

DigitalGlobe Core Imagery Products Guide



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## 1 Introduction

This product guide provides customers with a detailed description of Core Imagery Products, including product levels, specifications, available options, tasking levels and delivery methods. It is intended for an external audience and is DigitalGlobe's official product offering.

## 2 DIGITALGLOBE IMAGERY PRODUCTS

## 2.1 PRODUCT OVERVIEW

DigitalGlobe's core imagery products are derived from high-resolution satellite and aerial images. Our core products vary according to processing level and geolocational accuracy. Each product is delivered with a set of support files to assist you in analyzing or further processing the imagery.

All DigitalGlobe products are corrected for radiometric and sensor distortions. Radiometric corrections include relative radiometric response between detectors, non-responsive detector fill, and conversion for absolute radiometry. Sensor corrections include corrections for internal detector geometry, optical distortion, scan distortion, line-rate variations and mis-registration of the multispectral bands where applicable.



	Processing				
Core Products	Accuracy (CE90)	Radiometrically and sensor corrected	Georectified	Orthorectified	Geographic Availability
Basic	5 m – 23 m*	•			Worldwide
Basic Stereo Pair	5 m*	•			Worldwide
Standard	5 m – 23 m*	•	•		Worldwide
Ortho Ready Standard	5 m – 23 m*	•	•		Worldwide
Ortho Ready Standard Stereo	5 m*	•	•		Worldwide
Vision Premium	2.7 m – 5.4 m	_			Lower48 US +
Precision Aerial	2.7 111 - 3.4 111			•	Western EU
Vision Premium Precision	4.2 m	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)
Vision Premium Mapping	10.2 m	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)
Vision Premium Display	25.4 m	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)
Vision Precision	4.2 m	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)
Vision Mapping	10.2 m	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)
Vision Display	25.4	•		•	Worldwide, limited to fine DEM coverage (SRTM + USGS NED)

**TABLE 1: CORE PRODUCTS SUITE** 

## 2.2 Constellation Order Fulfillment

DigitalGlobe offers order fulfillment from the constellation. This means that a given order, archive or tasking, can be sourced from any sensor capable of fulfilling the product requirements. This capability enables faster collection and delivery by using all constellation resources to fulfill the order.

## 2.3 IMAGING BAND OPTIONS

DigitalGlobe offers three image band options.

- Panchromatic Products include only one band and are black and white.
- Multispectral Products include 4 or 8 multispectral bands.
- **Pan-sharpened** Products combine the visual information of the multispectral data with the spatial information of the pan data, resulting in a higher GSD color product.

<sup>\*</sup> Depending on the sensor, at <30 ° off nadir, excluding terrain effects



#### 2.3.1 Multispectral Products

The band sequence for 4-band and 8-band multispectral products is in order of shortest wavelength to longest wavelength. The band order in a 4-band multispectral product is Blue, Green, Red, and NIR1. The band order in an 8-band multispectral product is Coastal, Blue, Green, Yellow, Red, Red Edge, NIR1, NIR2. For more information on the specific ranges of the pan and multispectral bands, see section 3.

#### 2.3.2 PAN-SHARPENED PRODUCTS

Pan-sharpened products are offered as 3-band and 4-band products. 3-band Color Products are available in Natural Color (Blue, Green and Red bands) and in Color Infrared (Green, Red and NIR1 bands). The 4-band pan-sharpened product uses the Blue, Green, Red, and NIR1 bands. All pan-sharpened products are tiled due to large file sizes. Pan-sharpened products are available in both 50 cm and 60 cm GSD and are only available as Standard and Ortho level products.

### 2.3.3 BAND OPTION SUMMARY

Product Type	Pixel Resolution	Image Bands (in order)	
Pan Only	50 cm, 60 cm, 2.0 m	Panchromatic	
Multispectral (4-band)	2.0m, 2.4 m	Blue, Green, Red, NIR1	
Multispectral (8-band)	2.0m	Coastal, Blue, Green, Yellow, Red,	
		Red Edge, NIR1, NIR2	
Bundle (pan + 4-band) 50 cm, 60 cm		Panchromatic	
	2.0m, 2.4 m	Blue Green, Red, NIR1	
Bundle (pan + 8-band) 50 cm		Panchromatic	
	2.0m	Coastal, Blue, Green, Yellow, Red,	
		Red Edge, NIR1, NIR2	
Natural Color	30 cm, 50 cm, 60 cm	Blue, Green, Red	
Color Infrared 50 cm, 60 cm		Green, Red, NIR1	
Pan-sharpened (4-band) 50 cm, 60 cm		Blue, Green, Red, NIR1	

**TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF PRODUCT BAND OPTIONS** 



## 2.4 BASIC IMAGERY PRODUCTS

Basic Products are designed for customers with advanced image processing capabilities. These imagery products, when combined with supplied attitude, ephemeris, and camera model information, are suitable for advanced photogrammetric processing (i.e., orthorectification).

Each unique image in a Basic Product is processed individually; seamlines will be visible in products requiring multiple images to cover the area of interest. Basic products are available in Pan, Multispectral, and Bundles. The pan-sharpening option is not available with a Basic Product.

**Processing**: Basic Imagery products are radiometrically corrected and sensor corrected, but not projected to a plane using a map projection or datum. The sensor correction blends all pixels from all detectors into the synthetic array to form a single image. The resulting GSD varies over the entire product because the look angle slowly changes during the imaging process.

**Accuracies**: The Basic Imagery product is in the satellite frame of reference; it is not tied to ground location, and is therefore a geometrically raw product with no implied accuracy. However, when the data are processed with the supplied refined Image Support Data (ISD) and user-supplied DEMs and GCPs, horizontal accuracies of at least 4.0 meter CE90, can be achieved.

**Physical Structure**: Basic Imagery products are delivered as scenes. Scenes are approximately full swath width, cut into consistent lengths. Depending on area ordered, the length of the last piece of imagery used to fulfill the Area of Interest could be less than length specified below. There will be at least 1.8 km overlap between scenes of the same strip.

- QuickBird Scene-framed products are approximately 18.0 km x 16.4 km at nadir.
- WorldView1 Scene-framed products are approximately 17.6 km x 14 km at nadir.
- WorldView2 Scene-framed products are approximately 16.4 x 14 km at nadir.

#### 2.4.1 Specifications Table for Basic Imagery

The following table lists the processing specifications, product parameters, and delivered Image Support Data files for Basic Imagery products.

Physical Characteristics - Basic Imagery				
Minimum orderable area	Single Scene (230-272 km²)			
Product Framing	Scene-based			
Pan strip width (km,	16.4 km – 18.0 km			
approximate at nadir)				
Processing Specifications				
Absolute geolocation	Geometrically raw. With supplied image support data imagery can be processed to 5			
accuracy (nadir)	m CE90 (WV-1, WV-2) or 23 m CE90 (QB) at less than 30° off-nadir, excluding terrain			
	effects.			
Product Parameters				
Product Options	Pan, 4-band, 8-band, pan + 4-band bundle, pan+8-band bundle			
Number of bits per pixel in	8 or 16			
delivered product				
Digital scaling method	Linear with a maximum value set to 255			



(applies to 8 bit only)			
Resampling option	4x4 cubic convolution, MTF kernel (default for pan only), Enhanced Kernel (pan only)		
Output pixel spacing	As collected (pixels collected at less than 50 cm are resampled)		
Cloud Cover	0-15% default, other options available upon request		
Delivery Parameters			
Output product delivery	FTP Pull, DVD, External Hard Drive		
media options			
Image data format options	NITF 2.0; NITF 2.1; GeoTIFF 1.0		
Image Support Data			
ISD files supplied to	Delivery (top level index) README file; Layout file, shapefiles, browse image, Product		
customer	README, image metadata file, ephemeris file; attitude file; geometric calibration file;		
	RPC00B file; license text file; tile map file		
Spacecraft telemetry	Refined attitude/ephemeris (supplied with ISD)		

**TABLE 3: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BASIC IMAGERY** 

## 2.5 Basic Stereo Pair Imagery Products

Basic Stereo Pair Imagery products are suitable for customers with a high level of image expertise and software that is capable of ingesting, processing, and/or displaying stereo imagery. Basic Stereo Pair Imagery products are typically used to create Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) or for three dimensional feature extraction.

Basic Stereo Pair Imagery products are comprised of one or more pairs of Basic Images with 100% overlap over the customer's Area of Interest (AOI). Stereo mates are collected on the same satellite orbit and with specific look angles in order to attain imagery appropriate for stereo viewing. Basic Stereo Imagery is available in Panchromatic, 4-band Multispectral, or Pan + 4-band Multispectral Products.

**Processing**: Basic Stereo Pair Imagery products are radiometrically corrected and sensor corrected, but not projected to a plane using a map projection or datum. The sensor correction blends all pixels from all detectors into the synthetic array to form a single image. The resulting GSD varies over the entire product because the attitude & ephemeris slowly change during the imaging process.

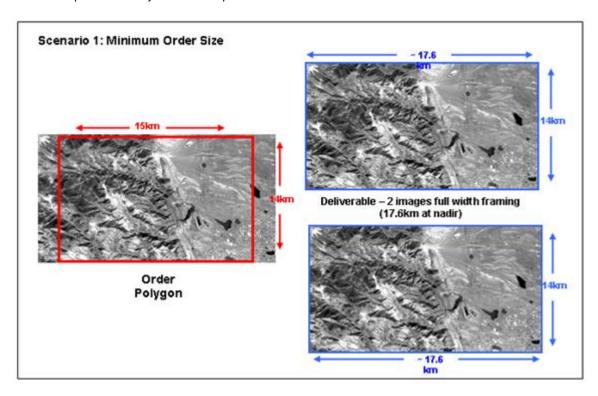
Accuracy: The Basic Imagery product is in the satellite frame of reference. It is not tied to ground location, and is therefore a geometrically raw product with no implied accuracy. However, when the data are processed with the supplied refined Image Support Data (ISD), a horizontal geolocational accuracy of 5 m CE90, excluding terrain and off-nadir effects, can be achieved, with actual accuracy in the range of 4.0 - 5.5 m CE90 at less than 30° off-nadir. Vertical accuracy is 5 m LE90 at less than 30° off-nadir.

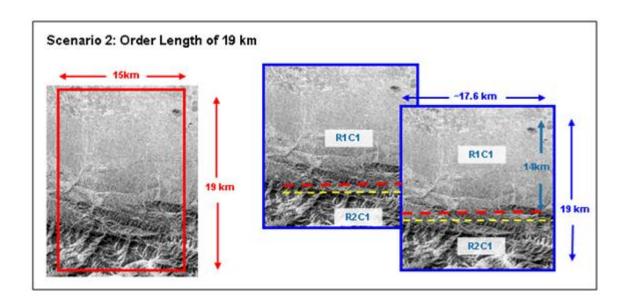
**Physical Structure**: The minimum order size for Basic Stereo Products is 15 km wide x 14 km long up to a maximum of a one degree cell (approximately 100 km x 100 km). Basic Stereo Pair Imagery products are full-width framed delivered at full swath width, which is 16.4 km at nadir, for WorldView-1 Imagery and 17.6 km for WorldView-2. Due to file size constraints, Stereo products often must be divided into smaller image segments. They can be segmented in two different ways: cut up into 14 km lengths or, for larger areas, the length of the image strip can be divided into equal parts along the image strip.

Products cut up into 14 km lengths will be delivered in 14km increments, except for the last increment in the strip, which may be a fractional increment. Products that are divided into equal segments can be divided by 1, 2, 4, or 7 parts. Customers who require small, manageable files sizes or who are interested

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in achieving higher processing speeds should opt to divide the strips into more parts by selecting a larger number of parts. Those users who can manage large file sizes and desire a fewer number of images to cover the AOI should select smaller number of parts. For either method of division, there will be at least 1 km overlap between adjacent stereo pairs.







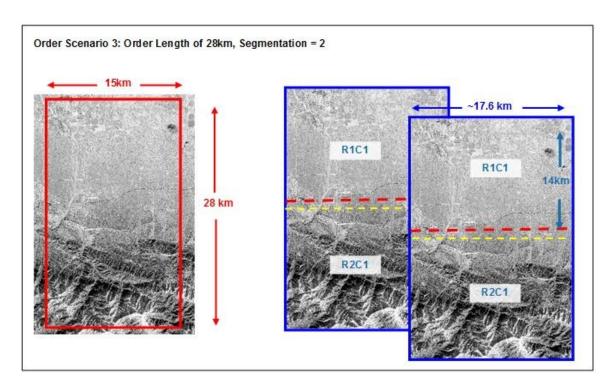


FIGURE 1: THREE ORDERING SCENARIOS 14 KM LENGTH STEREO IMAGERY

## 2.5.1 Specifications Table for Basic Stereo Imagery

The following table lists the processing specifications, product parameters, and delivered Image Support Data files for Basic Stereo Imagery products.

Physical Characteristics - Basic Stereo Imagery				
Minimum Orderable Area	210 km² (15 km x 14 km)			
Product Framing	Full width			
Pan strip width (km,	16.4 - 17.6			
approximate at nadir)				
<b>Processing Specifications</b>				
Absolute Geolocation	Geometrically raw. With supplied image support data imagery can be processed to 5 m			
Accuracy	CE90 at less than 30° off-nadir, excluding terrain effects.			
Absolute Vertical Accuracy	5 m LE90 at less than 30° off-nadir			
Product Parameters				
Product Options	Pan, 4-band, pan + 4-band bundle			
Number of bits/pixel for	8 or 16			
deliverable image				
Digital scaling method (8	Linear with a maximum value set to 255			
bit only)				
Resampling option	4x4 cubic convolution, MTF kernel, Enhanced Kernel			



Output pixel spacing	As collected; no worse than 75 cm		
Overlap of AOI	100%		
Convergence angle C	30-60		
Bisector elevation angle	60-90		
(BIE)			
Asymmetry	< 20 degrees		
<b>Delivery Parameters</b>			
Output product delivery	FTP (pull), DVD, External Hard Drive		
media options			
File format options	NITF 2.0, NITF 2.1, GeoTiff 1.0		
Image Support Data			
ISD Files supplied to	Delivery (top level index) README file; Layout file, shapefiles, browse image, Product		
customer	README, image metadata file, ephemeris file; attitude file; geometric calibration file;		
	RPC00B file; license text file; tile map file, stereo file		
Spacecraft Telemetry	Refined attitude/ephemeris (supplied with ISD)		

TABLE 4: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BASIC STEREO PAIR IMAGERY

## 2.6 STANDARD IMAGERY PRODUCTS

Standard Imagery products are suitable for users requiring modest absolute accuracy and/or large area coverage. Users of Standard Imagery products usually possess sufficient image processing tools and knowledge to manipulate and exploit the imagery for a wide variety of applications.

**Processing**: Standard Imagery products are radiometrically corrected, sensor corrected, and projected to a plane using the map projection and datum of the customer's choice. Standard Imagery products are available in black & white at 50 cm, 60 cm or 2 m GSD, pan-sharpened at 50 cm or 60 cm GSD, or multispectral at 2.0 m or 2.4 m GSD depending on the sensor. All Standard Imagery products have uniform GSD throughout the entire product.

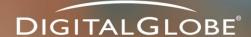
The radiometric corrections applied to this product include: relative radiometric response between detectors, non-responsive detector fill, and a conversion for absolute radiometry. The sensor corrections account for internal detector geometry, optical distortion, scan distortion, any line-rate variations, and registration of the panchromatic and multispectral bands. Geometric corrections remove spacecraft orbit position and attitude uncertainty, Earth rotation and curvature, and panoramic distortion.

Standard Imagery comes in two varieties:

**Standard Imagery**: Standard Imagery has a coarse DEM applied to it, which is used to normalize for topographic relief with respect to the reference ellipsoid. The degree of normalization is relatively small, so while this product has terrain corrections, it is not considered orthorectified.

**Ortho Ready Standard Imagery**: Ortho Ready Standard Imagery has no topographic relief applied with respect to the reference ellipsoid, making it suitable for orthorectification. Ortho Ready Standard Imagery is projected to a constant base elevation, which is calculated on the average terrain elevation per order polygon or can be supplied by the customer.

**Accuracies:** Standard and Ortho Ready Standard Imagery product accuracies vary by sensor. For QuickBird imagery, the geolocation accuracy specification is 23 m CE90. The WorldView-1 and WorldView-2



accuracy specification is 5 m CE90 at less than  $30^{\circ}$  off-nadir, with actual accuracy in the range of 4.0 - 5.5 m CE90. These accuracies are excluding any topographic displacement and off-nadir viewing angle. Ground location is derived from refined satellite attitude and ephemeris information without requiring the use of Ground Control Points (GCPs).

When Ortho Ready Standard Imagery is processed using supplied RPCs, a high quality DEM (e.g. DTED Level 2) and sub-meter GCPs, accuracies in the range of 4 meter CE90 may be achieved.

**Physical Structure:** With the exception of lack of terrain correction, Ortho Ready Standard Imagery products have all the same specifications as Standard Imagery products. All the specifications in this section apply to both Standard Imagery products and Ortho Ready Standard Imagery products.

If the order polygon crosses more than one strip, one product is made for each image strip that is used to fulfill the order. As the Standard Product is not mosaicked, one product will be delivered for each strip the order polygon intersects. The delivered area for Standard Products is the order polygon, black-filled to the Minimum Bounding Rectangle. The following figures show the final product structure for order polygons that fall within a single strip, and that cross multiple strips.

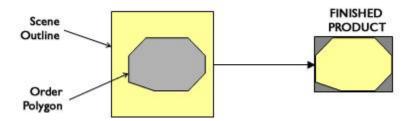


FIGURE 2: PRODUCT STRUCTURE FOR STANDARD AND ORTHORECTIFIED IMAGERY PRODUCTS WITHIN A SINGLE STRIP

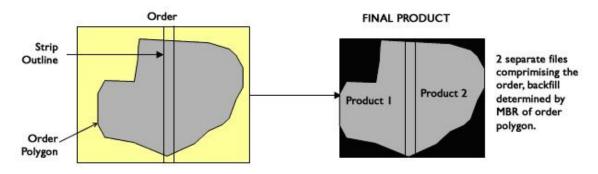


FIGURE 3: PRODUCT STRUCTURE FOR PROJECTED MULTI-STRIP PRODUCTS

Standard Imagery products are delivered as one image file for each strip the order polygon intersects. If the order polygon intersects more than one strip, the imagery in each strip will be delivered as separate files, will not be mosaicked together to form a single image, and will not be radiometrically balanced.



## 2.6.1 Specification Table for Standard Imagery Products

The following table lists the processing specifications, product parameters, and delivered Image Support Data files for Standard Imagery products.

Physical Characteristics - Standard and Ortho Ready Standard Imagery				
Minimum orderable area	25 km <sup>2</sup> (ImageLibrary); new collection subject to minimum price for tasking level selected, not less than 25 km <sup>2</sup>			
Product Framing	Area- based			
9	Processing Specifications			
Absolute geolocation	Geolocation accuracy specification of 5 m CE90 (WV-1, WV-2) or 23 m CE90 (QB) at less			
accuracy	than 30° off-nadir, excluding terrain effects.			
Geometric corrections	Spacecraft orbit position and attitude uncertainty; Earth rotation; Earth curvature;			
applied	panoramic distortion; terrain elevation (coarse)			
Geolocation information applied	Ephemeris and attitude; rotation and alignment to map projection			
Applied terrain	Average base elevation or customer specified elevation (Ortho Ready Standard); coarse			
information	DEM (Standard)			
	Product Parameters			
Product Options	Pan, 4-band, 8-band, pan + 4-band bundle, pan + 8-band bundle			
Product Options	Natural Color, Color Infrared, 4-band Pan-Sharpened			
Number of bits per pixel in delivered product	8 or 16			
Digital scaling method (applies to 8 bit only)	Linear with maximum value set to 255 (if highest DN is <= 255, no scaling is applied)			
Resampling option	4x4 cubic convolution, Nearest neighbor,MTF kernel, Enhanced Kernel, Pan-sharpening			
Dynamic Range Adjustment (DRA) option	Color correction and contrast enhancement (8-bit only)			
Output tile size options	None; 8k x 8k pixels; 14k x14k; 16k x 16k pixels; Map-based			
	Pan: 50 cm, 60 cm, 2 m			
Output pixel spacing	Pan-sharpened: 50 cm or 60 cm			
	Multispectral: 2.0 m or 2.4 m			
Output alignment	Rotated to Map North up			
Cloud Cover	0-15% default, other options available upon request			
	Delivery Parameters			
Output product delivery media options	FTP Pull, DVD, External Hard Drive			
Image data format options	NITF 2.0; NITF 2.1; GeoTIFF 1.0			
	Image Support Data			
ISD files supplied to	Delivery (top level index) README file; Layout file, shapefiles, browse image, Product			
customer	README, image metadata file, RPC00B file; license text file; tile map file			
Spacecraft telemetry	Refined attitude/ephemeris (used to create the product)			

TABLE 5: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF STANDARD IMAGERY

## 2.7 ORTHO READY STEREO IMAGERY PRODUCTS

Ortho Ready Standard Stereo Imagery products are suitable for customers with a high level of image expertise and software that is capable of ingesting, processing and/or displaying stereo imagery. They are typically used to create Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) or for three dimensional feature extraction. Customers ordering stereo products who require a small area of interest (AOI) should order the Ortho

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Ready Standard Stereo Product while customers requiring large area coverage should opt for the Basic Stereo Product.

**Ortho Ready Stereo Imagery**: Ortho Ready Stereo Imagery is map projected but has no topographic relief applied with respect to the reference ellipsoid, making it suitable for orthorectification. Ortho Ready Stereo Imagery is projected to a constant base elevation, which is calculated on the average terrain elevation per order polygon or can be supplied by the customer.

The Ortho Ready Stereo product takes on all of the same stereo collection angle specifications as the Basic Stereo Products however are available for customers who either prefer a map corrected stereo product or require a smaller minimum Area of Interest.

**Accuracy**: Ortho Ready Imagery product accuracies vary by sensor. The WorldView-1 and WorldView-2 accuracy specification is 5 m CE90 at less than  $30^{\circ}$  off-nadir, with actual accuracy in the range of 4.0-5.5 m CE90. These accuracies are excluding any topographic displacement and off-nadir viewing angle. Ground location is derived from refined satellite attitude and ephemeris information without requiring the use of Ground Control Points (GCPs). Vertical accuracy is 5 m LE90 at less than  $30^{\circ}$  off-nadir. QuickBird Stereo products are not offered.

**Physical Structure**: Ortho Ready Stereo Imagery products offer 100% stereo coverage over the AOI. The minimum AOI size for this product is 100 km<sup>2</sup>. These products have the same physical structure as Ortho-Ready Standard Imagery products. Refer to section 2.6 for details on physical structure.

2.7.1 SPECIFICATIONS TABLE FOR ORTHO READY STANDARD STEREO IMAGERY PRODUCTS
The following table lists the processing specifications, product parameters, and delivered Image Support
Data files for Ortho Ready Standard Stereo Imagery products.

Physical Characteris	tics - Ortho Ready Standard Stereo Imagery			
Minimum Order Size	100 km <sup>2</sup> (10 km x 10 km)			
Maximum Order Size	300 km <sup>2</sup>			
Product Framing	Area-based			
Final Product Physical Structure	Product tiling available			
Pan strip width (km, approximate at nadir)	17.6 km (WV-1) 16.4 km (WV-2)			
ı	Processing Specifications			
About to continue to the second	Geolocation accuracy specification of 5 m CE90 (WV-1, WV-2) at les.			
Absolute geolocation accuracy	than 30° off-nadir, excluding terrain effects.			
Coomotule connections applied	Spacecraft orbit position and attitude uncertainty; Earth rotation;			
Geometric corrections applied	Earth curvature; panoramic distortion			
Geolocation information applied	Ephemeris and attitude; rotation and alignment to map projection			
Applied terrain information	Average base elevation or customer specified			
	Product Parameters			
Product Options	Panchromatic, 4 or 8-band Multispectral or Bundle, 3 or 4-band Pan			
	sharpened			
Number of bits/pixel for deliverable image	8 or 16			
Digital scaling method (8 bit only)	Linear with a maximum value set to 255			



Resampling option	4x4 cubic convolution (default), Nearest neighbor, MTF kernel, Pan- Sharpening kernel, ENH kernel		
Dynamic Range Adjustment (DRA) option	Color correction and contrast enhancement (8-bit only)		
Output tile size options	None; 8k x 8k pixels; 14k x14k; 16k x 16k pixels; Map-based		
Output pixel spacing	Pan: 50 cm, 60 cm, 2 m Pan-sharpened: 50 cm or 60 cm Multispectral: 2.0 m or 2.4 m		
Output alignment	Rotated to Map North up		
Cloud Cover	0-15% default, other options available upon request		
Map projections	Geographic (Lat/Lon), UTM, State Plane		
Ellipsoids and Datums	NAD27, NAD83, WGS84		
Convergence Angle	30-60		
Bisector elevation angle (BIE)	60-90		
Asymmetry	< 20 degrees		
	Delivery Parameters		
Output product delivery media options	FTP (pull), DVD, Firewire		
File format options	NITF 2.0, NITF 2.1, GeoTIFF 1.0		
	Image Support Data		
ISD Files supplied to customer	Delivery (top level index) README file; Layout file, shapefiles, browse image, Product README, image metadata file; RPC00B file; license text file; tile map file, stereo file		

TABLE 6: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ORTHO READY STANDARD STEREO IMAGERY

## 2.8 ADVANCED ORTHO SERIES

Orthorectified Imagery products are GIS-ready and are used for numerous applications. They provide an ideal base for creating and revising mapping and GIS databases, or for registering existing feature layers. Ortho products can also be used for change detection and other analytical applications that require a high degree of absolute accuracy. As shown in Table 6, the product levels equate to different levels of processing and geolocation accuracy.

DigitalGlobe offers Ortho Products for consumers of imagery products who require clearly defined aesthetic and accuracy specifications with an emphasis on aesthetic quality. Table 6 describes these options.

Accuracy Type	Accuracy CE90	Accuracy RMSE	Vision Premium	Vision
Precision Aerial	2.7 m – 5.3 m	1.8 m – 3.5 m	Superior aesthetics with high touch	N/A
Precision	4.2 m	2.8 m	<ul> <li>services</li> <li>Virtually cloud and haze free</li> <li>Tonally balanced</li> <li>3-5 day delivery*</li> </ul>	Standard aesthetics with
Mapping	10.2 m	6.6 m		automated production
Display	25.4 m	16.5 m		2-3 day delivery*

TABLE 7: ADVANCED ORTHO SERIES IMAGERY PRODUCTS AND ASSOCIATED ACCURACIES



\* Satellite Delivery times based on areas smaller than 1500 km<sup>2</sup>. Larger areas will be delivered within 5 days for Ortho Vision; within 10 days for Ortho Vision Premium

**Processing:** Orthorectified Satellite Imagery products are radiometrically corrected, sensor corrected, and orthorectified with a fine digital terrain model using the map projection and datum requested by the customer. Orthorectified Imagery products require DEMs to remove relief displacement. Ground Control Points (GCPs) can also be used to improve the absolute accuracy. Before an order for an Orthorectified Imagery product is accepted, DigitalGlobe will determine whether it has the appropriate support data to make the desired product. The accuracy of the DEMs and/or GCPs required to make each product depends on the Orthorectified Imagery product ordered. Quotes for the support data will be provided on request (for locations where GCPs can be collected). Table 98 summarize the processing parameters used for Vision Premium and Vision Ortho Products.

Processing Parameter	Vision Vision Premium			
Product Options	WV02 and QB02 default is 3 band pan-sharpen; other options acceptable			
Resolution	50 cm, 60 cm, 2 m	50 cm, 60 cm, 2 m, 30 cm aerial		
Customer Framing	Area-Ba	ased		
Bit Depth	8 bits pe	rpixel		
Resampling Kernel	Enhanced for pan-sha	rpen, MTF for pan		
File format	GeoTIFF is default, other optio	ns in section 4.4 acceptable		
Mosaic	Yes, if app	licable		
Radiometric Balancing	General balancing required for mosaics	Precise balancing required for mosaics		
DRA	On			
Datum/Projection/Units	Default is UTM WGS84 (m), other supported options are acceptable (refer to table 10 below)			
Tiling	Default is 8k tiling, other supported options are acceptable (refer to table 10 below)			
Delivery	Any from supported delivery options (refer to table 10 below)			

**TABLE 8: VISION AND VISION PREMIUM PROCESSING PARAMETERS** 

**Aesthetics:** Digital Globe offers two options for aesthetic quality of Ortho Products; Vision Premium and Vision. Vision Premium aesthetics are of the highest quality, with more rigorous specifications for cloud, haze, snow, geometric breaks, and cutline placement requiring high touch processing. Vision aesthetics are of good quality and have less rigorous specifications for cloud, haze, snow, geometric breaks and cutline placement. This product type requires low touch and can be generated more quickly and at larger scale. Table 9 below describes the specifications for Vision Premium and Vision Products in detail.

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Quality Type	Vision Premium	Vision
Cloud Cover	Less than 10%	Up to 20% for the AOI
Haze, Pollution & Fog	None or Scarce	Allowable
Snow	Only persistent allowed	Allowable
Tonal Balancing	Required; input imagery is seasonally consistent	Optional; If requested, optimal results may not be achieved
Geometric Breaks	Minimized to less than 1 m	Allowable up to one half the product CE 90
<b>Cutline Placement</b>	Seamless	Automated, visible radiometric breaks are allowable

**TABLE 9: AESTHETIC QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS** 

#### 2.8.1 Custom Orthorectified Products

DigitalGlobe also offers customers the opportunity to order Custom Orthorectified Imagery products. These products can be produced to standard NMAS scale with no aesthetics specifications using either customer supplied or DigitalGlobe support data. For products that use customer provided support data to orthorectify the imagery, there is no stated accuracy associated with because the quality and accuracy of the finished product is directly dependent on the quality and accuracy of the support data. DEMs and GCPs are the most typical types of support data that customers provide to DigitalGlobe. Please contact DigitalGlobe for a complete list of acceptable types of support data and formats.

**Physical Structure**: The delivered area for Orthorectified Products is the order polygon is black-filled to the Minimum Bounding Rectangle and optionally tiled.

## 2.8.1.1 Specification Table for Satellite Ortho Imagery Products

The following table lists the processing specifications, product parameters, and delivered Image Support Data files for custom ortho Imagery products.



Physical Characteristics –Ortho Imagery	
Minimum Orderable Area	100 km²
Maximum Orderable Area	10,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Product Framing	Area-based
Processing Specifications	
Absolute geolocation accuracy (nadir)	4 m - 25 m CE90
Geometric corrections applied	Spacecraft orbit position and attitude uncertainty; Earth rotation; Earth curvature; panoramic distortion; terrain elevation (fine)
Geolocation information applied	Refined ephemeris and attitude; rotation and alignment to map projection
Applied terrain information	Fine DEM
Spatial mosaicking	Images mosaicked to minimize seamlines – optional
Tonal balance	Contiguous tonal balancing across multi-image mosaics – optional
Product Parameters	
Product Options	Pan, 4-band, 8-band, pan + 4-band bundle, pan + 8-band bundle Natural Color, Color Infrared, 4-band Pan-Sharpened
Number of bits per pixel in delivered product	8 or 16
Digital scaling method (applies to 8 bit only)	Linear with maximum value set to 255 (if highest DN is <= 255, no scaling is applied)
Resampling Option	4x4 cubic convolution , MTF kernel, Enhanced Kernel, Pan-sharpening
Dynamic Range Adjustment (DRA)	Color correction and contrast enhancement (8-bit only) optional
Output tile size options	None; 8k x 8k pixels; 14k x14k; 16k x 16k pixels Product Units-customer specified (mosaics only)
	Pan: 50 cm, 60 cm, 2 m
Output pixel spacing	Pan-sharpened: 50 cm or 60 cm Multispectral: 2.0 m or 2.4 m
Map projections, Ellipsoids and Datums	See Table 7
Output alignment	Rotated to Map North up
Cloud cover	15%
Delivery Parameters	
Output product delivery media options	FTP Pull, DVD, External Hard Drive
Image data format options	NITF 2.0; NITF 2.1; GeoTIFF 1.0
Image Support Data	
ISD files supplied to customer	Delivery (top level index) README file; Layout file, shapefiles, browse image, Product README, image metadata file, license text file; tile map file
Spacecraft telemetry	Refined attitude/ephemeris (used to create product)

TABLE 10: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF ORTHO IMAGERY



#### 2.8.2 Precision Aerial

The Precision Aerial Product is a Premium Precision ortho but has a number of specifications that differ from the Satellite derived Advanced Ortho Series Products. The Advanced Ortho Aerial Program is a joint effort with Microsoft to produce the first and largest of wall-to-wall 30 cm Natural Color and 60 cm Color Infrared orthomosaics of the contiguous United States and Western Europe.

Collection Program: The Advanced Ortho Aerial Program imagery is collected in 1 degree by 1 degree region tiles (~10,000 km²) in a grid pattern for complete country coverage. Additionally, individual Metros, which are irregular polygons generously drawn around the major cities and population centers, are collected and processed as a complete product to ensure high quality within the populated areas. Processing a Metro contiguously, ensures that seasonality, color balancing, and mosaicking are maintained for a whole Metro regardless of how that metro falls along the 1deg x 1deg Region Tile boundaries. Each Region Tile is categorized into High Value, Standard Value, and Remote Value groups. These categories dictate collection priority. Metros are always High Value. Collection priority is be placed on highly populated metro areas, then select standard value region tiles, which will be followed by remote value region tiles. Once completed in Q2 of 2012, all of the Standard Value and High Value Region Tiles, as well as the Metros, will be refreshed by Q4 2014. This will be approximately a 60% refresh, and will be subject to further review as the refresh period approaches.

**Physical Structure:** Premium Vision Precision Aerial Products are delivered in full Region Tiles or metro areas and are tiled in 25,000 by 25,000 pixels for RGB and 12,500 by 12,500 pixels for CIR.

Processing: Precision Aerial products are orthomosaics that are color balanced within the Region Tiles. Color differences between the frames that make up a mosaic will be minimized. Specifically, individual image frames will be adjusted for side-to-side shading, contrast variations, time-of-day, sun-angle, atmospheric conditions like haze, and the use of multiple cameras over multiple days. Whenever adjacent Region Tiles are available, an overlapping strip of images will be used in color balancing of a new Region Tile, however adjacent Region Tiles and Metros will not be color balanced to each other. Seamlines are minimized by routing through irregular paths through the images to avoid above-ground man-made structures. Seam-lines between images from adjacent flight strips may be noticeable in vegetated or built-up areas. To minimize any potential geometric errors between adjacent region tiles, flying patterns will be adjust such that there always is a flight line centered on the region tile boundary.

The following table defines the characteristics of the Premium Vision Precision Aerial Product.

DigitalGlobe makes a best effort to abide by the quality specifications however under rare circumstances we may allow slight variations. These products are all produced to the following specification and available off the shelf. Custom Orthomosaic processing is not available for this product.



Sensor					
		Microsoft UltraCam G			
Maximum Off Nadir Angle	+/- 42.4° ONA CrossTrack				
Maximum On Naun Angle	+/- 6.8° ONA LongTrack				
Cloud Cover Restrictions	< 1%	1%			
Sun Elevation	30°	20°	20°		
Maximum Accuracy Tolerance	High Value	Std Value Re	mote Value		
(CE90)	2.67 m or 4.03	1 m 4.01 m 4.01	l m or 5.34 m		
Mosaicking and Color					
Balancing Color Balancing	Voc within	complete 1° x 1° region tile, or	motro AOI		
Mosaicking		, within Region Tiles and Metr			
Production Parameters	163	, within Region Thes and Meti	03		
Processing		Orthorectified Aerial Imagery			
Bits per pixel		8 bits			
Spatial Resolution	R	GB Color - 30 cm, CIR - 60 cm	1		
Dynamic Range Adjustment	.,,	and color 30 cm, cm 00 cm	1		
(DRA)	Yes				
Resampling Kernel	Cubic Convolution				
Spectral Bands	Natural Colo	or: RGB, Color Sharpened Infr	rared: NRG		
Projection, Datum, Units	UTM, WGS84, meters				
Tile Size	RGB: 25,000 x 25,000 pixels, CIR: 12,500 x 12,500 pixels				
File Format and Associated	GeoTIFF 1.0				
Parameters		GCOTHT 1.0			
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		for metro products			
	Eg. CIR_U	JSA-CO-Denver_2010_04_30_	ISO.XML		
Metadata		Metadata: ISO 19115			
	Environmental				
Cloud and Shadow	0%	< 2%	< 3%		
Restrictions	Must not be black and detail is clearly visible				
Haze -	0% < 2% < 3%				
	Must not be white and detail is clearly visible				
Standing Water	0%	0%	< 1%		
Seasonality	Leaf-Off N/A N/A				
Snow	Permanent Snow Above Treeline <3%				

TABLE 11: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF VISION PREMIUM AERIAL PRECISION



## 3 SATELLITE CONSTELLATION

The DigitalGlobe Constellation consists of three high-resolution satellites:

- QuickBird 65 cm, 4-band color
- WorldView-1 50 cm panchromatic
- WorldView-2 50 cm, 8-band color

Due to the different capabilities of each satellite, they are able to deliver different items from the core product list.

	QuickBird	WorldView-1	WorldView-2
	Basic, Standard,	Basic, Basic Stereo,	Basic, Basic Stereo,
Available Products	Ortho-ready	Standard, Ortho-ready	Standard, Ortho-ready
	Standard and Ortho	Standard and Ortho	Standard and Ortho
Spatial Resolution	60 cm pan,2.4 m MS	50 cm Pan	50 cm Pan, 2 m MS
	Red, Green, Blue,		Coastal, Blue, Green,
Multispectral bands	Near-Infrared	N/A	Yellow, Red, Red Edge,
iviuitispecti ai balius	1(NIR1)	N/A	Near-Infrared 1,and
			Near-Infrared 2(NIR2)
Native Accuracy	23 m CE90	5 m CE90	Jj
(at nadir on flat terrain)	23 III CE90	3 III CE30	5 m CE90

TABLE 12: PRODUCT AVAILABILITY BY SENSOR

The following table compares the various sensor bands available on each satellite. The band edge values represented here are determined at the 5% points of the band response curves. The Center Wavelength is the mid-point between the upper and lower band edges at the 5% point.

Band		QuickBird			WorldView-1			WorldV1ew-2	
	Lower Band Edge (nm)	Center Wave- length (nm)	Upper Band Edge (nm)	Lower Band Edge (nm)	Center Wavelength (nm)	Upper Band Edge (nm)	Lower Band Edge (nm)	Center Wavelength (nm)	Upper Band Edge (nm)
Panchromatic	405	729	1053	397	651	905	447	627	808
Multispectral									
Coastal Blue	-	-	1	-	=	1	396	427	458
Blue	430	488	545	-	-	-	442	478	515
Green	466	543	620	-	=	ı	506	546	586
Yellow	-	-	-	-	-	-	584	608	632
Red	590	650	710	-	-	-	624	659	694
Red Edge	-	-	-	-	-	-	699	724	749
NIR1	715	817	918	-	-	-	765	833	901
NIR2	-	-	-	-	-	-	856	949	1043



#### TABLE 13: COMPARISON OF SENSOR BANDS AMONG THE DIGITALGLOBE CONSTELLATION

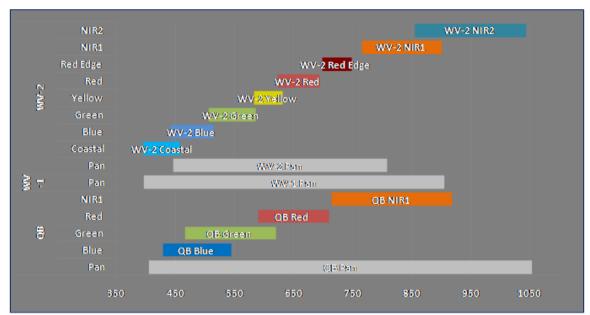


FIGURE 4: VISUAL COMPARISON OF SENSOR BANDS

The following sections outline the capabilities of each satellite.

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## 3.1 QUICKBIRD SATELLITE

DigitalGlobe's QuickBird satellite provides high resolution panchromatic and multispectral imagery. Its large swath width, combined with ample on-board storage and geolocational accuracy, allows it to efficiently and accurately image large areas of the globe. The QuickBird spacecraft is capable of acquiring over 75 million square kilometers of imagery data annually.

QuickBird Characteristics				
	Date: October 18, 2001			
Launch Information	Launch Vehicle: Delta II			
	Launch Site: Vandenberg Air Force Base			
	Altitude: 482 kilometers			
Orbit	Type: Sun synchronous, 10:00 am descending node			
	Period: 94.2 minutes			
	Panchromatic: 405-1053			
	Multispectral:			
Sensor Bands	Blue: 430 - 545			
Selisur Ballus	Green: 466 – 620			
	Red: 590 – 710			
	NIR1: 715 - 918			
Sensor Resolution	0.65 meters GSD at nadir Panchromatic			
(GSD = Ground Sample Distance)	2.62 meters GSD at nadir Multispectral			
NIIRS Equivalency	NIIRS potential of 4.9			
Dynamic Range	11-bits per pixel			
Swath Width	18.0 kilometers at nadir			
Pointing Accuracy & Knowledge	Accuracy: <500 meters at image start and stop			
Fointing Accuracy & Knowledge	Knowledge: Supports geolocation accuracy below			
	Acceleration: .086 deg/s/s			
Retargeting Agility	Rate: 2.4 deg/sec			
	Time to slew 200 kilometers: 37 seconds			
Onboard Storage	128 gigabits capacity			
Man Viewing Angle / Associate Crown Sweet	Nominally +/-45° off-nadir = 1005 km wide swath			
Max Viewing Angle / Accessible Ground Swath	Higher angles selectively available			
Per Orbit Collection	331 gigabits			
Max Contiguous Area Collected in a Single Pass	18.0 x 360 km mono			
Revisit Frequency	2.5 days at 1 meter GSD			
to target at 40° N latitude	5.6 days at 20° off-nadir or less			
	Geolocation Accuracy specification of 23 m CE90 excluding			
Geolocation Accuracy (CE90)	terrain and off-nadir effects			
TABLE 44 OLUMNY	RIRD SPACECRAFT CHARACTERISTICS			

TABLE 14: QUICKBIRD SPACECRAFT CHARACTERISTICS



## 3.2 WORLDVIEW-1

WorldView-1 is the first of our next-generation equipped with state-of-the-art control moment gyros, which provide stunning agility, rapid retargeting and efficient in-track stereo collection. The WorldView-1 spacecraft is capable of collecting up to 750,000 square kilometers (290,000 square miles) of 50 cm resolution panchromatic imagery per day.

WorldView-1 Characteristics			
	Date: September 18, 2007		
Launch Information	Launch Vehicle: Delta II 7920		
	Launch Site: Vandenberg Air Force Base		
	Altitude: 496 kilometers		
Orbit	Type: Sun synchronous, 10:30 am descending node		
	Period: 95minutes		
Sensor Bands	Panchromatic		
Sensor Resolution	0.50 meters GSD at nadir		
(GSD = Ground Sample Distance)	0.55 meters GSD at 20° off-nadir		
NIIRS Equivalency	NIIRS potential of greater than 5.0		
Dynamic Range	11-bits per pixel		
Swath Width	17.7 kilometers at nadir		
Pointing Accuracy & Knowledge	Accuracy: <500 meters at image start and stop		
Forming Accuracy & Knowledge	Knowledge: Supports geolocation accuracy below		
	Acceleration: 2.29 deg/s/s		
Retargeting Agility	Rate: 4.45 deg/s		
	Time to slew 200 kilometers: 10 seconds		
Onboard Storage	2199 gigabits solid state with EDAC		
Max Viewing Angle / Accessible Ground	Nominally +/-45° off-nadir = 1035 km wide swath		
Swath	Higher angles selectively available		
Per Orbit Collection	331 gigabits		
Max Contiguous Area	111 x 112 km mono		
Collected in a Single Pass	51 x 112 km stereo		
Revisit Frequency	1.7 days at 1 meter GSD or less		
to target at 40° N latitude	5.4 days at 20° off-nadir or less (0.55 meter GSD)		
	Geolocation Accuracy specification of 5 m CE90 at less than 30° off-		
Geolocation Accuracy (CE90)	nadir, with actual accuracy in the range of 4.0 – 5.5 m CE90 at nadir,		
Constant Accuracy (CESO)	excluding terrain and off-nadir effects		
	With registration of GCPs in image: 2.0 M (6.6 feet)		

TABLE 15: WORLDVIEW-1 SPACECRAFT CHARACTERISTICS



## 3.3 WORLDVIEW-2

WorldView-2 is the first commercially available 8-band multispectral satellite equipped with state-of-the-art control moment gyros. It also has high agility, rapid retargeting and efficient in-track stereo collection, plus with its higher elevation, it provides faster revisit times around the globe. The WorldView-2 spacecraft is capable of collecting up to 975,000 square kilometers (376,000 square miles) of 50 cm panchromatic and 2 m 8-band multispectral imagery per day.

WorldView-2 Characteristics				
	Date: October 8, 2009			
Launch Information	Launch Vehicle: Delta II 7920			
	Launch Site: Vandenberg Air Force Base			
	Altitude: 770 kilometers			
Orbit	Type: Sun synchronous, 10:30 am descending node			
	Period: 100 minutes			
	Panchromatic: 450 - 800			
	Multispectral:			
Sensor Bands	Coastal Blue: 400 - 450 Red: 630 – 690			
Sensor Banas	Blue: 450 – 510 Red Edge: 705 - 745			
	Green: 510 – 580 NIR1: 760 – 895			
	Yellow: 585 – 625 NIR2: 860 - 1040			
Sensor Resolution	0.46 meters GSD at nadir Panchromatic			
Sensor Resolution	1.85 meters GSD at nadir Multispectral			
(GSD = Ground Sample	0.52 meters GSD at 20° off-nadir Panchromatic			
Distance)	2.07 meters GSD at 20° off-nadir Multispectral			
NIIRS Equivalency	NIIRS potential of greater than 5.0			
Dynamic Range	11-bits per pixel			
Swath Width	16.4 kilometers at nadir			
Pointing Accuracy &	Accuracy: <500 meters at image start and stop			
Knowledge	Knowledge: Supports geolocation accuracy below			
	Acceleration: 1.43 deg/s/s			
Retargeting Agility	Rate: 3.86 deg/s			
	Time to slew 200 kilometers: 10 seconds			
Onboard Storage	2199 gigabits solid state with EDAC			
Max Viewing Angle /	Nominally +/-45° off-nadir = 1651 km wide swath			
Accessible Ground Swath	Higher angles selectively available			
Per Orbit Collection	524 gigabits			
Max Contiguous Area	138 x 112 km mono			
Collected in a Single Pass	63 x 112 km stereo			
Revisit Frequency	1.1 days at 1 meter GSD			
to target at 40° N latitude	3.7 days at 20° off-nadir or less (0.52 GSD)			
	Specification of 5 m CE90 at less than 30° off-nadir, with predicted performance			
Goologation Accuracy (CEOO)	in the range of 4.6 to 10.7 meters (15 to 35 feet) CE90, excluding terrain and off-			
Geolocation Accuracy (CE90)	nadir effects			
	With registration to GCPs in image: 2.0 m (6.6 feet)			

**TABLE 16: WORLDVIEW-2 SPACECRAFT CHARACTERISTICS** 



## 4 IMAGERY ACQUISITION

## 4.1 TASKING

There are four tasking options for DigitalGlobe Imagery Products: Select, Select Plus, Assured, and Single Shot. Each tasking option offers a different level of service to the customer, and offers different benefits, so the customer should choose the option which aligns best with their needs in terms of collection window, cloud protection, and price. Tasking orders have single or multiple acquisition opportunities and different customer-defined tasking parameters, depending on the tasking type selected.

For Select, Select Plus and Assured Tasking, DigitalGlobe offers a 0-15% default cloud cover. Clouds are defined as pixels through which ground features are obscured either partially or in their entirety due to atmospheric conditions; to be considered cloud cover, a definite boundary between the affected pixels and the unaffected pixels must be visible. All acquired image strips are assessed for cloud cover. Cloud shadows are not accounted for in assessment.

When preparing its collection plan, DigitalGlobe creates the best plan for every pass, which maximizes the benefit to our customer base while adhering to the parameters associated with each tasking option. Several factors are considered in the collection plan, including tasking option, date an order was received, the customer-specified collection window, and the cloud cover forecast. In rare instances, DigitalGlobe may pre-empt some orders due to collection efficiency and/or satellite calibration and maintenance.

#### 4.1.1 COLLECTION FEASIBILITY

DigitalGlobe performs two feasibility studies on all Tasking Orders prior to acceptance of the order:

**Physical Feasibility** assesses the number of times that the satellites have physical access to your target based upon the parameters you provide. Items that affect physical feasibility include off-nadir angle (wider angles will have more accesses than narrow angles), latitude, and collection windows (the larger the collection window, the more access the satellites will have).

**Competitive Feasibility** assesses DigitalGlobe's ability to collect your order based upon other orders already on the tasking deck.

The output of the feasibility studies will be shown on the customer's order quotation and confirmation form, and varies depending on the Tasking Level selected (see below for more detail).

#### 4.1.2 SELECT TASKING

- DigitalGlobe's entry level tasking
- Select Tasking offers flexibility to the customer to set their own collection window, or to go with DigitalGlobe's suggested window
- Customer may specify length of collection window that they are interested in, up to 365 days.
- DigitalGlobe will perform a feasibility, and report back a high or low probability of success within the given collection window.



- If the customer's collection window has a low probability of success, then DigitalGlobe will also give a suggested collection window. The customer may confirm the order with their original collection window, or DigitalGlobe's suggested collection window, understanding that DigitalGlobe's suggested window will give the best likelihood of success.
- For orders with a high probability of success, a suggested window will not be given since the original window is feasible.
- DigitalGlobe's feasibility assesses physical and competitive feasibility at the time of order
  placement; factors may change after order confirmation which affects DigitalGlobe's ability to
  fulfill a Select Tasking order. In the case that DigitalGlobe is unable to collect a Select Tasking
  order in the original tasking window, the customer will be contacted and given the option to
  cancel the order or extend the collection window.

Tasking Parameters - Select	Customer Selected	
	Basic Imagery - 1 scene	
Minimum Collection Area	Standard Imagery - subject to minimum price, not less than 25 km <sup>2</sup>	
	Orthorectified Imagery - 100 km <sup>2</sup>	
Start Collection Date	Customer specified	Yes
End Collection Date	Customer specified number of days from Start Collection Date, up	Yes
Elia Collection Date	to 365 days from Start Collect	Tes
Maximum Cloud Cover	15%	
	0° - 20°, 0° - 30°, 0° - 45° Basic, Standard, and Ortho Ready Standard	
Off Nodia Angle	Imagery	Yes
Off-Nadir Angle	0° - 20° Orthorectified Imagery (0° - 15° may be required in areas of	res
	rugged terrain)	
Sun Elevation	>= 15° (as collected); >= 30° for Pan-sharpened products	
Sun Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	
Target Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	

**TABLE 17: SELECT TASKING PARAMETERS** 

## 4.1.3 SELECT PLUS TASKING

- Select Plus Tasking offers a higher level of service to customers than offered for Select Tasking.
   Customers will see shorter collection windows for Select Plus Tasking, as opposed to Select Tasking, in areas of high competition.
- Select Plus Tasking offers flexibility to the customer to set their own collection window, or to go with DigitalGlobe's suggested window, if different.
- Customer may specify length of collection window that they are interested in, up to 365 days.
- DigitalGlobe will perform a feasibility, and report back a high or low probability of success within the given collection window.
  - If the customer's collection window has a low probability of success, then DigitalGlobe will also give a suggested collection window. The customer may confirm the order with their original collection window, or DigitalGlobe's suggested collection window,



understanding that DigitalGlobe's suggested window will provide the best likelihood of a success.

 For orders with a high probability of success, a suggested window will not be given since the original window is feasible.

DigitalGlobe's feasibility assesses physical and competitive feasibility at the time of order placement; factors may change after order confirmation which affects DigitalGlobe's ability to fulfill a Select Plus Tasking order. In the case that DigitalGlobe is unable to collect a Select Plus Tasking order in the original tasking window, the customer will be contacted and given the option to cancel the order or extend the collection window.

Tasking Parameters - Select Plus Tasking		
	Basic Imagery - 1 scene	
	Standard Imagery - subject to minimum price, not less than 25 km <sup>2</sup>	
Minimum Collection Area	Basic Stereo-1 Scene	
	Ortho Ready Stereo- 100 km <sup>2</sup>	
	Orthorectified Imagery - 100 km <sup>2</sup>	
Start Collection Date	customer specified	Yes
End Collection Date	Customer specified number of days from Start Collection Date, up	Yes
End Collection Date	to 365 days from Start Collect	163
Maximum Cloud Cover	15%	
	0° - 20°, 0° - 30°, 0° - 45° Basic, Standard, and Ortho Ready Standard	
Off Bladin Angle	Imagery	Yes
Off-Nadir Angle	0° - 20° Orthorectified Imagery (0° - 15° may be required in areas of	res
	rugged terrain)	
Sun Elevation	>= 15° (as collected); >= 30° for Pan-sharpened products	
Sun Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	
Target Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected) - default, selectable in 45° increments	Yes

TABLE 18: SELECT PLUS TASKING PARAMETERS

#### 4.1.4 ASSURED TASKING

- Assured Tasking is for customers who would like the assurance from DigitalGlobe that their order polygon will be collected in the confirmed collection window.
- DigitalGlobe will ensure that the necessary satellite capacity will be allocated to fulfill Assured Tasking orders within the agreed upon collection window.
- Customer may specify the length of collection window that they are interested in, up to 365 days.
- DigitalGlobe will perform feasibility and report back to the customer with a suggested window.
   For an Assured Tasking order to be confirmed, DigitalGlobe's suggested collection window must be used.
- For the rare cases in which Assured Tasking orders are not successfully acquired within the collection window (due to unforeseen circumstances, such as particularly bad weather), customer will be given the option to either:



1. Receive free ImageLibrary data for an area equivalent to the unfulfilled order polygon.

or

- 2. Extend the order. In these cases, the customer will be given an updated collection window for the unfulfilled portion of the order polygon.
- Assured Tasking is not available for stereo orders.
- Assured tasking not available on WorldView-1.

Tasking Parameters - Assured Tasking		
	Basic Imagery - 1 scene	
Minimum Collection Area	Standard Imagery - subject to minimum price, not less than 25 km <sup>2</sup>	
	Orthorectified Imagery - 100 km <sup>2</sup>	
Start Collection Date	DigitalGlobe suggested window	
End Collection Date	DigitalGlobe suggested window	
Maximum Cloud Cover	15%	
	0° - 45° Basic, Standard, and Ortho Ready Standard Imagery,	
Off Nadiu Anala	selectable in 10° increments	V
Off-Nadir Angle	0° - 20° Orthorectified Imagery, selectable in 10° increments (0° -	Yes
	15° may be required in areas of rugged terrain)	
Sun Elevation	>= 15° (as collected); >= 30° for Pan-sharpened products	
Sun Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	
Target Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	

TABLE 19: ASSURED TASKING PARAMETERS

## 4.1.5 SINGLE SHOT TASKING

- Single Shot Tasking should be used when customers have an immediate need for new imagery, and when customers need a guarantee that imagery will be collected on or near a specific date
- A single collection attempt.
- An initial collection window of 1 14 days may be provided by the customer. DigitalGlobe will perform a feasibility and report back to the customer with the first feasible access date within the customer's requested window.
- Order is guaranteed to be shot once confirmed by DigitalGlobe.
- There is no cloud cover protection for the Single Shot Tasking order. The delivered image could contain up to 100% cloud cover.
- Basic and Standard Imagery, in panchromatic and 4-band multispectral options
- Orders can start tasking as soon as 6 hours after order confirmation. Order confirmation is subject to DigitalGlobe business hours. Since Single Shot Tasking orders are planned on a first come, first served basis, it is to the advantage of the customer to place and confirm Single Shot Tasking orders as early as possible prior to the desired collection date to ensure collection.
- Single Shot tasking is only available on QuickBird.



Tasking Parameters – Single Shot Tasking			
Minimum Collection Area	Basic Imagery - 1 scene Standard Imagery - subject to minimum price, not less than 25 km²		
Maximum Collection Area	18km wide X 360km long (must be able to collect in a single pass)		
Start Collection Date	As soon as 6 hours after order confirmation	Yes	
End Collection Date	1 to 14 days after Start Collection Date	Yes	
Maximum Cloud Cover	100%	No	
Off-Nadir Angle	0° - 45° selectable in 10° increments	Yes	
Maximum number of	1		
Acquisition Attempts	1		
Sun Elevation	>= 15° (as collected); >= 30° for Pan-sharpened products	No	
Sun Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	No	
Target Azimuth	0° - 360° (as collected)	No	

**TABLE 20: SINGLE SHOT TASKING PARAMETERS** 

## 4.2 IMAGELIBRARY

DigitalGlobe's high-resolution satellite constellation has an annual collection capacity of close to 1 billion km². The ImageLibrary is populated with proactive collections of targeted regions, countries, and metropolitan areas as well as project areas worldwide.

The advantage of having an expansive ImageLibrary allows you quick access to all of the imagery you need to complete your project, whether it involves change detection, feature or DEM extraction, base mapping or site planning.

You can search DigitalGlobe's archive for and assess numerous images from multiple sensors based on sensor, seasonal, atmospheric and temporal considerations to determine which will best meet your project requirements.

When you find the imagery you need in our library, simply place an order, specify your area of interest and the level of processing you need. For delivery timelines see Table 27: Expected Delivery Times, by Product Type and Tasking Type.



## 4.3 ORDER POLYGON

Each order, whether tasking or an ImageLibrary order, scene based or area based, is defined by an Order Polygon. An Order Polygon may contain a minimum of 4 vertices and a maximum of 1,000 vertices, consisting of longitude/latitude (decimal degrees) geographic coordinates on the WGS84 ellipsoid. The order polygon is also referred to as Area of Interest or AOI.

The minimum and maximum size for an order polygon depends on the order type and the product selected. Refer to Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, and Table 10 for order polygon restrictions by product type. Note that a minimum of 5km is required for the length and height of the polygon. An order polygon may be defined using one of the following methods:

- Upper left and lower right corner coordinates if your area is rectangular.
- A center point and a height and width to define your area.
- Shapefile format –the .shp, .shx, and .dbf files must be supplied. A shapefile must contain only one polygon.
- ASCII text format (.gen) Arc/Info Generate format. An ASCII text file must contain a closed polygon with a minimum of four points, and a maximum of 1,000 points

Format	Example		
"ID"	BRISBANE_AUSTRALIA		
Longitude, Latitude	152.808,-27.671		
Longitude, Latitude	153.244,-27.671		
Longitude, Latitude	153.244,-27.236		
Longitude, Latitude	152.808,-27.236		
END	END		

TABLE 21: EXAMPLE OF ASCII TEXT FILE FORMAT

Order polygons that fit within a 13 km x 13 km box (for both scene and area based framing) will be collected in a single satellite pass, unless otherwise requested by the customer.

#### 4.3.1 PRODUCT DELIVERY

DigitalGlobe provides its Imagery Products to customers on a variety of industry standard image formats and media. In addition to the imagery products, DigitalGlobe also delivers the Image Support Data files in text format as described in Section 5.

## 4.4 FILE FORMATS

Imagery Products are available in three image formats:

- GeoTIFF 1.0
- NITF 2.0
- NITF 2.1



## 4.5 DELIVERY OPTIONS

DigitalGlobe provides a variety of direct and timely delivery options for delivering Imagery Products. These options include:

**Standard Delivery Service**: DigitalGlobe uses standard delivery services (FedEx, DHL, UPS) to deliver media directly to the customer in a timely fashion. DigitalGlobe selects the most reliable and quickest service based upon customer location.

**Electronic Delivery Service**: The customer may request electronic delivery. DigitalGlobe supports ftp (pull), where the customer logs on to the DigitalGlobe system and retrieves their imagery.

## 4.6 MEDIA

DigitalGlobe supports delivery on DVD and External Hard Drives for its Imagery Products. Those customers who select electronic delivery via ftp (pull) will not receive imagery on media.

## 4.7 TILING

Because some Imagery Products cannot fit in their entirety on all available media types or may be cumbersome to work with due to their large size, DigitalGlobe offers you the option to break up imagery into smaller pieces called tiles. Tiles may be defined by pixel based grids or by map based coordinates. Pixel based tiles may be defined by approximately 8,000 pixels by 8,000 pixels (8k x 8k), 14,000 pixels by 14,000 pixels (14k x 14k), or 16,000 by 16,000 pixels (16k x16k). Map based tiles are based on map coordinates in product units (meters or feet) and are defined by tile size and tile overlap. Customers who do not wish to tile their imagery may change their media type to one that will accommodate the full size of their product, but should understand that large data files may be difficult to import into some software packages. Please note that most image processing, GIS, and cartographic applications cannot open files over 2 GB in size. Also note that file formats have size restrictions as well. For example, the size restriction for GeoTIFF 1.0 is 4GB.

Tiling is an option for all products, except Basic Imagery. Note that all Pan-sharpened products must be tiled regardless of media type.

If an order polygon crosses strip boundaries, then the imagery product will be divided into product components, denoted as P001, P002, etc. When an individual product component exceeds the size limit for the media selected, it is tiled. Each tile, regardless of the tiling option (pixel based or map based) is



then given a number corresponding to its position in rows and columns. (See Figure

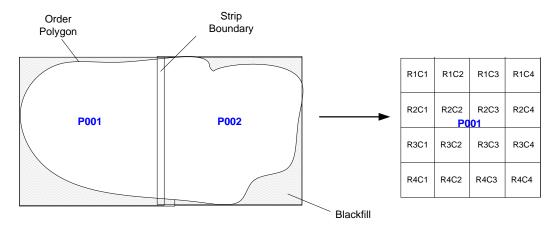


FIGURE 5: TILE NAMING

A tile map file (.til) is delivered with every product to help place the tiles in product coordinates. For more information on the tile map file and more technical information on tiling, see the DigitalGlobe Imagery Support Data (ISD) Documentation.

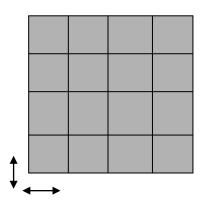


FIGURE 6: TILE MAP NAMING EXAMPLE



## 4.7.1 PIXEL BASED TILING

DigitalGlobe tiles imagery based on pixel grids by first drawing a minimum-bounding rectangle (MBR) around the image-oriented map. That MBR is then divided into tiles, which are sized according to the tiling option selected. Three pixel based tiling options are available, giving you the ability to specify the amount of data in each tile. These are as follows: 8k x8k, 14k x14k, and 16k x16k.

**8k x 8k** - 8k x 8k tiles have exactly 8,192 pixels by 8,192 pixels per tile. This tiling option may be easily read by commercial off the shelf (COTS) software products.

When the 8k option is selected, DigitalGlobe starts at the upper left corner of the MBR and counts  $8000 \times 8000$  pixels to create the first tile. (The tiles are actually 8 multiplied by 1024 due to internal blocking, so the first tile would be composed of 8,192 by 8,192 pixels for a panchromatic product. Divide by 4 for a multispectral product). The next tile is generated starting where the first tile ends (pixel 8192, 0), and pixels are counted down and across. (This same process is applied to  $14k \times 14k$  and  $16k \times 16k$  tiling, although 1024 is multiplied by 14 or 16, respectively, for these options.)

If the amount of imagery in a tile is less than 8192 x 8192 pixels, then the tile is cut off at the edge of the imagery. Some padding, or blackfill, pixels may be included to complete the block. A block is comprised of 1024 panchromatic pixels or 256 multispectral pixels.

**14k x14k** -14k x14k tiles have exactly 14,336 by 14,336 pixels per tile.

16k x16k -16k x16k tiles have exactly 16,384 X 16,384 pixels per tile.

#### 4.7.2 MAP BASED TILING

Map based tiling is available for all projections except Geographic and defined by product units (meters or feet). With this tiling option, the customer defines the tile size and tile overlap. The default tiling origin is the upper left corner of the minimum bounding rectangle for area based products and the upper left corner of the scene for scene based products. In order to define the tiling layout, the customer will specify length and width of the tiles in the product units. In addition, the amount of overlap is customizable between adjacent tiles. Although this tiling option allows for more custom tiling, tile sizes will be limited by the file size restrictions defined in the No Tiling option below.

#### 4.7.3 No TILING

DigitalGlobe strives to respect the wishes of its customers in regards to tile size selection. However individual scene size, file size, and media type may determine whether a scene requires tiling, regardless of the option selected. An order polygon whose boundaries intersect multiple scenes may need to have individual scenes tiled. An individual scene will be tiled if it is larger than 2 GB for any available media choice.

The following tables show file sizes for each pixel based tiling options. Please note that these are estimations, and that the actual file size will be dependent on the actual off nadir angle of the imagery.



	Black & White	Multispectral (4-band)	Color (3- band pan- sharpened)	Pan- sharpened (4-band)	Bit Depth
Basic Imagery (one scene)	603	152	NA	NA	8
	1207	304	NA	NA	16
Standard and Orthorectified Imagery (8k x 8k tile)	67	17	200	333	8
	133	33	400	667	16
Standard and Orthorectified Imagery (14k x 14k tile)	206	51	617	1022	8
	411	103	1233	2044	16
Standard and Orthorectified	269	67	808	1552	8
Imagery (16k x16k tile)	539	135	1617	3104	16

TABLE 22: QUICKBIRD FILE SIZE ESTIMATES IN MB

	Black & White	Multispectral (4 band)	Color (3- band)	Pan- sharpened (4-band)	Bit Depth
Basic Imagery (one scene)	1070	NA	NA	NA	8
,	2139	NA	NA	NA	16
Standard and Orthorectified	68	NA	NA	NA	8
Imagery (8k x 8k tile)	136	NA	NA	NA	16
Standard and Orthorectified	204	NA	NA	NA	8
Imagery (14k x 14k tile)	408	NA	NA	NA	16
Standard and Orthorectified	268	NA	NA	NA	8
Imagery (16k x16k tile)	536	NA	NA	NA	16

TABLE 23: WORLDVIEW-1 FILE SIZE ESTIMATES IN MB



	Black & White	Multispectral (4 band)	Multi- spectral (8-band)	Color (3- band pan- sharpened)	Pan- sharpened (4-band)	Bit Depth
Basic Imagery (one scene)	997	249	498	NA	NA	8
	1994	498	997	NA	NA	16
Standard and Orthorectified	68	17	34	204	272	8
Imagery (8k x 8k tile)	136	34	68	408	544	16
Standard and Orthorectified	204	51	102	612	816	8
Imagery ( 14k x 14k tile)	408	102	204	1224	1632	16
Standard and Orthorectified	268	67	134	804	1072	8
Imagery (16k x16k tile)	536	134	268	1608	2144	16

TABLE 24: WORLDVIEW-2 FILE SIZE ESTIMATES IN MB

## 4.8 RESAMPLING KERNELS

Resampling is necessary to align the pixels in an image to a coordinate grid. DigitalGlobe offers the following resampling options:

Resampling Kernel	Description
Nearest Neighbor	Selects the radiance value from the nearest pixel in the input image; does not alter the radiance values of the original image. This method can result in a blocky or disjointed image because no averaging is performed.
4x4 Cubic Convolution	Considers nearest 16 pixels synthesizing digital numbers using a polynomial calculation; the default kernel. This method produces a smoother appearance than nearest neighbor method while providing slightly sharper edge detail than the bilinear interpolation method.
MTF	Uses an 8 by 8 pixel window to determine the value of the destination pixel. Based on an empirical modeling of the optical and electronic properties of the sensors. The method produces the sharpest edge detail of all of the methods.
Pan-Sharpening	DigitalGlobe proprietary method designed for pan-sharpened products. This kernel is only available with Pan-sharpened products.
Enhanced	The Enhanced Kernel uses a high pass Laplacian filter applied to the panchromatic data as a pre-processing step before pan-sharpening. The result is an image with very fine detail and excellent color balance. This option is only available for panchromatic and pansharpened products.

TABLE 25: DIGITALGLOBE RESAMPLING KERNELS



## 4.9 PROJECTIONS AND DATUMS

DigitalGlobe supports the following map projections, ellipsoids, and datums:

Map Projections	Ellipsoids and Datums Supported		
Geographic (Lat/Long)	GDA 94		
	Tokyo Mean		
	NAD 27		
	NAD 83		
	WGS 84		
Japanese 19	Tokyo Mean		
UTM	NAD 27		
	NAD 83		
	WGS 84		
State Plane	NAD 27		
	NAD 83		

TABLE 26: DIGITALGLOBE SUPPORT MAP PROJECTIONS, ELIPSOIDS AND DATUMS

## 4.10 DELIVERY TIMELINES

Delivery time for products depends on the product and product options that a customer selects. Table 27 establishes the average timetables for product delivery. Times in this table indicate the number of business days to shipment, after DigitalGlobe receives all of the necessary support data to process an order. For Basic and Standard Imagery, this is after imagery acquisition. For Orthorectified Imagery, this is after imagery acquisition, and the collection of appropriate DEMs and GCPs. For ImageLibrary imagery, this time is number of days after order confirmation. Your product is delivered immediately upon completion of processing.

Processing time for Basic and Standard-level products is 3 days; for orthomosaic products, the processing time depends on the area of the order. Precision Aerial orthos are quoted on a project-by-project basis.

If you need your ImageLibrary imagery as soon as possible, a Rush ImageLibrary option is available for Basic- and Standard-level products. With the Rush option, the processing time is 24-48 hours, depending on the level of processing selected. See table below for processing timelines by product.



Product Level	Select/Select Plus/Assured Tasking**	Single Shot Tasking**	ImageLibrary**	Rush ImageLibrary**
Basic*	3 days	24 hours	3 days	24 hours
Standard*	3 days	24 hours	3 days	24 hours
Standard - Pan-sharpened*	3 days	24 hours	3 days	48 hours
Vision Premium				
Orthorectified*	2 days	N/A	2 days	N/A
Orthomosaic - less than 1500 km <sup>2</sup>	5 days	N/A	5 days	N/A
Orthomosaic - more than 1500 km <sup>2</sup>	10 days	N/A	10 days	N/A
Precision Aerial – 1 Region Tile/Metro	NA	NA	3 days	NA
Precision Aerial – up to 10 Region Tiles/Metros	NA	NA	10 days	NA
Precision Aerial – More than 10 Region Tiles/Metros	NA	NA	Call for quote	NA
Vision				
Orthorectified*	2 days	N/A	2 days	N/A
Orthomosaic - less than 1500 km <sup>2</sup>	3 days	N/A	3 days	N/A
Orthomosaic - more than 1500 km <sup>2</sup>	5 days	N/A	5 days	N/A

TABLE 27: EXPECTED DELIVERY TIMES, BY PRODUCT TYPE AND TASKING TYPE

<sup>\*</sup>Processing assumes one image. Additional contiguous scenes in a single order will add a nominal number of days.

<sup>\*\*</sup>All timelines based on business days (Monday-Friday)