THERMAL IMAGING SELECTION GUIDE

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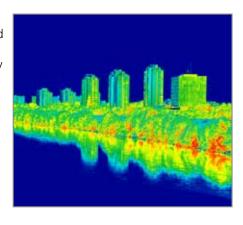
THERMAL IMAGING INTRODUCTION

Thermal Imaging is a method of measuring the temperatures of objects using wavelengths of light emitted in the infrared spectrum. We perceive this as heat and, for that reason, it is also known as Infrared Thermography.

THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF THERMAL IMAGING

Thermal imaging is a **non-contact technology** that converts the infrared waves into an image that portrays temperature. The temperature range of objects in the image is differentiated using a spectrum of colours.

As a non-contact technology, thermal imaging is efficient, safe and easy. Detecting temperature rises, instabilities or hot spots in just a few seconds can identify and pinpoint potential failures in equipment or systems before they cause expensive downtime, power loss or damage. It is invaluable in areas where equipment cannot be shut down, cannot be easily accessed, or where physical contact with the object would alter its temperature and skew the results. In addition,



enhanced safety comes from being able to measure temperature from a distance – ideal for eliminating risk from applications that involve moving parts, high levels of heat or are in dangerous environments.

Locating hot spots or cold spots is fast with thermal imaging. The technology helps to maintain productivity through rapid diagnosis and by its ability to measure without shutting down production equipment or processes.

Training requirements on the latest generation of thermal imaging camera technologies are minimal. Use it as part of a scheduled maintenance regime to reduce downtime as well as a fast, safe and effective troubleshooting tool when problems arise.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THERMAL IMAGING SYSTEMS

Three key factors impact your choice of the camera technology for any given thermal measurement application.

RESOLUTION



TEMPERATURE RANGE



SENSITIVITY



The **resolution of the thermal imaging sensor** determines the quality of the image that will be portrayed. The higher the sensor resolution, the sharper and more accurate a single point will be on the image, allowing an operator to take more precise measurements and make better decisions. Higher resolutions permit smaller objects to be measured from a greater distance, and this fact alone can influence the purchasing decision based on the user's expected operational environment. Detector resolution should not be confused with screen resolution. A high resolution screen can only be as good as the resolution of the detector.

Also to consider is the available **temperature range** of an instrument. Not all applications will require a measurement range that extends to cover very high heat levels. Imaging devices offering a wider temperature range will use sensors that are more expensive, and this will reflect in the price of the instrument.

Sensitivity is the third attribute to consider. It represents the smallest difference in temperature that the infrared sensor can distinguish. Devices with higher thermal sensitivities can detect smaller temperature differences to deliver an image with greater accuracy. Measured in milliKelvins (mK), the lower the mK number of a camera, the more sensitive it will be. This lower mK number means that the camera will detect a broader range of temperature differences and display more colours on its screen.



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WHERE WILL THERMAL IMAGING BE USED?

Every thermal imaging requirement is likely to be different. This will determine the characteristics of the instrument needed. But there is a broader initial split in thermal imaging applications adopted by many camera manufacturers: **buildings** or **industrial**.



Instruments designed for use in **buildings** are typically used to detect issues within the fabric of construction, and for problems that may be obscured from view or behind walls. Applications include checking the effectiveness of insulation, detecting moisture and leaks, testing underfloor heating systems and central heating

appliances, and tracking down leaks from ventilation channels. Thermal imaging detector resolution and thermal sensitivity are key factors that will influence a purchasing decision. High sensitivities will detect small temperature deviations with the building fabric, while a greater resolution will deliver more accuracy through better imaging detail.



Industrial thermal imaging instruments are used as process validation tools in electric, electronic, electro-mechanical and mechanical engineering applications. These include machine tools, production line components, manufacturing systems, and so on. As well as preventative maintenance applications and

scheduled service programmes, these cameras are great troubleshooting instruments. They are also valued for keeping operators at a distance from machinery. A wider temperature range is a typical attribute of industrial thermal imaging cameras. Many are used for high temperature applications. As always, the detector resolution then determines the level of accuracy and imaging detail required for the application.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE IMAGING DATA

Users can make instant decisions based on the image shown on the screen. This may be to shut the machine down, schedule preventative maintenance, or even do nothing as all appears fine. Many instruments store the measured data in memory and on removable cards to permit offline storage, analysis and reporting. Some also add extra functionality like Wi-Fi connectivity to allow direct connections to other devices. Here, measurement data and visual images can be exported directly to smartphones, tablets or laptops to give timely mobile analysis and reporting, plus easy access to information sharing by email and other channels.

Software suites assist in analysing stored data and enrich the imaging experience. Typical additions include annotations, selective temperature thresholds and merging visible and infrared wavelength images to display a composite picture. Such data enhancements are useful for unambiguous reporting, evidence clarification and effective communications.





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	CA 1950	FLIR E4	CA 1877	TiS10	Ті90	FLIR C2	
	Recovers measurements from current clamps and multimeters via Bluetooth		Easy to use design with storage of 1000 images	Includes internal storage and micro SD card. Wi-fi interface	Use with Fluke Connect for fast sharing of data - 8GB SD card included	Pocket-sized thermal camera designed for the building industry	
RS STOCK NO	896-2173	848-1365	785-0720	888-2475	811-0883	866-8124	
DETECTOR RESOLUTION	80 x 80 pixels	80 x 60 pixels	80 x 60 pixels	80 x 60 pixels	80 x 60 pixels	80 x 60 pixels	
THERMAL RANGE	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +150°C	
SENSITIVITY	80mK (0.08°C)	<0.15°C	0.08°C	≤0.15°C	150mK (0.15°C)	<0.1°C	
SCREEN SIZE	2.8in	3in	2.5in	3.5in	3.5in	3in	
FOCUS TYPE	Fixed	Manual	Manual	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	
ACCEPTS OTHER LENSES	N	N	N	N	N	N	



SENSITIVITY

SCREEN SIZE

FOCUS TYPE

ACCEPTS OTHER LENSES

< 0.045°C

3.5in

Manual

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°C 80.0≥

3.5in

Manual

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HIGH RESOLUTION

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	Ti29	TiS65	TiS60	Ti300	Ti300/\	N2 FLIR E50	Ti27
	High specification with automatic parallax correction	Higher resolution than TiS50 with manual focus and digital camera	Fixed focus model with 5 megapixel digital camera	LaserSharp™ AutoFo gives users perfect focused images			ner and text/voice record feature
RS STOCK NO	731-8991	888-2507	888-2490	788-4666	843-1550	848-1400	731-9008
DETECTOR RESOLUTION	280 x 210 pixels	260 x 195 pixels	260 x 195 pixels	240 x 180 pixels	240 x 180 pi	cels 240 x 180 pixels	240 x 180 pixels
THERMAL RANGE	-20°C → 600°C	-20°C → +550°C	-20°C → +550°C	-20°C → +650°C	-20°C → +65	0°C -20°C → +650°C	-20°C → +600°C
SENSITIVITY	≤0.05 °C or ≤0.045 °C	≤0.08°C	≤0.08 °C	50mK (0.05°C)	50mK (0.05°	°C) <0.05°C	≤0.05 °C or ≤0.045 °C
SCREEN SIZE	3.7in	3.5in	3.5in	3.5in	3.5in	3.5in	3.7in
FOCUS TYPE	Manual	Manual	Fixed	Manual	Automatic	; Manual	Manual
ACCEPTS OTHER LENSES	Υ	N	N	Y	Y	N	Υ
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	FLIR E50BX	TiS55 Manual focus device		to TiS55 but	Ti200	Ti200/T2	Ti200/W2
	assessment tasks	wireless image trans			stance measurement	Ti200 supplied with telephoto lens	Ti200 supplied with wide angle lens
RS STOCK NO	905-5933	888-2497	888-24	81	788-4675	843-1553	843-1569
DETECTOR RESOLUTION	240 x 180 pixels	220 x 165 pixels	220 x 165	pixels	200 x 150 pixels	200 x 150 pixels	200 x 150 pixels
THERMAL RANGE	-20°C → 120°C	-20°C → +450°C	-20°C → +	450°C	-20°C → +650°C	-20°C → +650°C	-20°C → +650°C

THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA SELECTION GUIDE

50mK (0.05°C)

3.5in

Manual

75mK (0.075°C)

3.5in

Automatic

75mK (0.075°C)

3.5in

Automatic

≤0.08 °C

3.5in

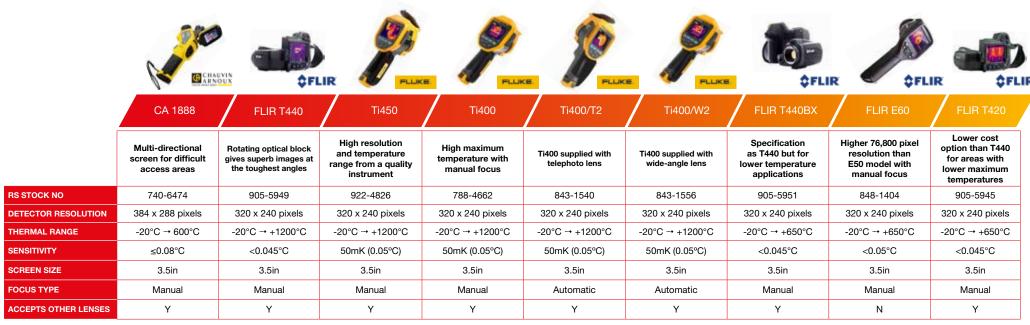
Fixed

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	TC7000	Ti32	TiS75	882	FLIR T420BX	FLIR E8	FLIR E60BX
	Designed for Zone 1 hazardous areas - see page 8 for more	Withstands a 2m drop, ideal for Industrial applications	Long travel focus wheel for absolute precise focusing	Manual focus model that can display surface moisture	Lower cost option than T440 for areas with lower maximum temperatures	Wi-fi enabled and text/voice record feature	Similar features to E60 model for lower temperature requirements
RS STOCK NO	778-5124	682-7542	910-8043	740-8701	905-5958	848-1371	905-5942
DETECTOR RESOLUTION	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels	320 x 240 pixels
THERMAL RANGE	-20°C → +600°C	-20°C → +600°C	-20°C → +550°C	-20°C → +350°C	-20°C → +350°C	-20°C → +250°C	-20°C → +120°C
SENSITIVITY	50mK (0.05°C)	50mK (0.05°C)	≤0.08°C	≤60mK (0.06°C)	<0.045°C	<0.06°C	<0.045°C
SCREEN SIZE	3.2in	3.7in	3.5in	3.5in	3.5in	3in	3.5in
FOCUS TYPE	Manual	Manual	Manual	Automatic	Manual	Manual	Manual
ACCEPTS OTHER LENSES	N	Υ	N	N	Υ	N	Y



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ATEX-APPROVED FOR HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS



Hazardous environments at risk from explosion need a thermal imaging camera which is ATEX/IECEx certified, for safe use within hazardous areas

Designed for Zone 1 explosive atmospheres, the TC7000 thermal imaging camera is certified for use in areas found in the petrochemical, sugar production and grain storage/handling industries. Below ground, it is also ideal for hazardous areas found in mining industries.

KEY FEATURES:

- Data capture is accurate and simple with the RFID tag reader built into TC7000 that enables thermal images and voice comments to be linked to a location
- High resolution 320 x 240 IR detector, clear backlit display (3.2 in)
- RFID Scanner
- Auto correction for IW Series IR Windows

- Hotspot reporting and trending through CorDEX CONNECT

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