

SOLE SUPPLIER DECLARATION

This is to state that Noldus Information Technology is the manufacturer and sole supplier for EthoVision®XT software in the United States and Canada. We do not work through any resellers, but supply directly to our customers.

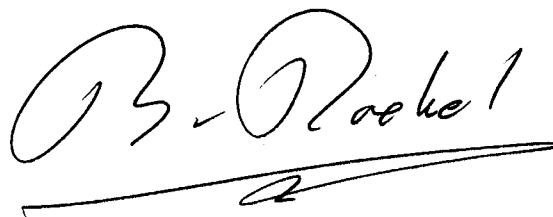
All related hardware used in an EthoVision® XT setup (cameras and computers) has been thoroughly tested for compatibility and is configured with Noldus specific settings prior to being shipped; similar items purchased elsewhere cannot be guaranteed to be fully compatible with the software and can lead to many technical support issues.

For cameras, Noldus supplies digital, gigabit Ethernet camera sets, which are thoroughly tested by R&D and are optimized to work with the EthoVision software. The gigabit Ethernet camera provides superb resolution and high, stable frame rate, both of which are crucial for precise, accurate data collection from video. The selected varifocal lens allows for adjustable field of view, making the camera set flexible for many applications.

For computers, we use a custom hard drive image stripped of any vendor installed extraneous software to increase both system speed and stability. These steps are necessary due to the computational requirements of the EthoVision XT software suite. The underlying computer vision algorithms require a robust core hardware platform to perform optimally. Furthermore, Noldus offers:

- a. Prompt sales and technical support to our customers, included with all purchases for one year at no additional charge (can be extended)
- b. Tracking based on an algorithm proven to work with a variety of models, including rodents, fish, and insects. Our 3-point algorithm tracks based on extrapolation from the center body point, not from a pre-defined body shape
- c. Module-based, not test-based, systems. By purchasing the modules you need in EthoVision® XT, you can then track in any type of maze or arena. Post-acquisition analysis can be performed on any number of computers

Furthermore, based upon the number of published articles, Noldus is the industry leader in tracking with experiments in a variety of research areas.



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