Sony PMW F5 recording to Gemini 10 bit 4444 Dual Link Recording Workflow

The unit comes with 2 SSD Cards that hold 512 Gigs of data each

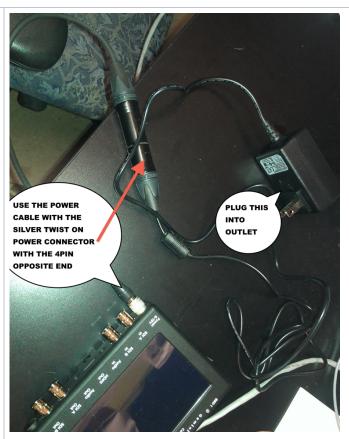
You will get 84min of 4:4:4:4 10 bit recording on the two cards



Load them into the Gemini by flipping down the metal doors in the back of the unit and sliding the cards in. They only go one way so don't force them. Insert them with the sata connection towards the unit and the labeling facing up.



Power connections for the Gemini

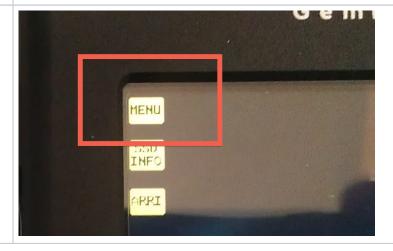


When the unit powers on you will see both green lights signaling both SSD cards are being accessed



Next step is to format the SSD cards.

Click on "Menu"



Click on "Gemini" SSD's > Format Both – OK

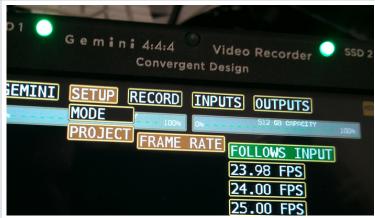
Formatting please wait – Takes about 1 min per card to format Each card is about 512 gigs

Gemini does support spanning but try to avoid it.



Next go to the "Setup" menu and set that to >Project>Frame Rate> Follows Input

This will set the Gemini to record the same frame rate as the camera is outputting.

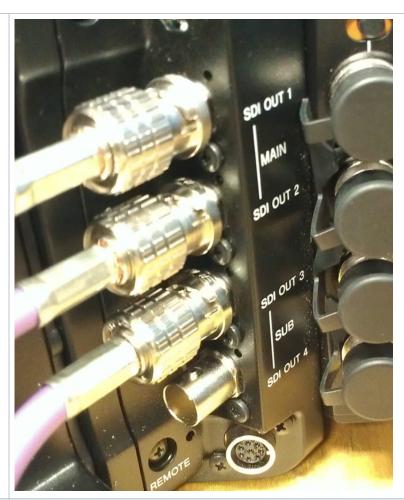


Set the Gemini to start recording when the camera starts recording.

Go to Menu>Record>Trigger>Camera



Plug in the SDI 1 and SDI 2 Out of the F5 into the SDI A and B Input on the Gemini



SDI A and B Input on the Gemini
Plug into the Gemini



SDI 3 which has the camera menu overlays plug into the monitor input



Turn on the Sony F5 using the on switch



Use the knob to Navigate through the menus and press the knob to select the menu item



Go to System Menu



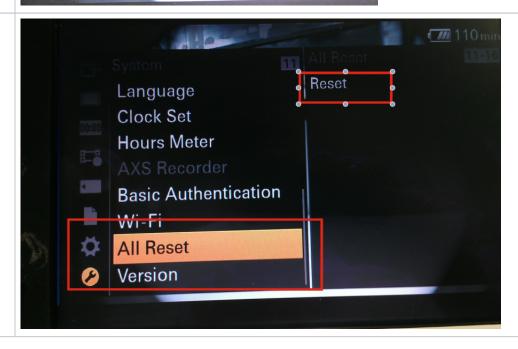
Reset the camera to defaults

Go to System>System Settings

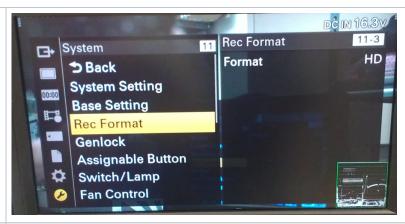


Scroll down to All Reset and choose Reset

Will have to power cycle the camera







Select the Record Format



These are the choices>you can only choose the XAVC 1920x1080 because the Gemini does not work with the XAVC 2048 x 1080 you have to use the SXS Pro cards or the sony external recorder to record these formats



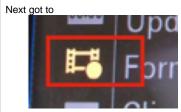
Use these Sony SXS Pro cards to record 2048 x 1080 2K footage

32 gig will hold 40 min and the 64 gig will hold 80 minutes



Choose the basic HD XAVC 1920 x 1080P setting





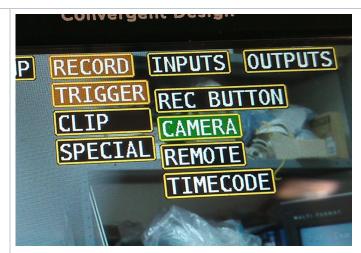
Go to Recording Menu

Choose>SDI Rec Control Setting set to "On"

This will put the Gemini in record when you press record on the camera



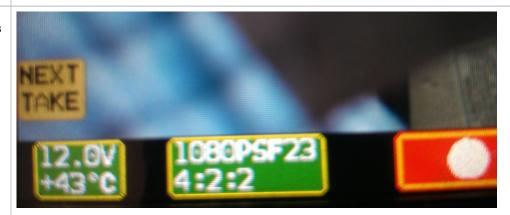
On the Gemini select the >Record>Trigger> Camera to place the Gemini in the "Camera Control" mode



Note on the Gemini that the unit shows that the recording will be controlled by the camera



Currently the camera is set to YPbPr. The Gemini will see a 1080PSF 23.98 4:2:2 signal

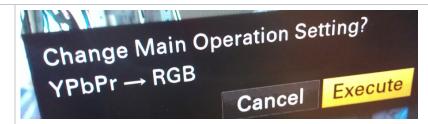


Go to >System>Base Setting>Main Operation>Change the setting to PGR

NOTE we don't have RAW recording capabilities

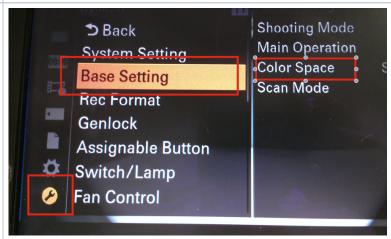


Confirm the changes by choosing Execute



Double check to make sure to set the color space

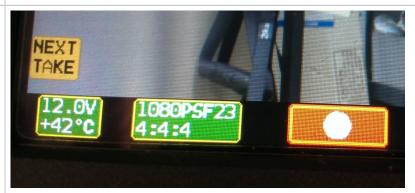
Go to the >System>
>Base Setting>
Color Space



Go to >Color Space>S-Gammut/Slog2



The Gemini now auto detects the 1080PSF signal to be 4:4:4 1080PSF 23.98



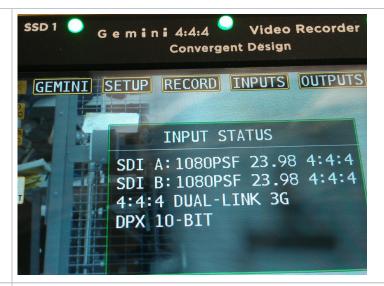
To check the Input status to make sure we are recording dual link click on the soft key 1080PSF 23.98



The Input Status should read SDI A: 1080PSF 23.98 4:4:4 SDI B: 1080PSF 23.98 4:4:4

Dual Link 3G DPX 10 Bit

The color should look correct on the Gemini Monitor



Now set to record press record on the Sony F5 camera and it will begin recording on Gemini too



Gemini in Record mode



Press the SSD Save Eject and Eject the 1 and 2 cards

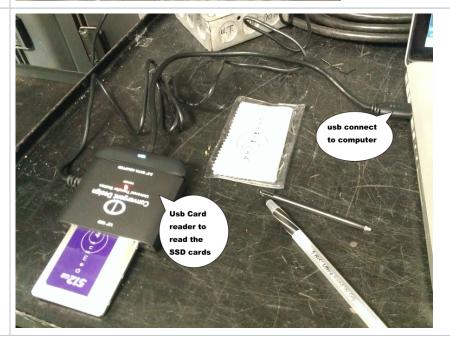


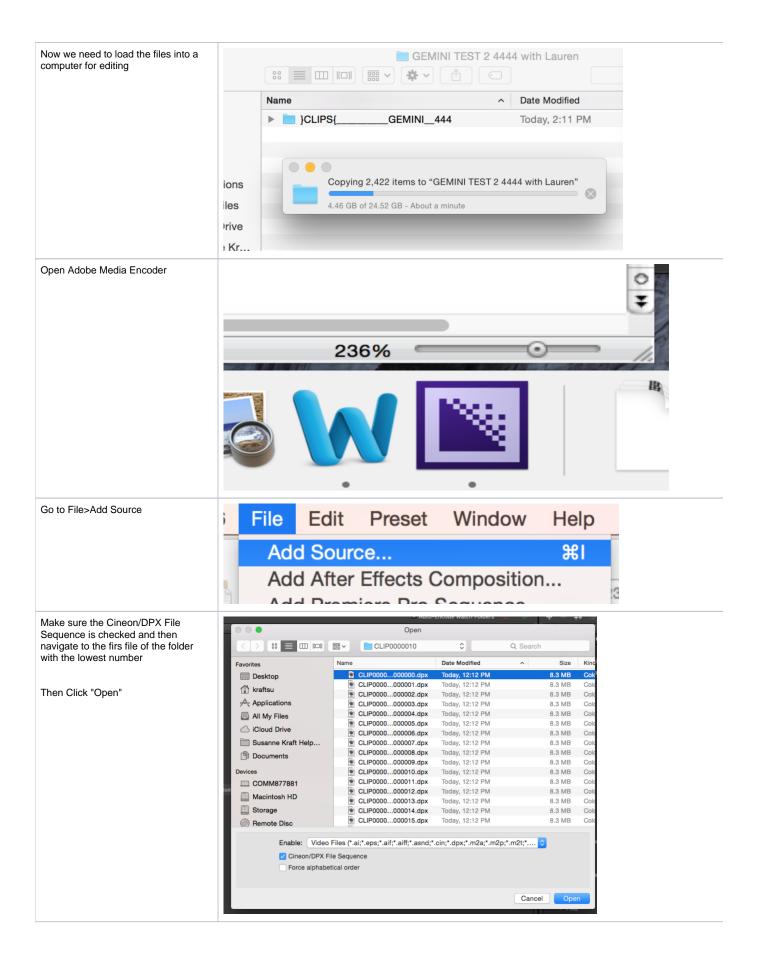
The only way to turn off is to unplug the unit

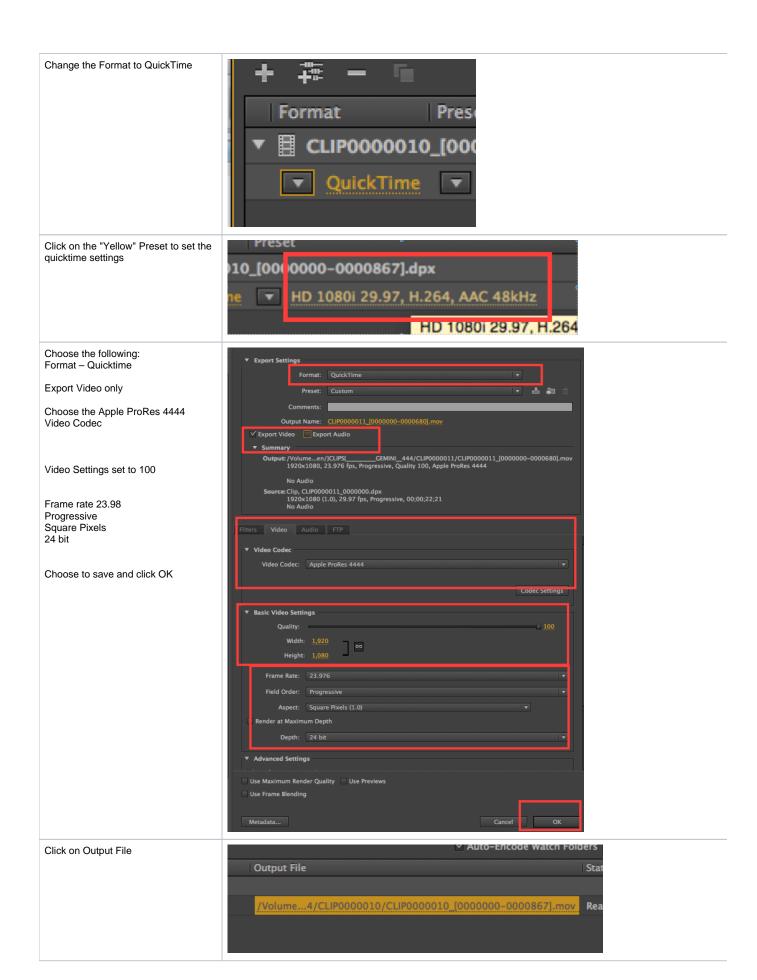


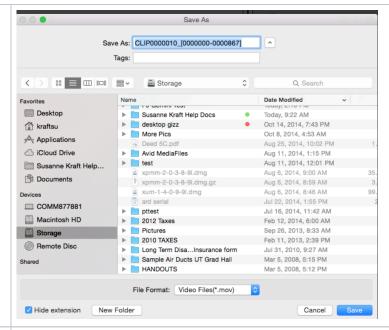
Remove the cards and load them into the USB card reader in the Gemini Kit

Connect the USB to the computer to offload the media

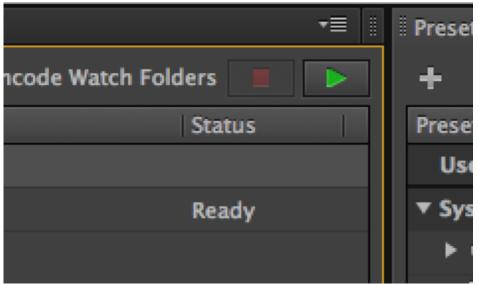








Click the green arrow to start the encode



Open AVID and create a AVID 1920 x 1080 Color Space - RGB

