

# checklist lab

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**Camera host name:** DFN

**Initial state:**

**Issues fixed:**

## DFN camera checklist - testing in lab before shipping or servicing trip

### PC

- replace PC CMOS battery  
(old battery may cause PC not boot or losing BIOS config)
- PC BIOS config ([https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/Camera\\_Maintenance#Advanced\\_Usage](https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/Camera_Maintenance#Advanced_Usage))
  - DFNSMALL - Advantech
  - DFNSMALL - COMMELL LE-37D
  - DFNEXT - COMMELL LE-37G

### Clone OS & personalise the clone

- clone new image - Clonezilla USB stick
- post clone config
  - DFNSMALL /root/bin/post\_clone\_config\_gen2.sh
  - DFNEXT /root/bin/post\_clone\_config\_gen3.sh
- test Internet connection (ping google or so)
- test VPN (ping dfn\_vpn)
- update DFN software
  - dfn\_down\_install\_sw\_from\_server.sh

### leostick - re-flash firmware

leo\_stick\_program.sh /opt/dfn-software/micro\_firmware\_30\_may\_2017\_27s.hex

### LC shutter - power up the DSLR camera on DFNEXTs - otherwise the contrast is low!

before connecting lens to the camera system:

- with multimeter, check LC shutter contacts of the lens, for short between the two wires
- with multimeter, check LC shutter contacts of the lens, for short between each of the wires to the lens mount  
**(Note: short to ground can cause LC shutter driver damage !!! Then the PCM driver may need to be fixed or replaced!!!)**  
connect lens to the LC shutter connector on the PCB, but not attach to the DSLR body
- visual check if flickering when lens connected to PCB but detached from the Nikon DSLR - should be high contrast flickering  
(do this for all the lenses packed for the trip as well!)
- power up the DSLR camera and check voltage with AC Voltmeter on the lens - should be ~16-17V for EXT, 12V for SMALL  
(Also can use oscilloscope in differential mode - **but do not connect any of the signals to ground! That kills the LC shutter driver!**)
- visual check if flickering when lens connected to PCB and attached to the Nikon DSLR - look through the eye-piece toward light - should be high contrast flickering

### GPS

- GPS to PC
  - small, ext cameras
    - cgps - shall display GPS coordinates
    - ntpq -p
- GPS to Microcontroller
  - DFNSMALL: LED goes green -> yellow
  - or
- DFNSMALL, DFNEXT: Interval control test or overnight run, check interval log  
grep GPS /data0/latest/\*inter\*  
or
- Minicom, port /dev/leostick, command g G  
or
- kit cameras  
echo gG > /dev/leostick && cat /dev/leostick

## Removable HDDs

- DFNSMALL
  - HDD enclosure test - with both drives, power up, format drives
  - check if data move works no problem during long term test
- DFNEXT
  - All 3 HDDs, power up, format
  - check if data move works no problem during long term test

## DSLR

- verify config (SMALL: D800E, if not available, D810; EXT: D810) [https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/DSLR\\_Settings](https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/DSLR_Settings)
- insert and format memory card (EXT: 32GB, SMALL: 64GB)
- check shuttercount

## Video

- DFNSMALL
  - Mechanical setup
    - DIP switches
      - Gain Hi
      - Gamma Off
  - set lens to max open aperture
  - check Watec video camera is configured correctly

in dfnstation.cfg section [camera], if Watec is "W134B [C]... verify/set vid\_format = PAL  
(if Watec is "W134B [E] ... vid\_format = NTSC - do not use in Australia)
- check focus of video lens
  - login as dfn-user or dfn-operator, startx
  - su, power up video camera "python enable\_video.py", vid\_play\_test.sh
- DFNEXT
  - set lens to F/1.4 aperture (if not sharp, stop down to F/2)
  - focus using freeture
    - login as dfn-user or dfn-operator, startx
    - su, stop freeture daemon, freeture -m 2 --display, start freeture daemon
    - [https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/Focusing\\_the\\_video\\_lens](https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/Focusing_the_video_lens)

## Functional testing

- interval control test
- long term overnight test - at least one night, better 3-5
- specific Internet connection (Wifi? eth? Mobile data?)
  - install mobile data modem as needed, test

## Configurations before transport/shipping

### Software

- select modem type / configuration
- preset operator
- timezone for destination
- set root/dfn-user passwords
- Wipe the /data0 (Pre clone script [/root/bin/pre\\_clone\\_config\\_gen2.sh](/root/bin/pre_clone_config_gen2.sh)), manually wipe removable drives /data1 etc

### Hardware

- DFNSMALL - remove HDDs from the Orico enclosure (risk of transport damage)
- DFNSMALL and DFNEXT: remove DSLR from the box; Samyang lens can stay bolted to the box
- Packing - accessories, sunshield (<https://wiki.dfn.net.au/index.php/Packing>)