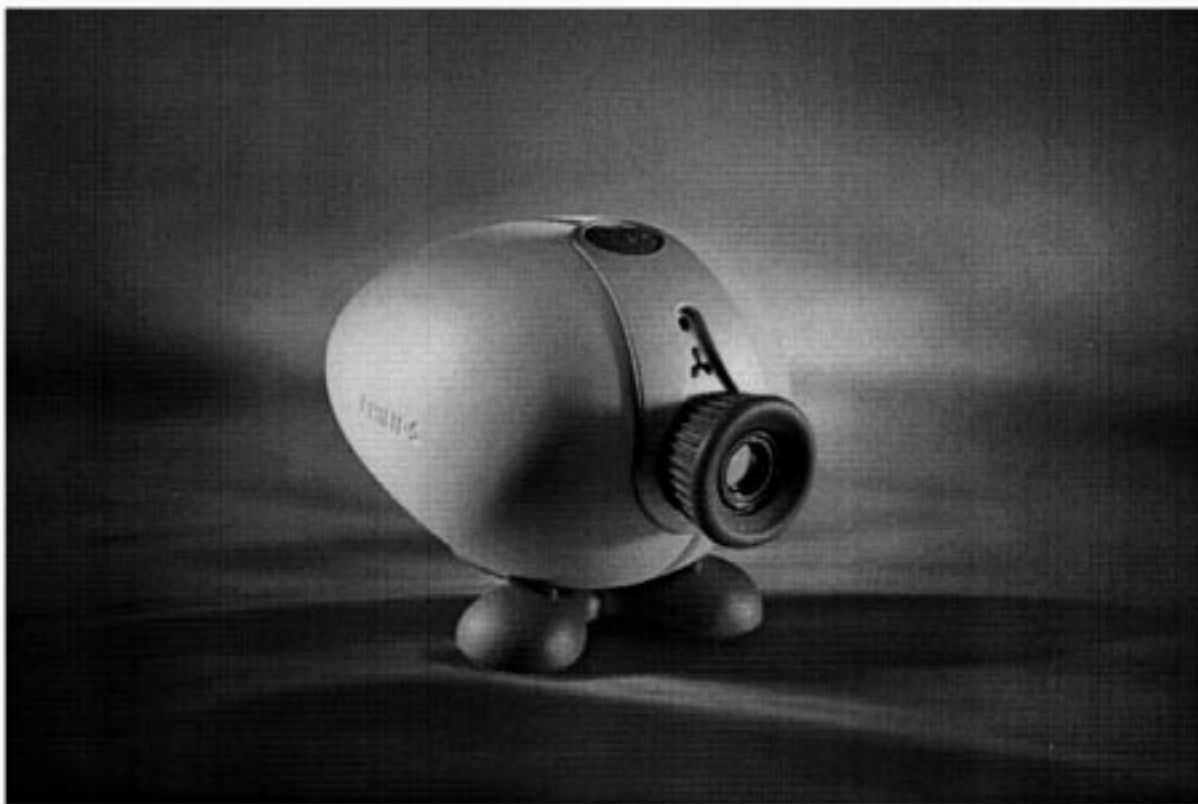


Philips USB PC Camera Models PCVC675K and PCVC680K



1 Introduction

Brilliant images and blazing colours. That's what the Philips USB PC Camera gives you. Forget about installing grabber cards and separate power supplies. You don't need them. Power is supplied direct to the camera through the USB cable and the camera returns audio and video straight to your PC!

This USB PC Camera has several unique features:

- Full Plug&Play use of the USB port
- Video images in true VGA resolution of 640x480 pixels and still images in SVGA resolution of 800x600 pixels, sharper than you've ever seen before with other PC Cameras
- Point-and-Click snapshot button on top of the camera
- Several top-of-the-line software packages included on CD-ROM, so you can start using the camera straightaway

Congratulations on purchasing the Philips USB PC Camera. This new digital camera is the most advanced means of recording high-quality movies or still pictures quickly and easily on your PC or laptop computer. After installation, the new camera can be used for all sorts of applications, such as:

- **Video e-mail / Video capture:** Create your own video presentations, video mail, product demonstrations, training videos, Internet clips etc..
- **Snapshot images:** Use images in presentations, create postcards, or send them via e-mail or on diskette. The camera works with all applications that use the TWAIN interface to acquire an image.
- **Video conferencing:** Use the camera for establishing a point-to-point video conference via a modem and telephone line with another PC Camera or a Video Phone. Or use the camera for network conferencing or Internet conferencing.
- **Editing and special effects:** After recording the images you want with the Philips USB PC Camera, the images can be easily edited using image or video editing programs.

Congratulations again on choosing the Philips USB PC Camera. The following sections in this manual give a step-by-step description of the installation process and explain how to use the USB PC Camera.

2 Preparation

This HTML file describes how to install the hardware and software and how to create your first video recording.


2.1 Contents of the box

Check that the box contains the following items:

- the Philips USB PC Camera;
- clover-leaf shaped base to support the camera;
- one or more CD-ROMs, containing the Philips installation software, application software packages and electronic software manuals;
- Quick Install Guide.

2.2 Your first video recording in four easy steps

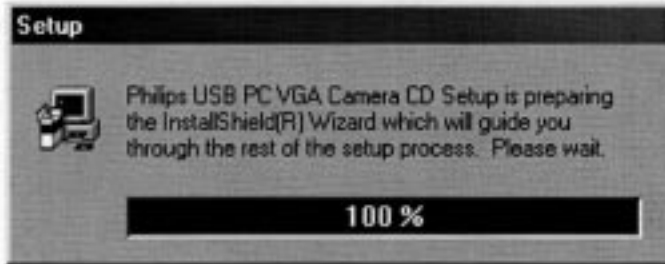
The best way to get quick results is to perform the following steps:

1. Unpack the box.
2. Put the Philips installation CD-ROM into your CD-ROM player, let the Philips installation program install the driver software and the application software, and connect the camera to the USB port (marked with the USB-logo: ) when asked for by the installation program.
3. Start one of the video applications.
4. Have fun!

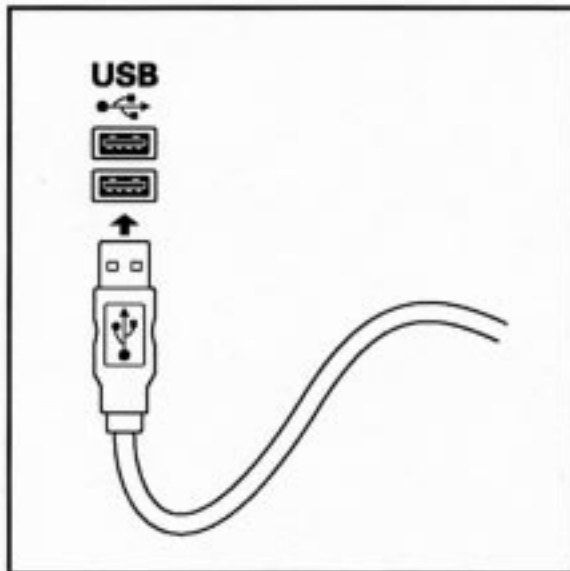
3 Camera and software installation

In order to maximize the video and audio performance offered by your camera, we have included a Philips installation program on CD-ROM. Please follow these directions for the camera installation exactly, and make sure that you have your Windows98 CD-ROM to hand.

1. **Unplug all your USB devices (except USB keyboard or USB mouse) before you start.**
2. Insert the Philips installation CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive.
3. The installation program starts automatically. If not, click the Windows "Start" button, then click "Run", and type:"X:\setup.exe", where X stands for the drive name of your CD-ROM drive.
4. Let the Philips installation program guide you through the setup procedure.



5. When asked for the Windows98 CD-ROM, insert it into the drive and click "OK". Exit the Windows 98 Set-up screen if it appears.
6. After the camera software has been installed, the Philips installation program will ask you to connect the camera to the USB port.



7. To install the video application software, click the 'Applications' button, and follow the instructions on your screen.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

If the installation program asks you to place a different CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive, for instance the installation CD-ROM or the Windows98 CD-ROM, always wait until:

- the 'busy' cursor icon (usually a hour-glass icon) has disappeared from your screen, and
- the 'busy' LED on your CD-ROM drive extinguishes,

before you press the eject button on the CD-ROM drive.

This prevents the appearance of a blue screen Windows error message prompting you to replace the last CD-ROM into the drive.

Should you encounter this Windows error message, correct the blue screen error by replacing the CD-ROM you just removed and wait for Windows to stop reading from the CD-ROM.

1. When the camera has been installed, a test will be performed. This test window confirms the correct installation by showing you the first 'live' pictures from your USB PC Camera.



2. Exit the Philips installation program after closing the test window.
3. Plug in any USB devices you might have disconnected in the first step of the installation.
4. You are now ready to start working with your Philips USB Camera.
Have fun!

4 Using the applications

In this section, we will give you a brief description of how to use the video software packages included on CD-ROM. If you haven't installed these applications yet, please read '[Camera and software installation](#)' for installation instructions.

4.1 General

Usually, each software package creates its own program group in the Windows Start Menu which is activated by clicking the Windows Start button. These program groups contain the application program icon and other items (Help files, Electronic Manuals, Uninstall Wizards, Readme files, etc.) for that specific software package. You can start the video applications by clicking on them in the program group, just like any other Windows application. The shortcuts for the USB Camera can be found in the program group: "Start / Programs / Philips USB PC VGA Camera".

The Philips USB PC Camera not only works with the software applications included on CD-ROM with this camera, but with any application that uses DirectX or the Video for Windows format or the AVI format or the TWAIN interface.

Where to get help?

Normally, programs contain a help function within the program that allows you to access help about the exact use of the program. Look for a Help topic in the menu bar or for Help buttons in the menus themselves, just like in any other Windows application.

For detailed information about the use of these software packages, please read the information accompanying the individual software packages. All available information is usually accessible via the software's program group, or through the Help options in the program.

4.2 Video e-mail and video capture: VideoLink Mail (by Smith Micro Software)



How to record and send a video mail.

1. Start VideoLink Mail. The main window appears.
2. Wait for your camera to initialize, and position the camera and microphone where you would like them.
3. Click the Record button. VideoLink Mail will begin recording.
4. When you have finished recording, click the Stop button.
5. You can now review your recording, save your recording, mail your recording as an e-mail or discard the recording.

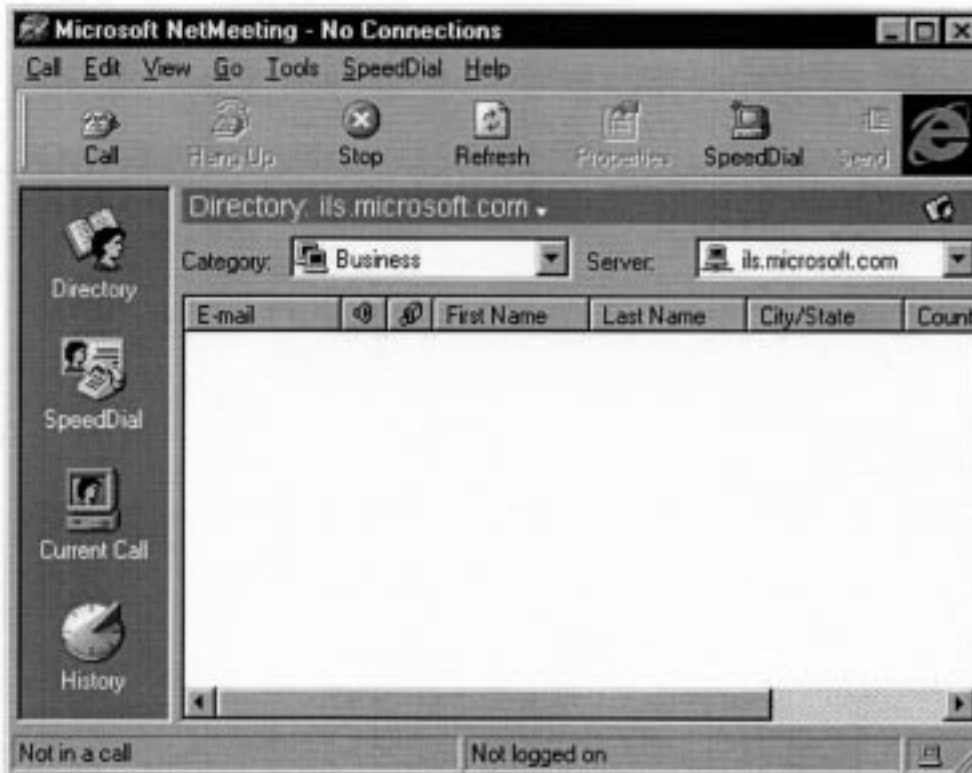
4.3 Point-to-point video conferencing software: VideoLink (by Smith Micro Software)



How to connect to video phone users or to other VideoLink users.

1. Start VideoLink.
2. Run the Configuration Advisor to configure your modem or network connections.
3. Enter the telephone number or the network IP-address of the person you wish to call.
4. Click the Dial button. VideoLink will dial the specified telephone number or access the network.
5. If the recipient of the video telephone call has a video phone or video conferencing software configured to answer incoming calls, VideoLink will establish the video connection.

4.4 Video communication software: NetMeeting (by Microsoft)



How to connect to a person on the internet or on a TCP/IP-network.

1. Type the name of the person you want to call, or the name of the computer you want to reach.
2. Click on the telephone icon.
3. If NetMeeting does not have enough information for the connection, the Advanced dialog box appears automatically.
4. Only two computers in a NetMeeting conference can use audio for communication. All other participants must communicate through other options, like Chat or the shared Whiteboard.

4.5 Image Capture and Photo Editing software: Photo Express (by Ulead)



To capture frames from your camera:

1. First, click the Get button at the top left of your screen under the Ulead logo.
2. Next, click the Scanner button on the Toolbar to the right of the Ulead logo.
3. Select the appropriate options in the menu on the right of your screen. Choose the Philips PC Camera as your TWAIN data source, and select the destination for the captured frame.
4. Once you've set your capture options, click the Acquire button.
5. Finally, point your camera at the object or person you want to capture and click on the Acquire button in the View Finder window or press the Snapshot button on top of the camera to capture the image displayed in the View Finder.

5 Settings

The camera properties (audio and video) can only be changed from within an application.



5.1 Sound properties

Access to the sound properties is dependent on the application software. But usually it will look something like this when you open a 'Sound Settings' option.

The camera microphone can only produce a mono audio signal. Applications may offer you the choice of other audio qualities, but bear in mind that a mono microphone can never create stereo sounds!

Note: Should you wish to use the camera microphone as your sound source for applications, the application might ask you for the 'Recording Device' setting. Select the 'Philips VGA Digital Camera; Audio (Microphone)' as your input device from the device list. Otherwise, your sound card - and not the camera microphone - will produce the sounds for the video application.

5.2 Camera properties

The Philips USB PC Camera is very user-friendly and can be used intuitively. The video options can be adjusted in the 'Camera Property Page'. Access to this property page is dependent on the application software. For instance, in one program you might choose 'Options' / 'Video Source' from the menu bar to open the property page. However, in other applications you may have to open the 'Preferences' menu or the 'Video Options' menu.

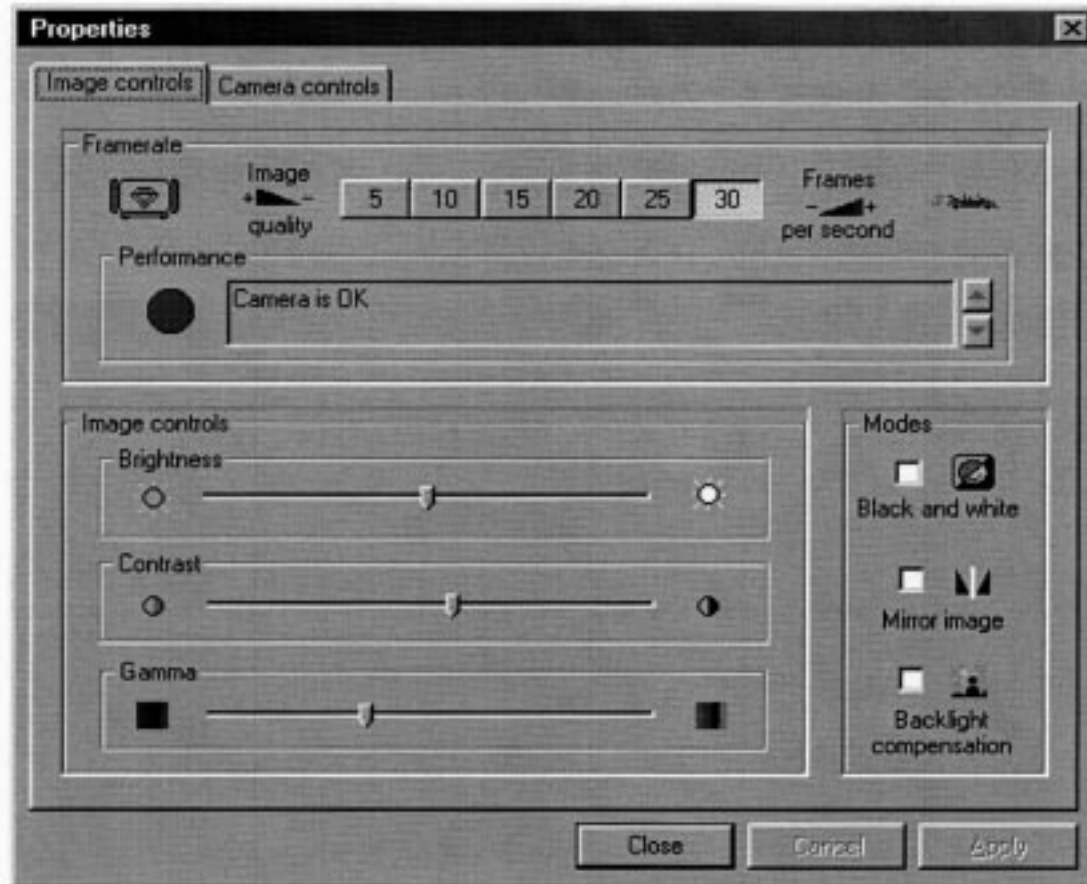
Access the camera property page (its location in the menus differs between applications) and you will see two tabs with user-changeable settings. Most applications can show a 'live' video image on your monitor. Always use this option to see the effect of changed settings on your screen.

Some applications may offer you a third tab called 'Capture source'. Usually this setting has only one option when the USB PC Camera is the only video source connected to your computer. However, if more than one video source is connected to your system, then this is where you switch between them. Applications that don't show this third tab will offer video source switching under a different menu item within the application itself.

NOTE: If two or more Philips cameras of the same type - or of the same camera family - are connected to your computer, only one of these cameras can be used. Cameras that use the same Philips driver software can not be used simultaneously on one computer!

5.2.1 Image Controls

One of the property tabs is 'Image Controls'.



Frame rate

The frame rate setting determines the number of pictures per second in the video stream.

The set of frame rates from which the user can choose depends on the currently selected video format (resolution) and the available bandwidth on the USB bus (the number of devices connected to your USB port and the amount of data they transport). The buttons for invalid frame rates will be greyed out automatically and cannot be selected. To enable higher frame rates choose a smaller video image format in your application. Applications will usually offer resolution switching (image format setting) under menu items within the applications themselves. The maximum frame rate for VGA resolution (640 x 480) is 15 frames per second, so if you choose VGA as your resolution, the frame rates 20, 25, and 30 will always be greyed out.

Performance

This text box is used to inform the user about camera settings, problems or special circumstances. Important messages will show a flashing icon. The same icon also appears in the 'Camera controls' tab to indicate that an important message is displayed in the Performance text box.

Image Controls

Here you will find the slider controls for brightness, contrast, and gamma correction. Note that the contrast control is only available when the Auto Exposure setting is enabled on the other tab.

Modes

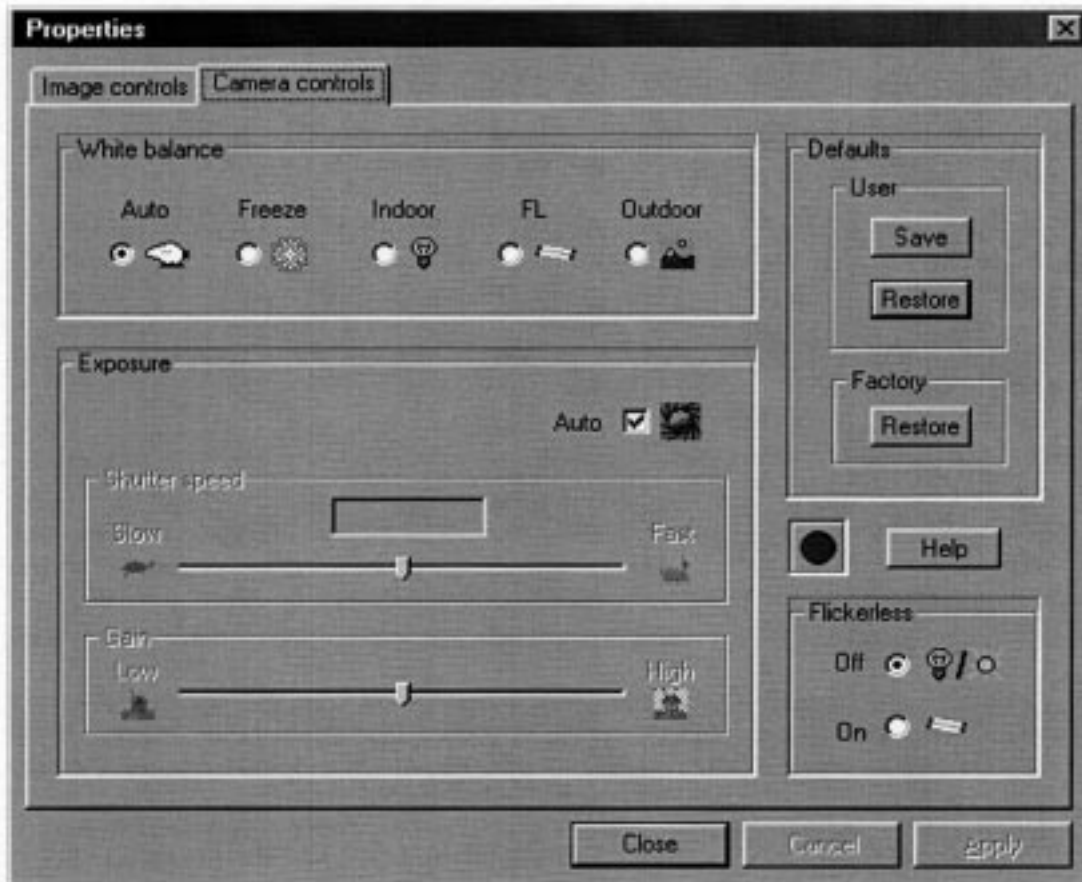
The checkbox 'Black and white' is used to switch from colour images to black & white and back.

By checking the checkbox 'Mirror Image', the image flips horizontally. This feature can be applied in order to use the camera and monitor as a mirror, or for taking pictures of mirrored images.

Turn on the backlight compensation to improve the image quality when you have a scene where the background has a high illumination level (for instance when you are sitting in front of a bright light). Note that the backlight compensation option is only available when the Auto Exposure setting is enabled on the other tab.

5.2.2 Camera Controls

The other tab is marked 'Camera Controls'.



White Balance

In Auto mode the camera automatically controls the different colour components in the picture to obtain the most natural colour reproduction. This setting is the preferred setting for normal use.

When the mode setting is in Freeze mode, the automatic white balance control is switched off. The actual colour setting remains frozen and is not influenced by the camera's internal controls. Put the white balance setting in Freeze mode when you have a colourful scene and stable lighting conditions.

Indoor / FL / Outdoor: These settings compensate for the specific colour spectrum of these types of lighting. However, these compensations are fixed, so under changing lighting conditions it is better to use the Auto setting.

Exposure

The exposure setting determines the amount of light that will fall onto the video sensor chip. In Auto exposure mode the camera automatically adjusts the gain and shutter speed.

In manual mode (no checkmark in the Auto checkbox) you can control the gain and shutter speed settings manually. The manual exposure mode disables the controls for contrast and backlight compensation in the other property tab (marked Image Controls) and the flickerless control in this tab.

Defaults

If you like a particular setting for particular lighting conditions, you can use the Save and Restore buttons to save and restore this preferred setting. Should you wish to restore all standard settings, then click on the Restore button under Factory Defaults.

Performance icon

The Performance text box on the 'Image controls' tab is used to inform the user about camera settings, problems or special circumstances. Important messages will show a flashing icon. This same icon also appears in the 'Camera controls' tab to indicate that an important message is displayed in this Performance text box.

Flickerless

The Flickerless option should only be used under flickering 50 Hz light conditions (e.g. fluorescent or neon lamps) to prevent flickering or strangely coloured video images. If this option is used under normal lighting conditions the video image will tend to be overexposed. Note that the flickerless control is only available when the Auto Exposure setting is enabled on this tab.

6. TWAIN applications

The Philips USB PC Camera is TWAIN-compatible (like a scanner), so you can use the camera as an input device for application software that uses TWAIN as a data source. (e.g. photo editing software)

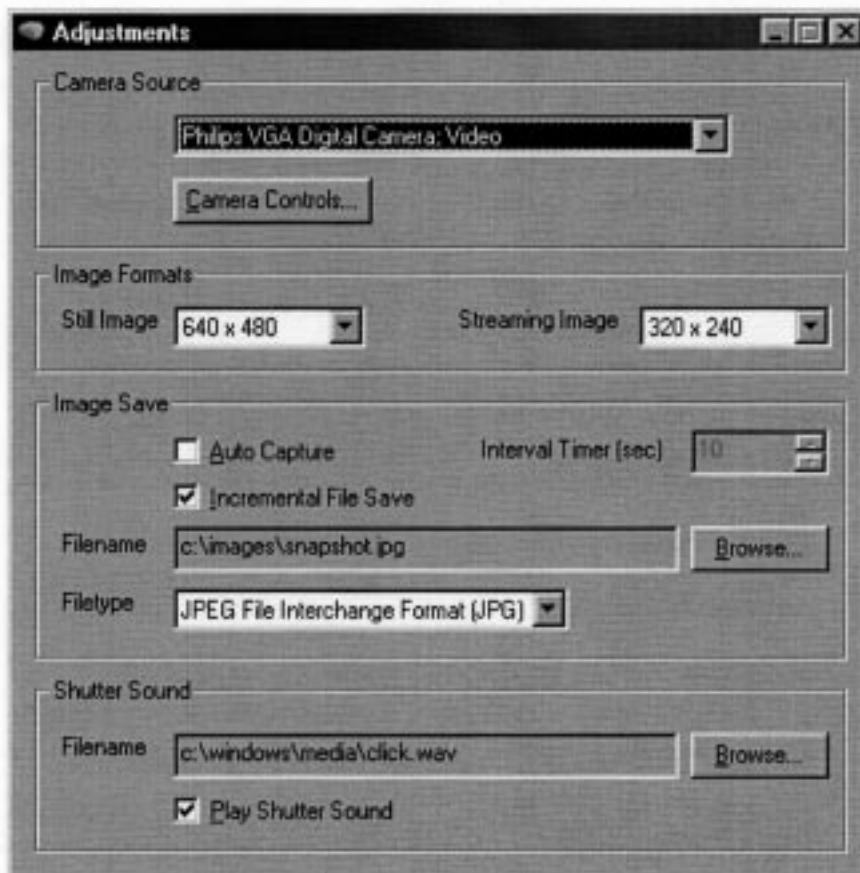


6.1 Capturing images within applications

In TWAIN-compatible applications you will see the Philips USB PC Camera listed as an available TWAIN data source among your other TWAIN sources (e.g. scanners). Just pick the USB PC Camera as your source to acquire camera pictures directly into your application. Then choose 'Acquire' to launch the camera viewfinder which displays the moving video picture. Click on the 'Capture' option under the viewfinder or push the snapshot button on top of the camera to capture a still image.

6.2 Capture settings

To the right of the 'Capture' button you will find the 'Adjustments...' button, which is used to change the settings. Clicking the 'Adjustments...' button will bring up the following window.



Camera source

Usually this setting features only one option when the USB PC Camera is the only video source connected to your computer. However, if more than one video source is connected to your system, then this is where you switch between them.

The 'Camera Controls' button will bring up the other camera setting tabs as described under 'Settings'.

Image formats

Here you can select the format of the still image to be captured. You can choose between VGA (640 x 480) and SVGA (800 x 600). The streaming image format indicates the size of the preview window..

Image Save

- In the "Image Save" section you can set the Auto Capture function together with an appropriate timer interval. This function triggers the capturing of images at adjustable regular intervals.
- Leave "Incremental File Save" unchecked if you want to overwrite the previous image when capturing a new one. If you do check this box, the picture data is saved under the selected filename but extended with one or more digits. This digit is increased for each new image so that the previous images will not be overwritten.
- You can enter a name for the captured images at "File name", or browse until you find a suitable name to use. Use "File type" to choose between four supported file formats: JPG, BMP, TIFF or FlashPix.

Shutter sound

- Finally choose a file name for the shutter sound that should be played when an image is captured. Normally this is a clicking sound that resembles the sound of a camera shutter. Uncheck the Play Shutter Sound box to disable the shutter sound.

7 Tips and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

7.1 TIPS

The camera installation

- Always use the Philips installation CD-ROM to install the correct camera drivers as described below. Do not connect the camera to a USB port before installing the Philips drivers. If you do this, Windows98 will try to install its own drivers, which might be less compatible with the camera than the Philips drivers. You must have Windows98 running and have the Windows98 CD-ROM at hand.
- Your USB controller should be working correctly. You can check this in the Windows98 Device Manager (Click on the My Computer icon on your desktop, right-click Properties, then click on the Device Manager tab). An icon with the name 'Universal serial bus controller' should be visible. Click on this icon and Windows98 will tell you if this part of your computer system is operating correctly.

Camera performance and system requirements

In VGA resolution this digital USB PC Camera provides a very large data stream that needs to be processed in real-time by the application you are using. Although the camera will perform satisfactorily on a Pentium 166 at the lower resolutions, we recommend a more powerful computer, e.g. a Pentium II with 32 MB RAM, for optimum performance at the highest resolution. We regret that optimum camera performance cannot be guaranteed if the computer meets only the minimum system requirements.

Using more than one camera

If two or more Philips cameras of the same type - or of the same camera family - are connected to your computer, only one of these cameras can be used at the time. Cameras that use the same Philips driver software can not be used simultaneously on one computer!

USB

You can connect the camera to any USB port on your computer. You do not have to switch off the computer. USB ports are 'hot-swappable', which means that you do not have to restart Windows98 every time you connect a new USB device. The USB driver will detect the camera as new hardware. It can be used within a few seconds without the need to restart the computer.

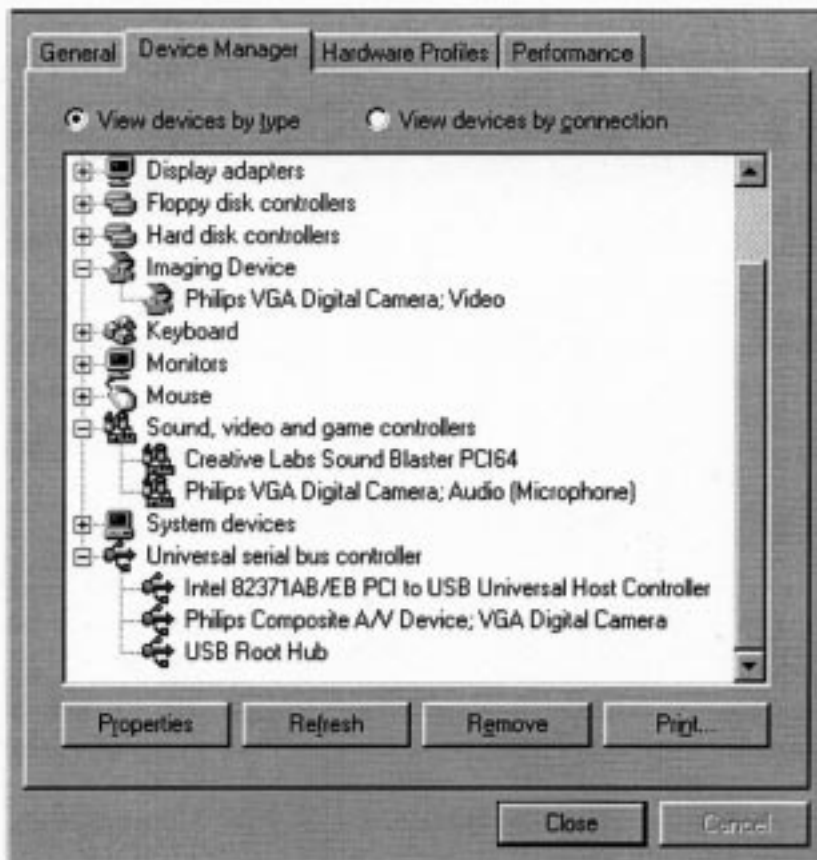
If you unplug the camera while it is actively providing an audio and video stream to an application on your computer, the computer may crash. To avoid problems, first close all applications that use audio from the camera microphone or video from the camera before unplugging your Philips USB PC Camera. Note that the camera microphone is only available as a sound source when the camera is providing video to a video application. If the camera LED is not lit, the camera microphone will not be available as a sound source.

Driver software check

You can determine if the camera is installed correctly, and if it is being recognized by the operating system by checking the Device Manager menu in the System Properties.

1. Access this menu by right-clicking the 'My Computer' icon in the top left-hand corner of your desktop, then click on Properties. Alternatively, click on Start / Settings / Control Panel, then double-click on System to access this menu.
2. Click on the Device Manager tab to see the list of installed devices.

If the USB PC Camera has been installed correctly and it is plugged into a USB port, you should see the following devices in the list (double-click on the devices to see their specifications):



- Philips VGA Digital Camera; Video

Sound, video and game controllers:

- Philips VGA Digital Camera; Audio (Microphone)

Universal serial bus controller:

- Philips Composite A/V Device; VGA Digital Camera

If you unplug the camera from the USB port, these devices will disappear from the list (and can therefore not be used by any application on your computer until you reconnect the USB camera).

WEB SITE

If you have any other questions or problems, please visit our web site www.pcstuff.philips.com/cameras.html for new or updated information.

7.2 FAQs

Q: I can't control the volume of the camera audio device. There is no volume control visible in the Volume control recording properties.

A: Double click the speaker icon on the Windows taskbar. If there is no speaker icon on the taskbar, select "Start/Programs/Accessories/Entertainment/Volume control", then select "Options/Properties", and select "Playback" in the "Adjust volume for" section. Select "Philips VGA Digital Camera; Audio (Microphone)" as the mixer device. The selection in the "Adjust volume for" section will change from "Playback" to "Recording". Ensure that the "Wave" checkbox is ticked. Select "OK". A window with a volume control slider will appear. The recording volume of the camera audio device can be controlled with this slider.

Q: Why can't I choose higher frame rates for the USB Camera?

A: As the digital camera is a USB device, it shares the bandwidth of the USB port with all other USB peripherals. If these USB devices are active (speakers providing sound or scanners performing a scan), the remaining bandwidth may be restricted to frame rates lower than those listed in the "Technical specifications" as the maximum frame rate for that resolution.

Q: Why is the SSIF resolution (240 x 176) not available on my computer?

A: The SSIF resolution is only available to users of Windows98 SE (second edition).

Q: My PC will not start when the camera is connected.

A: It is highly likely that your BIOS is not compatible with the USB standard. Contact your PC supplier for an updated BIOS.

Q: With additional USB peripherals installed my PC seems to be unstable (blue screens).

A: Check if Phoenix Plugworks is one of your applications. You need to have version 1.1 or higher for proper operation with Windows98.

Q: Where can I find application software for this camera?

A: Visit the Philips web-site for the latest information on available application software packages for the USB PC Camera, and for information on how to obtain these software packages. Our URL is:

www.pcstuff.philips.com/cameras.html

Q: No USB Device: My Windows98 Device Manager reports 'No USB device' even though I have a physical USB port. In the Windows 98 Device Manager (My Computer, click on the right mouse-button, Properties, Device Manager tab), no section with the name 'Universal serial bus controller' is visible.

A: Check whether your BIOS enables the USB port as follows: reboot your computer, enter your BIOS setup and look for a text such as 'USB function'. This should be enabled.

Q: No Video: My application doesn't display any video.

A: There are several reasons for not having video:

1. Check whether the USB PC camera is connected to a USB port
2. Check whether the 'Philips VGA Digital Camera (Vesta)' is the current capture source. On systems with other devices, this other device may be the selected capture source.
3. If more than one USB capture device is connected to the PC, check whether the correct USB capture device has been selected.

Q: No 'Philips VGA Digital Camera (Vesta)': 'Philips VGA Digital Camera (Vesta)' is not available as image capture source.

A: All USB Image devices need the 'Philips VGA Digital Camera (Vesta)' as the capture source. Check whether this capture source is enabled. (Start, Settings, Control Panel, MultiMedia, Device tab, Video Capture Devices entry. Double click the 'Philips VGA Digital Camera (Vesta)' entry. A property page will pop up. The option 'Use the video capture device' should be selected).

Q: Why does my application crash when I unplug the camera from the USB port?

A: If you unplug the camera while it is providing an audio or video stream to an application on your computer, the computer may crash. Always close applications that use audio from the camera microphone or video from the camera before unplugging your Philips USB PC Camera to avoid problems.

Q: Video works, but no audio is recorded: My application doesn't produce any audio.

A: There are several reasons for not having audio:

1. The camera microphone can only produce a mono audio signal. Check whether the application uses this setting. If not, adjust the audio setting to mono.
2. Check whether the USB PC camera microphone is selected as the current recording device. (Start, Settings, Control Panel, MultiMedia, Audio tab. In the recording section, the 'Philips VGA Digital camera, Audio (Microphone)' should be selected).

Q: No audio (USB timer outside specification)

A: If you hear no audio, and have tried every troubleshooting tip in the user guide and the on-line help to no avail, the USB hardware in your computer may be the cause of the problem. In most cases it will be the USB timer clock that is not stable enough for streaming audio applications.

Q: System lockup: My camera stops responding (black or frozen picture or LED off) for no obvious reason.

A: Switch off the Hardware Accelerator of your video card (click on :My computer, right mouse button/properties/Performance tab/Graphics button, Set "Hardware Acceleration" to "None"). Contact your video display card manufacturer to obtain the latest video card drivers. See the video display card's documentation for more information.

Q: Picture Flicker: My video picture is flickering.

A: This may happen in office environments with 50 Hz fluorescent lighting when certain frame rates are used. There are two solutions:

1. Select the 'Flickerless' option. This option is located in the 'Image Controls' property page. This property page is accessible from within the application you are using.
2. Deselect the 'Flickerless' option. The frame rates '5', '10' and '20' are always flickerless in 50 Hz lighting environments. Only the frame rates 15, 25 and 30 are affected by the electronic 'Flickerless' control.

Q: 'Unable to draw this data format': The message 'Unable to draw this data format' appears.

A: This can happen when the selected data stream format could not be processed due to a missing codec. Re-install the camera driver software to install the missing codec.

Q: Why do I sometimes hear clicks in my audio during the playback of a video clip?

A: During the recording phase the processor (CPU) has to process a lot of data. In the above example, even a 450 MHz processor would require a processor load of nearly 60% to handle all the data properly. This also explains why the actual video result you can achieve strongly depends on the processor present in your computer. The processor also has to control the timing for the transmission of video data from the camera to your computer. This is done by giving the camera a command to send video data every millisecond. If the processor load is high, commands will sometimes be missed, resulting in gaps in the audio and video stream. With audio, this results in a 'click' sound. The higher the processor load, the more clicks may be generated. This effect can be minimized and even eliminated completely by reducing the processor load, for example by:

1. changing to a lower resolution e.g. 320x240
2. changing to a lower frame rate
3. putting the hard drive in DMA mode
4. using a new file instead of overwriting an existing one

Please bear in mind that the majority of the video applications do not require high resolutions and high frame rate combinations. You will therefore not encounter this phenomenon at all in most cases.

Q: Why are frames dropped during the recording of a streaming video?

A: If a video clip is created at a high resolution such as VGA and at high frame rate, a tremendous amount of data is generated. For example, the amount of video data generated using VGA resolution at 30 fps with 24 bit full colour is $640 \times 480 \times 30 \times 24 = 221,184,000$ bits (221 Mbit) or 27.65 Mbyte per second. Audio adds even more data on top of this. No current hard drive is capable of handling this kind of data stream, which is roughly twice the maximum data transfer rate of current hard drives. In this example, the result would be that half the number of frames would have to be dropped to match the data stream to the properties of the hard drive. This effect can be reduced or completely eliminated applying the following measures:

1. changing to a lower resolution such as 320x240 or lower
2. changing to a lower frame rate
3. putting the hard drive in DMA mode
4. using a new file instead of overwriting an existing one

8 Technical specifications

Optical

Sensor	1/4" CCD
Pixels	640 (H) x 480 (V)
Illumination	1 - 50000 lux
Integrated lens	4.8 mm, F3.0

Resolution/performance

Output resolution	Pixels (H x V)	Frame rate [frames/sec]
VGA	640 x 480	Up to 15
CIF	352 x 288	Up to 30
SIF	320 x 240	Up to 30
SSIF	240 x 176	Up to 30
QCIF	176 x 144	Up to 30
QSIF	160 x 120	Up to 30
SQCIF	128 x 96	Up to 30

Data format

i420

Camera adjustment parametres

Framerate, contrast, brightness, gamma, colour on/off, mirror image, backlight compensation, white balance, exposure control
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Interfacing

Cable	2 m
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Minimum system requirements

Processor	Pentium 166 MHz
RAM	16 MB
OS	Windows98
CD-ROM drive	Required (for installation only)
USB interface	Required
USB speakers or sound card with speakers	

Software

Windows98 drivers	by Philips
VideoLink	by Smith Micro
VideoLink Mail	by Smith Micro
NetMeeting	by Microsoft
Photo Express	by Ulead

Audio

Microphone	Integrated
Output	Digital via USB
Supported audio formats	mono, 16 bit, 8 / 11.025 / 22.05 / 44.1 kHz

Weight

Appr 160 gr

Dimensions

100 x 71 x 60.5 mm (L x W x H)

Ambient temperature

Operating	0 to 45°C
Storage	-25 to 70°C

Power supply

- The power is supplied via the USB-cable
- Compliant with general USB specifications for power requirement
- Three modes for power supply:
 1. Suspend (max 500 μ A)
 2. Default (max 100 mA)
 3. Configured (full operation) (max 400 mA)

9 Regulations, Warnings & Maintenance

9.1 FCC compliance

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and**
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.**

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Any unauthorized modification to this equipment could result in the revocation of the authorization to operate the equipment.

9.2 Warnings & Maintenance

If you observe the following guidelines, you will prevent defects and the camera will operate safely.

- Clean the outside of the camera with a soft cloth.
- Do NOT use cleaning fluids based on alcohol, methylated spirit, ammonia, etc..
- Avoid direct contact between the camera and water.
- If the lens has to be cleaned, use a special lens-cleaning tissue, available at any camera store.
- You can only use the camera indoors.
- Keep the camera free from oil, vapour, steam, moisture, and dust.
- Keep the camera away from a heater, lighting equipment, and direct sunlight.
- Never direct the lens of your camera toward the sun.

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10. Glossary

Audio input device (recording device)

One of the Windows98 multimedia settings is the recording device setting. This setting determines which audio hardware is being used to provide audio signals to audio applications. This setting is accessible through: the Windows Start-menu, Settings, Control Panel, MultiMedia, Audio tab. In the recording section, the USB digital camera microphone should be selected. (This selection will only be available if the camera is connected to a USB port and if the camera is actively providing a video image to an application.)

AVI

The Microsoft standard file format for combined video and sound files on the PC. This is part of the Video for Windows standard.

BMP / JPG / TIFF / FlashPix.

These are several file formats for images. BMP files are the largest since they do not use compression and retain full image quality. JPG uses 'lossy' compression which dramatically reduces file size but the original image quality can never be restored. TIFF can use a 'lossless' compression algorithm with less file size reduction but in full image quality. FlashPix is a relatively new image format that uses minimal resolution within the application to speed up the image processing. All accepted changes are processed afterwards, before writing to disk.

Codec (COding & DECoding)

This refers to a compression format for creating sound and video streams on the computer.

Compression

Term used to describe a process of compacting or squeezing video and sound information into a smaller than normal size. For example, 2 to 1 compression would indicate that 2 pixels would now only occupy the space of 1 pixel.

DirectX

The latest standard developed primarily by Microsoft to help develop a common method for exchanging audio and video information between your hardware and software in the PC.

Frame

A single image in a video stream.

Frame Rate

Typically judged in seconds (fps, frames per second), this refers to the number of single images that will be displayed or captured in a video stream.

Gamma Correction

The characteristics of displays using phosphors (like computer monitors with cathode ray tubes) are nonlinear. Nonlinear characteristics means that a small change in voltage when the voltage level is low produces a change in the output display brightness level, but this same small change in voltage at a high voltage level will not produce the same magnitude of change in the brightness output. This effect is known as gamma. Computers like to process with linear RGB data. Before being displayed, this linear RGB data will be processed (gamma corrected) to compensate for the gamma of the display.

Philips installation program

A standard installation program that runs from CD-ROM. Usually, this program starts automatically after inserting the installation CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive, and guides you through the whole installation process. The program can be started manually by running 'setup.exe' from your CD-ROM drive.

Pixel

The smallest square or round element in an image. These are the "building blocks" that are only one color in their individual state, but combine with others to form complete images.

Plug & Play

An operating system principle for connecting hardware to your computer. The idea is to automatically recognize the new hardware and to load the appropriate drivers without restarting your computer. With USB devices this usually means that you will have to perform an installation procedure only once, i.e. the first time you connect the new hardware. After this first time, you will not have to restart the computer when connecting the camera to the USB port. The USB driver will detect the camera as newly connected hardware. It can be used within a few seconds without the need to restart the computer.

Preview Window

The window within the capture application that is used to display live, or moving, video.

Property page

A window with camera setting tabs that appears when you click on a setting menu item within an application. This setting menu item can have different names in different applications, but is usually called 'Settings', 'Preferences', 'Video settings' or the like.

Rebooting

Restarting your PC to initialize all original settings and finalize all settings changed during an installation procedure.

Resolution

Typically used in the context of pixels, this is used to describe overall video size. This is related to quality in that the higher the resolution, the better the quality and the more pixels.

Snapshot button

The hardware button on top of the camera which fulfils the same function as the software 'Capture' button in the TWAIN view finder window. If the view finder displays the camera picture on your screen in the TWAIN view finder window, clicking on this button will capture a still image.

TWAIN

Standard software interface for imaging applications. If a hardware device has a TWAIN driver, it can be used as an image source for TWAIN-compatible imaging applications. Choose your TWAIN source in the imaging application itself. Then choose 'Acquire' to start the TWAIN driver for the TWAIN source.

USB

Universal Serial Bus, used for connecting external devices to the PC without having to restart your PC.

Video for Windows

Developed by Microsoft, this is a standard for displaying video on the Windows desktop. Windows 98 has this built in.

Video stream

A collection of images that combine to form motion - or moving - pictures (also known as movies or video clips).

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