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Phantom® Flex4K

- 4K at up to 1000 fps
- Excellent image performance
- Records 2K and 4K at ultra high-speed and standard frame rates
- Choose between RAW and compressed* recording formats

Key Features:

Full resolution: 4096 x 2304

4096 x 2160 @ 1000 fps

2048 x 1080 @ 1975 fps

1° to 360° adjustable electronic shutter

Exclusive Phantom CineMag® IV hot-swappable recording media

3G HD-SDI video outputs

Dual-link 3G SDI for 4K video per SMPTE ST 425-3

Audio: AES/EBU and S/PDIF standards

Download & transcode support for both PC & Mac platforms included

* In-camera compression and audio available Summer 2015

The Industry's Most Flexible Digital Cinema Camera

The Phantom Flex4K is a full-featured digital cinema camera, capable of speeds that range from standard frame rates up to 1,000 frames-per-second (fps) at 4K and almost 2,000 fps at 2K resolution. Building upon the award winning technology of Phantom digital cinema products, the Flex4K combines features found in the latest cinema cameras with those otherwise found only in specialty cameras.

With the option to record either uncompressed raw or with industry-standard compression*, the workflow is just as flexible as the camera's frame rate. The introduction of in-camera audio* provides a high quality scratch track for sync-sound recording. The latest in non-volatile storage technology is used to move data quickly, while a complete on-camera menu ensures setup and control is intuitive, maximizing efficiency on set.

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Features (continued):

Advanced on-camera control interface

Playback and save controls on both sides of the camera

Memory can be partitioned for multi-cine

Genlock for simplified 3D shooting and synchronizing video playback

Phantom RCU compatible

Optional Battery Back

Choose a battery back at the time of purchase - or later as an accessory. Three mounts are currently available:

- Hawk-Woods mount supports 26v Reel Power batteries
- Anton Bauer Gold mount supports 14.4v Hytron and Dionic-HC batteries
- V-Lock mount supports high-capacity 14.4v V-Lock batteries

Viewfinder

A Phantom-branded HD OLED viewfinder is recommended for the camera. This EVF, manufactured by Astro Design, is powered from the camera and works with the front SDI port. It has full HD resolution, high quality optics and an extremely crisp and bright display. It comes with the bracket and cables needed for the Flex4K.

The camera will also support common component based HD viewfinders, and can be configured with a Fischer or optional Hirose viewfinder port.



Cinematic Design, 35mm Depth of Field, Exceptional Image Quality

Designed with the cinematographer in mind, the form factor of the Phantom Flex4K adapts to a variety of shooting environments. From the studio to extreme conditions, the Flex4K is built to perform.

At 4K resolution the Flex4K offers super 35mm depth of field. The custom 9.4 megapixel sensor captures intricate detail with impressive dynamic range and low noise. This means excellent image quality and low-light performance. The camera's streamlined design and thermal architecture makes the camera quick-to-shoot with an ultra-stable image.

Sensitivity & Exposure Index

The low noise performance of the Flex4K sensor allows for the effective ISO to be dialed in with the camera's Exposure Index function

Exposure Index (EI) range: from 250 to 1250 (color)

Convenient and Intuitive Camera Controls

Controlling the Phantom Flex4K is easier than ever with a full-featured on-camera control interface for both basic and advanced camera operation. Set up universal capture and recording parameters before the shoot, while retaining access to the more commonly adjusted parameters like frame rate and exposure settings at the push of a button.

Capture, trigger, playback and save controls can be found on both sides of the camera in order to provide a seamless workflow for different shooting environments. Remote control is also possible with a handheld Phantom RCU.

Expanded Recording Options for Different Production Styles

The Phantom Flex4K is available with 32, 64 or 128 Gigabytes of internal RAM. More RAM allows longer recording times at high frame rates. Loop mode records into the RAM buffer at the camera's top speeds, and once the camera is triggered the files can be previewed immediately, then quickly offloaded to an installed Phantom CineMag IV.

For longer record times use run/stop (R/S) mode and record directly to the CineMag IV for several minutes. This is an excellent option when high-speed is not required. In fact, at 24 fps two hours of raw 4K footage can be recorded directly to a 2TB CineMag IV.



Phantom cameras have always generated .Cine raw files, and the Flex4K is no exception. These files are uncompressed and maintain the maximum information for post processing. They are compatible with many of the industry's top color grading software packages, or they can be converted to common file formats using software provided with the camera.

Maximum Record Times *recording times vary based on memory size, frame rate and resolution				
Resolution	Frame Rate (fps)	64GB RAM (seconds)	128GB RAM (seconds)	2TB CineMag IV R/S Mode
4096 x 2304 (max res)	938 (max loop)	5.0	10	N/A
4096 x 2160	1000 (max loop)	5.0	10	N/A
4096 x 2160	120	42	84	20 min.
4096 x 2160	24	3.5 min.	7 min.	130 min.
2048 x 1080	1975 (max loop)	9.8	19.6	N/A
2048 x 1080	500	39	78	25 min.
2048 x 1080	24	14 min.	28 min.	530 min.

The above table relates to Cine raw recording. Coming soon is the ability to record either raw or with industry-standard compression directly to the CineMag IV. This increases record time; decreases file size, and simplifies the process straight out of the camera.

A third workflow option is recording the HD-SDI video playback with a video-based field recorder. These devices are easy to use, and take advantage of the camera's in-camera video scaling for 1080p or UHD video via two 3G HD-SDI outputs.

PC & Mac Based Workflow Solutions

Download files from the CineMag IV with the Phantom CineStation® IV, a simple download device that saves files via Gb or 10Gb Ethernet using software on a PC or Mac. One license of the popular Glue Tools Cine Toolkit, and Séance download software for the Mac is included with camera purchase. This provides the ability to download Flex4K raw files in Mac OSX, and allows for direct compatibility with most Quicktime-based edit and color grading software.



The camera also ships standard with our updated (PC-only) Phantom PCC controller software, for downloading, file conversion and full camera control. Phantom PCC software includes both h.264 and Apple ProRes transcoding for Phantom Cine raw files.

Resolution / Maximum Frame Rates	
Resolution	Max fps Loop Mode
4096 x 2304 (max res)	938 fps
4096 x 2160 (4K standard)	1000 fps
3840 x 2160 (16 x 9)	1000 fps
1920 x 1080 (16 x 9)	1975 fps
1280 x 720 (16 x 9)	2930 fps

Inputs / Outputs	
Power input	1x 3-pin Fischer (+12 - 28V DC)
Battery mount (optional)	Selectable Hawk Woods RP mount, Anton Bauer Gold mount & V-Lock battery backs
12V Power aux outputs	1x 2-pin Lemo, 1x 4-pin Hirose for viewfinder
24V Power aux outputs	2x 3-pin Fischer with R/S (24V is unregulated)
Ethernet	8-pin Fischer for software operation & file download
Remote	5-pin Fischer for RS232 & 24V DC; works with BT-Dongle and Phantom RCU
HD-SDI	3x main 3G HD-SDI outputs, 1 additional SDI output at front for viewfinder. 1 SDI return (includes Genlock support)
Sync	12-pin Fischer for Mini-BOB. Provides access to F-Sync, AES/EBU Audio in & out, Timecode in & out, strobe, ready, trigger
Audio out	3.5mm headphone-jack (for monitoring only)
Viewfinder	1 Fischer (standard) or Hirose (optional) for component video, and 1x BNC for SDI-based viewfinders, including the Phantom OLED HD EVF

CineStation IV	
Power input	+12 - 28V DC
Gb Ethernet	RJ45 port
10Gb Ethernet	RJ45 port, for the fastest CineMag IV offload

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Imaging Specifications:

Pixel size:	6.75 micron
Ultra-fast rolling shutter (<1 millisecond scan time)	
ISO Color:	250T (EI Range 250-1250)
ISO Mono:	2000T (EI Range 2000-10,000)
Sensor size:	27.7 x 15.5mm
Sensor @ 1080p:	13 x 7.3mm
Lens mount:	PL (standard), Nikon F/G & Canon EF

Additional Specifications:

Internal RAM:	32GB, 64GB or 128GB
Recording media:	Phantom CineMag IV (up to 2TB)
Environmental:	-20° - +50° C temperature range
Camera size:	11.5 x 5.0 x 7.9 in (LxWxH); 29.2 x 14 x 20 cm
Camera weight:	14 lbs (6.3 kg) without lens, viewfinder or battery
CineStation IV size:	6.5 x 5.75 x 1.5 in (LxWxH); 16.5 x 14.6 x 3.8 cm
CineStation IV weight:	1 lb (0.45kg)

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Coming Soon: Audio Recording

When enabled, the camera will accept a stereo AES/EBU input compatible with both professional and consumer standards. It is intended for use as a reference or scratch track for sync-sound recording, and can be recorded at frame rates at or above 23.98 fps.

The signal is fed through the AES input on the Mini-BOB, via the camera's Sync port. It will accept 2 channels at variable rates which are normalized in camera to 48KHz with up to 24-bit full scale. The signal can be monitored via the AES output (recommended) or the headphone jack on top of the camera. On-camera meters are included to keep an eye on the audio levels during recording and playback. Files are saved from RAM or CineMag as separate tracks in the uncompressed .wav format, which can then be easily synchronized with the video.

Image Monitoring & Video Outputs

The multi-channel video system is customizable for monitoring with adjustable frame guides, and/or a clean output for use with field recorders. Supported video formats include: 720p (50, 59.94, 60Hz), 1080p (23.98, 24, 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94, 60Hz); 1080i (25, 29.97, 30Hz); 1080psf (23.98, 24, 25, 29.97, 30Hz), 3160p (23.98, 24, 25, 29.97, 30Hz)

The outputs can be switched between displaying Rec709 and a pre-set Log curve. The viewfinder and monitor feeds can also be set to always show a live feed, so the operator can follow the action while the last shot is still being saved or played from the other outputs.



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