One of the greatest dangers to the camera’s internal electronics is overheating. To combat this, hand calculations, simulations, and physical tests were performed.

Thermal Testing/Simulations

A picture of the initial testing apparatus is shown to the right. As is noted in the FLIR one thermal image, the temperature remains at 45.2°C, which is well below the max temp ratings of the THOR Board and Lepton.

Waterproof Design & Testing

- Used maximum adhesive surface area on all seal surfaces, such as in the ribbing shown in figure 2
- Straight ledge design for gluing the gasket into the enclosure top (figure 3)
  - Allows gasket to be die cut with the top remaining injection moldable

MIPI Flex Cable

Two boards were designed to support a MIPI flex cable interface between the THOR board and the two cameras (figure 4). This allows us to mount the camera in front, while heat-sinking the THOR board from below.

Solar Panel Controller

- The solar panel controller is designed to take a 0–42V input voltage range and output a maximum 600mA current at a constant 12.6V

Accessibility

- The Android app and website allow the user to view recorded and live video with a few clicks or taps
- Common Gateway Interface provides standard protocol for devices accessing the web server
- An alert message is sent from the Helios to the Android app upon recording
- Complete RTSP and VLC plugin support

Design for Injection Molding

- Uniform wall thickness is maintained throughout the housing so that it can be injection molded from PC-ABS in production
- Injection molding allows the camera housing to be low cost
  - Ex: The “Design Curve” (figure 1) allows uniform wall thickness to be maintained while providing structural support for screw bosses

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Thor Board

- FLIR-provided board responsible for onboard power management via MCU, sensor communication, and video encoding
- Powered by ARM Cortex A9 CPU and BusyBox OS
- SD card and Wi-Fi support
- Remote login with multiple devices via SSH, FTP, or web

Interrupt Controller

- The PIR sensor detects heat images within its FOV
- When a threat is detected, the MCU sets the interrupt GPIO pin high for the CPU
- Helios begins recording only upon active edge through an interrupt
- The recorder subroutine prunes the SD card filesystem and recording remains active while a threat is still present

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