Hawkeye3 Movie Maker Modification Kit



This is the documentation for Hawkeye3 simple Wolverine mod that replaces the stock camera with an equivalent camera that does not have digital artifacts issue.

The Wolverine controller and its camera are moved to the back of the unit allowing enough free space for the new camera.

The camera used is the usb ELP model ELP-USBFHD04H-FV.

It uses an AR0330 sensor with 1080P resolution.

Essentially, this uses the same sensor that the Wolverine model uses but unlike Wolverine this one allows the user full access to the camera settings.

The camera connects to a Windows PC that runs a capture software (included here).

The capture software runs anywhere between 10 and 30 FPS and creates a video that includes the film transitions.

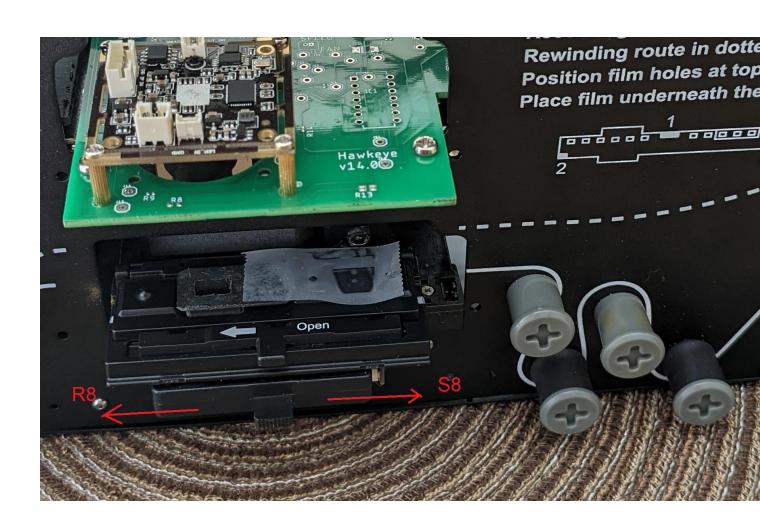
The transitions can subsequently be removed with the post-processing software (also included).

Instructions

Plug the dc adapter into the unit as shown



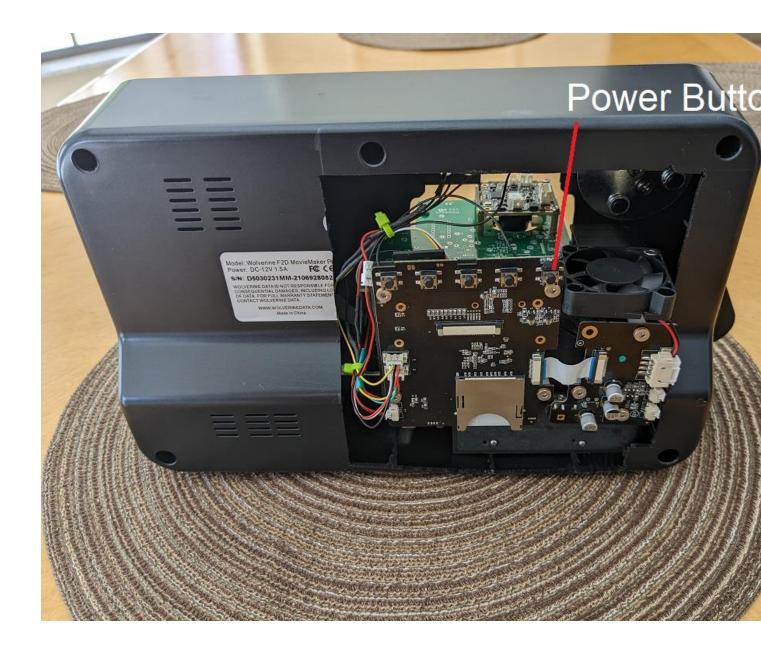
Set the R8/S8 (regular 8 or super 8 film) switch as needed.



Thread the film in.



Press power button on the Wolverine controller.



Note: A new version is planned that will have the power brought up to the front switch.

The unit should start advancing the film.

Once the lead is done and the good film section start running through the gate, turn the run switch off.

The motor will stop but the light will be still on. Plug the camera usb cable into the camera usb connector.

Verify the focus after the kit is assembled and electrically/mechanically tested.

If the front bezel is mounted on the unit, remove it by undoing the small screws from the back.

Adjust focus by turning the lens in and out.

Capture Software

Download CapSample1.exe to your local drive.

Extract it.

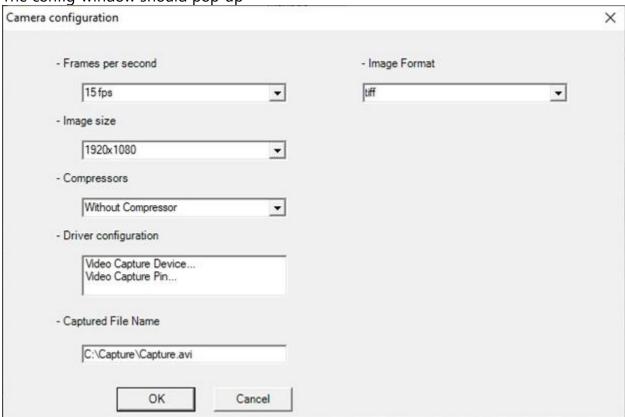
Go to:

..\CapSample1\CapSample\bin directory and run CapSample.exe

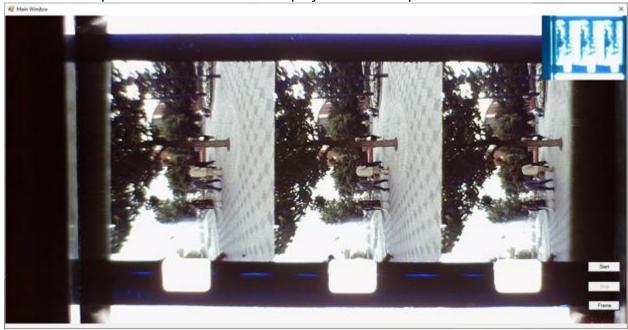
Select camera



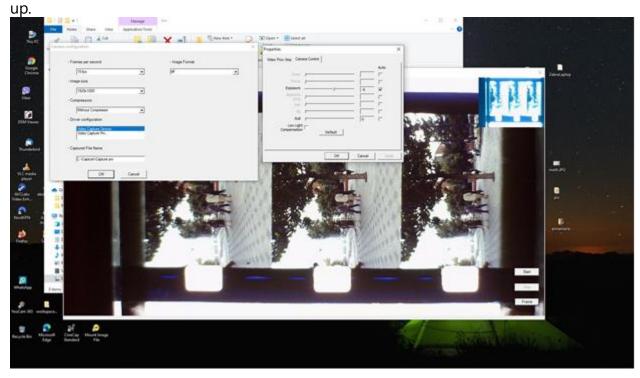
The config window should pop up



Select 15 FPS Click OK. The preview window should display the camera preview.



Click on video capture device in the config window. The camera info window should pop



Click on Camera Control tab and set the exposure to manual and set the exposure control as needed.

The auto exposure works ok sometimes but it can be fooled by the image white areas such as sprocket holes.

Now, you are basically ready to start the capture.

The default output directory in the config window

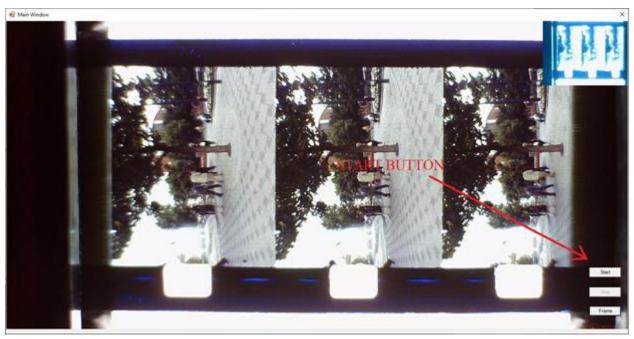
is set to C:/Capture. You can leave it like that or change it to some other destination. It may be better to save the video to your local C: drive to ensure that there are no dropped frames.

Once the capture is done it is easy just to copy the video from c: drive to an external drive and postprocess it right there.

Press the start button:

If an exception pops up, select CONTINUE.

The screen will freeze, but if you press START again the capture will start.



Turn the unit of by pressing the power button in the original controller.

Then, turn the run switch on and press the power button again.

The unit should start running and the output will be sent to the C:\Capture directory or whatever directory you selected.

Note that you can adjust the exposure dynamically while the capture is running. It is also possible to adjust other camera parameters if required.

Once done, hit the Stop button in the preview window.

Alternative Capture Software – untested

Download "3-H.264 USB Camera Testing software for Windows-20230606T131020Z-001.zip" file to your local directory.

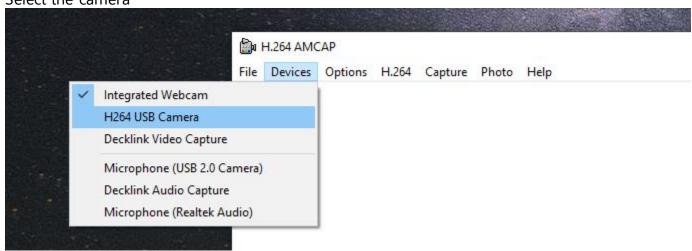
Unzip it and go into it.

Then double click on H264_Preview.exe

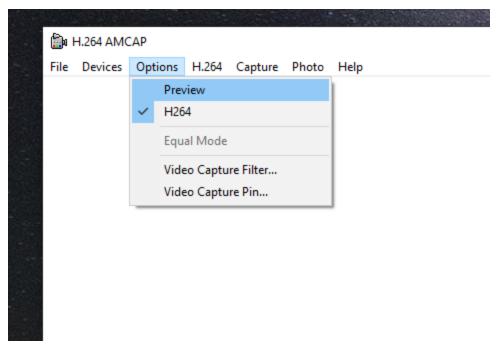
A window will open uo and should look like as shown:



Select the camera

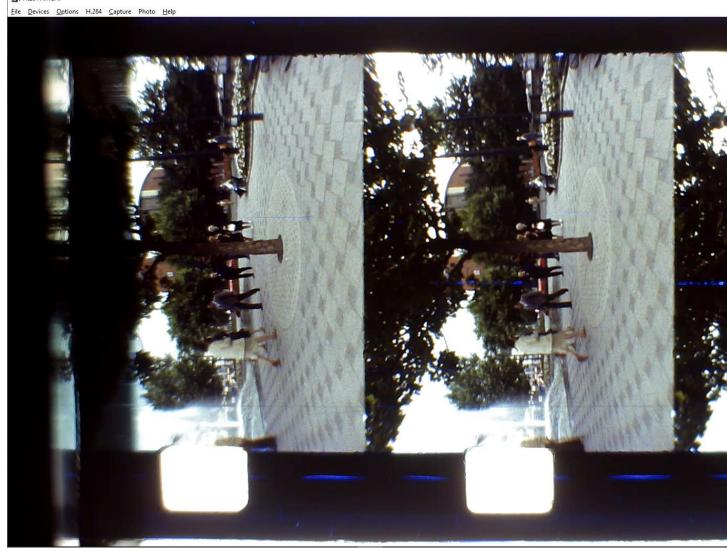


Enable preview:



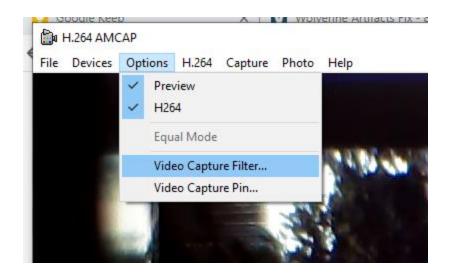
The frame preview should be displayed.

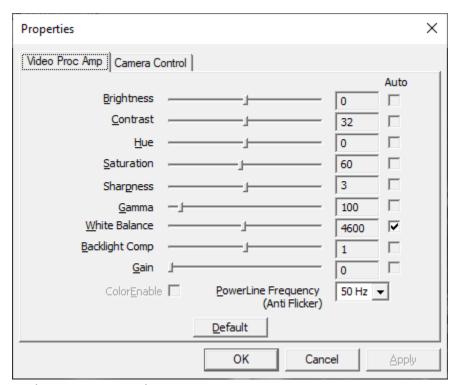
If you get the white screen only then the camera may need a reset. Just unplug the camera from the PC and



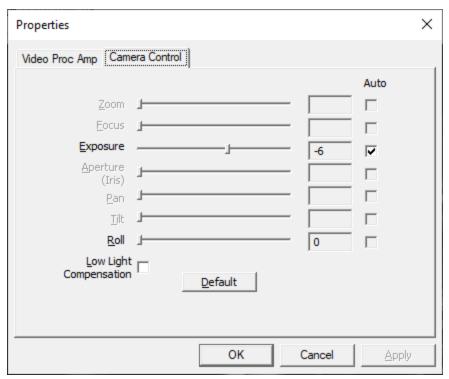
Note: Make sure that there is no external light shining on the gate, like a daylight from the window etc.

Additional Video controls are available via options pulldown:





and camera controls



These can be left as is. Under some conditions manual exposure and manual white balance may work better.

The best way is to experiment with the settings to achieve best results.

If you get some green frames at the beginning of the captured video with H264_preview.exe do the following:

Change the GOP in the H264 control pulldown to something lower than 29.



The GOP is a compression scheme where you group a set of images and use the first one as the key image.

In the subsequent images you just send the diff info.

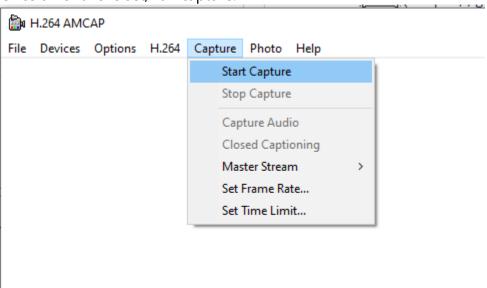
But if the group is too long and you have dropped images the stream can go out of sequence and cannot decode the images completely.

In the same popup window you can adjust the bit rate. Around 4000 kbps is still good quality.

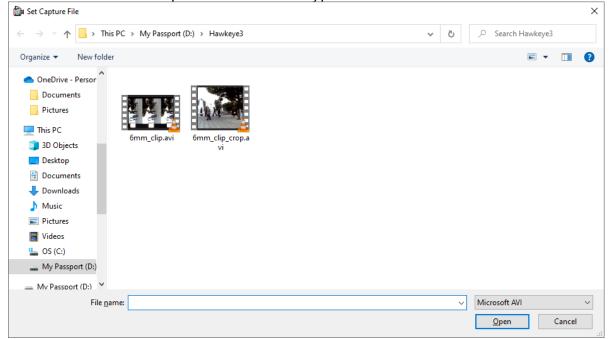
Check the dropped frames info on the bottom while capturing. A few here and there are ok but you do not want this

get large. If it is then lower the FPS or bit rate or increase the GOP.

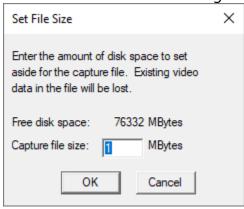
Once all of this is set, run capture.



Set the destination file path. Make sure to type the .avi after the file name.



Click OK. Do not have to change the file allocation size.



Press the power button to turn the unit off. Then turn the RUN switch on and press the power button again.

The unit will run and the film capture will start.

Once the video is done, turn the RUN switch off and power the unit off.

The video will have duplicate frames and transitions in it.

The duplicates are transitions get cleaned up by the avisynth script.

Here are instructions on how to run the script.

Postprocessing

The video will contain many duplicate frames and transitions.

It is easy to remove the duplicates and the transition frames by using the Avisynth remove_dups script.

The first step in getting the the script working is to get Avisynth from:

https://sourceforge.net/projects/avisynth2/

Here is the avisynth page. You can skip it for now. It is just for your reference.

http://avisynth.nl/index.php/Main_Page

Avisynth does not run as a standalone application. It is a tool that allows video editors and viewers to run the script.

The script is essentially a text file that contains the avisynth commands for video processing.

One video tool that is very handy for video processing is called VirtualDub.

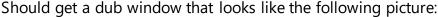
In addition to basic video processing, VirtialDub reads the avisynth script as well.

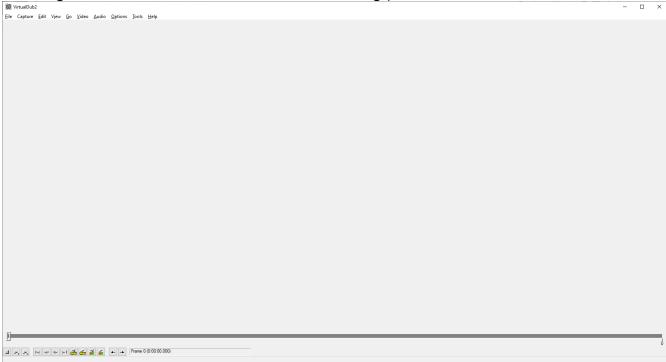
Download Virtual Dub from here:

https://sourceforge.net/projects/vdfiltermod/files/

Run VirtualDub.

RUN THE 32 BIT VERSION. THE 64 BIT WILL NOT WORK WITH THE SCRIPT DLLS.





Go to the scripts directory and open up remove_dups_elp.avs in any text editor like Notepad or any other text editor.

Change the source path in the script to point to your vdeo. Example: film = "F:\canon\clip1_raw.avi"

Once done with the script, just drag the script file into the VirtualDub window. After a minute or so the video first frame will be displayed.

If you get the compressor error then you will have to do an intermediate step before running the remove_dups_elp.avs.

Drag the original video into VirtualDub2

Save it as Raw or select one of the compressors. Then use the remove_dups.avs and (not remove_dups_elp.avs) and dmodify the path to point to the new saved file.

Drag the reove_dups.avs into VirtualDub2. It should work ok now.

At that point, set the video compression in the video pulldown and save the video. Once this is completed the resulting video can be brought back into VirtualDub or DaVinci Resolve to do the final cut. If the script reports issues with loading certain plugins, the most likely reason is that the your window installation is missing some DLLs. Try installing Microsoft redistributable package.

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/windows/latest-supported-vc-redist?view=msvc-170

Install the 2015-2022 version and see if this fixes your issue. Most likely it will. If not then you may need to do some more debugging. Run avsmeter.exe. in command window.

It is in the scripts directory. avsmeter remove_dups.avs avsmeter provides the report and may give you additional info why the script is not loading properly.

Here is an example of the report:

AVSMeter 2.9.9.1 (x86), 2012-2020, (c) Groucho2004 AviSynth 2.60, build:Feb 20 2015 [03:16:45] (2.6.0.5)

Number of frames: 2170

Length (hh:mm:ss.ms): 00:02:00.556

Frame width: 1920 Frame height: 1080 Framerate: 18.000 (18/1)

Colorspace: YV12 Active MT Mode: 0

Frame (current | last): 292 | 2169

FPS (cur | min | max | avg): 10.48 | 0.206 | 16.92 | 7.286

Process memory usage: 617 MiB

Thread count: 4

CPU usage (current | average): 24.7% | 24.5%

Time (elapsed | estimated): 00:00:40.076 | 00:04:57.825

In some cases avsmeter may not be able to help you and it may not give additional info on why particular DLL in not loading.

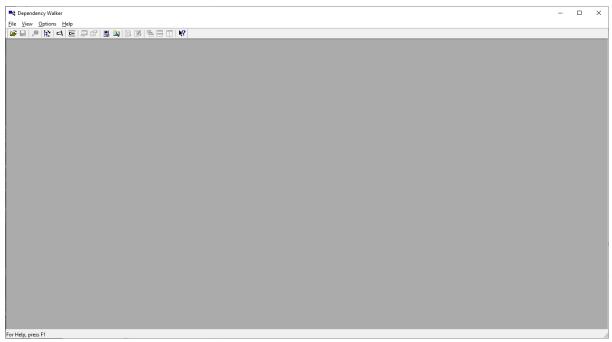
You can also try dependency walker then.

https://www.dependencywalker.com/#:~:text=Dependency%20Walker%20is%20a%20free,diagram%20of%20all%20dependent%20modules.

Download the zip into a local folder and unzip it there.

Run dependds.exe by double clicking on it.

A window will open.



Do File->Open and open the DLL that has issues loading. You will get a bunch of errors. Most of these are no problem beecause the tool is old and dodes not recognize the new calls. Go don to the bottom of the error list and you will notice different types of errors. For example:

HVSIFILETRUST.DLL

IESHIMS.DLL

PDMUTILITIES.DLL

You can search for DLL description and dwhere used but most likely these are used by Microsoft redistributable package that is not loaded on your system.

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/windows/latest-supported-vc-redist?view=msvc-170 Install the 2015-2022 version and see if this fixes your issue. Most likely it will. Some more details here:

https://forum.doom9.org/showthread.php?t=172793

Further Post-processing

Use option4.avs script in the scripts directory if additional film cleaning is required. Here is the description of what the script does.

You start at the bottom of the script

Eval(result)#.converttoRGB24()

Then search for result: result="result4" # specify the wanted output here

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result4=

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Then for interpolated -- not these are all video streams in a pipeline feeding each other interpolated= denoised.MFlowFps(super, backward_vec, forward_vec, num=numerator, den= denumerator, ml=100)\

Then denoised denoised= cleaned.MVDegrainMulti(vectors, thSAD=denoising_strenght, SadMode=1, idx=2).unsharpmask(USM_sharp_ness3,USM_radi_us3,0)

cleaned=

RemoveDirtMC(noise_baseclip,dirt_strenght).unsharpmask(USM_sharp_ness1,USM_radi_us1,0)\

 $.unsharpmask (USM_sharp_ness2, USM_radi_us2, 0). Lanczos4Resize (W, H)$

noise_baseclip= stab2.levels(0,gamma,255,0,255).tweak(sat=saturation) stab2= stab.crop(CLeft,CTop,-CRight,-CBottom)

stab=DePanStabilize(source1,data=mdata,cutoff=cutoff_value,dxmax=maxstabH,dymax=maxstabV,method=0,mirror=15).deflicker()

source1 = trim(source,0,trimming)

source= AviSource(film).assumefps(play_speed).trim(trim_begin,0).converttoYV12()

film= "F:\Hawkeye2\clip1-raw.avi"

Note that the sections of the pipeline can be bypassed and new filters inserted if needed.

It is fully customizable.