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1 References

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2 Abbreviation table

API	Application Programming Interface
ISP	Image Signal Processor
V4L2	Video4Linux2

3 Introduction

This guide introduces the MD-MZ-I313 Linux driver and explains how to interact with its custom V4L2 controls from user space.

The driver is intended to be installed from the Debian package provided for the platform (refer to document `UG034` for instructions). Once installed and enabled, it registers a V4L2 sub-device node and exposes board-specific controls and Sensor/Sensor ISP access.

This document is focused on user-space usage. It gives the operational context needed to understand where the controls live, how they are expected to be used, and which access patterns are important during bring-up and validation.

4 Driver Context

4.1 How the Driver Appears in Linux

When the package is installed on a Raspberry Pi 4 and the corresponding overlay is enabled, the board appears in the Linux media graph as a V4L2 sub-device. User-space control access therefore happens on a device such as `/dev/v4l-subdev0`.

> **Note**
>
> The custom controls documented here are exposed on the V4L2 sub-device node, not on a generic capture node such as `/dev/video0`.

4.2 Media Format and Link Assumptions

The driver reports a fixed media-bus format:

- Bus code: `MEDIA_BUS_FMT_RGB888_1X24` (with R = LSB, G = MSB and B = 0)
- Colorspace: `V4L2_COLORSPACE_SRGB`
- Frame size: `352 x 240`
- Field: `V4L2_FIELD_NONE`

5 Getting Started

A typical deployment and validation sequence on Raspberry Pi 4 is:

1. Install the provided Debian package.
2. Enable the board device tree overlay.
3. Reboot.
4. Confirm that the sub-device node exists.
5. Inspect the media graph and the list of custom controls.
6. Issue control requests on the sub-device node.

Refer to the document `UG034` for instructions about first steps

Useful commands during validation are:

```
ls /dev/v4l-subdev*  # => Get exact subdevice node file (and confirm that the driver
# has been properly loaded)
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --list-ctrls -L  # => List available controls
media-ctl -p  # => Confirm that the camera subdevice driver is properly linked to CSI-2 driver
```

6 Control Model

The public API defines three main control styles:

- Read-only volatile Boolean controls used to fetch hardware live state
- Button controls used to trigger one-shot actions
- Integer read or write controls used to read hardware registers values or to set them

A few practical rules are worth keeping in mind:

- Button controls represent commands, so user space should write a value to trigger them, typically through `VIDIOC_S_CTRL` or `--set-ctrl`
- Volatile Boolean read controls are refreshed by the driver when user space reads them
- Sensor ISP related controls only make sense when the Sensor ISP has been started
- When the Sensor ISP is not started, some read operations intentionally return `0`, which is expected behaviour

7 Control Reference

Test Pattern Controls

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_TEST_PATTERN_ACTIVATED`

Returns whether the board test pattern is currently enabled.

Read-only boolean control.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_TEST_PATTERN_ON`

Enables the board test pattern generator.

Button control.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_TEST_PATTERN_OFF`

Disables the board test pattern generator.

Button control.

Data Mode Controls

These controls tune how the video data is presented on the MIPI CSI-2 interface by the board.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_TONE_MAPPING_ON`

Enables tone mapping mode for the board data path.

Button control.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_TONE_MAPPING_OFF`

Disables tone mapping mode for the board data path.

Button control.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_MSB_FIRST`

Selects MSB-first ordering for the board data path.

Button control.

`V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_LSB_FIRST`

elects LSB-first ordering for the board data path.

Button control.

Sensor ISP Controls

These controls allow communication with the ATI-320 sensor ISP.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_STARTED

Returns whether the Sensor ISP communication path is started.

Read-only boolean control.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_REGISTER

Reads a Sensor ISP register through a two-step access pattern.

Volatile unsigned 16-bit control. User space first writes the register address to this control, then reads the same control back to obtain the register value.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_VTEMP_TEMPERATURE

Returns the Sensor ISP VTEMP value.

Read-only integer control.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_START

Starts the Sensor ISP communication path.

Button control.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_STOP

Stops the Sensor ISP communication path.

Button control.

V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_REGISTER

Writes a Sensor ISP register.

Two-element unsigned 16-bit control. Element 0 is the register address and element 1 is the value to write.

8 Using v4l2-ctl

Control names shown by `v4l2-ctl` are derived from the driver strings and are typically normalized with underscores. Always trust the exact names returned by `--list-ctrls -L` on your target.

Typical examples are:

```
# Query current custom controls
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --list-ctrls -L

# Enable or disable the board test pattern
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --set-ctrl='s_test_pattern_on=1'
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --set-ctrl='s_test_pattern_off=1'

# Read back the test pattern state
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --get-ctrl='g_test_pattern_activated'

# Start Sensor ISP access and read its started state
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --set-ctrl='s_sensor_isp_start=1'
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --get-ctrl='g_sensor_isp_started'

# Select the Sensor ISP register to read, then fetch it
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --set-ctrl='g_sensor_isp_register=0x0001'
v4l2-ctl --device=/dev/v4l-subdev0 --get-ctrl='g_sensor_isp_register'
```

Warning

Register-read and register-write interactions depend on the exact support level of the `v4l2-ctl` version available on the target, especially for array-valued controls. For robust production use, a dedicated application based on the V4L2 ioctl API is often more convenient than shell commands alone.

9 Using the V4L2 ioctl API

The public header provides the control identifiers that should be used by applications.

The example below illustrates a one-shot button command and a Sensor ISP register write.

```c
#include <fcntl.h>
#include <linux/videodev2.h>
#include <stdint.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <sys/ioctl.h>
#include <unistd.h>

#include "md-mz-i313_public.h"

static int trigger_action(int fd, unsigned int id)
{
   struct v4l2_control ctrl;

   memset(&ctrl, 0, sizeof(ctrl));
   ctrl.id = id;
   ctrl.value = 1;
   return ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_S_CTRL, &ctrl);
}

static int write_sensor_isp_register(int fd, uint16_t reg, uint16_t value)
{
   uint16_t payload[2] = {reg, value};
   struct v4l2_ext_control ext_ctrl;
   struct v4l2_ext_controls ext_ctrls;

   memset(&ext_ctrl, 0, sizeof(ext_ctrl));
   memset(&ext_ctrls, 0, sizeof(ext_ctrls));

   ext_ctrl.id = V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_REGISTER;
   ext_ctrl.size = sizeof(payload);
   ext_ctrl.p_u16 = payload;

   ext_ctrls.count = 1;
   ext_ctrls.controls = &ext_ctrl;

   return ioctl(fd, VIDIOC_S_EXT_CTRLS, &ext_ctrls);
}

int main(void)
{
   int fd = open("/dev/v4l-subdev0", O_RDWR);

   if (fd < 0)
      return 1;

   // Enable test pattern
   if (trigger_action(fd, V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_TEST_PATTERN_ON) < 0)
      perror("enable test pattern");

   // Start sensor ISP
   if (trigger_action(fd, V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_START) < 0)
      perror("start Sensor ISP");

   // Wait for Sensor ISP to start (polling
   // V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_STARTED would work too)
   sleep(5);

   // Put sensor in trigger mode
```

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```
   // /!\ NOTE : Don't forget to disable trigger mode
   // or to restart the sensor ISP in order to get video stream again
   if (write_sensor_isp_register(fd, 0x0102, 0x0001) < 0)
      perror("write Sensor ISP register");

   close(fd);
   return 0;
}
```

Note that the `md-mz-i313_public.h` file should be placed next to the above file with the following content :

```
/*******************************************************************************
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 * File: md-mz-i313_public.h                                                   *
 * Project: md-mz-i313-driver                                                  *
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 *******************************************************************************/

#ifndef MD_MZ_I313_PUBLIC_H
# define MD_MZ_I313_PUBLIC_H

# include <linux/v4l2-controls.h>

/**
 * @name Test Pattern Controls
 */

/**
 * @brief Returns whether the board test pattern is currently enabled.
 *
 * Read-only boolean control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_TEST_PATTERN_ACTIVATED (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0100)

/**
 * @brief Enables the board test pattern generator.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_TEST_PATTERN_ON (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0181)

/**
 * @brief Disables the board test pattern generator.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_TEST_PATTERN_OFF (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0182)
```

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```
/**
 * @name Data Mode Controls
 *
 * @brief These controls tune how the video data is presented
 * on the MIPI CSI-2 interface by the board.
 */

/**
 * @brief Enables tone mapping mode for the board data path.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_TONE_MAPPING_ON (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0200)

/**
 * @brief Disables tone mapping mode for the board data path.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_TONE_MAPPING_OFF (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0201)

/**
 * @brief Selects MSB-first ordering for the board data path.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_MSB_FIRST (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0282)

/**
 * @brief elects LSB-first ordering for the board data path.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_DATA_MODE_LSB_FIRST (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0283)

/**
 * @name Sensor ISP Controls
 *
 * @brief These controls allow communication with the ATI-320 sensor ISP.
 */

/**
 * @brief Returns whether the Sensor ISP communication path is started.
 *
 * Read-only boolean control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_STARTED (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0300)

/**
 * @brief Reads a Sensor ISP register through a two-step access pattern.
 *
 * Volatile unsigned 16-bit control. User space first writes the register
 * address to this control, then reads the same control back to obtain the
 * register value.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_REGISTER (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0301)

/**
 * @brief Returns the Sensor ISP VTEMP value.
 *
 * Read-only integer control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_G_SENSOR_ISP_VTEMP_TEMPERATURE (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0302)

/**
 * @brief Starts the Sensor ISP communication path.
```

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```
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_START (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0383)

/**
 * @brief Stops the Sensor ISP communication path.
 *
 * Button control.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_STOP (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0384)

/**
 * @brief Writes a Sensor ISP register.
 *
 * Two-element unsigned 16-bit control. Element 0 is the register address and
 * element 1 is the value to write.
 */
# define V4L2_CID_CUSTOM_S_SENSOR_ISP_REGISTER (V4L2_CID_USER_BASE + 0x0385)

#endif
```

10 Revision history

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