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DVS-K1600 / HE16SWL2 DVS-K3200 / HE32SWL2 DVS-K4800 / HE48SWL2 DVS-K6400 / HE64SWL2 DVS-K9600 / HE96SWL2

Quick Start Guide

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1 Introduction

Dear user,

We are pleased to present you our alpha system. This documentation includes the **basic** information required for the setup and operation of:

- DVS-K1600 / HE16SWL2
- DVS-K3200 / HE32SWL2
- DVS-K4800 / HE48SWL2
- DVS-K6400 / HE64SWL2
- DVS-K9600 / HE96SWL2

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General information

The hardware and software of the alpha system may only be used in accordance with the stipulations of the license agreement. Any other use is prohibited. Copying the software, in particular, regardless of the reason, is against the law, and prosecution will result.

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For every system comprehensive documentation is created and delivered with the alpha system to the owner, as stipulated in the contract.

The documentation corresponds to the relevant standards and regulations and the European product liability law.

The owner is responsible for ensuring that at least one copy of the documentation is kept in the immediate vicinity of the system and is accessible to each user.

Each person given the responsibility of performing activities with the system must have read the corresponding chapter of the documentation and familiarized himself/herself with the "General safety precautions" chapter before starting work.

The **complete documentation** of the alpha system and the accessories is available on every alpha system as alpha Help and on the installation DVD.

3 Intended use

- The alpha system is intended solely for the recording of video signals (incl. audio signal) and their playback and transmission. Any other use or additional use, e.g. for the control and monitoring of systems or machines is considered unintended use. The manufacturer/supplier is not liable for damage resulting from such use. The user is solely responsible for any such risks.
- Intended use also includes the observation of the operating instructions and compliance with the inspection and maintenance regulations.

Safety precautions

- The system complies with the specific safety regulations applicable at the time of delivery and commissioning.
- The state-of-the-art system complies with the recognized safety-related rules. All customer regulations have been observed as long as they did not violate the existing safety regulations.
- Allow only personnel considered to be **professionals** according to the safety regulations to perform installation, maintenance and repair work on the system.
- **Carry out the following preparations before transporting the computer:**
 - Disconnect devices attached to the computer.

5 Installing the equipment

Scope of delivery

The DVS-Kit contains:

- DVD with alpha software
- alpha USB-crypto key with licenses

Installation of hardware

- Connect the alpha USB-crypto key to a free USB port.
- Connect the computer to a network with alpha devices.

VO1 card (option)

The former VO1 card is replaced by a new version that uses 3.3 V instead of 5 V, which makes it usable on 64 bit PCI connectors. The two versions can be differentiated easily because the new card has no the green Digital IO connectors.

If you updated an current system you have to update the driver with the version in the Install\VO1 directory.

Important

It is not possible to mix the old and new cards on a singe alpha station.

Installation of software

Place the DVD into the CD-ROM (DVD) drive.

If the alpha setup does not start automatically select **Run** in the Windows Start menu, enter [drive letter]:\aSetup.exe and confirm with **Enter**.

The setup program is executed. Please follow the instructions.

During the installation the system checks, whether the use of this software version is allowed by your license (**Upgrade date**) or not.

You can choose whether you want to use the Launcher as shell for your DVS-Kit (recommended) or the Windows menu.

Video sources

The DVS-Kit uses the MPEG-2 and MPEG4 Video Encoders/Codecs as the data source. The encoders can be connected directly to the DVS-Kit as well as to additional alpha devices via a shared network.

The **VX Manager** is used for simultaneous configuration of several Video Encoders and Codecs. Please refer to the User Manual to add licences and to assign them to the video channels.

Network settings

The TCP/IP settings can be configured in the usual manner in Windows (please refer to the User Manual or the Windows Manual).

Commissioning

Do not switch on the alpha system until all the connections are properly cabled.

Switch on the alpha system in the following order:

- 1. Cameras
- 2. Video input modules
- 3. VGA monitor
- 4. Other optional devices
- 5. Base unit

6 Setup of the alpha DVS-Kit

Important

This Quick Start Guide only provides an overview of the purpose of a program and the most important controls if necessary.

Example

This chapter shows the configuration of a DVS-K1600 based on a simple example. A DVS-Kit is to be operated with 2 ENC 8M2 and 16 cameras by one user. All cameras are recorded permanently in real-time and 4 CIF without audio. The storage capacity is 2 Tbyte.

1. How to change the language

All alpha systems and all supplemental programs for alpha technology[®] use an English user interface (American English). All programs for the end user and some for the alpha Installer can also be used in other languages. Some text files required for this are available on the alpha system. For additional languages, please contact your supplier.

To use the alpha Translator, you require access authorization on the Windows level. Start the alpha Translator by opening the Dvms\aTrans.exe file.

Modified settings do not become active until the respective application is restarted.

	1 2
💑 Alpha Translator	
Application: None	Save Activate Language Date Format
Source:	Destination:
Mask:	Query German (Standard)

1: Language and date format

ID	Description
1	Select the language for the program interfaces.
2	Select the format for the date/time display.

2. Start of the applications

The **Launcher** is the interface of the alpha system. It is called up automatically when the system is started. The alpha logo is displayed during loading. The hidden **Taskbar** appears when you move the mouse to the lower edge of the screen.

You call up the available applications via the Start button.

3. Change the password of the DVS-Kit

A user called of **"AlphaAdmin"**, with no password, is set up on the alpha system by default. Assign this user a password with the **Site Manager**.

In this example, a single user ("AlphaAdmin") sets up the system and then operates it. If there are multiple users then we strongly recommend that you create additional users in **Site Manager** with the required rights. This prevents a user from changing the password of "**AlphaAdmin**" which would block access to the DVS-Kit for everyone else, including the installer.

4. Additional licenses

In this example configuration, you require a license in order to record data of 2 Tbyte. A license of 1 Tbyte is always included in the DVS-K1600. So you have to order a license of 1 Tbyte Ringbuffer extension.

All channels are recorded in real-time and 4 CIF. Therefore 16 licences 8M2RT and 8M2FullFrame are needed.

Hardware ID

To purchase a license it is necessary that you specify the hardware ID of your DVS-Kit and of the ENC 8M2 devices.

Hardware ID of the alpha system:

- Start the License Manager and open the Hardware ID to file window with Transaction→Local hardware ID to file:
- The hardware ID can be written to a file by **Save**.

Hardware ID of the encoder:

- Go to the alpha Installer mode of the alpha system and start the VX Manager. Open the **Retrieved Hardware ID** window for an encoder with **Actions**→**License**→**Get hardware id** (**#**).
- The hardware ID can be written to a file by **Save to file**.

Download of a license string

Use the **Web License Management System** (alpha@LMS, http://alphalms.alpha-technology.info) to download a purchased license as a license string. Please refer to the separate manual of the Web License Management System.

Transferring of licenses to the DVS-Kit

In this example you have to transfer a license of 1 Tbyte Ringbuffer extension to the DVS-Kit.

■ Start the License Manager and open the following window with **Transaction**→**String to local SIM**:



2: String to SIM module

ID	Description
1, 3	Enter string manually.
2, 5	Import strings from file.
4	Select the license strings for import.
6	Transfer the license(s).

- Select Import strings from file.
- Click **Import** to read it from a *.lic file.
- Select the license string for import.
- Click **Transfer** and confirm the safety prompt with **Yes**.

5. How to set up the encoder

The **VX Manager** is used for simultaneous configuration of several Video Encoders, Decoders and Codecs. Please refer to the User Manual to add the 8M2RT and 8M2FullFrame licences and to assign them to the video channels.

6. How to configure the disk drive

Several hard disk partitions are required for operation of the DVS kit. The SDC partition is used for the export of video data as SDC. It is not necessary for other operations of the system. Set up the required partitions in the usual way in Windows (please refer to the user manual or the Windows manual).

Use	Size	Comment
Operating sys- tem and alpha software	Recommendation: 6 GBytes Depending on the operating sys- tem and the size of the swap file.	Drive letter: C
Ringbuffer	Data volume to be recorded, plus 15 – 20% for overhead.	Several partitions can be used.

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Use	Size	Comment
Event ringbuffer	Recommendation: 1-2 GBytes Memory requirement for an event: 64 bytes (+ 256 bytes, if comments are saved).	Only 1 partition.
SDC partition	Data volume to be recorded, plus 5 – 10% for overhead.	Up to 20 partitions can be used.

You must assign the partitions their use in the **Drive Manager**. Enter alpha Installer mode of the alpha system and start the Drive Manager. Click the **Use** tab



3: Drive Manager: Tab Use

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ID	Description
1	Tab Use .
2	Drive letter: Partition "C" is not displayed, as it is always used for the operating system and the alpha software.
3	You can name the partition in this field.
4	Drive type: Hard disk (Fixed), Removable , CD/DVD writer (CD-ROM) or Remote .
5	File system: You can format the partition with a right click.
6	Partition size.
7	Unused memory on the partition.
8	You can assign an usage to the partition with a right click. The ringbuf- fer and event ringbuffer are formatted automatically in the alpha FS file format when the alpha engine is started. Data in other file formats is deleted here!
9	Apply changes and close the Drive Manager.
10	Do not apply changes and close the Drive Manager.
11	Apply changes.
12	Call up settings used by the system again.
13	Not used on this tab.

7. How to configure the recording

The **Device Manager** allows you to set up the automatic functions of the alpha system in detail.

8. How to show images and alarms

The **Viewer** is used in the DVS-Kit both as a display program and as an analyze program.

In this alpha system example configuration, you can see live images and the recorded images of all cameras in the Viewer. Alarms are not displayed, as no events have been configured by a **Priority** as an alarm in the Device Manger.

The Viewer can be configured and personalized in the **Viewer Manager**. You can define, for example, which alarms are displayed and which screen layouts are available. Please refer to the User Manual.

9. Shut down

You can switch off or restart the alpha system, log on with another user name and different rights or log on at another user level with the **Shut down** function.

7 Technical data

This is a Class A device according to the FCC (pursuant to CISPR 22) and CE (pursuant to EN 55022). This device may cause radio interference in residential areas; if this occurs, the owner may specify appropriate measures to remedy this and carry them out.

Model	DVS- K1600	DVS- K3200	DVS- K4800	DVS- K6400	DVS- K9600
Video standard		F	PAL/NTS	C	
Compression	M-JP	EG, MPE	G-1, MPE	EG-2, MF	PEG-4
Video inputs via IP	0 (16)	0 (32)	0 (48)	0 (64)	0 (96)
Video inputs for IP cameras			0 (4)		
Video output cards (option)			2		
Max. resolution for encoders			4 CIF		
Max. resolution for IP cameras		2	560x192	0	
Min. recording rate per channel via IP		one	e image/o	day	

() max. value is reached when licenses are used

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Model	DVS- K1600	DVS- K3200	DVS- K4800	DVS- K6400	DVS- K9600
Max. recording rate per channel via IP	PAL: 25 ips NTSC: 30 ips				
Max. recording rate (PAL)*	400 ips	800 ips	1,200 ips	1,600 ips	2,400 ips
Max. recording rate (NTSC)*	480 ips	960 ips	1,440 ips	1,920 ips	2,880 ips
Image reduction rate (AFRR)			L: 1–25 SC: 1–30	•	
Audio standard		MP	EG-1, G.	711	
Audio inputs via IP	0 (16)	0 (32)	0 (48)	0 (64)	0 (96)
Audio outputs via IP	0 (16)	0 (32)	0 (48)	0 (64)	0 (96)
Alarm inputs via IP	0 (16)	0 (32)	0 (48)	0 (64)	0 (96)
Alarm inputs via data acquisi- tion modules			0 (1792)		
Digital outputs via IP	0 (16)	0 (32)	0 (48)	0 (64)	0 (96)
Digital outputs via data acqui- sition modules	0 (896)				
Number of ringbuffers			0–256		
Ringbuffer limit in Tbyte	1 (32)	2 (32)	3 (32)	4 (32)	4 (32)
Export Drives			0-20		

*. Recording rate depends on hardware

System requirements

Processor:	Intel compatible processor supporting MMX recommendation: Pentium D 925
Chip set:	Motherboard chip set from Intel
*	3.06 GHz or higher
RAM:	1 Gbyte or higher
Operating system:	Windows 2003 Server, SP 1 or higher
	Windows XP, SP 2 or higher
	Windows Vista Business (32 bit), SP 1 or higher
	Windows 7
	Windows Server 2008 SP 2
Graphics card:	AGP display adapter with 128 Mbyte RAM for 1 monitor
	AGP display adapter with 256 Mbyte RAM for 2 monitors
Protocol:	TCP/IP Protocol
Ports:	2 free USB ports
	recommendation: free serial ports for options
	free SCSI ports for options
	audio input, audio output
Hard disk drive: CD-ROM drive	SCSI or IDE with UDMA support
Network card:	1 Gbit LAN (recommendation: Intel Pro 1000 MT)

8 Maintenance

Maintenance may only be performed by qualified service personnel. Please contact your supplier with matters regarding maintenance contracts and routine maintenance work.

To keep the system working properly for a long time, the following maintenance and inspection work should be performed at regular intervals. The interval between maintenance sessions is based on the surrounding conditions and the urgency of system availability.

Maintenance and inspection work:

- Check the recorded images.
- Check the system date/time.
- Check the ringbuffer status.
- Check operation of the removable media drives.
- Check operation of the digital inputs/outputs.
- Check the dust filter and replace if necessary (at least exchange after 6 months).
- Clean the mouse.
- Clean the keyboard.
- Check the cables and plugs.