

## **Application note: How to update Guppy/Pike/Stingray firmware**



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## Prerequisites

The following items will be needed:

### Hardware:

A computer with Windows Vista, XP, or 2000, as well as a FireWire cable.

### Software:

AVT FirePackage 2.5 with SmartView 1.7 or greater  
The programming \*.xml file.

## Updating the camera

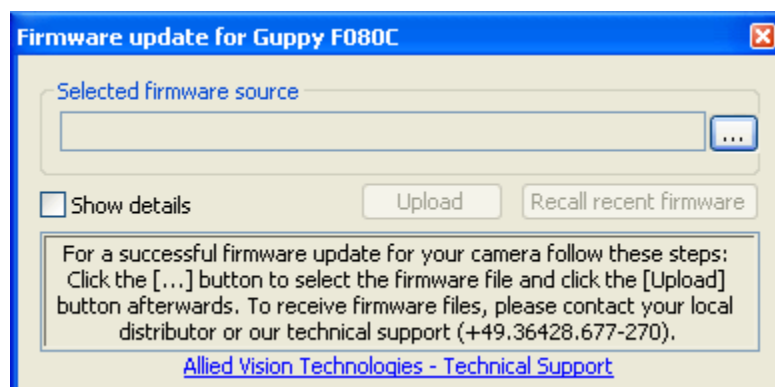
### Note



Please update camera firmware only if a specific known new feature is essential for your application. While very rarely occurring, a small percentage of update attempts can put the camera into a firmware condition that requires servicing at AVT facilities.

1. Start the SmartView 1.7 (or greater) software by double-clicking **SmartView\_1\_7\_x.exe** (or greater). If SmartView is already running and a viewer window is open, close the viewer window.
2. In the SmartView menu click **Update firmware** or right-click in the SmartView window and choose **Update firmware**.

The firmware update dialog opens.



3. To find out the firmware versions activate the **Show details** check box.


### Note



**Keep in mind the bootloader version.**

**If the bootloader version changes** with the new firmware update, the firmware update process has to be done **twice**.

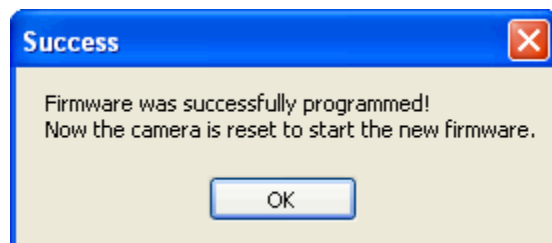
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4. Click the ellipsis button (...) and select a firmware file for your camera.

<b>Note</b> 	<p>You are only allowed to select files with a short version of the camera name in the file name.</p> <p>Example: GF080c</p> <p>This ensures that only the correct file is selected. Only if the file contains a valid firmware set, the Upload button will become active.</p>
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5. Click **Upload**.

The firmware found in the file is uploaded to the camera. A progress dialog is displayed.

The following success message is displayed:



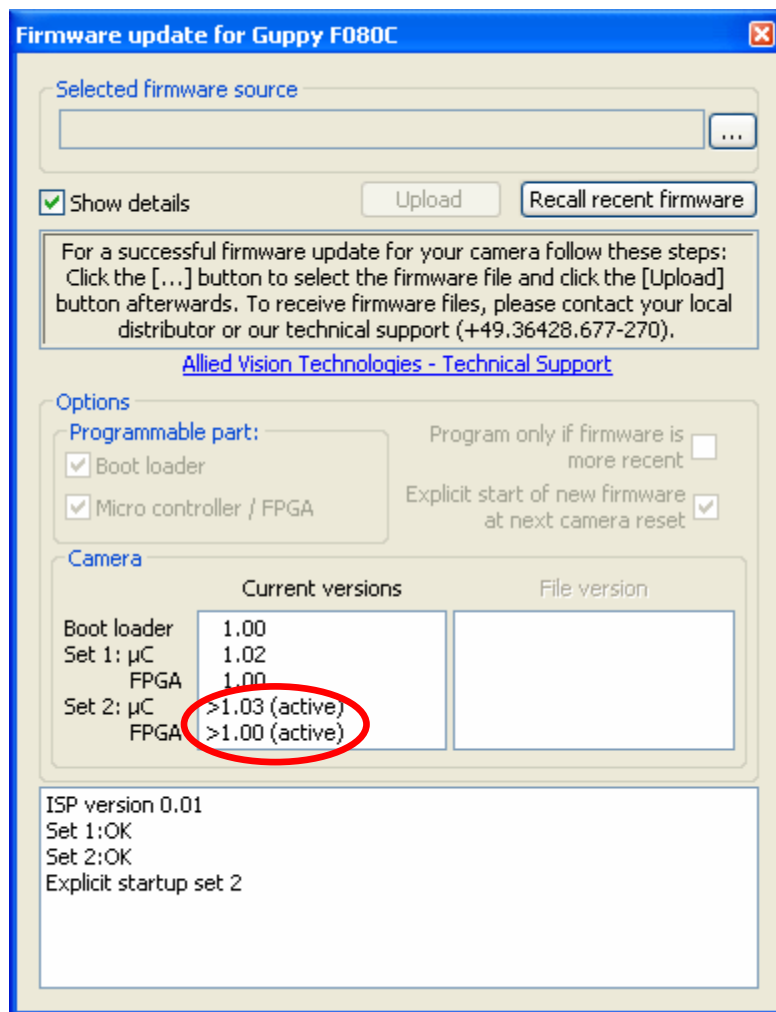
The camera is reset to start the new firmware.

For GUPPY/PIKE/STINGRAY: **If the bootloader version changed:** select firmware source again and click **Upload** a second time.

6. To check if the uploaded firmware is the active one, do the following: In the SmartView menu click **Update firmware** or right-click in the SmartView window and choose **Update firmware**.

The firmware update dialog with the new firmware version(s) opens.

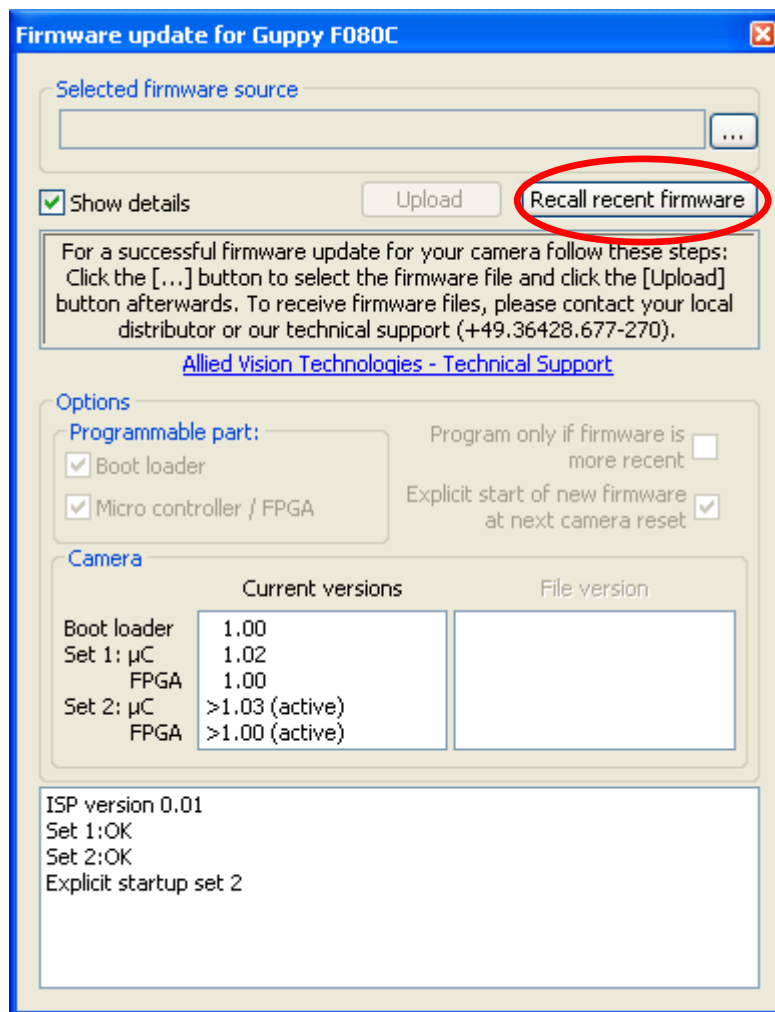
7. If not done yet, activate **Show details** check box.



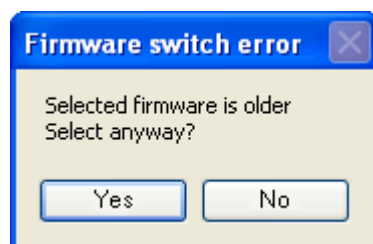
## Recalling recent software

To revert to a previously used firmware set (different version number than the one currently used) perform the following steps:

1. Start the SmartView 1.7 (or greater) software by double-clicking **SmartView\_1\_7.exe** (or greater). If SmartView is already running and a viewer window is open, close the viewer window.
2. In the SmartView menu click **Update firmware** or right-click in the SmartView window and choose **Update firmware**.  
The firmware update dialog opens.
3. Click on **Recall recent firmware**.

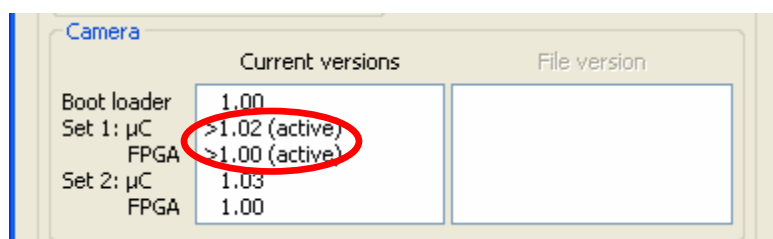


A warning message opens:



4. Click on **Yes**, to switch to the older firmware version.

The passive firmware set is selected as the new startup set, and the camera is reset to start the other firmware.



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**Note**

If by chance you have programmed the same firmware multiple times, you still have the possibility of programming the original firmware. You get the original firmware through AVT's technical support.

## **Camera Compatibility with IEEE 1394 software, supplied by AVT and third party software**

All AVT cameras are tested for compatibility with the most recent versions of AVT software packages (AVT FirePackage, AVT ActiveFirePackage, etc.) as well as third party software packages.

It is highly recommended to always use newest versions, available from the website [www.alliedvisiontec.com](http://www.alliedvisiontec.com) or the product support CD which comes with every camera.

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