate, use of a coolant temperature of 10°C should not cause any problems. As relative humidity or ambient temperature increase however, the dewpoint temperature will also increase so that the minimum coolant temperature that can be used will have to increase accordingly. This will therefore limit the maximum cooling performance that can be achieved.

The first signs that condensation is forming will be on the coolant connections entering and exiting the camera. Use of coolant at or below the dewpoint can result in permanent damage to the camera head due to formation of condensation on internal components. It is therefore very important to ensure that coolant temperature is above the dewpoint. Further guidelines are provided in **Section 7.1**. The relationship between Relative Humidity and Dew Point at varying Ambient Temperature is shown below. There are also a range of dewpoint calculators on-line that you can enter ambient temperature and relative humidity to calculate the dewpoint for your conditions.



## APPENDIX D: REFERENCE INFORMATION

### ULTRAVAC™ TECHNOLOGY

**UltraVac** is Andor's proprietary vacuum technology that provides a permanent, hermetically sealed enclosure (without O-rings) for the sensor. This ensures maximum cooling performance, with a reliability proven through years of use in Andor cameras such as the iXon EMCCD, iKon and Newton series- the Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF) value is > 100 years.

Outgassing is minimized through assembly in a state of the art facility, with a stringent protocol and use of proprietary materials (Outgassing is the release of trapped gasses that would otherwise degrade cooling performance and potentially cause sensor failure). UltraVac also features a single camera window for the best optical performance. For more information about our UltraVac technology, please visit our website and view the technical article on [UltraVac](#).

### SHUTTER AND TRIGGERING INFORMATION

For shutter and trigger mode operation information please refer to your camera control software e.g. SDK2.

## APPENDIX E: OTHER INFORMATION

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AND WARRANTY INFORMATION

The terms and conditions of sale, including warranty conditions, will have been made available during the ordering process. The current version may be viewed at: [www.andor.com/pdfs/literature/Andor\\_Standard\\_Warranty.pdf](http://www.andor.com/pdfs/literature/Andor_Standard_Warranty.pdf)

### WASTE ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2006 (WEEE)

The company's statement on the disposal of WEEE can be found in the Terms and Conditions found on the Andor website, [WEEE Policy](#).



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