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VIC-ATB

(Model #ATB-V)

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1. Safety & Operation Instructions

- Read the operating instructions carefully before using the system and pay particular attention to the safety instructions.
- Keep these documents along with the technical brochures and accessories for future reference.
- These operating instructions should be considered an integral part of the device. If the device is transferred or sold, ensure that the operating instructions are also passed on.
- Any modifications, additions, or conversions to the device must not be made without prior approval from Correlated Solutions.
- Definition: The parts from Correlated Solutions, such as electronics and actuators are called “units” or “devices”
- Note: The pictures of the components may differ from the delivered product.

1.1 Intended Use

Any use of the product other than that described in the “Intended Use” section does not qualify as the intended use. The VIC-ATB is used exclusively for data acquisition purposes, triggering, and synchronization. The scope of delivery includes the VIC-ATB, 3m-USB cable, and the mounting for the stereo beam. The information in the operating instructions, in particular the safety instructions and permitted operating ranges, must be observed and obeyed at every phase of the product’s life. Any additional use is considered unintended use and is misuse of the device.

The device may only be used by qualified and trained personnel after reading the user manual and safety instructions!

Only use original parts from Correlated Solutions. Correlated Solutions does not give any warranty for damages or malfunction caused by additional parts not supplied by Correlated Solutions. This can change the specified properties of the units and cause a malfunction. Refer all services to the qualified Support Team at Correlated Solutions.

Other important considerations:

- Only work with the devices in a clean and dry environment!
- Do not place heavy objects on any cables (e.g. power cords, sensor cables, actuator cables, optical cables).

1.2 General Safety Instructions

There is a danger of damage to the product as a result of exposure to water, moisture, and dust. If water or moisture gets into the device, internal short circuits can occur, which will destroy the device. These can lead to fire or malfunction of the device. Please follow the recommendations listed below:

- Protect the system from water, moisture, and dust at all times (during use and storage).
- Use the system only indoors.
- Protect the system (from shock and water) for any transport. Also keep below these ambient temperatures for **storage and transport**: 32°F (0°C) to + 158°F (70°C), 10% to 95% humidity (non-condensing).
- Observe the ambient temperature limits for **operation**: 32°F (0°C) to + 113°F (45°C), 10% to 95% humidity (non-condensing).
- Please note the required environmental conditions for the components from the technical specifications in Section 3.1.
- Only work with the unit in a clean and dry environment! Only specially prepared units can work under other conditions!

Disconnect your device from the USB-port immediately and contact Correlated Solutions for service under the following conditions:

- If any liquid, fluid or water has been spilled or objects have fallen into the unit.
- If the unit has been exposed to rain or water.
- If the unit does not work as described in the manual.

All maintenance or repair work, in particular the opening of the device and any adjustments, are to be done only by qualified specialists from Correlated Solutions.

In case of malfunctioning or damaged system components, please contact Correlated Solutions directly.

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2. VIC-ATB

The VIC-ATB is a trigger and synchronization unit developed for Digital Image Correlation (DIC). Specially designed for operation with the VIC-Snap 10 software, the VIC-ATB unit functions as an integral part of the turnkey DIC systems from Correlated Solutions.

The VIC-ATB is used for synchronous image acquisition of stereo camera systems using the hardware trigger mode. The VIC-ATB enables triggering of stroboscopic illumination and synchronization with external digital and analog signals.

2.1 Technical Description

VIC-ATB
Standard Trigger Unit
Model #ATB-V

The VIC-ATB supports the main function of synchronous triggering the stereo DIC camera system. There is the option to choose between an internal or an external trigger signal. The standard version includes two trigger inputs. The frequency synchronization trigger input (**FSYNC**) can be used for synchronous image acquisition with an external trigger signal. Simultaneously, the event trigger input (**EVIN**) can start the image acquisition for a single event. Another feature is the control of the stroboscopic illumination synchronized with the camera triggering. The independent output channels for camera trigger (**OUT A**) and stroboscopic illumination (**OUT B**) ensure that the stroboscopic lighting can be used with flexible pulse width and time delay relative to the camera trigger.

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2.2 ATB-V Trigger Unit

All versions of the VIC-ATB are equipped with the trigger functionality for stereo camera systems and stroboscopic illumination and synchronization with external digital signals.

Trigger Inputs (TRIG IN):

- **EVIN**: Event trigger input for starting image recording for single events. Input voltage range of 0 to 5 V TTL is supported.
- **FSYNC:** The frequency synchronization trigger input can be used for synchronous image acquisition with an external trigger signal up to 100,000 Hz. Input signals with the voltage level of 0 to 5 V TTL-signals can be used for synchronization. This trigger input can be used for synchronization of the image acquisition with external signals in combination with the Fatigue & Vibration Module in VIC-Snap.

Trigger Outputs:

- **OUT A**: Trigger output for camera stereo system with frame rates up to 10,000 FPS
- **OUT B**: Trigger output for stroboscopic illumination with frequencies up to 100,000 Hz

USB-Port:

- USB 2.0 Interface (USB Type-B) for power and data transfer with VIC-Snap

Status LEDs:

- The **USB status LED** illuminates continuously when the VIC-Snap is connected to a laptop or desktop computer.
- **Trigger Output LEDs** near the **OUT A** and **OUT B** connections will flash and indicate an active trigger signal.

3. Standard Setup Schemes

The VIC-ATB is connected via USB with a laptop or desktop computer and is fully integrated in VIC-Snap data acquisition software. There are the options to use an internal or an external trigger signal for stroboscopic illumination and synchronisation of the stereo system. Triggering options such as frequency, strobe pulse, width, and delay from camera trigger (**OUT A**) to stroboscopic illumination (**OUT B**) can be set in VIC-Snap as described in Section 4.

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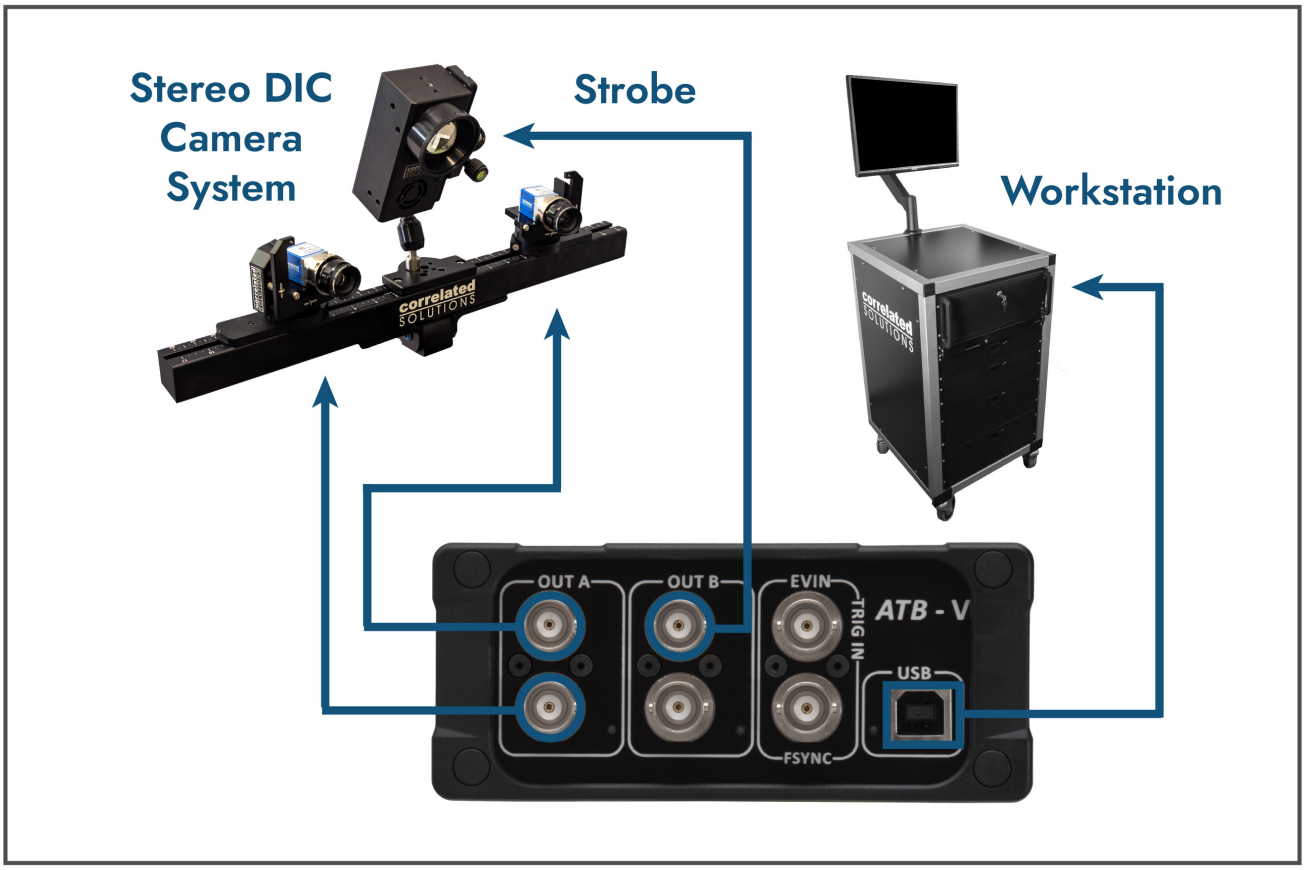
3.1 Setup for synchronization of stereo camera system and stroboscopic illumination

For stroboscopic Illumination synchronised with a DIC camera setup, the VIC-ATB can be used as a trigger unit using the Internal Trigger Mode (see Section 4.6). The hardware trigger for cameras is provided through **OUT A** and the strobe pulse through **OUT B**.



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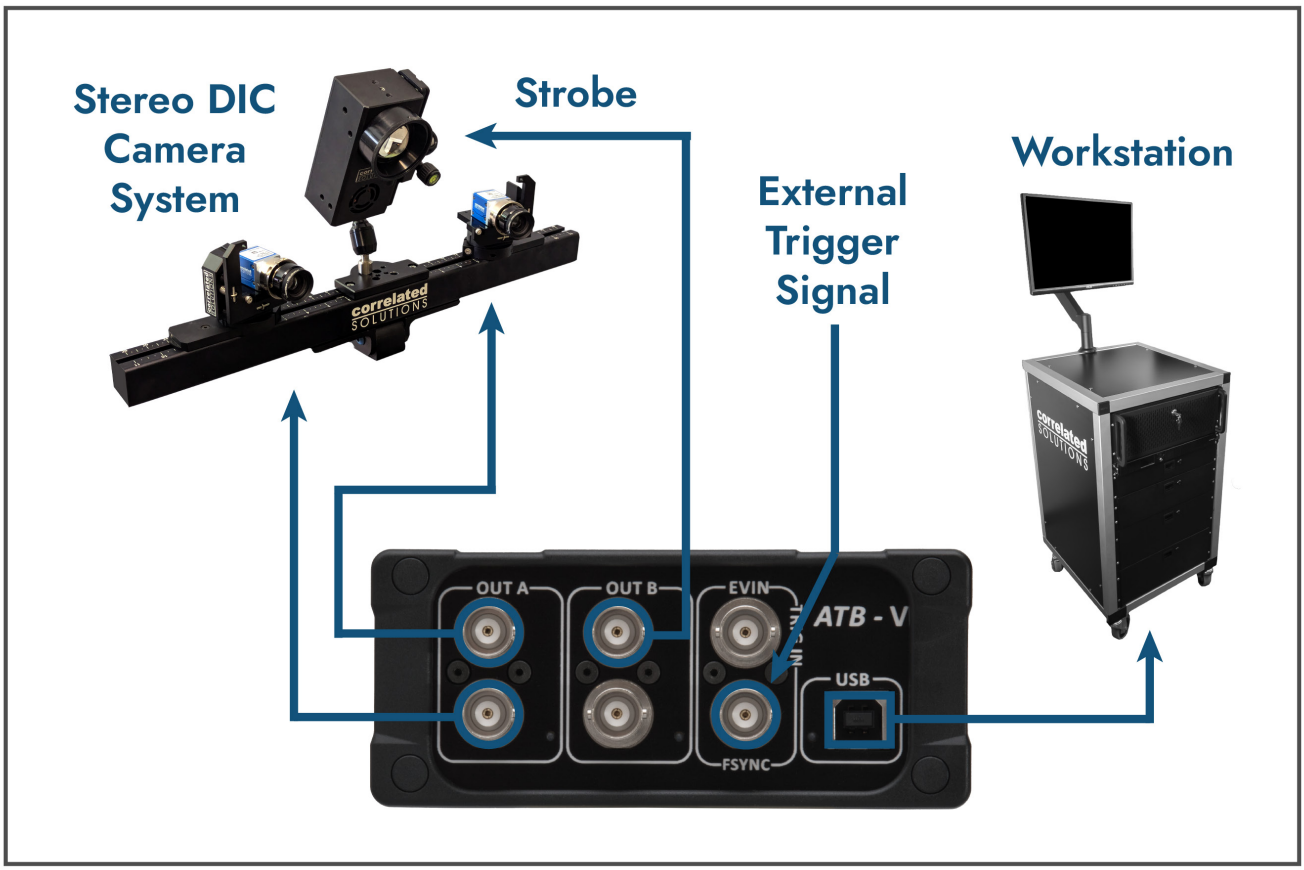
3.2 Setup for Fatigue & Vibration Module

For use with the Fatigue & Vibration Module, which enables low-speed cameras to capture displacement and strain measurements from low to high-speed periodic events, the VIC-ATB can be used in External Trigger Mode (see Section 4.7). The external trigger signal can be set to the trigger input FSYNC (0 to 5 V) or ATRIG (± 10 V), which is only available with VIC-DAQ FT.



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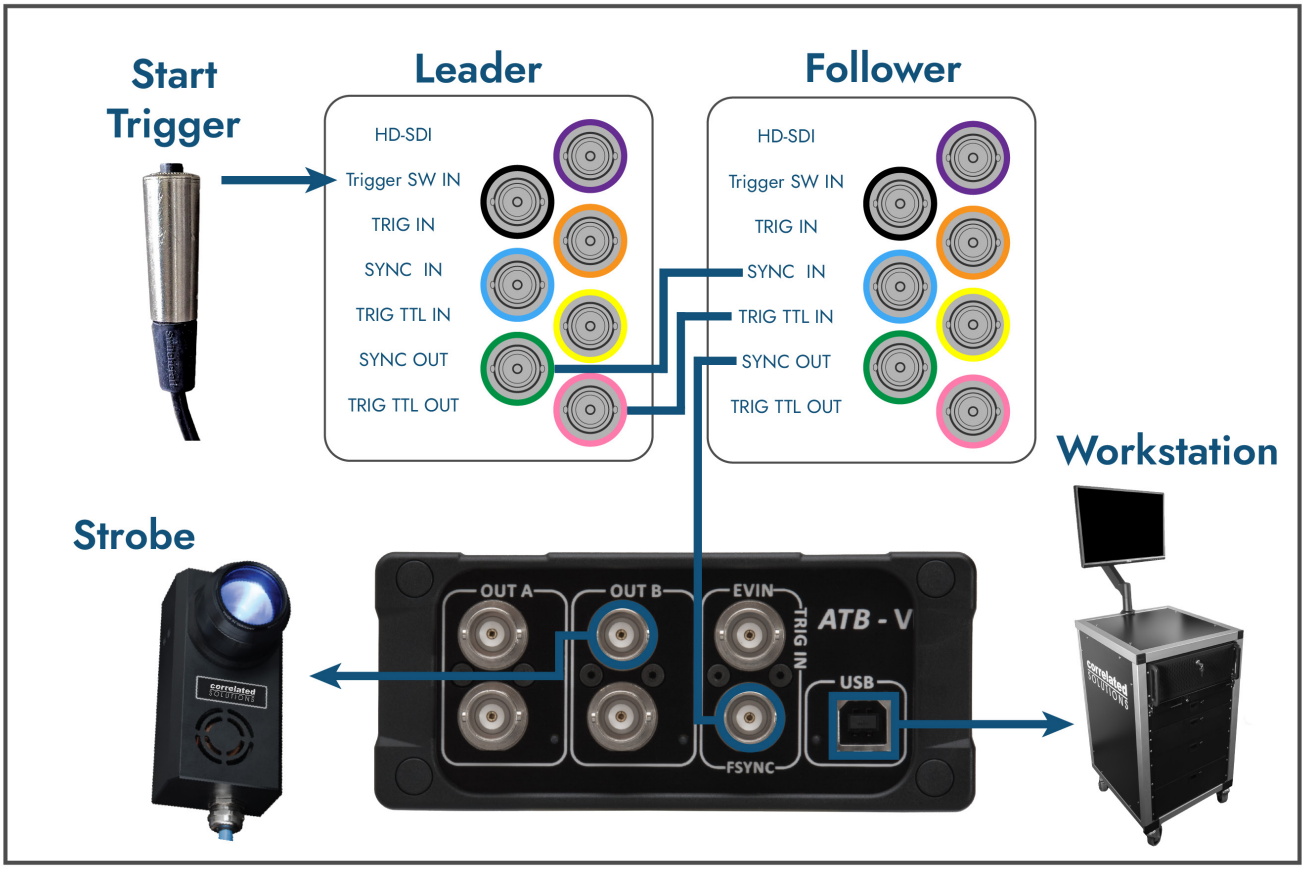
3.3 Setup for High-Speed stereo system and stroboscopic illumination

For use with a stereo High-Speed system (Photron, Phantom, etc) with stroboscopic illumination, the synchronization output of the follower camera is connected to the FSYNC trigger input. The light source is connected to **OUT B**.

High Speed Strobe Control



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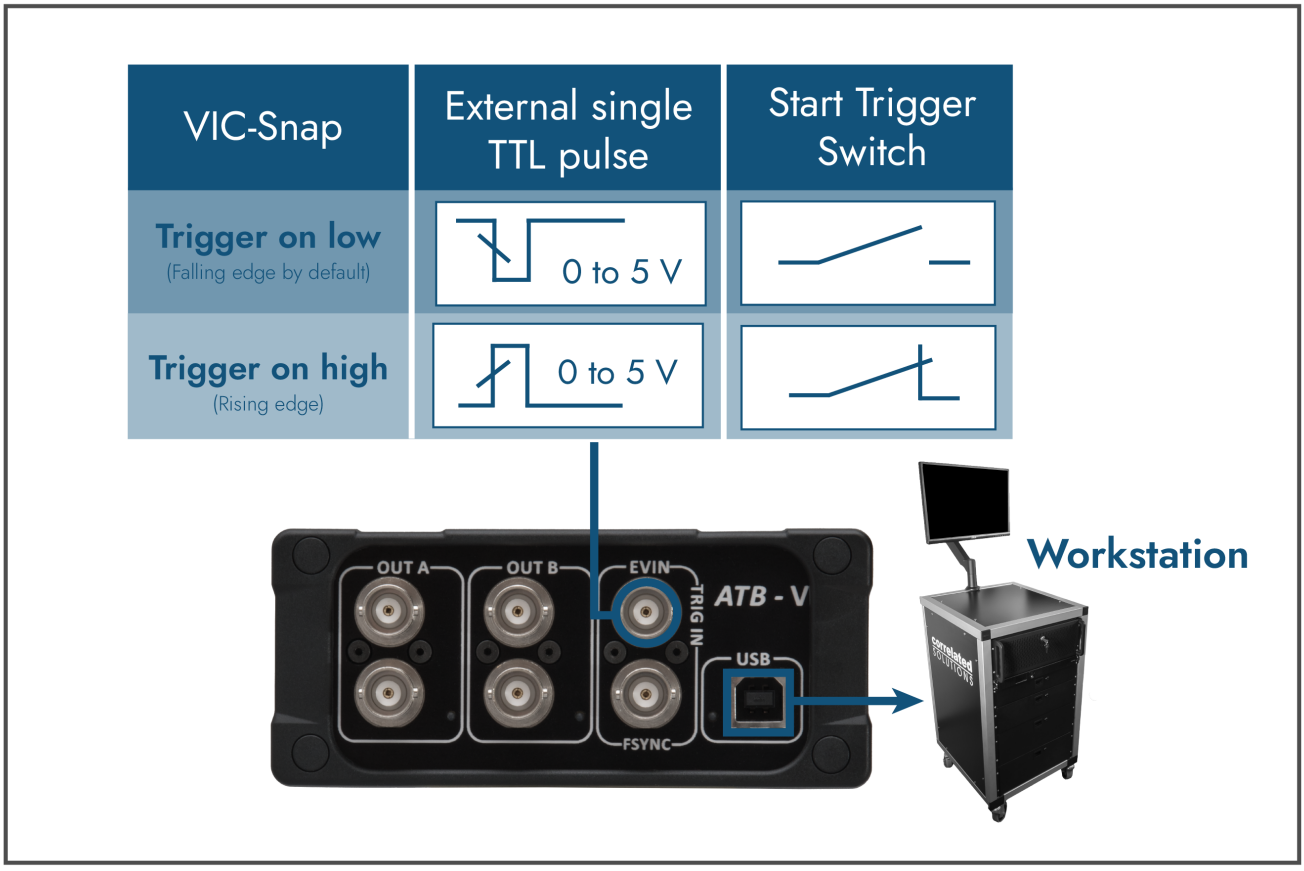
3.4 Setup for Start Trigger for single events

For starting the image recording at a single event, the trigger signal for the single event can be set to input **EVIN**. A pulse signal (0 V to 5 V) or a trigger switch can be used, the default setting is set to falling edge or normally open (see Section 4.8).



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4. Quick Start: Using VIC-ATB with the VIC-Snap Software

The VIC-ATB device is set up for operation with the VIC-Snap 10 acquisition software for Digital Image Correlation (DIC) and functions as an integral part of our turnkey DIC systems by triggering the cameras and lights for stroboscopic illumination.

4.1 Installation: Computer Connection and Drivers

The connection to the computer is made by a single USB 2.0 cable Type A to B. There are no additional connections required to use the VIC-ATB with VIC-Snap. The drivers will be automatically installed with a VIC-Snap 10 installation and will not require an additional download.

When connected, the small LED near the USB connection should be continuously illuminated. When triggering, the small LEDs near the **OUT A** and **OUT B** connections will flash and indicate an active trigger signal.

4.2 Camera Trigger

The hardware trigger for the cameras is provided through **OUT A** BNC connections on the front of the VIC-ATB unit. Each BNC connection can support up to 8 cameras or strobes, allowing for up to 32 cameras/strobes to be triggered from a single VIC-ATB unit through use of additional BNC “T” connectors.

4.3 Stroboscopic Illumination

There are two secondary hardware trigger connections provided through **OUT B** that can be used for stroboscopic illumination. This output features a strobe pulse length, strobe delay, and minimum strobe frequency setting within VIC-Snap. Pulse length mode can be set to a fixed time or as a percentage of exposure.

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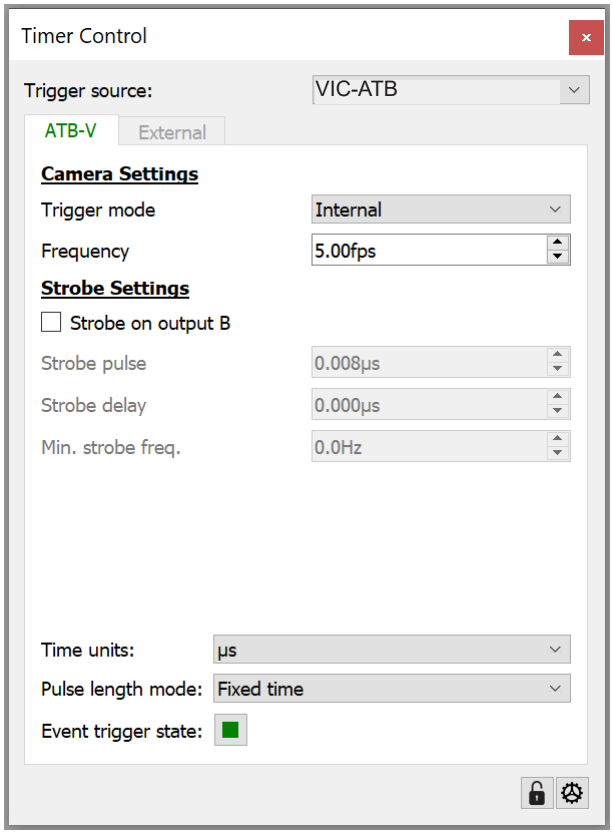
4.4 Start Trigger / Event Trigger Input

The VIC-ATB contains a connection for an event trigger. This allows users to calibrate more easily with a pickle switch.

4.5 Operation: Timer Control with Internal Trigger Mode

Select the **Timer Control** option in the Capture Function. The settings and parameters for triggering and synchronizing the stereo camera system and stroboscopic illumination can be adjusted here for the VIC-ATB as described below.



- Select VIC-ATB as **Trigger source**.
- Select the **Trigger mode** to **Internal**, if no external trigger signal for synchronisation is used.
- Set **Frequency** for maximum camera frame rate.
- Select **Strobe on output B** if a light source is connected to OUT B for stroboscopic illumination.
  - Set parameters for **Strobe pulse** for pulse width, **Strobe delay** for delay time between OUT A and OUT B, and **Min. strobe freq**. for the minimum strobe frequency.
  - Select the **Time units**
  - **Strobe Pulse Duration** can be set with either Fixed time, Exposure %, or Phase arc.

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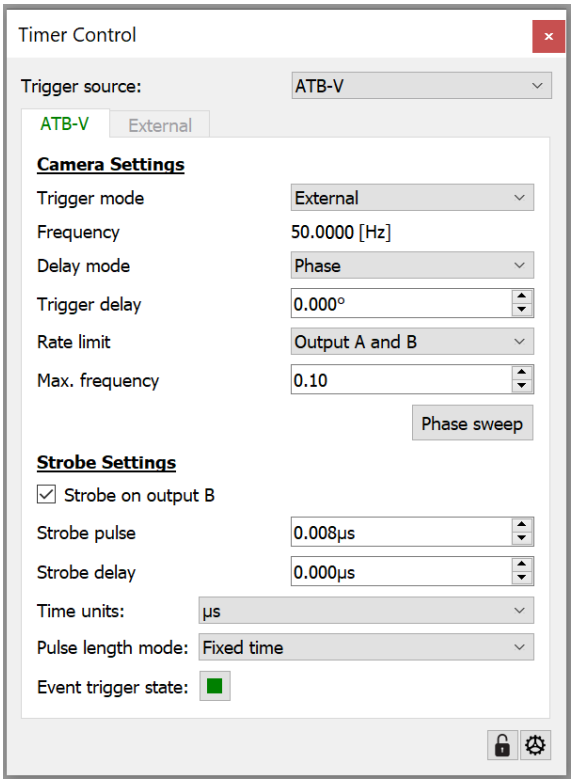
4.7 Operation: Timer Control with External Trigger Mode

The VIC-ATB trigger unit can be used to synchronize the image acquisition to an external digital signal (0 to 5 V) at input FSYNC or with the VIC-DAQ FT with an external analog signal (± 10 V) at input ATRIG using the Fatigue & Vibration Module.



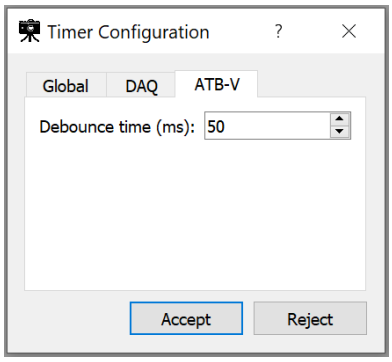
- Select ATB-V as **Trigger source**.
- Select the Trigger mode to External trigger, if a trigger signal for synchronization is connected to the FSYNC (digital) or ATRIG (analog) input.
- Set **Frequency** for maximum camera frame rate
- Select Strobe on output B if a light source is connected to OUT B for stroboscopic illumination
  - Set parameters for Strobe Pulse for pulse width, Strobe delay for delay time between OUT A and OUT B, and min. strobe freq. for the minimum Strobe Frequency
  - Select the **Time units**
  - **Strobe Pulse Duration** can be set with either Fixed time, Exposure %, or Phase arc.

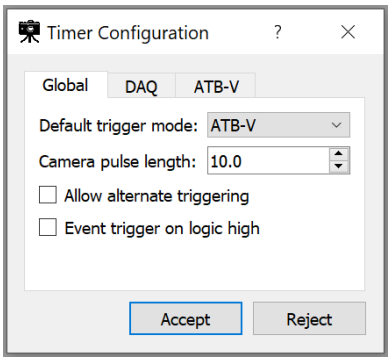
4.8 Timer Configuration

The configuration of the event trigger input can be selected with the configuration dialog accessed by clicking the gear icon.

Under the global tab you can select the rising or falling edge by the **Event trigger on logic high** checkbox. It is cleared by default so that the make/break switch works as expected.

The **Debounce time** for the event trigger input is set to 50 ms by default.





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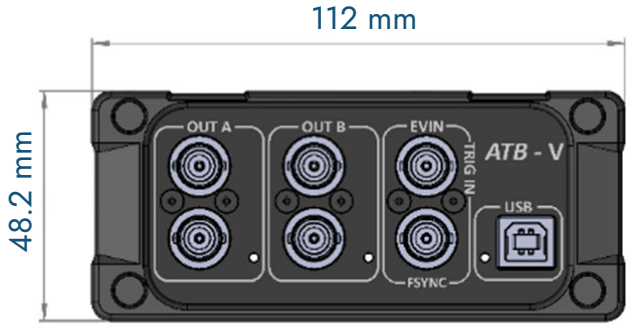
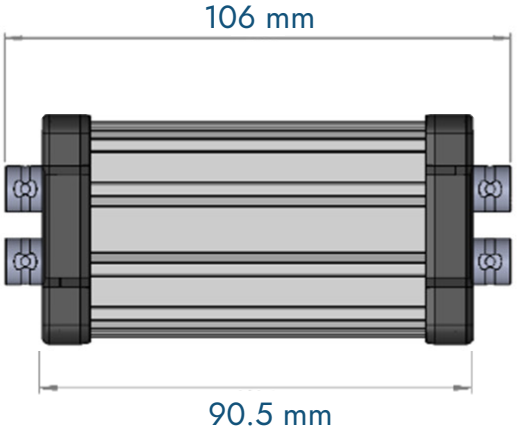
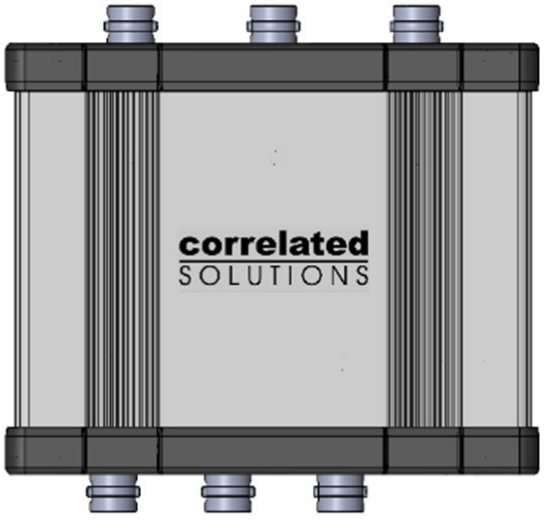
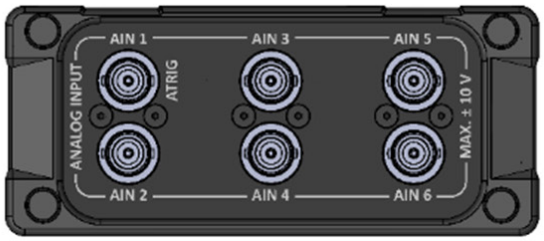
5. Technical Specifications









	VIC-ATB	VIC-DAQ	VIC-DAQ FT
TRIGGER FUNCTIONALITIES			
Trigger Output OUT A	0 to 5 V, max, 30 mA per Connector, Up to 10,000 HZ (Output A), Short-circuit proofed, 2 x BNC		
Trigger Output OUT B	0 to 5 V, max, 30 mA per Connector, Up to 100,000 HZ (Output B), Short-circuit proofed, 2 x BNC		
Event Trigger Input EVIN	0 to 5 V, TTL, Pull-Up to 5 V		
Trigger Delay (SYNC in/Trig out)	48 ns +/- 8 ns		
Minimum Trigger Pulse Width	8 ns		
VIC FATIGUE / VIBRATION MODULE (SYNCHRONIZATION TO EXTERNAL DIGITAL SIGNALS)			
Synchronization Input FSYNC	0 to 5 V, TTL, abs. max. +7 V		
VIC FATIGUE / VIBRATION MODULE (SYNCHRONIZATION TO EXTERNAL ANALOG SIGNALS)			
Flexible Trigger Input ATRIG			+/- 10 V
VIC ANALOG DATA RECORDING			
Analog Input Channels		6 (single ended), A1 1 to A1 6	
Analog Input Range		+/- 5 V, +/- 10 V	
Max. Input Range		+/- 12 V	
Analog Sample Rate		60 kS/s, 10 kS/s per channel	
ADC Resolution		16 bits	
Analog Bandwidth (-3dB)		5.6 kHz @+/- 10 V Input Range 2.8 kHz @ +/- 5 V Input Range	
ADC SNR:		96.4 dB @+/- 10 V Input Range 95.5 dB@ +/- 5 V Input Range	
OTHER TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS			
Operating Voltage	+5 VDC		
Interface Connection	USB Port		
USB Cable Length	3 m		
Dimensions	112 x 106 x 48 mm		
Weight	285 g	365 g	365 g
Ambient Temperature (Operating | Storage)	0° C to +45° C | 0° C to +70° C		
Relative Humidity (%) | Max. MASL	10% to 90%, non-condensing | 2000 m		

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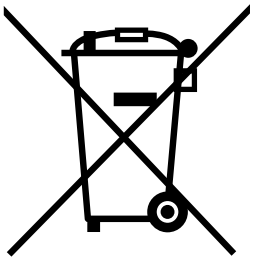
6. Conformance, Malfunction, & Warranty



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The warranty period for Correlated Solutions components (excluding consumable items) is 1 year after delivery. The warranty expires in case of improper treatment or improper interventions (such as opening of the casings, etc.). We reserve the right to modify the hardware and software delivered in relation to the manual.

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