

JPEG-EX-S

Baseline and Extended JPEG Encoder



This JPEG compression IP core supports the Baseline Sequential DCT and Extended Sequential DCT modes of the ISO/IEC 10918-1 standard. It implements an area-efficient, high-performance, ASIC or FPGA hardware JPEG encoder with very low processing latency.

The JPEG-EX-S encoder produces compressed JPEG images and the video payload for Motion-JPEG container formats. It accepts images with 8- or 12-bit color samples and up to four color components, in all widely-used color subsampling formats.

The encoder processes one color sample per clock cycle, enabling it to compress multiple HD video even in low-cost FPGAs. One of the smallest JPEG encoders available, it occupies approx. 12,000 to 20,000 LUTs depending on its configuration.

Once programmed, the easy-to-use encoder requires no assistance from a host processor to compress an arbitrary number of frames. SoC integration is straightforward thanks to standardized AMBA® interfaces: AXI Streaming for pixel and compressed data, and a 32-bit APB slave interface for registers access. Users can optionally insert timestamps or other metadata in the compressed stream using a dedicated AXI Streaming interface.

Customers with a short time to market priority can use CAST's IP Integration Services to receive complete JPEG subsystems. These integrate the JPEG encoder with video interface controllers, Hardware UDP/IP or Transport Stream networking stacks, or other IP cores available from CAST.

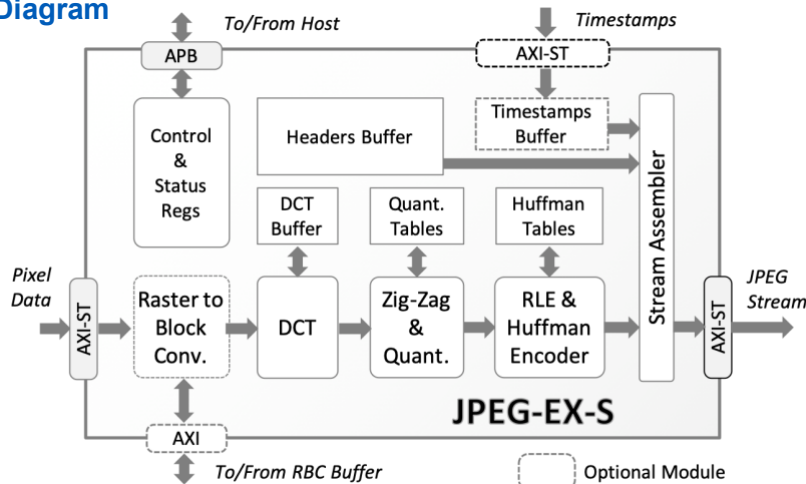
The core is designed with industry best practices, and its reliability and low risk have been proven through both rigorous verification and customer production. Its deliverables include a complete verification environment and a bit-accurate software model.

Applications

The JPEG-EX-S core's low processing latency and ability to regulate compressed image size or video bit rate make it ideal for video streaming systems even in the presence of strict bandwidth and latency limitations. Suitable applications include:

- Consumer electronics or professional imaging products such as digital cameras, camcorders, and office automation equipment (printers, scanners, etc.).
- Residential, corporate, airborne, and other security or surveillance systems.
- Machine vision and video links for industrial, defense, or other systems.
- Medical imaging systems, and advanced driver assistance systems.

Block Diagram



FEATURES

Performs Baseline and Extended Sequential DCT JPEG encoding of images or video with small silicon area, high performance, and low latency.

Standards Support

- ISO/IEC 10918-1 Standard Baseline and Extended Sequential DCT modes
- Single-frame JPEG images and Motion JPEG payloads
- 8-bit and 12-bit per color samples
- Up to four color components; any image size up to 64k x 64k
- All scan configurations and all JPEG formats
- APP, COM, and restart markers
- Programmable Huffman and Quantization tables

Rate Control Options

- Image: Limits the size of each individual frame
- Video: Regulates bit rate over a number of input frames.

Interfaces

- AXI Streaming I/O data interfaces
- APB Control/Status interface

Performance and Size

- One encoded sample per clock cycle
- Small silicon footprint (from 12k 4LUTs)

Ease of Integration

- Automatic program-once/encode-many operation
- Simple, dedicated timestamps interface
- Included bit-accurate software model generates test vectors, expected results, and core programming values
- Optional Raster-to-Block Conversion with AXI or standard memory interface to the lines buffer

Supported Microsemi FPGA Families

- All Microsemi FPGA families, provided sufficient resources are available

Silicon Resources Utilization

The JPEG-EX-S core can be mapped to any Microsemi Device (provided sufficient silicon resources are available) and optimized to suit the particular project's requirements. The following table provides sample implementation and performance data for the core configured to support monochrome images with 8-bit and 12-bit per pixel, fixed Huffman Tables, and an external raster to block conversion block supporting 1Mpixel images.

Family / Device	Logic	Block RAMs	Freq. (MHz)
RTG4 / RT4G150-STD	12,086 4LUTs 4 MACC	31 RAM64x18 14 RAM1Kx18	75

Note that the above implementation figures do not represent the highest speed or smallest area possible for the core. Please contact CAST to discuss silicon resource utilization and performance for your target technology.

Verification

The core has been verified through extensive synthesis, place and route and simulation runs. It has also been embedded in several products and is proven in both ASIC and FPGA technologies.

JPEG Cores Available from CAST

This core is one member of the family of JPEG encoder and decoder cores that CAST offers. The following table summarizes the family members and indicates their basic features.

JPEG IP Cores	JPEG-E-T Tiny Baseline JPEG Encoder	JPEG-E-S Baseline JPEG Encoder	JPEG-EX-S Extended JPEG Encoder	JPEG-EX-F Ultra Fast Ext. JPEG Encoder	JPEG-D-S Baseline JPEG Decoder	JPEG-DX-S Extended JPEG Decoder	JPEG-DX-F Ultra Fast Ext. JPEG Decoder
Functionality	Encoder				Decoder		
Baseline JPEG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extended Sequential JPEG	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Motion JPEG Payload	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sub-sampling Formats	Any with up to four components including Single-color, 4:4:4, 4:2:2, 4:2:0						
Image Resolution	16x16 to 64k x 64k						
Max. Sample Depth	8	8	12	12	8	12	12
Programmable Huffman Tables	✗	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rate Control	✗	✓	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A
Raster Conversion	Included – Optionally Instantiated						
Color Samples/Cycle	1	1	1	1 to 32	1	1	1 to 32
Available in RTL Source Code	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Available as targeted netlist	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Support

The core as delivered is warranted against defects for ninety days from purchase. Thirty days of phone and email technical support are included, starting with the first interaction. Additional maintenance and support options are available.

Deliverables

The core is available in ASIC (synthesizable HDL) and FPGA (netlist) forms, and includes everything required for successful implementation. The Lattice version includes:

- Targeted FPGA netlist
- Sophisticated self-checking Testbench
- Software (C++) Bit-Accurate Model
- Sample simulation and synthesis scripts
- Comprehensive user documentation