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1. Application Program Interface Introduction

After the user use Microscope application program, it will show illustration picture in Fig.1-1. A tool is arranged and divided into the window. The main button and file tabulate is in 3 groups, which the left and right windows are the two sub windows. On the left window, it will show Microscope whether USB digital video device is connected. If it's not connected the button will be a white result as Fig.1-2 shows.

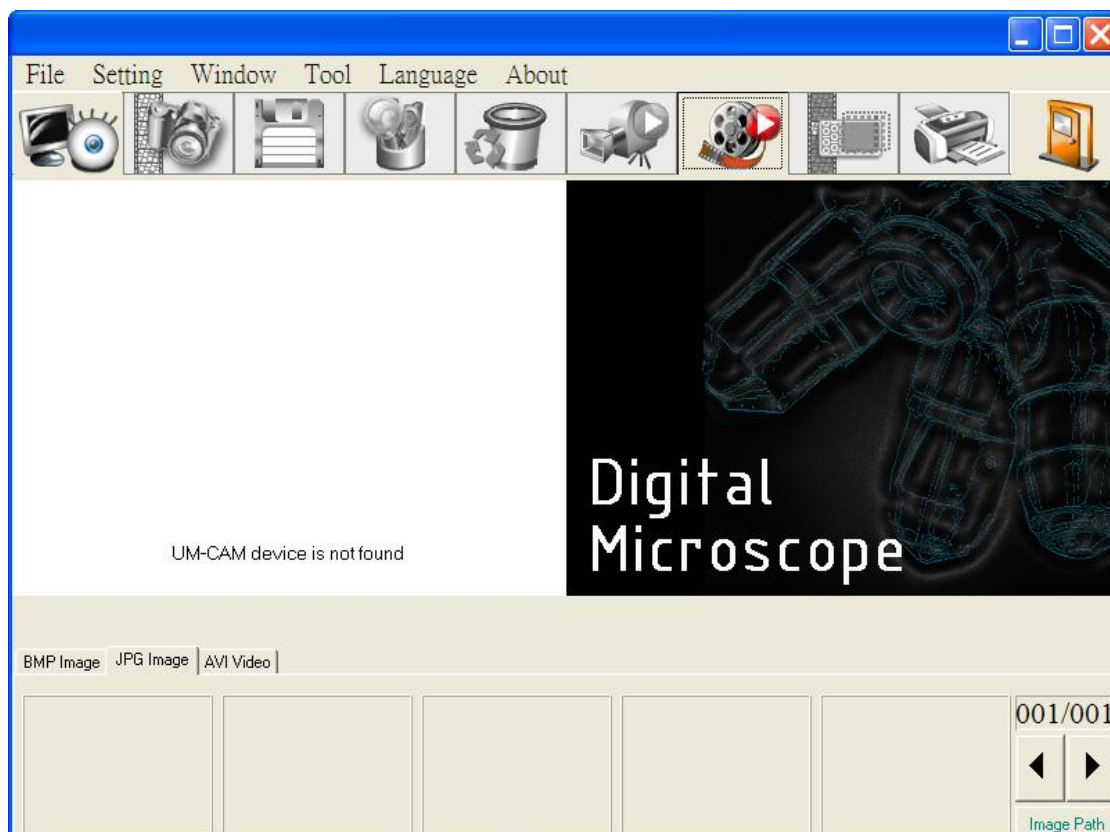


Fig.1-1 Main window picture



Fig.1-2 Connected button white

In the following, those main functions will be divided into four groups, one of the group needs to be shown after connection is done as Fig. 1-6. These four groups are:

1.1 Main Toolbars

See Fig.1-3 the toolbars of the application program which commonly uses, includes File, Setting, Window, Tool, Language and About altogether.



Fig.1-3 Main Toolbars

1.2 Main Function Buttons

Fig.1-4 are main function buttons which are commonly used or is for basic function, which includes connecting, taking photos, saving photos, editing...etc. there are 10 functions button.



Fig.1-4 Main button group

1.3 The File List/Folder

Fig.1-5 is the tabulate of the saved images in the application program. The main list will list the files in the existing folder, which includes BMP folder, JPG folder and AVI folder.



Fig.1-5 File List

1.4 Mode Functions

After opening Microscope program and connected as shown in Fig. 1-6, mode functions toolbar will show under the left side of sub-window, these are mode functions.

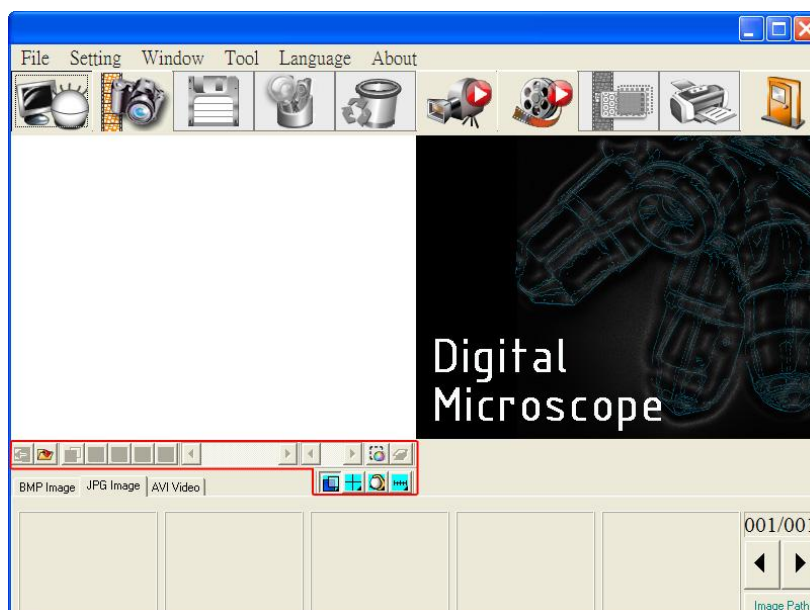


Fig.1-6 AP connecting

2. Main Toolbars

The tool arranges the group and pursues to show, which include file, setup, window, tool, Language and select greatly about 5 of the choices altogether.

2.1 File

In the beginning, “File” is used for users who want to open/save file from other path or Print setting...etc see Fig.2-1.

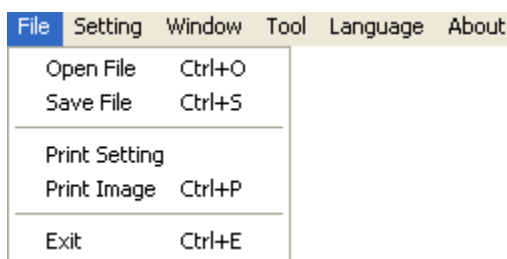


Fig.2-1 Choose file

2.1.1 Open File

Here are three types of file formats in the Open File, Bmp, Jpg and Avi as optional. The default route for the open file folder is according to the current preserving file format. About tabulates of the file folders, please refer to Section 3.1 for more detailed information. In short, please refer to below Fig.2-2, if the preserving photo is in Bmp tabulate, the open file route is for preserving Bmp photos. If the preserving photo is in Jpg tabulate, the open file route is for preserving Jpg photos. If the preserving video is in Avi tabulate, the open file route is for preserving Avi videos. Ctrl +O are a fast key.

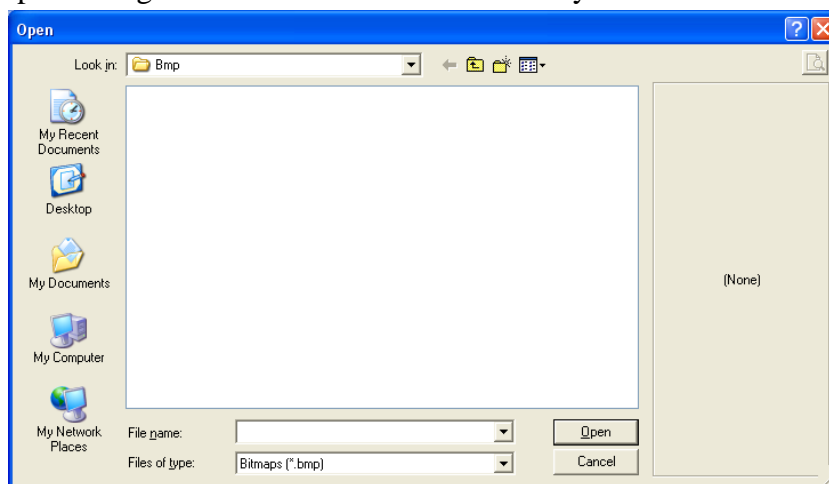


Fig.2-2 Open bmp file

2.1.2 Save File

There are only two file types for saving, Bmp and Jpg; the saved file is the image taken in the left sub-window, see Fig.1-1. The storing file name is named by the program automatically; the user can change the name by themselves. File name is annual in year (yyyy),

month(mm),day(dd),hour(hh),minute(nn),second(ss)setting,which.Bmp_20080829180445.bmp as 2008(yyyy) 08(mm) 29(dd) 18(hh) 04(nn) 45(ss), which this way is the name of file won't be repeated and can also be realized the date and time by stored file name.

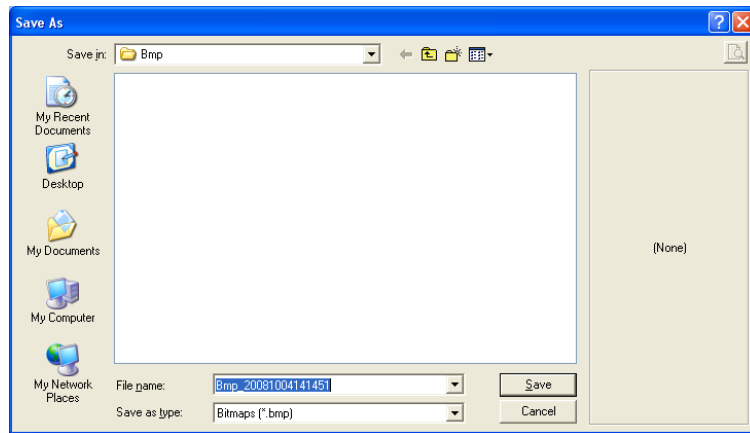


Fig.2-3 Save file

2.1.3Printer Setup

Set up printer can adjust paper between size, source or printer type.

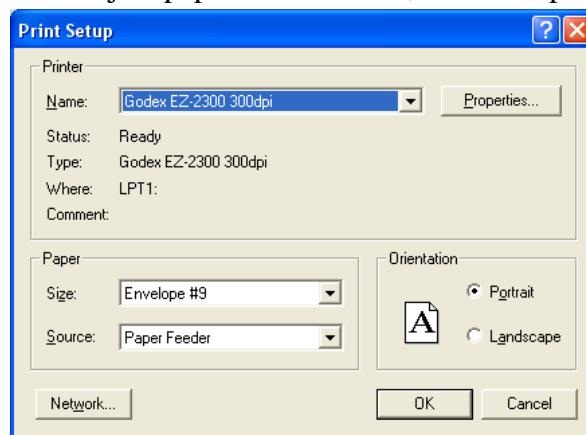


Fig.2-4 Setup printer

2.1.4Print Picture

Ctrl+P are a fast key.

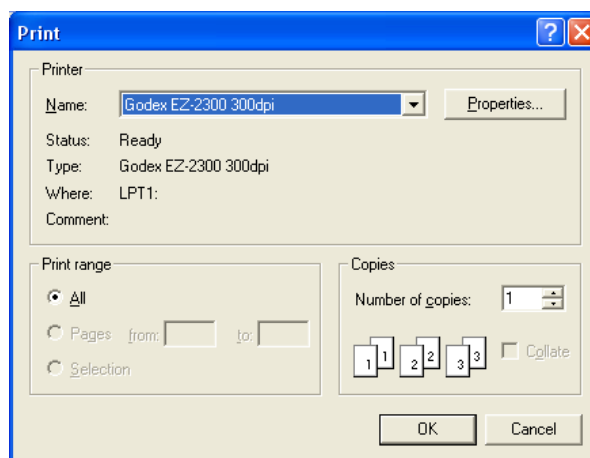


Fig 2-5 Print

2.1.5 Exit

Once to choose to exit, the program would close. Ctrl+E are a fast key.

2.2 Setting

The Setting function is mainly to set up Video Format and JPG compression quality as Fig.2-6 shows. If Microscope device isn't at the line, video format and video signal source unable to set up (setting in white bar); it can set up on the contrary.



Fig.2-6 Select Setting

2.2.1 Input Devices Setting

Optional Input Devices, see Fig.2-7, when there are 2 or more Input Devices connecting to PC at the same time, you can choose which device you wish to use.

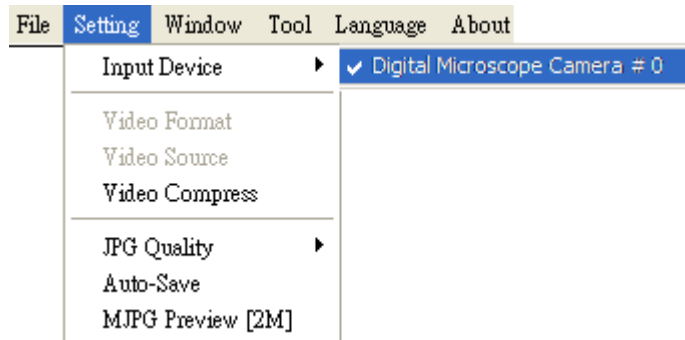


Fig.2-7 Optional Input Devices

2.2.2 Video Forma

Video Format is mainly to set up the frame rate, color space and output size etc. Fig 2-8 is the Video Format of built in UVC Driver contents. Frame rate is frame numbers per second (fps) for playing. Adjust the output size will slower or faster the fps, for example, if the fps is higher, the preview video will be less clearly but with smooth performance. On the contrary, if the fps is lower, the image will be more clear but with a little lagging performance. This is due to the more frames requires the more CPU loading then cause the lagging performance.

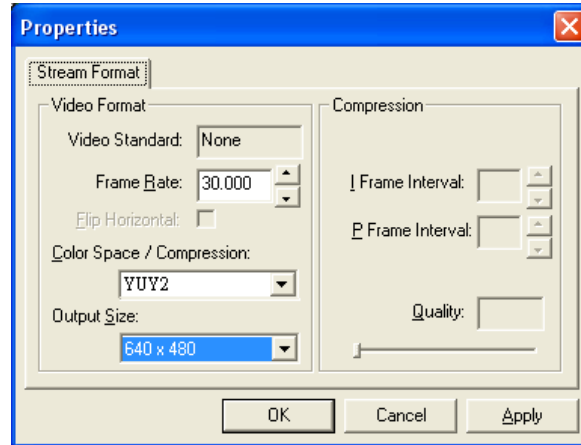


Fig.2-8 Video format contents before installing MICROSCOPE driver

2.2.3 Video Format Source

Fig.2-9a & Fig.2-9b are Properties of Video Format source without installing MICROSCOPE driver, i.e., it uses Windows' built-in driver. Fig.2-9a Video Proc Amp allows User to adjust the parameter.

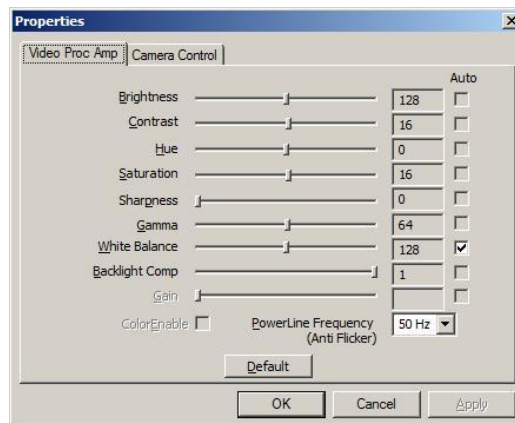


Fig.2-9a Table of Video Proc Amp content without after installed MICROSCOPE driver

Fig.2-9b Table of Camera Control allows User to adjust the parameter. In generally, Windows built-in driver only support limited functions.

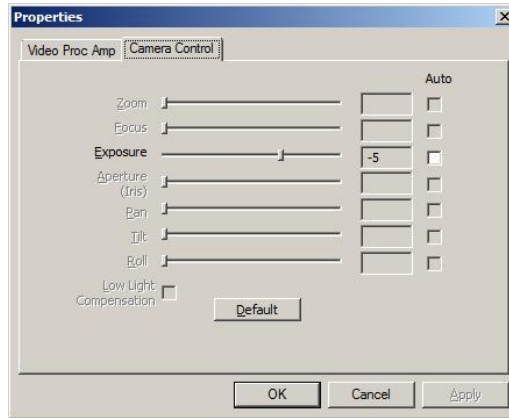


Fig. 2-9b Table of Camera Control without installing MICROSCOPE driver

2.2.4 Video Compressor

Normally, the video size is huge before compressor. We can use Compressor function to reduce the file size. Fig. 2-10 shows the options for compressor. There are optional Compressors which are built-in or can be installed by DivX Plus Codec Pack or other tool. Once the installation is completed, you can see them at the optional Compressors.

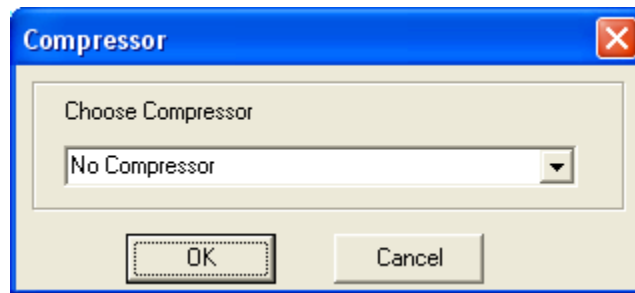


Fig 2-10 Optional Compressor

2.2.5 JPG Quality

User can choose different JPG quality. The JPG compressor could distorted the saved image in order to meet the saving size, in this situation, when the saved quality is low, the image quality could be low and the file size is low too. See Fig.2-11 ◦

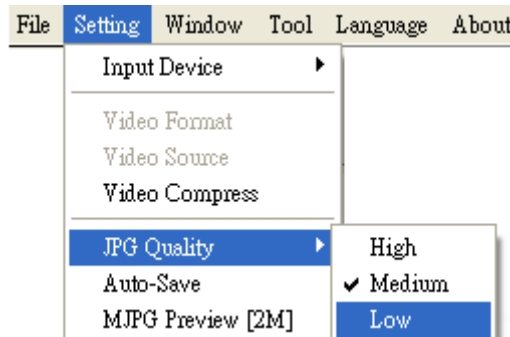


Fig 2-11 Setting JPG Quali

2.2.6 Auto-Save

From “Setting->Auto- Save” shown Fig.2-12, after checked auto-save, when clicking the save buttons it will not show the save dialog. The system will generate a file name and auto-save the file.



Fig 2-12 Auto-save option

2.2.7 MJPG Preview 2M

When function MJPG preview 2M enabled, the resolution will automatically choose 1600*1200 (2MP). To enable MJPG preview needs to disconnect the device firstly. See fig 2-13.

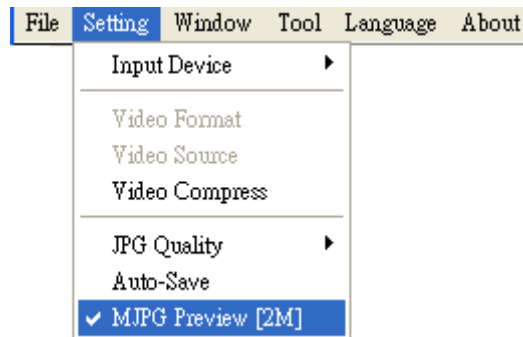


Fig 2-13 MJPG Preview function

2.3 Window

The Windows can be chosen per USER’s preferred window size. But it need depend on User’s PC to choose a suitable resolution as Fig.2-13. For example, your PC is 1280*960 pixels; you can choose 1280*960. When the PC screen size is wide screen (16:9), it may cause imbalance ratio at “Full Screen” mode. The user may choose “Full Screen (4:3)” for an equally true ratio. When in “Video Resolution” mode, the window size is same as the output size. Please refer to 1.2.2. “Device control toolbar” only shows the tools for device control. Users could preview the image by other application. Please refer to section 5.5.

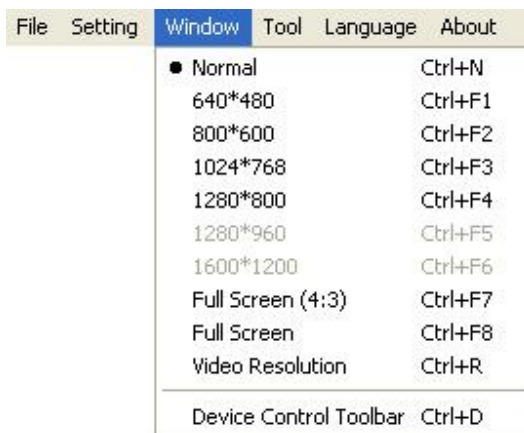


Fig 2-14 Optional window size

User can choose full screen under window mode as shown in Fig. 2-15. The original left sub-window in the AP will become a single window, available tool bar of the connection (disconnection), snapshot, video recording and video playing under the full screen.

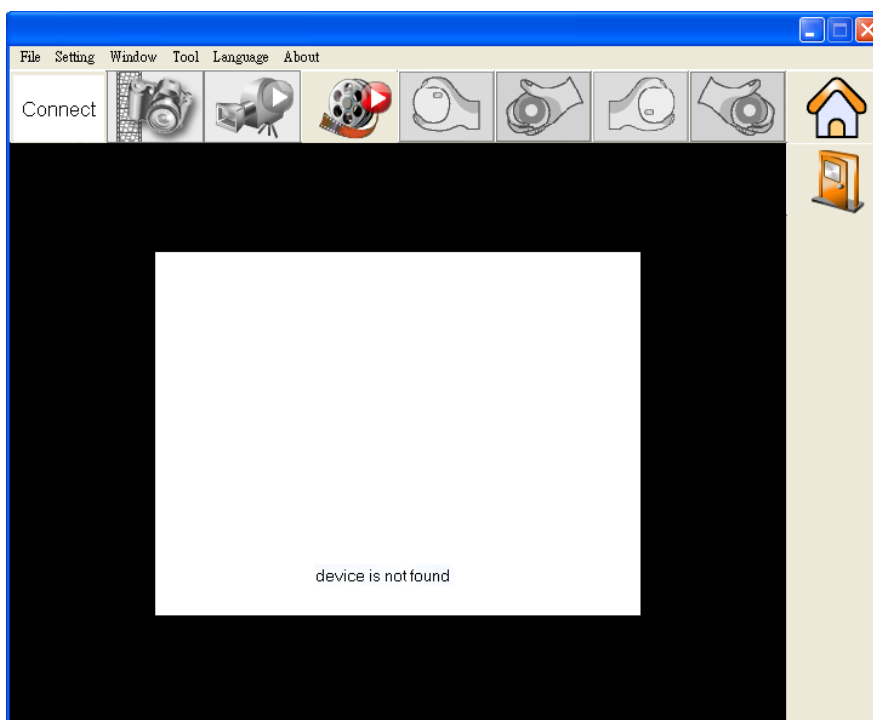


Fig 2-15 Full screen of 640*480 under Window mode

If changing to single window and want to return to normal mode, please click “Normal Mode button” see Fig.2-16



Fig 2-16 Normal Mode

Single window also has video control mode shown Fig.2-17. To preview other functions of “video control mode” please refer to chapter 5.



Fig.2- 17 Video Control mode

Click snapshot button and will pop up Fig.2-18, it provides function of Open file, Save file, Delete image, Image process and Print image.



Fig 2-18 Image View of window

2.4 Tool

Use the Tool to open file and Time Lapse functions..etc. See Fig 2-19.

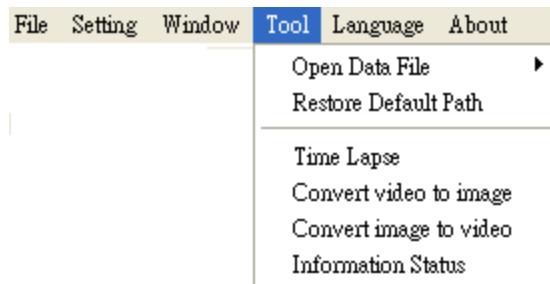


Fig 2-19 Tool functions

2.4.1 Open Data file

Open files at BMP, JPG & AVI folder. See Fig 2-20.

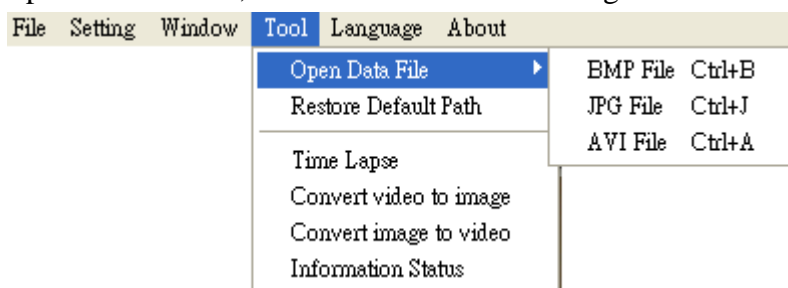


Fig.2-20 Open file folder

2.4.2 Restore default path

The function allows User to preserve the initial setting route, easily find and Save the video and photos at the preserved route.

2.4.3 Time Lapse

To use this function, please connect device (under preview) firstly. Time Lapse function allow to set photography or video record time for certain period; then convert image to video or video to image to shorten the total time of photography. See Fig 2-21, the function setting as below:

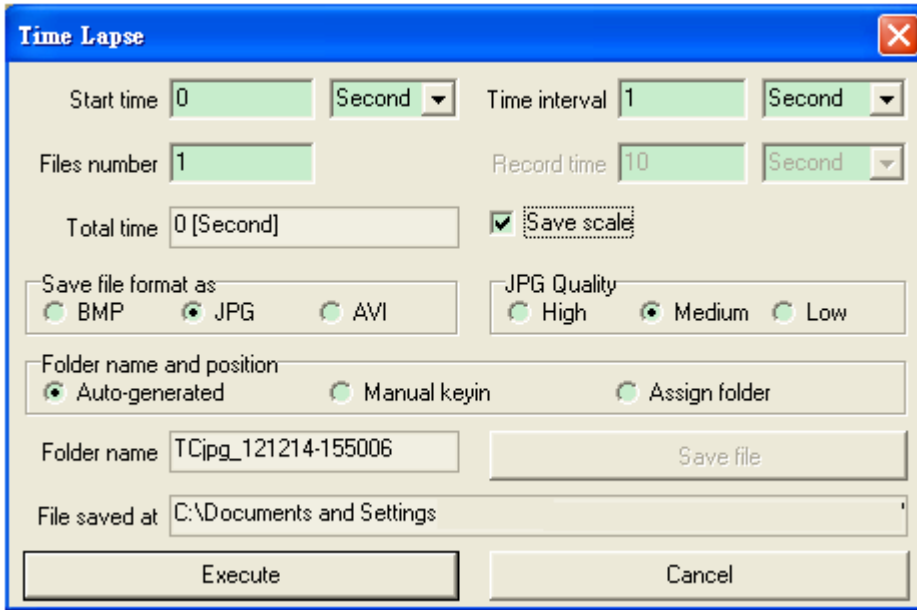


Fig 2-21 Time Lapse setting dialogue

- Start time : To set the start time to enable the function. The unit can be second or minute.
- Time Interval : To set time to capture image or video. The unit can be second, minute or hour.
- File numbers : To decide how many image/video needs to be captured.
- Record Time: To decide the video record time.
- Total time: To calculate the total time to execute the function.
- Save scale: To decide to save the scale when BMP or JPG format.
- Save file format as: To decide the file type. (BMP, JPG or AVI)
- JPG quality: To decide the JPG compressed quality.
- Video compress: To choose the compressor type when record AVI file. It is suggested to choose “DivX Codec”.
- Folder name and position:
 - Auto-generated: Auto generated folder name by yyyy-mm-dd-hh-min-sec.
 - Manual Keyin : Key in folder name
 - Assign folder: To assign the file save into certain folder. Click “Save file” to choose route.
- Folder name: To show the folder name, the captured files will be saved in this folder.
- Save file: To choose the captured file saving location.
- File save at: To show the location of saved folder.
- Execute: Enable time lapse function.
- Cancel: Disable time lapse dialogue.

2.4.4 Convert Video to Image

This function is to convert AVI video file into BMP or Jpg picture files. Click on “Open video file” to choose video. See Fig 2-22, the setting dialogue.

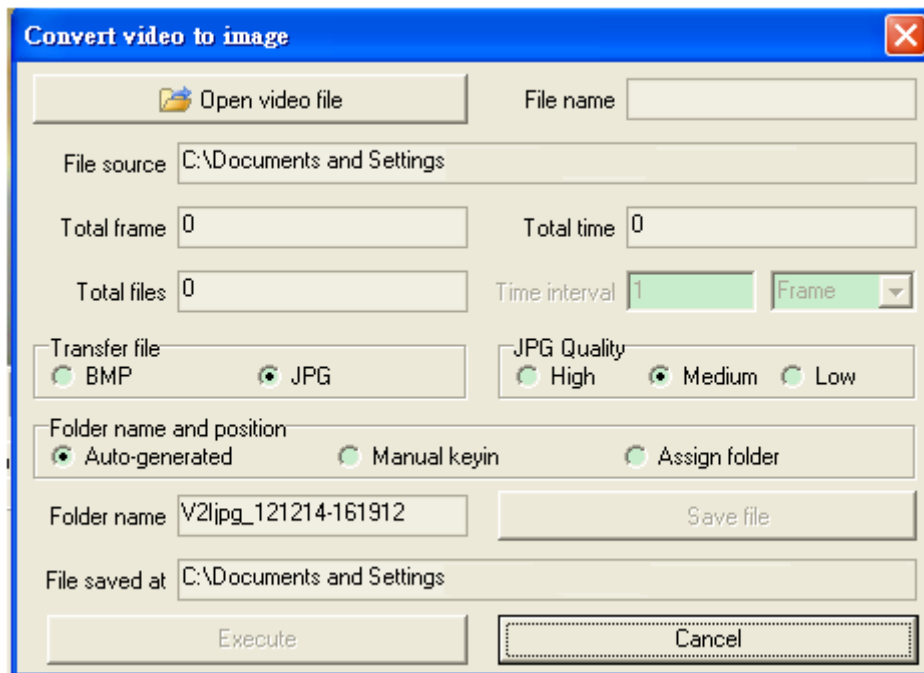


Fig 2-22 Covert video to image setting dialogue

- Open video file: To choose the video file.
- File name: To show the selected video file name.
- File source: To show the selected video file location.
- Total frame: Total fame numbers of the video.
- Total time: Total time of video.
- Total files: Total file types which convert from video.
- Time interval: To set the time of convert video to image by per frame, per minutes or per second.
- Transfer file: To choose the picture type. (BMP or JPG)
- JPG Quality: To decide the JPG compressed quality.
- Folder name and position:
 - Auto-generated: Auto generated folder name by yyyy-mm-dd-hh-min-sec.
 - Manual Keyin : Key in folder name
 - Assign folder: To assign the file save into certain folder. Click “Save file” to choose route.
- Folder name: To show the folder name, the captured files will be saved in this folder.
- Save file: To choose the captured file saving location.
- File save at: To show the location of saved folder.

- Execute: Enable time lapse function.
Cancel: Disable time lapse dialogue.

2.4.5 Convert Image to Video

This function is to convert BMP or JPG pictures into video. To use Time Lapse function capture and combined files into video. See Fig 2-23 and the setting dialogue.

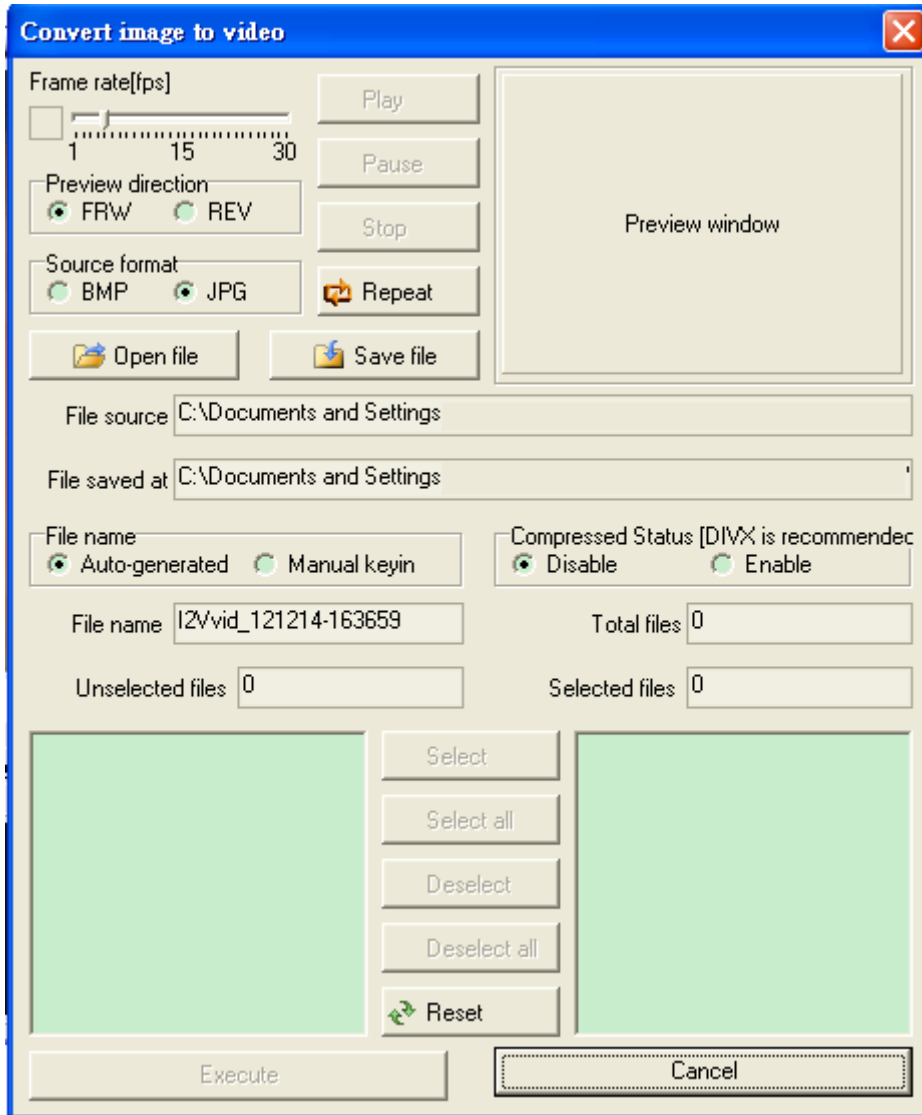


Fig 2-23 Covert image to video setting dialogue

- Frame rate(fps) : Frame per second, the picture numbers in each second.
- Preview direction: Preview in forward or reverse.
- Source format: To choose the file type to convert.
- Play: Play pictures.
- Pause : Pause pictures play.
- Stop : Stop play pictures.
- Repeat : Repeat play pictures.

- Open file : To choose the location of pictures.
- Save file : To choose the saving location after pictures convert to video.
- File source : The opened video file location.
- File saved at” To choose the file saved location.
- File name:
 - Auto-generated: Auto generated folder name by yyyy-mm-dd-hh-min-sec.
 - Manual Keyin : Key in folder name
- Compressed Status : To decide whether to use compressor. It’s suggested to use DivX to compress high quality of file.
- File name: To show the generated file name after converted into video.
- Total files : Total file numbers.
- Unselected files: Numbers of unselected files.
- Selected files: Numbers of selected files.
- Select: Select files. Multiple selection is available.
- Select all : Select all files.
- Deselect : Deselect the selected file, multiple selection is available.
- Deselect all: Deselected all files.
- Reset: Return to original select status.
- Execute: Enable image convert video function.
- Cancel: Close the image convert video function dialogue.

2.4.6 Processing information

To show the Time Lapse, Image convert video or video convert image processing status.

(1) Time Lapse

The tabs is to show all Processing information about Time Lapse, see Fig 2-24:

- Function status: To know the function is enabled or disabled.
- Save file format as: To know the capture file type.
- Start time: Count down until “0” to enable this function.
- Record time: To show the capture time from begin til now.
- File number: The current capture file numbers.
- Total time: Count down until “o”, to disable this function.
- Time interval: Count down until “1”, capture next file.
- Open saved file: To open the captured files saving location.
- Enable: Enable or Disable the function.
- Close: Close the processing information dialogue.

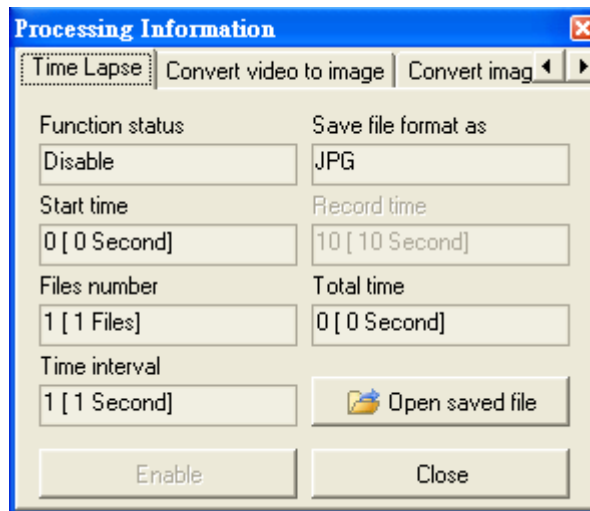


Fig 2-24 Time Lapse processing information

(2) Convert video to image:

This tab is to show the processing information of converting video to image. See Fig 2-25.

- Processing status: To show the current status of converting.
- Open file list: To open the video file source location.
- Open saved file: To open the image had been converted file location.
- Disable: To disable the processing.
- Close: Close the processing information dialogue.

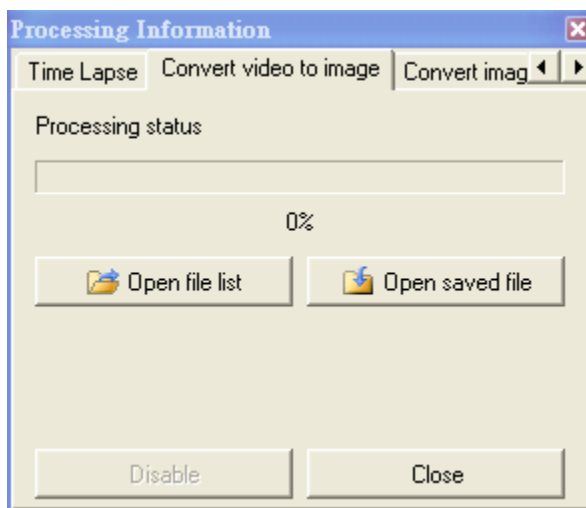


Fig 2-25 Convert video to image processing information

(3) Convert image to video

This tab is to show the processing information of converting image to video. See Fig 2-26:

- Processing status: To show the current status of converting.
- Open file list: To open the image file source location.
- Disable: To disable the processing.
- Open saved file: To open the video had been converted file location.
- Close: Close the processing information dialogue.

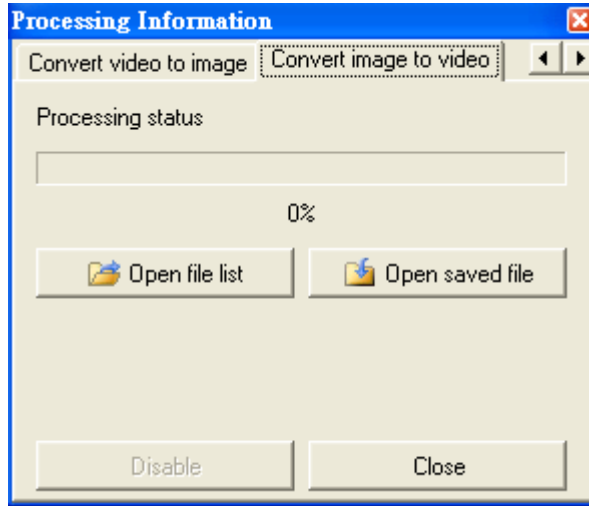


Fig 2-26 Convert image to video processing information

2.5 Language

The version includes multi-languages; English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese. The initial language will automatically follow up User's OS system. It can choose the other language, too.

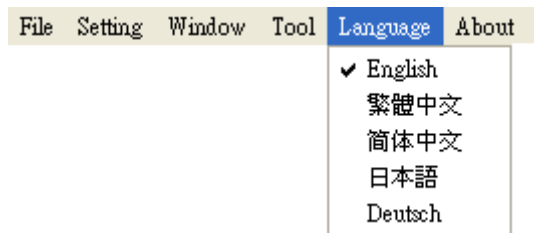


Fig.2-27 Select language

2.6 About

Show the Microscope relevant information.

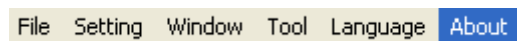


Fig 2-28 About

Learn the application program version.

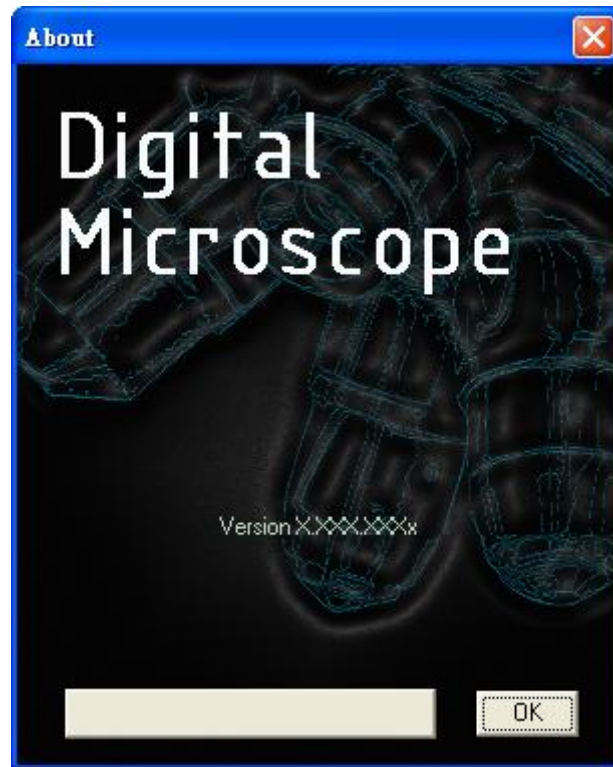


Fig 2-29 About Microscope

3. Main Function Buttons

Main function button group see Fig.1-4 which are commonly used or basic function, which includes connecting, taking pictures, saving, editing...etc. there are 10 functions button.

3.1 Connect/Disconnect

3.1.1 Connect

The connect icon is as Fig.3-1, the user will connect the line while pushing the connect button, namely connect with MICROSCOPE device. If it cannot connect, please reinsert MICROSCOPE device to the other USB port.



Fig.3-1 Connect button icon

3.1.2 Disconnect

The button icon which shows disconnect is like Fig.3-2, by clicking this button to disconnect. When the user starts to play the video, MICROSCOPE will be disconnected automatically. When re-connecting the MICROSCOPE with the AP, the video format will go back to the default value.



Fig.3-2 Disconnect button icon

3.2 Snapshot

Snapshot icon is as Fig.3-1, the function allows taking a photo in Preview, Video & Play, and image size depends on Video Format source, i.e. Height & Width.



Fig 3-3 Snapshot button icon

3.3 Save Image

Save image icon is as Fig.3-4, the saved file name is automatically created. The detail of the file name is as description 1.1.2.



Fig 3-4 Save image button icon

3.4 Edit the Picture / Exit Editor's Picture

3.4.1 Edit Picture

The editor is as Fig.3-5 including several convenient functions. When clicking editor icon as Fig.3-5, the toolbar for editing image will show up as Fig.3-6



Fig 3-5 Editor icon



Fig.3-6 Editor tool

The editing toolbars are upper roll and button roll.



Please click the original fit () first then start to use the button roll tools. The edit text, Brush style and Draw style functions are only available until the original fit  has been selected.



Fig.3-7 Click () to start editor tool





When click the edit text () butoon, see Fig.3-8, the edit text group includes Edit text color (), edit background color (), edit background color transparent ().



Fig.3-8 Click () to start text tool















When click select () button and use mouse to draw the range, the select group tools are available as Fig.3-9. The select tools includes cut (), copy (), paste (), save select ().




Fig.3-9 Click () to start other functions





“Editor Image” toolbar includes many functions, below will explain each function:

- ⊕ Normal  : When this button is clicked, all the buttons will return to normal.
- ⊕ Move Image  : When the “original fit  ” button begins using, select “Move Image” and click mouse of left button to move on the image.
- ⊕ New File  : “New file” can open a blank page of image, image size is 400*300 by the Fig. 1-1 of the right side window size.
- ⊕ Save Image  : Save Fig.1-1 is right side window of image.The image size by video formal of output size.
- ⊕ Rotate Left  : Image can rotate left 90 degree.
- ⊕ Rotate Right  : Image can rotate right 90 degree.
- ⊕ Fit The Window  : This function can let image to fit the window size.

When selecting this function, it cannot use “edit text”, “select”, and “drawing” functions.

- ⊕ Zoom In  : Enlarg image without interpolation therefore if the scale larger

than original size distortion will appear.

- ⊕ Zoom Out  : To shirk image.
- ⊕ Rndo  : To go back the movemenet and only can use up to 3 times.
- ⊕ Redo  : To go to next movemenet and only can use up to 3 times.
- ⊕ Line style  : Different line styles to choose, such dot, dash-dot...etc.

See Fig 3-10.

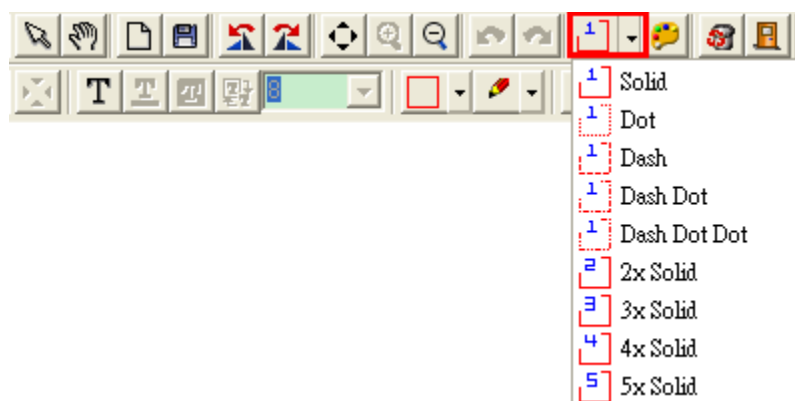



Fig.3-10 Choose line styles

- ⊕ Color  : To choose pen's "color" click on the color button and it will pop up Fig. 3-11 dialog box.

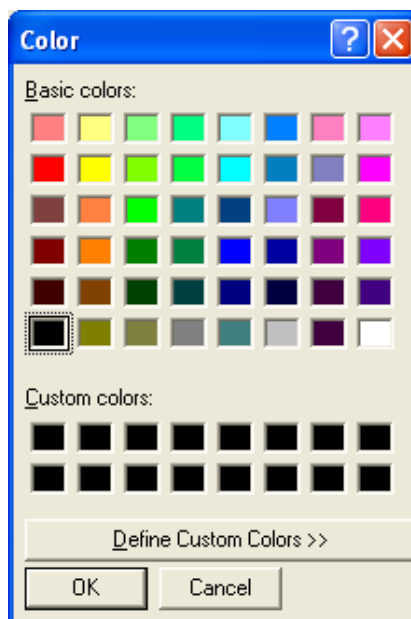










Fig.3-11 Choose color

- ⊕ Delete Image  : The Fig.1-1 right side window of image will be deleted.
- ⊕ Exit Editor  : To exit image editor,the “image editor” toolbar will be closed.
- ⊕ Original Fit  : When the image size is bigger than the window, using this function, it can do “Edit text”, “select”, and “drawing” functions. The window won’t see the whole image, but only some parts.
- ⊕ Edit Text  : Edit text is words that can be written on image.
- ⊕ Edit Text Color  : Text color can be changed by clicking “edit text color” button and it will pop up Fig.3-11 dialog box.
- ⊕ Edit Text Background Color  : Text background color can be changed just by clicking “edit background color” and it will pop up Fig.3-11 dialog box.
- ⊕ Edit Text Background Transparent  : Text background can be set as transparent with no background color.
- ⊕ Text Size  : Text size can be changed.
- ⊕ Brush style: Various brush style to choose, however, only effective on Circle, Oval, Square or Rectangle. See Fig 3-12.

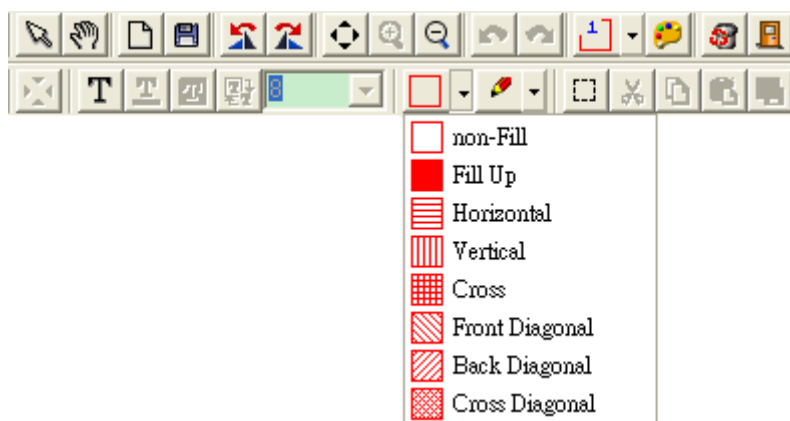


Fig 3-12 Brush Style

- ⊕ Draw Style: Various draw style to choose, such as Pen, Line, Circle, Ellipse...etc. See Fig 3-13.

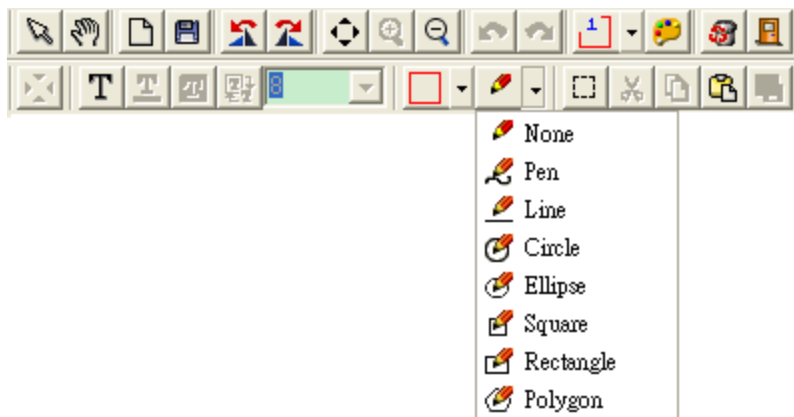







Fig 3-13 Draw Style

- ⊕ Select  : Selects the area on the image, after the selection, it can cut, copy, paste, and save the selection area function.
- ⊕ Cut  : Cut frame on the Fig.1-1 right side window of image.
- ⊕ Copy  : Copy selected frame on the Fig.1-1 right side window of image.
- ⊕ Paste  : Paste what's been cut or copied image to display on the Fig.1-1 right side window of image.
- ⊕ Save Select  : Save selected frame on the Fig.1-1 right side window of image.

3.4.2 Exit Editor's Picture

The editor's toolbar will close when exit the picture editor.



Fig.3-14 Editor icon

3.5 Delete Image

The delete image is the image in right-sub-window(please refer to 1.1). See Fig 3-15.



Fig.3-15 Delete image icon

3.6 Video recording / Stop Video Recording

3.6.1 Video Recording

Press video recording icon see Fig.3-16 and firstly name the file name, the file name is automatically created as Section 1.1.2. If you wish to change the file path, please refer to Section 3.2.3. If you need to compress the file size, please refer to Section 1.2.3



Fig.3-16 Video recording icon

3.6.2 Stop Recording



Fig.3-17 Stop recording icon

3.7 Video Playing / Stop Playing video

3.7.1 Video Playing

The recorded video will plays at left window as Fig.1-1. Once it palys, the microscope is automatically disconnected.









Fig.3-18 Film playing icon

When play the films, Fig 3-19 toolbar will show under the preview window.



Fig.3-19 Toolbar of film playing

- ⊕ Play “” : Press the button can play video.
- ⊕ Pause “” : Press the button can pause video.
- ⊕ Stop “” : Press the button can stop video.
- ⊕ Repeat “” : Press the button can repeat play video.
- ⊕ Exit “” : Press the button can exit video mode.
- ⊕ No Flip “” : Video image’s flip direction, does not makes any flip shown in Fig.3-20.

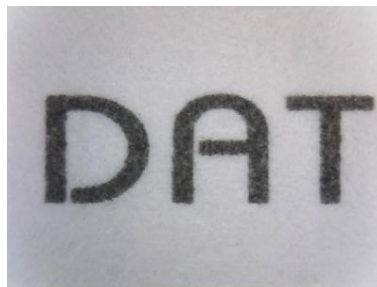


Fig.3-20 Video image with no flip


- ⊕ Vertical Flip “” : The video image upside down 180 degree, which is vertical flip, shown in Fig.3-21.



Fig.3-21 Video image do vertical flip

- ⊕ Horizontal Flip “” : The video image left and right mirror 180 degree flip which is horizontal flip shown in Fig.3-22.

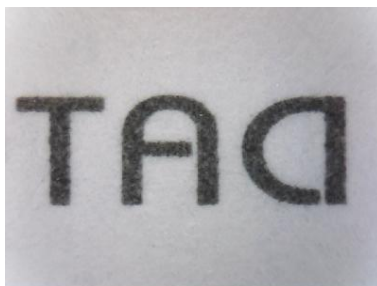



Fig.3-22 Video image do horizontal flip

- ⊕ Vertical and horizontal Flip “” : The video image will do horizontal and vertical flip shown in Fig.3-23.

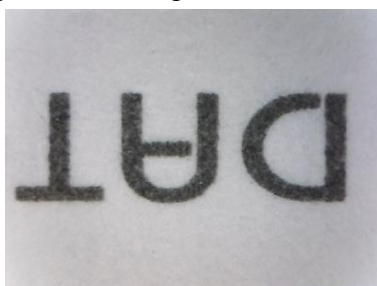


Fig.3-23 Video image becomes horizontal flip

Click right of mouse to show Fig.3-24



Fig.3-24

3.7.2 Stop playing

Once it stops play, the microscope is still disconnected.



Fig.3-25 Stop playing icon

3.8 Edit Image / Exit Image Editor

3.8.1 Image Editor

Image processing editor as Fig.3-26, microscope AP provides users few simple image processing editing functions.

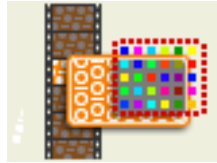


Fig.3-26 Image Editor Icon

While clicking the Image editor icon, the image processing function buttons as Fig.3-27 will show up on the right sub-window Fig.1-1.



Fig.3-27 Toolbar of Image Processing










Fig.3-28 Tool of Image Editor Once it clicks black and white  or inverse  it can set up the value. The image will be changed, too.



Fig.3-28 Changing Threshold

- ⊕ Original Image “” : This button can let image return to original image.
- ⊕ Gray Level “” : This button can let the image from color change to gray.
- ⊕ Highlight Edge “” : This button can let the image show it’s highlight edge.
- ⊕ Highlight Pxiel “” : This button will strengthen in the picture between the different pixels.
- ⊕ Black/White “” : This button can let the image from color turn to black and white.
- ⊕ Inverse “” : This button can let the image become inverse.
- ⊕ Exit “” : This button is to exit video mode.

3.8.2 Exit Image Editor

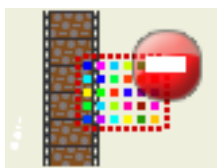


Fig.3-29 Leave Image Editor

3.9 Print Image



Fig.3-30 Printing image

3.10 Exit Application Program



Fig 3-31 Exit the Application Program

4. The File List/Folders

The file tabulates pages and signs as Fig.1-5, file tabulates is to list all file folders, which includes JPG folder, Bmp folder, and Avi Folder.

4.1 The File Tabulates

Fig.4-1 tabulate for BMP, JPG & AVI files

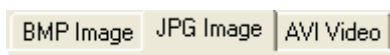


Fig.4-1 File tabulates

4.2 The File Tabulates On Page Number



Fig.4-2 The file tabulates on page number

4.2.1 Show the number of pages

001/001= X/ Y, X is sequence and Y is total number of pages.

4.2.2 Change page button

Fig.4-2 left and right button can be change page number. Left button is to decrease page number and right button is to increase page number.

4.2.3 Image Path

Click the “Image Path” to show Fig.4-3 and choose the file director

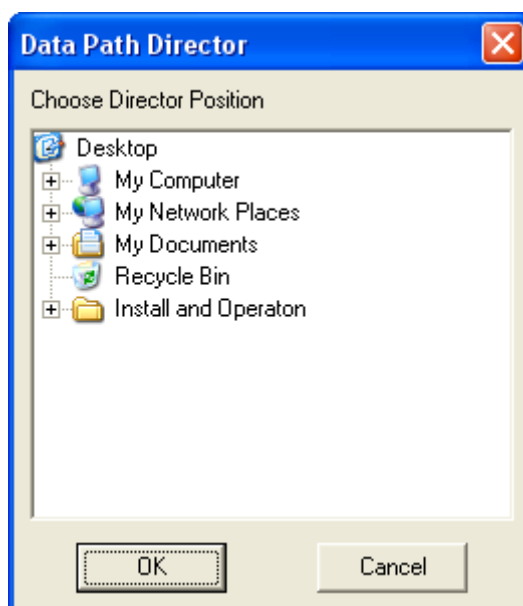


Fig.4-3 Data Path Director

4.3 Quick Click

Click the mouse right on any image or video list, the dialogue should pop out to open file, delete file or delete all files. See Fig.4-4.

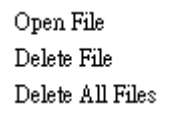







Fig.4-4 Quick click

5. Mode Functions

When connecting the AP with MICROSCOPE, the four mode functions will show up on the button position under left sub-window, see Fig.5-1.



Fig 5-1 Mode toolbar

- Comparison mode{Refer to section 5.1}  : Comparison mode can do overlapping two frame. The frame can be whole or any size to compare. This mode can see two frames of similarities.
- Aiming mode{Refer to section 5.2}  : Provides a cross, area, rectangle and circular different aiming mode to aim the observation object .That can help capture observation object .
- Video control mode {Refer to section 5.3}  : The mode can control left hand or right hand to hold the machine, which can capture yourself or opsticles, but the directions might not be correct. It can use the mode to adjust the dirctions and it can adjust contrast, brightness and exposure.
- Measurement mode {Refer to section 5.4}  : Measurement mode has ruler functions to measure at real time, which provides different measurement tools.
- Device Control Mode {Refer to section 5.5}  : This mode has far distance control function to control snapshot, zoom in/out, brightness 具 adjustmnet from PC without touching the device.

5.1 Comparison mode


When connected, the default of the toolbar is set as to compare shown in Fig.5-2 and Fig.5-3. In Fig.1-6 right sub-window has no image so some part of the buttons wouldn't work in this mode. Comparesion mode can be overlap with another video image to compare and to cut half of the image for comparsion.



Fig.5-2 Default comparison mode



Fig.5-3 Comparison mode toolbar

5.1.1 Load right side image “”

When capture or open one image, the buttons on the Comparison toolbar is enabled. See Fig 5-4, when clicking the button, image comparing can do overlap or half window comparison. See Fig.5-5. If want to leave comparison mode please click the button again to go back to preview mode.

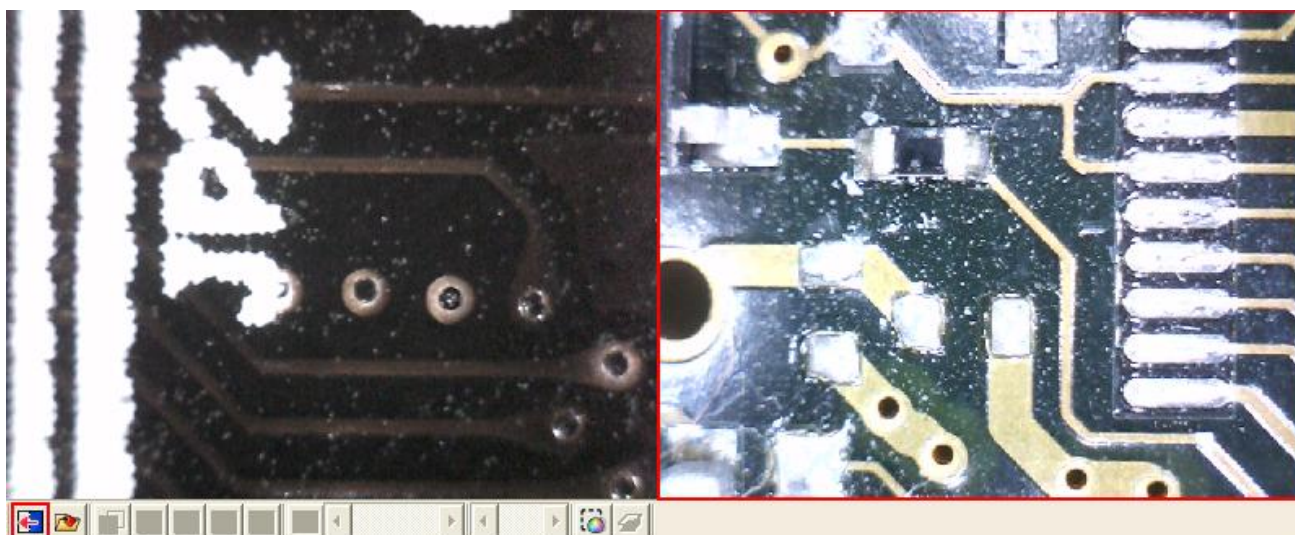



Fig.5-4 Right sub-window has one image



Fig 5-5 Load the image to compare

5.1.2 Load image “”

When the right sub-window doesn't have image, see Fig.5-6, load & select image by clicking the button.

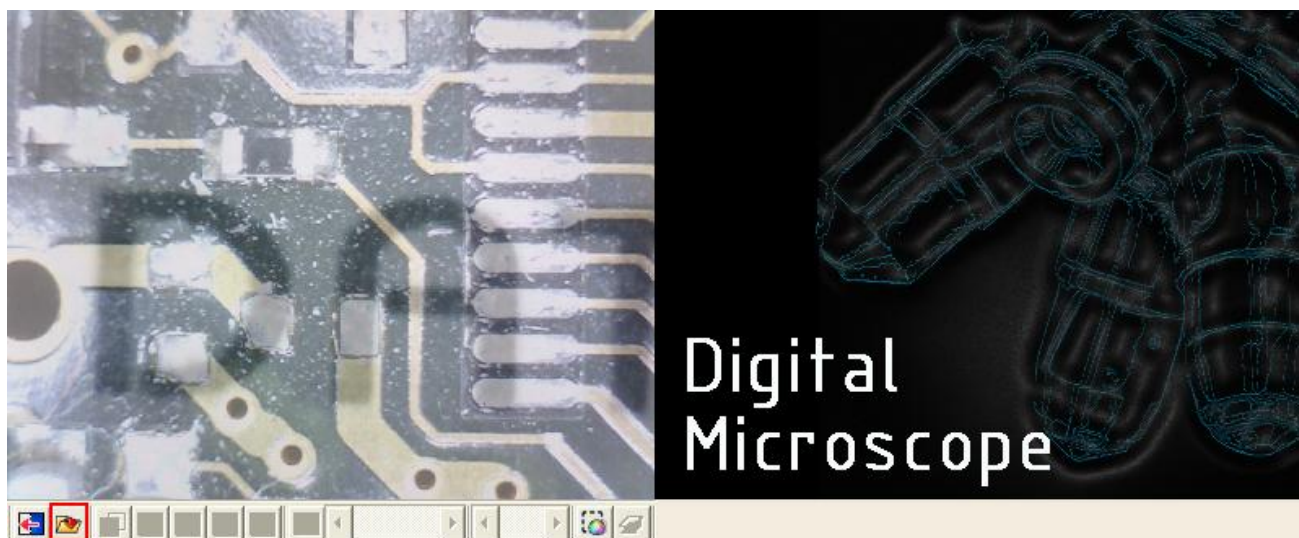


Fig.5-6 Load image button

Click the button. After opened the file, it can use overlap and cut half image function. See Fig.5-7, to exit the image comparison, just click the original button again to go back to preview mode.



Fig.5-7 After loading image

5.1.3 Overlap comparison “”

The “overlap comparison” can makes the image transparence. With overlap in the video image, then at the same time shows two frames. Show in Fig.5-8.

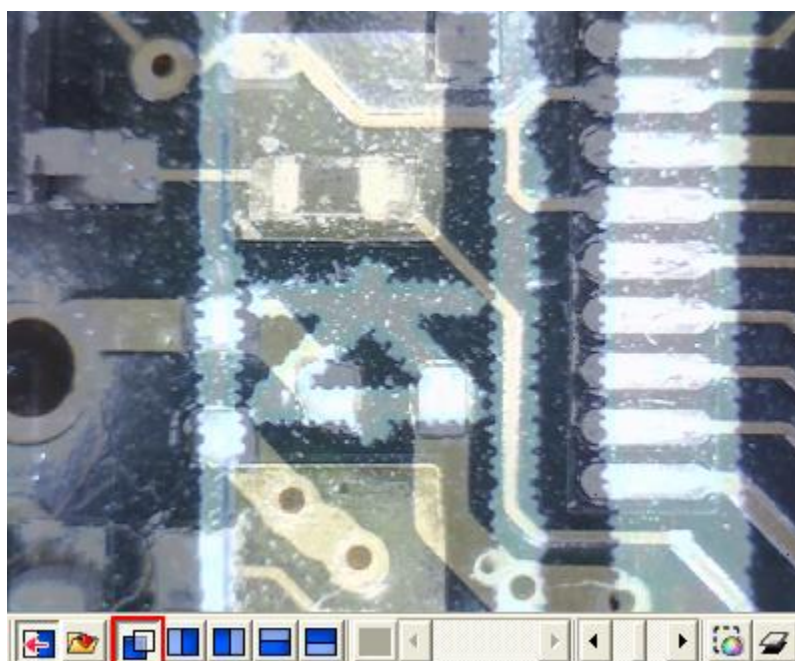



Fig.5-8 Overlap comparison

5.1.4 Left side comparison “”

When the window separates into left and right sides, the left side frame is video image, and the right side frame is loaded image. Show in Fig.5-9.

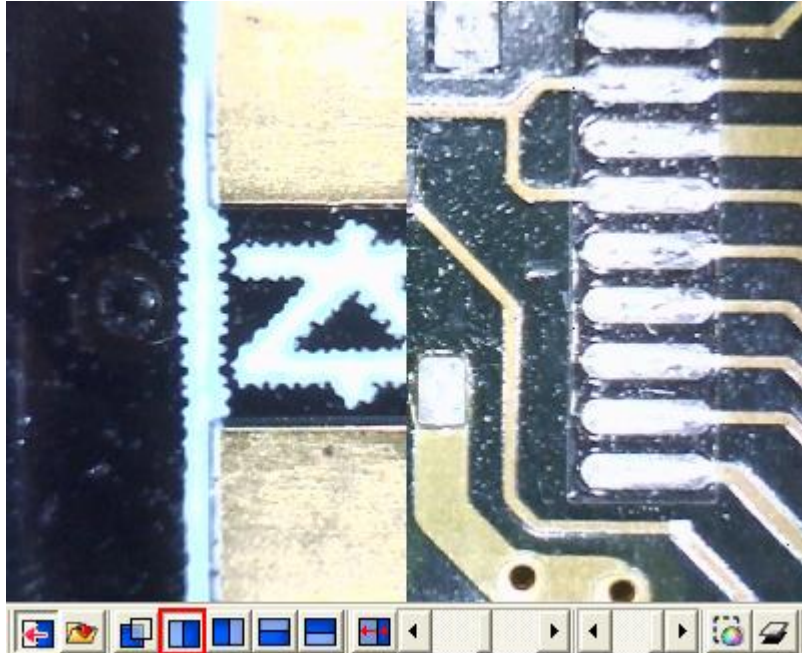



Fig. 5-9 Left side comparison

5.1.5 Right side comparison “”

The window separates to left and right, the right side frame is the video image and left side frame is loaded image. Show in Fig.5-10.

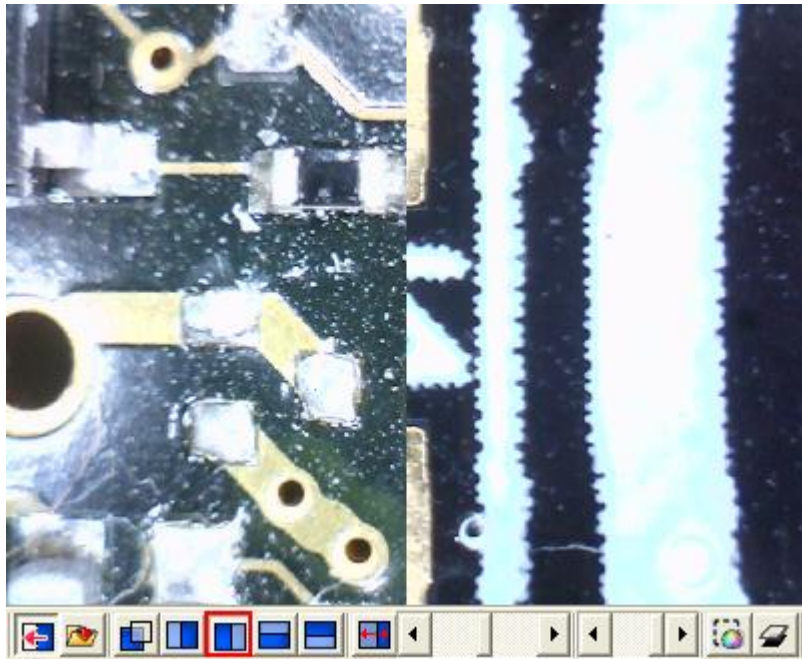


Fig.5-10 Right side comparison

5.1.6 Top side comparison “”

Window separates into two half which is top and bottom. Top is video image, and bottom is loaded image. Show in Fig.5-11.

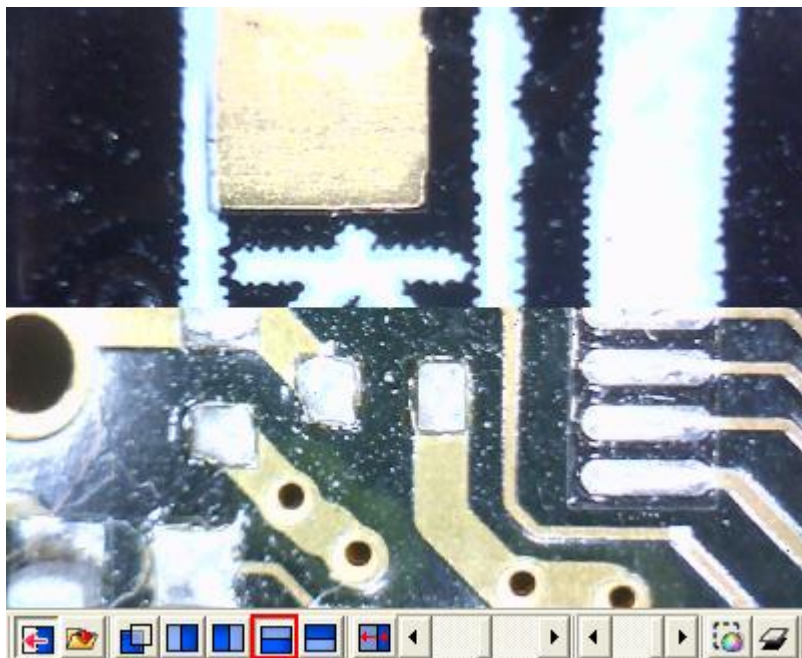


Fig.5-11 Top side comparison

5.1.7 Bottom side comparison “”

Window separates into two half, bottom side is video image, and top side is loaded image. Show Fig.5-12.

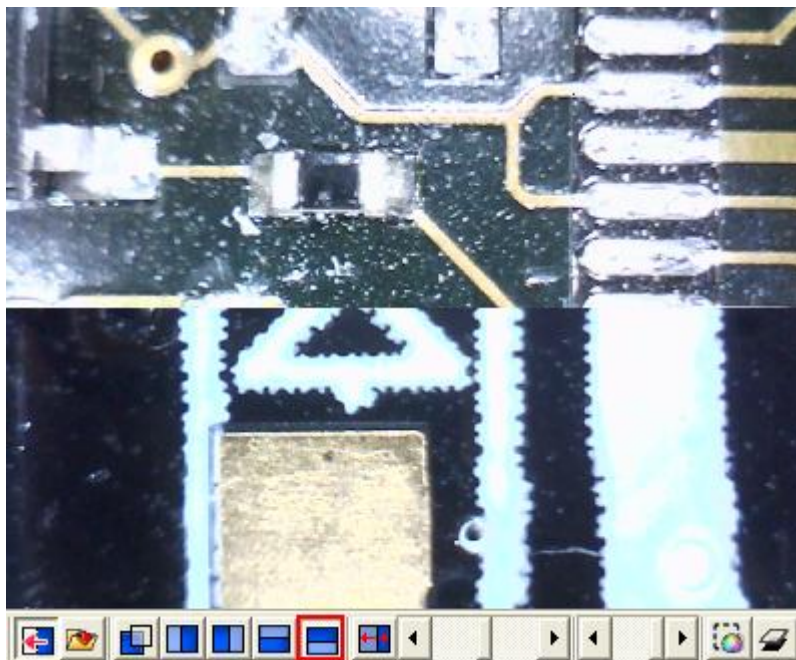


Fig.5-12 Bottom side comparison

5.1.8 Window size/Image direction



When choose half window compare, the scrollbar as Fig 5-13a is to adjust the preview v.s. load image ratio. If “” is not clicked on, it means to adjust the ratio of loaded image. If the “” is clicked, it is to adjust the image position of the loaded image. See Fig 5-13b.



Fig 5-13a window ratio adjustment



Fig 5-13b image position adjustment

5.1.9 Transparent adjustment

Image can be adjusted from the scrollbar to change the pictures transparency. See Fig 5-14.



Fig.5-14 Transparency adjust by scrollbar

5.1.10 Knockout color “”

Choose to knockout background color and some color on image can be cut out.

5.1.11 Combined image “”

Before capture image click the button, which will combine video image and loaded image to combine. If not, the capture images will only video image.

5.2 Aiming mode

The aiming mode may draw different type like the cross, circular, rectangle, and area. It helps the user observation. It can draw the different aiming mode in the video image. Fig.5-15 is the selection to aiming mode, aiming toolbar shown in Fig.5-16. This mode may overlap the different aiming functions.



Fig.5-15 Aiming mode

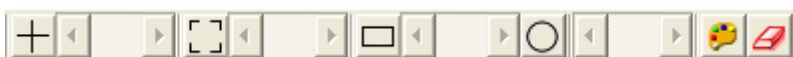


Fig.5-16 Aiming mode toolbar

5.2.1 Draws cross “”

Click this button to draw the cross which may adjust the size by scrollbar. Show in Fig.5-17.

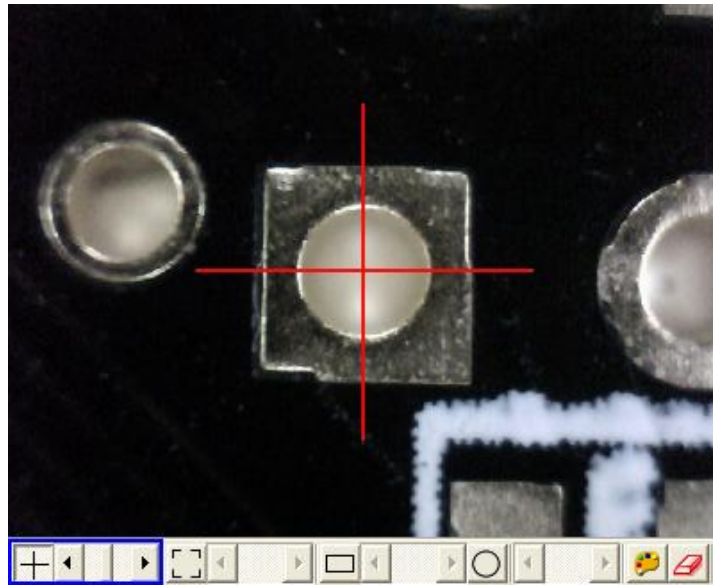


Fig.5-17 Draws cross

5.2.2 Draw area “”

Click the button to draw the area to adjust the size by scrollbar. Show in Fig.5-18.

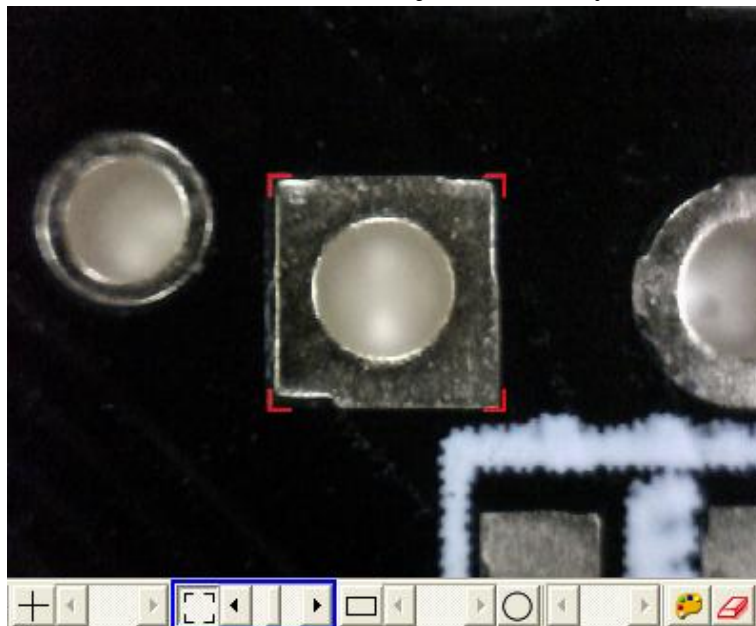


Fig.5-18 Draw area

5.2.3 Draw rectangle “”

Click this button to draw the rectangle to adjust the size by the scrollbar. Show in Fig.5-19.

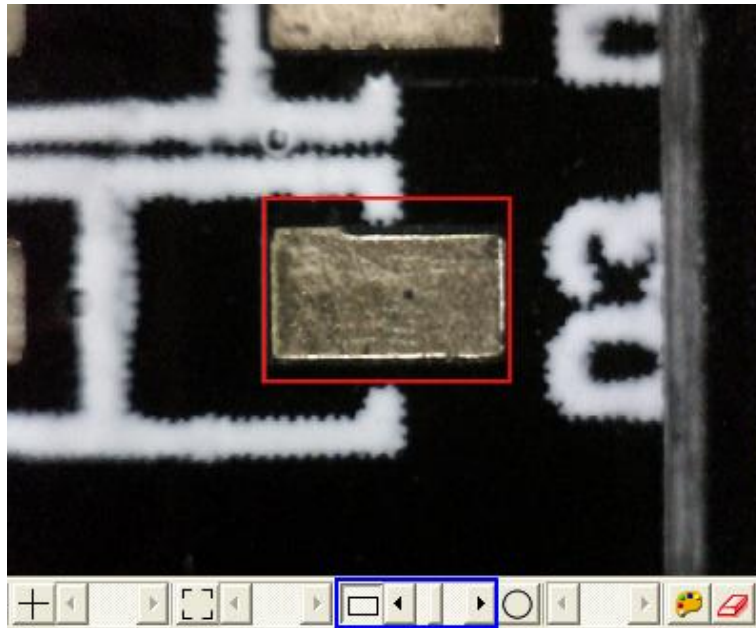


Fig. 5-19 Draw rectangle

5.2.4 Draw Circular “”

Click this button to draw circular to adjust size by scrollbar. Show in Fig.5-20.

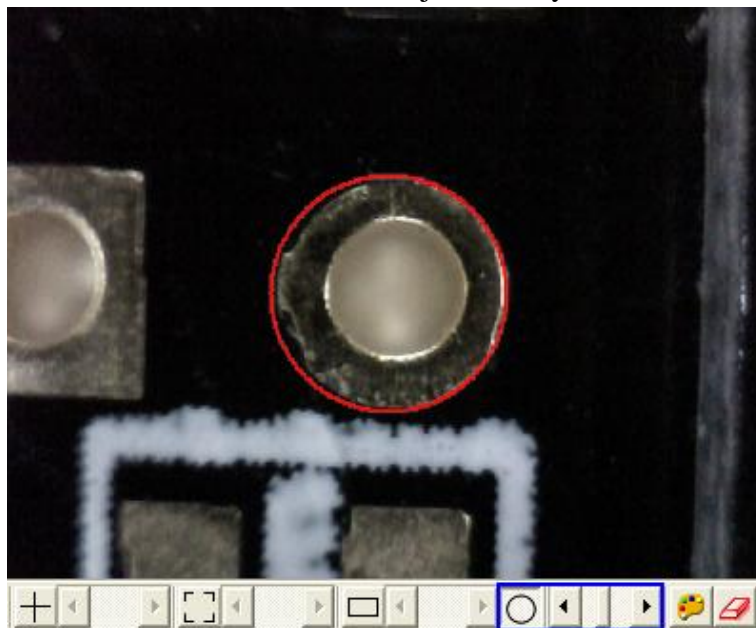



Fig.5-20 Draw Circular

5.2.5 Choose the color of aim point “”

Click this button, will pop up choose color dialog box and from there to choose color.

5.2.6 Clear aim point “”

To clear all aiming lines on fame

5.3 Video control mode

This toolbar has the functions to flip video image. The image will presented upside down as well as the image moving direction when holding by different hand. By the mode, it can preview the correct direction. The brightness, contrast and exposure tool can be adjusted and also can cause the video image to be clearer in different scene. Fig.5-21 is the selection video control mode. Fig.5-22 is the toolbar of video control mode.



Fig.5-21 Video control mode



Fig.5-22 Video control mode toolbar

5.3.1 No Flip “”

Video image’s flip direction, does not makes any flip shown in Fig.5-23

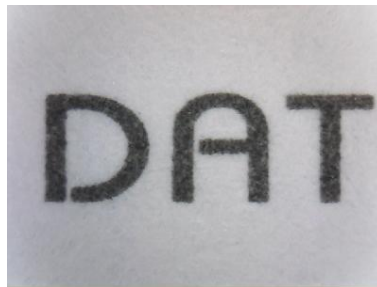


Fig.5-23 Video image with no flip

5.3.2 Vertical Flip “”

The video image upside down 180 degree, which is vertical flip, shown in Fig.5-24.



Fig 5-24 Video image do vertical flip

5.3.3 Vertical and horizontal rotation “”

The video image reverse between left & right for 180 degree flip which is horizontal

flip shown in Fig.5-25.

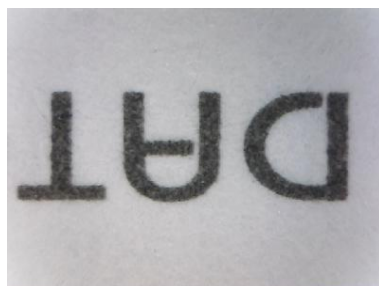


Fig 5-25 Image of vertical and horizontal rotation

5.3.4 Horizontal rotation “”

The video image will do horizontal and vertical flip shown in Fig.5-26.

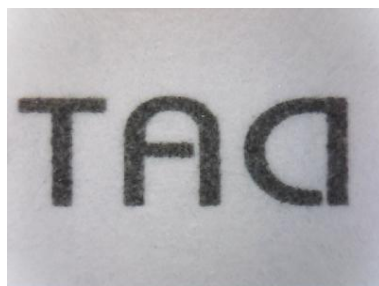


Fig 5-26 Image of horizontal rotation

5.3.5 Adjust Brightness “”

To adjust brightness is to click on the brightness button. By scrollbar adjust brightness. If want to default just click it again.

5.3.6 Adjust Contrast “”

To adjust contract just click the contrast button which can adjust by the scrollbar. If want to default just click it again.

5.3.7 Adjust Exposure “”

When adjusting the exposure, click on the exposure button and to default just click it again. If this button cannot click, it means the driver doesn't support this function. If adjust has no response, then go to “setting->video source” it will pop up shown Fig. 5-27. Please check this option if wish the function to be active. If this option doesn't shown on the page, it means the driver doesn't support this function.

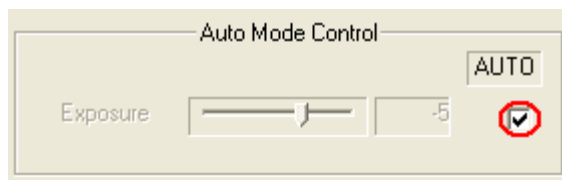


Fig. 5-27 auto mode control

5.4 Measurement mode


Measurement mode provide a scale which can be draw ruler and to measure observation object. Another way is to Freeze frame or loading image after then measuring. The measurement toolbar has line, circular, rectangle etc. Also, it can show length, area, radius, diameter, etc, information. Fig.5-28. is measurement mode; its toolbar is shown in Fig.5-29.



Fig.5-28 Measurement mode



Fig.5-29 Measurement mode toolbar

Before measuring, make sure to calibrate the scale, please note “scale setting 


5.4.1 Freeze frame “ This function can let the previewing video image to freeze. Once the image freezes.

5.4.2 Load image “ The image which was captured before can be reloaded again. Users can use the measurement function after reloading the image

5.4.3 Save image “ After measuring, it can save image by clicking “save image “ 47

5.60mm and is vertical is 4.20mm.

5.4.4 Copy to clipboard “”

Select “Copy to Clipboard” “” button then the current frame will be copied to clipboard ,also, it will be pasted to right side windows at Fig.1. After copying, it can be pasted on word or excel. Etc.

5.4.5 Scale setting “”

(4) Select suitable ruler

Before setting scale, first find the higher accurate ruler to measure. Use generally ruler shown as Fig. 5-30.

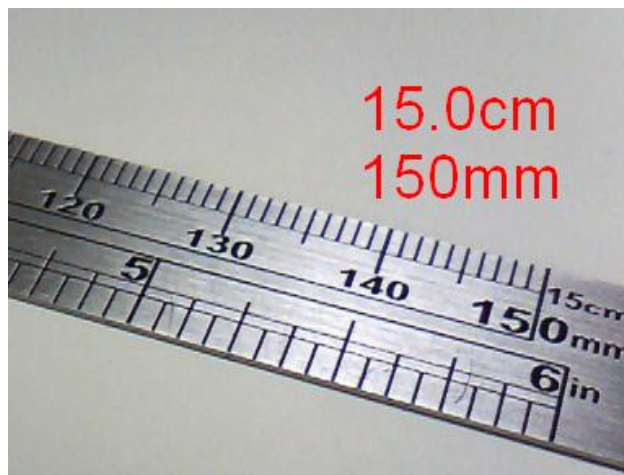


Fig. 5-30 Metal ruler

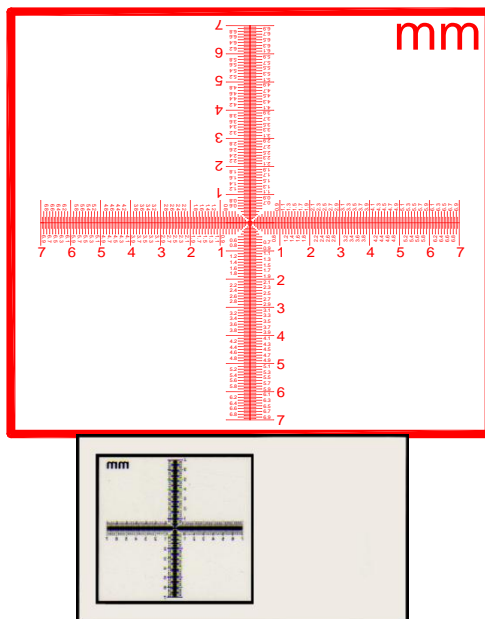


Fig. 5-31 Calibrator

The picture shown as Fig. 5-31 is calibrator. The main purpose for the Cross is to calibrate the program and also as a measurement. The Cross (See above chart c) has 3 kinds of units as 0.05mm, 0.1mm and 1mm scale. It will measure 0.05mm, 0.1mm at high magnification and 0.1mm, 1mm at low magnification. The Cross can measure the Length and Width accurately, ie.: Fig.5-34, Measure the length of the onion cell as the red rectangle which is approximate 0.400mm.

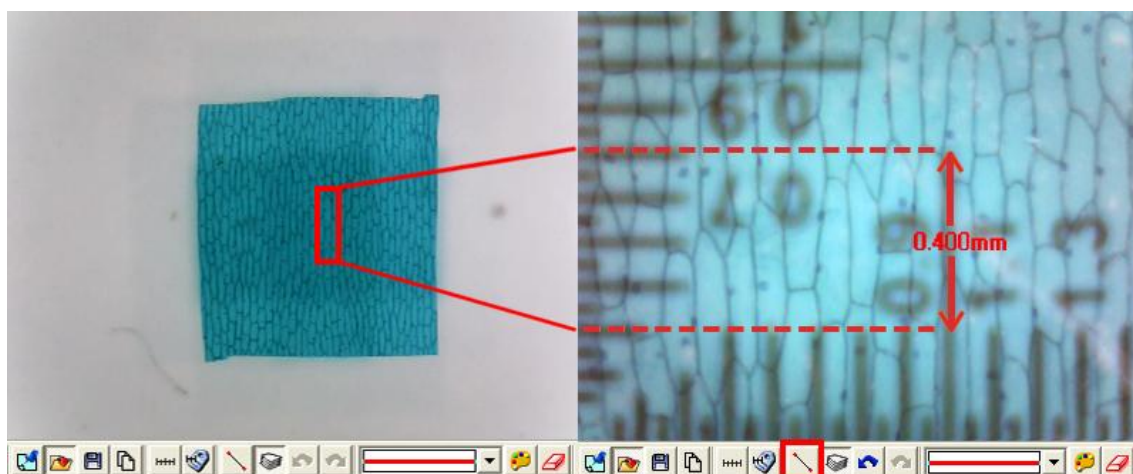


Fig.5-32 The Cross

The more precise ruler, the more accurate measurement can be obtained under high magnification. The use “metal ruler” and “calibrator” the biggest difference is as follows:

- When the magnification is high, use the calibrator can easily and accurately knows the scale range.

- When the magnification is high, metal ruler is less accurately than a calibrator.
- When the magnification is low, a metal ruler can be suitable.

(5) Calculate scale rang

First, the scale setting must calculate the horizontal and vertical scale range, the following has several steps to decide the scale range, suggested that the windows size adjust 640*480 the single windows :

- To decide measure distance between machine and observation objects.
- To adjust the focus to see the image as clear as it can.
- Calculate the observation video image of horizontal and vertical scale. Calculate the range shown in Fig.5-33.

After setup the horizontal and vertical scales, the machine, the observation distance and focus are not allow to readjustment.

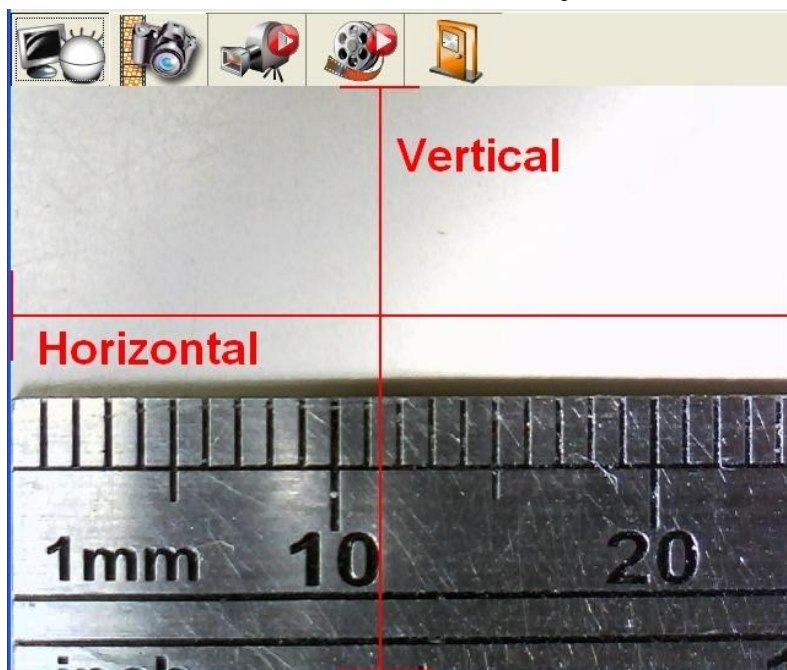
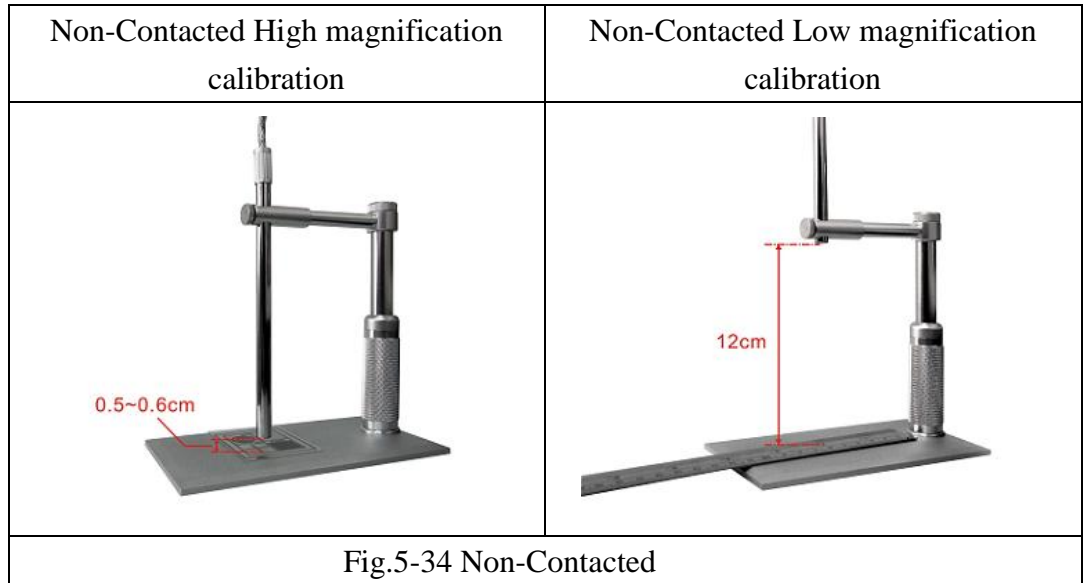


Fig.5-33 Horizontal and vertical measurement range

(6) Calibrate “contacted” and “non-contacted” scale

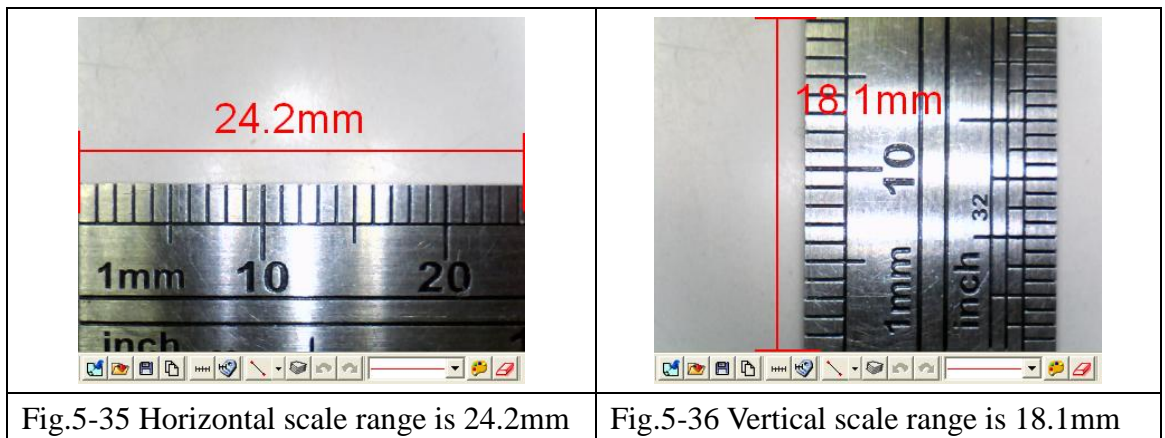
- Contacted scale: Put the machine onto the calibrator for small field of view , it can apply for a focus point at Low or High magnification.
- Non-contacted scale: To hold the machine by the supporter, fix the machine overhead a ruler for a certain distance, it can observe a wider field of view.
- Non-contacted scale is only for low magnification. See Fig.5-37.



Based on the above steps it can measure horizontal and vertical scale. Several examples as follows:

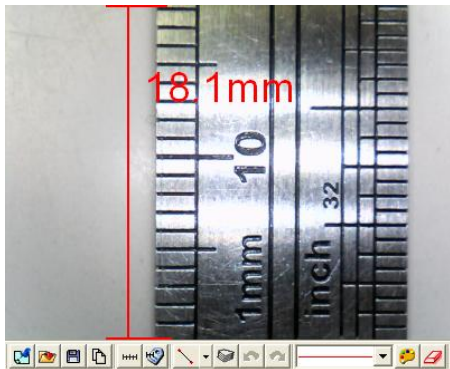
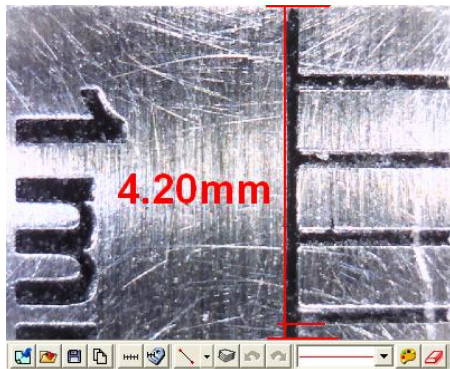
EX1: Measurement for non-contact object.

Use the “metal ruler” as a measurement base, the machine and the observation object has distance, the focus of the video image is clear. Image shown in Fig.5-35 and Fig.5-36 is the result after measurement, horizontal and vertical scale range is 24.2mm and 18.1mm.



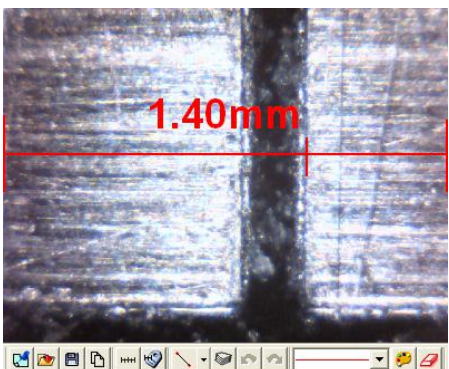
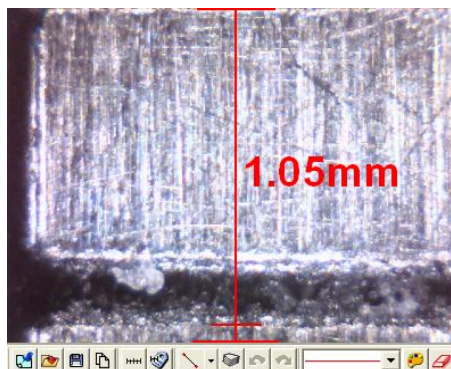
EX2: Measurement for contacted object in low mag.

Use the “metal ruler” for measurement of the base, the machine and the observation object of distance is close, the focus of the video image is clear. Image shown in Fig.5-40 and Fig.5-41 is the result after measurement, horizontal and vertical scale range is 5.60mm and 4.20mm.

	
<p>Fig.5-37 Horizontal scale range is 5.60mm</p>	<p>Fig.5-38 Vertical scale range is 4.20mm</p>

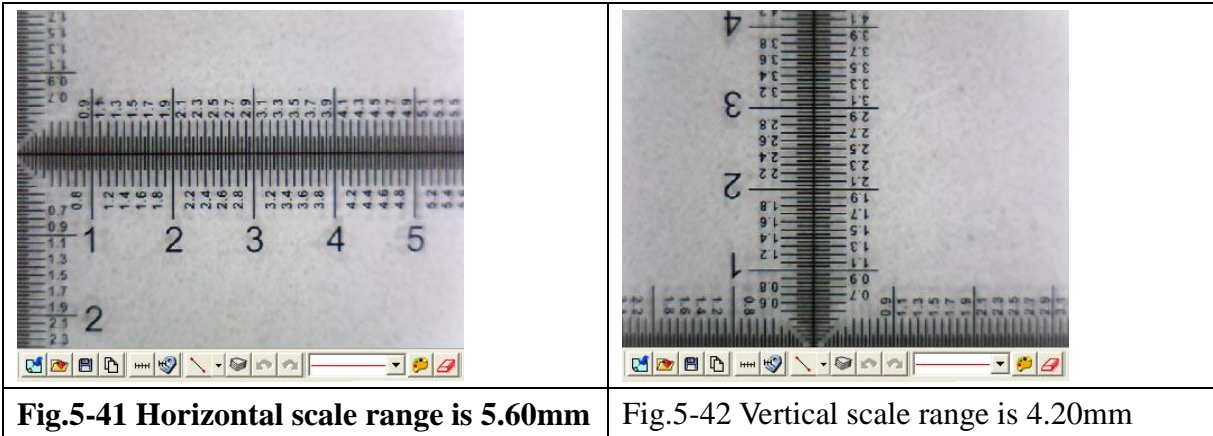
EX3: Measurement for contacted object in high mag.

Use the “metal ruler” for measurement of the base, the machine and the observation object of distance is close, the focus of the video image is clear. Image shown in Fig.5-39 and Fig.5-40 is the result after measurement, horizontal and vertical scale range is 1.40mm and 1.05mm.

	
<p>Fig.5-39 Horizontal scale range is 1.40mm</p>	<p>Fig.5-40 Vertical scale range is 1.05mm</p>

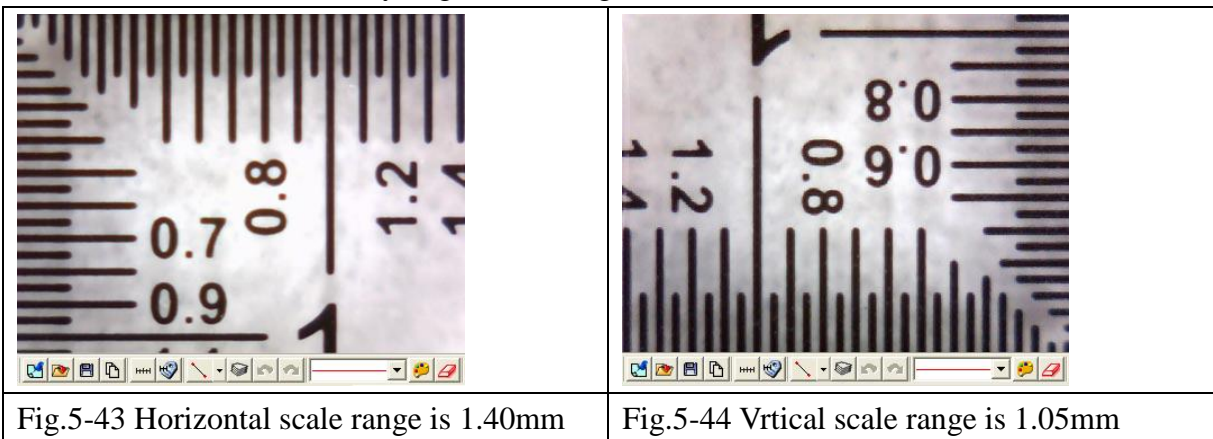
EX4: Calibrate the scale for contacted in low mag.

Use the “calibrator” for measurement of the base, the machine and the observation object of distance is close, the focus of the video image is clear. Image shown in Fig.5-41 and Fig.5-42 is the result after measurement, horizontal and vertical scale range is 5.60mm and 4.20mm. Using “calibrator” can be easier and accurate to get scale range.



EX5: Calibrate the scale for Contacted in high mag.

Use the “calibrator” as a measurement base, flatly put the machine on the observing object, adjust the focus to find the clearest image. See Fig.5-43 and Fig.5-44 the result from measurement. Horizontal and vertical scale range is 1.40mm and 1.05mm. Using a calibrator is more easily and accurately to get scale range.



(7) Factors cause the inaccurate on the measurement

There are few factors could cause the inaccurate on the measured figures.

- The used ruler is not exactly accurate, for example, a metal ruler is not accurate than a calibrator.
- Because of the discrepancy, it is unable to know the accurate horizontal and vertical scale range, too.
- The resolution is not the same with the Windows size.

Why is the resolution not the same with the Windows size? For example the present resolution (original video image of output size) is 640*480 the measurement of the Windows's for general is 400*300 sizes. When the original video image size is 640*480 by reducing to 400*300, the

measurements will have caused error. Therefore, the measurement is to adjust the resolution size and windows size to become the same. To chooses the application toolbar. “Setting”-> video format will pop up shown in Figure Fig.5-45, to change “output size” value then, this output size expression video source resolution.

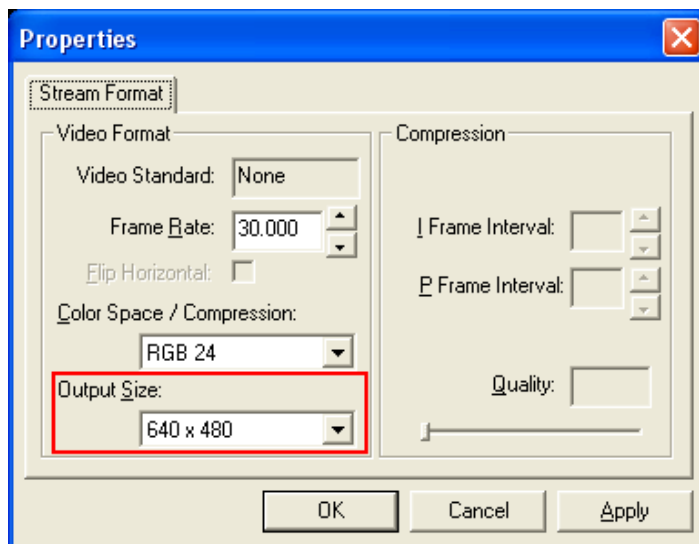


Fig.5-45 Resolution adjustment

Another window adjusts as shown Fig.5-46 below.

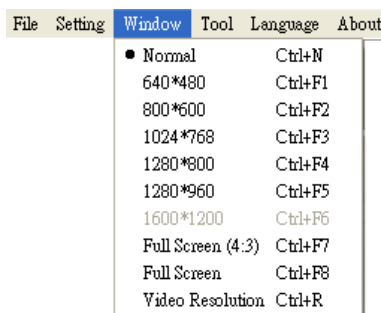


Fig.5-46 window size adjustment

(1) Setting scale

The setting scale dialog box show in Fig.5-47. The following several to explain operation

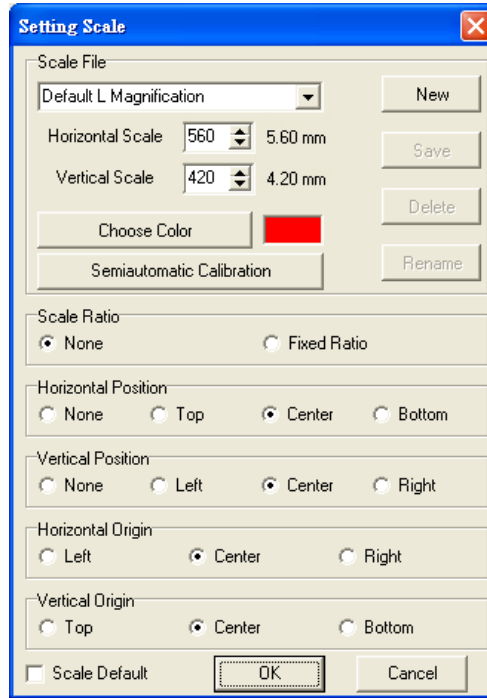


Fig.5-47 Setting scale dialog

- Scale default file
- Scale default file will depend on each model which has different default setting. Such as: “Default Low Magnification” and “Default Height Magnification” shown in Fig.5-48



Fig.5-48 Scale default File

The microscope has low and high magnification during non-contacted observation. The maximum magnification requires distance between object and lens about 0.5cm-0.6cm. The minimum magnification requires distance over 12cm. See Fig 5-34, there are two default value (low and high). The default value is used for the fixed height, which means the distance from device to object does not change. If the default value is not right for the user, the scale value can reset or create a file for new value by calibrate the horizontal and vertical scale according to the user’s preferences.

If want to return to the default file, check “Scale default” box than it will return back to two default files and the other files will be deleted.

- Create a new scale file

Click “new” button than it will pop up shown in Fig.5-52 a dialog box and input new scale name.

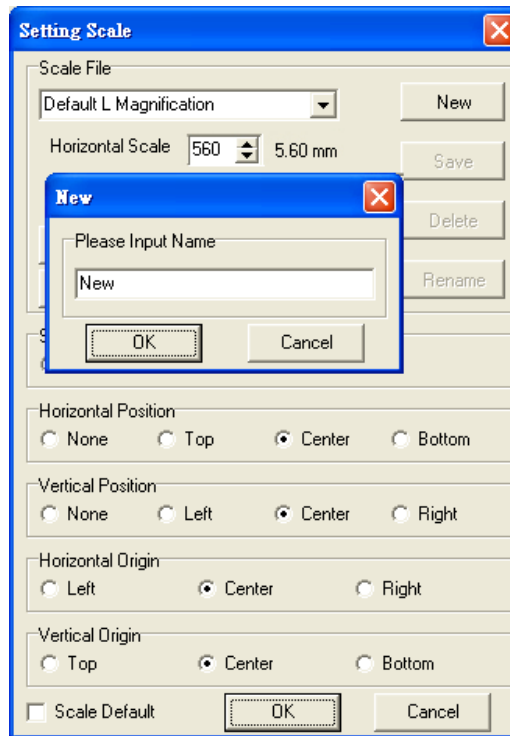


Fig.5-49 New scale name file dialog

After creating new file, input vertical and horizontal's scale value shown in Fig.5-50 and if want to change scale color, select on “choose color” button to change color.

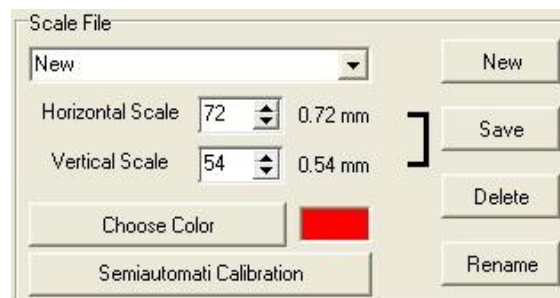


Fig.5-50 Input vertical and horizontal scale value

- Scale ratio

The machine's Sensor of image ratio is 4:3, if checked fixed ratio, then the horizontal and vertical scale will make the adjustment by 4:3 ratio, shown in Fig. 5-51. For example, input in the horizontal scale value to 400, the vertical scale value will automatically adjust to 300.

On the other hand, due to the AP will automatically calculate the scale range

for horizontal or vertical scale, thus, the user just need to measure and enter one of the horizontal or vertical scale. i.e., while only measure and enter the horizontal scale range, it can calculate the vertical scale range automatically.

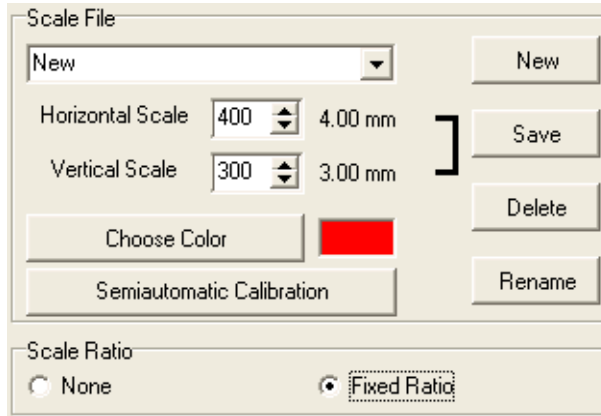
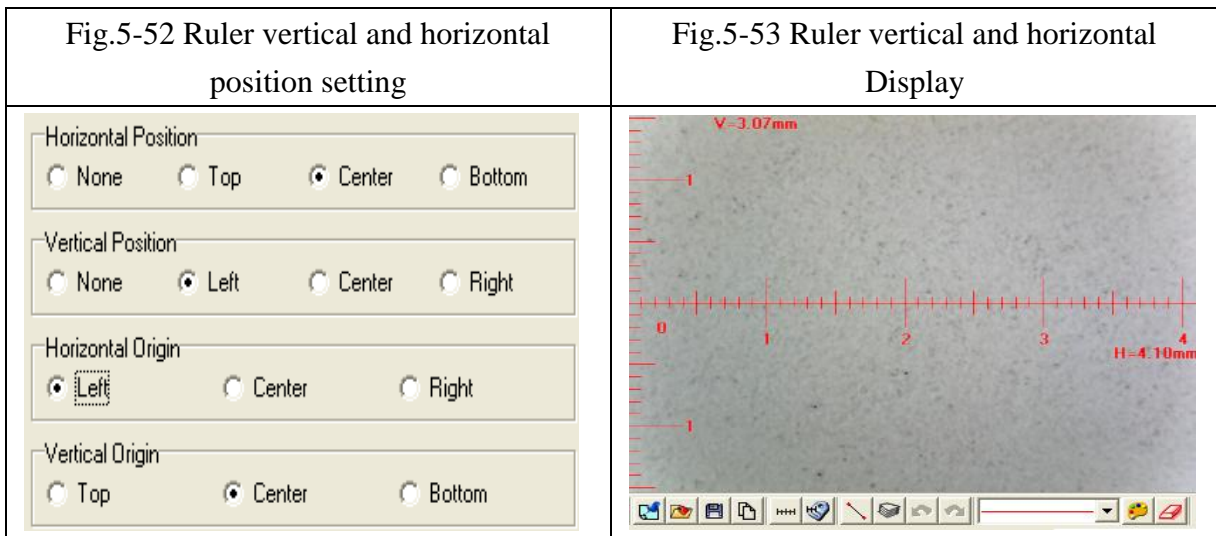


Fig.5-51 Fixed ratio adjustment

- Set ruler position & show (0,0) position
Ruler can display at Horizontal or Vertical position as per example per below Fig.5-52 options. The image results in Fig.5-53.



- To set up the horizontal effective range
As shown in Fig. 5-54, there're two options for horizontal effective range setup. The default setting is auto-detection which is able to define the effective display. If the detected value is "0", or adjustment required, the manual adjustment function is also available. There are different unit options, cm and inch, available in manual adjustment mode.

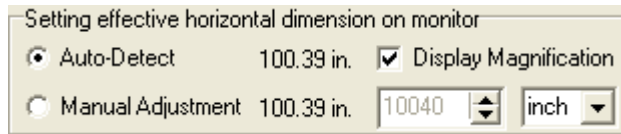
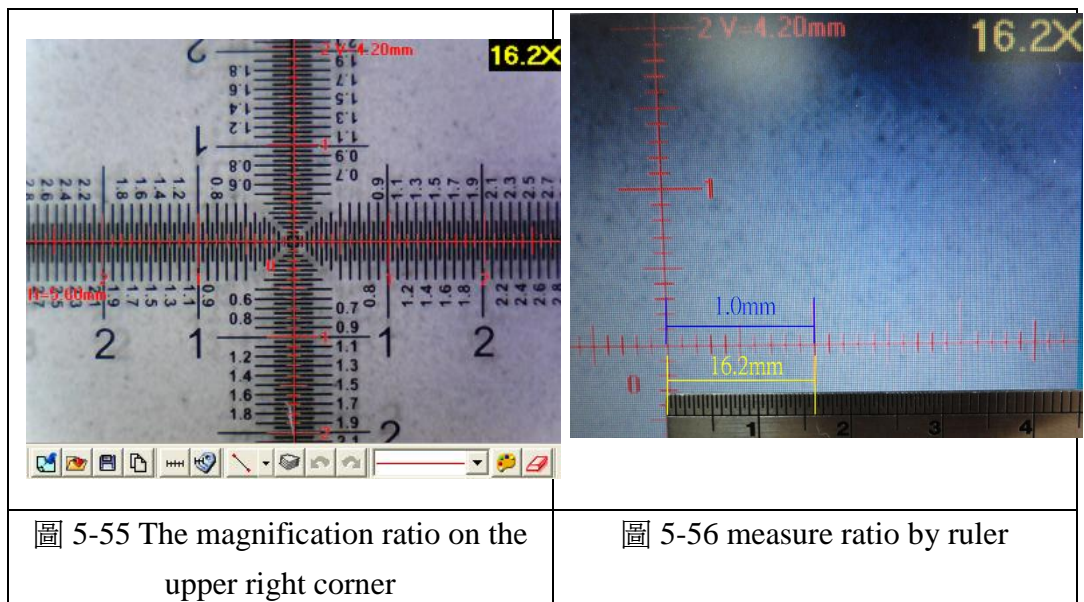




Figure 5-54 Setting effective horizontal dimension on monitor

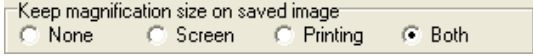
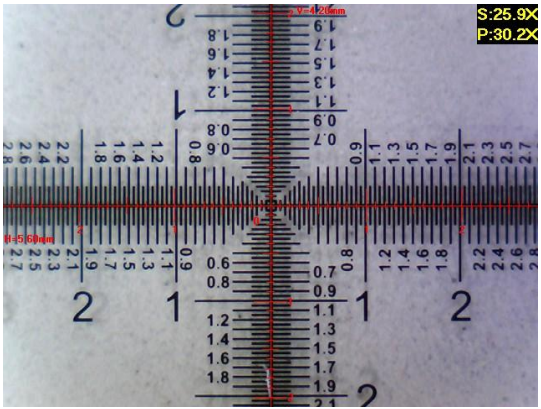
When the “magnification display” is checked, as shown in Fig. 5-54, the magnification ratio will show on the upper right corner of the display window based on display size, image resolution and preview window size. The ratio is calculated by Field of View. Field of View is the calibrated horizontal and vertical scale. Users could also calculate the ratio by rulers, please refer to Fig. 5-56. The displayed 1.00 mm equals to 16.2mm ruler scale, therefore, this is 16.2 times the actual size.



● Ratio displayed on the picture

Fig. 5-57 shows the options for ratio display. Choose the display way first, then click 「」 in measurement mode to save the picture, the ratio will be saved and shown on the upper right corner; or click 「」 to copy the previewed image to previewed picture. If “monitor” is selected, the ratio displayed on the picture is calculated by current image size and Filed of View. If “print” is selected, the ratio is calculated by current image size, Field of View and printing resolution (the default setting is 960dpi). If “both” is selected, both of the ratio will be displayed as Fig. 5-58. The “S” represents screen ratio while “P” represents

printing ratio.

	
<p>圖 5-57 Setting of picture magnification ratio display</p>	<p>圖 5-58 Saved ratio</p>

- To delete and rename scale file
- Choose delete or rename the file from the drop down menu, see Fig.5-59. Then click “delete” or “rename”.

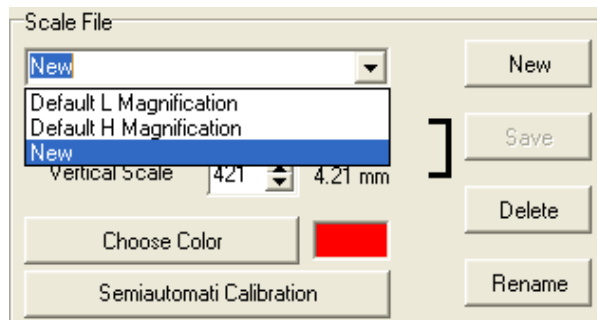


Fig.5-59 drop down menu choose file

- Semi-Auto Calibration
Set up a customized semi-auto Calibration. See Fig. 5-60. “Input Measurement Length” means the real length. For example, enter 400 means 4.00mm, enter 50 means 0.5mm. The Display Scale check-box is to decide to show the Display Scale or not. If click the Horizontal Fixed, only a horizontal axis can draw on the image; on the contrary, if click the Vertical fixed, only a vertical axis can draw on the image. If choose “None”, axis can draw from any direction. A horizontal or vertical axis can be draw by pressing ‘shift’ button on your keyboard together with clicking mouse left. After it is completed, please click “Finished” for saving the new scale.

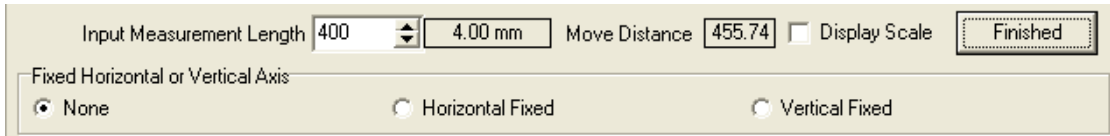


Fig. 5-60 Input the actual measurement length

The calibration frame can be frozen by pressing the right button on the mouse. The frozen frame helps for calibrating in a stable condition. Put the calibrator under the machine and adjust focus to clearly see the scale. Key in “400” length in the check-box of “Input Measurement Length”. Use mouse to draw a yellow line for 4.00mm. Click “Finished” to complete and save the new calibration figure.

The new setting scale (Calibration Scale [New]) show on the frame. See Fig.5-61.

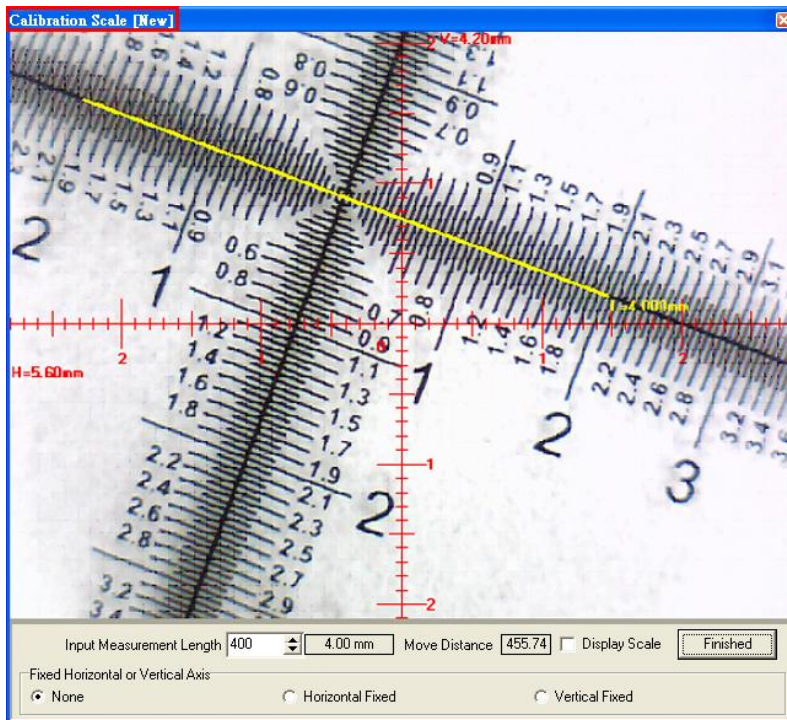


Fig. 5-61 Draw a line in actual length

5.4.6 Scale information setting

This setup screen indicates to set whether to show the unit value or not, see Fig. 5-60. Choose “length” means to display the length of the line, by capital letter “L” expression, if length is 2.33mm, it will show L=2.33mm besides the line. If choose “none”, no value will show on the dialogue. If show “P” means “perimeter”, “A” means “Area”, “C” means “Circumference, and “R” means ”radius”

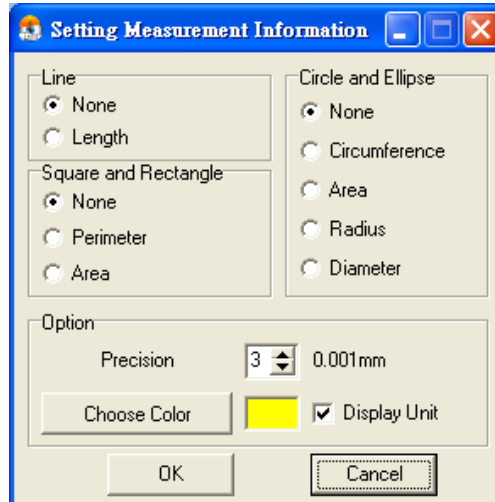


Fig.5-62 Scale information setting dialog

The “precision” is refers to under the decimal point of effective number of digits. The effective number of digits can be adjusted. “Choose color” may choose the text color. “Display unit” does not check its unit “mm” did not display. Attention, after setting option, and also choose the “measuring means style”.

5.4.7 Measurement tool styles

The measuring include optional Line, 2 Points Circle, 3 Points Circle, Ellipse, Square, Rectangle, 3 Points Angle, 3 Points Fillet, 4 Points Angle, and Polygon for variable demand. As shown in Fig. 5-63.

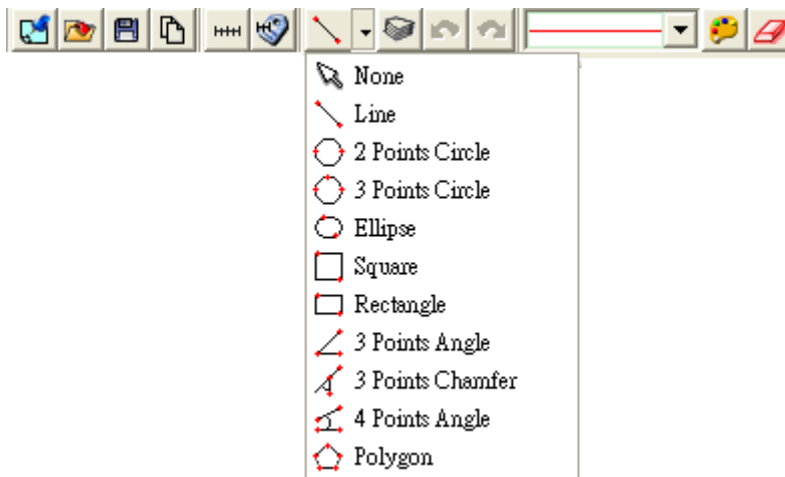


Fig.5-63 Measurement Tool Styles

- (1) Line: Measure the Length and use . See Fig 5-63.

Firstly choose Fig.5-63 Scale information setting dialog. Measure the Length on the PCB rectangle, choose the “line” icon, then draw a line, the “L” means Length. Ex: L=5.510mm as Fig. 5-64.

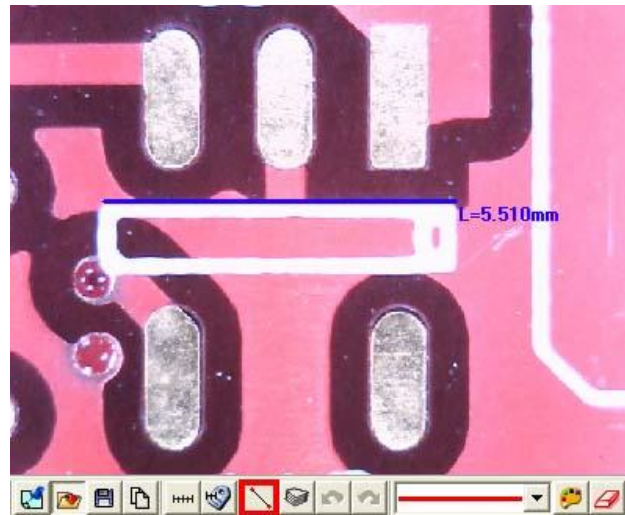


Fig 5-64 Length measurement


- (2) 2 Points Circle: Measure the round object can use . Firstly choose Fig.5-63 Scale information setting dialog. To point any dot on the circle, pressing the left button of the mouse and drag the line to another point on the circle. It should automatically calculate C: Circumference, A: Area, R: Radius, D: Diameter. See 1st circle: C=2.276mm, 2nd circle: =0.412mm², 3rd circle R=0.716mm, and 4th circle D=1.467mm as Fig. 5-65.



Fig 5-65 2 Points Circle Measurement


- (3) 3 Points Circle: See an arc or a circle shows on the observation only and need measure the circle, it can use . Firstly choose Fig.5-63 Scale information setting dialog. To point any point on the edge of an arc, draw a line to second point, then drag the line to the third point on the same arc, to automatically calculate a correct circle. The said 3 points on the arc to be necessary a triangle. circle.The said 3 points on the arc to be necessary a triangle. See Fig.5-6, the See

Fig 5-66, the figure can be measure as 2 Point Circle. 1st circle: Circumferences C=2.409mm, 2nd circle Area A=0.450 mm², 3rd circle: R=0.727mm, 4th circle: D=1.480mm.

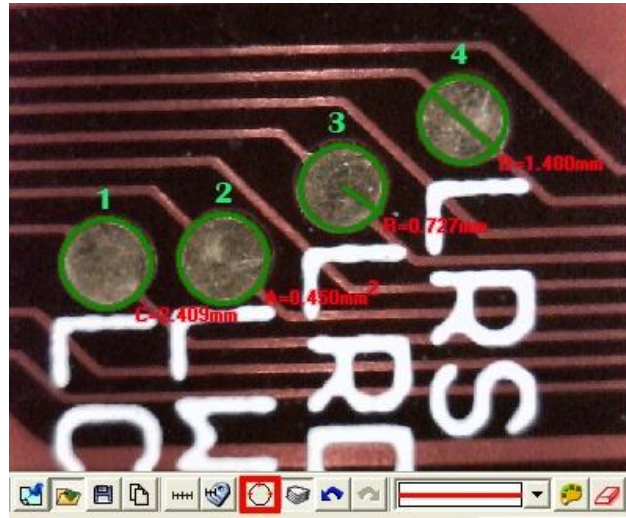



Fig.5-66 3 Points Circle

- (4) Oval: Measure an oval circle and use . Firstly choose Fig.5-67 Scale information setting dialog. To point any dot on an oval, pressing the left mouse button, and drag to fit the oval on an observation object. Same methods as Circle to be measured for 2 Points Circle and 3 Points Circle, 1st oval C=6.703m, 2nd oval A=2.947mm², 3rd oval: IR=1.328mm, sR=0.714mm, 4th oval ID=2.826mm, sD=1.428mm.

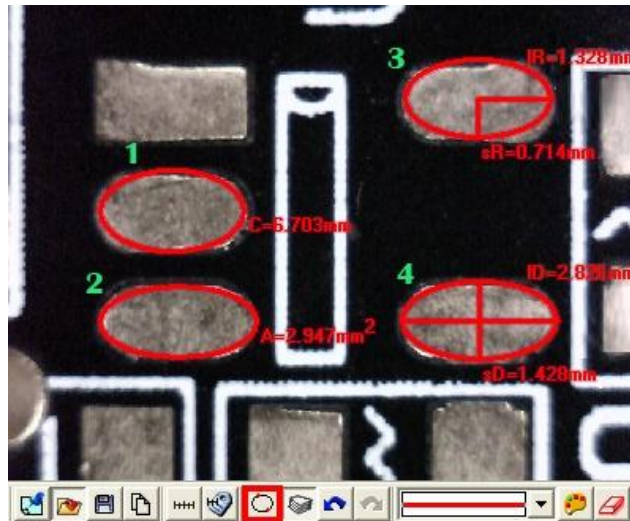



Fig 5-67 Oval

- (5) Square: To measure the object is a parallelogram, it can use . Firstly choose Fig.5-63 Scale information setting dialog. To point one dot on the angle, pressing the left mouse button, and drag the diagonal to make a square and fit the observed object. See Fig 5-68 , P : Perimeter, A: Area, see Fig 5-68, the top

square on left $P=7.295\text{mm}$, the bottom square on left $A=3.587\text{ mm}^2$.
 $P=7.295\text{mm}$, the bottom square on left $A=3.587\text{ mm}^2$.

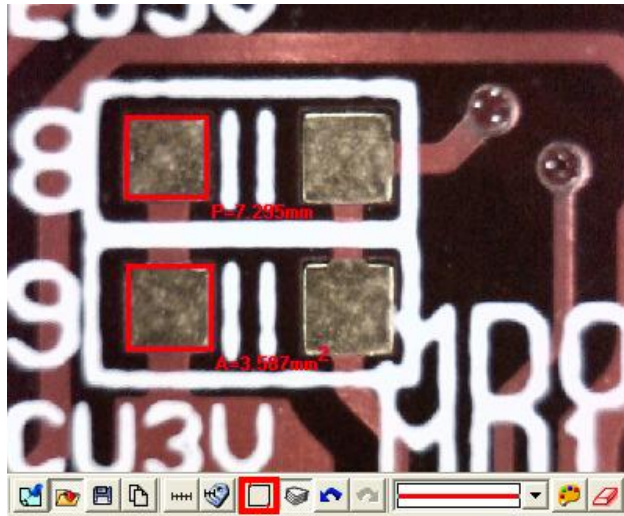



Fig 5-68 Square

- (6) Rectangle: Measure a rectangle and use . Firstly choose Fig.5-63 Scale information setting dialog. To point one dot on the corner, press the left mouse button, and drag the diagonal to make a rectangle to fit the observed object. See Fig 5-69, P : Perimeter, A: Area, see Fig 5-69, the top rectangle on left $P=10.308\text{mm}$, the bottom rectangle in the middle $A=1.940\text{ mm}^2$.

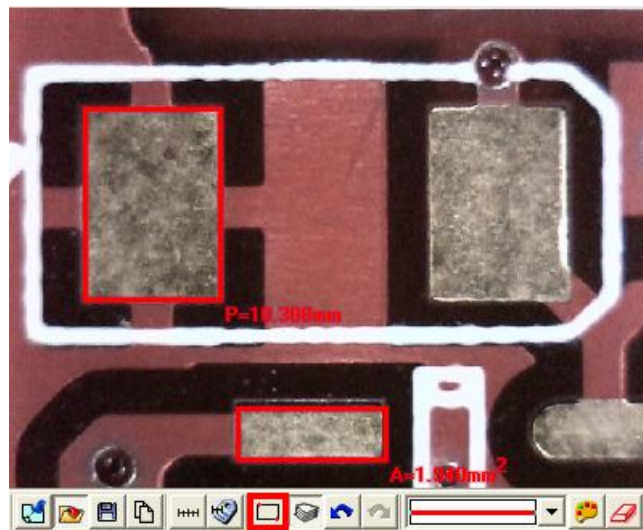



Fig 5-69 Rectangle

- (7) 3 Points Angle: Measure the angle on the object and use . In Fig. 5-70, it can see an angle on the object, draw a line and stop at the corner of angle, and then draw the other line from the angle; the angle can be automatically calculated. a dot shows the measured angle, it is 135.5° .

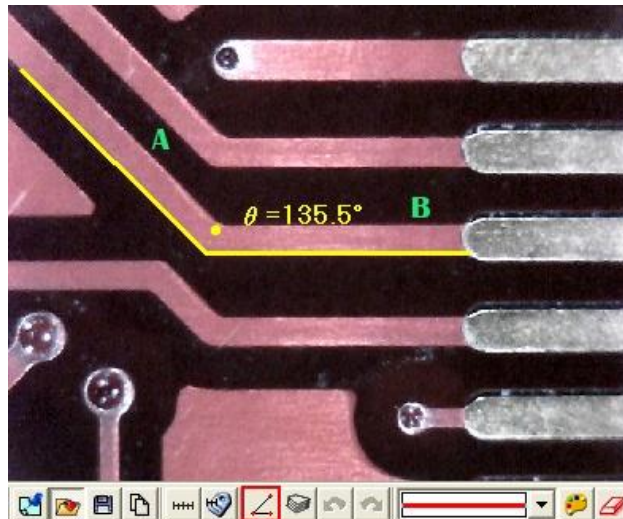



Fig 5-70 3 Points Angle

- (8) 3 Points Chamfer: Measure chamfer and use . Draw first line on the angle (see line A) and press the left mouse button to drag a line on the other side of the angle (See line B) to calculate the chamfer. See Fig 5-71. There is a small dot inside the chamfer and shows 45.8° .

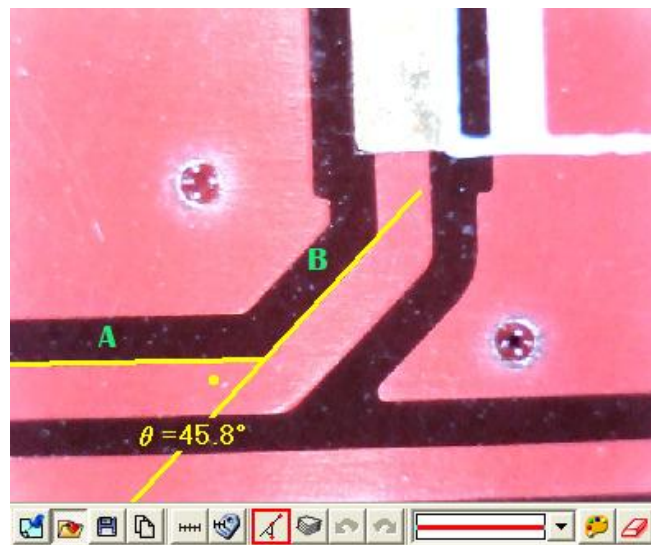



Fig 5-71 3 Points Chamfer

- (9) 4 Points Angle: Use  to measure an angle but only see 2 unparallel lines shown on the object. See Fig 5-72, to draw a 1st line from the object (see line A), and to draw the other unparallel line (see line B), the angle can be automatically calculated. See Fig 5-72. There is a small dot show 45.3° .

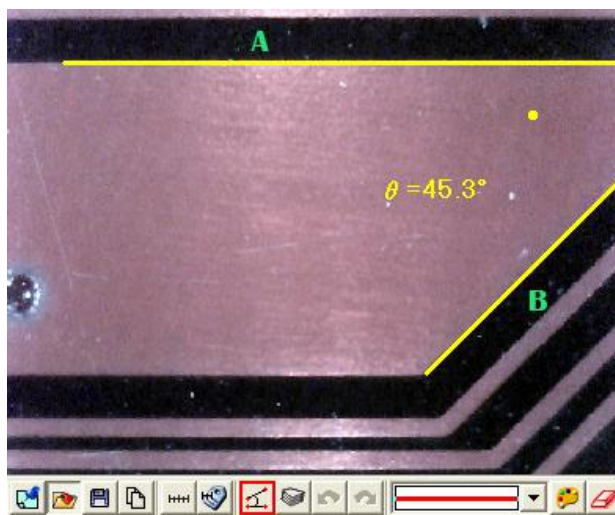



Fig 5-72 4 Points Chamfer

(10) Polygon : A polygon is a shape that is made up of many sides and has only line segments. Choose “” to measure the area and Perimeter, See Fig 5-73, the calculated polygon P (Perimeter) is 1.992mm, A(Area) is 0.218 mm² .

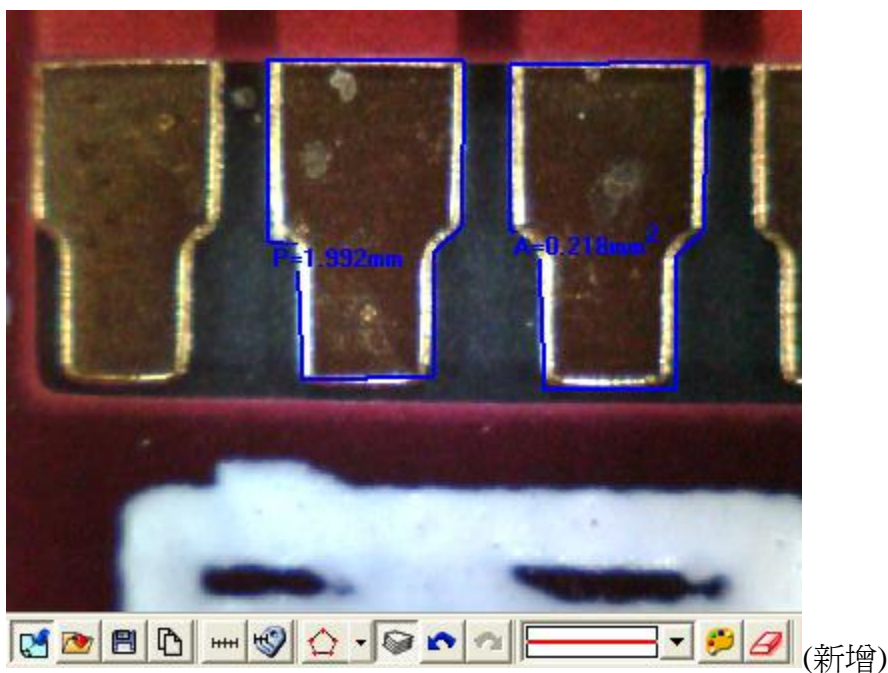


Fig 5-73 Polygon (新增)

5.4.8 Draw overlap line “”

While selecting this function, it can be drawn many times in the same. After clicking “draw overlap line” undo or redo can be used show in Fig.5-74, if not selected it only can repeat drawings.



Fig.5-74 Overlap tool

5.4.9 Undo “”

Undo function that can go back to the movement.

5.4.10 Redo “”


Redo function can also go to the next movement.

5.4.11 Border styles

There are lines styles shown in Fig.5-75 and can choose different lines.



Fig. 5-75 Line styles

5.4.12 Choose color “”

The tool can select colors to become different color. The line and background color can't be similar.

5.4.13 Clear Border “”

Clear all things that are drawn on the fame. “Undo” and “Redo” record will be erasing.