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Model: OV5647

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module is a high-definition video camera designed for various Raspberry Pi models, including Model A, B, B+, 2, 3, 3B+, 4, and 5. It features a 5-megapixel Omnivision OV5647 sensor with a fixed-focus lens, capable of capturing still pictures at 2592 x 1944 resolution and video at 1080p. This module connects to the Raspberry Pi via the dedicated MIPI Camera Serial Interface (CSI) connector, offering a compact and efficient solution for imaging projects.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Handle the camera module with care to avoid damage to the lens or circuit board.
- Ensure the Raspberry Pi is powered off before connecting or disconnecting the camera module.
- Avoid touching the sensor or lens surface directly to prevent smudges or scratches.
- Keep the module away from moisture, extreme temperatures, and static electricity.
- Do not use excessive force when inserting the FPC cable into the CSI connector.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- 1x Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module
- 1x 15cm 15-pin to 15-pin FPC Cable
- 1x 15cm 15-pin to 22-pin FPC Cable (for Raspberry Pi models requiring a 22-pin connector)
- 1x USB Cable (if included in your specific kit)

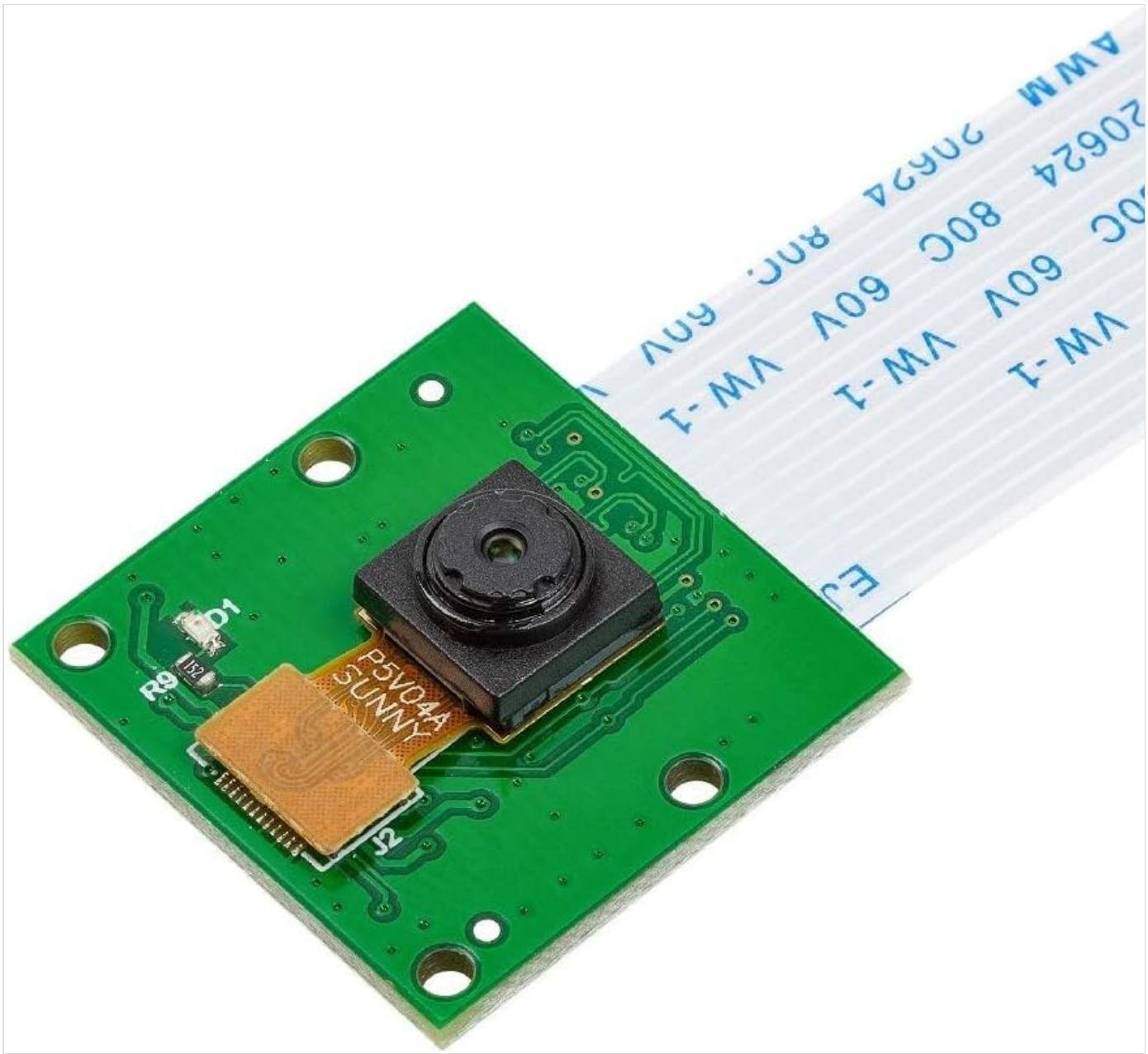


Image: Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module with a short flexible printed circuit (FPC) cable attached.

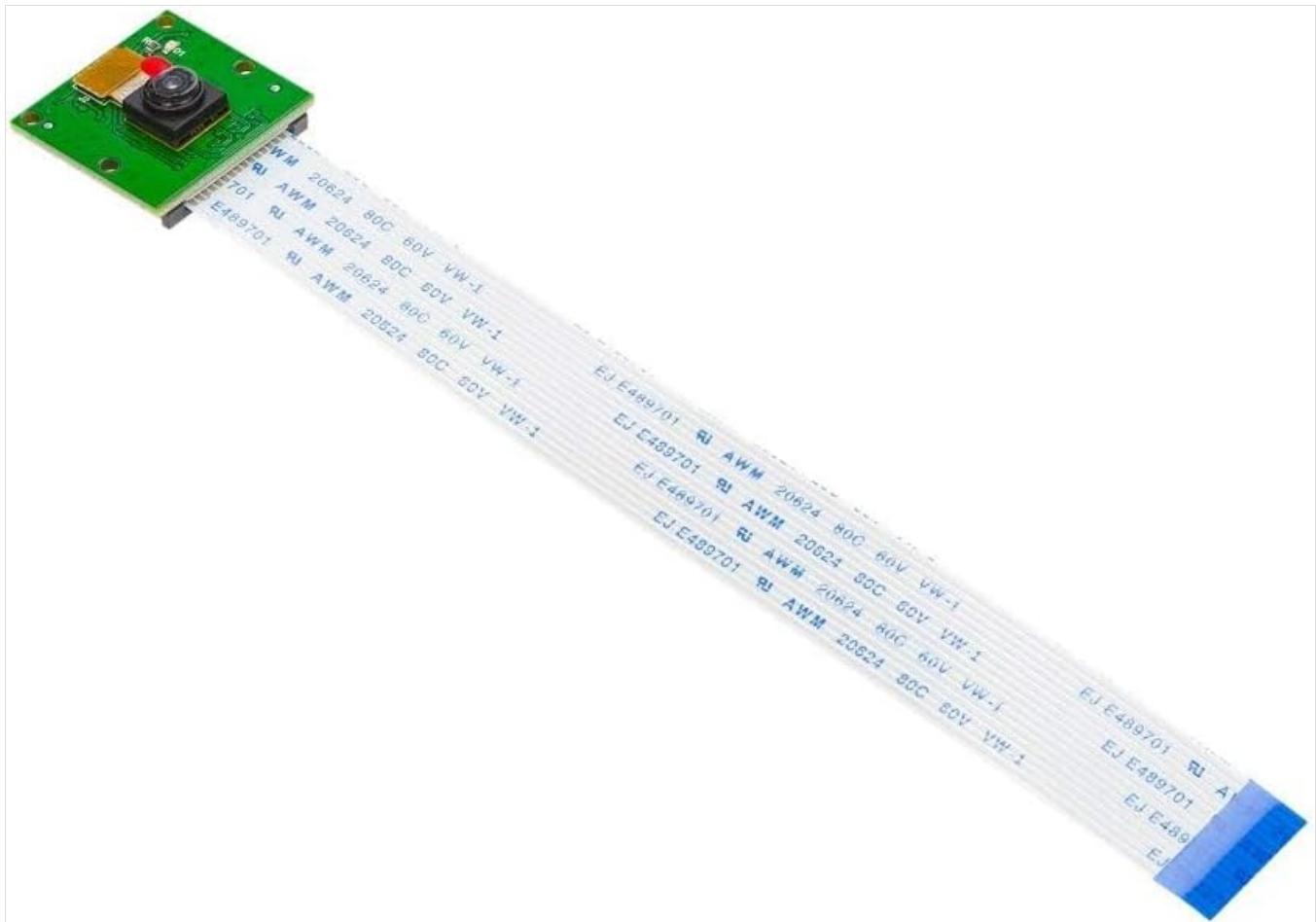


Image: Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module with a longer flexible printed circuit (FPC) cable attached, showing the full length of the cable.

## 4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

## 4.1 Hardware Connection

1. **Power Off Raspberry Pi:** Before connecting the camera, ensure your Raspberry Pi is completely powered off and disconnected from its power source.
2. **Locate CSI Connector:** Identify the CSI (Camera Serial Interface) connector on your Raspberry Pi board. This is typically a long, narrow slot.
3. **Open Connector:** Gently pull up the plastic clip on the top edge of the CSI connector.
4. **Insert FPC Cable:** Carefully insert the FPC cable from the camera module into the CSI connector. Ensure the silver contacts on the cable are facing the correct direction (towards the HDMI port on most Raspberry Pi models). Use the appropriate FPC cable (15-pin or 22-pin) for your specific Raspberry Pi model.
5. **Close Connector:** Push the plastic clip back down to secure the FPC cable in place.
6. **Power On:** Reconnect the power to your Raspberry Pi.

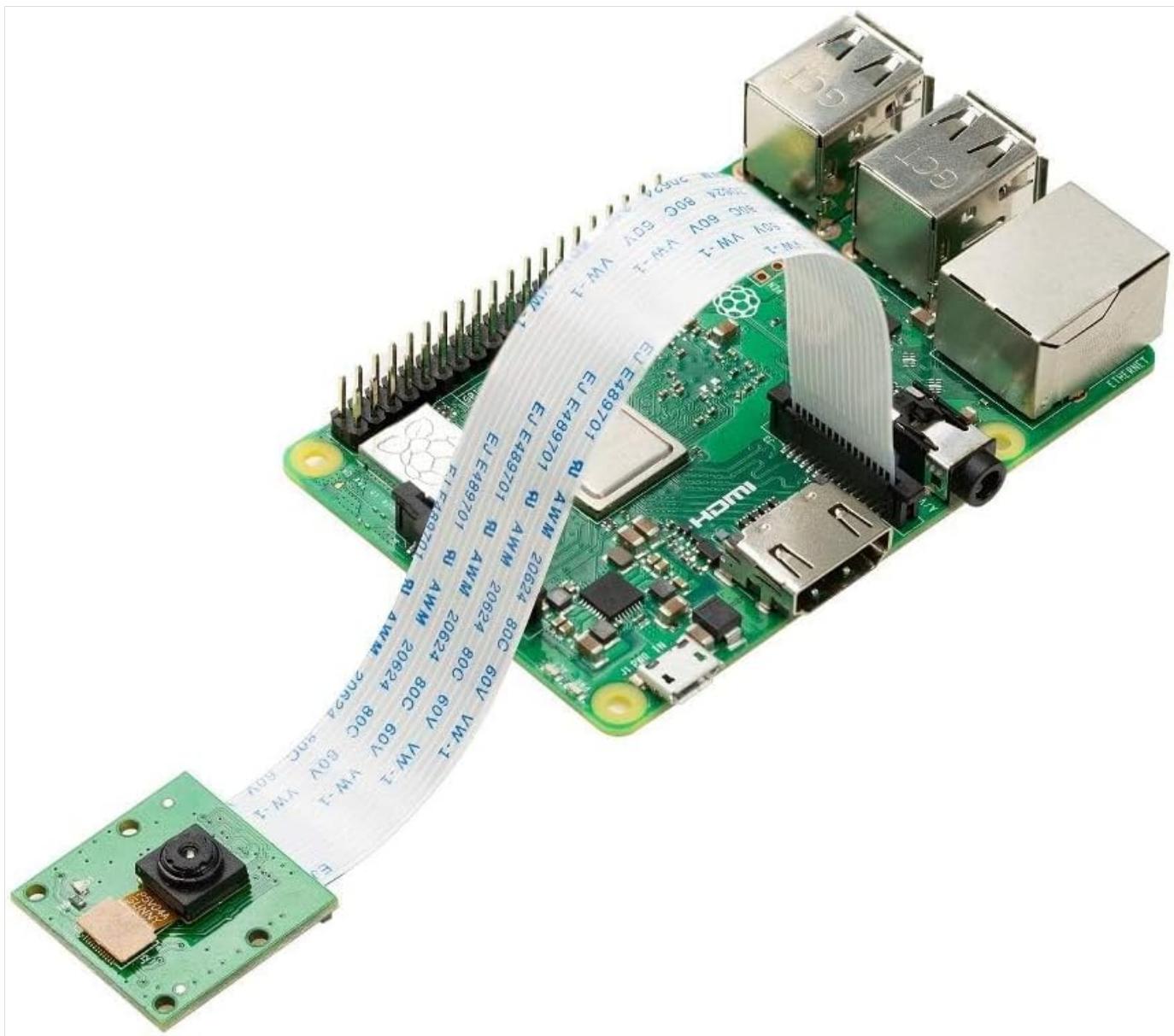


Image: The Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module connected to a Raspberry Pi board via its FPC cable, illustrating the proper hardware connection.



NOTE: this cable for raspberry pi zero isn't included.

Image: The Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module connected to a Raspberry Pi Zero board using a different, narrower FPC cable. Note: This cable for Raspberry Pi Zero is typically not included with the standard module and must be purchased separately.

## 4.2 Software Configuration

After connecting the hardware, you need to enable and configure the camera module in your Raspberry Pi's operating system.

### 1. Enable Camera Interface:

- Open a terminal on your Raspberry Pi.
- Run the command: `sudo raspi-config`
- Navigate to **Interface Options -> Camera** and enable it.
- Reboot your Raspberry Pi when prompted.

### 2. Edit config.txt for OV5647:

For optimal performance and detection, it is recommended to manually configure the `config.txt` file.

- Open the `config.txt` file using a text editor: `sudo nano /boot/config.txt`
- Locate the line `camera_auto_detect=1` and change it to `camera_auto_detect=0`.
- Under the `[all]` section, add the line: `dtoverlay=ov5647`
- Save the changes (Ctrl+O, then Enter for nano) and exit the editor (Ctrl+X).
- Reboot your Raspberry Pi: `sudo reboot`

# Note

**Edit the config.txt before use:**

**update** camera\_auto\_detect = 1

**to:** camera\_auto\_detect=0

**add** dtoverlay=ov5647 **under** [all]

**#Save and reboot.**

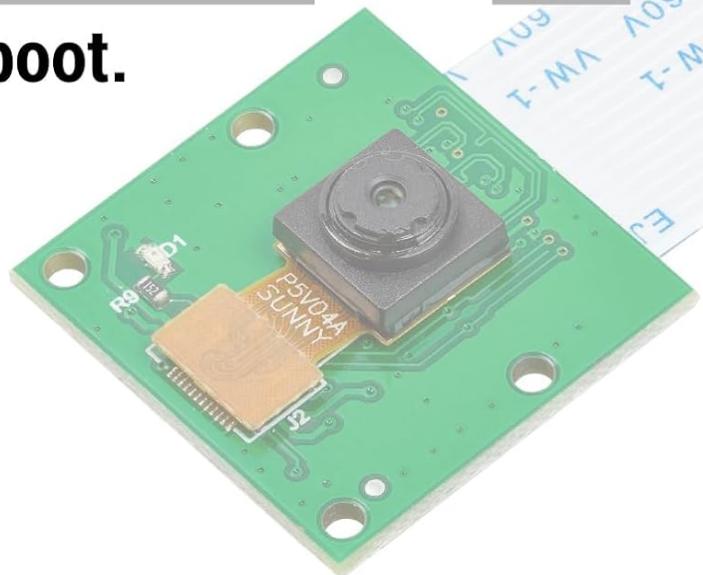


Image: A visual note detailing the required changes to the Raspberry Pi's config.txt file for the OV5647 camera module, specifically changing 'camera\_auto\_detect' and adding 'dtoverlay=ov5647'.

power indicator



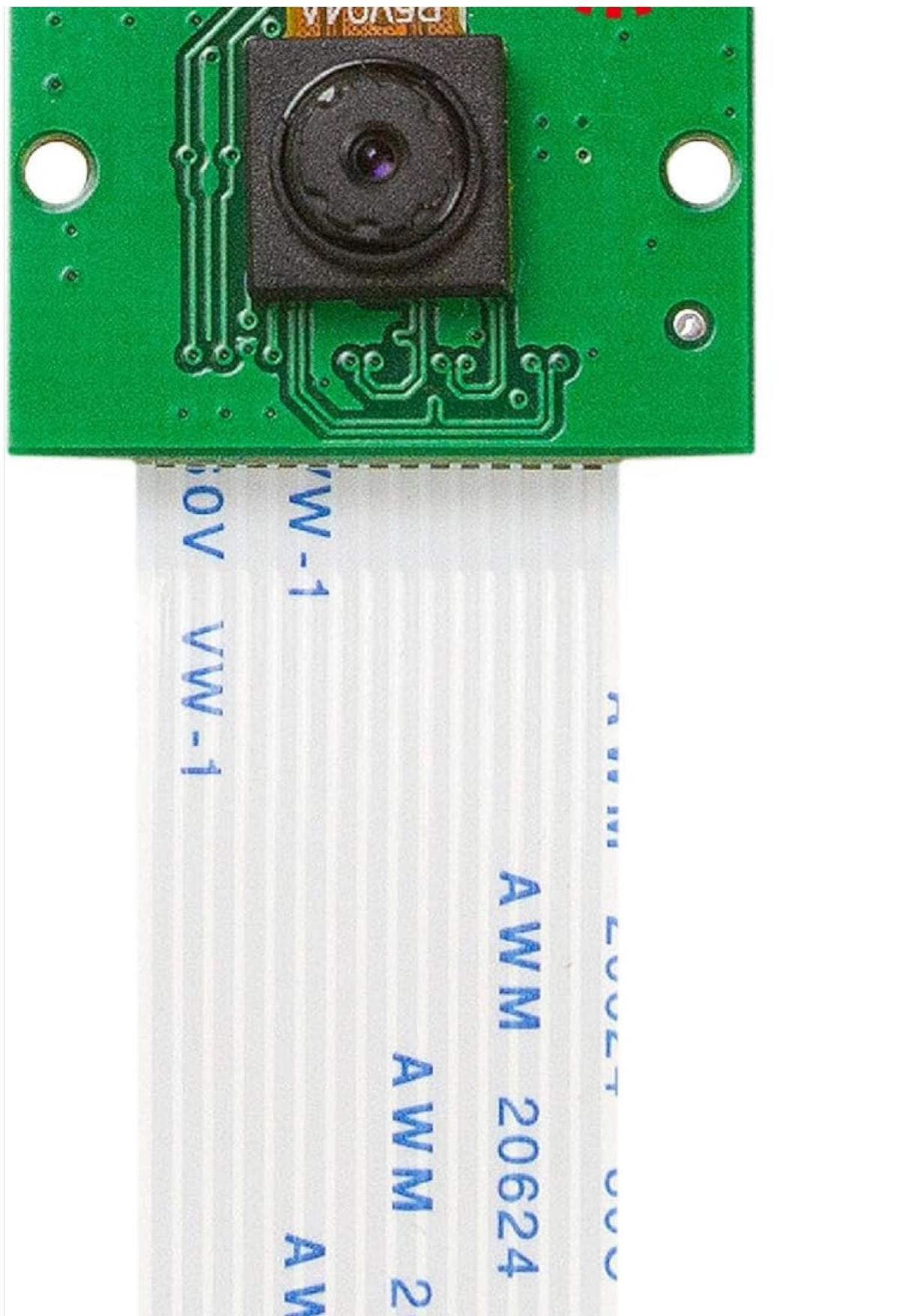


Image: The Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module with a red dashed circle highlighting the power indicator LED (D1) on the circuit board.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the camera module is connected and configured, you can use various tools to capture images and videos.

### 5.1 Basic Usage with `libcamera` (Raspberry Pi OS Bookworm or newer)

- **Take a still picture:** `libcamera-still -o test.jpg`
- **Record a video:** `libcamera-vid -t 10000 -o test.h264` (records for 10 seconds)
- **Preview the camera feed:** `libcamera-hello`

## 5.2 Basic Usage with `raspistill` / `raspivid` (Legacy Raspberry Pi OS Bullseye or older)

- **Take a still picture:** `raspistill -o image.jpg`
- **Record a video:** `raspivid -o video.h264 -t 10000` (records for 10 seconds)
- **Preview the camera feed:** `raspistill -t 0`

For more advanced options and parameters, refer to the official Raspberry Pi camera documentation online. The camera supports a maximum still picture resolution of 2592 x 1944 and video resolution of 1080p at 30fps.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning the Lens:** Use a soft, lint-free microfiber cloth specifically designed for optics to gently clean the lens. Avoid using abrasive materials or harsh chemicals.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the camera module in an anti-static bag or a protective case to prevent dust accumulation and physical damage.
- **Cable Management:** Ensure the FPC cable is not sharply bent or crimped, as this can damage the internal conductors.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Operate and store the camera within recommended temperature and humidity ranges to prolong its lifespan.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Camera Not Detected:**
  - Ensure the FPC cable is correctly inserted into both the camera module and the Raspberry Pi's CSI connector, with the silver contacts facing the correct direction.
  - Verify that the camera interface is enabled in `raspi-config` and that the `config.txt` modifications (as described in Section 4.2) have been applied and the Pi rebooted.
  - Check if the correct FPC cable (15-pin or 22-pin) is being used for your specific Raspberry Pi model.
  - Test the camera on another Raspberry Pi if available, or try a different FPC cable to rule out component failure.
- **Dim or Poor Image Quality:**
  - Ensure adequate lighting in the environment. This camera module performs best in well-lit conditions.
  - Clean the camera lens gently with a microfiber cloth.
  - The OV5647 module has a fixed-focus lens. Ensure your subject is within the optimal focus range (1m to infinity).
  - Update your Raspberry Pi OS to the latest version to ensure you have the most recent camera drivers and software.
- **Lens Fell Off / Physical Damage:**
  - Physical damage, such as a detached lens, typically indicates a manufacturing defect or improper handling. Contact Arducam support for assistance.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Description
Sensor	Omnivision OV5647, 5 Megapixels
Still Picture Resolution	2592 x 1944 pixels
Max Video Resolution	1080p (1920x1080) at 30fps
Field of View	54 x 41 degrees
Fixed Focus Range	1 meter to infinity
Interface	MIPI Camera Serial Interface (CSI)
Dimensions	0.94 x 2.36 x 0.98 inches (approx. 24mm x 25mm for the board)
Weight	0.32 ounces
Compatibility	Raspberry Pi Model A, B, B+, 2, 3, 3B+, 4, 5 (NOT for Pi Zero without specific cable)

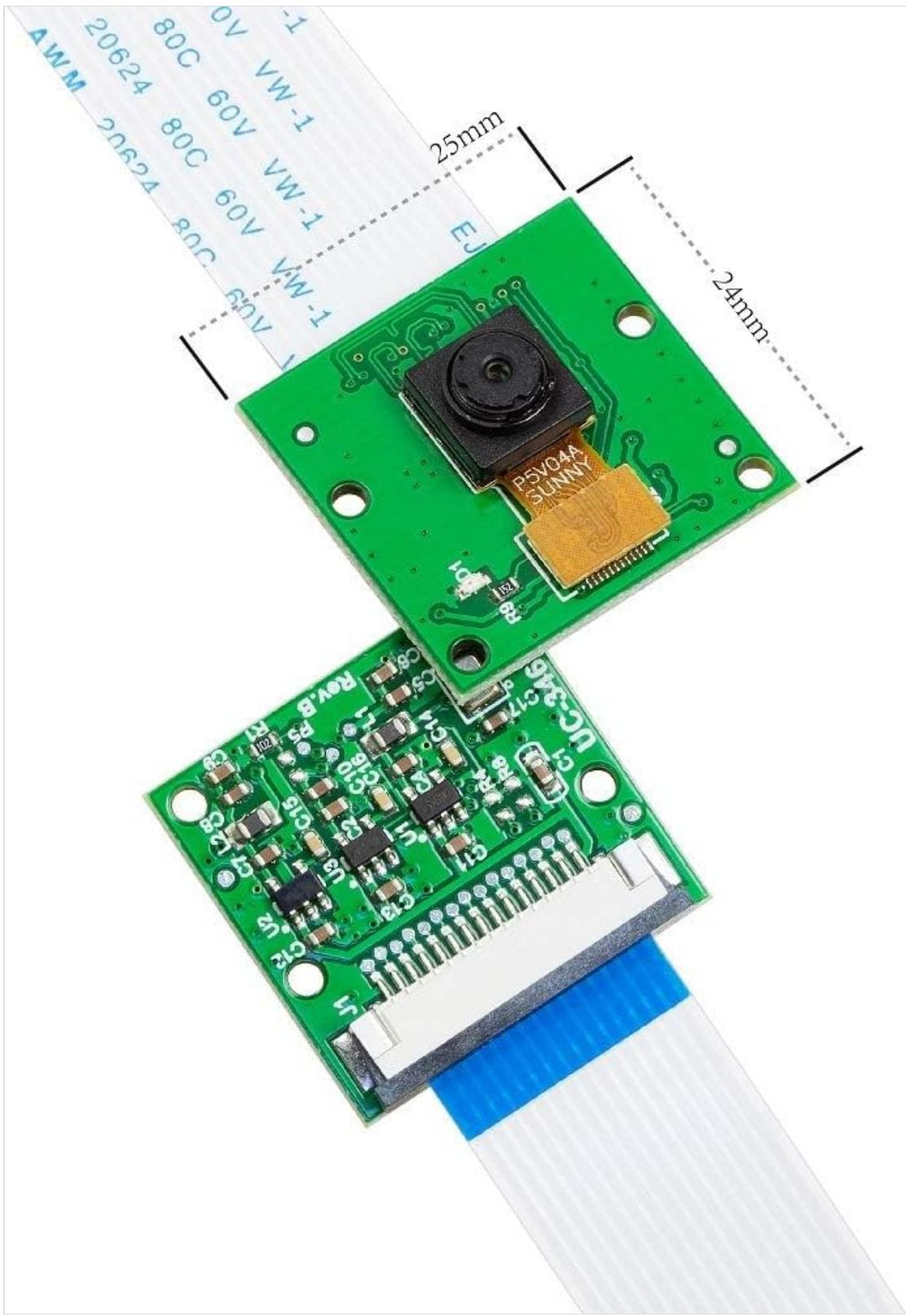


Image: The Arducam 5MP OV5647 Camera Module with dimensions indicated, showing the board size of approximately 25mm x 24mm.

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Arducam products are designed for reliability and performance. For warranty information, technical support, or further assistance, please visit the official Arducam website or contact their customer service directly.

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