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# 1 Library Overview

## What you get

This document describes the additional blocks of the LCamHdl block library. The block library provides you with tested code with clearly defined interfaces. They can be used as a basis for your task to be implemented.

A key concern of the document is to describe

- all blocks of the block library
- the functionality implemented through these blocks.

Furthermore, this documentation shows possible fields of application and helps you integrate the library into your STEP 7 project using step-by-step instructions.

## Scope of application

- STEP 7 Professional V17
- Motion Control V6.0
- S7-1500T CPU as of firmware V2.9

## 1.1 Functionality

The additional functions of the library LCamHdl provide blocks to calculate the minimum and maximum following value of a cam disk, and their derivatives - no matter if this cam disk was created

- at engineering in the TIA Portal with the help of the cam editor
- at runtime by definition of a cam profile

Furthermore, the maximum possible master velocity can be calculated with respect to the given maximum dynamics (velocity, acceleration and jerk) of the following axis. Prerequisite for this is that the cam disk is used at a constant master velocity.

In addition, there is also a function available to calculate the maximum occurring following axis dynamics (velocity, acceleration and jerk) for usage with a constant master velocity.



## 1.2 Hardware and software requirements

### Requirements for this library

To be able to use the functionality of the library described in this document, the following hardware and software requirements must be met:

#### Hardware

Table 1-1

| No. | Component      | Article number      | Alternative                    |
|-----|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.  | CPU 1515T-2 PN | 6ES7 515-2TM01-0AB0 | Other S7-1500T CPU with FW 2.9 |

#### Software

Table 1-2

| No. | Component               | Article number   | Quantity |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
| 2.  | STEP 7 Professional V17 | 6ES7822-1A.07-.. | 1        |

## 1.3 Library resources

### What will you find in this section?

The following section gives you an overview of the size of the blocks of the LCamHdl library additional functions in the main and load memory.

### Overall size

The overall size of the blocks of the LCamHdl library for additional functions (TO\_Cam or TO\_Cam\_10K) in the code work-memory is 5 Kbytes, in the data work-memory 2 Kbytes and 70 Kbytes in the load memory.

**Size of the individual blocks**Table 1-3 Size of the blocks<sup>1</sup>

| Block    | Symbol                                | Size in code work-memory [Kbytes] | Size in data work-memory [Kbytes] | Size in load memory [Kbytes] |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FB 31102 | LCamHdl_GetCamStatusWord              | 1                                 |                                   | 8                            |
| FB 31112 | LCamHdl_GetCam10kStatusWord           | 1                                 |                                   | 8                            |
| FB 31155 | LCamHdl_GetCamFollowingMinMax         | 3                                 |                                   | 44                           |
| FB 31165 | LCamHdl_GetCam10kFollowingMinMax      | 3                                 |                                   | 44                           |
| FC 31150 | LCamHdl_GetCamMaxVeloMaster           | 1                                 |                                   | 12                           |
| FC 31151 | LCamHdl_GetCamMaxSlave Dynamics       | 1                                 |                                   | 8                            |
| DB 31102 | InstLCamHdl_GetCamStatusWord          |                                   | 1                                 | 2                            |
| DB 31112 | InstLCamHdl_GetCam10kStatusWord       |                                   | 1                                 | 2                            |
| DB 31155 | InstLCamHdl_GetCamFollowing MinMax    |                                   | 1                                 | 4                            |
| DB 31165 | InstLCamHdl_GetCam10kFollowing MinMax |                                   | 1                                 | 4                            |

<sup>1</sup> Instance data blocks (prefix InstLCamHdl\_) are not delivered with the library. They will be generated automatically with the call of a function block.

## 2 Blocks of the Library

### What will you find in this section?

This chapter lists and explains all additional blocks of the LCamHdl library. Before that, however, you are informed of the blocks that are essentially involved in the implementation of the functionality.

### 2.1 List of the blocks

The following table lists all additional blocks of the LCamHdl library.

Table 2-1: List of blocks

| Block    | Symbol                           | Classification       |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| FB 31155 | LCamHdl_GetCamFollowingMinMax    | In-house development |
| FB 31165 | LCamHdl_GetCam10kFollowingMinMax | In-house development |
| FC 31150 | LCamHdl_GetCamMaxVeloMaster      | In-house development |
| FC 31151 | LCamHdl_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics   | In-house development |
| FB 31102 | LCamHdl_GetCamStatusWord         | In-house development |
| FB 31112 | LCamHdl_GetCam10kStatusWord      | In-house development |

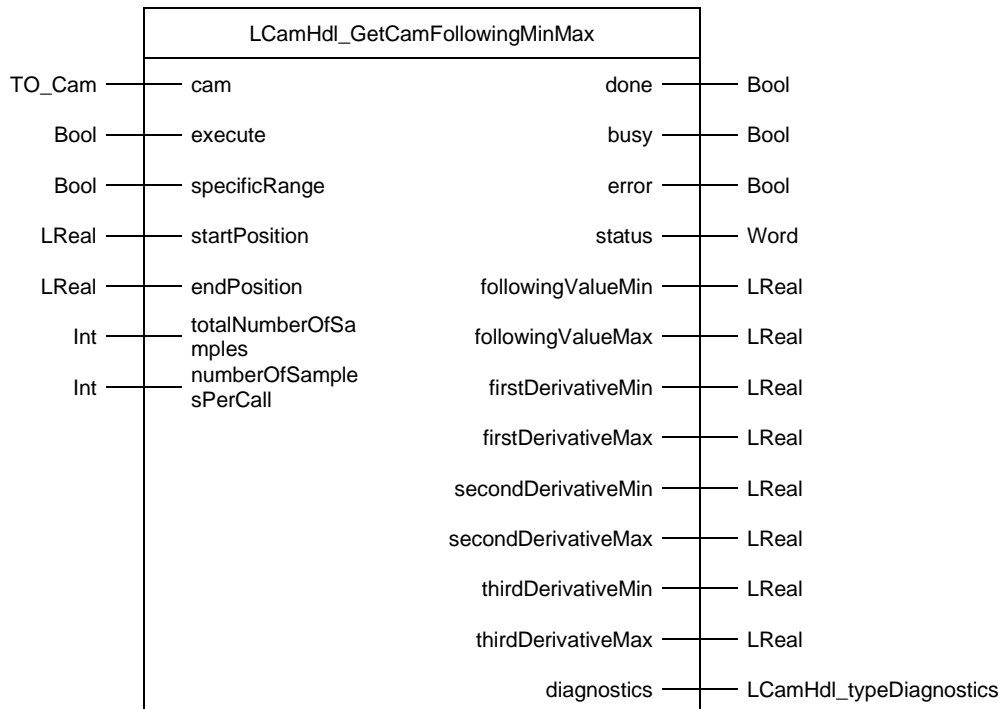
### 2.2 Explanation of the blocks

The following table explains all additional blocks of the LCamHdl library.

#### 2.2.1 FB LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax (FB 31155)

##### Figure

Figure 2-1: Block diagram of *LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax*





#### Principle of operation

The function block LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax determines the minimum and maximum following values of the cam and their first, second and third derivatives. The minimum and maximum values are determined by scanning the cam with a defined number of samples (see input *totalNumberOfSamples*).

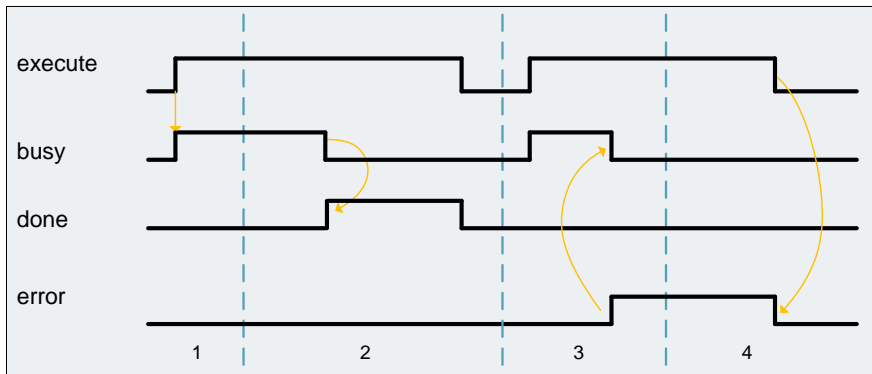
**NOTE** To determine the first and second derivatives of the cam's following values, the system function MC\_GetCamFollowingValue is used. The third derivative is calculated by numerical differentiation of the second derivative.

**NOTE** The value of input *totalNumberOfSamples* defines the number of samples per complete leading value range (definition range) of the cam disk. If the minimum and maximum values are only determined in a specific subrange of the cam (input *specificRange* = TRUE), the resulting number of samples is therefore reduced accordingly, i.e. the total runtime of the block is also reduced.

During the determination the output *busy* indicates the value TRUE. The error free completion is shown with *done* = TRUE. Status and error are output at the outputs *status* and *error* as well as *diagnostics*.

**Function characteristics**

Figure 2-2: Timing diagram of the *LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax* function block



1. The function block is activated by setting the *execute* input. The processing of the FB is indicated with *busy* = TRUE and *done* = FALSE.
2. If *busy* is FALSE and *done* is TRUE the function block finished processing.
3. If an error occurs during processing (e.g. error when executing the function block, internal errors of system functions, parameter supply error etc.), the *error* output is set and the corresponding error ID is written to the output *status*. Additional error information is provided at the output *diagnostics*.
4. All errors will be acknowledged and *error* output is reset if the *execute* input is reset. Signals stay active for at least one cycle. Reset of the diagnostic information is done with the next rising edge of *execute*.

**Input parameters**Table 2-2: Input parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax*

| Parameter              | Data type | Comment  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| cam                    | TO_Cam    | Reference to the cam disk  |
| execute                | Bool      | Rising edge starts action once<br>(default: FALSE)   |
| specificRange          | Bool      | TRUE: Determine minima and maxima in a specified subrange; FALSE: Determine minima and maxima in the complete leading value range (definition range) of the cam disk<br>(default: FALSE)   |
| startPosition          | LReal     | Start position of the specific range for determining the minima and maxima (only relevant if specificRange = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)   |
| endPosition            | LReal     | End position of the specific range for determining the minima and maxima (only relevant if specificRange = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)   |
| totalNumberOfSamples   | Int       | Total number of samples per complete leading value range (definition range) of the cam disk for MC_GetCamFollowingValue functionality. Use of 721 samples is recommended for leading value range 360°, i.e. every 0.5° one sample<br>(default: 1000) |
| numberOfSamplesPerCall | Int       | Number of samples ("MC_GetCamFollowingValue calls") per block call. The higher the value, the higher the OB runtime, but less OB calls necessary<br>(default: 30)  |

**Output parameters**Table 2-3: Output parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax*

| Parameter         | Data type | Comment   |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| done              | Bool      | TRUE: Commanded functionality has been completed successfully<br>(default: FALSE)                                     |
| busy              | Bool      | TRUE: FB is not finished and new output values can be expected<br>(default: FALSE)                                    |
| error             | Bool      | TRUE: An error occurred during the execution of the FB<br>(default: FALSE)  |
| status            | Word      | 16#0000 - 16#7FFF: Status of the FB,<br>16#8000 - 16#FFFF: Error identification<br>(default: 16#7000, STATUS_NO_CALL) |
| followingValueMin | LReal     | Cam following value minimum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)  |

| Parameter           | Data type               | Comment   |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| followingValueMax   | LReal                   | Cam following value maximum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)  |
| firstDerivativeMin  | LReal                   | Cam following value first derivative minimum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)   |
| firstDerivativeMax  | LReal                   | Cam following value first derivative maximum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)   |
| secondDerivativeMin | LReal                   | Cam following value second derivative minimum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)  |
| secondDerivativeMax | LReal                   | Cam following value second derivative maximum (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0)  |
| thirdDerivativeMin  | LReal                   | Cam following value third derivative minimum - calculated by numerical differentiation (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0) |
| thirdDerivativeMax  | LReal                   | Cam following value third derivative maximum - calculated by numerical differentiation (valid when 'done' = TRUE)<br>(default: 0.0) |
| diagnostics         | LCamHdl_typeDiagnostics | Diagnostics information of FB   |

### Status and error displays

Table 2-4 LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax diagnostics messages

| Status  | Meaning                        | Remedy / notes   |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|
| 16#0000 | STATUS_EXECUTION_FINISHED      | Execution finished without errors  |
| 16#7000 | STATUS_NO_CALL                 | No job being currently processed   |
| 16#7001 | STATUS_FIRST_CALL              | First call after incoming new job (rising edge 'execute')  |
| 16#7002 | STATUS_SUBSEQUENT_CALL         | Subsequent call during active processing without further details                                       |
| 16#8210 | ERR_TOTAL_NUMBER_OF_SAMPLES    | Invalid totalNumberOfSamples,<br>2<=totalNumberOfSamples   |
| 16#8211 | ERR_NUMBER_OF_SAMPLES_PER_CALL | Invalid numberOfSamplesPerCall,<br>1<=numberOfSamplesPerCall   |
| 16#8601 | ERR_INVALID_STATE              | Invalid state of the state machine   |
| 16#8603 | ERR_GETCAMFOLLOWINGVALUE       | Error at MC_GetCamFollowingValue – see return value of system function (diagnostics.subfunctionStatus) |

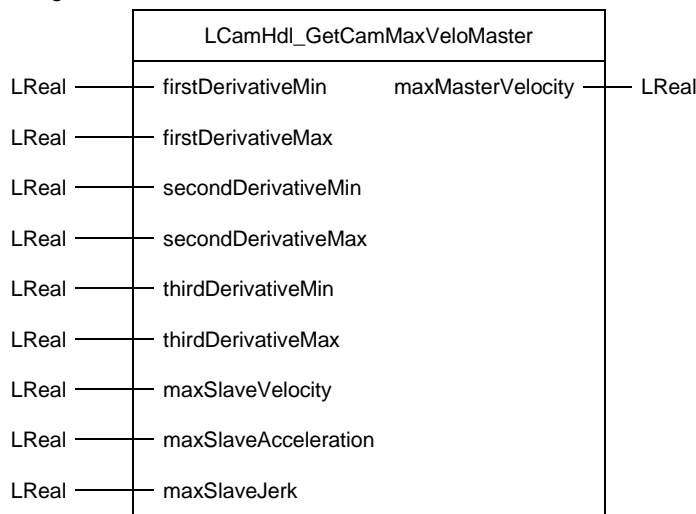
**2.2.2 FB LCamHdl\_GetCam10kFollowingMinMax (FB 31165)**

The function block LCamHdl\_GetCam10kFollowingMinMax is a copy of the function block LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax. The "..10k.." version enables using a cam technology object of type TO\_Cam\_10k instead of TO\_Cam.

**2.2.3 FC LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxVeloMaster (FC 31150)**

**Figure**

Figure 2-3: Block diagram of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxVeloMaster*



**Principle of operation**

The function LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxVeloMaster calculates the maximum possible master velocity with respect to the given maximum dynamics(velocity, acceleration and jerk) of the following axis and the cam following values (min. and max first, second and third derivatives).

Prerequisite is, that the cam disk is used at a constant master velocity - accelerations or decelerations of the master axis are not taken into account. The time base of the master and slave axis must be equal (e.g. seconds).

The minimum and maximum following value derivatives can be determined with the function block LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax.

The function calculates the maximum master velocity using the following equations:

$$v_{MasterMax_v} = \frac{s'}{v_{LimitSlave}}$$

$$v_{MasterMax_a} = \sqrt{\frac{s''}{a_{LimitSlave}}}$$

$$v_{MasterMax_j} = \left(\frac{s'''}{j_{LimitSlave}}\right)^{1/3}$$

$s'$  - following axis first derivative (min / max)

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$s''$  - following axis second derivative (min / max)

$s'''$  - following axis third derivative (min / max)

**Input parameters**

Table 2-5: Input parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxVeloMaster*

| Parameter            | Data type | Comment   |
|----------------------|-----------|---|
| firstDerivativeMin   | LReal     | Cam following value first derivative minimum                      |
| firstDerivativeMax   | LReal     | Cam following value first derivative maximum                      |
| secondDerivativeMin  | LReal     | Cam following value second derivative minimum                     |
| secondDerivativeMax  | LReal     | Cam following value second derivative maximum                     |
| thirdDerivativeMin   | LReal     | Cam following value third derivative minimum                      |
| thirdDerivativeMax   | LReal     | Cam following value third derivative maximum                      |
| maxSlaveVelocity     | LReal     | Maximum permissible velocity of the slave axis                    |
| maxSlaveAcceleration | LReal     | Maximum permissible acceleration of the slave axis                |
| maxSlaveJerk         | LReal     | Maximum permissible jerk of the slave axis, ignored if $\leq 0.0$ |

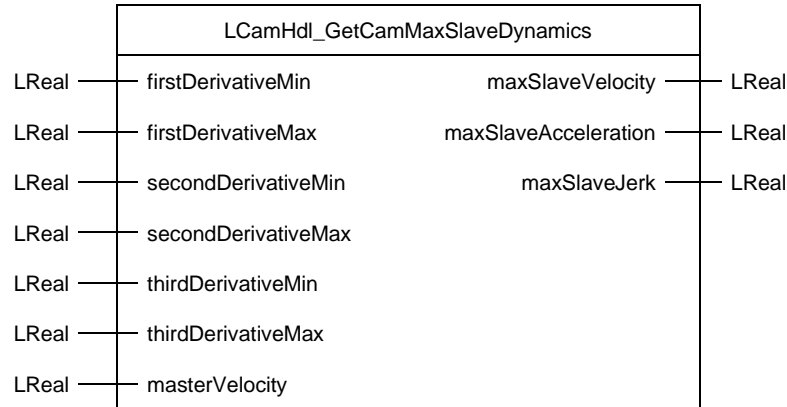
**Output parameters**

Table 2-6: Input parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxVeloMaster*

| Parameter         | Data type | Comment   |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| maxMasterVelocity | LReal     | Maximum permissible velocity of the master axis to not exceed the maximum slave axis dynamics |

### 2.2.4 FC LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics (FC 31151)

#### Figure

Figure 2-4: Block diagram of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics*

#### Principle of operation

The function *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics* calculates the resulting maximum following (slave) axis velocity, acceleration and jerk with respect to the given master velocity and the cam following values (min. and max of first, second and third derivatives).

Prerequisite is, that the cam disk is used at a constant master velocity - accelerations or decelerations of the master axis are not taken into account. The time base of the master and slave axis must be equal (e.g. seconds).

The minimum and maximum following value derivatives can be determined with the function block *LCamHdl\_GetCamFollowingMinMax*.

The function calculates the maximum output values using the following equations:

$$v_{Slave} = s' * v_{Master}$$

$$a_{Slave} = s'' * v_{Master}^2$$

$$j_{Slave} = s''' * v_{Master}^3$$

$s'$  - following axis first derivative (min / max)

$s''$  - following axis second derivative (min / max)

$s'''$  - following axis third derivative (min / max)



**Input parameters**Table 2-7: Input parameter of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics*

| Parameter           | Data type | Comment                                       |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| firstDerivativeMin  | LReal     | Cam following value first derivative minimum  |
| firstDerivativeMax  | LReal     | Cam following value first derivative maximum  |
| secondDerivativeMin | LReal     | Cam following value second derivative minimum |
| secondDerivativeMax | LReal     | Cam following value second derivative maximum |
| thirdDerivativeMin  | LReal     | Cam following value third derivative minimum  |
| thirdDerivativeMax  | LReal     | Cam following value third derivative maximum  |
| masterVelocity      | LReal     | Master velocity                               |

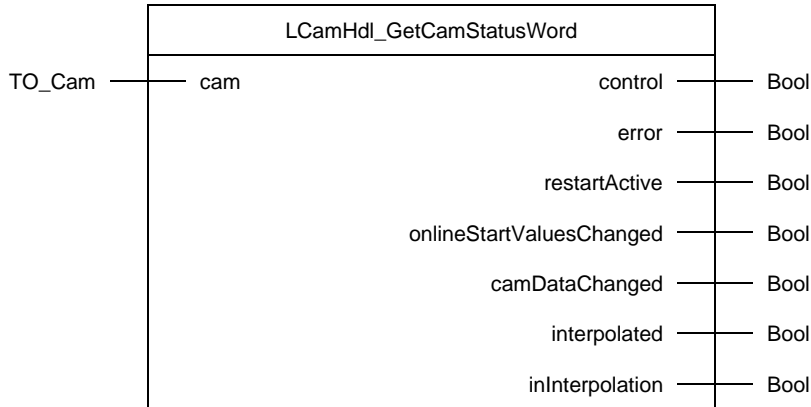
**Output parameters**Table 2-8: Output parameter of *LCamHdl\_GetCamMaxSlaveDynamics*

| Parameter            | Data type | Comment                    |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| maxSlaveVelocity     | LReal     | Maximum slave velocity     |
| maxSlaveAcceleration | LReal     | Maximum slave acceleration |
| maxSlaveJerk         | LReal     | Maximum slave jerk         |

### 2.2.5 FB LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord (FB 31102)

**Figure**

Figure 2-5: Block diagram of *LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord*



**Principle of operation**

The LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord FB is splitting the status word of a TO\_Cam into bits.

**Input parameters**

Table 2-9 Input parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord*

| Parameter | Data type | Comment              |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| cam       | TO_Cam    | Reference to the cam |

**Output parameters**

Table 2-10 Output parameters of *LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord*

| Parameter                | Data type | Comment   |
|--------------------------|-----------|---|
| control                  | Bool      | TRUE: Cam in use<br>FALSE: Cam not in use<br>(default: FALSE)   |
| error                    | Bool      | TRUE: Error present<br>FALSE: No error present<br>(default: FALSE)  |
| restartActive            | Bool      | TRUE: "Restart" active. The technology object is being reinitialized<br>FALSE: No "Restart" active<br>(default: FALSE)  |
| onlineStartValuesChanged | Bool      | TRUE: Change to "Restart" tags. For the changes to be applied, the technology object must be reinitialized<br>FALSE: "Restart" tags unchanged<br>(default: FALSE) |
| camDataChanged           | Bool      | TRUE: The definition range of the cam has   |

| Parameter       | Data type | Comment   |
|-----------------|-----------|---|
|                 |           | changed in the technology data block<br>FALSE: No change<br>(default: FALSE)                      |
| interpolated    | Bool      | TRUE: Cam is interpolated<br>FALSE: Cam is not interpolated<br>(default: FALSE)                   |
| inInterpolation | Bool      | TRUE: Cam undergoing interpolation<br>FALSE: Cam not undergoing interpolation<br>(default: FALSE) |

### 2.2.6 FB LCamHdl\_GetCam10kStatusWord (FB 31112)

The function block LCamHdl\_GetCam10kStatusWord is a copy of the function block LCamHdl\_GetCamStatusWord. The "..10k.." version enables using a cam technology object of type TO\_Cam\_10k instead of TO\_Cam.

### 2.2.7 PLC data types

#### LCamHdl\_typeDiagnostics

Table 2-11: Parameter of *LCamHdl\_typeDiagnostics*

| Name              | Data type | Value   | Comment  |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|--|
| status            | Word      | 16#0000 | Status of FB   |
| subfunctionStatus | Word      | 16#0000 | Status or return value of called FBs, FCs and system blocks                |
| state             | DInt      | 0       | State of the state machine   |
| errorElementNo    | DInt      | -1      | Index of the camProfile with the first error (-1: no parameter with error) |

## 3 Working with the Library

### What will you find in this section?

This chapter consists of instructions for integrating the LCamHdl library into your STEP 7 project and instructions for using the library blocks.

### 3.1 Integrating the library into STEP 7

The table below lists the steps for integrating the LCamHdl library into your STEP 7 project. Subsequently, you can use the blocks of the LCamHdl library.

**Note** The following section assumes that a STEP 7 project exists.

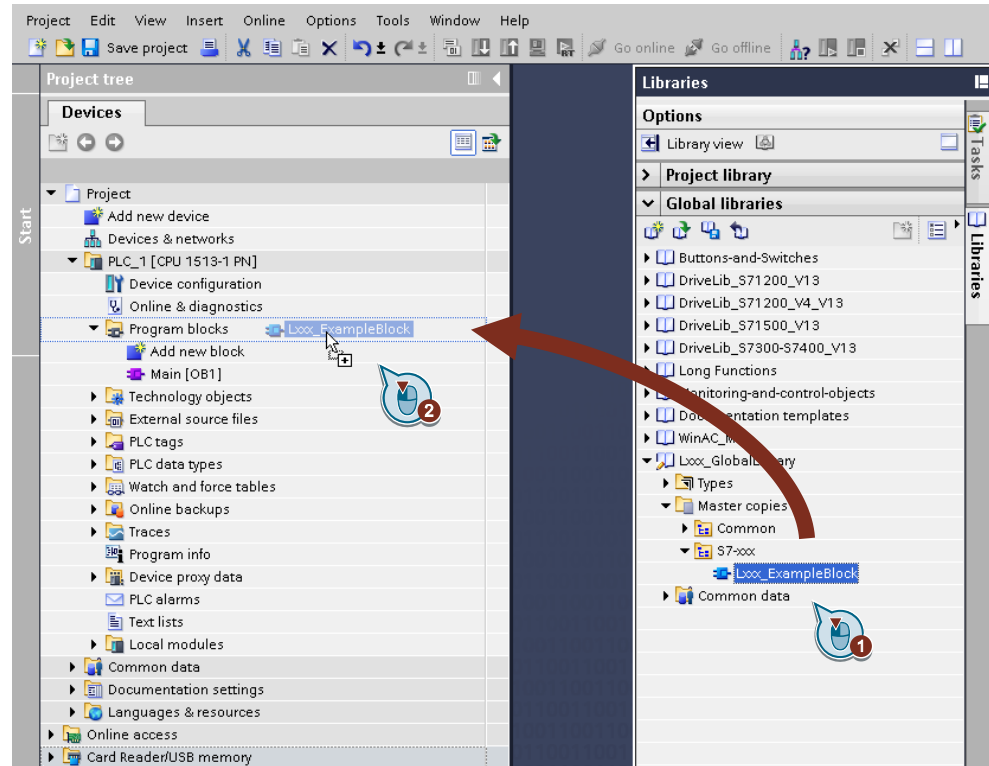
Table 3-1: Integrating the library into STEP 7

| No. | Action  |
|-----|---|
| 1.  | Extract the library LCamHdl_V1_x_x.zip to a local folder.   |
| 2.  | In TIA Portal select "Options" -> "Global libraries" -> "Open library...".                              |
| 3.  | Browse to the file LCamHdl.al17.<br>It can be found in the subfolder LCamHdl of the extracted zip file. |
| 4.  | Open the global library in read-only mode.  |
| 5.  | The LCamHdl library is now available in the task card "Global libraries".                               |

### 3.2 Integrating the library blocks into STEP 7

The table below lists the steps for integrating the blocks of the LCamHdl library into your STEP 7 program.

Figure 3-1: Integrating the library blocks into STEP 7



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Table 3-2: Integrating the library blocks into STEP 7

| No. | Action   | Note                |
|-----|--|---------------------|
| 1.  | Copy the folder <i>LCamHdl_Types</i> with Drag & Drop into the “PLC data types” in the PLC. The type <i>LCamHdl_typeDiagnostics</i> is used. | Copy PLC data types |
| 2.  | Copy the folder <i>LCamHdl_AdditionalFunctions</i> with Drag & Drop into the “Program blocks” in the PLC.                                    | Copy program blocks |
| 3.  | Now the blocks can be configured and called in the user program.   |                     |

## 4 Notes and Support

### What will you find in this section?

This chapter provides further support in handling the described LCamHdl library.

#### **NOTE**

Parameter comments in the programming editor are only available in language 'English (United States)'



## 5 Appendix

### 5.1 Service and support

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- Retrofitting and modernization services
- Service programs and contracts

You can find detailed information on our range of services in the service catalog web page:

[support.industry.siemens.com/cs/sc](https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/sc)

#### Industry Online Support app

You will receive optimum support wherever you are with the "Siemens Industry Online Support" app. The app is available for iOS and Android:

[support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/sc/2067](https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/sc/2067)

## 5.2 Application support

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## 5.3 Links and literature

Table 5-1

| No. | Topic  |
|-----|--|
| \1\ | Siemens Industry Online Support<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com">https://support.industry.siemens.com</a>   |
| \2\ | Link to this entry page of this application example<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/105644659">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/105644659</a> |

## 5.4 Change documentation

Table 5-2

| Version | Date    | Modifications  |
|---------|---------|--|
| V1.2    | 03/2020 | First version  |
| V1.3    | 05/2021 | Scope of application is now STEP 7 Professional V17 (Motion Control V6.0, firmware V2.9)<br>New blocks for handling the new cam technology object of type TO_Cam_10k |