„NFB" (Nadir/Forward/Backward) Scanning UAV LiDAR Sensor

RIEGL VUX®-120

- *laser pulse repetition rate up to 1.8 MHz*
- *measurement rate up to 1,500,000 meas./sec*
- *scan speed up to 400 lines/second*
- *operating flight altitude up to 720 m / 2,350 ft*
- *Field of View up to 100°*
- *compact & lightweight (2 kg / 4.4 lbs)*
- *Nadir/Forward/Backward Scanning for unrivaled completeness of scan data even on vertical structures and narrow canyons*
- *cutting edge RIEGL technology providing:*
  - *echo signal digitization*
  - *multiple target capability*
  - *online waveform processing*
  - *multiple-time-around processing*
- *easily mountable to unmanned platforms (UAVs) and small manned aircrafts*
- *mechanical and electrical interface for INS/GNSS integration*
- *interfaces for up to 2 external cameras*
- *scan data storage on internal 1 TByte SSD Memory*
- *removeable CFAST® memory card 240 GByte*

The new *RIEGL* VUX-120 is a lightweight and versatile airborne laser scanner offering a wide field of view of 100 degrees and an extremely fast data acquisition rate of up to 1.8 MHz. Thus, it is perfectly suited for high point density corridor mapping applications.
The measuring beam of the *RIEGL* VUX-120 is consecutively scanned in three different directions: it alternates from strictly nadir, to +10 degrees forward, and to -10 degrees backward. This allows data acquisition with an unrivaled completeness in data capture, especially in challenging environments with vertical surfaces and narrow canyons.

The scanner provides an internal data storage capacity of 1 TByte and a removeable 240 GByte CFast card and is equipped with interfaces for an external INS/GNSS system as well as to control up to two external cameras.
The sophisticated design of the *RIEGL* VUX-120 allows smooth integration on UAS/UAV/RPAS, small manned aeroplanes like gyrocopters but also on helicopters. It is offered as stand-alone UAV LiDAR sensor, but also in various fully-integrated UAV airborne laser scanning system configurations with appropriate INS/GNSS system and cameras to meet the special requirements resulting from various customers' applications.

Typical applications include

- *Corridor Mapping: Power Line, Railway Track and Pipeline Inspection*
- *Topography in Open-Cast Mining*
- *Surveying of Urban Environments*
- *Archeology and Cultural Heritage Documentation*
- *Agriculture & Forestry*

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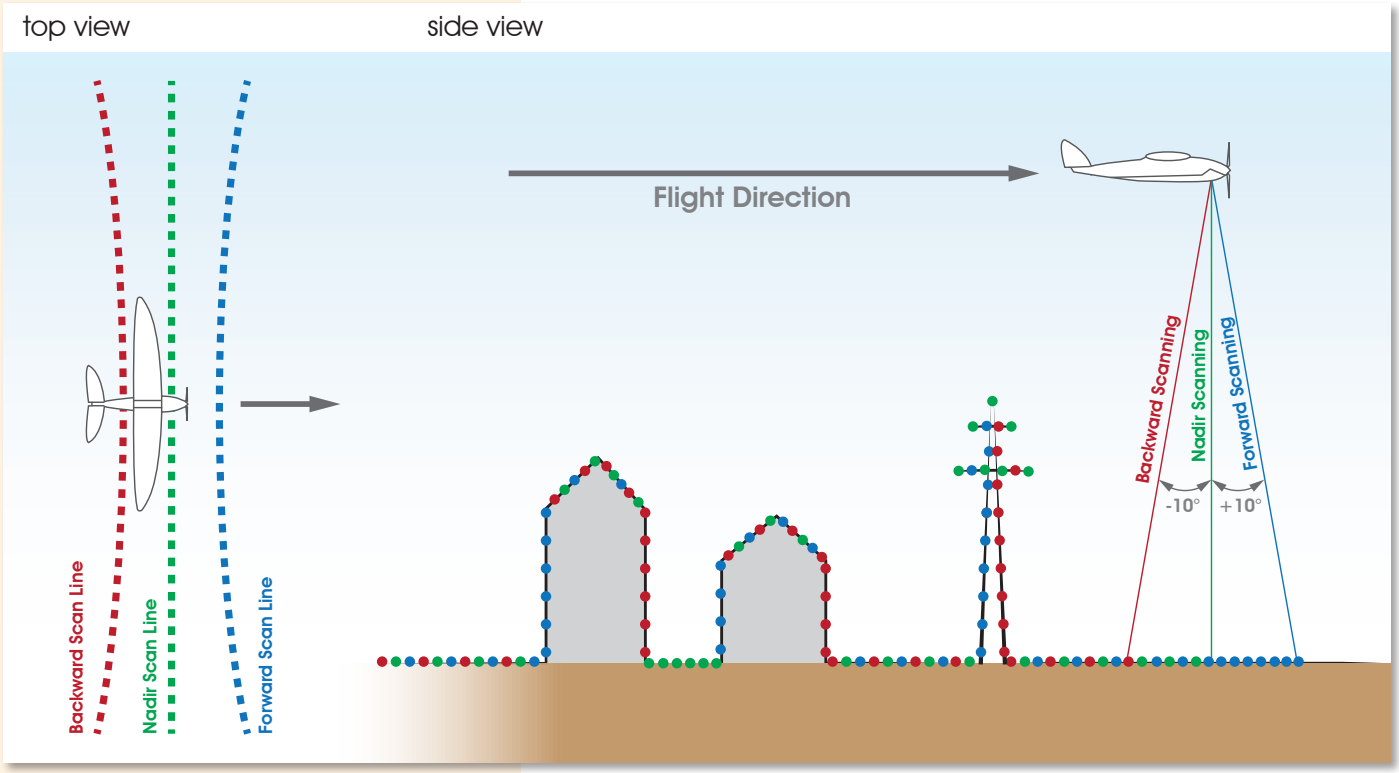
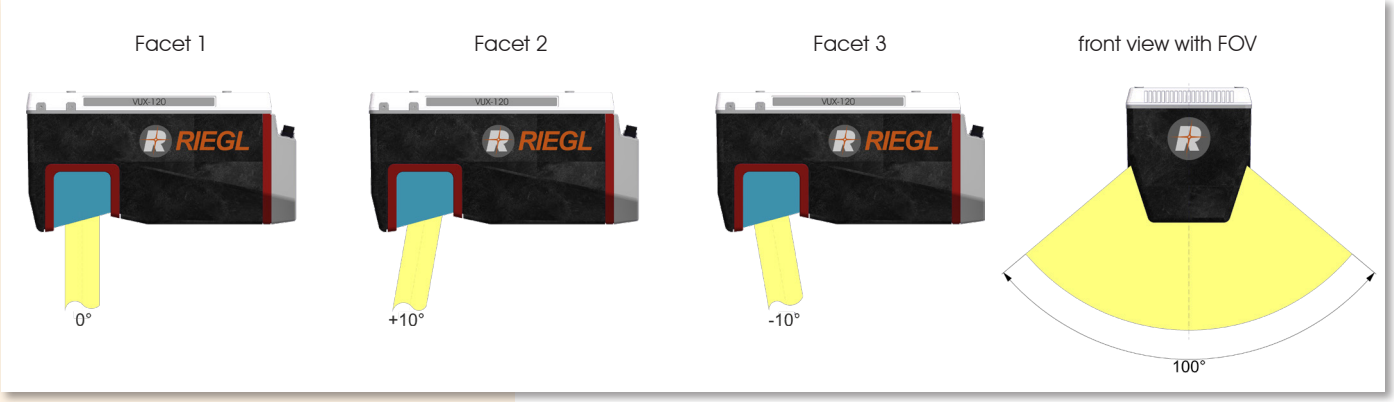
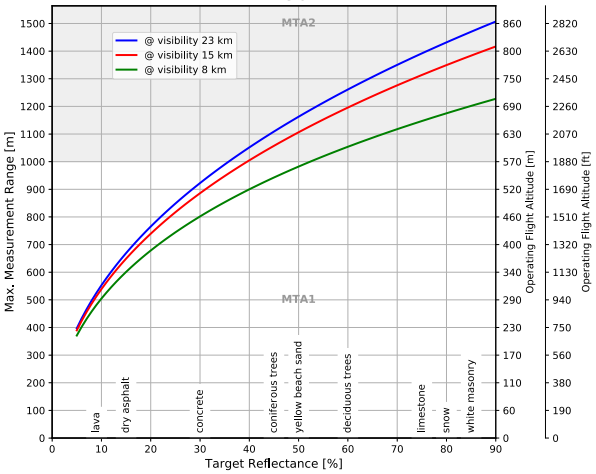


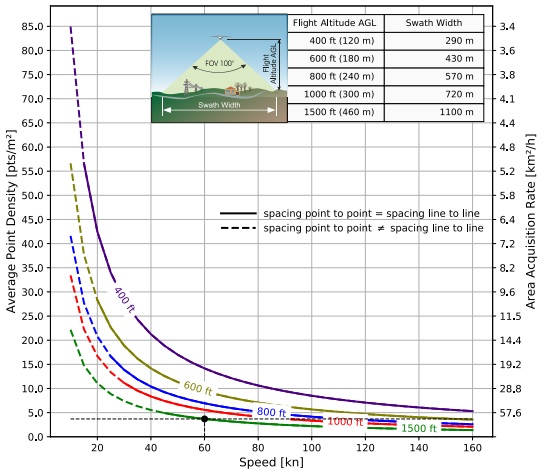
Field of View	± **50° (100°)**
Forward/Backward Scan Angle in Swath Center	± **10°**
Forward/Backward Scan Angle at Swath Edges	± **15°**

The *RIEGL* VUX-120 offers a sophisticated scan pattern consisting of scan lines with periodically changing directions. The scan directions in the center of the scan lines change consecutively from strictly nadir, to +10 degrees forward and to -10 degrees backward. This scan pattern provides an almost complete 3D data set, as also vertical surfaces like the facades of buildings and objects like masts and poles are accurately sampled by laser range measurements. In addition, the nadir direction enables the reliable data acquisition down to the bottom of narrow canyons.



PRR = 150 kHz

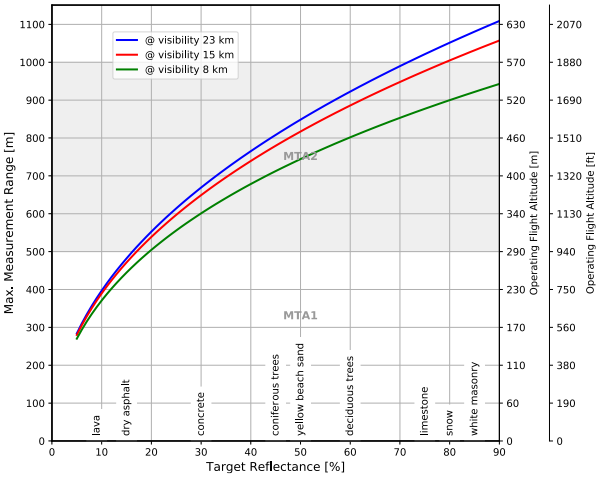


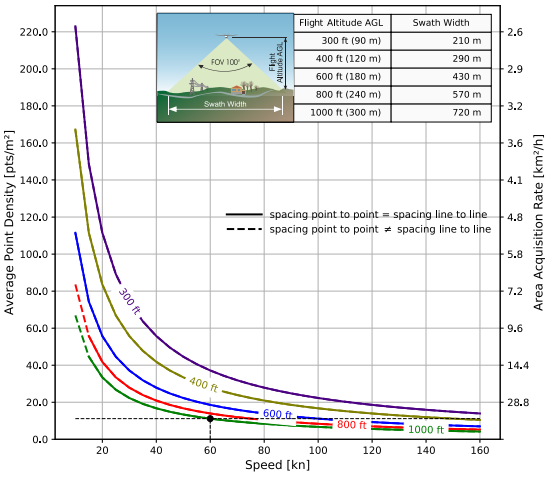


Example: VUX-120 at 150,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%
Altitude = 1,500 ft AGL, Speed 60 kn

Result: Point Density ~ 4 pts/m²

PRR = 300 kHz

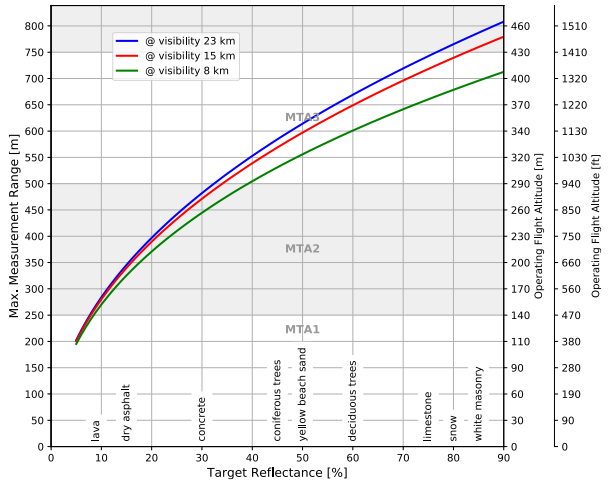


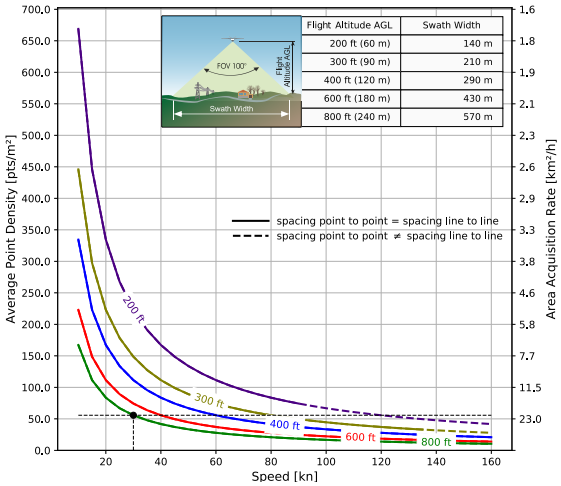


Example: VUX-120 at 300,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%
Altitude = 1,000 ft AGL, Speed 60 kn

Result: Point Density ~ 11 pts/m²

PRR = 600 kHz





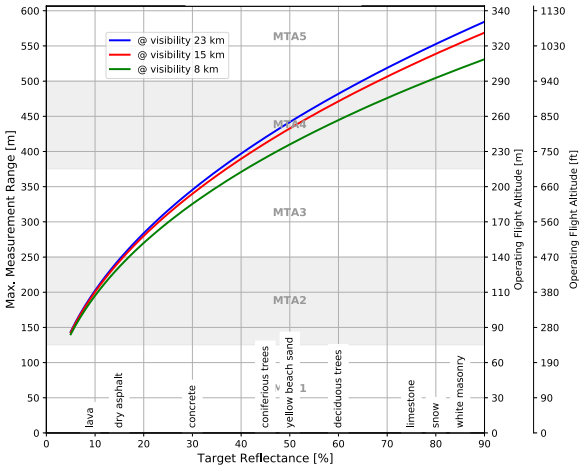
Example: VUX-120 at 600,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%
Altitude = 800 ft AGL, Speed 30 kn

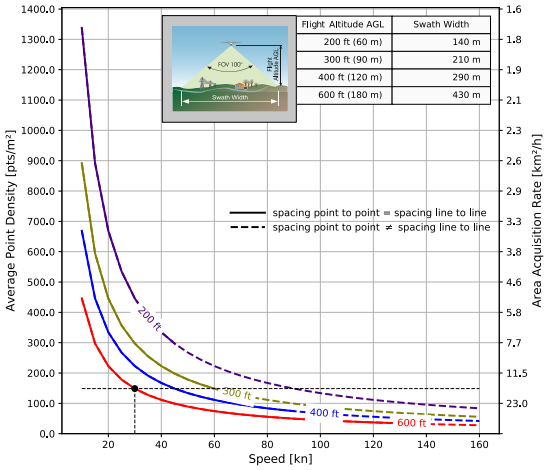
Result: Point Density ~ 55 pts/m²

The following conditions are assumed for definition of the Operating Flight Altitude AGL

- ambiguity resolved by multiple-time-around (MTA) processing
- roll angle ±5°
- target size ≥ laser footprint
- average ambient brightness
- operating flight altitude given at a FOV 100°

PRR = 1200 kHz

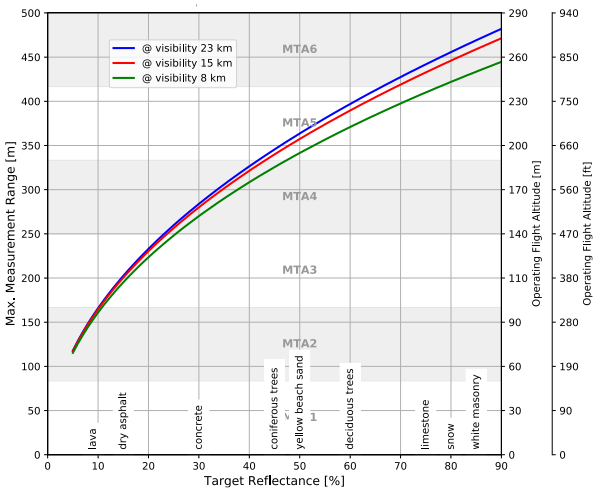


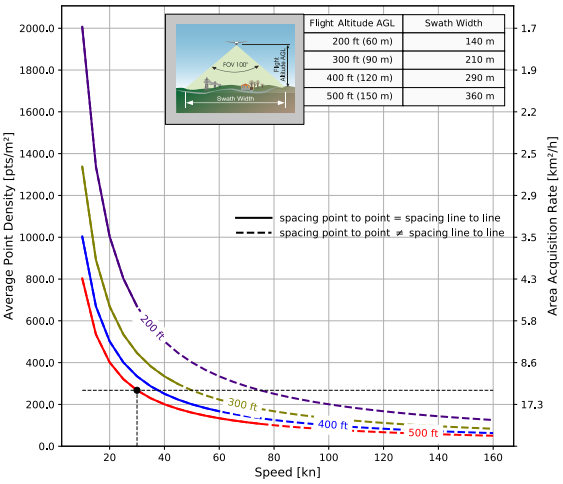


Example: VUX-120 at 1,200,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%
Altitude = 600 ft AGL, Speed 30 kn

Result: Point Density ~ 150 pts/m²

PRR = 1800 kHz





Example: VUX-120 at 1,800,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%
Altitude = 500 ft AGL, Speed 30 kn

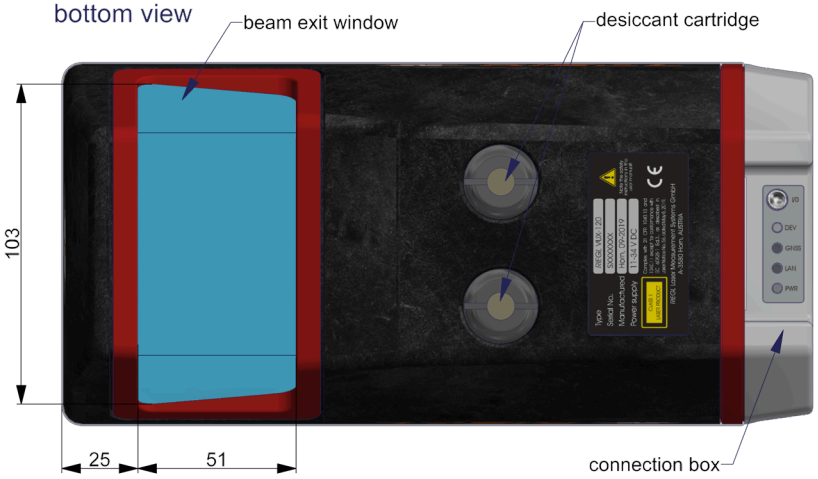
Result: Point Density ~ 270 pts/m²

The following conditions are assumed for definition of the Operating Flight Altitude AGL

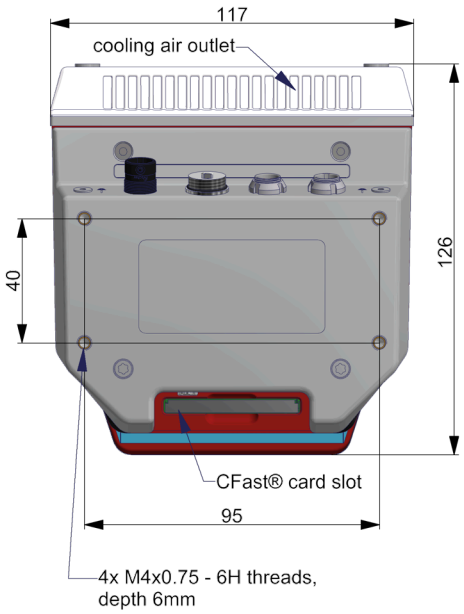
- ambiguity resolved by multiple-time-around (MTA) processing
- roll angle ±5°
- target size ≥ laser footprint
- average ambient brightness
- operating flight altitude given at a FOV of 100°

RIEGL VUX-120 UAV LiDAR Sensor with Connection Box

bottom view



rear view



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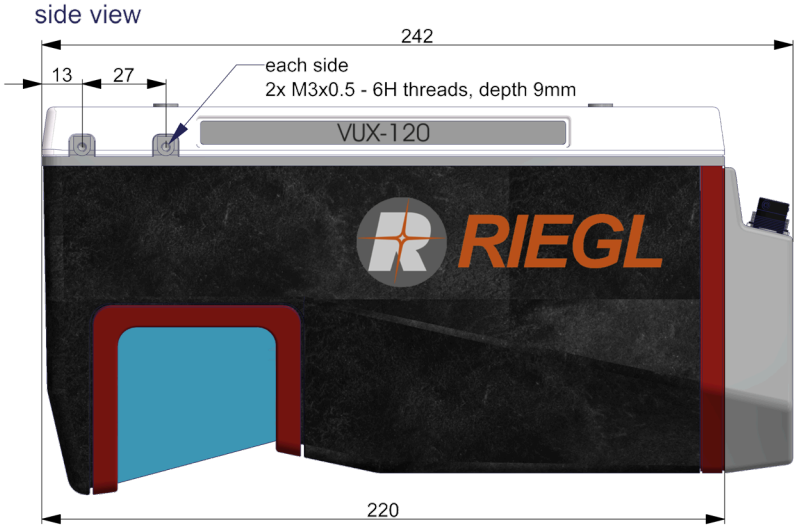
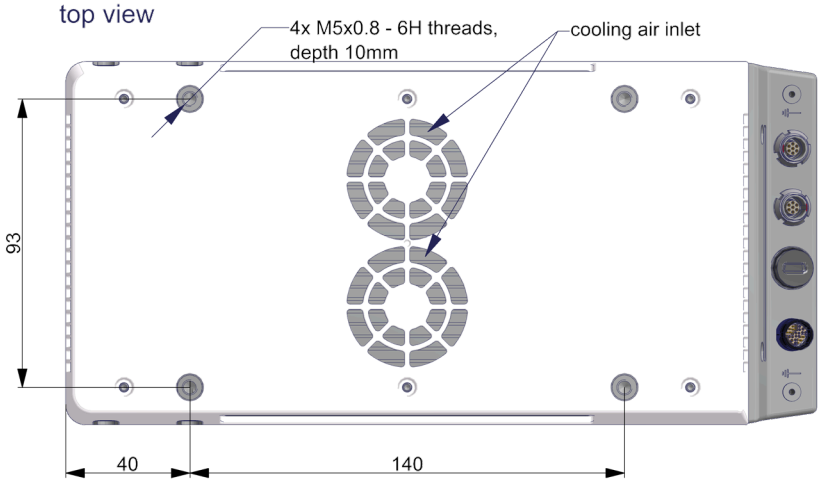
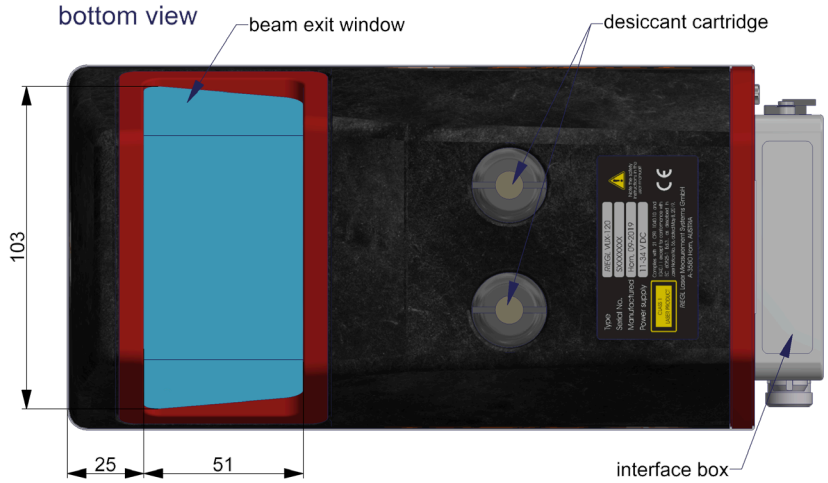


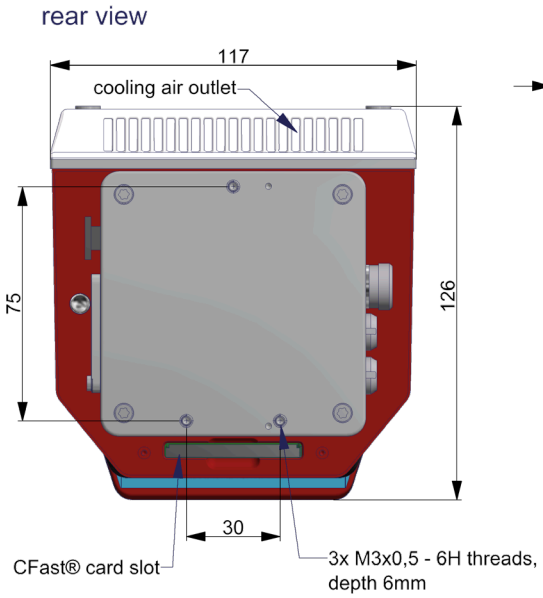
top view

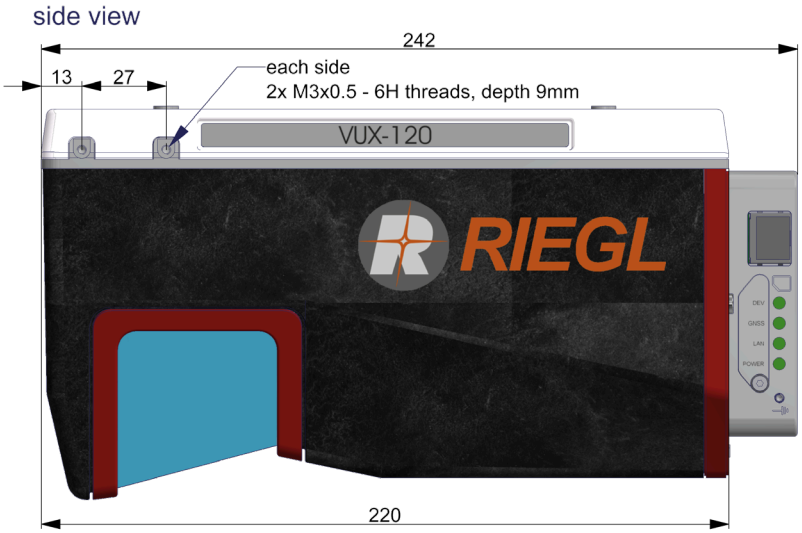


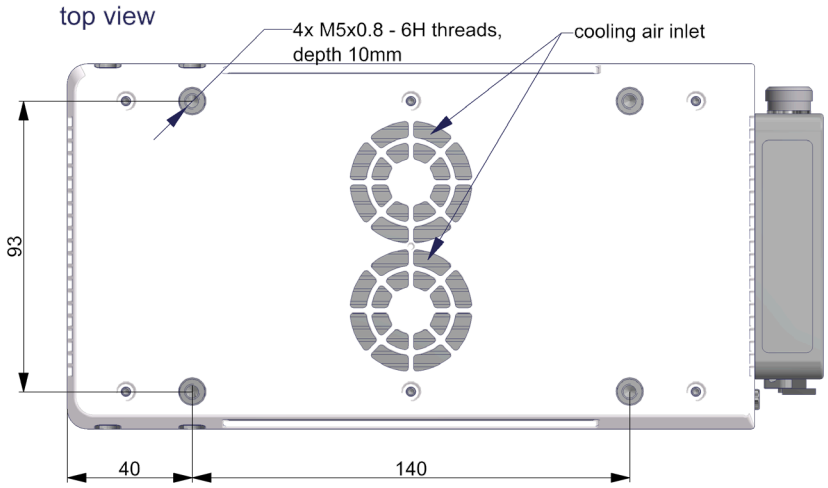
all dimensions in mm

RIEGL VUX-120 UAV LiDAR Sensor with Interface Box









Laser Product Classification

Class 1 Laser Product according to IEC60825-1:2014
The following clause applies for instruments delivered into the United States: Complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 except for conformance with IEC 60825-1 Ed.3., as described in Laser Notice No. 56, dated May 8, 2019.

Range Measurement Performance

Measuring Principle: time of flight measurement, echo signal digitization, multiple target capability, online waveform processing, multiple-time-around-processing

Laser Pulse Repetition Rate PRR [1]	*150 kHz*	*300 kHz*	*600 kHz*	*1200 kHz*	*1800 kHz*
Max. Measuring Range [2] [3]					
natural targets ρ ≥ 20 %	760 m	550 m	400 m	280 m	230 m
natural targets ρ ≥ 60 %	1260 m	920 m	670 m	480 m	400 m
natural targets ρ ≥ 80 %	1430 m	1050 m	760 m	550 m	450 m
Max. Operating Flight Altitude AGL [2] [4]					
@ ρ ≥ 20 %	440 m (1450 ft)	320 m (1050 ft)	230 m (750 ft)	160 m (550 ft)	130 m (450 ft)
@ ρ ≥ 60 %	720 m (2350 ft)	530 m (1750 ft)	380 m (1250 ft)	280 m (900 ft)	230 m (750 ft)
Max. Number of Targets per Pulse [5]	15	15	15	8	5

1) Rounded average PRR.
2) Typical values for average conditions and average ambient brightness. In bright sunlight, the max. range is shorter than under an overcast sky.
3) The maximum range is specified for flat targets with size in excess of the laser beam diameter, perpendicular angle of incidence, and for atmospheric visibility of 23 km. Range ambiguities have to be resolved by multiple-time-around processing.
4) Considering max. effective FOV 100°, additional roll angle ± 5°.
5) If the laser beam hits, in part, more than one target, the laser's pulse power is split accordingly. Thus the achievable range is reduced.

Minimum Range	5 m
Accuracy [6] [8]	10 mm
Precision [7] [8]	5 mm
Laser Pulse Repetition Rate [1] [9]	up to 1800 kHz
Max. Effective Measurement Rate [1]	up to 1,500,000 meas./sec. (@ 1800 kHz PRR & 100° scan angle)
Echo Signal Intensity	for each echo signal, high-resolution 16 bit intensity information is provided
Laser Wavelength	near infrared
Laser Beam Divergence	0.4 mrad [10]
Laser Beam Footprint (Gaussian Beam Definition)	40 mm @ 100 m, 200 mm @ 500 m, 400 mm @ 1000 m

6) Accuracy is the degree of conformity of a measured quantity to its actual (true) value.
7) Precision, also called reproducibility or repeatability, is the degree to which further measurements show the same result.
8) One sigma @ 150 m range under *RIEGL* test conditions.
9) User selectable.
10) Measured at the $1/e^2$ points. 0.4 mrad corresponds to an increase of 40 mm of beam diameter per 100 m distance.

Scanner Performance

Scanning Mechanism	rotating polygon mirror
Scan Pattern	parallel scan lines, angular directions -10°, 0°, +10° transvers to the scan direction for forward and backward view
Field of View (selectable)	± 50° = 100°
Scan Speed (selectable)	50 - 400 lines/sec
Angular Step Width Δ ϑ (selectable) between consecutive laser shots	0.0033° ≤ Δ ϑ ≤ 0.32° [11] [12]
Angle Measurement Resolution	0.001°
Scan Sync (optional)	scanner rotation synchronization

Data Interfaces

Configuration, Scan Data Output& Communication with External Devices	2x LAN 10/100/1000 MBit/sec
GNSS Interface	Serial RS-232 interface, TTL input for 1pps synchronisation pulse, accepts different data formats for GNSS-time information Power Output 10 V DC, max. 4.5 W [13]
General IO & Control	2 x TTL input/output [14], 1 x Remote on/off
Camera Interface	2 x GNSS RS-232 Tx & PPS, Power (USB 2.0), Trigger, Exposure [14]

General Technical Data

Power Supply Input Voltage / Consumption	11 - 34 V DC / typ. 45 W
Main Dimensions (L x W x H)	225 mm x 117 mm x 126 mm (without Interfacing Unit) 242 mm x 117 mm x 126 mm (with Interfacing Unit)
Weight (without Interfacing Unit / with Interfacing Unit)	approx. 2 kg / approx. 2.3 kg
Humidity	max. 80 % non condensing @ 31°C
Protection Class	IP64, dust and splash-proof
Max. Flight Altitude (operating & not operating)	18 500 ft (5 600 m) above MSL (Mean Sea Level)
Temperature Range	-10°C up to +40°C (operation) / -20°C up to +50°C (storage)

11) The angular step width depends on the selected laser PRR.
12) The maximum angular step width is limited by the maximum scan rate.
13) Internally available (not available with standard interface box)
14) 1x externally available with standard interface box

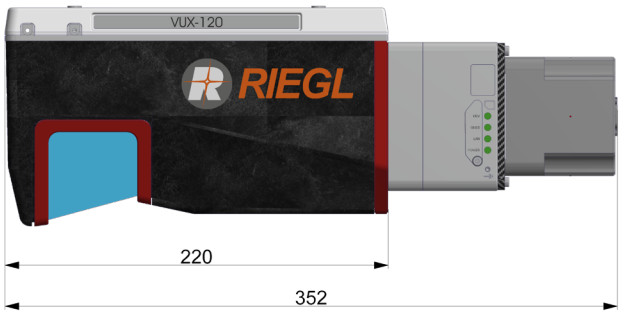
Data Storage

Internal Data Storage	Solid State Disc SSD, 1 TByte
Memory Card Slot	for CFAST® [1] memory card 240 GByte

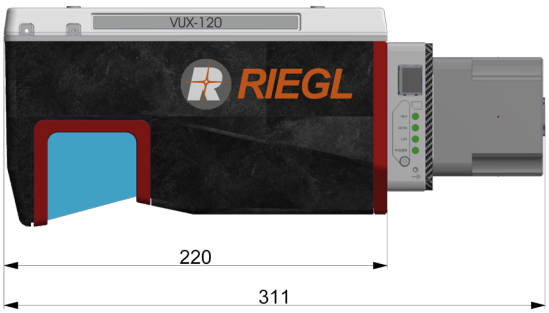
External IMU & GNSS (optional)

	Applanix APX-20 UAV [3]	Applanix AP50-Air [3]
IMU Accuracy [2]		
Roll, Pitch	0.015°	0.005°
Heading	0.035°	0.010°
IMU Sampling Rate	200 Hz	200 Hz
Position Accuracy (typ.)		
horizontal	< 0.05 m	< 0.02 m
veritcal	< 0.1 m	< 0.05 m
total weight approx.	3.0 kg	3.6 kg [4]

1) CFast is a registered trademark of CompactFlash Association.
2) Accuracy specifications for post-processed data
3) See technical details at the according Applanix datasheet
4) Total weight includes VUX-SYS-CU Control Unit (0.9 kg)



RIEGL VUX-120 equipped with APX-20 UAV



RIEGL VUX-120 equipped with AP50-Air

all dimensions in mm

RIEGL VUX®-120 Camera Option

with nadir-looking camera Sony Alpha A6000 and 12 mm lens (89° FoV coverage)
max. front payload capacity: 700g

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