

# Advanced Media Framework – HEVC Video Encoder

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## Programming Guide

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## 1 Introduction

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### 1.1 Scope

This document provides a complete description of the AMD Advanced Media Framework (AMF) Video Encoder Component. This component exposes the AMD Video Compression Engine, which provides hardware accelerated HEVC video encoding functionality.

Figure 1 provides a system overview of the AMF Video Encoder Component.

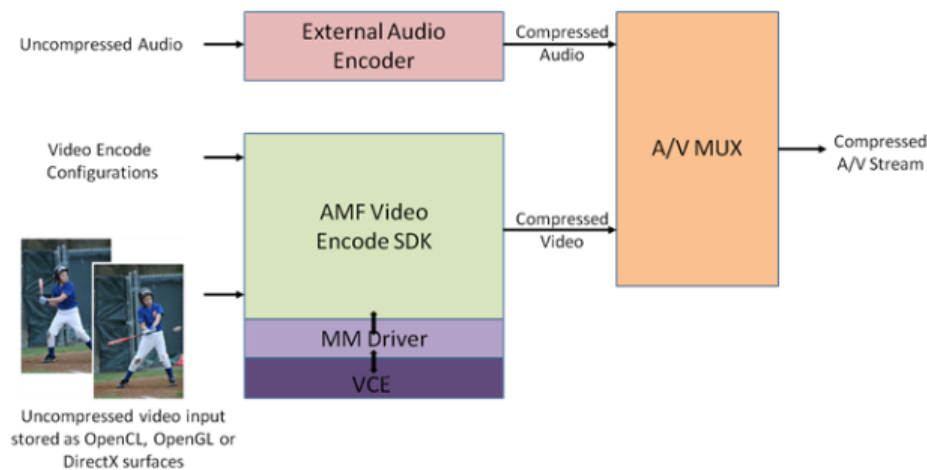


Figure 1 — System overview of the AMF Video Encode SDK

The AMF Video Encoder Component compresses RAW uncompressed video to an HEVC elementary bitstream.

The component does not provide a mechanism to handle audio compression, or stream multiplexing.

The component provides four different sets of pre-defined usages, which provide a convenient way for developers to configure the encoder to match the intended application use case. Advanced developers can also adjust encoding parameters to tailor the behavior to their specific application requirements.

HEVC encoding is currently supported on Windows only.

## 1.2 Pre-defined Encoder Usages

The following table provides a brief overview of the encoding usage modes that have been defined:

Usage Mode	Intended use-cases	Comments
Transcoding	Transcoding, video editing	Favor compression efficiency and throughput over latency.
Ultra-low latency	Video game streaming	Optimize for extremely low latency use cases (e.g. cap the number of bits per frame), to enable high-interactivity applications.
Low Latency	Video collaboration, remote desktop	Optimize for low latency scenarios, but allow occasional bitrate overshoots to preserve quality.
Webcam	Video conferencing	Optimize for a low-latency video conferencing scenario.
HQ	High quality mode	Optimize for best subjective video quality with possible loss of performance.
HQLL	High quality low latency mode	Optimize for good quality with low latency.

Table 1. Encoding usage modes

## 2 AMF Video Encoder UVD/VCN-HEVC Component

The AMF Video Encoder HEVC component provides hardware accelerated HEVC encoding using AMD's IP.

To instantiate the AMF Video Encoder component, call the `AMFFactory::CreateComponent` method passing `AMFVideoEncoderHW_HEVC` component IDs defined in the `/include/components/VideoEncoderHEVC.h` header.

### 2.1 Input Submission and Output Retrieval

The AMF Video Encoder component accepts `AMFSurface` objects as input and produces `AMFBuffer` objects for output.

## 2.2 Encode Parameters

Annex A provides the detailed description of encoding parameters (i.e., encoder properties) exposed by the Video Encoder HEVC component for the following four usages:

- Transcoding mode,
- Ultra-low latency mode,
- Low Latency mode,
- Webcam mode,
- HQ mode, and
- HQLL mode.

All properties are accessed using the `AMFPropertyStorage` interface of the Encoder object.

### 2.2.1 Static Properties

Static properties (e.g., profile, tier, level, usage) must be defined before the `Init()` function is called, and will apply until the end of the encoding session.

### 2.2.2 Dynamic Properties

All dynamic properties have default values. Several properties can be changed subsequently and these changes will be flushed to encoder only before the next `Submit()` call.

### 2.2.3 Frame Per-Submission Properties

Per submission properties are applied on a per frame basis. They can be set optionally to force a certain behavior (e.g., force frame type to IDR) by updating the properties of the `AMFSurface` object that is passed through the `AMFComponent::Submit()` call.

### 2.2.4 ROI Feature

Region of importance (ROI) feature provides a way to specify the relative importance of the macroblocks in the video frame. Encoder will further adjust the bits allocation among code blocks based on the importance, on top of the base rate control decisions. More important blocks will be encoded with relatively better quality.

The ROI map can be attached to the input frame on a per frame basis. Currently, the ROI map can only use system memory. The ROI map includes the importance values of each 64x64 CTB, ranging from 0 to 10, stored in 32bit unsigned format. Refer to SimpleROI sample application for further implementation details.

### 2.2.5 Encoder Statistics Feedback

If an application sets the `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_STATISTICS_FEEDBACK` flag on for an input picture, the encoder will feedback to the application statistics for this specific picture. After the encoding ends, the application can retrieve by name the specific statistic(s) it is interested in. The supported encoder statistics are listed in Table A-3. This feature is supported by Radeon RX 5000 Series or newer GPUs as well as Ryzen 2000 U/H series or newer APUs.

### 2.2.6 Picture Transfer Mode

If an application enables `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_PICTURE_TRANSFER_MODE` for a specific input picture, it can dump out the reconstructed picture after encoding and/or it can inject a picture to be used as the reference picture during the encoding. It is worth noting that reference picture injection is a feature that is intended for advanced algorithm testing and exploration. It needs to be used with care since the internal DPB in the current encoding session will be overridden by the injected reference picture(s). The reader can refer to SimpleFrameInjection sample application for further implementation details. This feature is supported by Radeon RX 5000 Series or newer GPUs as well as Ryzen 2000 U/H series or newer APUs.

### 2.2.7 SVC Properties

Scalable Video Coding (SVC) is enabled by setting `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS` to a value that is greater than 1. `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS` is a dynamic property and can be changed at any time during an encoding session. To ensure proper support, `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS` needs to be set before initializing the encoder to a value that is not smaller than the number of temporal layers. As an example, the maximum number of temporal layers shall be set to 4 if the number of temporal layers will be changed from 3 to 4 in an encoding session. The maximum number of temporal layers supported by the encoder can be queried from the encoder capabilities before initializing the encoder.

To define SVC parameters per layer, the following format must be used:

```
TL<Temporal_Layer_Number>.QL<Quality_Layer_Number>.<Parameter_name>
```

As an example with two temporal layers, to configure "Target bitrate" for the base/first temporal layer and first quality layer, the following parameter should be used:

```
TL0.QL0.HevcTargetBitrate
```

To configure "Target bitrate" for the second temporal layer and first quality layer, the following parameter should be used:

```
TL1.QL0.HevcTargetBitrate
```

When setting per layer parameters, the equivalent non-SVC layer parameters should not be set for the encoder otherwise the per layer configuration will be overwritten.

Remark: quality layers are not supported. "QL0" must be used for quality layers.

This feature is supported by Radeon RX 5000 Series or newer GPUs as well as Ryzen 2000 U/H series or newer APUs.

### 2.2.8 LTR Properties

LTR (Long Term Reference) is to manually select a reference frame which can be far away to encode current frame. Normally, the encoder selects last frame as reference or a frame at lower layer in the SVC case.

In HEVC, maximum of 16 reference frames are supported according to the spec. These 16 reference frames are shared by SVC and LTR.

To use LTR, you need to set these properties as Static Properties:

```
AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_LTR_FRAMES , Max number of LTR frames.
```

```
AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LTR_MODE default = AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LTR_MODE_RESET_UNUSED ; remove/keep unused LTRs (not specified in property AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_FORCE_LTR_REFERENCE_BITFIELD )
```

The `LTR_MODE` has two options:

```
enum AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LTR_MODE_ENUM
{
    AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LTR_MODE_RESET_UNUSED    = 0,
    AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LTR_MODE_KEEP_UNUSED
};
```

Reset\_unused: encoder will discard all other LTR frames stored once a LTR frame is used as reference.

Keep\_unused: encoder will not change other LTR frames stored once any LTR frame is used as reference. When we enable auto LTR mode in PA, this mode will be automatically selected internally and `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_LTR_FRAMES` will be set to 4 no matter what users set. For details of "auto LTR mode", please refer to `AMF_Video_PreAnalysis_API` document.

There are two Frame Per-Submission Properties need be set to use LTR:

`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MARK_CURRENT_WITH_LTR_INDEX` , Mark current frame with LTR index. `-1` means don't save current frame into LTR slots. `0~N` means save current frame into a LTR slot with index of `0~N` . Here N should be `<=` `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_LTR_FRAMES-1` .

When we use SVC encoding, only next base frame can be stored as LTR frame (i.e. only temporal layer number = `0` frames are allowed to be saved into LTR slot.)

`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_FORCE_LTR_REFERENCE_BITFIELD` , force LTR bit-field. This is a bit-field mask that indicate which LTR slot can be used as reference for current frame. `0b1` means only slot 0 can be used as reference. `0b10` means only slot 1 can be used as reference. `0b100` means only slot 2 can be used as reference...

`0b0` means no LTR frame will be used as reference for current frame hence current frame will select short term reference frame (usually last frame) as reference.

When there are multiple bits are enabled, for example: `0b1111` ( =decimal 15 ), that means LTR slots 0,1,2 and 3 are all allowed to be selected as reference. In this case, the closest LTR frame to current frame will be selected.

When we encode a key frame or switch frame, all save LTR slots will be cleared.

Referring to a LTR frame not exiting in LTR slot will generate an Intra only frame.

### 2.2.9 SmartAccess Video

On supported APU + GPU systems, there is an opportunity to use SmartAccess Video. SmartAccess Video - an optimization logic which enables the parallelization of encode and decode streams across multiple Video Codec Engine (VCN) hardware instances – empowers apps to process streams faster through seamless job distribution across available hardware. With a simple enablement of the encoder and decoder control flags, the SmartAccess Video logic will optimally use hardware resources to benefit media apps. Follow the `SMART_ACCESS_VIDEO` tag in the documentation to search for the property flags to set. On systems without SmartAccess Video support, the `SMART_ACCESS_VIDEO` properties have no effect.

## 3 Sample Applications

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The AMF Encoder Sample application show how to setup and use the AMF Video Encoder HEVC Component to encode video frames that are loaded from disk or rendered by the DirectX 3D engine.

### 3.1 List of Parameters

Sample applications support almost all visible encoder parameters (except PictureStructure, EndOfSequence, EndOfStream) and few additional parameters.

Additional parameters of `TranscodeHW` application:

Name	Type
CODEC	string
OUTPUT	string
INPUT	string
WIDTH	int
HEIGHT	int
ADAPTERID	int
ENGINE	string
FRAMES	int
THREADCOUNT	int

Name	Type
PREVIEWMODE	bool

Table 2. Additional miscellaneous parameters of TranscodeHW application

---

**Name:** CODEC

**Values:** AVC or H264 , HEVC or H265 , AV1

**Default Value:** AVC

**Description:** Specify codec type.

---

**Name:** OUTPUT

**Values:** File name, relative or absolute path

**Default Value** NULL

**Description:** Output HEVC file for encoded data.

---

**Name:** INPUT

**Values:** File name, relative or absolute path

**Default Value:** NULL

**Description:** Input file with frames.

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**Name:** WIDTH

**Values:** Frame width

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Frame width.

---

**Name:** HEIGHT

**Values:** Frame height

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Frame height.

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**Name:** AdapterID

**Values:** Number

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Index of GPU adapter.

---

**Name:** ENGINE

**Values:** DX9 , DX11 , Vulkan

**Default Value:** DX11

**Description:** Specify Engine type.

---

**Name:** FRAMES

**Values:** Number of frames to be encoded

**Default Value:** 100

**Description:** Number of frames to render.

---

**Name:** THREADCOUNT

**Values:** Number

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Number of session run ip parallel.

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**Name:** PREVIEWMODE

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Preview Mode.

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Additional parameters of VCEEncoderD3D application:

Name	Category
CODEC	string
OUTPUT	string
RENDER	string
WIDTH	int
HEIGHT	int
FRAMES	int
ADAPTERID	int
WINDOWMODE	bool
FULLSCREEN	bool
QueryInstanceCount	bool
UseInstance	int



Name	Category
FRAMERATE	int

Table 3. Miscellaneous parameters of VCEEncoderD3D application

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**Name:** CODEC

**Values:** AVC or H264 , HEVC or H265 , AV1

**Default Value:** AVC

**Description:** Codec name.

---

**Name:** OUTPUT

**Values:** File name, relative or absolute path

**Default Value:** NULL

**Description:** Output HEVC file for encoded data.

---

**Name:** RENDER

**Values:** DX9 , DX9Ex , DX11 , OpenGL , OpenCL , Host , OpenCLDX9 , OpenCLDX11 , OpenGLDX9 , OpenGLDX11 , OpenCLOpenGLDX9 , OpenCLOpenGLDX11 , HostDX9 , HostDX11 , DX11DX9 , Vulkan

**Default Value:** DX9

**Description:** Specifies render type.

---

**Name:** WIDTH

**Values:** Frame width

**Default Value:** 1280

**Description:** Frame width.

---

**Name:** HEIGHT

**Values:** Frame height

**Default Value:** 720

**Description:** Frame height.

---

**Name:** FRAMES

**Values:** Number of frames to be encoded

**Default Value:** 100

**Description:** Number of frames to be encoded.

---

**Name:** ADAPTERID

**Values:** Number

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Index of GPU adapter.

---

**Name:** WINDOWMODE

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Shows rendering window for D3D sample application.

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**Name:** FULLSCREEN

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Enables full screen.

---

**Name:** QueryInstanceCount

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** If the flag is set, the number of independent VCE instances will be queried and printed.

---

**Name:** UseInstance

**Values:** 0 ... number of instances - 1

**Default Value:** Depends on usage

**Description:** If there are more than one VCE Instances, you can force which instance to use.

---

**Name:** FRAMERATE

**Values:** Render frame rate

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Render frame rate.

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## 3.2 Command line example

### 3.2.1 Transcoding application (TranscodeHW.exe)

```
TranscodeHW.exe -input input.h264 -output out.h265 -codec HEVC -width 1280 -height 720 -HevcUsage transcoding -  
HevcRateControlMethod cbr -HevcTargetBitrate 100000
```

This command transcodes H264 elementary stream to H.265 video. Encoder is created with “Transcoding” usage.

### 3.2.2 D3D application (VCEEncoderD3D.exe)

```
VCEEncoderD3D.exe -output VideoSample_1024x768.h265 -codec HEVC -width 1024 -height 768 -HevcUsage transcoding -  
HevcRateControlMethod cbr -HevcTargetBitrate 500000 -frames 400
```

This command encodes 400 frames through D3D renderer and creates an output file with the encoded data. Encoder is created with “Transcoding” usage. Initial configuration sets bitrate to a value of 500 kbits/sec.

## 4 Annex A: Encoding & frame parameters description

Table A-1. Encoder parameters

Name (Prefix “AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_”)	Type
USAGE	amf_int64
INSTANCE_INDEX	amf_int64
PROFILE	amf_int64
TIER	amf_int64
PROFILE_LEVEL	amf_int64
MAX_LTR_FRAMES	amf_int64
LTR_MODE	amf_int64
MAX_NUM_REFRAMES	amf_int64
LOWLATENCY_MODE	amf_bool
PRE_ANALYSIS_ENABLE	amf_bool
MAX_NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS	amf_int64
ENABLE_SMART_ACCESS_VIDEO	amf_bool

Table 4. Encoder static parameters

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_TRANSCODING ,  
AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_TRANSCODING , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_ULTRA\_LOW\_LATENCY ,  
AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_LOW\_LATENCY , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_WEBCAM ,  
AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_HIGH\_QUALITY , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_USAGE\_LOW\_LATENCY\_HIGH\_QUALITY

**Default Value:** N/A

**Description:** Selects the AMF usage (see Section 1.2).

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INSTANCE\_INDEX

Values: 0, 1

Default Value: 0

Description: Selects the encoder engine used for encoding.

---

Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE

Values: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE\_MAIN , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE\_MAIN\_10

Default Value: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE\_MAIN

Description: Selects the HEVC profile.

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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER

Values: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_MAIN , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_HIGH

Default Value: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_MAIN

Description: Selects the HEVC tier.

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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PROFILE\_LEVEL

Values: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_LEVEL\_ENUM : AMF\_LEVEL\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_2 , AMF\_LEVEL\_2\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_3 , AMF\_LEVEL\_3\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_4 , AMF\_LEVEL\_4\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5\_2 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6\_2

Default Value: AMF\_LEVEL\_6\_2

Description: Selects the HEVC Profile Level.

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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MAX\_LTR\_FRAMES

Values: 0 ... 16

Default Value: 0

Description: The number of long-term references controlled by the user. Remarks:

- When == 0 , the encoder may or may not use LTRs during encoding.
  - When > 0 , the user has control over all LTR.
  - With user control of LTR, Intra-refresh features are not supported.
  - The actual maximum number of LTRs allowed depends on H.265 (HEVC) Annex A Table Level limits, which defines dependencies between the H.265 Level number, encoding resolution, and DPB size. The DPB size limit impacts the maximum number of LTR allowed.
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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_LTR\_MODE

Values: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_LTR\_MODE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_LTR\_MODE\_RESET\_UNUSED , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_LTR\_MODE\_KEEP\_UNUSED

Default Value: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_LTR\_MODE\_RESET\_UNUSED

**Description:** Remove/keep unused LTRs not specified inside the LTR reference bitfield.

---

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_NUM_REFRAMES`

**Values:** 0 ... 16

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Maximum number of reference frames.

---

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_LOWLATENCY_MODE`

**Values:** true ( on ), false ( off )

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: true
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: false
- HQLL: true

**Description:** Enables low latency mode in the encoder.

---

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_PRE_ANALYSIS_ENABLE`

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: false
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: true
- HQLL: false

**Description:** Some encoder properties require this property to be set. Enables the pre-analysis module. Refer to *AMF Video PreAnalysis API* reference for more details on the pre-analysis module and its settings under different usages.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MAX_NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS`

**Values:** 1 ... Maximum number of temporal layers supported

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Sets the maximum number of temporal layers. It shall not be exceeded by the number of temporal layers. The maximum number of temporal layers supported is determined by the corresponding encoder capability.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_ENABLE_SMART_ACCESS_VIDEO`

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** When set to true , enables the SmartAccess Video feature, which optimally allocates the encoding task on supported APU/GPU pairings.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
FRAMESIZE	AMFSize
ASPECT_RATIO	AMFRatio

Table 5. Encoder resolution parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_FRAMESIZE

**Values:** Width: 192 – 4096 Height: 128 – 2176

**Default Value:** Width: 0 Height: 0

**Description:** Frame width/Height in pixels, maximum value is hardware-specific, should be queried through AMFCaps .

---

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_ASPECT\_RATIO

**Values:** (1,1) ... (INT\_MAX,INT\_MAX)

**Default Value:** (1,1)

**Description:** Pixel aspect ratio.

---

Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
TARGET_BITRATE	amf_int64
PEAK_BITRATE	amf_int64
RATE_CONTROL_METHOD	amf_int64
QVBR_QUALITY_LEVEL	amf_int64
RATE_CONTROL_SKIP_FRAME_ENABLE	amf_bool
MIN_QP_I	amf_int64
MAX_QP_I	amf_int64
MIN_QP_P	amf_int64
MAX_QP_P	amf_int64
QP_I	amf_int64
QP_P	amf_int64
FRAMERATE	AMFRate
VBV_BUFFER_SIZE	amf_int64

Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
INITIAL_VBV_BUFFER_FULLNESS	amf_int64
ENFORCE_HRD	amf_bool
PREENCODE_ENABLE	amf_bool
ENABLE_VBAQ	amf_bool
FILLER_DATA_ENABLE	amf_bool
HIGH_MOTION_QUALITY_BOOST_ENABLE	amf_bool

Table 6. Encoder rate-control parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TARGET\_BITRATE

**Values:** >0

**Default Value:** 20 mbps

**Description:** Sets the target bitrate, bit/s based on use case.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PEAK\_BITRATE

**Values:** >= TargetBitrate

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: 30 mbps
- Ultra low latency: 20 mbps
- Low latency: 20 mbps
- Webcam: 20 mbps
- HQ: 80 mbps
- HQLL: 30 mbps

**Description:** Sets the peak bitrate.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_UNKNOWN , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_CONSTANT\_QP , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_LATENCY\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_PEAK\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_CBR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_QUALITY\_VBR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_HIGH\_QUALITY\_VBR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_HIGH\_QUALITY\_CBR

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_PEAK\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR
- Ultra low latency: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_LATENCY\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR
- Low latency: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_PEAK\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR
- Webcam: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD\_PEAK\_CONSTRAINED\_VBR

- HQ: `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_RATE_CONTROL_METHOD_PEAK_CONSTRAINED_VBR`
- HQLL: `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_RATE_CONTROL_METHOD_PEAK_CONSTRAINED_VBR`

**Description:** Selects the rate control method:

- CQP – Constrained QP,
- VBR\_LAT - Latency Constrained VBR
- VBR - Peak Constrained VBR,
- CBR - Constant Bitrate
- QVBR – Quality VBR
- HQVBR – High Quality VBR
- HQCBR – High Quality CBR

Remarks:

- When SVC encoding is enabled, some rate-control parameters can be configured differently for a particular SVC-layer. An SVC-layer is denoted by an index pair `[SVC-Temporal Layer index][SVC-Quality Layer index]` . E.g. The bitrate may be configured differently for SVC-layers `[0][0]` and `[1][0]` .
- We restrict all SVC layers to have the same Rate Control method.
- QVBR, HQVBR and HQCBR are only supported if PreAnalysis is enabled.
- QVBR, HQVBR and HQCBR target improving subjective quality with the possible loss of objective quality (PSNR or VMAF).

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_QVBR_QUALITY_LEVEL`

**Values:** `1` – `51`

**Default Value:** `23`

**Description:** Sets the quality level for QVBR rate control method. Remarks: Only available for QVBR rate control method.

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_RATE_CONTROL_SKIP_FRAME_ENABLE`

**Values:** `true` , `false`

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: `false`
- Ultra low latency: `true`
- Low latency: `true`
- Webcam: `true`
- HQ: `false`
- HQLL: `false`

**Description:** Enables skip frame for rate control.

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_MIN_QP_I`

**Values:** `0` – `51`

**Default Value:** `0`

**Description:** Sets the minimum QP for I frame.



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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MAX\_QP\_I

**Values:** 0 – 51

**Default Value:** 51

**Description:** Sets the maximum QP for I frame.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MIN\_QP\_P

**Values:** 0 – 51

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Sets the minimum QP for P frame.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MAX\_QP\_P

**Values:** 0 – 51

**Default Value:** 51

**Description:** Sets the maximum QP for P frame.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QP\_I

**Values:** 0 – 51

**Default Value:** 26

**Description:** Sets the constant QP for I-pictures. Remarks: Only available for CQP rate control method.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QP\_P

**Values:** 0 – 51

**Default Value:** 26

**Description:** Sets the constant QP for P-pictures. Remarks: Only available for CQP rate control method.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_FRAMERATE

**Values:** 1\*FrameRateDen ... 60\* FrameRateDen

**Default Value:** 30 fps

**Description:** Frame rate numerator/denominator.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_VBV\_BUFFER\_SIZE

**Values:** >0

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: 20 mbits
- Ultra low latency: 735 kbits
- Low latency: 4 mbits
- Webcam: 2 mbits
- HQ: 40 mbits
- HQLL: 10 mbits

**Description:** Sets the VBV buffer size in bits based on use case.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INITIAL\_VBV\_BUFFER\_FULLNESS

**Values:** 0 - 64

**Default Value:** 64

**Description:** Sets the initial VBV buffer fullness.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_ENFORCE\_HRD

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: true
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: false
- HQLL: false

**Description:** Disables/enables constraints on rate control to meet HRD model requirement(s) with peak\_bitrate, VBV buffer size and VBV buffer fullness settings.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PREENCODE\_ENABLE

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: false
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: true
- HQLL: false

**Description:** Pre-analysis assisted rate control.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_ENABLE\_VBAQ

Values: true , false

Default Value associated with usages:

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: false
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: true
- HQLL: true

Description: Note: Cannot use when RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD is CQP.

- VBAQ stands for *Variance Based Adaptive Quantization*.
  - The basic idea of VBAQ: Human visual system is typically less sensitive to artifacts in highly textured area. In VBAQ mode, we use pixel variance to indicate the complexity of spatial texture. This allows us to allocate more bits to smoother areas. Enabling such feature leads to improvements in subjective visual quality with some content. Note: Cannot use when RATE\_CONTROL\_METHOD is CQP.
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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_FILLER\_DATA\_ENABLE

Values: true , false

Default Value: false

Description: Enable filler data for CBR usage.

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Name: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HIGH\_MOTION\_QUALITY\_BOOST\_ENABLE

Values: true , false

Default Value associated with usages:

- Transcoding: false
- Ultra low latency: false
- Low latency: false
- Webcam: false
- HQ: true
- HQLL: true

Description: Enable high motion quality boost mode to pre-analyze the motion of the video and use this information to improve encoding.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
MAX_AU_SIZE	amf_int64
HEADER_INSERTION_MODE	amf_int64
GOP_SIZE	amf_int64
NUM_GOPS_PER_IDR	amf_int64
DE_BLOCKING_FILTER_DISABLE	amf_bool

Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
SLICES_PER_FRAME	amf_int64
INTRA_REFRESH_NUM_CTBS_PER_SLOT	amf_int64

Table 7. Encoder picture-control parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MAX\_AU\_SIZE

**Values:** 0 – 100 000 000 bits

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Maximum AU size in bits.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE\_NONE  
AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE\_GOP\_ALIGNED , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE\_IDR\_ALIGNED

**Default Value:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_HEADER\_INSERTION\_MODE\_NONE

**Description:** Sets the headers insertion mode.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_GOP\_SIZE

**Values:** 0 ... 1000

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: 30
- Ultra low latency: 300
- Low latency: 300
- Webcam: 30
- HQ: 30
- HQLL: 30

**Description:** The period to insert IDR/CRA in fixed size mode. 0 means only insert the first IDR/CRA (infinite GOP size).

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_NUM\_GOPS\_PER\_IDR

**Values:** 1 – 65535

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Determines the frequency to insert IDR as start of a GOP. 0 means no IDR will be inserted except for the first picture in the sequence.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_DE\_BLOCKING\_FILTER\_DISABLE

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Disable/enable the de-blocking filter.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_SLICES\_PER\_FRAME

**Values:** 1 - #CTBs per frame

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Sets the number of slices per frame.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INTRA\_REFRESH\_NUM\_CTBS\_PER\_SLOT

**Values:** 0 - #CTBs per frame

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Sets the number of intra-refresh 64x64 coding-tree-blocks per slot.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
QUALITY_PRESET	amf_int64
PICTURE_TRANSFER_MODE	amf_int64
QUERY_TIMEOUT	amf_int64
OUTPUT_MODE	amf_int64

Table 8. Encoder miscellaneous parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_BALANCED , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_QUALITY , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_SPEED

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_BALANCED
- Ultra low latency: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_SPEED
- Low latency: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_SPEED
- Webcam: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_QUALITY
- HQ: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_QUALITY
- HQLL: AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUALITY\_PRESET\_QUALITY

**Description:** Selects the quality preset in HW to balance between encoding speed and video quality.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE\_ON , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE\_OFF

**Default Value:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE\_OFF

**Description:** The application can turn on this flag for a specific input picture to allow dumping the reconstructed picture and/or injecting a reference picture.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_QUERY\_TIMEOUT

**Values:** Timeout for QueryOutput call in ms

**Default Value associated with usages:**

- Transcoding: 0 (no wait)
- Ultra low latency: 0 (no wait)
- Low latency: 0 (no wait)
- Webcam: 0 (no wait)
- HQ: 50
- HQLL: 50

**Description:** Timeout for QueryOutput call in ms.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_OUTPUT\_MODE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_OUTPUT\_MODE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_OUTPUT\_MODE\_FRAME , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_OUTPUT\_MODE\_TILE

**Default Value:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_OUTPUT\_MODE\_FRAME

**Description:** Defines encoder output mode.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
MOTION_HALF_PIXEL	amf_bool
MOTION_QUARTERPIXEL	amf_bool

Table 9. Encoder motion estimation parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MOTION\_HALF\_PIXEL

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** true

**Description:** Turns on/off half-pixel motion estimation.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MOTION\_QUARTERPIXEL

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** true

**Description:** Turns on/off quarter-pixel motion estimation.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
COLOR_BIT_DEPTH	amf_int64
INPUT_COLOR_PROFILE	amf_int64
INPUT_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC	amf_int64
INPUT_COLOR_PRIMARIES	amf_int64
OUTPUT_COLOR_PROFILE	amf_int64
OUTPUT_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC	amf_int64
OUTPUT_COLOR_PRIMARIES	amf_int64

Table 10. Encoder color conversion parameters

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH

**Values:** AMF\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH\_ENUM : AMF\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH\_UNDEFINED , AMF\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH\_8 , AMF\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH\_10

**Default Value:** AMF\_COLOR\_BIT\_DEPTH\_8

**Description:** Sets the number of bits in each pixel's color component in the encoder's compressed output bitstream.

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INPUT\_COLOR\_PROFILE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_UNKNOWN , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_601 , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_709 , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_2020 , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_JPEG , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_FULL\_601 , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_FULL\_709 , AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_FULL\_2020

**Default Value:** AMF\_VIDEO\_CONVERTER\_COLOR\_PROFILE\_UNKNOWN

**Description:** Color profile of the input surface. SDR - Setting this parameter ( COLOR\_PROFILE ) can fully describe a surface for SDR use case. HDR – For HDR use case the TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC , COLOR\_PRIMARIES , and NOMINAL\_RANGE parameters describe the surface.

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INPUT\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC

**Values:** AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_ENUM : AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_UNDEFINED , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_BT709 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_RESERVED , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_GAMMA22 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_GAMMA28 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_SMPTE170M , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_SMPTE240M , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_LINEAR , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_LOG , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_LOG\_SQRT , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_IEC61966\_2\_4 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_BT1361\_ECG , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_IEC61966\_2\_1 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_BT2020\_10 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_BT2020\_12 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_SMPTE2084 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_SMPTE428 , AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_ARIB\_STD\_B67

**Default Value:** AMF\_COLOR\_TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC\_UNDEFINED

**Description:** Characteristic transfer function of the input surface used to perform the mapping between linear light components (tristimulus values) and a nonlinear RGB signal. Used (alongside `COLOR_PRIMARIES` and `NOMINAL_RANGE` parameters) to describe surface in HDR use case.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_INPUT_COLOR_PRIMARIES`

**Values:** `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_ENUM` : `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_UNDEFINED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT709` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_UNSPECIFIED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_RESERVED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT470M` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT470BG` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_SMPTE170M` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_SMPTE240M` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_FILM` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT2020` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_SMPTE428` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_SMPTE431` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_SMPTE432` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_JEDEC_P22`

**Default Value:** `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_UNDEFINED`

**Description:** Color space primaries for the input surface which are the maximum red, green, and blue value permitted within the color space. Used (alongside `TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC` and `NOMINAL_RANGE` parameters) to describe surface in HDR use case.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_COLOR_PROFILE`

**Values:** `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_ENUM` : `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_UNKNOWN` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_601` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_709` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_2020` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_JPEG` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_FULL_601` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_FULL_709` , `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_FULL_2020`

**Default Value:** `AMF_VIDEO_CONVERTER_COLOR_PROFILE_UNKNOWN`

**Description:** Color profile of the compressed output stream. SDR - Setting this parameter ( `COLOR_PROFILE` ) can fully describe a surface for SDR use case. HDR – For HDR use case the `TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC` , `COLOR_PRIMARIES` , and `NOMINAL_RANGE` parameters describe the surface. Determines the optional VUI parameter `matrix_coefficients` .

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC`

**Values:** `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_ENUM` : `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_UNDEFINED` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_BT709` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_RESERVED` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_GAMMA22` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_GAMMA28` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_SMPTE170M` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_SMPTE240M` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_LINEAR` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_LOG` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_LOG_SQRT` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_IEC61966_2_4` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_BT1361_ECG` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_IEC61966_2_1` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_BT2020_10` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_BT2020_12` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_SMPTE2084` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_SMPTE428` , `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_ARIB_STD_B67`

**Default Value:** `AMF_COLOR_TRANSFER_CHARACTERISTIC_UNDEFINED`

**Description:** Characteristic transfer function of the compressed output stream used to perform the mapping between linear light components (tristimulus values) and a nonlinear RGB signal. Used (alongside `COLOR_PRIMARIES` and `NOMINAL_RANGE` parameters) to describe surface in HDR use case.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_COLOR_PRIMARIES`

**Values:** `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_ENUM` : `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_UNDEFINED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT709` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_UNSPECIFIED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_RESERVED` , `AMF_COLOR_PRIMARIES_BT470M` ,



AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_BT470BG , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_SMPTE170M , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_SMPTE240M , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_FILM , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_BT2020 , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_SMPTE428 , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_SMPTE431 , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_SMPTE432 , AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_JEDEC\_P22

**Default Value:** AMF\_COLOR\_PRIMARIES\_UNDEFINED

**Description:** Color space primaries for the compressed output surface which are the maximum red, green, and blue value permitted within the color space. Used (alongside TRANSFER\_CHARACTERISTIC and NOMINAL\_RANGE parameters) to describe surface in HDR use case.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
NUM_TEMPORAL_LAYERS	amf_int64

Table 11. Encoder SVC parameters

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_NUM\_TEMPORAL\_LAYERS

**Values:** 1 ... Maximum number of temporal layers supported

**Default Value:** 1

**Description:** Sets the number of temporal layers. SVC with temporal scalability is enabled when the number of layers is greater than 1. The maximum number of temporal layers supported is determined by the corresponding encoder capability. Remarks: Actual modification of the number of temporal layers will be delayed until the start of the next temporal GOP. Intra-refresh feature is not supported with SVC.

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Name (Prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
TL<TL_Num>.QL<QL_Num>.<Parameter_name>	

Table 12. Encoder SVC per-layer parameters

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**Name:** TL<TL\_Num>.QL<QL\_Num>.<Parameter\_name>

**Values:** Parameter-specific values

**Default Value:** N/A

**Description:** Configures rate-control parameter per SVC layer.

- TL\_Num — temporal layer number
- QL\_Num — quality layer number
- Parameter\_name — rate-control parameter name (see below) Rate-control parameters supported:
- HevcTargetBitrate
- HevcPeakBitrate
- HevcVBVBufferSize
- HevcFrameRate
- HevcMinQP\_I
- HevcMinQP\_P
- HevcMinQP\_I

- HevcMinQP\_P
- HevcQP\_I
- HevcQP\_P
- HevcFillerDataEnable
- HevcRateControlSkipFrameEnable
- HevcEnforceHRD
- HevcMaxAUSize(Refer to rate-control parameters section of this table for details)

Remarks: Quality layers are not supported. "QL0" must be used for quality layers.

Table A-2. Input frame and encoded data parameters

Name (prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
INSERT_HEADER	amf_bool
INSERT_AUD	amf_bool
FORCE_PICTURE_TYPE	amf_int64
END_OF_SEQUENCE	amf_bool
MARK_CURRENT_WITH_LTR_INDEX	amf_int64
FORCE_LTR_REFERENCE_BITFIELD	amf_int64
ROI_DATA	AMF_SURFACE_GRAY32
STATISTICS_FEEDBACK	amf_bool
PSNR_FEEDBACK	amf_bool
SSIM_FEEDBACK	amf_bool
BLOCK_QP_FEEDBACK	amf_bool
REFERENCE_PICTURE	AMFInterfacePtr

Table 13. Frame per-submission parameters

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INSERT\_HEADER

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Inserts SPS, PPS and VPS.

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_INSERT\_AUD

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Inserts AUD.

**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_FORCE\_PICTURE\_TYPE

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_NONE , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_IDR , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_I , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_P

**Default Value:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PICTURE\_TYPE\_NONE

**Description:** Forces the picture type.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_END\_OF\_SEQUENCE

**Values:** true , false

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** End of sequence.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_MARK\_CURRENT\_WITH\_LTR\_INDEX

**Values:** -1 ... MaxOfLTRFrames - 1

**Default Value:** N/A

**Description:** If != -1 , the current picture is coded as a long-term reference with the given index. Remarks:

- When the user controls N LTRs (using the corresponding Create parameter), then the LTR Index the user can assign to a reference picture varies from 0 to N-1 . By default, the encoder will “use up” available LTR Indices (i.e. assign them to references) even if the user does not request them to be used.
  - When LTR is used with SVC encoding, only base temporal layer pictures can be coded as LTR. In this case, the request to mark the current picture as LTR would be delayed to the next base temporal layer picture if the current picture is in an enhancement layer. If the user submits multiple requests to mark current as LTR between base temporal layer pictures, then only the last request is applied.
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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_FORCE\_LTR\_REFERENCE\_BITFIELD

**Values:** Bitfield MaxOfLTRFrames (max possible 16 bits)

**Default Value:** 0

**Description:** Force LTR Reference allowed bitfield. If == 0 , the current picture should predict from the default reference. If != 0 , the current picture should predict from one of the LTRs allowed by the bitfield (bit# = LTR Index#). Remarks:

- E.g. if Bit#0 = 1 , then the existing LTR with LTR Index = 0 may be used for reference. The bitfield may allow more than one LTR for reference, in which case the encoder is free to choose which one to use. This bitfield also disallows existing LTRs not enabled by it from current/future reference.
  - E.g. if Bit#1 = 0 , and there is an existing reference with LTR Index = 1 , then this LTR Index will not be used for reference until it is replaced with a newer reference with the same LTR Index.
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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_ROI\_DATA

**Values:** Video surface in AMF\_SURFACE\_GRAY32 format

**Default Value:** N/A

**Description:** Important value for each 64x64 block ranges from 0 to 10 , stored in 32bit unsigned format.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTICS\_FEEDBACK

**Values:** true ( on ), false ( off )

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Instruct encoder to collect and feedback statistics.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_PSNR\_FEEDBACK

**Values:** true ( on ), false ( off )

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Signal encoder to calculate PSNR score.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_SSIM\_FEEDBACK

**Values:** true ( on ), false ( off )

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Signal encoder to calculate SSIM score.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_BLOCK\_QP\_FEEDBACK

**Values:** true ( on ), false ( off )

**Default Value:** false

**Description:** Instruct encoder to collect and feedback block level QP values.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_REFERENCE\_PICTURE

**Values:** AMFSurface

**Default Value:** N/A

**Description:** Injected reference picture. Valid with PICTURE\_TRANSFER\_MODE turned on.

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Name (prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE	amf_int64
OUTPUT_MARKED_LTR_INDEX	amf_int64
OUTPUT_REFERENCED_LTR_INDEX_BITFIELD	amf_int64
OUTPUT_TEMPORAL_LAYER	amf_int64
OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE	amf_int64
RECONSTRUCTED_PICTURE	AMFSurface

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE`

**Values:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE_ENUM` : `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE_IDR` ,  
`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE_I` , `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_DATA_TYPE_P`

**Default Value:** `N/A`

**Description:** Type of encoded data.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_MARKED_LTR_INDEX`

**Values:** `-1` ... `MaxOfLTRFrames - 1`

**Default Value:** `-1`

**Description:** Marked as LTR Index. If != `-1` , then this picture was coded as a long-term reference with this LTR Index.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_REFERENCED_LTR_INDEX_BITFIELD`

**Values:** Bitfield `MaxOfLTRFrames` (max possible 16 bits)

**Default Value:** `0`

**Description:** Referenced LTR Index bitfield. If != `0` , this picture was coded to reference long-term references. The enabled bits identify the LTR Indices of the referenced pictures (e.g. if Bit #0 = `1` , then LTR Index 0 was used as a reference when coding this picture).

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_TEMPORAL_LAYER`

**Values:** `0` ... `Maximum number of temporal layers supported - 1`

**Default Value:** `N/A`

**Description:** Temporal layer of the encoded picture.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE`

**Values:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE_ENUM` :  
`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE_FRAME` , `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE_TILE` ,  
`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_OUTPUT_BUFFER_TYPE_TILE_LAST`

**Default Value:** `N/A`

**Description:** Encoder output buffer type.

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**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_RECONSTRUCTED_PICTURE`

**Values:** `AMFSurface`

**Default Value:** `N/A`

**Description:** Reconstructed picture. Valid with `PICTURE_TRANSFER_MODE` turned on.

**Table A-3. Encoder capabilities exposed in AMFCaps interface**

Name (prefix with <code>AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_CAP_</code> )	Type
<code>MAX_BITRATE</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>NUM_OF_STREAMS</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MAX_PROFILE</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MAX_TIER</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MAX_LEVEL</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MIN_REFERENCE_FRAMES</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MAX_REFERENCE_FRAMES</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>MAX_TEMPORAL_LAYERS</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>NUM_OF_HW_INSTANCES</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>COLOR_CONVERSION</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>PRE_ANALYSIS</code>	<code>amf_bool</code>
<code>ROI</code>	<code>amf_bool</code>
<code>MAX_THROUGHPUT</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>REQUESTED_THROUGHPUT</code>	<code>amf_int64</code>
<code>QUERY_TIMEOUT_SUPPORT</code>	<code>amf_bool</code>
<code>SUPPORT_SLICE_OUTPUT</code>	<code>amf_bool</code>

Table 15. Encoder capabilities exposed in AMFCaps interface

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_CAP_MAX_BITRATE`

**Values:** Integers,  $\geq 0$

**Description:** Maximum bit rate in bits.

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_CAP_NUM_OF_STREAMS`

**Values:** Integers,  $\geq 0$

**Description:** Maximum number of encode streams supported.

**Name:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_CAP_MAX_PROFILE`

**Values:** `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_PROFILE_ENUM` : `AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_PROFILE_MAIN` ,  
`AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_PROFILE_MAIN_10`

**Description:** Maximum value of encoder profile.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MAX\_TIER

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_ENUM : AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_MAIN , AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_TIER\_HIGH

**Description:** Maximum profile tier.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MAX\_LEVEL

**Values:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_LEVEL\_ENUM : AMF\_LEVEL\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_2 , AMF\_LEVEL\_2\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_3 , AMF\_LEVEL\_3\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_4 , AMF\_LEVEL\_4\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_5\_2 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6\_1 , AMF\_LEVEL\_6\_2

**Description:** Maximum value of profile level.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MIN\_REFERENCE\_FRAMES

**Description:** Minimum number of reference frames.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MAX\_REFERENCE\_FRAMES

**Description:** Maximum number of reference frames.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MAX\_NUM\_TEMPORAL\_LAYERS

**Values:** 1 ... Maximum number of temporal layers supported

**Description:** The cap of maximum number of temporal layers.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_NUM\_OF\_HW\_INSTANCES

**Values:** 0 ... number of instances - 1

**Description:** Number of HW encoder instances.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_COLOR\_CONVERSION

**Values:** AMF\_ACCELERATION\_TYPE

**Description:** Type of supported color conversion.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_PRE\_ANALYSIS

**Values:** true , false

**Description:** Pre analysis module is available.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_ROI

**Values:** true , false

**Description:** ROI map support is available for HEVC UVE encoder, n/a for the other encoders.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_MAX\_THROUGHPUT

**Values:** Integers, >=0

**Description:** MAX throughput for HEVC encoder in MB (16 x 16 pixels).

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_REQUESTED\_THROUGHPUT

**Values:** Integers, >=0

**Description:** Currently total requested throughput for encode in MB (16 x 16 pixels).

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_CAPS\_HEVC\_QUERY\_TIMEOUT\_SUPPORT

**Values:** true , false

**Description:** Timeout supported for QueryOutout call.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_CAP\_SUPPORT\_SLICE\_OUTPUT

**Values:** true , false

**Description:** If tile output is supported.

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**Table A-4. Encoder statistics feedback**

Statistic Name (prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
STATISTIC_FRAME_QP	amf_int64
STATISTIC_AVERAGE_QP	amf_int64
STATISTIC_MAX_QP	amf_int64
STATISTIC_MIN_QP	amf_int64
STATISTIC_PIX_NUM_INTRA	amf_int64
STATISTIC_PIX_NUM_INTER	amf_int64
STATISTIC_PIX_NUM_SKIP	amf_int64
STATISTIC_BITCOUNT_RESIDUAL	amf_int64
STATISTIC_BITCOUNT_MOTION	amf_int64
STATISTIC_BITCOUNT_INTER	amf_int64
STATISTIC_BITCOUNT_INTRA	amf_int64
STATISTIC_BITCOUNT_ALL_MINUS_HEADER	amf_int64
STATISTIC_MV_X	amf_int64
STATISTIC_MV_Y	amf_int64



Statistic Name (prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC_")	Type
STATISTIC_RD_COST_FINAL	amf_int64
STATISTIC_RD_COST_INTRA	amf_int64
STATISTIC_RD_COST_INTER	amf_int64
STATISTIC_SATD_FINAL	amf_int64
STATISTIC_SATD_INTRA	amf_int64
STATISTIC_SATD_INTER	amf_int64
STATISTIC_VARIANCE	amf_int64

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_FRAME\_QP

**Description:** QP of the first encoded CTB in a picture.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_AVERAGE\_QP

**Description:** Average QP of all encoded CTBs in a picture.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_MAX\_QP

**Description:** Max QP among all encoded CTBs in a picture.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_MIN\_QP

**Description:** Min QP among all encoded CTBs in a picture.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PIX\_NUM\_INTRA

**Description:** Number of intra-coded pixels.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PIX\_NUM\_INTER

**Description:** Number of inter-coded pixels.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PIX\_NUM\_SKIP

**Description:** Number of skip-coded pixels.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_BITCOUNT\_RESIDUAL

**Description:** Frame level bit count of residual data.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_BITCOUNT\_MOTION

**Description:** Frame level bit count of motion vectors.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_BITCOUNT\_INTER

**Description:** Frame level bit count of inter CTBs.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_BITCOUNT\_INTRA

**Description:** Frame level bit count of intra CTBs.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_BITCOUNT\_ALL\_MINUS\_HEADER

**Description:** Frame level bit count of the bitstream excluding header.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_MV\_X

**Description:** Accumulated absolute values of MVX for full encoding.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_MV\_Y

**Description:** Accumulated absolute values of MVY for full encoding.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_RD\_COST\_FINAL

**Description:** Frame level final RD cost.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_RD\_COST\_INTRA

**Description:** Frame level RD cost for intra mode.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_RD\_COST\_INTER

**Description:** Frame level RD cost for inter mode.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SATD\_FINAL

**Description:** Frame level final SATD.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SATD\_INTRA

**Description:** Frame level SATD for intra mode.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SATD\_INTER

**Description:** Frame level SATD for inter mode.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_VARIANCE

**Description:** Frame level variance for full encoding.

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**Table A-5. Encoder PSNR/SSIM feedback**

Statistic Name (prefix "AMF_VIDEO_ENCODER_HEVC")	Type
STATISTIC_PSNR_Y	amf_double
STATISTIC_PSNR_U	amf_double
STATISTIC_PSNR_V	amf_double
STATISTIC_PSNR_ALL	amf_double
STATISTIC_SSIM_Y	amf_double
STATISTIC_SSIM_U	amf_double
STATISTIC_SSIM_V	amf_double
STATISTIC_SSIM_ALL	amf_double

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PSNR\_Y

**Description:** PSNR Y.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PSNR\_U

**Description:** PSNR U.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PSNR\_V

**Description:** PSNR V.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_PSNR\_ALL

**Description:** PSNR YUV.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SSIM\_Y

**Description:** SSIM Y.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SSIM\_U

**Description:** SSIM U.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SSIM\_V

**Description:** SSIM V.

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**Name:** AMF\_VIDEO\_ENCODER\_HEVC\_STATISTIC\_SSIM\_ALL

**Description:** SSIM YUV.

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