Non-contact 3D digitizer suitable for industrial applications requiring high accuracy and reliability

Ideal for measurements of glossy or dark surfaces!

The Visionary Eye
Creating the Future Style of Manufacturing

Giving Shape to Ideas
Do you make 2D drawings simply to check your 3D model?

How reliable is your surface profile evaluation, such as checking of distortion in a free-form surface?

Is the evaluation of wall thickness or machining stock inspection for cast parts sufficient?

Do you spend too much time correcting the dies for press parts?

Are the bosses, ribs and holes of plastic parts formed in accordance with the original design?

Is inspection totally dependent on skilled workers?

Non-contact 3D digitizer KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 can instantaneously digitize the external profiles of various industrial parts, including press parts, machined parts, dies, prototypes, cast parts and injection molded parts, into 3D data. The digitized profile data can then be accurately reproduced on a computer screen. By comparing this data against 3D CAD data with optional application software, you can quickly output measurement reports on overall deviation, cross-sectional deviation, wall thickness distribution and GD&T (Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerance). This allows increased speed and improved quality in the manufacturing process.

In addition to measurement for inspection and quality control, KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 offers various applications including:

- Reverse engineering
- Rapid prototyping
- Creation of machining data
- Digital mockup

KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 opens up the future possibilities of non-contact 3D measurement by adding the elements of increased reliability, improved operability and easier transportability to Konica Minolta’s accumulated optical technologies and auto-focus function.

Principal applications and measurement targets

Quality inspection (confirmation and verification of whether parts are manufactured to specifications) and reverse engineering (quantification of quality and capability of parts, etc.) from development to prototyping phases

- Cast and other formed materials
- Pressed parts
- Injection molded parts
- Various machined parts
**KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7** will change the process of manufacturing.

Problems can be solved by using KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 and 3D CAD data, without the need for 2D drawings.

The direct comparison of 3D scan data against 3D CAD data provides visual and quantitative evaluation of surface distortion and cross-sections of part exteriors, even those with multiple free-form surfaces. By doing this, you can confirm and verify whether parts are manufactured to the design.

**Solution 1**

Cast parts can be visualized and quantified for the evaluation of wall thickness distribution, enabling inspection for excessively thin walls and lack of machining stock. Early feedback of the results to the design and production processes reduces losses in later processes.

**Solution 2**

By visualizing the spring-back which occurs during forming trials in press die making, the location and amount of distortion can be pinpointed precisely, leading to improved accuracy of die correction and reduced correction cycles.

**Solution 3**

By creating 3D CAD data of the dimensions and tolerances for inspection points such as the positions of bosses, ribs and holes of plastic products in advance, you can automatically create dimension inspection reports on GD&T analysis, etc., resulting in the development of a routine and speeding up the inspection process.

KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 is designed to provide high operability and reliability. It is a user-friendly 3D digitizer that provides easy operation with intuitive GUIs, minimization of erroneous measurements, and always offers high-quality 3D data regardless of the target shape or surface conditions.
Easy-to-carry digitizer with integrated camera and controller

The KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 is a new 3D digitizer series full of 3D digitizing know-how accumulated from Konica Minolta’s over 10 years of experience. The compact and lightweight design integrates the camera and controller in a single body weighing only approximately 6.7 kg, providing high mobility on measurement sites. The two interchangeable lenses allow one digitizer to handle a broad measurement range.

Various focusing functions for quick capturing of clear 3D data

The auto-focus (AF) function implements further advances that only Konica Minolta could provide, to offer a multi-focus mode which automatically shifts the focus position in two steps to obtain more accurate and sharper 3D measurement data. This is especially effective for measurement of deep objects. The adjustment of distance and angle of view is also easy by using the point AF function which adjusts the focus to the point specified by the user and the Field of View (FOV) indicator which shows the current measurement area.

The 3D preview function reduces erroneous measurements

The 3D preview function allows users to predict measurement results quickly. With a pre-scan of only 0.4 seconds, users can check for measurement area depth, dead angles, scan problems due to surface conditions, etc. beforehand to greatly reduce erroneous measurements.

Excellent ability to measure glossy surfaces, surpassing normal assumptions regarding optical 3D digitizers

The new sensor and original measurement algorithm ensure a wider dynamic range. Even glossy objects, such as metallic surfaces, can be measured reliably.
The newly developed software RANGE VIEWER allows comfortable scanning operations.

The software, designed specifically for KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7, makes the process from scanning to data integration quick and easy.

**01 Capable of measuring dark surfaces without using spray or a special darkroom.**

The RANGE7 is now equipped with a new Dark Surface Mode measurement function*1 developed utilizing our original data-processing technology that enables measurements of dark objects (with reflectances as low as 2.9%*2). Since spraying before measurement is not required, measurement inaccuracies caused by uneven spray layer thickness are eliminated, and since spray and cleaning liquids are not used, environmental load is also reduced. Plus, measurements can be taken in a normal office environment*3, so there is no need to invest in a special darkroom.

*1 Although it has been greatly improved compare to our previous instruments, there is no guarantee that the RANGE7 can measure all dark surfaces or metallic gloss surfaces without spraying. Whether or not treatment of the surface prior to measurement is necessary depends on actual use conditions.

*2 Reflectance at 660nm excluding specular reflectance. Based on Konica Minolta standard measurement conditions.

*3 500 lx or less

**02 User-friendly software with navigation messages**

"RANGE VIEWER" is newly developed 3D data processing software included as standard. It provides various editing functions from scanning control of the instrument to alignment of measured data and data merging. Easy-to-see icons and a flexible GUI allow scanning and data editing to be done seamlessly. The navigation messages which show instructions or the next step allow beginners to easily and quickly learn operation. RANGE VIEWER supports 64-bit editions of Windows®, enabling large volumes of data to be processed. It also allows quick data transfer to optional application software via IPC (Inter Process Communication) without the need to save files.

* For detailed specifications, refer to the Operating Environment of RANGE VIEWER in this catalog.

**03 Easy operation and high processing ability for reduced total operation time**

The total operation time from the setting of distance and angle of view, through scanning, to data integration is about 35 minutes* to measure Konica Minolta’s standard sample from 30 directions. High operability and a processing ability of approximately 1 minute/cycle on average has been achieved.

* Measurement using markers (optional accessory). Other conditions are according to Konica Minolta Sensing standards.

**Measurement procedure with KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 (measurement using markers)**

1. Place the object on the table on which markers are attached.
2. Perform measurement and check that more than three markers are measured with the object.
3. Position is aligned according to the automatic recognition of three or more matching markers in overlapped images during measurements.
4. Results of the measurement of the entire target are obtained by repeating steps 2 and 3.
KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 employs triangulation by the light sectioning method, using a Class-2 semiconductor laser to sweep the target with laser light. In as little as approximately 2 seconds, a target is scanned with laser light that has passed through a slit, and the reflected light is received by the 1.31-megapixel CMOS sensor that provides high-resolution information. The information is then converted into 3D data using the data for distance to the target calculated based on the triangulation principle. One scan can obtain up to approximately 1,310,000 points (1,280 x 1,024 points) of 3D coordinate data.

The KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 has adopted a new optical system which adjusts focus based on the signal from the image pickup device. It also has an integrated inner base-plate made of CFRP (carbon fiber reinforced plastic). As a result, the KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 has achieved a lightweight body, great rigidity and high driving accuracy. At the time of measurement, the KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 provides high reliability when operating in various environments by minimizing the influence of instrument tilt, temperature changes, etc.

The KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 has achieved high measurement accuracy*1 of ±40 μm*2 in accuracy evaluation using ball bars*3 according to the guidelines in “VDI/VDE 2634*4 Part 2”. The testing method utilizing ball bars is planned to be included in a Japanese Industrial Standards proposal related to the testing of optical non-contact coordinate measuring instruments.

Konica Minolta performs testing based on “VDI/VDE 2634 Part 2” using ball bars calibrated by the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology of Japan for all KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 units. We build confidence by clearly indicating the product accuracy and by conducting strict testing for each unit before shipment.

*1 Accuracy: Measuring instrument accuracy expressed as error limits under the defined conditions.
*2 Measured with the TELE lens at a distance of 450 mm and ambient temperature of 20±1°C. Other conditions are according to Konica Minolta Sensing standards.
*3 Ball bar: Equipment for evaluation of accuracy, consisting of a bar that has balls attached at both ends.
*4 VDI/VDE 2634: Optical measurement system testing guidelines issued by Germany in 2002.

A compact calibration chart that can be set up on a table is supplied as standard. When calibration is required due to changes in ambient temperature, all you have to do is to scan the calibration chart according to the software guidance. This will ensure measurements with the same accuracy as the time of shipment from the factory.
Increased mobility and operability of the compact, lightweight KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7

Various accessories specifically designed for KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 offer flexible system configuration according to the application and operating environment.

01 Measuring Stand Set with laptop shelf (optional accessory)

The optional measuring stand allows stress-free work in cases where measurement requires the KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 to be moved around. Since the stand has a shelf on which a laptop PC can be placed, an all-in-one system can be built to provide high mobility within the measurement environment.

02 Tripod Set (optional accessory)

The tripod can also be used with a dolly (optional accessory) for easy movement.

03 Carrying Case (optional accessory)

The instrument, lenses, calibration chart and cables can be stored securely.

04 Rotating Stage Kit (3 kg/20 kg) (optional accessory)

The rotating stage kit allows automatic positioning of a target for measuring from all sides through 360°. Two models are available depending on the load: 3 kg and 20 kg.

05 Optional application software for reverse engineering, testing, etc.

To compliment the advanced features of the KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 scanner, Konica Minolta offer a range of third-party software solutions. Together we can identify the most effective solution to meet the needs of the user to ensure they obtain maximum benefit from their investment. The software packages offered by Konica Minolta include:

- geomagic®
- PolyWorks® by InnoMetric Software Inc.

Etc

In addition the data from the KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7 can be output in many standard formats enabling data to be imported to the majority of CAD software packages.
Specifications of KONICA MINOLTA RANGE7

**<Major Functions>**

- **Readable data formats**
  - Konica Minolta proprietary formats: .rgv (Single-scan data group), .rvm (more than one piece of data)
  - Konica Minolta proprietary formats: .rgv, .rvm

- **Data output**
  - STL (binary), ASCII point group
  - Readable data

- **Measurement functions**
  - Point group shading
  - Data alignment, Data merging (integration), Point group deletion

- **Drawing**
  - Preview function
  - Measurement
  - Control of rotating stage (Konica Minolta optional accessory)

**<Operating Environment>**

- **OS**
  - Windows® 7 Professional (64-bit), Windows® Vista Business SP2 (64-bit), Windows® XP Professional x64 Edition SP2 (64-bit)

- **CPU**
  - Core2Duo, Xeon or higher

- **RAM**
  - 4 GB or more

- **Display**
  - Graphics display capability of 1280 x 1024 or more

- **Graphics board**
  - OpenGL compatible board (Konica Minolta verified compatible board recommended)

- **Interface**
  - USB 2.0 port

**System configuration**

- Standard accessories
  - AC Adapter

- Optional accessories
  - USB Cable (5m)
  - Software used: Konica Minolta processing software

**<Specifications>**

- **Power**
  - Included AC Adapter
  - Input voltage: 100 to 240 VAC (50/60 Hz), Rating: 1.4 A (at 100 VAC input)

- **Dimensions**
  - 295 (W) x 190 (H) x 200 (D) mm (Excluding grips and lens)

- **Weight**
  - Approx. 6.7 kg

- **Operating temperature/humidity range**
  - 10 to 40°C; Relative humidity 65% or less (no condensation)

- **Storage temperature/humidity range**
  - -10 to 50°C; Relative humidity 85% or less

**<Konica Minolta Sensing measurement conditions>**

- **Measurement**
  - Target: Konica Minolta standard target (2 balls);
  - Arrangement of measurement target: Konica Minolta standard arrangement (10 positions inside measurement space);
  - Uncertainty of standard target not included.

- **Measuring method**
  - Triangulation by light sectioning method

- **Receiving lens**
  - TELE, WIDE

- **Distance range**
  - TELE: 450 mm, TELE: 800 mm, WIDE: 450 mm, WIDE: 800 mm

- **XY direction measurement interval**
  - 0.08, 0.14, 0.16, 0.28 mm

**<Safety Precautions>**

- Use only a power source of the specified rating.
- Improper connection may cause a fire or electric shock.

**KONICA MINOLTA OPTICS, INC.**

- Osaka, Japan

- Konica Minolta Sensing Americas, Inc.
  - New Jersey, U.S.A.

- Konica Minolta Sensing Europe B.V.
  - German Office
  - French Office
  - UK Office
  - Italian Office
  - Polish Office

- Konica Minolta (CHINA) Investment Ltd.
  - SE Sales Division

- Konica Minolta Optics, Inc.
  - Korea
  - Thailand Representative Office

Addresses and telephone/fax numbers are subject to change without notice. For the latest contact information, please refer to the KONICA MINOLTA OPTICS Worldwide Offices web page.

©2008 KONICA MINOLTA OPTICS, INC.