

# tCam-Mini/tCam-POE Firmware Update (rev 3.0)

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This document describes using the Espressif download tool on a Microsoft Windows based computer to update tCam-Mini and tCam-POE cameras with Revision 3 silicon and at least 8 MB Flash memory (for example the assembled boards from Group Gets). Do not attempt this on a camera built from a dev board using Revision 1 silicon or less than 8 MB flash.

## Store firmware files

Store the four binary files from the `firmware_rev3_0` folder to a known location (3\_0 is the specific firmware version number). All four are required by the Espressif download tool.

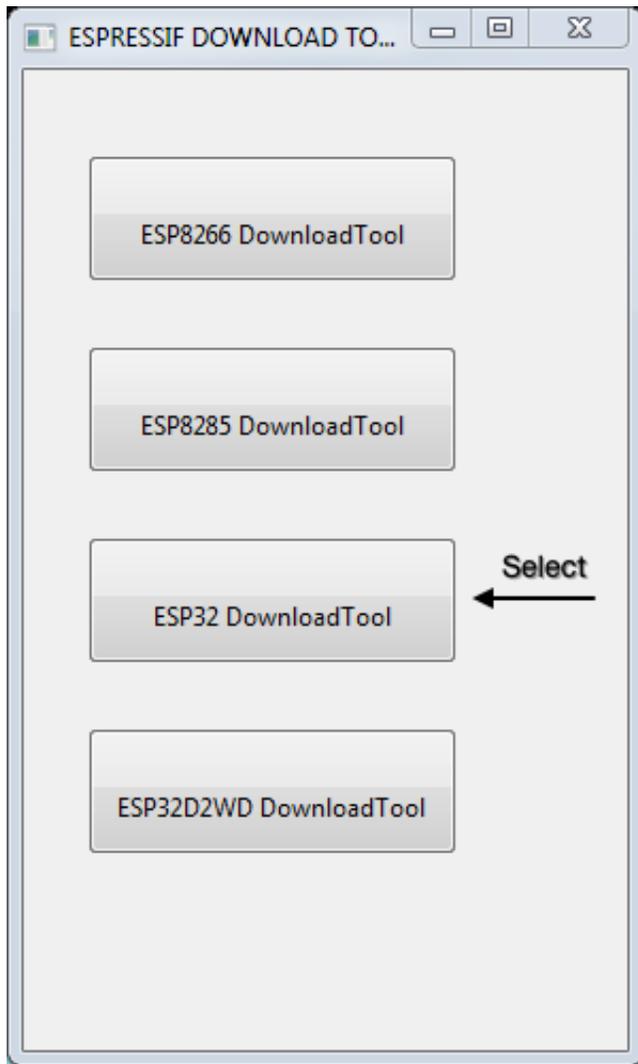
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firmware_rev3_0\bootloader.bin
firmware_rev3_0\ota_data_initial.bin
firmware_rev3_0\tCamMini.bin
firmware_rev3_0\partitions_singleapp.bin
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## Note for OTA Updates

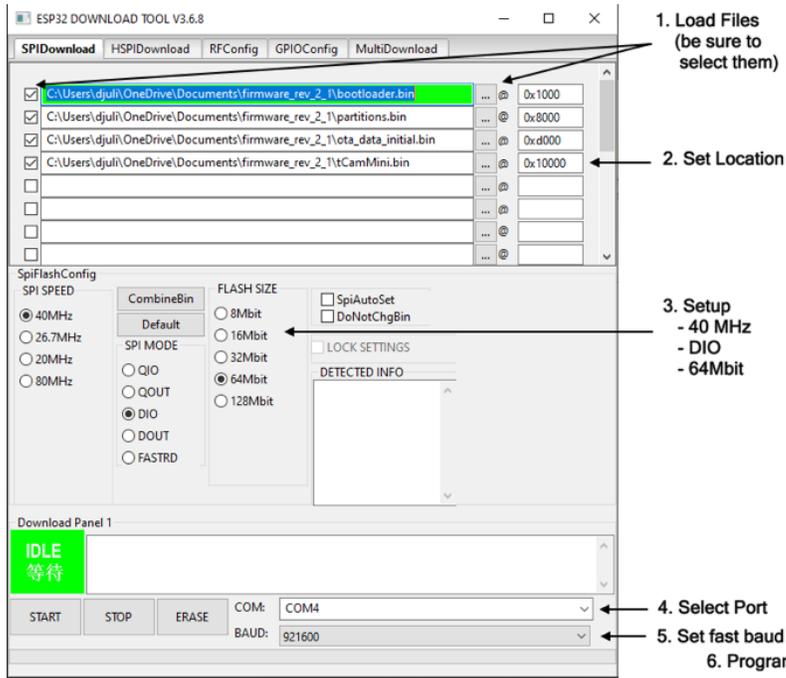
The `tCamMini.bin` file is the only file needed for over-the-air updates done by the Desktop app. See the update [instructions](#) for the Desktop app in the github repository for more information.

## Install the Espressif download tool

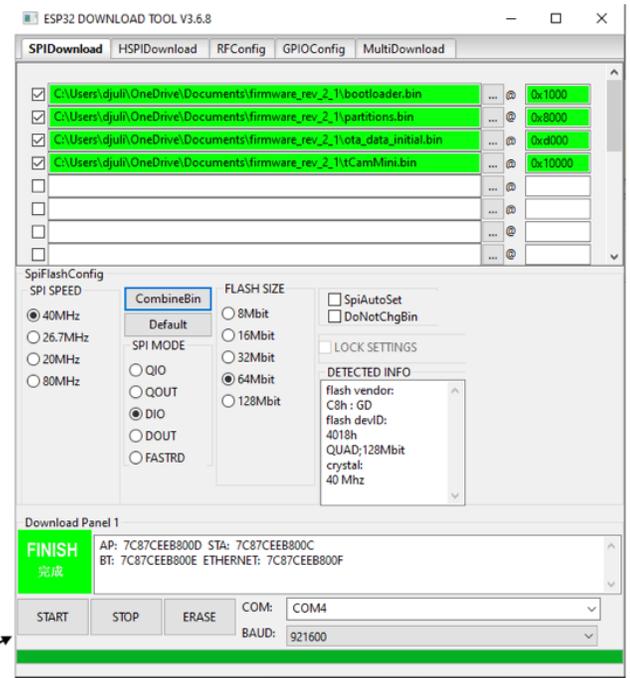
Download the `flash_download_tools_v3.6.8.zip` file to a Windows computer. Unzip it in a known location. It will unzip a directory named `flash_download_tools_v3.6.8`. Execute the `flash_download_tools_v3.6.8` binary from within that directory. A shell window will appear and then after a few seconds a selection window will appear.



Click the `ESP32 Download Tool` button. The ESP32 Download Tool program runs and displays a new window.



**Programmer Setup**



**After programming**

### Programmer Software Setup

1. Load the four firmware files from the location you stored them by clicking on first four ... buttons as shown above under the `SPIDownload` tab. Note that the image shows a version 2.1 file name. You should use the version 3.0 file names instead.
2. Set the location in ESP32 memory for each file as shown above by clicking in the text fields to the right of each filename (see the table below).
3. Configure the programming parameters in the `SpiFlashConfig` area. Select SPI SPEED: 40 MHz, SPI MODE: DIO, FLASH SIZE: 64 MBit.
4. Select the COM port associated with the camera to program (this is done for each camera plugged into the computer).
5. Set a fast baud rate of 921600 baud to reduce programming time.

Section	Location in Flash
bootloader.bin	0x1000
partitions.bin	0x8000
ota_data_initial.bin	0xd000
tCamMini.bin	0x10000

## Programming

1. Connect a camera and verify Windows recognizes its COM port. This may take a few moments the first time a camera is connected as the computer loads the device driver. There is a hardware problem (bad connection, etc) if this does not occur. Subsequent connections should occur much more quickly.
2. Select the camera's COM port in the programming software.
3. Press **START** . Programming should take approximately 10-20 seconds. The programmer software will display "FINISH" above the START button when complete.
4. Disconnect the camera and reconnect to start the new firmware running.
5. Repeat for each camera. Only the COM port will change.