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Gocator 3100 Series

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Introduction

The Gocator 3000 family of snapshot LED projection sensors is designed for 3D measurement and control applications. Gocator sensors are configured using a web browser and can be connected to a variety of input and output devices.

This documentation describes how to connect, configure, and use a Gocator. It also contains reference information on the device's protocols and job files.

Notational Conventions

This guide uses the following notational conventions:



Follow these safety guidelines to avoid potential injury or property damage.



Consider this information in order to make best use of the product.

Safety and Maintenance

The following sections describe the safe use and maintenance of Gocator sensors.

Electrical Safety



Failure to follow the guidelines described in this section may result in electrical shock or equipment damage.

Sensors should be connected to earth ground

All sensors should be connected to earth ground through their housing. All sensors should be mounted on an earth grounded frame using electrically conductive hardware to ensure the housing of the sensor is connected to earth ground. Use a multi-meter to check the continuity between the sensor connector and earth ground to ensure a proper connection.

Minimize voltage potential between system ground and sensor ground

Care should be taken to minimize the voltage potential between system ground (ground reference for I/O signals) and sensor ground. This voltage potential can be determined by measuring the voltage between Analog_out- and system ground. The maximum permissible voltage potential is 12 V but should be kept below 10 V to avoid damage to the serial and encoder connections.

See *Gocator 3100 I/O Connector* (page 241) for a description of connector pins.

Use a suitable power supply

The +24 to +48 VDC power supply used with Gocator sensors should be an isolated supply with inrush current protection or be able to handle a high capacitive load.

Use care when handling powered devices

Wires connecting to the sensor should not be handled while the sensor is powered. Doing so may cause electrical shock to the user or damage to the equipment.

Environment and Lighting

Avoid strong ambient light sources

The imager used in this product is highly sensitive to ambient light hence stray light may have adverse effects on measurement. Do not operate this device near windows or lighting fixtures that could influence measurement. If the unit must be installed in an environment with high ambient light levels, a lighting shield or similar device may need to be installed to prevent light from affecting measurement.

Avoid installing sensors in hazardous environments

To ensure reliable operation and to prevent damage to Gocator sensors, avoid installing the sensor in locations

- that are humid, dusty, or poorly ventilated;
- with a high temperature, such as places exposed to direct sunlight;
- where there are flammable or corrosive gases;
- where the unit may be directly subjected to harsh vibration or impact;
- where water, oil, or chemicals may splash onto the unit;
- where static electricity is easily generated.

Ensure that ambient conditions are within specifications

Gocator sensors are suitable for operation between 0–50° C and 25–85% relative humidity (non-condensing).

The Master 400/800/1200/2400 is similarly rated for operation between 0–50° C.

The storage temperature is -30–70° C.



The sensor must be heat-sunk through the frame it is mounted to. When a sensor is properly heat sunk, the difference between ambient temperature and the temperature reported in the sensor's health channel is less than 15° C.



Gocator sensors are high-accuracy devices, and the temperature of all of its components must therefore be in equilibrium. When the sensor is powered up, a warm-up time of at least one hour is required to reach a consistent spread of temperature in the sensor.

Sensor Maintenance

Keep sensor windows clean

Gocator sensors are high-precision optical instruments. To ensure the highest accuracy is achieved in all measurements, the windows on the front of the sensor should be kept clean and clear of debris.

Use care when cleaning sensor windows

Use dry, clean air to remove dust or other dirt particles. If dirt remains, clean the windows carefully with a soft, lint-free cloth and non-streaking glass cleaner or isopropyl alcohol. Ensure that no residue is left on the windows after cleaning.

Avoid excessive modifications to files stored on the sensor

Settings for Gocator sensors are stored in flash memory inside the sensor. Flash memory has an expected lifetime of 100,000 writes. To maximize lifetime, avoid frequent or unnecessary file save operations.

Getting Started

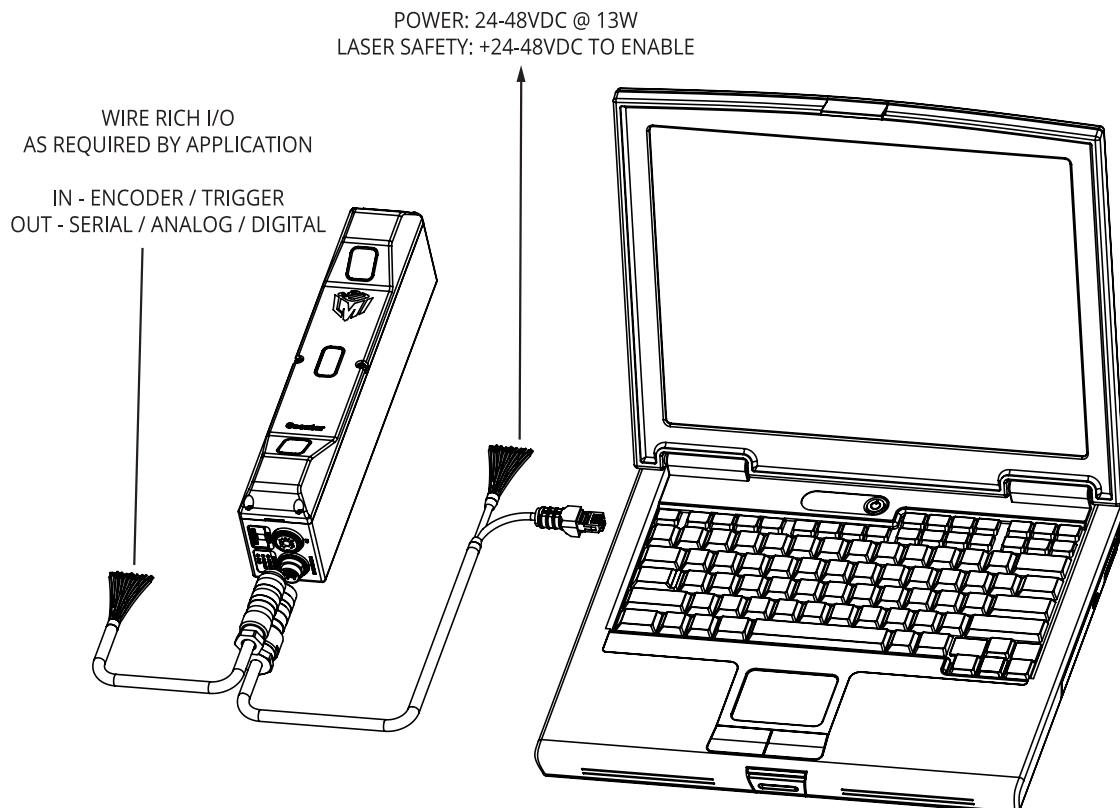
The following sections provide system and hardware overviews, in addition to installation and setup procedures.

System Overview

Gocator sensors can be installed and used in scenarios where the target to be scanned is static in position relative to the sensor for the short duration of camera exposure. Sensors can be connected as standalone devices or in a multi-sensor system.

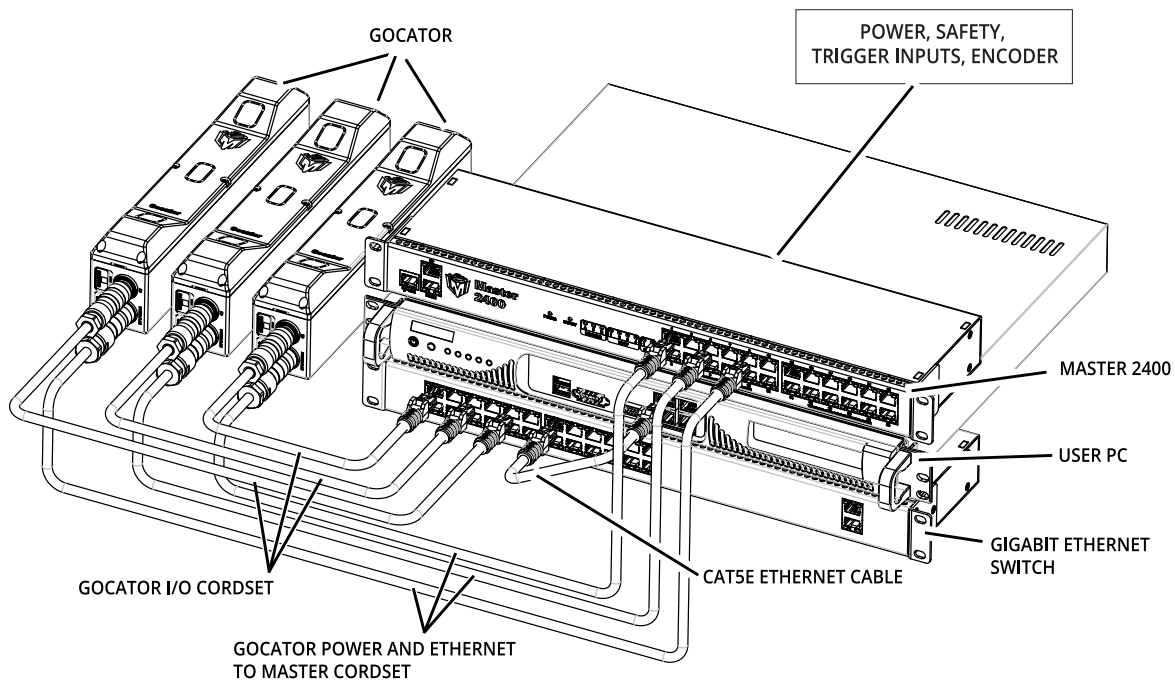
Standalone System

Standalone systems are typically used when only a single Gocator sensor is required. The sensor can be connected to a computer's Ethernet port for setup and can also be connected to devices such as encoders, photocells, or PLCs.



Multi-Sensor System

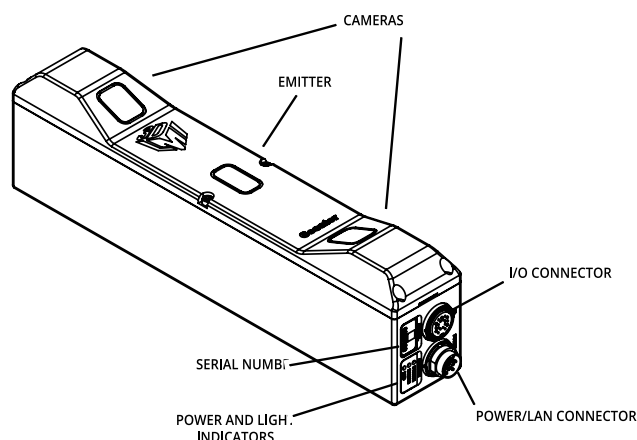
Master 400/800/1200/2400 networking hardware can be used to connect two or more sensors into a multi-sensor system. Gocator Master cordsets are used to connect the sensors to a Master. The Master provides a single point of connection for power, safety, encoder, and digital inputs. A Master 400/800/1200/2400 can be used to ensure that the scan timing is precisely synchronized across sensors. Sensors and client computers communicate via an Ethernet switch (1 Gigabit/s recommended).



Hardware Overview

The following sections describe Gocator and its associated hardware.

Gocator 3110 Sensor



Item	Description
Camera	Observes light reflected from target surfaces.
Light Emitter	Emits structured light for 3D data acquisition.
I/O Connector	Accepts input/output signals.
Power/LAN Connector	Connects to 1000 Mbit/s Ethernet network.
Power Indicator	Illuminates when power is applied (blue).
Safety Indicator	Illuminates when laser safety input is active (amber).
Serial Number	Unique sensor serial number.

Gocator 3100 Cordsets

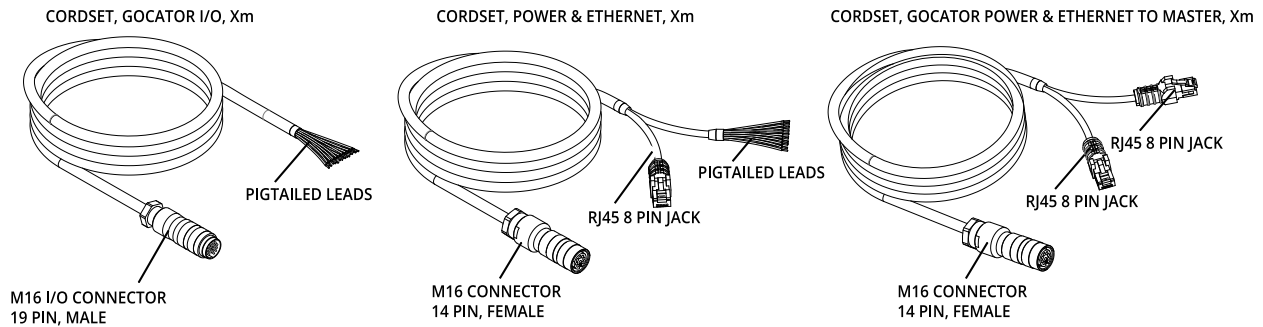
Gocator 3100 sensors use two types of cordsets.

The Power & Ethernet cordset provides power and safety interlock to the sensor. It is also used for sensor communication via 1000 Mbit/s Ethernet with a standard RJ45 connector. The Master version of the Power & Ethernet cordset provides direct connection between the sensor and a Master 400/800/1200/2400.

The Gocator 3100 I/O cordset provides digital I/O connections, an encoder interface, RS-485 serial connection, and an analog output.



If you use a Master 100 with a Gocator 3100 series sensor, you must use the latest version of the Master 100 with a metal-shielded Master Power Port and a Power & Ethernet cordset with a metal-shielded Power/Sync RJ45 plug.

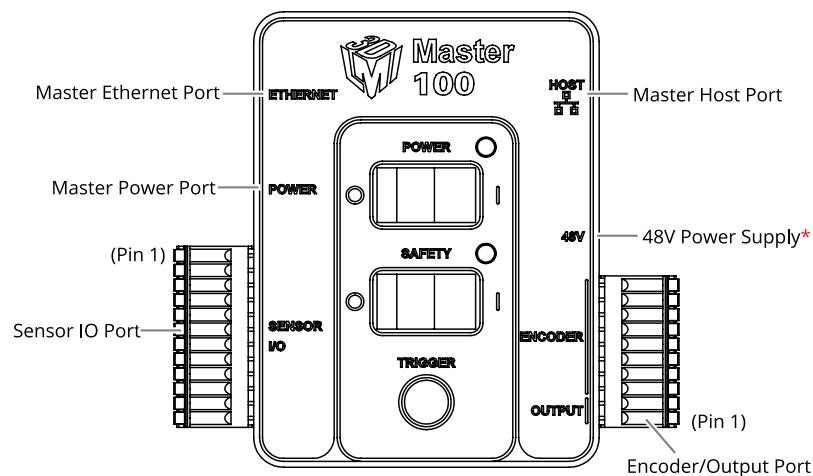


The maximum cordset length is 60 m. See *Gocator 3100 I/O Connector* (page 241) and See *Gocator 3100 Power/LAN Connector* (page 239) for pinout details.

See *Parts and Accessories* (page 253) for cordset lengths and part numbers. Contact LMI for information on creating cordsets with customized lengths and connector orientations.

Master 100

The Master 100 is used by the Gocator 3100 series for standalone system setup.



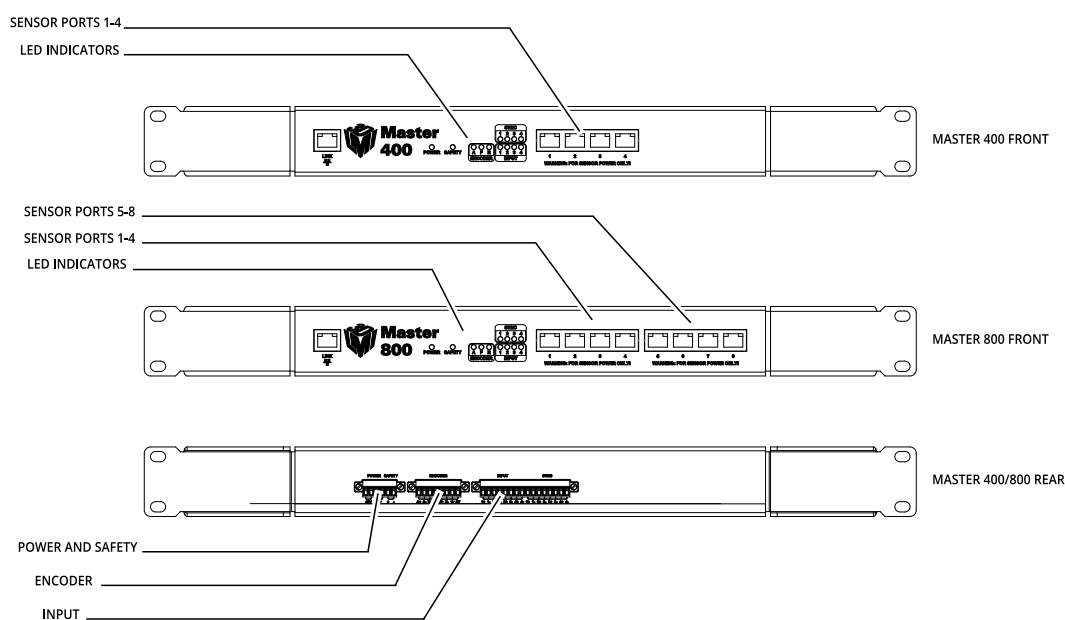
Item	Description
Master Ethernet Port	Connects to the RJ45 connector labeled Ethernet on the Power/LAN to Master cordset.
Master Power Port	Connects to the RJ45 connector labeled Power/Sync on the Power/LAN to Master cordset. Provides power and laser safety to the Gocator.
Sensor I/O Port	Connects to the Gocator I/O cordset.
Master Host Port	Connects to the host PC's Ethernet port.
Power	Accepts power (+48 V).
Power Switch	Toggles sensor power.
Laser Safety Switch	Toggles laser safety signal provided to the sensors [O= laser off, I= laser on].

Item	Description
Trigger	Signals a digital input trigger to the Gocator.
Encoder	Accepts encoder A, B and Z signals.
Digital Output	Provides digital output.

See *Master 100* (page 245) for pinout details.

Master 400/800

The Master 400 and the Master 800 allow you to connect more than two sensors. The Master 400 accepts four sensors, and the Master 800 accepts eight sensors.

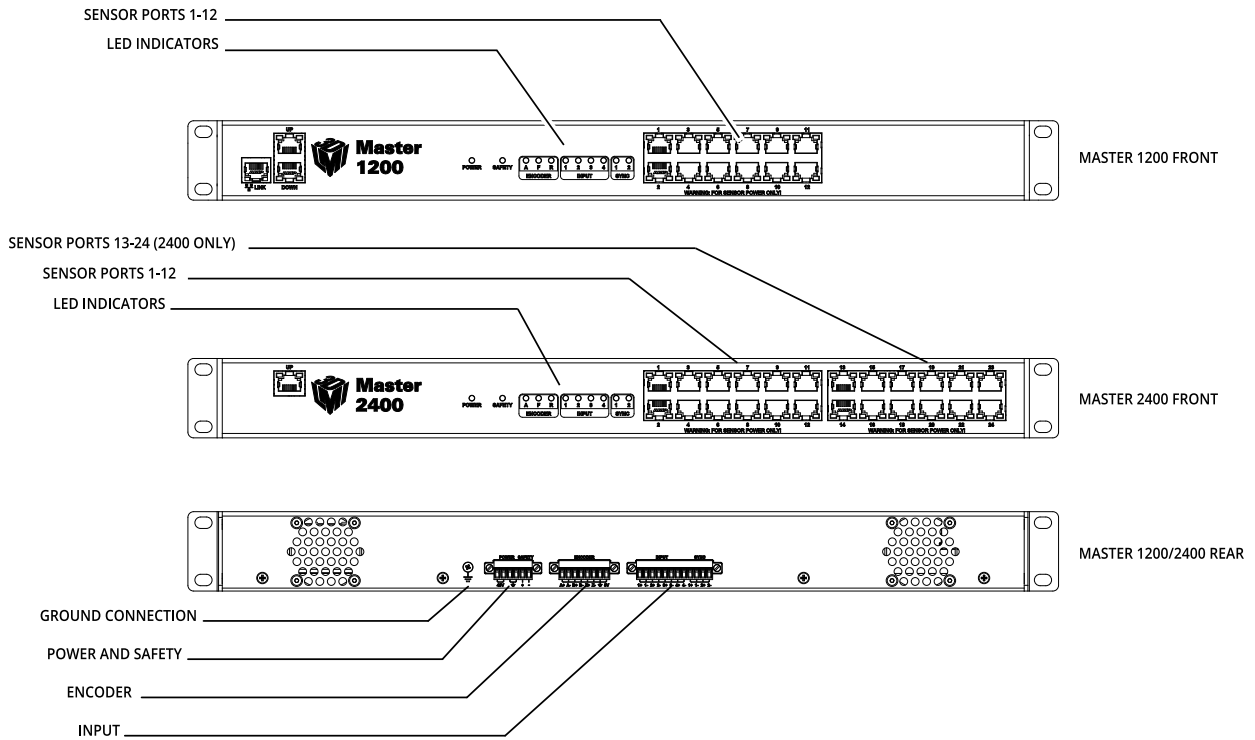


Item	Description
Sensor Ports	Master connection for Gocator sensors (no specific order required).
Ground Connection	Earth ground connection point.
Laser Safety	Laser safety connection.
Encoder	Accepts encoder signal.
Input	Accepts digital input.

See *Master 400/800* (page 247) for pinout details.

Master 1200/2400

The Master 1200 and the Master 2400 allow you to connect more than two sensors. The Master 1200 accepts twelve sensors, and the Master 2400 accepts twenty-four sensors.



Item	Description
Sensor Ports	Master connection for Gocator sensors (no specific order required).
Ground Connection	Earth ground connection point.
Laser Safety	Laser safety connection.
Encoder	Accepts encoder signal.
Input	Accepts digital input.

See *Master 1200/2400* (page 250) for pinout details.

Installation

The following sections provide grounding, mounting, and orientation information.

Grounding - Gocator

Gocators should be grounded to the earth/chassis through their housings and through the grounding shield of the Power I/O cordset. Gocator sensors have been designed to provide adequate grounding through the use of M5 x 0.8 pitch mounting screws. Always check grounding with a multi-meter to ensure electrical continuity between the mounting frame and the Gocator's connectors.

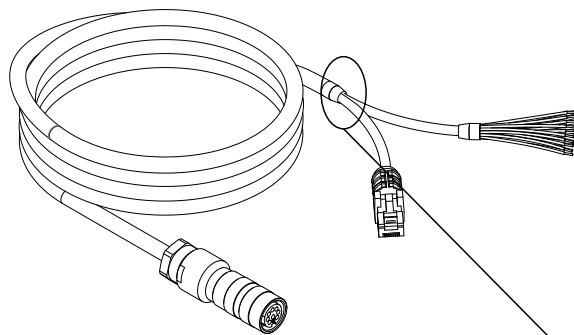


The frame or electrical cabinet that the Gocator is mounted to must be connected to earth ground.

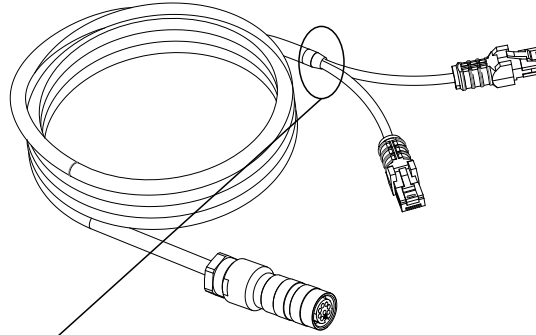
Recommended Grounding Practices - Cordsets

If you need to minimize interference with other equipment, you can ground the Power & Ethernet or the Power & Ethernet to Master cordset (depending on which cordset you are using) by terminating the shield of the cordset before the split. The most effective grounding method is to use a 360-degree clamp.

CORDSET, POWER & ETHERNET, Xm



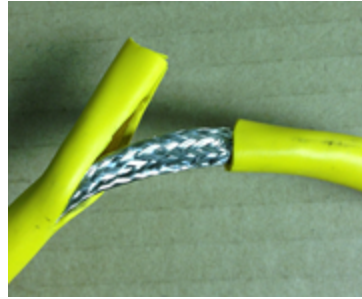
CORDSET, GOCATOR POWER & ETHERNET TO MASTER, Xm



Attach the 360-degree clamp before the split

To terminate the cordset's shield:

1. **Expose the cordset's braided shield by cutting the plastic jacket before the point where the cordset splits.**



2. **Install a 360-degree ground clamp.**



Grounding - Master 400/800/1200/2400

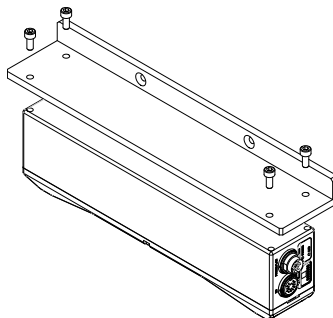
The mounting brackets of all Masters have been designed to provide adequate grounding through the use of star washers. Always check grounding with a multi-meter by ensuring electrical continuity between the mounting frame and RJ45 connectors on the front.



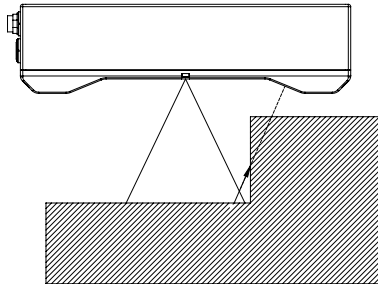
The frame or electrical cabinet that the Master is mounted to must be connected to earth ground.

Mounting

Sensors should be mounted using four M5 x 0.8 pitch screws of suitable length. The recommended thread engagement into the housing is 8 - 10 mm. Proper care should be taken in order to ensure that the internal threads are not damaged from cross-threading or improper insertion of screws.



Sensors should not be installed near objects that might occlude a camera's view of the laser.



The sensor must be heat sunk through the frame it is mounted to. When a sensor is properly heat sunk, the difference between ambient temperature and the temperature reported in the sensor's health channel is less than 15° C.



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Network Setup

The following sections provide procedures for client PC and Gocator network setup.

Client Setup

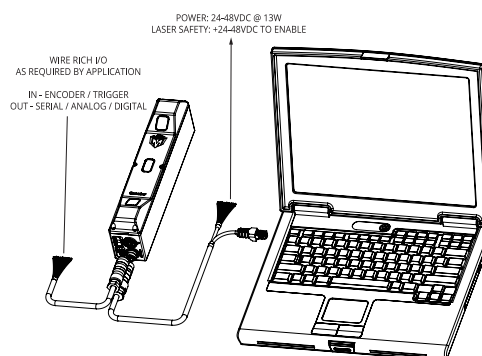
Sensors are shipped with the following default network configuration:

Setting	Default
DHCP	Disabled
IP Address	192.168.1.10
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway	0.0.0.0

To connect to a sensor for the first time:

1. Connect cables and apply power.

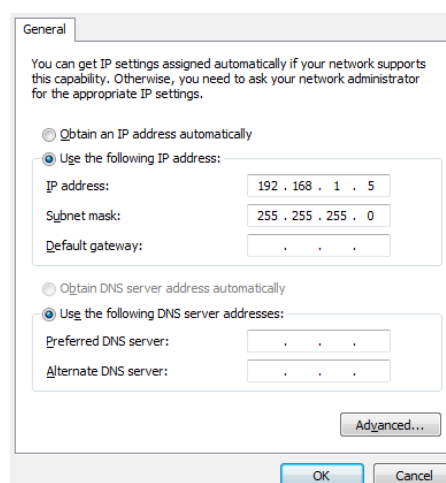
Sensor cabling is illustrated in *System Overview* on page 10.



2. Change the client PC's network settings.

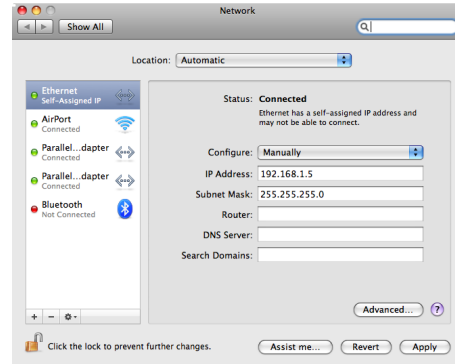
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- Open the **Control Panel** and select **Network and Sharing Center**, then click **Change Adapter Settings**.
- Right-click the desired network connection, and then click **Properties**.
- On the **Networking** tab, click **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)**, and then click **Properties**.
- Select the **Use the following IP address** option.
- Enter IP Address "192.168.1.5" and Subnet Mask "255.255.255.0", then click **OK**.



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- a. Open the **Network Pane** in **System Preferences** and select **Ethernet**.
- b. Set **Configure** to **Manually**.
- c. Enter IP Address "192.168.1.5" and Subnet Mask "255.255.255.0", then click **Apply**.



See *Troubleshooting* (page 233) if you experience any problems while attempting to establish a connection to the sensor.

Gocator Setup

The Gocator is shipped with a default job that will produce 3D data on most targets.

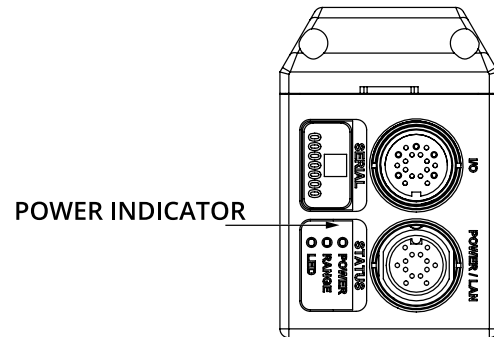
The following sections walk you through the steps required to set up a standalone sensor system and a multi-sensor system for operations. After you have completed the setup, 3D data can be acquired to verify basic sensor operation.

Running a Standalone Sensor System

To configure a standalone sensor system:

1. Power up the sensor.

The power indicator (blue) should turn on immediately.

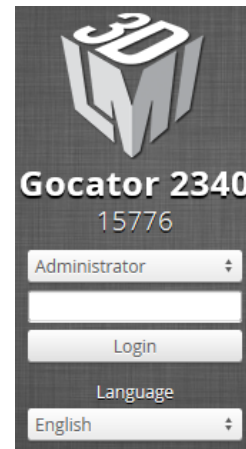


2. Enter the sensor's IP address (192.168.1.10) in a web browser.

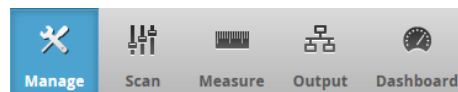


3. Log in as Administrator with no password.

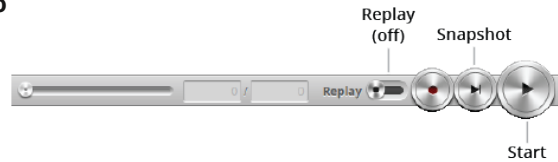
The interface display language can be changed using the language option. After selecting the language, the browser will refresh and the web interface will display in the selected language.



4. Go to the Manage page.

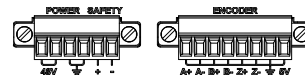


5. Ensure that **Replay mode is off** (the slider is set to the left).

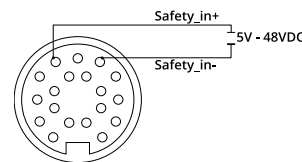


6. Ensure that the **LED Safety Switch is enabled** or the **LED Safety input is high**.
7. Go to the **Scan page**.
8. Press the **Start button** or the **Snapshot** on the **Toolbar** to start the sensor.

The **Start** button is used to run sensors continuously, whereas the **Snapshot** button is used to trigger a single capture.



Master 400/800/1200/2400

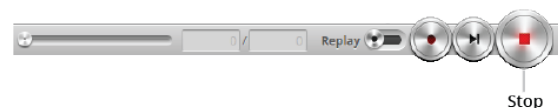


Standalone

9. **Move a target into the LED light pattern.**
If a target object is within the sensor's measurement range, the data viewer will display the shape of the target, and the sensor's range indicator will illuminate. If you cannot see the laser, or if a 3D heightmap is not displayed in the Data Viewer, see *Troubleshooting* (page 233).



10. **Press the Stop button.**
The LED light projection should turn off.

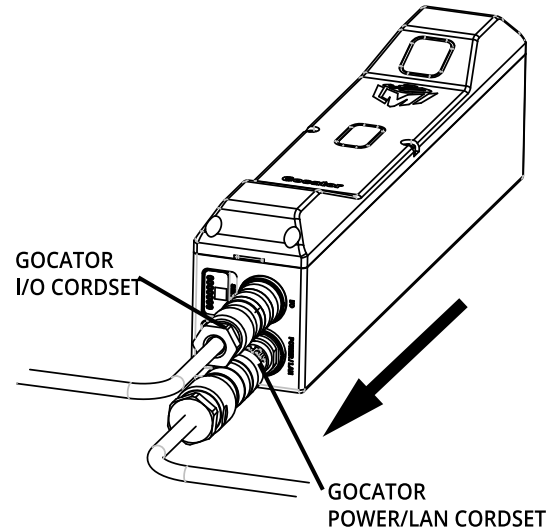


Running a Multi-Sensor System

All sensors are shipped with a default IP address of 192.168.1.10. Ethernet networks require a unique IP address for each device, so you must set up a unique address for each sensor. For each additional sensor, follow the steps below.

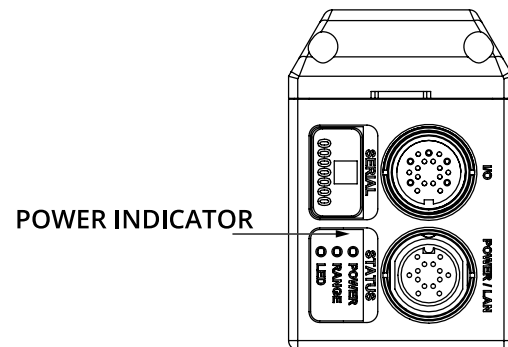
To configure a multi-sensor system:

1. **Turn off the sensor and unplug the Ethernet network connection of any configured sensors.**



2. **Power up the new sensor.**

The power LED (blue) of the new sensor should turn on immediately.

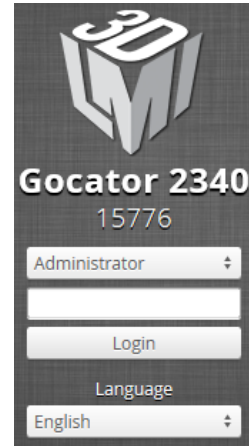


3. **Enter the new sensor's default IP address (192.168.1.10) in a web browser.**

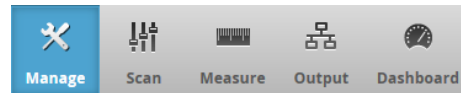


4. **Log in as Administrator with no password.**

The interface display language can be changed using the language option. After selecting the language, the browser will refresh and the web interface will display in the selected language.



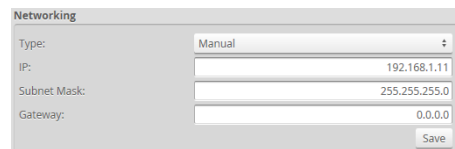
5. **Go to the Manage page.**



6. **Modify the IP address in the Networking category and click the Save button.**

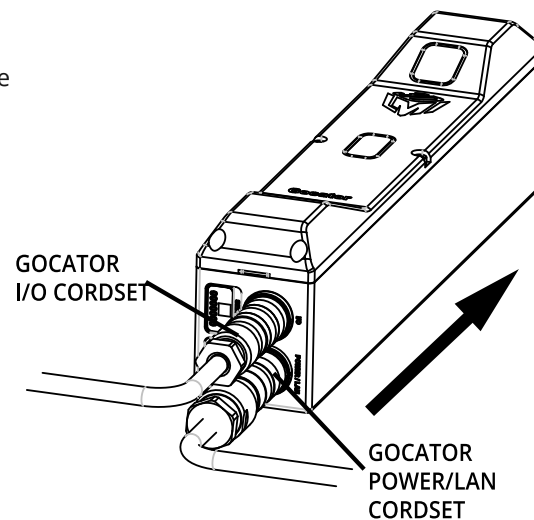
You should increment the last octet of the IP address for each additional sensor you need to use. For example, if the IP address of the first sensor you configured is 192.168.1.10, use 192.168.1.11 for the second sensor; use 192.168.1.12 for the third; etc.

When you click the **Save** button, you will be prompted to confirm your selection.



7. **Power-cycle or reset the sensor.**

After changing a sensor's network configuration, the sensor must be reset or power-cycled before the change will take effect.



8. Repeat these steps for each additional sensor.

Next Steps

After you complete the steps in this section, the Gocator measurement system is ready to be configured for an application using the software interface. The interface is explained in the following sections:

System Management and Maintenance (page 41)

Contains settings for sensor system layout, network, motion and alignment, handling jobs, and sensor maintenance.

Scan Setup and Alignment (page 51)

Contains settings for scan mode, trigger source, detailed sensor configuration, and performing alignment.

Measurement (page 80)

Contains built-in measurement tools and their settings.

Output (page 125)

Contains settings for configuring output protocols used to communicate measurements to external devices.

Dashboard (page 136)

Provides monitoring of measurement statistics and sensor health.

Toolbar (page 34)

Controls sensor operation, manages jobs, and replays recorded measurement data.

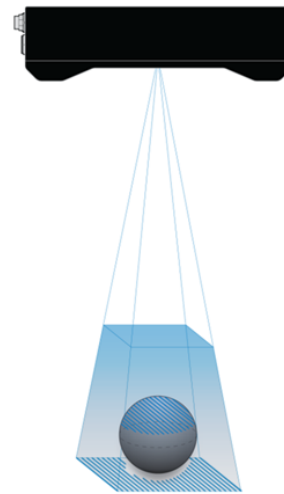
Theory of Operation

The following sections describe the theory of operation of Gocator sensors.

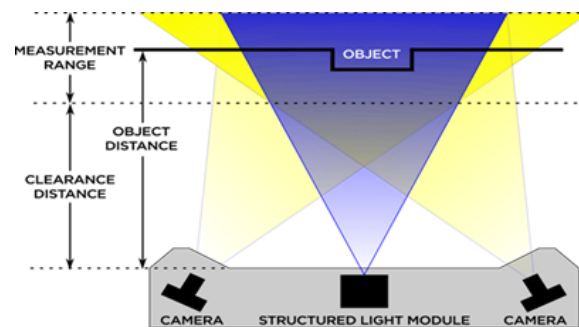
3D Acquisition

Principle of 3D Acquisition

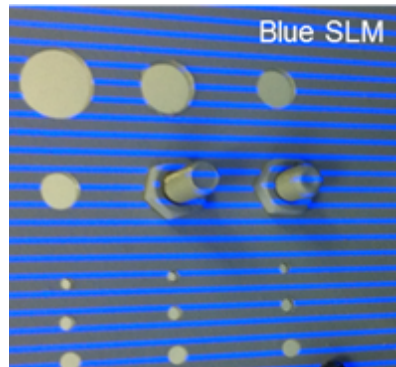
The Gocator 3100 is called a 3D snapshot sensor, meaning that it captures an entire surface in 3D in a single snapshot. The sensor projects several structured light patterns in a rapid sequence onto the target. The reflection of the pattern off the target is captured by two cameras. The target must remain stationary during the camera exposure of the light patterns. The required exposure time depends on the shape, color, and reflectiveness of the target, but is often shorter than 1 second.



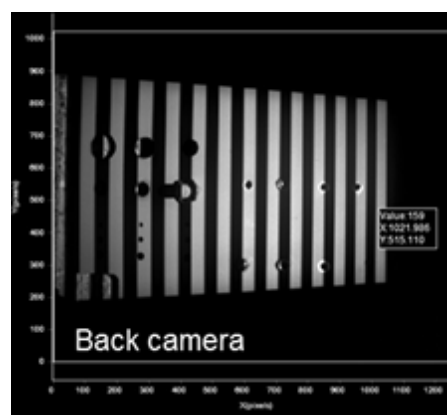
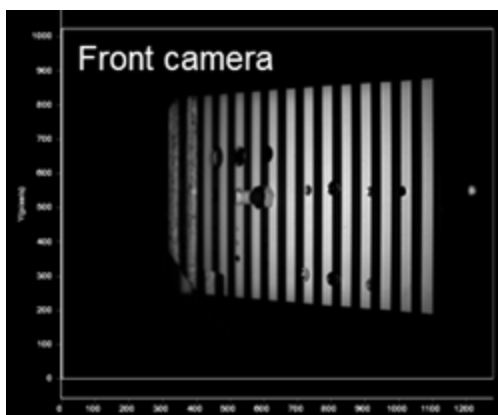
A Structured Light Modulator (SLM) produces a sequence of high resolution/high contrast light patterns using a blue LED. Two cameras capture the reflected light pattern from different viewing angles. The sensor can then use either stereo correlation or independent triangulation to generate 3D points from the light pattern. Gocator sensors are always pre-calibrated to deliver 3D data in engineering units throughout the specified measurement range.



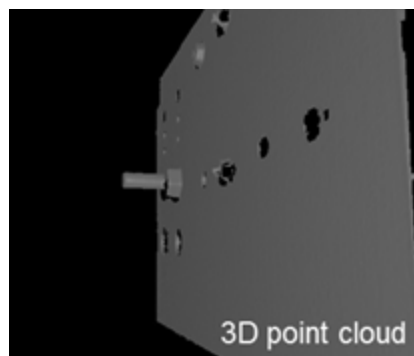
These are the steps of the acquisition of a 3D point cloud:



Step 1: Light pattern projected on target



Step 2: Reflected light captured by two cameras



Step 3: Use stereo correlation or independent triangulation to generate 3D point cloud

Stereo Correlation vs. Independent Triangulation

Stereo correlation means that the sensor locates the same point on the physical target in the two images captured at different viewing angles. Since the exact distance between the two cameras and the viewing angles are known, the distance to the point can be calculated. In order for stereo correlation to work and produce a 3D data point, the point on the target must be visible in both cameras. Stereo acquisition may produce more stable measurements on targets with a simple shape, but will suffer from occlusions on targets with complicated shape and protruding features.

Independent triangulation means that each camera independently triangulates off the LED light pattern, based on the calibration process that takes place when the sensor is manufactured. Since the Gocator 3100 sensor has two cameras, a point on the physical target only needs to be visible to one of the cameras in order to generate a 3D point. Independent triangulation may improve performance on targets with complicated shapes that can cause occlusion, but relies on the sensor's internal components being fully stable.

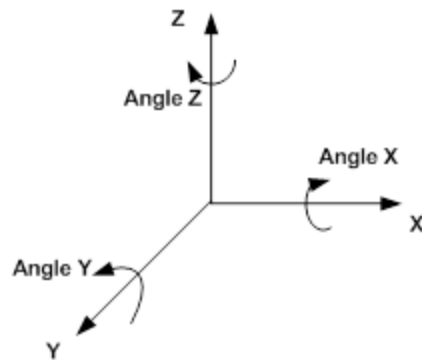
The Reduce Occlusion setting determines whether 3D data is acquired by using stereo correlation or independent triangulation. See *Scan Modes* (page 52) for more details.

3D Data Output

Gocator measures the shape of the object calculated from either dual triangulation or stereo correlation. The Gocator reports a series of 3D coordinates from the surface of the target in the sensor's field of view.

Coordinate Systems

Gocator 3100 sensors use Cartesian left-hand notation for defining 3D coordinates.



The Z axis represents the sensor's measurement range (MR), where the values increase toward the sensor. The X axis and Y axis represent the sensor's field of view (FOV).

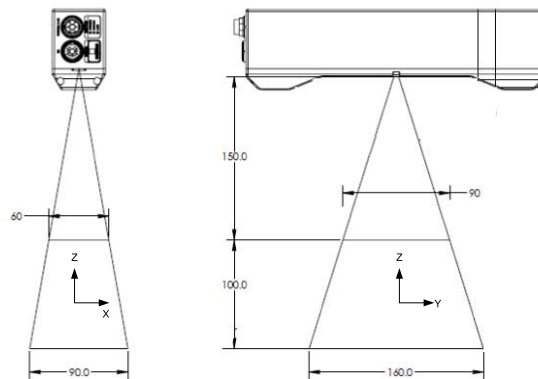
X offset, Y offset, and Z offset define the translations from the origin.

Rotations are specified based on rotating the target around the X axis (Angle X), followed by rotating around the Y axis (Angle Y), followed by rotating around the Z axis.

3D point cloud data is reported in sensor coordinates or system coordinates depending on the alignment state of the sensor. These coordinate systems are described below.

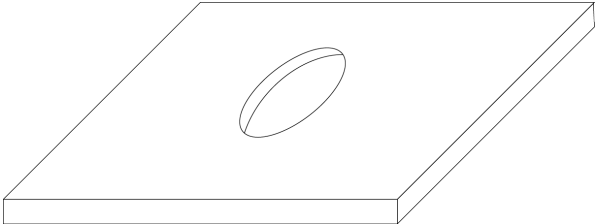
Sensor Coordinates

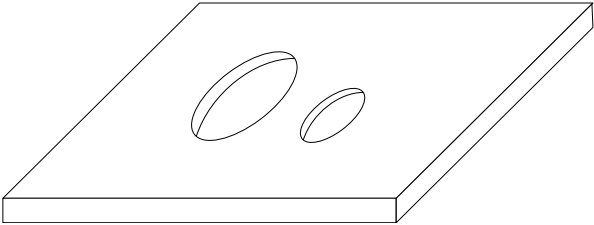
Before alignment, the origin of the sensor is at the center of the sensor's measurement range (MR) and field of view (FOV).



System Coordinates

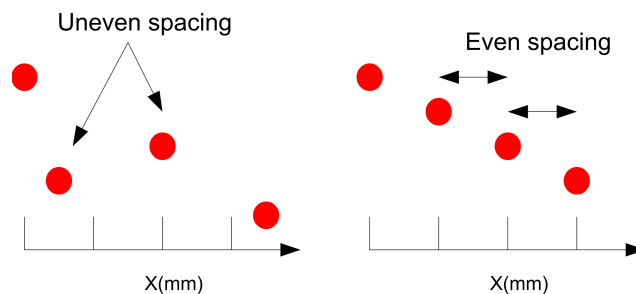
Alignment can be used to establish a transformed coordinate system according to the user's needs. Alignment determines the adjustments to X, Y, and Z, as well as rotation angle around each axis. Transformed coordinate systems can be associated with specific sensor jobs. For details, see page 65.

Target	Alignment	Explanation
Flat surface	Z offset	System coordinates are aligned such that the system Z axis is perpendicular to the alignment plate surface. The system Z origin is set to the base of the alignment plate (using the Z Offset parameter).
	Angle X	
	Angle Y	
Plate (single reference hole)	X offset	The center of the hole defines the location of the X, Y and Z origins. The orientation of the surface determines Angle X and Y.
	Y offset	
	Z offset	
	Angle X	
	Angle Y	
		
Plate (with two reference holes)	X offset	The sizes of the primary and the secondary holes must be different. The center of the primary hole defines the location of the X, Y, and Z origins. The orientation of the surface determines Angle X and Y. The direction of the primary and secondary holes determines Angle Z.
	Y offset	
	Z offset	
	Angle X	
	Angle Y	
	Angle Z	

Target	Alignment	Explanation
		

Resampling

The internal acquisition engine in the Gocator produces a random 3D point cloud where each individual point is an (X,Y,Z) coordinate triplet. In Surface mode, the random 3D point cloud is resampled to an even grid in the X-Y plane. The resampling divides the X-Y plane into fixed size square "bins." 3D points are projected along the Z axis, perpendicular to the X-Y plane, and points that fall into the same bin will be combined into a single Z value. The size of the resampling bins can be set with the **X Spacing Interval** setting; for details, see page 64. The X-Y resampling plane is established through the Gocator's built-in alignment routine. That is, the resampling plane is set to match the plane described by the calibration plate; see *System Coordinates* (previous page).



In the Ethernet data channel, only the Z values are reported and the X and Y positions can be reconstructed through the 2D-array index at the receiving end (the client). Resampling reduces the complexity for the algorithms in the Gocator's built-in measurement tools, allowing them to run on the embedded processors. All built-in measurement tools in the Gocator operate on resampled data in Surface mode.

Acquisition Speed

The following table provides estimates of the acquisition speed under different field-of-view, resolution, intensity, and occlusion reduction settings.

The exposure was set to 2 milliseconds with no measurement tools instantiated.

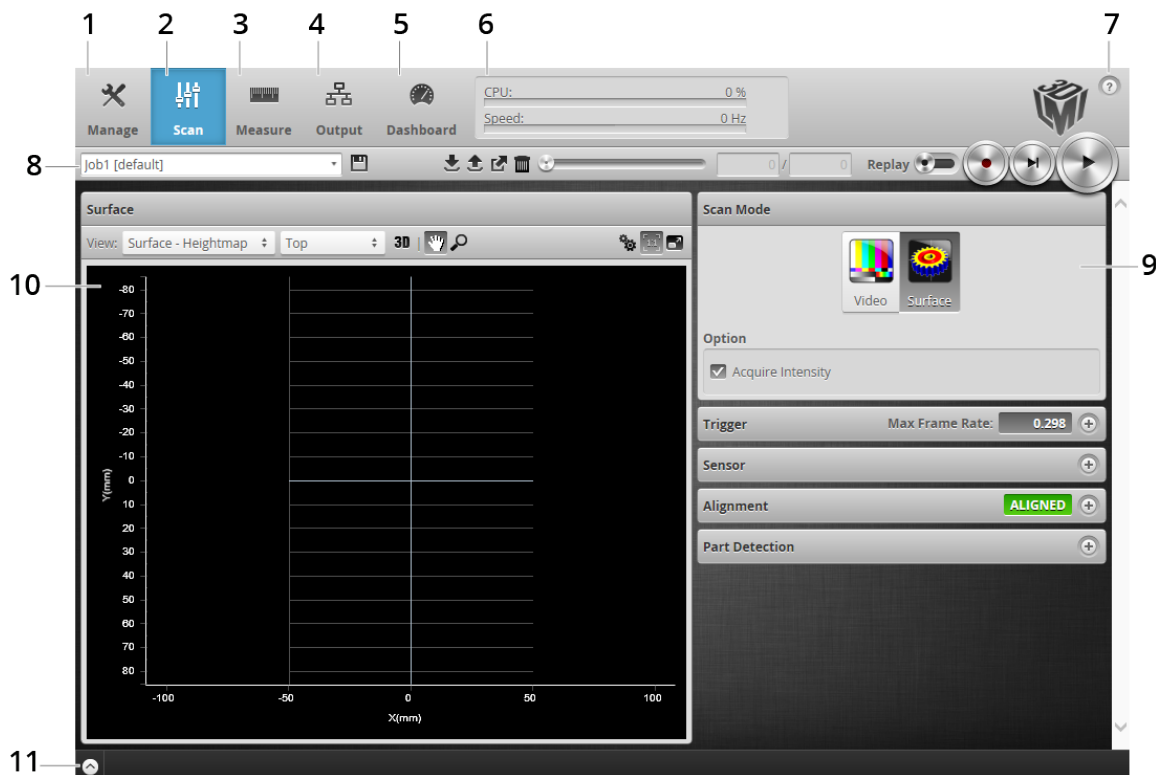
Field of View (X x Y x MR)	Resolution (mm)	Speed (Hz) Acquire Intensity and Reduce Occlusion options disabled
90x160x100	0.5	1.2
90x160x100	0.2	0.8
90x160x100	0.1	0.2
35x35x100	0.5	7.5
35x35x100	0.2	2.7
35x35x100	0.1	1.9
35x35x35	0.5	9
35x35x35	0.2	6.8
35x35x35	0.1	4.0

Gocator Web Interface

The following sections describe the Gocator web interface.

User Interface Overview

Gocator sensors are configured by connecting to a *Main* sensor with a web browser. The Gocator web interface is illustrated below.



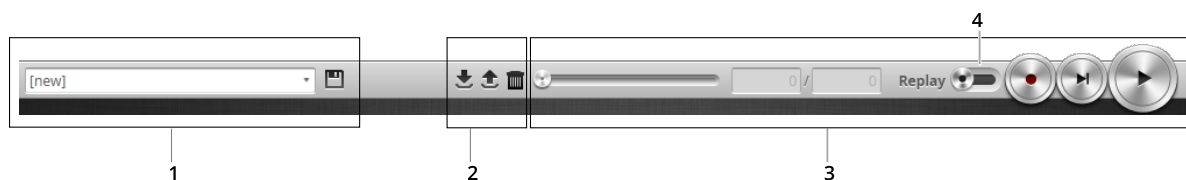
Element	Description
1 Manage page	Contains settings for sensor system layout, network, motion and alignment, handling jobs, and sensor maintenance. See <i>System Management and Maintenance</i> (page 41).
2 Scan page	Contains settings for scan mode, trigger source, detailed sensor configuration, and performing alignment. See <i>Scan Setup and Alignment</i> (page 51).
3 Measure page	Contains built-in measurement tools and their settings. See <i>Measurement</i> (page 80).

	Element	Description
4	Output page	Contains settings for configuring output protocols used to communicate measurements to external devices. See <i>Output</i> (page 125).
5	Dashboard page	Provides monitoring of measurement statistics and sensor health. See <i>Dashboard</i> (page 136).
6	CPU Load and Speed	Provides important sensor performance metrics. See <i>Metrics Area</i> (page 40).
7	Help	Provides links to online help resources (including user manual), firmware updates, and SDK.
8	Toolbar	Controls sensor operation, manages jobs, and replays recorded measurement data. See <i>Toolbar</i> (below).
9	Configuration area	Provides controls to configure scan and measurement tool settings.
10	Data viewer	Displays sensor data, tool setup controls, and measurements. See <i>Data Viewer</i> on page 72 for its use when the Scan page is active and on page 81 for its use when the Measure page is active.
11	Log	Displays messages from the sensor (errors, warnings, and other information). See <i>Log</i> (page 39).

Common Elements

Toolbar

The toolbar is used for performing common operations. This section explains how to use the toolbar to manage jobs and to operate the sensor.



	Element	Description
1	Job controls	For saving and loading different jobs.
2	Recorded data controls	For downloading, uploading, and exporting recorded data.
3	Sensor operation / replay control	Use the sensor operation controls to start sensors, enable recording, and control recorded data.
4	Replay switch	Toggles the sensor data source between live and replay.

Saving and Loading Settings

When you change sensor settings using the Gocator web interface, some changes are saved automatically, while other changes are temporary until you save them manually. The following table lists the types of information that can be saved in a sensor.

Setting Type	Behavior
Network Address	Network address changes are saved when you click the Save button in Networking on the Manage page. The sensor must be reset before changes take effect.
Job	Most of the settings that can be changed in the Gocator's web interface, such as the ones in the Manage , Measure , and Output pages, are temporary until saved in a job file. Each sensor can have multiple job files. If there is a job file that is designated as the default, it will be loaded automatically when the sensor is reset.
Alignment	Alignment can either be fixed or dynamic, as controlled by the Alignment Reference setting in Motion and Alignment in the Manage page. Alignment is saved automatically at the end of the alignment procedure when Alignment Reference is set to Fixed . When Alignment Reference is set to Dynamic , however, you must manually save the job to save alignment.

The job drop-down list shows the list of jobs stored in the sensor. The job that is currently active is listed at the top. The job name will be marked with "[unsaved]" to indicate any unsaved changes.



To save a job:

1. **Select a job in the job drop-down list.**

- If you are creating a new job, choose **[New]** in the job drop-down list and enter a name for the job.
- If you are saving changes to an existing job, choose the job in the job drop-down list.

2. **Press the Enter key or click the Save button .**

The job will be saved to sensor storage using the name you provided. Saving a job automatically sets it as the default, that is, the job loaded when the sensor is restarted.

To activate an existing job:

1. **Select an existing file name in the job drop-down list.**

The job will be activated from sensor storage. If there are any unsaved changes to the current job, you will be asked whether you want to discard those changes.

Detailed management of jobs is handled in the **Jobs** panel in the **Manage** page. See *Jobs* (page 44) for more information.

Managing Multiple Settings

A Gocator can store several hundred jobs. Being able to switch between different jobs is useful when a Gocator is used with different constraints during separate production runs (for example, width decision

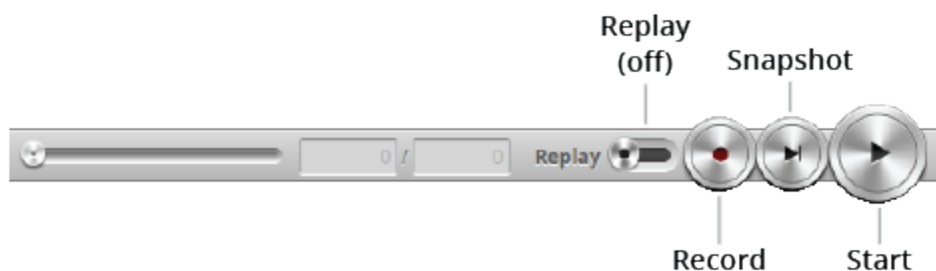
constraints might be loose during one production run and tight during another depending on the desired grade of the part).

Switching active jobs can be done manually through the web interface as described under *To activate an existing job* in *Saving and Loading Settings* on page 34. Switching active jobs can also be done programmatically using the supported industrial protocols (Modbus, EtherNet/IP, and ASCII), the Gocator's native Ethernet protocol, and through the SDK.

Recording, Playback, and Measurement Simulation

Gocator sensors can record and replay data, and can also simulate measurement tools on recorded data. This feature is most often used for troubleshooting and fine-tuning measurements, but can also be helpful during setup.

Recording and playback are controlled by using the toolbar controls.



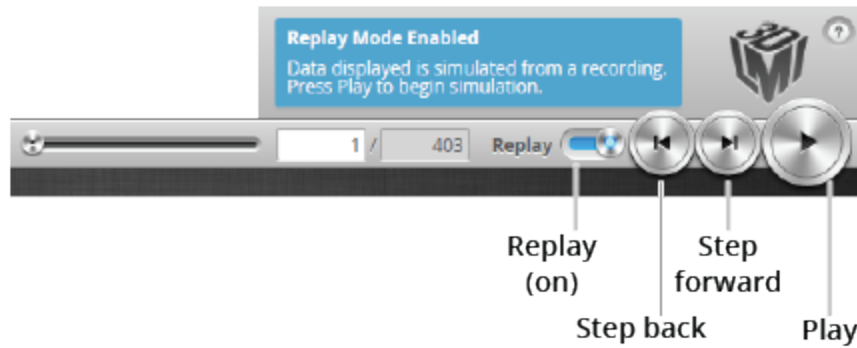
Recording and playback controls when replay is off

To record live data:

1. **Toggle Replay mode off by setting the slider to the left in the Toolbar.**
2. **Press the Record button to enable recording.**
When replay is off and recording is enabled, the sensor will store the most recent data as it runs. Remember to disable recording if you no longer wish to record live data (press the **Record** button again to disable recording).
3. **Press the Snapshot button or Start button.**
The **Snapshot** records a single frame. The **Start** button will run the sensor continuously and all frames will be recorded, up to available memory. When the memory limit is reached, the oldest data will be discarded.



Newly recorded data is appended to existing replay data unless the sensor job has been modified.



Recording and playback controls when replay is on

To replay recorded data:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the right in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.
2. **Use the Replay slider or the Step Forward, Step Back, or Play buttons to review data.**
The **Step Forward** and **Step Back** buttons move the current replay location backward and forward by a single frame, respectively.
The **Play** button advances the replay location continuously, animating the playback.
The **Stop** button (replaces the **Play** button while playing) can be used to pause the replay at a particular location.
The **Replay** slider (or **Replay Position** box) can be used to go to a specific replay frame.

To simulate measurements on recorded data:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the right in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.
2. **Go to the Measure page.**
Modify settings for existing measurements, add new measurement tools, or delete measurement tools as desired.
3. **Use the Replay Slider, Step Forward, Step Back, or Play button to simulate measurements.**
Step or play through recorded data to execute the measurement tools on the recording.
Individual measurement values can be viewed directly in the data viewer. Statistics on the measurements that have been simulated can be viewed in the **Dashboard** page; see *Dashboard* (page 136).

To clear recorded data:

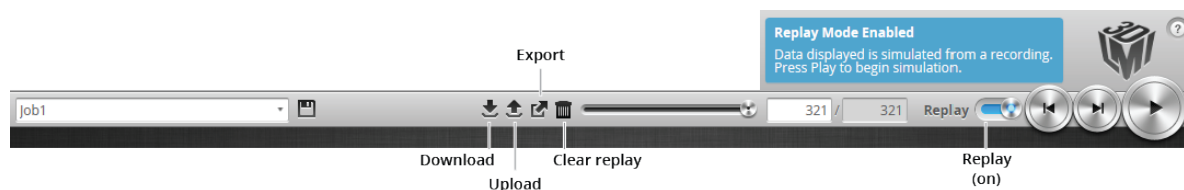
1. **Stop the sensor if it is running by clicking on the Stop button.**
2. **Click on the Clear Replay Data button** .

Downloading, Exporting, and Uploading Recorded Data

Recorded data can be downloaded or exported to the client computer or uploaded to the Gocator. Export is often used for processing the recorded data using third-party tools. Recorded data can also be downloaded in a binary format, which is used to back up the data for reviewing in the future.



Recorded data is not saved or loaded when you save or activate jobs in the toolbar.



To download recorded data:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the right in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.
2. **Click the Download button** .

To upload recorded data:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the left in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.
2. **Click the Upload button** .
3. **Select the directory and the file name to upload from the client computer and click on OK.**

Recorded data can be exported using the CSV format.



To export recorded data to CSV:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the right in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.

2. **Click the Export button  and select Export Range Data as CSV.**
Only data at the current replay location is exported.
Use the playback control buttons to move to a different replay location; see *To replay recorded data in Recording, Playback, and Measurement Simulation on page 36* for more information on playback.
3. **Optionally, convert exported data to another format using the *CSV Converter Tool on page 231*.**

Recorded intensity data can be exported to a bitmap (.BMP format). **Acquire Intensity** must be checked in the **Scan Mode** panel while data was being recorded in order to export intensity data.

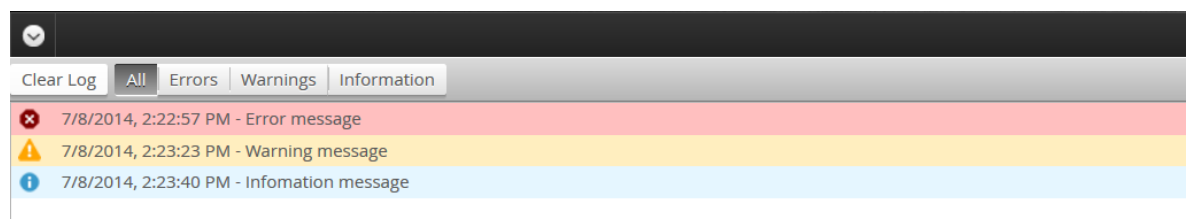


To export recorded intensity data to BMP:

1. **Toggle Replay mode on by setting the slider to the right in the Toolbar.**
The slider's background will turn blue and a Replay Mode Enabled message will be displayed.
2. **Click the Export button  and select Intensity data as BMP.**
Only the intensity data in the current replay location is exported.
Use the playback control buttons to move to a different replay location; see *To replay recorded data in Recording, Playback, and Measurement Simulation on page 36* for more information on playback.

Log

The log, located at the bottom of the web interface, is a centralized location for all messages that the Gocator displays, including warnings and errors.



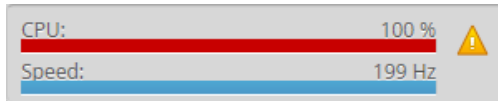
To use the log:

1. **Click on the Log open button  at the bottom of the web interface.**
2. **Click on the appropriate tab for the information you need.**

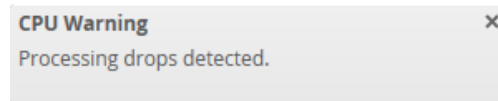
Metrics Area

The **Metrics** area displays two important sensor performance metrics: CPU load and speed (current frame rate).

The **CPU** bar in the **Metrics** panel (at the top of the interface) displays how much of the CPU is being utilized.



CPU at 100%



CPU warning message

The **Speed** bar displays the frame rate of the sensor. A warning symbol (⚠) will appear next to it if triggers (external input or encoder) are dropped because the external rate exceeds the maximum frame rate.

In both cases, a warning message will be temporarily displayed in the lower right corner of the web interface. Click on the warning symbol (⚠) to redisplay the warning message.

Open the log for details on the warning. See *Log* (previous page) for more information.

Data Viewer

The data viewer is displayed in both the **Scan** and the **Measure** pages, but displays different information depending on which page is active.

When the **Scan** page is active, the data viewer displays sensor data and can be used to adjust regions of interest. Depending on the selected operation mode (page 52), the data viewer can display video images, 3D profiles, or 3D surfaces. For details, see *Data Viewer* (page 72).

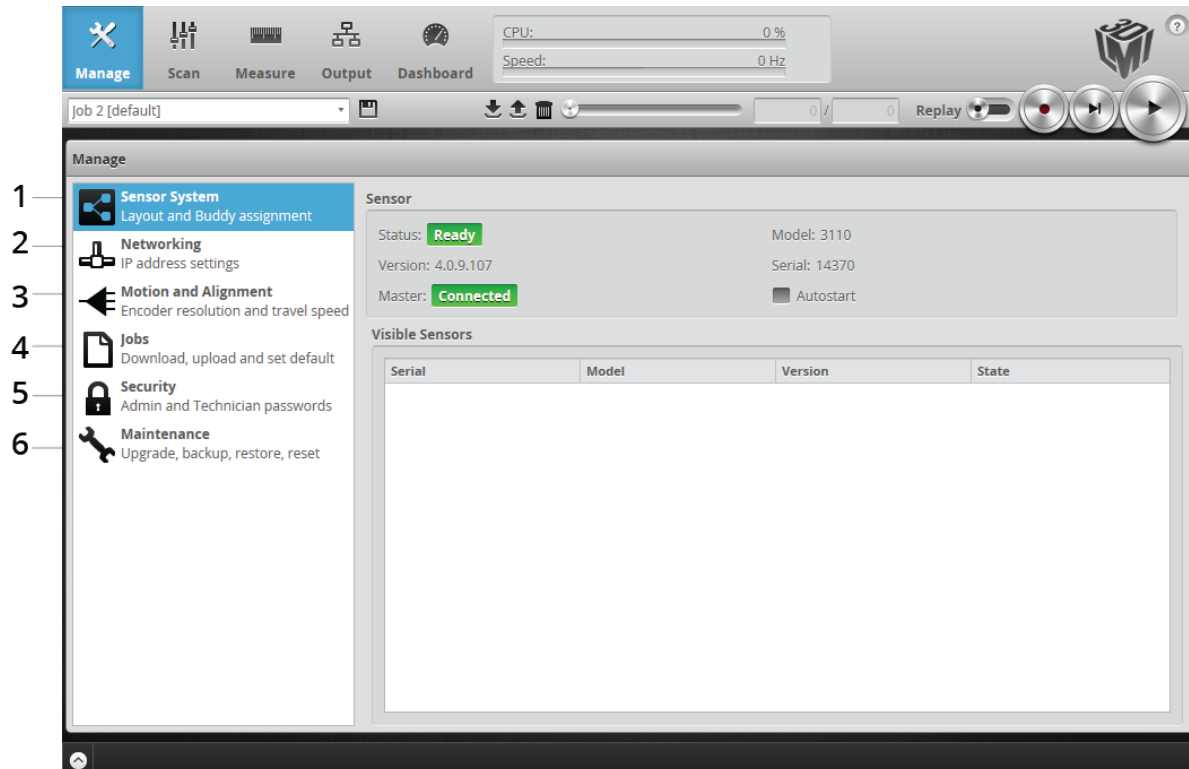
When the **Measure** page is active, the data viewer displays sensor data onto which representations of measurement tools and their measurements are superimposed. For details, see *Data Viewer* (page 81).

System Management and Maintenance

The following sections describe how to set up the sensor connections and networking, how to calibrate encoders and choose alignment reference, and how to perform maintenance tasks.

Manage Page Overview

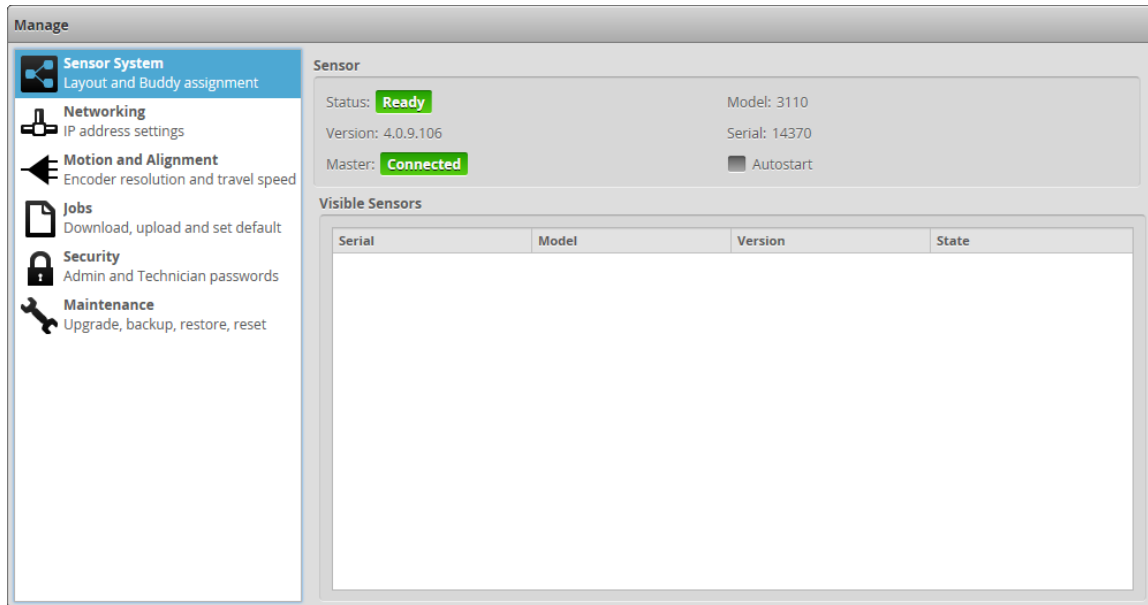
Gocator's system and maintenance tasks are performed on the **Manage** page.



Element	Description
1 Sensor System	Contains settings for configuring sensor system and boot-up. See <i>Sensor System</i> (next page).
2 Networking	Contains settings for configuring the network. See <i>Networking</i> (next page).
3 Motion and Alignment	Contains settings to configure the encoder. See <i>Motion and Alignment</i> (page 43).
4 Jobs	Lets you manage jobs stored on the sensor. See <i>Jobs</i> (page 44).
5 Security	Lets you change passwords. See <i>Security</i> (page 46).
6 Maintenance	Lets you upgrade firmware, create/restore backups, and reset sensors. See <i>Maintenance</i> (page 48).

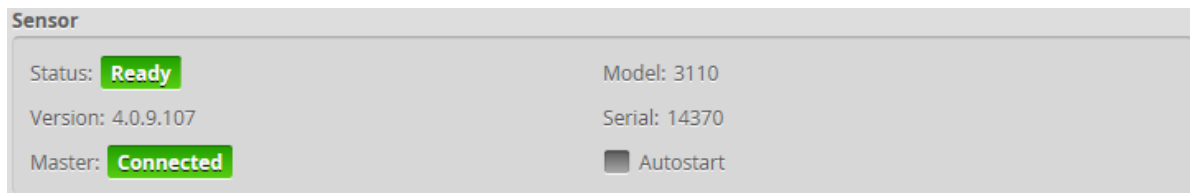
Sensor System

The following sections describe the **Sensor System** category on the **Manage** page. This category lets you choose the layout standalone or dual-sensor systems, and provides other system settings.



Sensor Autostart

With the **Autostart** setting enabled, laser ranging profiling and measurement functions will begin automatically when the sensor is powered on. Autostart must be enabled if the sensor will be used without being connected to a computer.



To enable/disable Autostart:

1. Go to the **Manage** page and click on the **Sensor System** category.
2. Check/uncheck the **Autostart** option in the **Main** section.

Networking

The **Networking** category on the **Manage** page provides network settings. Settings must be configured to match the network to which the Gocator sensors are connected.

Manage

- Sensor System**
Layout and Buddy assignment
- Networking**
IP address settings
- Motion and Alignment**
Encoder resolution and travel speed
- Jobs**
Download, upload and set default
- Security**
Admin and Technician passwords
- Maintenance**
Upgrade, backup, restore, reset

Alignment

Alignment Reference:

Encoder

Resolution: mm/tick

Encoder Value: ticks

Encoder Frequency: Hz

Speed

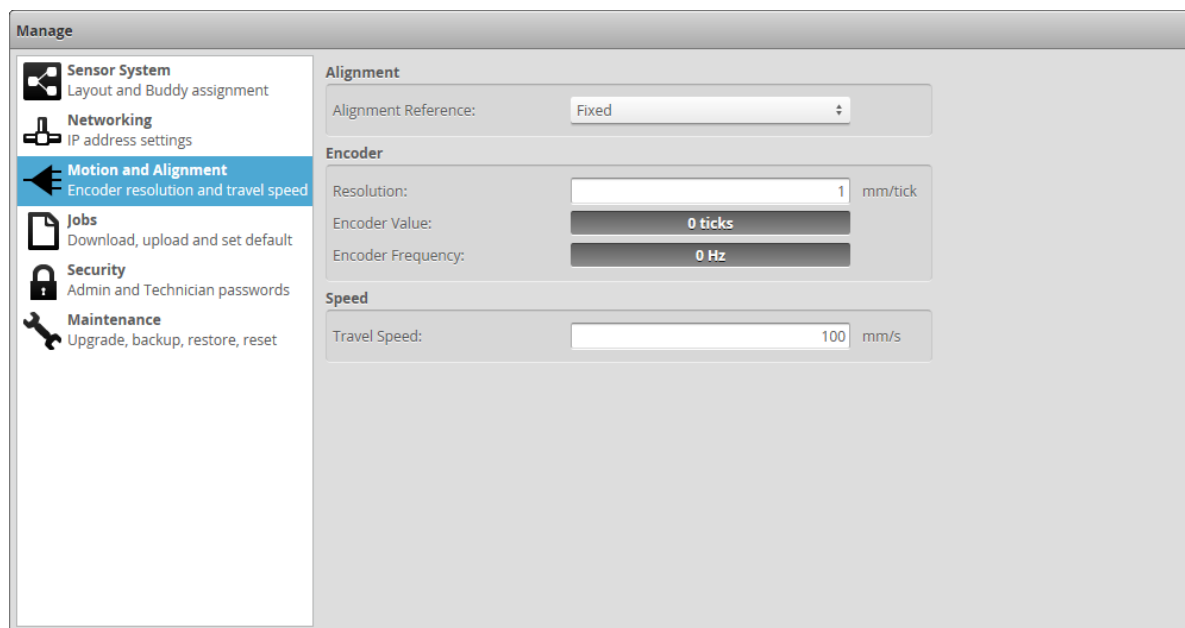
Travel Speed: mm/s

To configure the network settings:

- 1. Go to the Manage page.**
- 2. In the Networking category, specify the Type, IP, Subnet Mask, and Gateway settings.**
The Gocator sensor can be configured to use DHCP or assigned a static IP address.
- 3. Click on the Save button.**
You will be prompted to confirm your selection.

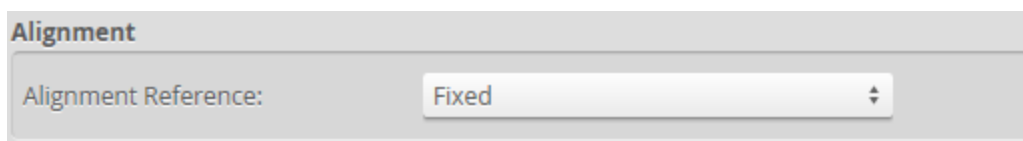
Motion and Alignment

The **Motion and Alignment** category on the **Manage** page lets you configure alignment reference, encoder resolution, and travel speed.



Alignment Reference

The **Alignment Reference** setting can have one of two values: **Fixed** or **Dynamic**.



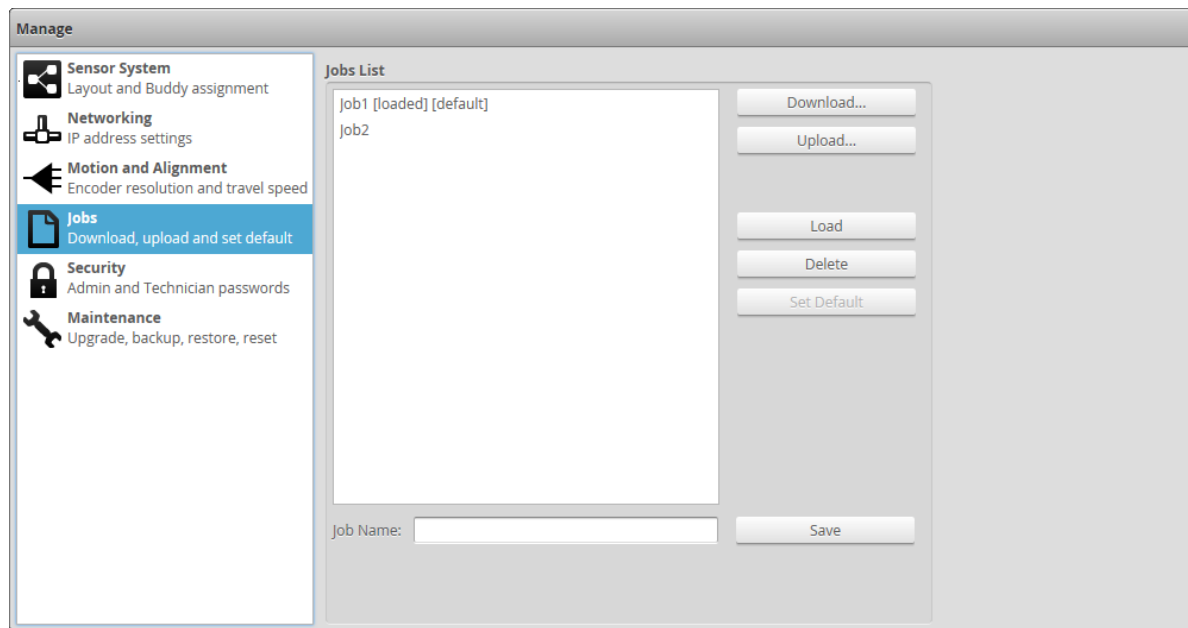
Setting	Description
Fixed	A single global alignment is used for all jobs. This is typically used when the sensor mounting is constant over time and between scans, for example, when the sensor is mounted in a permanent position over a conveyor belt.
Dynamic	A separate alignment is used for each job. This is typically used when the sensor's position relative to the object scanned is always changing, e.g. when the sensor is mounted on a robot arm moving to different scanning locations.

To configure alignment reference:

1. Go to the **Manage** page and click on the **Motion and Alignment** category.
2. In the **Alignment** section, choose **Fixed** or **Dynamic** in the **Alignment Reference** drop-down.

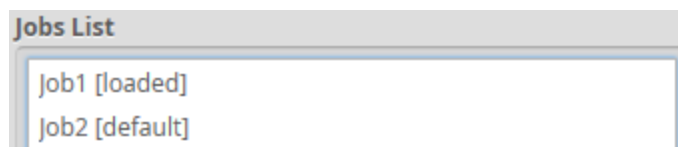
Jobs

The **Jobs** category on the **Manage** page lets you manage the jobs stored on the sensor.

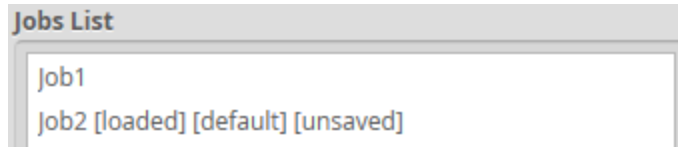


Element	Description
Name field	Used to provide a job name when saving files.
Jobs list	Displays the jobs that are currently saved in the sensor's flash storage.
Save button	Saves current settings to the job using the name in the Job Name field.
Load button	Loads the job that is selected in the file list.
Delete button	Deletes the job that is selected in the jobs list.
Set as Default button	Sets the selected job as the default to be loaded at boot time. When the default job is selected, this button is used to clear the default.
Download... button	Downloads the selected jobs to the client computer.
Upload... button	Uploads a job from the client computer.

Jobs can be loaded and set as default independently. For example, Job1 could be loaded, while Job2 is set as the default. Default jobs load automatically when a sensor is power cycled or reset.



Unsaved jobs are indicated by "[unsaved]".



To download, load, or delete a job, or to set one as a default or clear a default:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Jobs category.**
2. **Select a job in the Jobs list.**
3. **Click on the appropriate button for the operation.**

To save a job:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Jobs category.**
2. **Provide a name in the Job Name field.**
To save an existing job under a different name, click on it in the **Jobs** list and then modify it in the **Job Name** field.
3. **Click on the Save button or press Enter.**
Saving a job automatically sets it as the default, that is, the job loaded when the sensor is restarted.

Security

Gocator sensors can be secured with passwords to prevent unauthorized access. Each sensor has two accounts: Administrator and Technician.

Manage

- Sensor System**
Layout and Buddy assignment
- Networking**
IP address settings
- Motion and Alignment**
Encoder resolution and travel speed
- Jobs**
Download, upload and set default
- Security**
Admin and Technician passwords
- Maintenance**
Upgrade, backup, restore, reset

Administrator

Password:

Confirm Password:

Change Password

Technician

Password:

Confirm Password:

Change Password

Gocator Account Types

Account	Description
Administrator	The Administrator account has privileges to use the toolbar (loading and saving jobs, recording and viewing replay data), to view all pages and edit all settings, and to perform setup procedures such as sensor alignment.
Technician	The Technician account has privileges to use the toolbar (loading and saving jobs, recording and viewing replay data), to view the Dashboard page, and to start or stop the sensor.

The Administrator and Technician accounts can be assigned unique passwords. By default, passwords are blank (empty).

To set or change the password for the Administrator account:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Security category.**
2. **In the Administrator section, enter the Administrator account password and password confirmation.**
3. **Click Change Password.**
The new password will be required the next time that an administrator logs in to the sensor.

To set or change the password for the Technician account:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Security category.**
2. **In the Technician section, enter the Technician account password and password confirmation.**

3. Click Change Password.

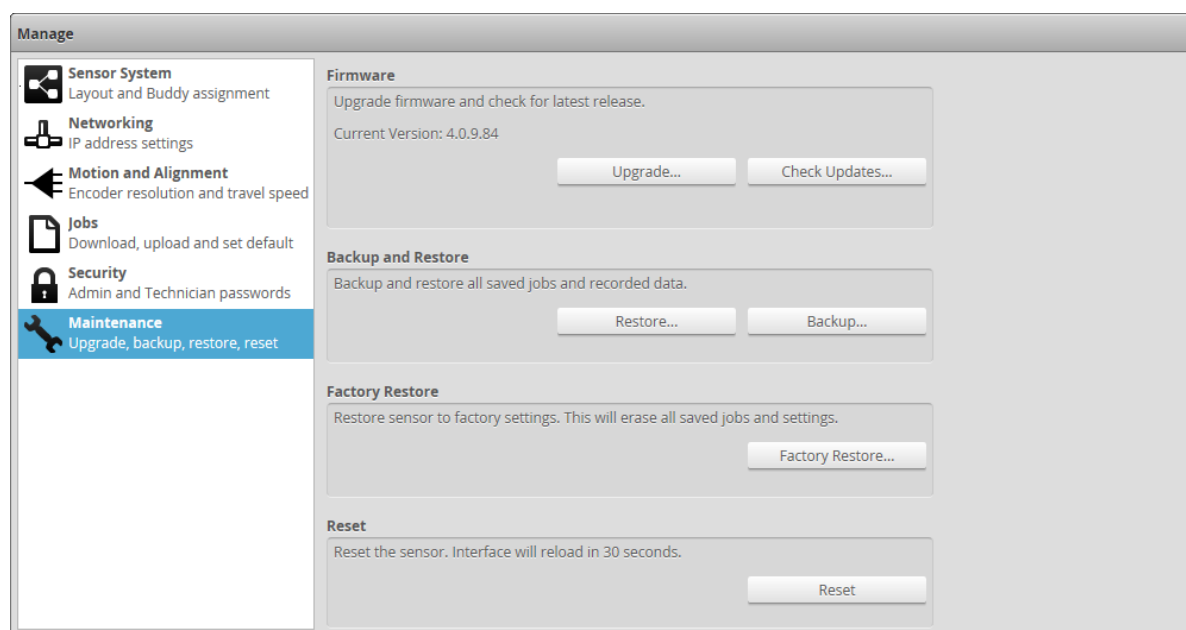
The new password will be required the next time that a technician logs in to the sensor.

If the administrator or technician password is misplaced, the sensor can be recovered using a special software tool. See *Sensor Recovery Tool* (page 224) for more information.

Maintenance

The **Maintenance** category in the **Manage** page is used to do the following:

- upgrade the firmware and check for firmware updates;
- back up and restore all saved jobs and recorded data;
- restore the sensor to factory defaults;
- reset the sensor.



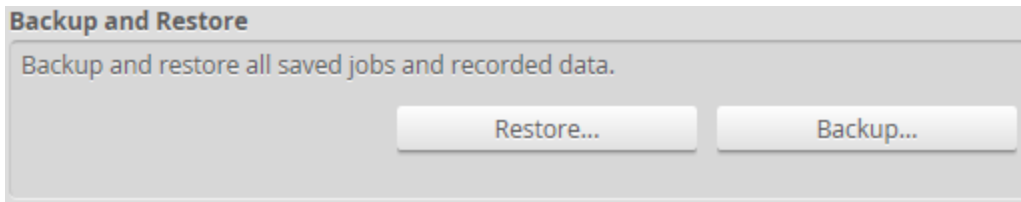
Sensor Backups and Factory Reset

You can create sensor backups, restore from a backup, and restore to factory defaults in the **Maintenance** category.

Backup files contain all of the information stored on a sensor, including jobs and alignment.

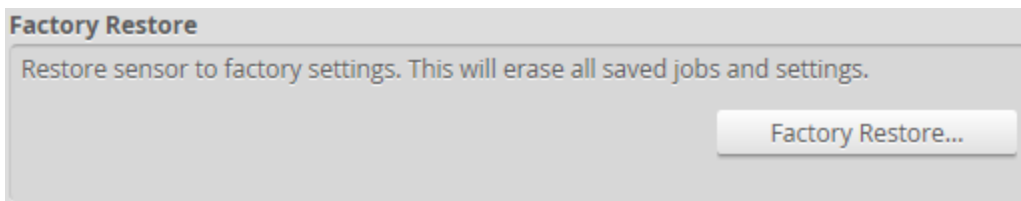


An Administrator should create a backup file in the unlikely event that a sensor fails and a replacement sensor is needed. If this happens, the new sensor can be restored with the backup file.



To create a backup:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Maintenance category.**
2. **Click the Backup... button under Backup and Restore.**
3. **When you are prompted, save the backup.**
Backups are saved as a single archive that contains all of the files from the sensor.



To restore from a backup:

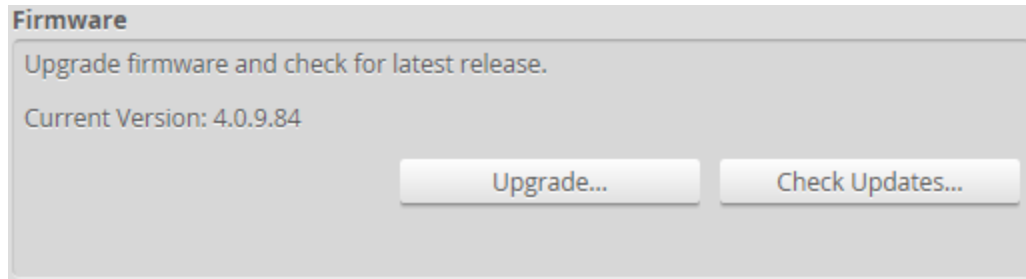
1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Maintenance category.**
2. **Click the Restore... button under Backup and Restore.**
3. **When you are prompted, select a backup file to restore.**
The backup file is uploaded and then used to restore the sensor. Any files that were on the sensor before the restore operation will be lost.

To restore a sensor to its factory default settings:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on Maintenance.**
2. **Consider making a backup.**
Before proceeding, you should perform a backup. Restoring to factory defaults cannot be undone.
3. **Click the Factory Restore... button under Factory Restore.**
You will be prompted whether you want to proceed.

Firmware Upgrade

LMI recommends routinely updating firmware to ensure that Gocator sensors always have the latest features and fixes.



To download the latest firmware:

1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Maintenance category.**
2. **Click the Check Updates... button in the Firmware section.**
3. **Download the latest firmware.**
If a new version of the firmware is available, follow the instructions to download it to the client computer.

If the client computer is not connected to the Internet, firmware can be downloaded and transferred to the client computer by using another computer to download the firmware from LMI's website:
<http://www.lmi3d.com/support/downloads>.

To upgrade the firmware:

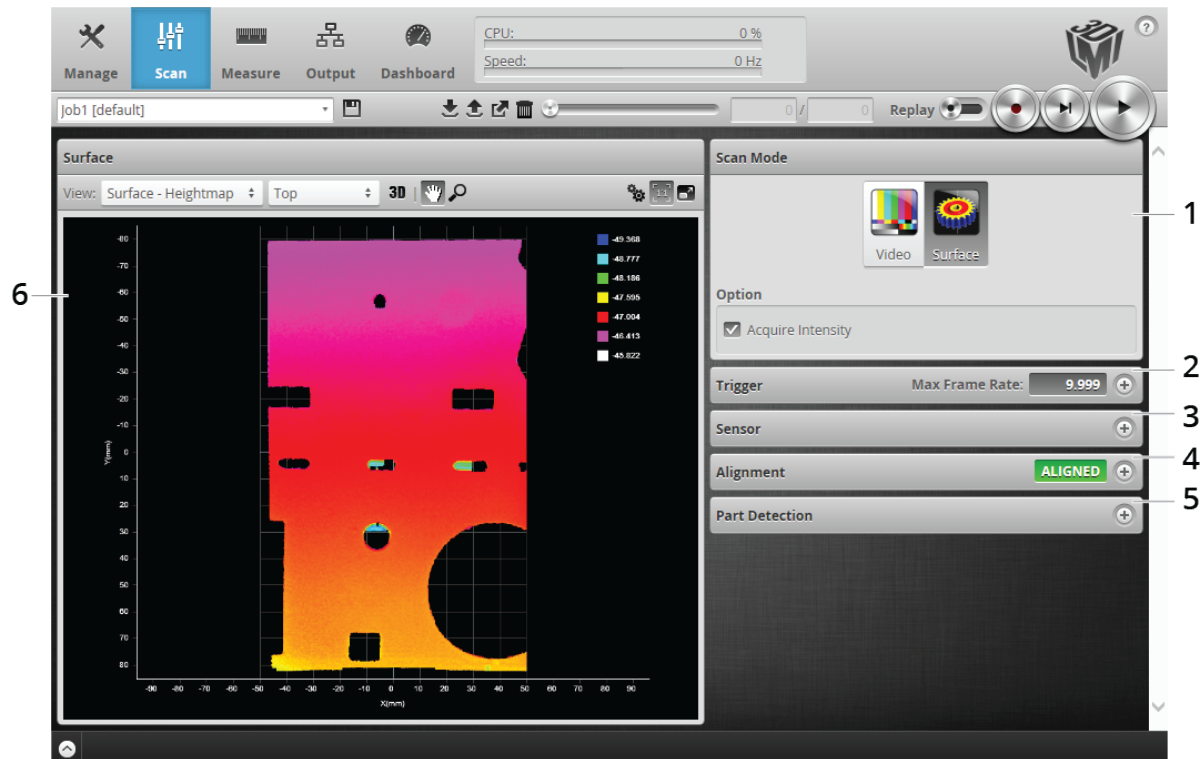
1. **Go to the Manage page and click on the Maintenance category.**
2. **Click the Upgrade... button in the Firmware section.**
3. **Provide the location of the firmware file in the File dialog.**
4. **Wait for the upgrade to complete.**
After the firmware upgrade is complete, the sensor will self-reset. If a buddy has been assigned, it will be upgraded and reset automatically.

Scan Setup and Alignment

The following sections describe the steps to configure Gocator sensors for 3D data acquisition using the **Scan** page. Setup and alignment should be performed before adding and configuring measurements or outputs.

Scan Page Overview

The Scan page lets you configure sensors and perform alignment.



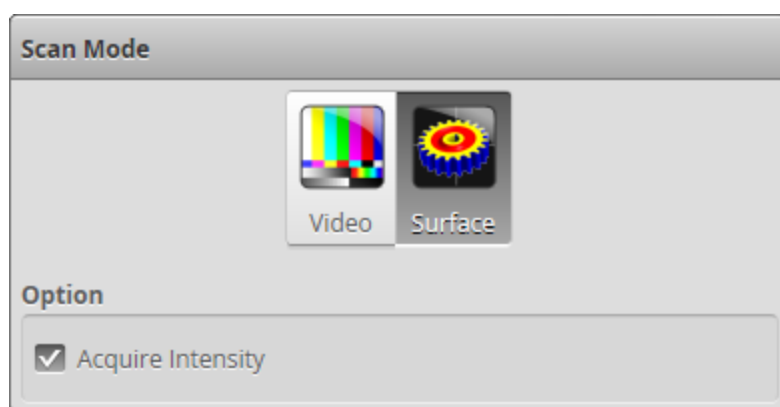
Element	Description
1 Scan Mode panel	Contains settings for the current scan mode (Video or Surface) and other options. See <i>Scan Modes</i> (next page).
2 Trigger panel	Contains trigger source and trigger-related settings. See <i>Triggers</i> (next page).
3 Sensor panel	Contains settings for an individual sensor, such as active area or exposure. See <i>Sensor</i> (page 57).
4 Alignment panel	Used to perform alignment. See <i>Alignment</i> (page 65).
5 Part Detection panel	Used to set the part detection logic for sorting profiles into discrete objects. See <i>Part Detection</i> (page 68).
6 Data Viewer	Displays sensor data and adjust regions of interest. Depending on the current operation mode, the data viewer can display video images or surface views. See <i>Data Viewer</i> (page 72).

The following table provides quick references for specific goals that you can achieve from the panels in the **Scan** page.

Goal	Reference
Select a trigger source that is appropriate for the application.	Triggers (below)
Ensure that camera exposure is appropriate for 3D data acquisition.	Exposure (page 61)
Find the right balance between data quality, speed, and CPU utilization.	Active Area (page 58) Exposure (page 61) Gocator Device Files (page 139)
Calibrate the system so that 3D data can be aligned to a reference plane.	
Set up the part detection logic to create discrete objects from surfaces.	Part Detection (page 68)

Scan Modes

The Gocator web interface supports two scan modes: Video and Surface. The scan mode can be selected in the **Scan Mode** panel.



Mode and Option	Description
Video	Outputs video images from the Gocator. This mode is useful for configuring exposure time and troubleshooting stray light or ambient light problems.
Acquire Intensity	When this option is enabled, an intensity value will be produced for each point in the 3D point cloud.

Triggers

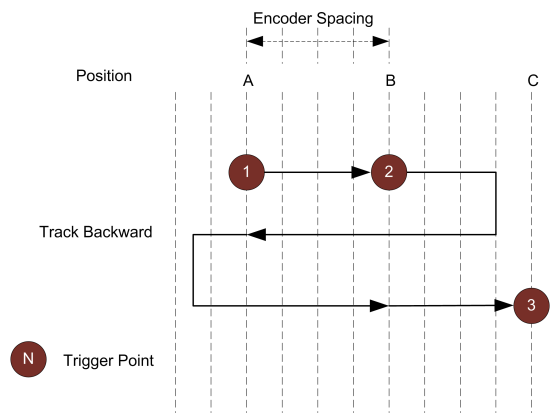
A trigger is an event that causes a sensor to take a single 3D snapshot. Triggers are configured in the **Trigger** panel.

When a trigger is processed, the LED light pattern is strobed and the cameras expose to produce images. The resulting images are processed inside the sensor to yield a 3D point cloud, which can then be used for measurement.

The top-right of the **Trigger** panel displays the maximum speed at which an object could be captured at, calculated based on the exposure values, active area and the number of projection patterns required.

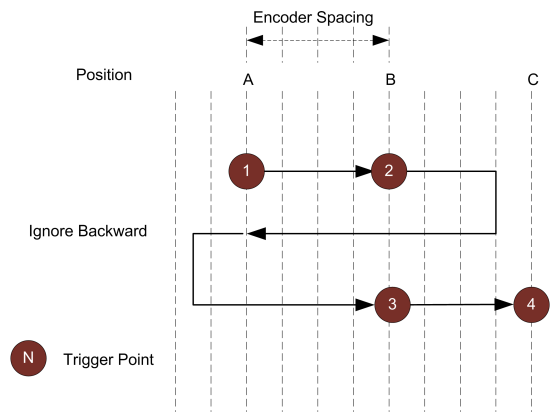
The light and camera inside a sensor can be triggered by one of the following sources:

Trigger Source	Description
Time	Sensors have an internal clock that can be used to generate fixed-frequency triggers. The external input can be used to enable or disable the time triggers.
Encoder	An encoder can be connected to provide triggers in response to motion. Three encoder triggering behaviors are supported: 1. Ignore Backward A scan is triggered when the target object moves forward. If the target object moves backward, it must move forward by at least the distance that the target travelled backward, plus one encoder spacing, to trigger the next scan.



2. Track Backward

A scan is triggered only when the target object moves forward. If the target object moves backward, it must move forward by at least the distance of one encoder spacing to trigger the next scan.



Trigger Source	Description
	3. Bi-directional A scan is triggered when the target object moves forward or backward. When triggers are received at a frequency higher than the maximum frame rate, some triggers may not be accepted. The <i>Trigger Drops Indicator</i> in the <i>Dashboard</i> can be used to check for this condition. The external input can be used to enable or disable the encoder triggers.
External Input	A digital input can provide triggers in response to external events (e.g., photocell). When triggers are received at a frequency higher than the maximum frame rate, some triggers may not be accepted. The Trigger Drops Indicator in the Dashboard page can be used to check for this condition.
Software	A network command can be used to send a software trigger. See <i>Protocols</i> (page 165) for more information.

Depending on the setup and measurement tools used, the CPU utilization may exceed 100%, which reduces the overall acquisition speed. If the **Clear Calibration** button is pressed, the calibration will be erased and the sensor will revert to using sensor coordinates. See *Acquisition Speed* (page 31) for the estimated acquisition speeds under different settings.

For examples of typical real-world scenarios, see next page. For information on the settings used with each trigger source, see page 56

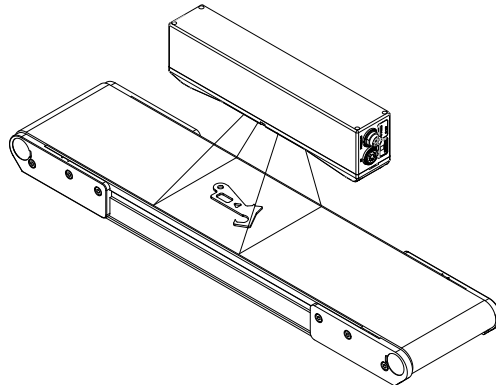
Trigger Examples

Example: External Input + Conveyor

External input triggering can be used to produce a snapshot for 3D measurement.

For example, a photocell can be connected as an external input to generate a trigger pulse when a target object has moved into position.

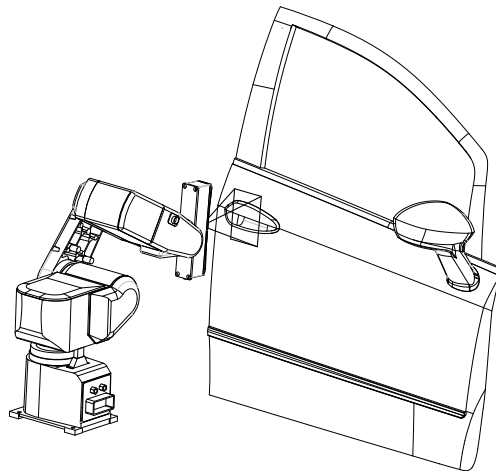
An external input can also be used to gate the trigger signals when time or encoder triggering is used. For example, a photocell could generate a series of trigger pulses as long as there is a target in position.

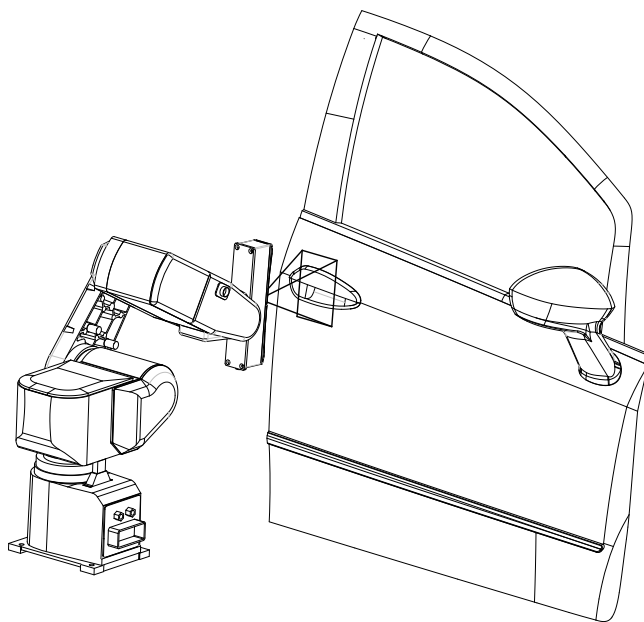


Example: Software Trigger + Robot Arm

Software triggering can be used to produce a snapshot for 3D measurement.

A software trigger can be used in systems that use external software to control the activities of system components.





Trigger Settings

The trigger source is selected using the **Trigger** panel in the **Scan** page.

Trigger Max Frame Rate: 199.105

Source: Time

Frame Rate:
 Max Speed Hz

☐ Gate on External Input

Trigger Max Frame Rate: 199.105

Source: External Input

Units: μs (Time)

Trigger Delay:
 0 μs

Trigger Max Frame Rate: 199.105

Source: Software

Units: μs (Time)

☐ Gate on External Input

After specifying a trigger source, the **Trigger** panel shows the parameters that can be configured.

Parameter	Trigger Source	Description
Source	All	Selects the trigger source (Time , External Input , or Software).
Frame Rate	Time	Controls the frame rate. Select Max Speed from the drop-

Parameter	Trigger Source	Description
		down to lock to the maximum frame rate. Fractional values are supported. For example, 0.1 can be entered to run at 1 frame every 10 seconds.
Gate on External Input	Time, Encoder	External input can be used to enable or disable 3D data acquisition in a sensor. When this option is enabled, the sensor will respond to time or encoder triggers only when the external input is asserted. See <i>Digital Inputs</i> (page 242) for more information on connecting external input to Gocator.
Units	External Input, Software	Specifies whether the trigger delay, output delay, and output scheduled command operate in the time domain. The unit is implicitly set to microseconds with Time trigger source.
Trigger Delay	External Input	Controls the amount of time or the distance the sensor waits before producing a frame after the external input is activated. This is used to compensate for the positional difference between the source of the external input trigger (e.g., photocells) and the sensor. Trigger delay is only supported in single exposure mode; for details, see <i>Exposure</i> (page 61).

To configure the trigger source:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Expand the Trigger panel by clicking on the panel header.**
3. **Select the trigger source from the drop-down.**
4. **Configure the settings.**
See the trigger parameters above for more information.
5. **Save the job in the Toolbar by clicking the Save button .**

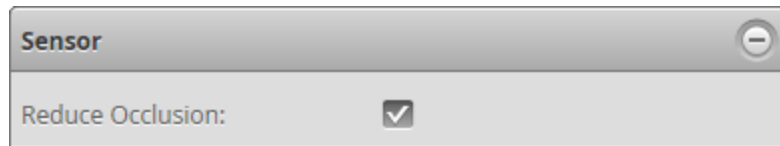
Sensor

The following sections describe the settings that are configured in the **Sensor** panel on the **Scan** page.

Reduce Occlusion

When this option is enabled (default), each camera independently triangulates off the LED light pattern, which may improve performance on targets with complicated shapes that can cause occlusions.

When this option is disabled, 3D data is acquired through stereo correlation between the two cameras, meaning that a point on the target must be visible in both cameras to produce a 3D data point. Stereo acquisition may produce more stable measurements on simple targets without occlusions.



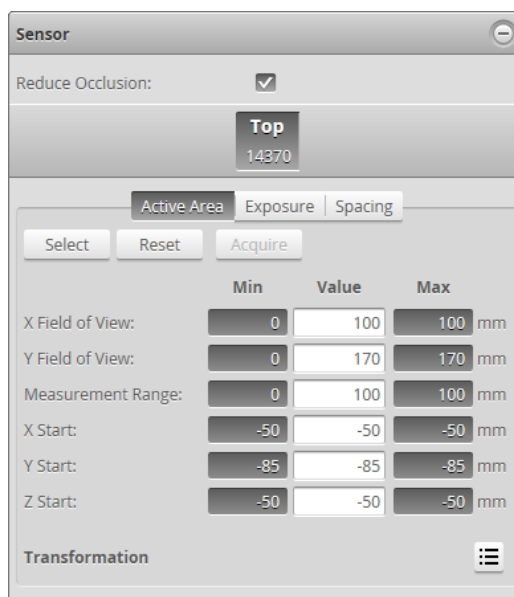
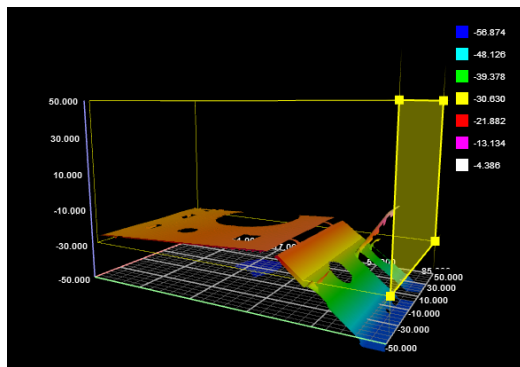
To enable or disable the reduce occlusion option:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, the **Sensor** panel will not be displayed.
3. **Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header.**
4. **Check or uncheck the Reduce Occlusion checkbox.**
5. **Save the job in the Toolbar by clicking the Save button .**

Active Area

Active area refers to the region within the sensor's maximum field of view that is used for 3D data acquisition.

By default, the active area covers the sensor's entire field of view. By reducing the active area, the sensor can operate at higher speeds.



To set the active area:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, you will not be able to configure the active area.
3. **Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**
4. **Click on the Active Area tab.**
5. **Click the Select button.**
6. **Click the Acquire button to see a scan while setting the active area.**
7. **Set the active area.**
Enter the active area values in the edit boxes or adjust the active area graphically in the data viewer.
The 2D view allows you to adjust the sizes and positions in the X axis and Z axis. The 3D view allows you to adjust the sizes and positions in the X axis, Y axis, and Z axis. See *Regions* (page 85) for more information.
8. **Click the Save button in the Sensor panel.**
Click the **Cancel** button to cancel setting the active area.
9. **Save the job in the Toolbar by clicking the Save button .**



3D acquisition devices are usually more accurate at the near end of their measurement range. If your application requires a measurement range that is small compared to the maximum measurement range of the sensor, mount the sensor so that the active area can be defined at the near end of the measurement range.

Transformations

The transformation settings are used to control how 3D data are converted from sensor coordinates to system coordinates.

Transformation


X Offset:	-0.046	mm
Y Offset:	-0.202	mm
Z Offset:	19.171	mm
Angle X:	0.603	°
Angle Y:	0.137	°
Angle Z:	-0.001	°

Parameter	Description
X Offset	Specifies the shift along the X axis. With Normal orientation, a positive value shifts the data to the right. With Reverse orientation, a positive value shifts the profile to the left.
Y Offset	Specifies the shift along the Y axis.
Z Offset	Specifies the shift along the Z axis. A positive value shifts the data toward the sensor.
Angle X	Specifies the tilt around the X axis.
Angle Y	Specifies the tilt around the Y axis.
Angle Z	Specifies the tilt around the Z axis.

When applying the transformations, Angle is applied before the offsets: the object is first rotated around X, then Y, and then Z.

To configure transformation settings:

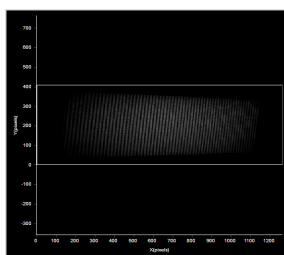
- Go to the Scan page.**
- Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, you will not be able to configure the transformations.
- Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header.**
- Expand the Transformations area by clicking on the expand button .**
See the table above for more information.
- Set the parameter values.**
See the table above for more information.
- Save the job in the Toolbar by clicking the Save button .**
- Check that the transformation settings are applied correctly after 3D acquisition is restarted.**

Exposure

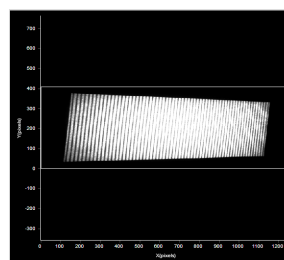
Exposure determines the duration of camera and light on-time. Longer exposures can be helpful to detect light patterns on dark or distant surfaces, but increasing exposure time decreases the maximum speed. Different target surfaces may require different exposures for optimal results. Gocator sensors provide two exposure modes for the flexibility needed to scan different types of target surfaces.

Exposure Mode	Description
Single	Uses a single exposure for all objects. Used when the surface is uniform and is the same for all targets.
Multiple	Uses multiple exposures to create a single profile. Used when the target surface has a varying reflectance within a single profile (e.g., white and black).

Video mode lets you see how the reflected light pattern appears on the camera and identify any stray light or ambient light problems. When exposure is tuned correctly, the light pattern should be clearly visible along the entire length of the viewer. If it is too dim, increase the exposure value; if it is too bright decrease exposure value.

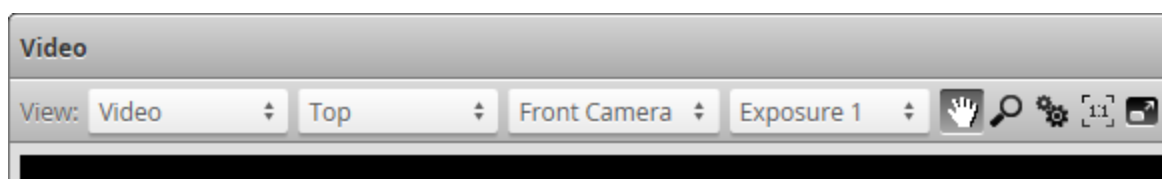


Under exposure
Light pattern is not fully detected.
Increase the exposure value.



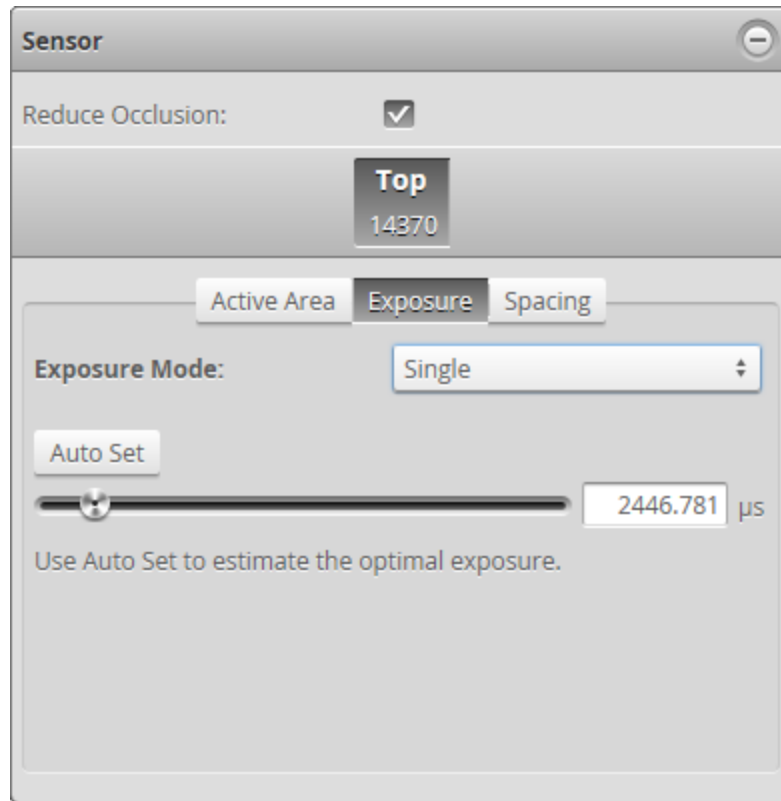
Over exposure
Light pattern saturated in the center.
Increase the exposure value.

When the Gocator is in Multiple exposure mode, select which exposure to view using the second drop-down box next to "View" in the data viewer. This drop-down is only visible in Video scan mode when the **Multiple** option is selected in the **Exposure** section in the **Sensor** panel.



Single Exposure

The sensor uses a fixed exposure in every scan. Single exposure is used when the target surface is uniform and is the same for all parts.



To enable single exposure:

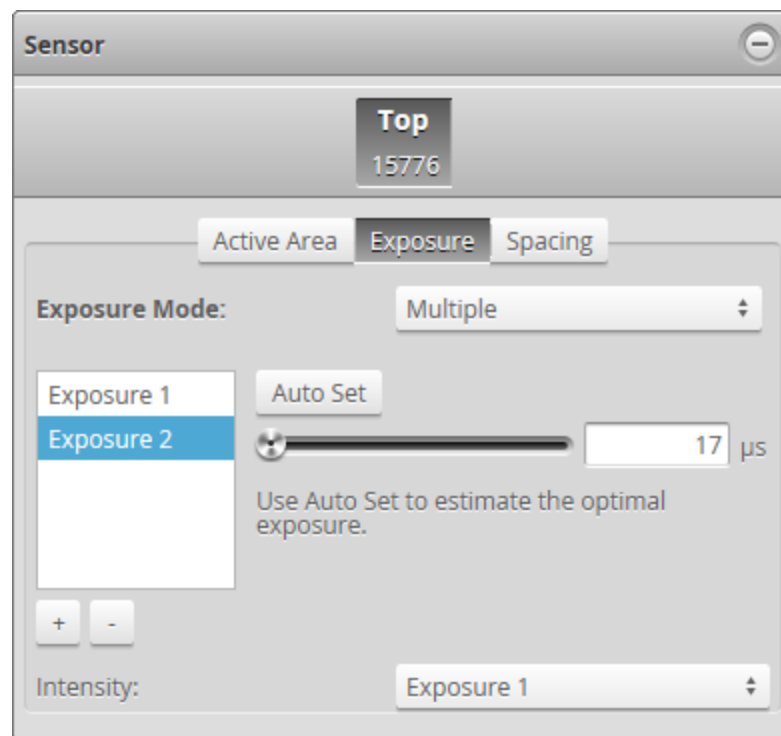
1. **Place a representative target in view of the sensor.**
The target surface should be similar to the material that will normally be measured.
2. **Go to the Scan page.**
3. **Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header.**
4. **Click on the Exposure tab.**
5. **Select Single from the Exposure Mode drop-down.**
6. **Edit the Exposure setting.**
You can automatically tune the exposure by pressing the **Auto Set** button, which causes the sensor to turn on and tune the exposure time.
7. **Run the sensor and check that 3D data acquisition is satisfactory.**
If not satisfactory, adjust the exposure values manually. Switch to **Video** mode to use video to help tune the exposure; see *Exposure* (previous page) for details.

Multiple Exposure

The sensor combines data from multiple exposures to create a single 3D point cloud. Multiple exposures can be used to increase the ability to detect light and dark materials that are in the field of view simultaneously.

Up to three exposures can be defined with each set to a different exposure level. For each exposure, the sensor will perform a complete scan at the current frame rate making the effective frame rate slower. For example, if two exposures are selected, then the speed will be half of the single exposure frame rate. The sensor will perform a complete multi-exposure scan for each external input.

The resulting 3D point cloud is a composite created by combining data collected with different exposures.



To enable multiple exposure:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**
3. **Click on the Exposure tab.**
4. **Select Multiple from the Exposure Mode drop-down.**
5. **Click the  button to add an exposure step.**

Up to a maximum of three exposure settings can be added.

To remove an exposure, select it in the exposure list and click the  button.

6. **Set the exposure level for each exposure to make the Gocator's camera less or more sensitive, as required.**

If **Acquire Intensity** is enabled, select the exposure step that is used to capture the intensity output.

7. **If Acquire Intensity is enabled, select the exposure step that is used to capture the intensity output.**

8. **Run the sensor and check that 3D data acquisition is satisfactory.**

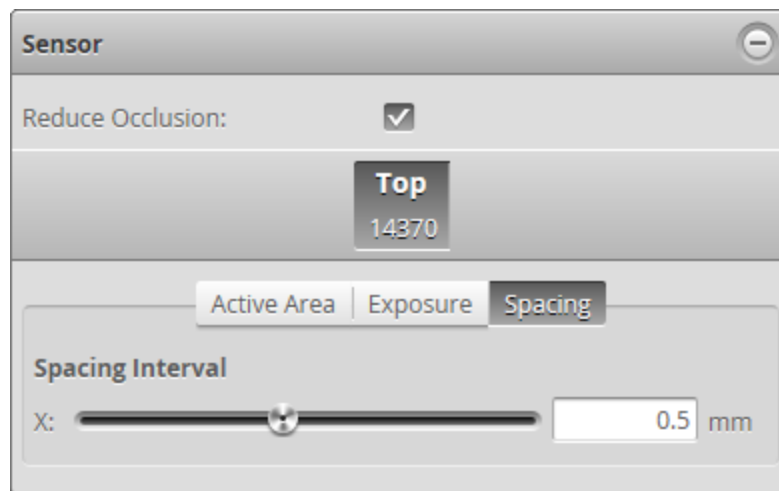
If not satisfactory, adjust the exposure values manually. Switch to **Video** mode to use video to help tune the exposure; see *Exposure* (page 61) for details.

Spacing

Spacing Interval

Spacing interval is the spacing between data points in a resampled data; see *Resampling* (page 31) for details. A larger interval creates profiles with lower X resolution but reduces CPU usage and potentially increases the maximum frame rate. A larger interval also reduces the data output rate.

By default, the Gocator outputs data at the medium resolution.



To configure the spacing interval:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, you will not be able to configure the spacing interval.
3. **Expand the Sensor panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**

4. Click on the Spacing tab.

5. Select a spacing interval level.

Speed: Use the lowest X resolution within the active area as the spacing interval. This setting minimizes CPU usage and data output rate, but the profile has the lowest X resolution (i.e., least detail).

Balanced: Use the X resolution at the middle of the active area as the spacing interval. This setting balances CPU load, data output rate, and X resolution.

Resolution: Use the highest X resolution within the active area as the spacing interval. This setting maximizes resolution but has higher CPU load and has the highest data output rate (i.e., greatest detail).

6. Save the job in the Toolbar by clicking the Save button .

Alignment

Gocator sensors are pre-calibrated and ready to deliver 3D data in engineering units (mm) out of the box. However, alignment procedures are required to compensate for sensor mounting inaccuracies. Alignment is performed using the **Alignment** panel on the **Scan** page.

Once alignment has been completed, the derived transformation values will be displayed under **Transformations** in the **Sensor** panel; see *Transformations* (page 59) for details.

Alignment States

A Gocator can be in one of three alignment states: None, Manual, or Auto.

Alignment State

State	Explanation
None	Sensor is not aligned. 3D point clouds are reported in default sensor coordinates.
Manual	Transformations (see page 59) have been manually edited.
Auto	Sensor is aligned using the alignment procedure (see next page).

An indicator on the **Alignment** panel will display **ALIGNED** or **UNALIGNED**, depending on the Gocator's state.

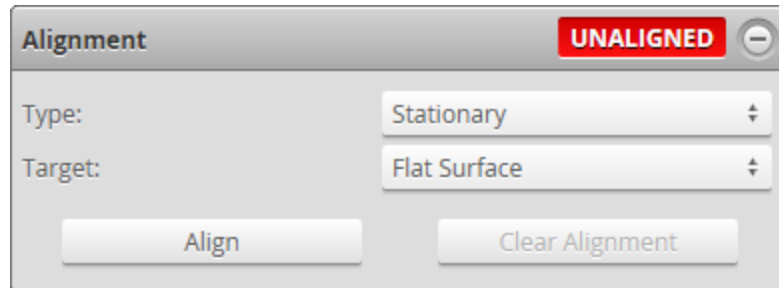
Alignment Types

Gocator sensors support two types of alignment, which are related to whether the target is stationary or moving.

Type	Description
Stationary	Stationary is used when the sensor mounting is constant over time and between scans, e.g., when the sensor is mounted in a permanent position over a conveyor belt.
Moving	Moving is used when the sensor's position relative to the object scanned is always changing, e.g., when the sensor is mounted on a robot arm moving to different scanning locations.

Aligning Sensors

Alignment can be used to compensate for mounting inaccuracies by aligning sensor data to a common reference surface.



The screenshot shows the 'Alignment' panel. The title bar includes the word 'Alignment' and a red button labeled 'UNALIGNED'. Below the title bar, there are two dropdown menus. The first is labeled 'Type:' and is set to 'Stationary'. The second is labeled 'Target:' and is set to 'Flat Surface'. At the bottom of the panel, there are two buttons: 'Align' and 'Clear Alignment'.

To prepare for alignment:

1. **Choose an alignment reference in the Manage page if you have not already done so.**
See *Alignment Reference* (page 44) for more information.
2. **Go to the Scan page.**
3. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, the **Alignment** panel will not be displayed.
4. **Expand the Alignment panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**
5. **Ensure that all sensors have a clear view of the target surface.**
Remove any irregular objects from the sensor's field of view that might interfere with alignment.

To perform alignment for stationary targets:

1. **In the Alignment panel, select Stationary as the Type.**
2. **Clear the previous alignment if present.**
Press the **Clear Alignment** button to remove an existing alignment.
3. **Select an alignment Target.**
 - Select **Flat Surface** to use the conveyor surface (or other flat surface) as the alignment reference
 - Select **Plate** to use a custom calibration plate. If using a calibration plate, specify the bar dimensions and reference hole layout. See *System Coordinates* (page 30) for more information on plates.

Configure the characteristics of the target.

Alignment UNALIGNED ⊞

Type: Stationary ⬆ ⬇ ⬆

Target: Plate ⬆ ⬇ ⬆

Height: 0 mm

Hole Count: 1 ⬆ ⬇ ⬆

Reference Hole Diameter: 5 mm

Secondary Hole Diameter: 5 mm

Align Clear Alignment

4. Place the target under the sensor

5. Click the Align button.

The sensors will start, and the alignment process will take place. Alignment is performed simultaneously for all sensors. If the sensors do not align, check and adjust the exposure settings (page 61).



Alignment uses the exposure defined for single exposure mode, regardless of the current exposure mode

6. Check the alignment results under Transformation in the Active Area tab in the Sensor panel.

Transformation ⊞

X Offset: -0.816 mm

Z Offset: -11.702 mm

Angle: -3.986 °

Clearing Alignment

Alignment can be cleared to revert the sensor to sensor coordinates.

Alignment ALIGNED ⊞

Type: Stationary ⬆ ⬇ ⬆

Target: Flat Surface ⬆ ⬇ ⬆

Align Clear Alignment

To clear alignment:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, the **Alignment** panel will not be displayed.
3. **Expand the Alignment panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**
4. **Click the Clear Alignment button.**
The alignment will be erased and sensors will revert to using sensor coordinates.

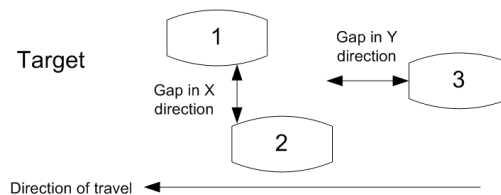
Part Detection

In Surface mode, the Gocator sensor can analyze the 3D point cloud created from profiles to identify discrete objects. Surface measurements can then be performed on each discrete object. Part detection is configured using the **Part Detection** panel on the **Scan** page.

Part detection must be manually enabled when **Type** is set to **Fixed Length**, **Variable Length**, or **Rotational** in the **Surface Generation** panel. When **Type** is set to **Continuous**, part detection is automatically enabled.

Part detection can be performed when **Source** in the **Trigger** panel is set to **Time** or **Encoder**. To use the **Time** trigger source, the travel speed must be calibrated. To use the **Encoder** trigger source, the encoder resolution must be calibrated. See *Aligning Sensors* (page 66) for more information.

Multiple parts can pass through the laser at the same time and will be individually tracked. Parts can be separated along the laser line (X axis), in the direction of travel (Y axis), or by gated external input.



The following settings can be tuned to improve the accuracy and reliability of part detection.

Part Detection

☒ Enabled

Height Threshold:

5 mm

Threshold Direction:

Above

Gap Width:

5 mm

Gap Length:

5 mm

Padding Width:

0 mm

Padding Length:

0 mm

Min Area:

5 mm²

Max Part Length:

100 mm

Frame Of Reference:

Sensor

☐ Edge Filtering

Setting	Description
Height Threshold	Determines the profile height threshold for part detection. The setting for Threshold Direction determines if parts should be detected above or below the threshold. Above is typically used to prevent the belt surface from being detected as a part when scanning objects on a conveyor. In an Opposite layout, the threshold is applied to the difference between the top and the bottom profile. A target thinner than the threshold value is ignored, including places where only one of either top or bottom is detected. To separate parts by gated external input, set the Height Threshold to the active area Z offset (i.e., minimum Z position of the current active area), set Source to Time or Encoder and check the Gate Using External Input checkbox in the Trigger panel (page 52).
Threshold Direction	Determines if parts should be detected above or below the height threshold.
Gap Width	Determines the minimum separation between objects on the X axis. If parts are closer than the gap interval, they will be merged into a single part.
Gap Length	Determines the minimum separation between objects on the Y axis. If parts are closer than the gap interval, they will be merged into a single part.
Padding Width	Determines the amount of extra data on the X axis from the surface surrounding the detected part that will be included. This is mostly useful when processing part data with third-party software such as HexSight, Halcon, etc.
Padding Length	Determines the amount of extra data on the Y axis from the surface surrounding the detected part that will be included. This is mostly useful when processing part data with third-party software such as HexSight, Halcon, etc.

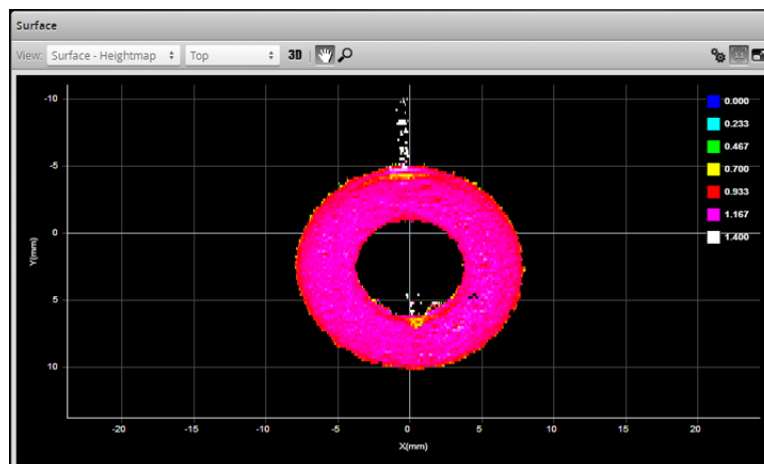
Setting	Description
Min Area	Determines the minimum area for a detected part. Set this value to a reasonable minimum in order to filter out small objects or noise.
Max Part Length	Determines the maximum length of the part object. When the object exceeds the maximum length, it is automatically separated into two parts. This is useful to break a long object into multiple sections and perform measurements on each section.
Frame of Reference	Determines the coordinate reference for part measurements. When set to Sensor, all measurement values are relative to the sensor's Field of View in X and relative to the encoder zero position in Y. When set to Part, all measurements except Bounding Box X and Y are relative to the center of the bounding box of the part. For Bounding Box X and Y, the measurement values are always in the Sensor Frame of Reference.
Edge Filtering	See <i>Edge Filtering</i> (below).

To set up part detection:

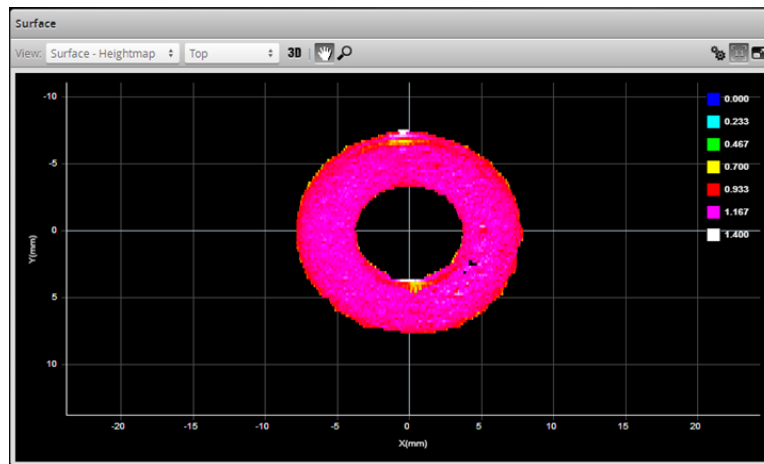
- Go to the Scan page and choose Surface in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, you will not be able to configure part detection.
- Expand the Part Detection panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button.**
- Adjust the settings.**
See the part detection parameters above for more information.

Edge Filtering

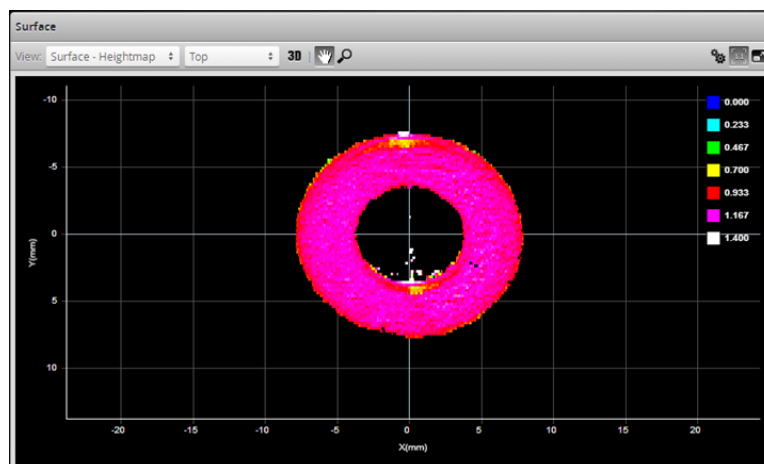
Part scans sometimes contain noise around the edges of the target. This noise is usually caused by the sensor's light being reflected off almost vertical sides, rounded corners, etc. Edge filtering helps reduce edge noise in order to produce more accurate and repeatable volume and area measurements, as well as to improve positioning of relative measurement regions. Optionally, the **Preserve Interior Feature** setting can be used to limit filtering to the outside edges of the target.



Edge Filtering disabled (scan shows reflection noise)



Edge Filtering enabled (reflection noise eliminated or reduced)



Edge Filtering enabled, Preserve Interior Feature enabled.

☒ **Edge Filtering**

Preserve Interior Feature: ☐

Width: mm

Length: mm

To configure edge filtering:

1. **Go to the Scan page and choose Surface in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, you will not be able to configure part detection.
2. **Expand the Part Detection panel by clicking on the panel header or the  button and enable part detection if necessary.**
3. **Check the Edge Filtering checkbox to enable edge filtering.**
4. **Configure the Width and Length settings.**
The **Width** and **Length** settings represent the size of the filter on the X axis and the Y axis, respectively.
5. **Set the Preserve Interior Feature setting if necessary.**
The **Preserve Interior Feature** setting limits filtering to the outside edges of the target.

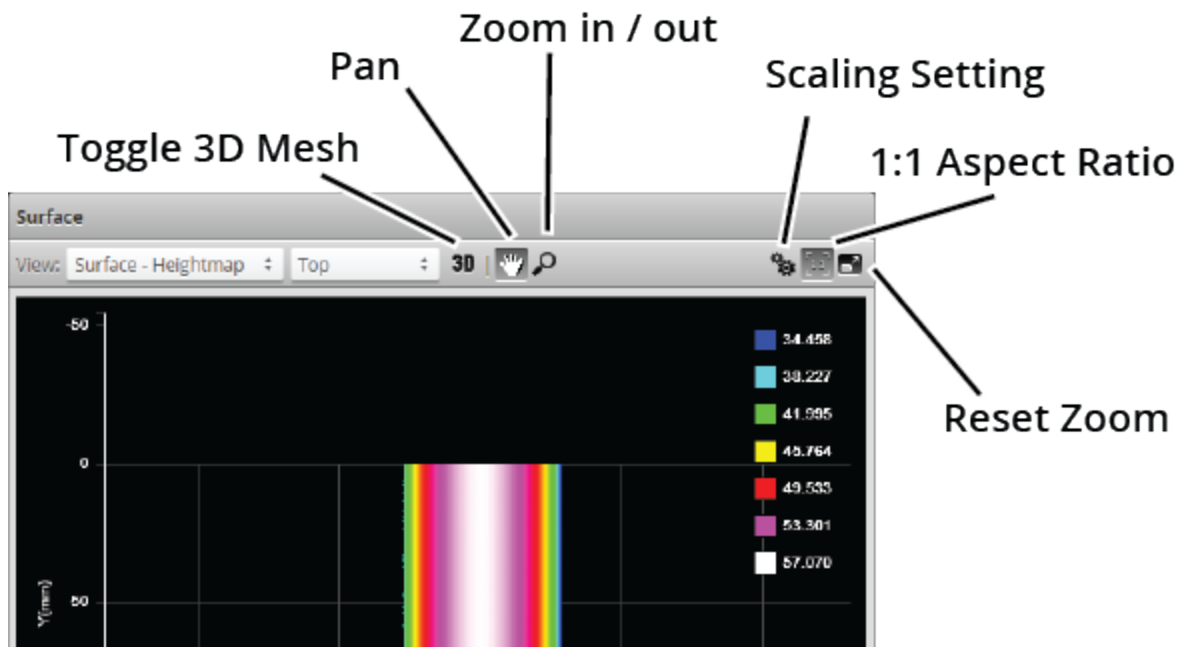
Data Viewer

The data viewer can display images in a 2D view and height map (resampled point cloud) or intensity in 2D or 3D views. The data viewer changes depending on the current operation mode and the panel that has been selected. Use the drop down list at the top-left corner to select the data source to view. The available data sources depend on the operation mode settings.

Data Viewer Controls

The data viewer is controlled by mouse clicks and by the buttons on the display toolbar. The mouse wheel can be also be used for zooming in and out.

Press 'F' when the cursor is in the data viewer to switch to full screen.



Video Mode

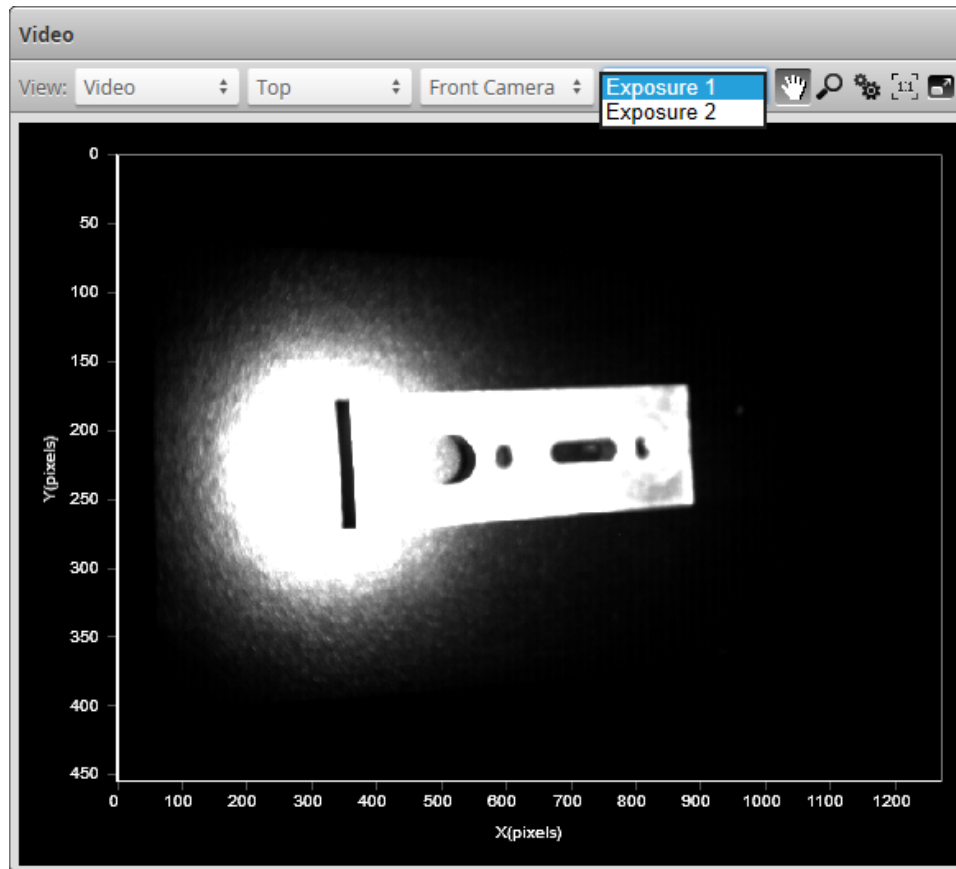
In Video scan mode, the data viewer displays a camera image from either of the two cameras in the sensor.

Exposure View

Exposure can be set to **Dynamic**, or **Multiple**. Different exposures can be displayed in the data viewer if more than one exposure has been set. For details on setting exposure in the **Exposure** tab in the **Sensor** panel, see page 61.

If the **Multiple** option is selected in the **Exposure** tab and multiple exposures have been set, a drop-down is displayed at the top of the data viewer. This drop-down lists the exposures that have been added. Choosing an exposure changes the view of the data viewer to that exposure.

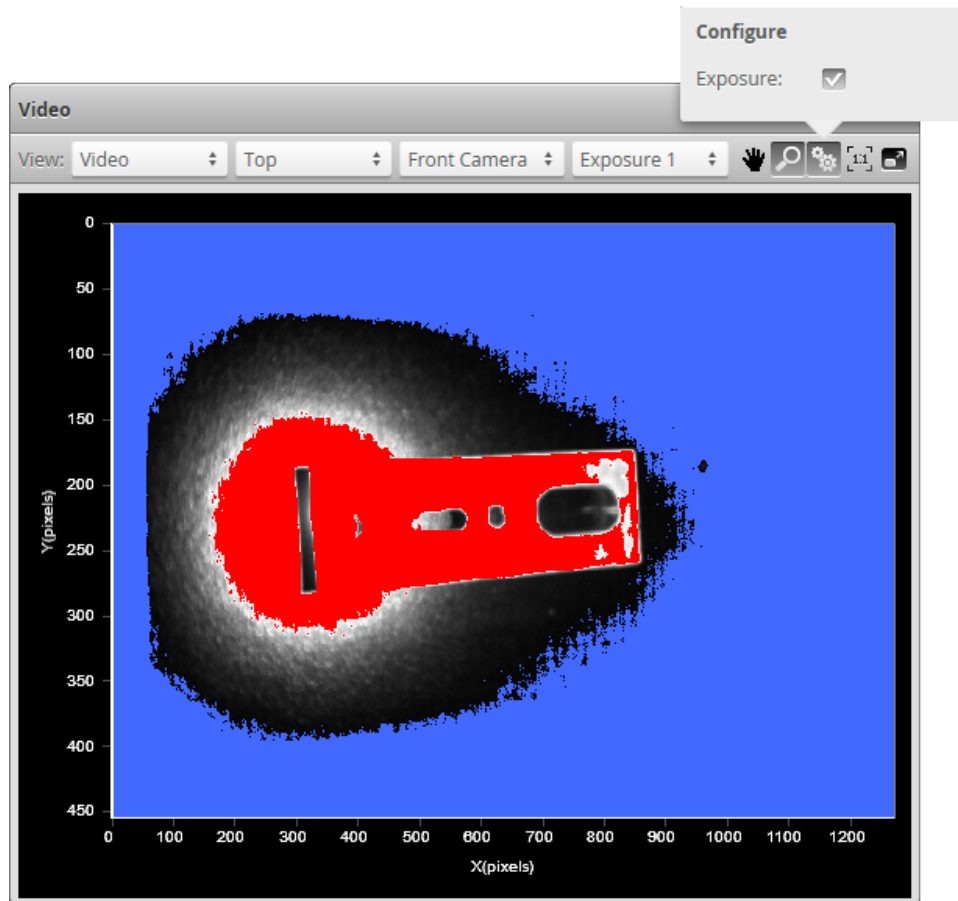
If the **Single** option is selected in the **Exposure** tab, the exposure drop-down will not be shown and only one exposure will be displayed.



To select the exposure view of the display:

1. **Go to the Scan page and choose Video mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
2. **Select the camera view in the data viewer.**
Select **Front Camera** or **Back Camera** from the first drop-down list next to **View** at the top of the data viewer.
3. **Select the exposure.**
Select the exposure from the second drop-down list next to **View** at the top of the data viewer. This drop-down is only be visible if the **Multiple** option has been selected.

To display a color exposure overlay on the video image to help set the correct exposure, check **Exposure Indication** at the top of the data viewer.



Exposure Indication uses the following colors:

- Blue: Indicates background pixels ignored by the sensor.
- Red: Indicates saturated pixels.

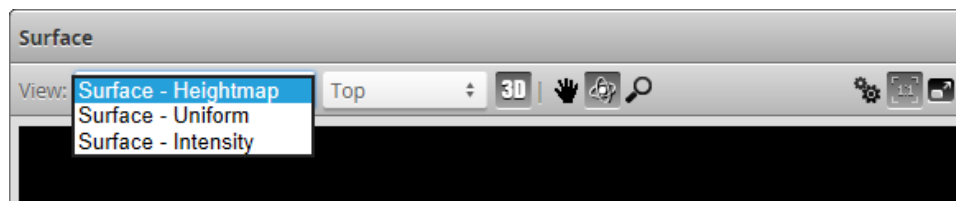
Correct tuning of exposure depends on the reflective properties of the target material and on the requirements of the application. Settings should be carefully evaluated for each application.

The Gocator 3100 cannot generate 3D points in over-saturated (areas indicated with red) or in under-exposed areas (indicated with blue). If it's not possible to set a single exposure to capture the entire object target without red areas appearing in the image, the **Multiple** exposure feature should be enabled. Use the drop-down selection box to view each exposure and tune one high exposure for dark areas on the target and one low exposure for bright areas on the target. Note that multiple exposures reduce the maximum speed the sensor can run at.

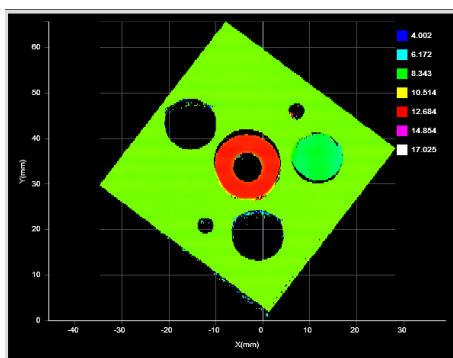
Surface Mode

When the Gocator is in Surface scan mode, the data viewer can display height maps and intensity images. You can select the data to display from the **View** drop-down.

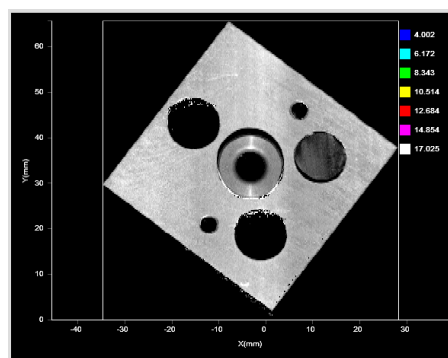
Clicking on the **3D** button displays Surface data in the 3D viewer. The 3D model is overlaid with the information that corresponds to the selected **View** option.



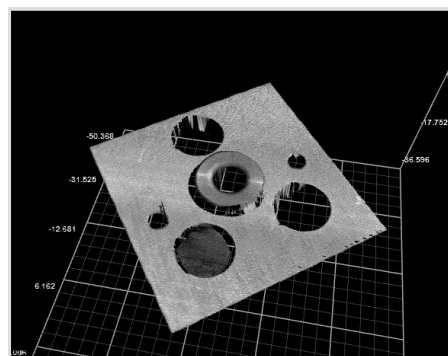
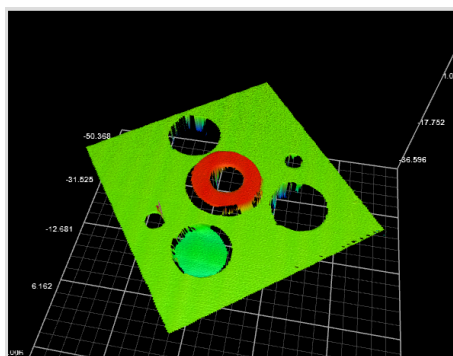
View Option	Information
Surface - Heightmap	In 2D view, displays the pseudo color height map. In 3D view, overlays the 2D pseudo color height map on the 3D model.
Surface - Uniform	Overlays a uniform shaded surface on the 3D model. (Only available in 3D view.)
Surface - Intensity	In 2D view, displays the intensity. In 3D view, overlays the intensity map on the 3D model. (Acquire Intensity must be checked in the Scan Mode panel.)



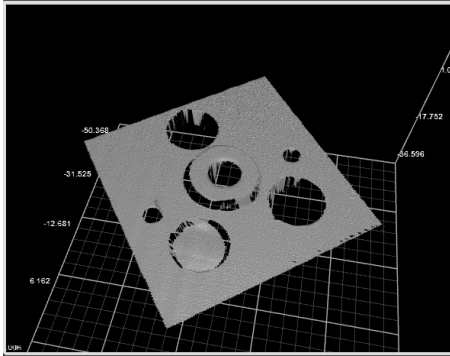
2D viewer for height map



2D viewer for intensity



3D viewer with height map overlay



3D viewer with intensity overlay

3D viewer with uniform overlay

Clicking on the **3D** button toggles between the 2D and 3D viewer. See *Data Viewer Controls* (page 72) for explanations on the available controls.

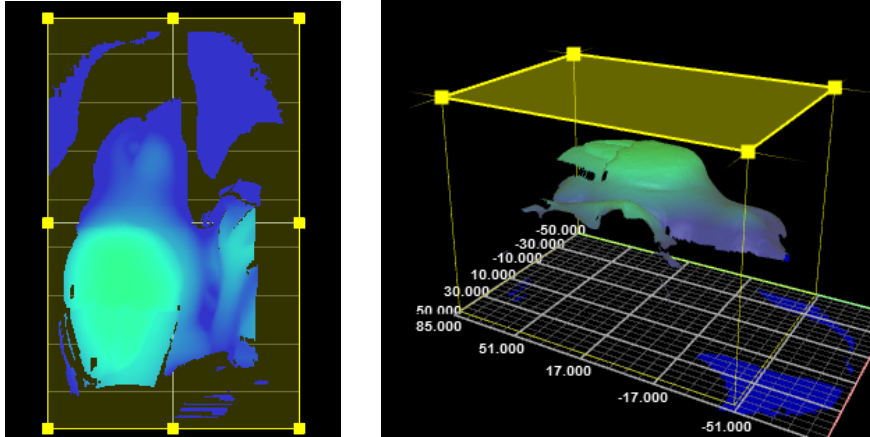
To manually select the display type and the display view in the Scan page:

1. **Go to the Scan page.**
2. **Select the View options in the data viewer.**
Profile, Heightmap, Uniform, or Intensity can be selected from the left drop-down list.

Region Definition

Regions, such as an active area or a measurement region, can be graphically set up using the data viewer in the 2D or in the 3D view.

When the **Scan** page is active, the data viewer can be used to graphically configure the active area. The Active Area setting can also be configured manually by entering values into its fields and is found in the **Sensor** panel see page 57.

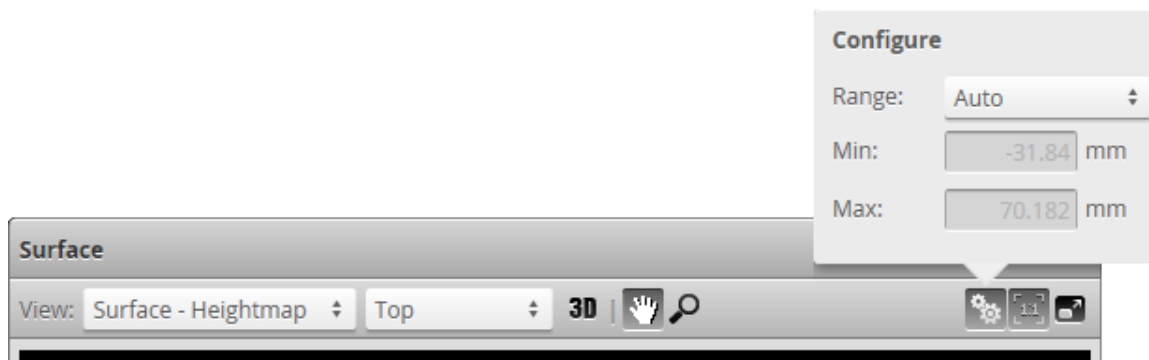


To set up a region of interest:

1. **Move the mouse cursor to the rectangle. In the 3D viewer, you must first select which side of the 3D rectangle to adjust by clicking on it.**
The rectangle is automatically displayed when a setup or measurement requires an area to be specified.
2. **Drag the rectangle to move it, and use the handles on the rectangle's border to resize it.**

Height Map Color Scale

Height maps are displayed in pseudo-color. The height axis (Z) is color-coded. The scaling of the height map can be adjusted.



To change the scaling of the height map:

1. **Select Heightmap from the drop-down in the data viewer.**
2. **Click the Scaling button.**
 - To automatically set the scale, choose **Auto** in the **Range** drop-down.

- To automatically set the scale based on a user-selected sub-region of the heightmap, choose **Auto - Region** in the **Range** drop-down and adjust the yellow region box in the data viewer to the desired location and size.
- To manually set the scale, choose the **Manual** in the **Range** drop-down and enter the minimum and maximum height to which the colors will be mapped.

Intensity Output

Gocator sensors can produce intensity images that measure the amount of light reflected by an object. An 8-bit intensity value is output for each point in the 3D point cloud.

Intensity output is enabled by checking the Acquire Intensity checkbox in the **Scan Mode** panel.



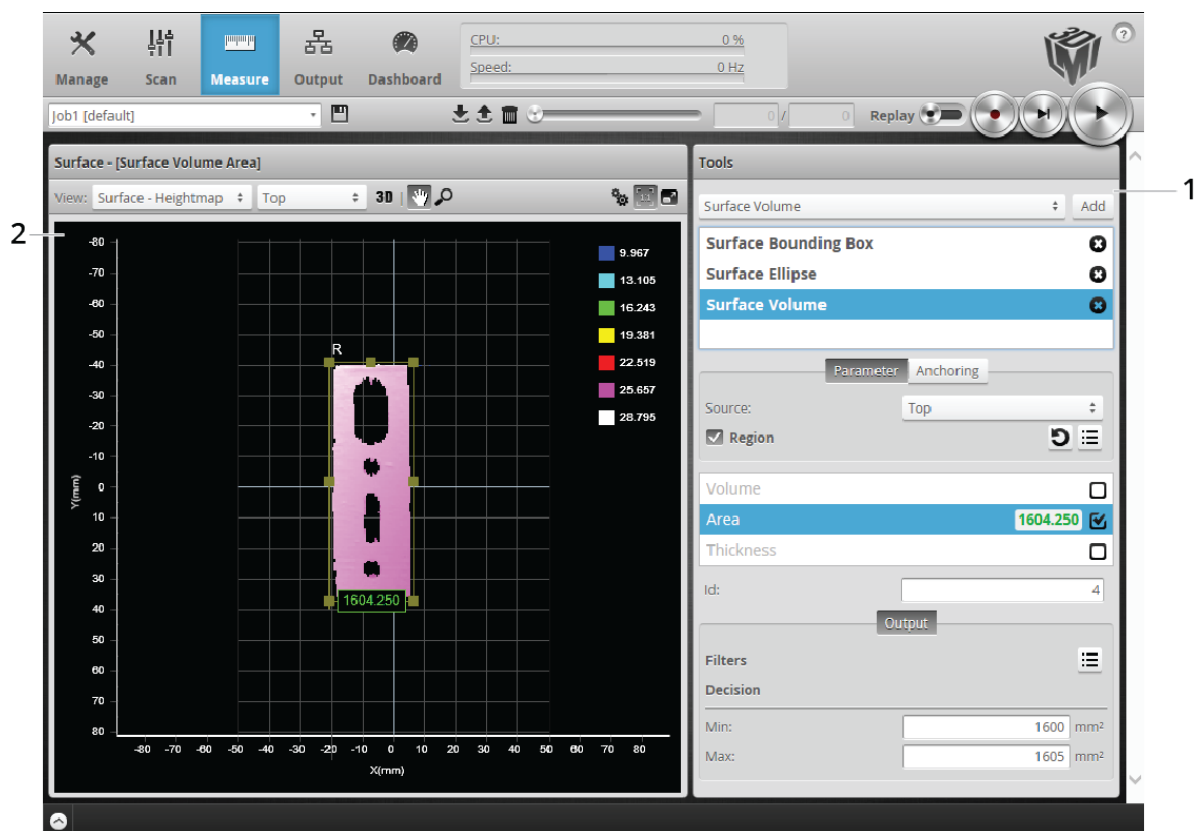
Measurement

The following sections describe the Gocator's tools and measurements.

Measure Page Overview

Measurement tools are added and configured using the **Measure** page.

The content of the **Tools** panel in the **Measure** page depends on the current scan mode. In Surface mode, the **Measure** page displays tools for surface measurement. In Video mode, tools are not accessible.



Element	Description
1 Tools panel	Used to add, manage, and configure tools and measurements (see next page) and to choose anchors (see page 89).
2 Data Viewer	Displays surface data, sets up tools, and displays result calipers related to the selected measurement. Parts are displayed using a height map, which is a top-down view of the XY plane, where color represents height. See <i>Data Viewer</i> (next page).
3 Feature Area	Configurable region of interest from which feature points are detected. These feature points are used to calculate the measurements. The number of feature areas displayed depends on which measurement tool is currently selected.

Data Viewer

Regions, such as active area or measurement regions, can be graphically set up using the data viewer in the 2D or in the 3D view.

When the **Measure** page is active, the data viewer can be used to graphically configure measurement regions. Measurement regions can also be configured manually in measurements by entering values into the provided fields (see page 85).

For instructions on how to set up measurement regions graphically, see page 77.

Tools Panel

The **Tools** panel lets you add, configure, and manage tools. Tools contain related measurements. For example, the Position tool provides X, Y, and Z position measurements.

Some settings apply to tools, and therefore to all measurements, whereas some settings apply to specific measurements. See *Surface Measurement* (page 91) for information on the measurement tools and their settings.

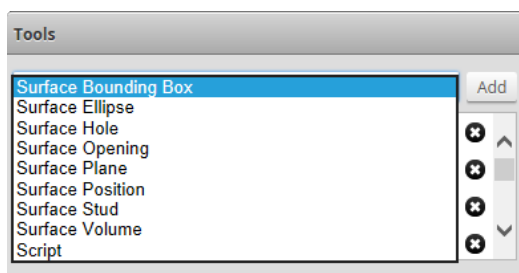


Tool names in the user interface include the scan mode, but not in the manual. So for example, you will see "Surface Bounding Box" in the user interface, but simply "Bounding Box" in the manual.

Measurement Tool Management

Adding and Removing Tools

Adding a tool adds all of the tool's measurements to the **Tools** panel, which can then be enabled and configured selectively.



To add a tool:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**

4. In the **Tools** panel, select the tool you want to add from the drop-down list of tools.
5. **Click on the Add button in the Tools panel.**
The tool and its available measurements will be added to the tool list. The tool parameters will be listed in the configuration area below the tool list.

To remove a tool:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the tool list, click on the "x" button of the tool you want to delete.**
The tool will be removed from the tool list.

Enabling and Disabling Measurements

All of the measurements available in a tool are listed in the measurement list in the **Tools** panel after a tool has been added. To configure a measurement, you must enable it.

Tools

Surface Bounding Box + Add

Surface Bounding Box ✕

Parameter **Anchoring**

Source: Top +

Rotation: ■

☒ **Region** ↺ ⋮

X	☐
Y	☐
Z	☐
Width	☐
Length	144.500 ☒
Height	☐
Z Angle	☐

Id: 1

Output

Filters ⋮

Decision

Min: 144 mm

Max: 145 mm

To enable a measurement:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the measurements list, check the box of the measurement you want to enable.**
The measurement will be enabled and selected. The **Output** tab, which contains output settings will be displayed below the measurements list. For some measurements, a **Parameters** tab, which contains measurement-specific parameters, will also be displayed.

To disable a measurement:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**

2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the measurement list, uncheck the box of the measurement you want to disable.**
The measurement will be disabled and the **Output** tab (and the **Parameters** tab if it was available) will be hidden.

Editing a Tool or Measurement Name

You can assign a name to each tool and measurement. This allows multiple instances of tools and measurements of the same type to be more easily distinguished in the Gocator web interface. The measurement name is also referenced by the Script tool.

To edit a tool name:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the tool list, double-click on the tool name you want to change.**
5. **Type a new name in the ID field.**
6. **Press the Tab or Enter key, or click outside the name edit field.**
The name will be changed.

To change a measurement name:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the measurement list, double-click on the measurement name you want to change.**
5. **Type a new name in the ID field.**
6. **Press the Tab or Enter key, or Click outside of the name edit field.**
The name change will be changed.

Changing a Measurement ID

The measurement ID is used to uniquely identify a measurement in the Gocator protocol or in the SDK. The value **must** be unique among all measurements.

To edit a measurement ID:

1. **Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
4. **In the measurement list, select a measurement.**
To select a measurement, it must be enabled. See *Enabling and Disabling Measurements* (page 82) for instructions on how to enable a measurement.
5. **Click in the ID field.**
6. **Enter a new ID number.**
The value must be unique among all measurements.
7. **Press the Tab or Enter key, or click outside the ID field.**
The measurement ID will be changed.

Common Measurement Settings

All tools provide region settings under the **Parameter** tab, and all measurements provide decision and filter settings under the **Output** tab.

Many tools and measurements also have tool- and measurement-specific parameters. See the individual measurement tools for details.

Regions

The Region parameter is used by tools to limit the region in which a measurement will occur. See the individual tools for details on the best way to use this parameter with each tool.

The parameter can be configured graphically using the mouse in the data viewer when the **Measure** page is active.

Some measurements use more than one region.

Region			
X:	-54.122	mm	
Z:	-36.593	mm	
Width:	109.67	mm	
Height:	109.67	mm	

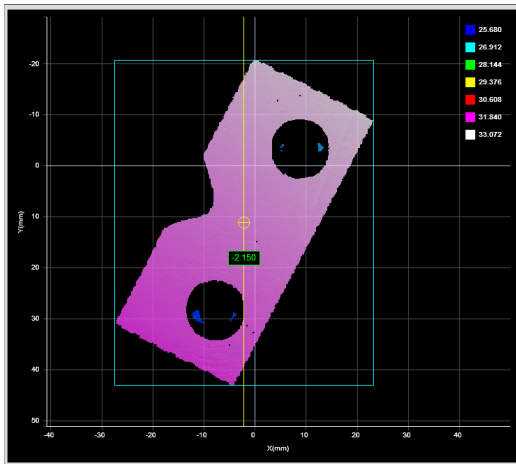
This parameter is also referred to as a measurement region.

To configure regions:

- 1. Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.**
- 2. Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.
- 3. Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**
- 4. In the Tools panel, click on a tool in the tool list.**
- 5. Expand the region area by clicking on the expand button .**
Some region settings are found within other settings in this area.
- 6. Configure the region using the fields.**
You can also configure the region graphically using the mouse in the data viewer.

Decisions

Results from a measurement can be compared against minimum and maximum thresholds to generate pass / fail decisions. The decision state is pass if a measurement value is between the minimum and maximum threshold. In the user interface, these values are displayed in green. Otherwise, the decision state is fail. In the user interface, these values are displayed in red.



X	-2.150	☒
Y		☐
Z		☐
Width		☐
Length		☐
Height		☐
Z Angle		☐

Id:

Output

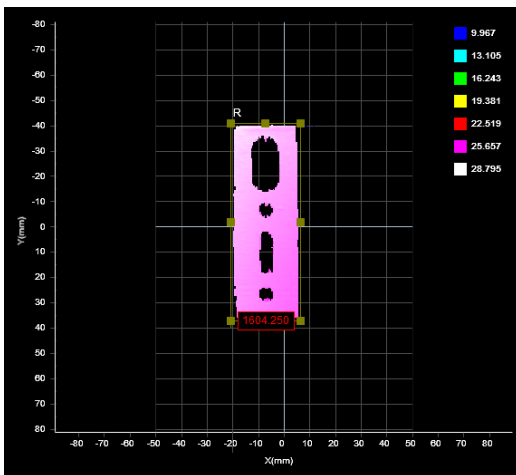
Filters

Decision

Min: mm

Max: mm

Value (-2.150) within decision thresholds (Min: -3, Max: -2). Decision: Pass



Parameter **Anchoring**

Source:

☒ **Region**

Volume ☐

Area 1604.250 ☒

Thickness ☐

Id:

Output

Filters

Decision

Min: mm²

Max: mm²

Value (1604.250) outside decision thresholds (Min: 1500, Max: 1600). Decision: Fail

Along with measurement values, decisions can be sent to external programs and devices. In particular, decisions are often used with digital outputs to trigger an external event in response to a measurement. See *Output* (page 125) for more information on transmitting values and decisions.

To configure decisions:

1. Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.
2. Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.
If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.

3. Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.
4. In the Tools panel, click on a tool in the tool list.
5. In the measurement list, select a measurement.
To select a measurement, it must be enabled. See *Enabling and Disabling Measurements* (page 82) for instructions on how to enable a measurement.
6. Click on the Output tab.
For some measurements, only the **Output** tab is displayed.
7. Enter values in the Min and Max fields.

Filters

Filters can be applied to measurement values before they are output from the Gocator sensors.

Filter	Description
Scale and Offset	The Scale and Offset settings are applied to the measurement value according to the following formula: $\text{Scale} * \text{Value} + \text{Offset}$ Scale and Offset can be used to transform the output without the need to write a script. For example, to convert the measurement value from millimeters to thousands of an inch, set Scale to 39.37.
Hold Last Valid	Holds the last valid value when the measurement is invalid. Measurement is invalid if there is no valid value.
Smoothing	Applies moving window averaging to reduce random noise in a measurement output. The averaging window is configured in number of frames. If Hold Last Valid is enabled, smoothing uses the output of the Hold Last Valid filter.

To configure the filters:

1. Go to the Scan page by clicking on the Scan icon.

2. **Choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.**

If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.

3. **Go to the Measure page by clicking on the Measure icon.**

4. **In the Tools panel, click on a tool in the tool list.**

5. **In the measurement list, select a measurement.**

To select a measurement, it must be enabled. See *Enabling and Disabling Measurements* (page 82) for instructions on how to enable a measurement.

6. **Click on the Output tab.**

For some measurements, only the **Output** tab is displayed.

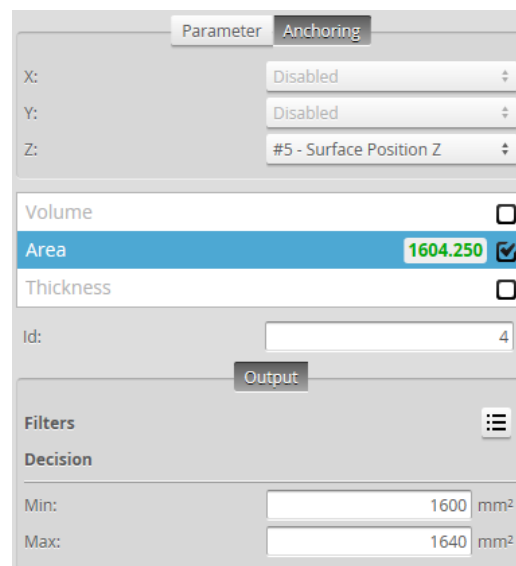
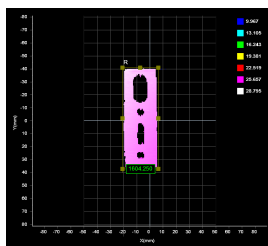
7. **Expand the Filters panel by clicking on the panel header or the button.**

8. **Configure the filters.**

Refer to the table above for a list of the filters.

Measurement Anchoring

Measurement anchoring is used to track the movement of parts within the field of view of the sensor, compensating for variations in the height and position of parts. The movement is calculated as an offset from the position of a measured feature, where the offset is then used to correct the positions of measurement regions of other measurement tools. This ensures that the regions used to measure features are correctly positioned for every part.



Anchoring is not required in order to use measurement tools. This is an optional feature that helps make measurements more robust when the position and the height of the target varies from target to target.

Any X, Y, or Z measurement can be used as an anchor for a tool.

Several anchors can be created to run in parallel. For example, you could anchor some measurements relative to the left edge of a target at the same time as some other measurements are anchored relative to the right edge of a target.

To anchor a surface tool to a measurement:

1. Put a representative target object in the field of view.

The target should be similar to the objects that will be measured later.

- a. Start the sensor, scan the target and then stop the sensor.

2. Add a suitable tool to act as an anchor.

A suitable tool is one that returns an X, Y, or Z position as a measurement value.

3. Go to the Scan page and choose Surface mode in the Scan Mode panel.

If this mode is not selected, tools will not be available in the **Measure** panel.

4. Go to the Measure page and adjust the settings of the tool and measurements you want to use as anchor.

5. Adjust the anchor tool's measurement region, and choose a feature type (if applicable).

You can adjust the measurement region graphically in the data viewer or manually by expanding the **Regions** area.

The position and size of the anchor tool's measurement regions define the zone within which movement will be tracked.

6. Add the tool that will be anchored.

Any tool can be anchored.

7. Adjust the tool and measurement settings, as well as the measurement regions.

8. Click on the tool's Anchoring tab.

9. Choose an anchor from the X, Y, or Z drop-down box.

When you choose an anchor, a white "bulls-eye" indicator shows the position of the anchor in the data viewer.

If the sensor is running, the anchored tool's measurement regions are shown in white to indicate the regions are locked to the anchor. The measurement regions of anchored tools cannot be adjusted.

The anchored tool's measurement regions are now tracked and will move with the target's position under the sensor, as long as the anchor measurement produces a valid measurement value. If the anchor measurement is invalid, for example, if there is no target under the sensor, the anchored tool will not show the measurement regions at all and an "Invalid-Anchor" message will be displayed in the tool panel.

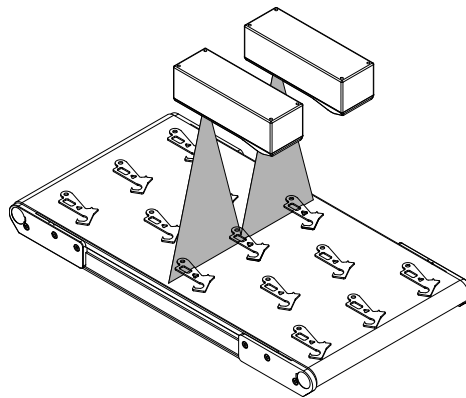
To remove an anchor from a tool:

1. Click on the anchored tool's Anchoring tab.

Select **Disabled** in the X, Y, or Z drop-down.

Surface Measurement

Surface measurement involves capturing 3D point cloud data, optionally identifying discrete objects, and measuring properties of the surface or the objects, such as the volume of the object or the height at a certain position of the object. All volumetric tools have the ability to operate either on the entire surface or the full object, or within a region of interest at a certain position in relation to the surface or an object.



Multiple measurements can be performed on the entire surface or each discrete object, limited only by the available CPU resources.

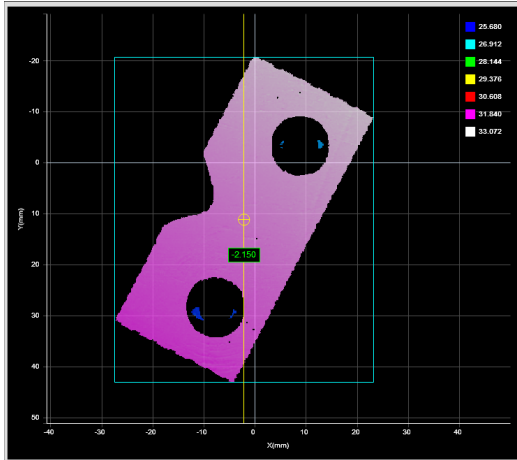
Measurement Tools

Bounding Box

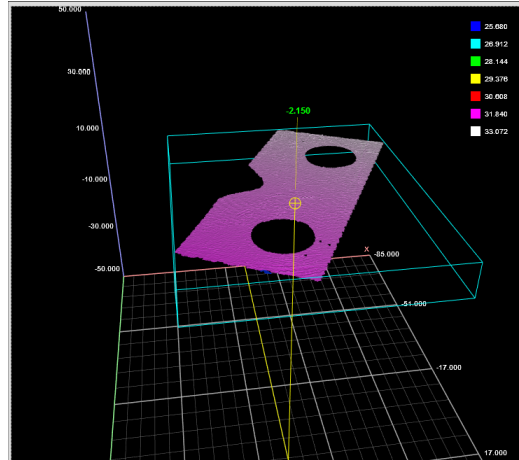
The Bounding Box tool provides measurements related to the smallest rectangle box that encapsulates the part (X position, Y position, width, and length).

The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.

A bounding box can be vertical or rotated. A vertical bounding box provides the absolute position from which the Position centroids tools are referenced.



2D View



3D View

ParameterAnchoring

Source:Top

Rotation:

☒ Region

X-2.150

☒

Y

☐

Z

☐

Width

☐

Length

☐

Height

☐

Z Angle

☐

Global X

☐

Global Y

☐

Id:0

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:0 mm

Max:0 mm

Measurement Panel

Measurements

Measurement

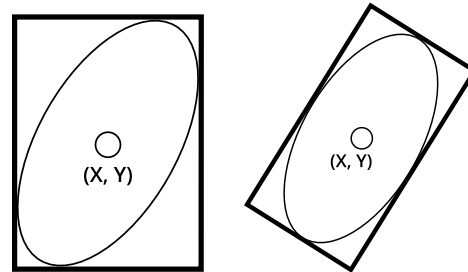
Illustration

X

Determines the X position of the center of the smallest rectangle that encapsulates the part. The value returned is relative to the part.

Y

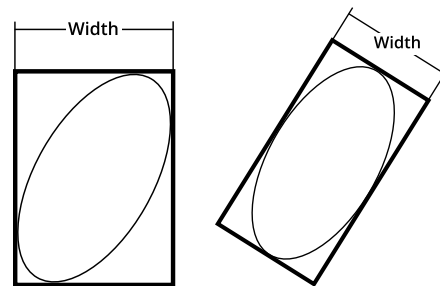
Determines the Y position of the center of the smallest rectangle that encapsulates the part. The value returned is relative to the part.



Width

Determines the width of the smallest rectangle box that encapsulates the part. The width reports the dimension of the box in the direction of the minor axis.

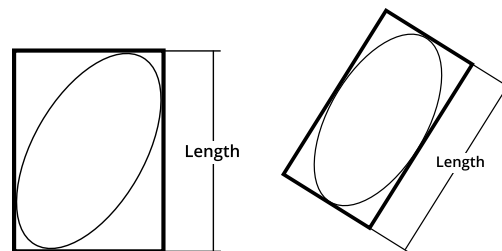
When rotation is enabled, the bounding box is rotated by the angle of an ellipse fitted to the part data.



Length

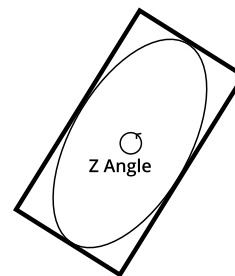
Determines the height (thickness) of the smallest rectangle box that encapsulates the part. The length reports the dimension of the box in the direction of the major axis.

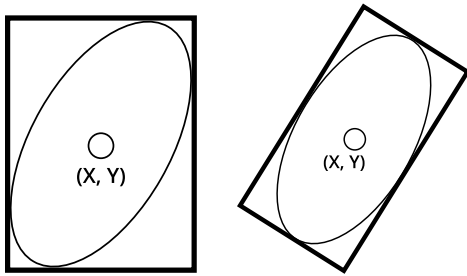
When rotation is enabled, the bounding box is rotated by the angle of an ellipse fitted to the part data.



Z Angle

Determines the rotation about the Z axis and the angle of the bounding box relative to the X axis.



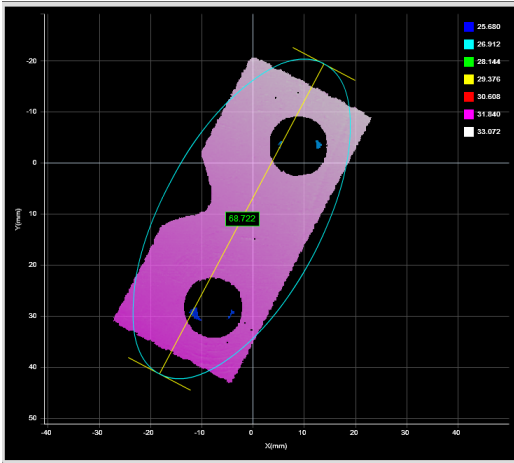
Measurement	Illustration
Global X Determines the X position of the center of the smallest rectangle that encapsulates the part. The value returned is relative to the global/sensor coordinates.	
Global Y Determines the Y position of the center of the smallest rectangle that encapsulates the part. The value returned is relative to the global/sensor coordinates.	

Parameters

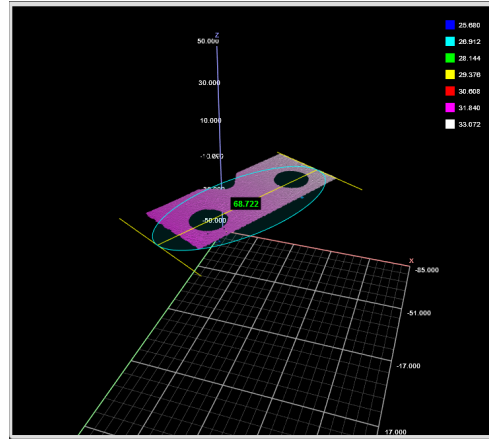
Parameter	Description
Rotation	A bounding box can be vertical or rotated. A vertical bounding box provides the absolute position from which the part's Position centroid measurements are referenced. Check the Rotation checkbox to select rotated bounding box.
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Ellipse

The Ellipse tool provides measurements for the major and minor axis lengths of an ellipse fitted to the part's shape in the XY plane, and also for the ratio of the major and minor axis lengths and for the orientation angle of the ellipse. The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.



2D View



3D View

Parameter

Anchoring

Source:

Top

☒ Region

↺

⋮

Major

68.722

☒

Minor

☐

Ratio

☐

Z Angle

☐

Id:

2

Output

Filters

⋮

Decision

Min:

68

mm

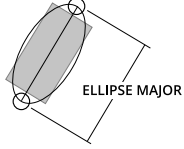
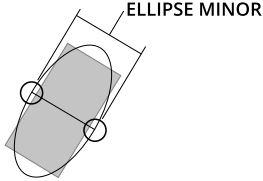
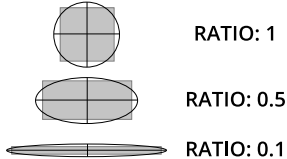
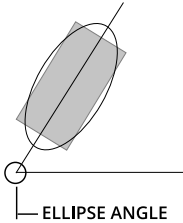
Max:

69

mm

Measurement Panel

Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
Major Determines the major axis length of an ellipse fitted to the part's area in the XY plane.	
Minor Determines the minor axis length of an ellipse fitted to the part's area in the XY plane.	
Ratio Determines the minor/major axis ratio of an ellipse fitted to the part's area in the XY plane.	
Z Angle Determines the orientation angle of an ellipse fitted to the part's area in the XY plane.	

Parameters

Parameter	Description
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

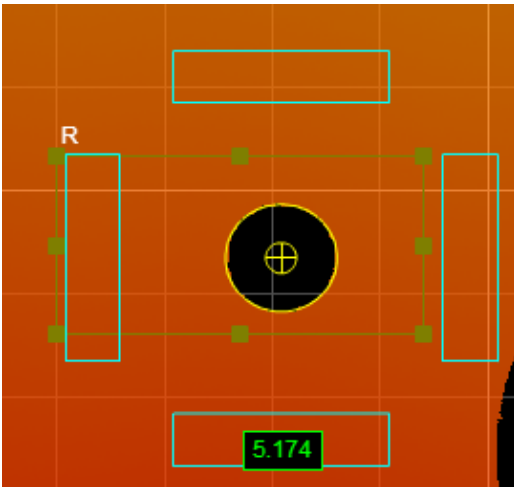
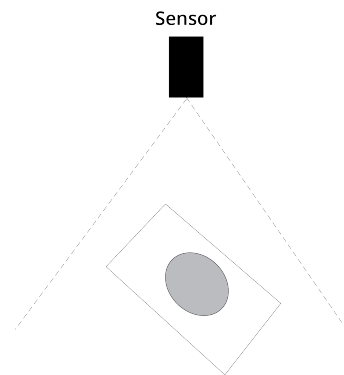
Hole

The Hole tool locates a circular opening within a region of interest on the surface and returns its position and radius.

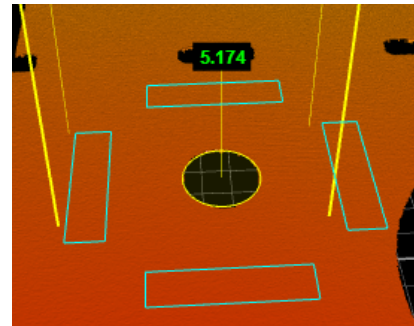
The hole can be on a surface at an angle to the sensor.

The tool uses a complex feature-locating algorithm to find a hole and then return measurements. See "Hole Algorithm" in the *Gocator Measurement Tool Technical Manual* for a detailed explanation of the algorithm. The behavior of the algorithm can be adjusted by changing the parameters in the measurement panel.

The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.



2D View



3D View

Parameter
Advanced
Anchoring

Source:
Top

Nominal Radius:
10
mm

Radius Tolerance:
5
mm

Partial Detection:
☐

☒ Region

X:
-40.062
mm

Y:
-3.225
mm

Z:
-50
mm

Width:
34.052
mm

Length:
17.152
mm

Height:
100
mm

X
☐

Y
☐

Z
☐

Radius
5.174
☒

Id:
10

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:
3
mm

Max:
8
mm

Parameter
Advanced
Anchoring

☒ Reference Region
Auto Set

Tilt Correction
Auto Set

X
☐

Y
☐

Z
☐

Radius
5.174
☒

Id:
10

Output

Filters

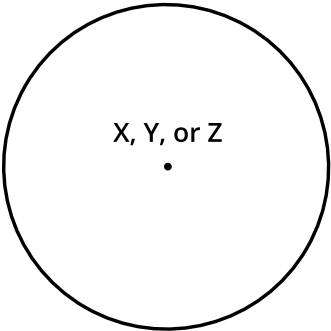
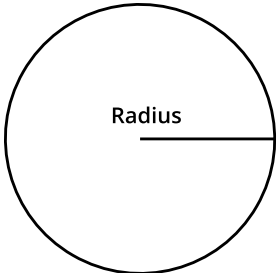
Decision

Min:
3
mm

Max:
8
mm

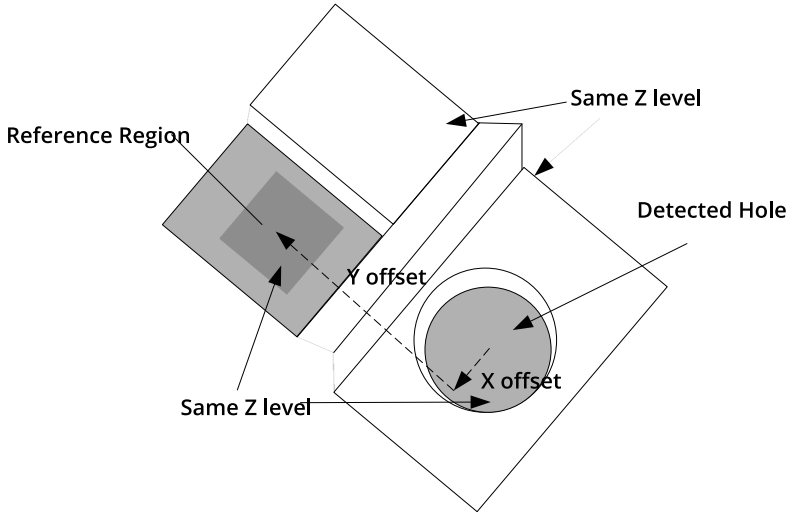
Measurement Panel

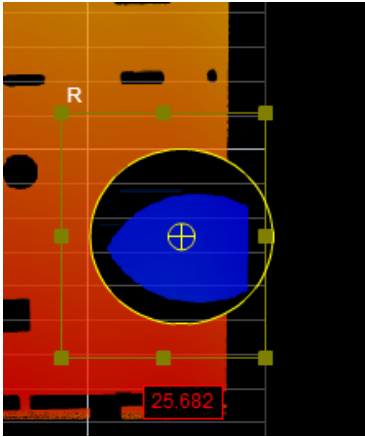
Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
X Determines the X position of the hole center.	 A diagram of a circle with a center point. The text "X, Y, or Z" is placed above the center point, which is marked with a small black dot.
Y Determines the Y position of the hole center.	
Z Determines the Z position of the hole center.	
Radius Determines the radius of the hole.	 A diagram of a circle with a radius line. A horizontal line segment extends from the center of the circle to the right edge. The word "Radius" is placed above this line segment.

Parameters

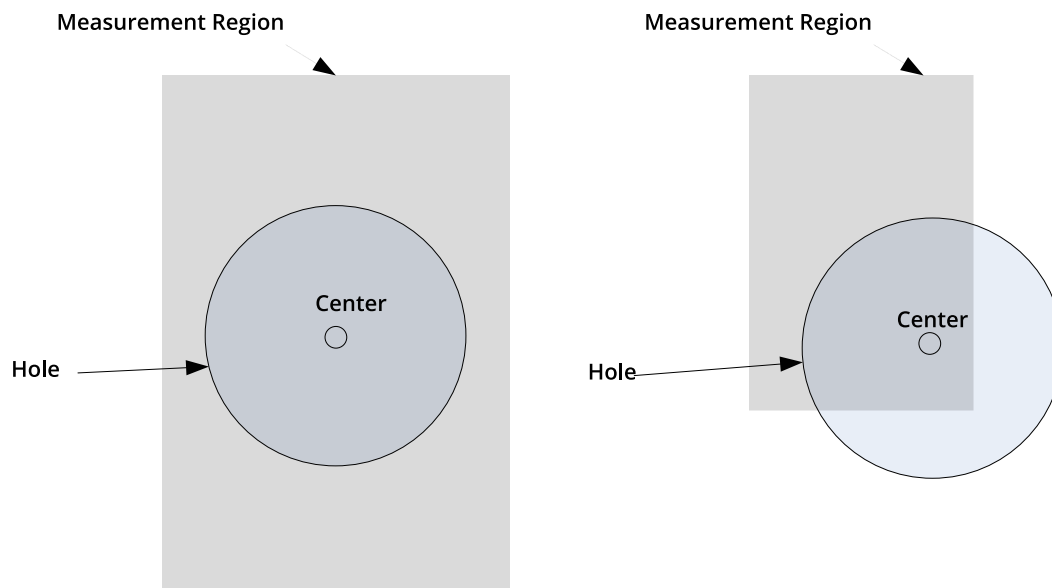
Parameter	Description
Nominal Radius	Expected radius of the hole.
Radius Tolerance	The maximum variation from the nominal radius (+/- from the nominal radius).
Reference Regions	The algorithm uses the Reference Regions option to calculate the Z position of the hole. It is typically used in cases where the surface around the hole is not flat.

Parameter	Description
	 When this option is set to Autoset, the algorithm automatically determines the reference region. When the option is not set to Autoset, the user manually specifies the reference region. The location of the reference region is relative to the detected center of the hole and positioned on the nominal surface plane. When the Reference Regions option is disabled, the tool measures the hole's Z position using all the data in the measurement region, except for a bounding rectangular region around the hole.
Tilt Correction	Tilt of the target with respect to the alignment plane. When this option is set to Autoset, the tool automatically detects the tilt. Otherwise, the user must enter the angles manually. Autoset requires the measurement region to cover more areas on the surface plane than other planes. The results from the Plane X and Y tool can be used for angles X and Y parameters.
Partial Detection	Enable if only part of the hole is within the measurement region. If disabled, the hole must be completely in the region of interest for results to be valid.

Parameter	Description
	
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Measurement Region

The center of the hole must be inside the measurement region, even if the Partial Detection option is enabled.



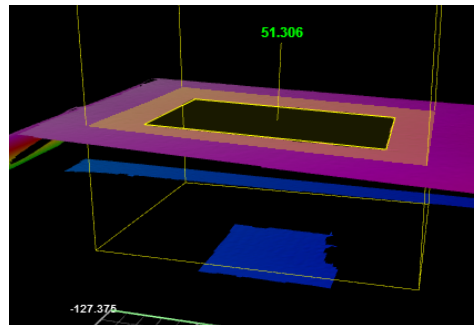
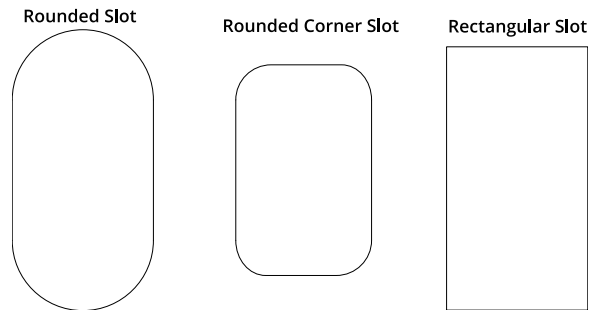
Opening

The Opening tool locates rounded, rectangular, and rounded corner openings. The opening can be on a surface at an angle to the sensor. The tool uses a complex feature-locating algorithm to find a hold and then return measurements. See "Opening Algorithm" in the *Gocator Measurement Tool Technical Manual* for a detailed explanation of the algorithm. The behavior of the algorithm can be adjusted by changing the parameters in the measurement panel.

The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.

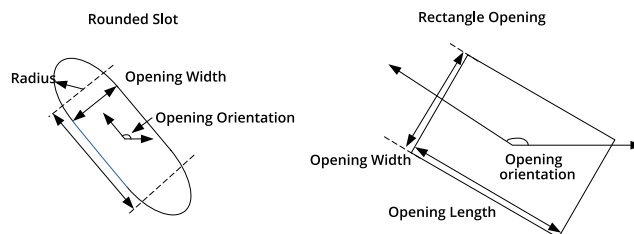
You can select the measurement region in which the opening is expected to appear.

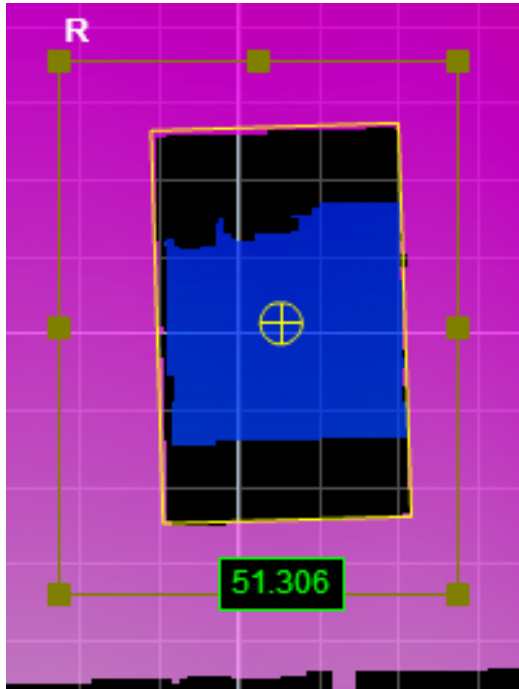
The algorithm can separate out background information that appears inside the opening. It can also detect a slot that only partially appears in the data.



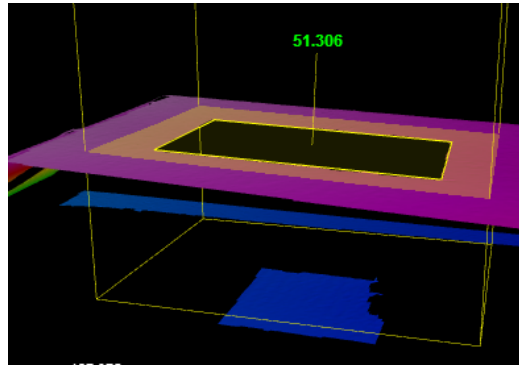
The shape of the opening is defined by its type and its nominal width, length, and radius.

The orientation defines the rotation around the normal of the alignment plane.





2D View



3D View

ParameterAdvancedAnchoring

Source:Top

Type:Rectangle

Nominal Width:30 mm

Nominal Length:45 mm

Nominal Angle:90 °

Nominal Radius:5 mm

Width Tolerance:10 mm

Length Tolerance:10 mm

Angle Tolerance:5 °

Partial Detection:☐

☒ Region

X☐

Y☐

Z☐

Width☐

Length51.306☒

Angle☐

Id:11

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:50 mm

Max:60 mm

ParameterAdvancedAnchoring

Reference Region

Auto Set

Tilt Correction

Auto Set

X

Y

Z

Width

Length51.306

Angle

Id:

11

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:

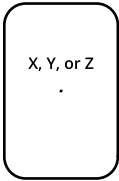
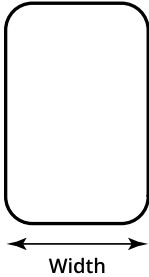
50 mm

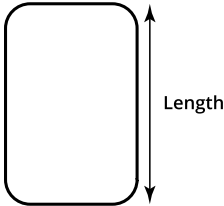
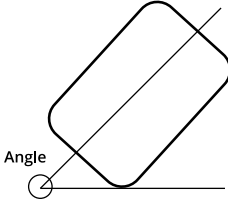
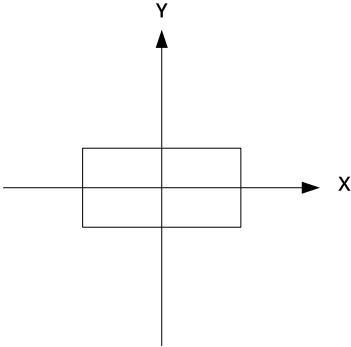
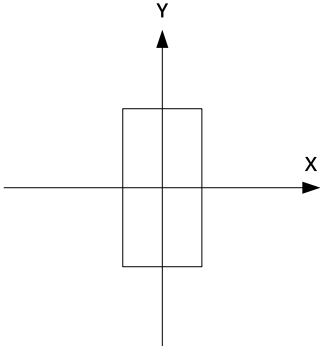
Max:

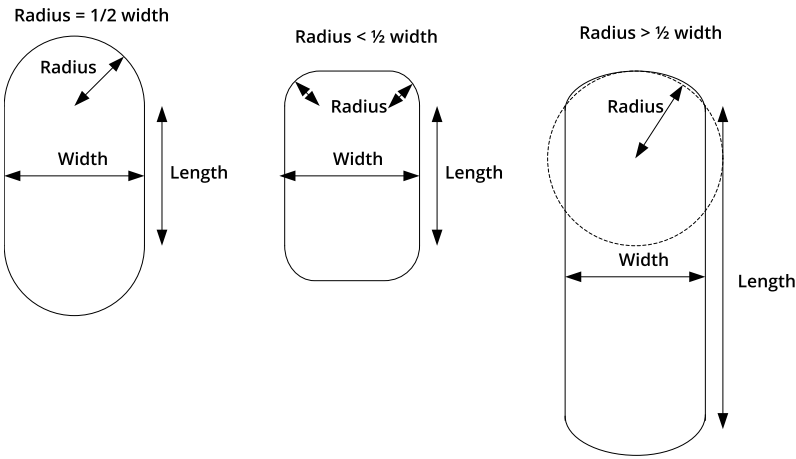
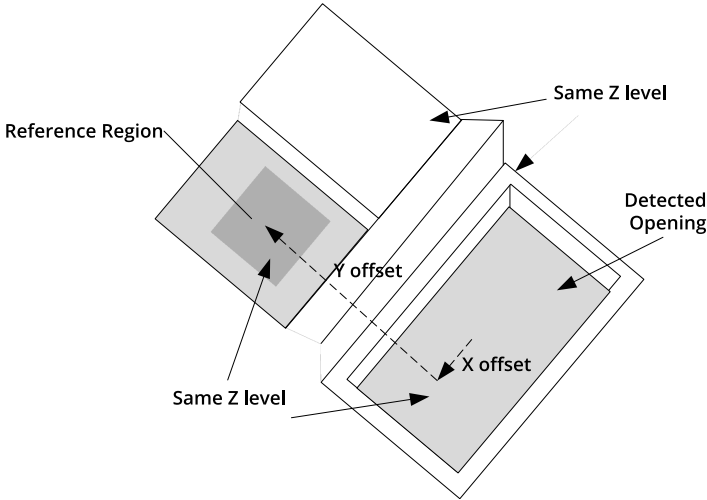
60 mm

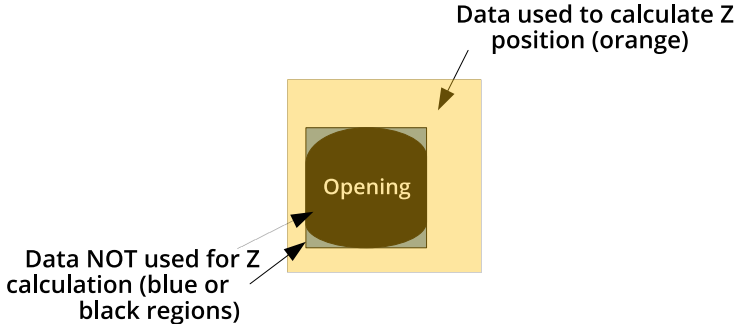
Measurement Panel

Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
X Determines the X position of the opening's center.	
Y Determines the Y position of the opening's center.	
Z Determines the Z position of the opening's center.	
Width Determines the width of the opening.	

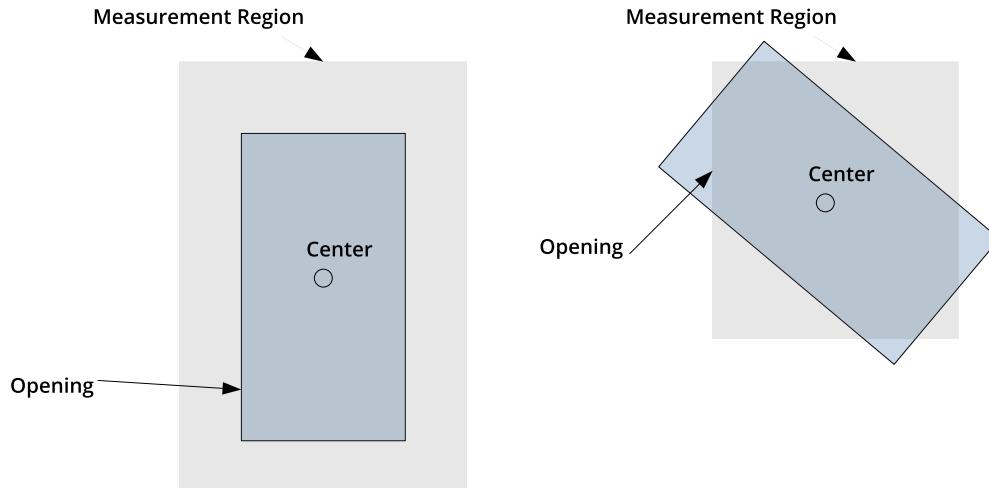
Measurement	Illustration
Length Determines the length of the opening.	
Angle Determines the angle (rotation) around the normal of the alignment plane.	
<i>Parameters</i>	
Parameter	Description
Type	Rounded Slot, Rectangle.
Nominal Width	Nominal width of the opening.
Nominal length	Nominal length of the opening.
Nominal Angle	Nominal angle of the opening. The default orientation is the length of the opening along the X axis.
Orientation: 0 degrees  Orientation: 90 degrees  The diagram above illustrates the case where the surface is not tilted. When the surface is tilted, the orientation is defined with respect to the normal of the surface, not with respect to the X-Y plane	
Nominal Radius	Nominal radius of the opening ends. If the opening type is set to rectangular, the radius setting is disabled. The opening has an oval shape if the radius is equal to ½

Parameter	Description
	of the width. The opening is a rounded rectangle when the radius is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the width. 
Width Tolerance	The maximum variation from the nominal width (+/- from the nominal value).
Length Tolerance	The maximum variation from the nominal length (+/- from the nominal value).
Orientation Tolerance	The maximum variation from the nominal orientation (+/- from the nominal value).
Reference Regions	The algorithm uses reference regions to calculate the Z position of the hole. Reference regions are relative to the center location of the feature. This option is typically used in cases where the surface around the opening is not flat. 
	When the Reference Regions setting is disabled, the tool measures the hole's Z position using the all data in the measurement region, except for a bounding rectangular region around the opening.

Parameter	Description
	 With one or more reference region, the algorithm calculates the Z positions as the average values of the data within the regions. When the user places the reference region manually, all of the data is used, whether the data is inside or outside the opening. The user should place the reference region carefully.
Tilt Correction	Tilt of the target with respect to the alignment plane. Set to Auto-Set to have the tool automatically detect the target's tilt, or enter the angles manually. Auto-Set requires the measurement region to cover more areas on the surface plane than other planes. The results from the Plane X and Y tool can be used for angles X and Y parameters.
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Measurement Region

The center and the two sides and ends of the opening must be within the measurement region, even if Partial Detection is enabled.

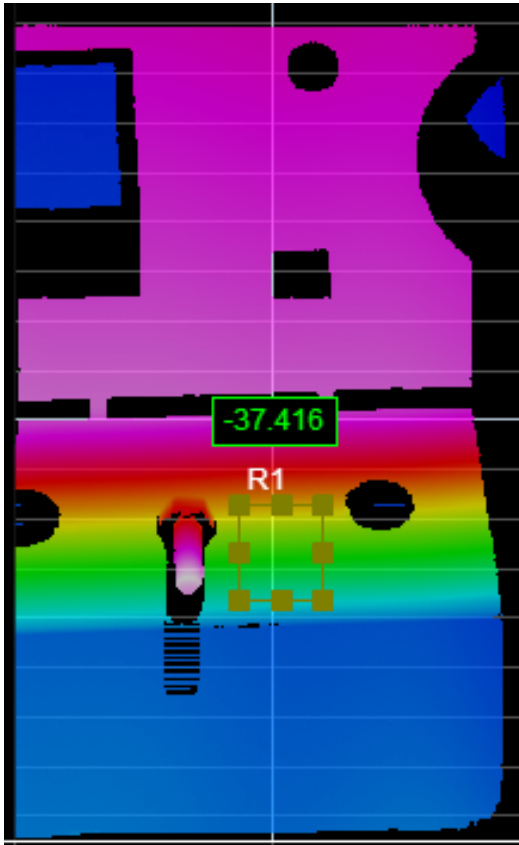


Plane

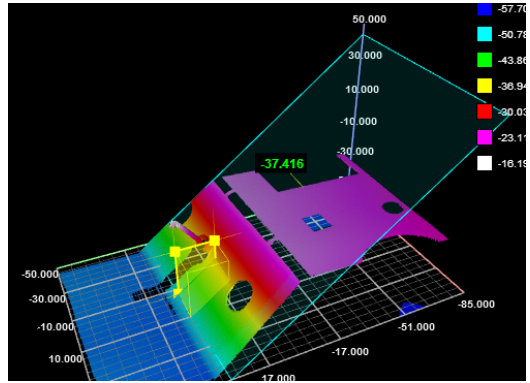
The Plane tool provides measurements that report angle X, angle Y, and offset Z of the surface with respect to the alignment target. The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.

The Z offset reported is the Z position at zero position on the X axis and the Y axis.

The results of the Plane Angle X and Plane Angle Y measurements can be used to customize the tilt angle in the Hole, Opening, and Stud tools.



2D View



3D View

ParameterAnchoring

Source:
Top

Regions
1 Region

X Angle
-37.416

Y Angle

Z Offset

Id:
5

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:
-38 mm

Max:
0 mm

Measurement Panel

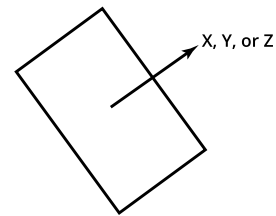
Measurements

Measurement

Illustration

Angle X

Determines the X angle of the surface with respect to the alignment target.

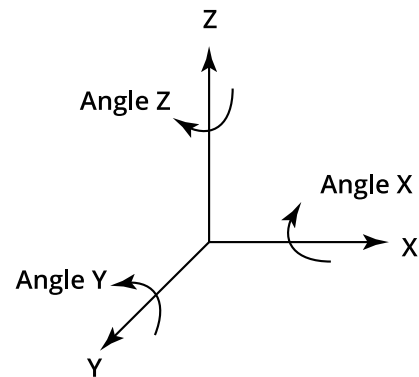


Angle Y

Determines the Y angle of the surface with respect to the alignment target.

Offset Z

Determines the z offset of the surface with respect to the alignment target.



Parameters

Parameter

Description

Decision

See *Decisions* (page 86).

Region

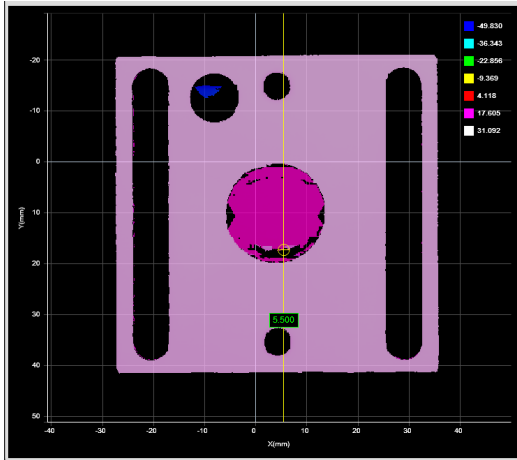
See *Regions* (page 85).

Output

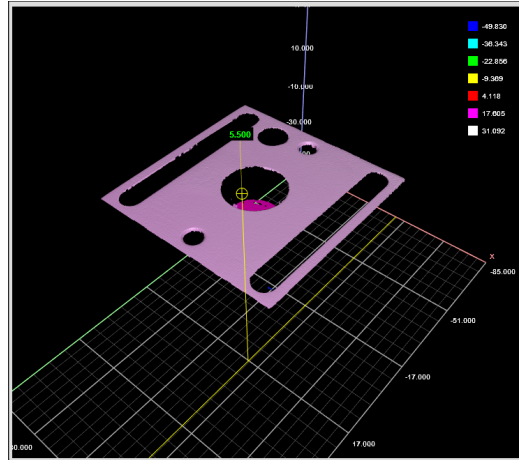
See *Filters* (page 88).

Position

The Position tool reports the X, Y, or Z position of a part. The feature type must be specified and is one of the following: Centroid 2D, Centroid 3D, Min X, Max X, Min Y, Max Y, Min Z, or Max Z. The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.



2D View



3D View

ParameterAnchoring

Source:Top

FeatureMax Z

X5.500

Y

Z

Id:6

Output

Filters

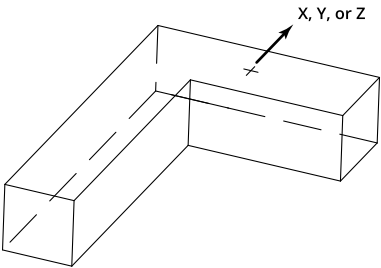
Decision

Min:5 mm

Max:6 mm

Measurement Panel

Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
X Determines the X position of the selected feature type.	
Y Determines the Y position of the selected feature type.	
Z Determines the Z position of the selected feature type.	

Parameters

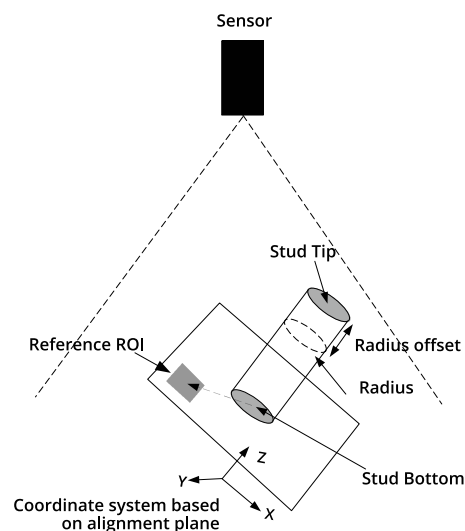
Parameter	Description
Feature Type	Choose Centroid 2D, Centroid 3D, Min X, Max X, Min Y, Max Y, Min Z, or Max Z.
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Stud

The Stud tool measures the location and radius of a stud.

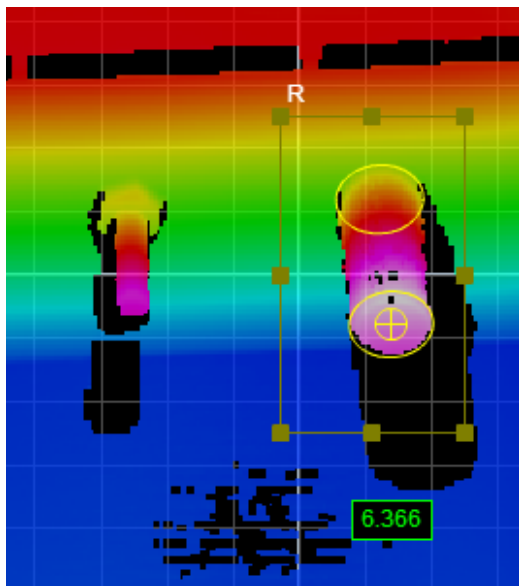
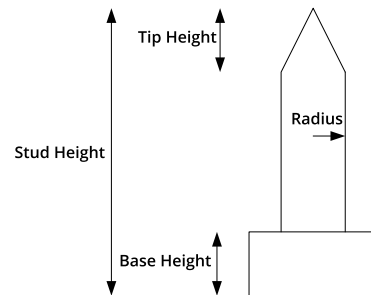
The tool uses a complex feature-locating algorithm to find a stud and then return measurements. See "Stud Algorithm" in the *Gocator Measurement Tool Technical Manual* for a detailed explanation of the algorithm. The behavior of the algorithm can be adjusted by changing the parameters in the measurement panel.

The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements. The location of the stud is defined at either the stud tip or the stud base. The tip is the intersection of the stud axis and the top of the stud; the base is the intersection of the stud

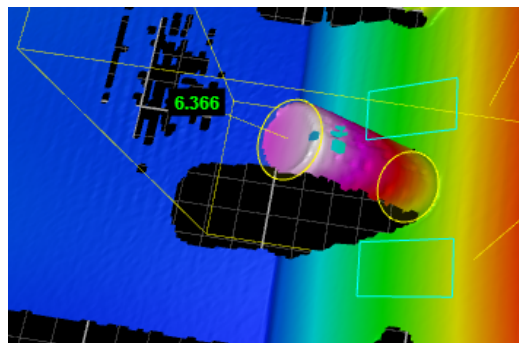


axis and the surrounding plane.

The stud shape is defined by the tip height and base height. The base and tip heights specify where the shaft with the nominal radius begins and ends.



2D View



3D View

ParameterAdvancedAnchoring

Source:Top

Stud Radius:5 mm

Stud Height:20 mm

Base Height:0 mm

Tip Height:0 mm

☒ Region

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X:-25 mm

Y:-25 mm

Z:-50 mm

Width:50 mm

Length:50 mm

Height:100 mm

Base X☐

Base Y☐

Base Z☐

Tip X☐

Tip Y☐

Tip Z☐

Radius6.366☒

Id:13

ParametersOutput

Radius Offset:0 mm

ParameterAdvancedAnchoring

☐ Reference Region

Auto Set

Tilt Correction

Auto Set

Base X☐

Base Y☐

Base Z☐

Tip X☐

Tip Y☐

Tip Z☐

Radius6.366☒

Id:13

ParametersOutput

Radius Offset:0 mm

Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
Tip X Determines the X position of the stud tip.	
Tip Y Determines the Y position of the stud tip.	
Tip Z Determines the Z position of the stud tip.	
Base X Determines the X position of the stud base.	
Base Y Determines the Y position of the stud base.	
Base Z Determines the Z position of the stud base.	
Radius Determines the radius of the stud.	

Parameters

Parameter	Description
Nominal Stud Radius	Expected radius of the stud.
Nominal Stud Length	Expected length of the stud.
Base Height	The height above the base surface that will be ignored when the (truncated) cone is fit to the stud data.
Tip Height	The height from the top of the surface that will be ignored when the (truncated) cone is fit to the stud data.
Radius Offset (Radius measurement only)	The distance from the tip of the stud from which the radius is measured.
Reference Regions	The algorithm uses reference regions to calculate the base plane of the stud.

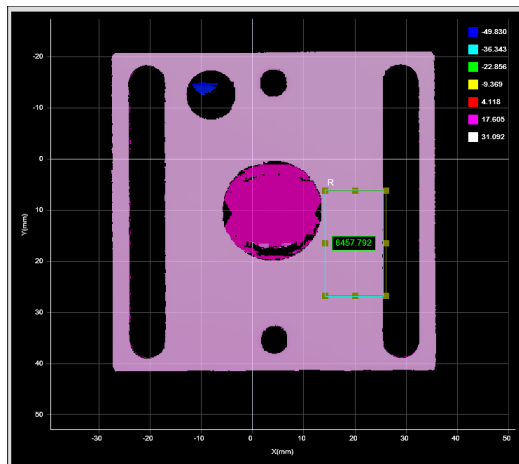
Parameter	Description
	Reference regions are relative to the base of the stud.
Tilt Correction	Tilt of the target with respect to the alignment plane. Set to Auto-Set to have the tool automatically detect the tilt, or enter the angles manually. Auto-Set requires the measurement region to cover more areas on the surface plane than other planes. The results from the Plane X and Y tool can be used for angles X and Y parameters.
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Measurement Region

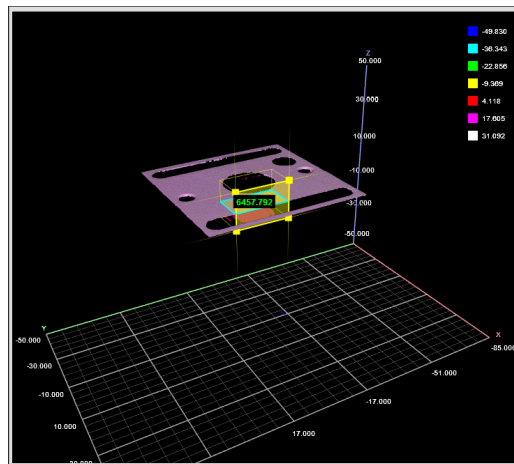
The tip and the side of the stud must be within the measurement region.

Volume

The Volume tool determines the volume, area, and thickness of a part. The measurement value can be compared with minimum and maximum constraints to yield a decision. See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.



2D View



3D View

Parameter

Anchoring

Source:

Top

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X:

14.196

mm

Y:

6.121

mm

Z:

21.471

mm

Width:

11.847

mm

Length:

20.693

mm

Height:

14.326

mm

Volume

6457.792

☒

Area

☐

Thickness

☐

Id:

8

Output

Filters

Decision

Min:

6540

mm³

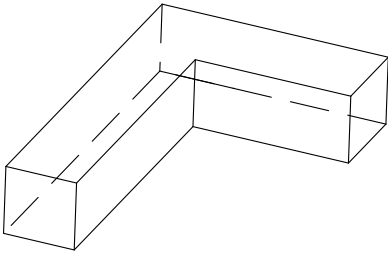
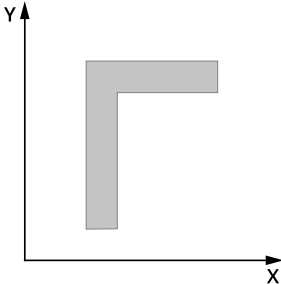
Max:

6560

mm³

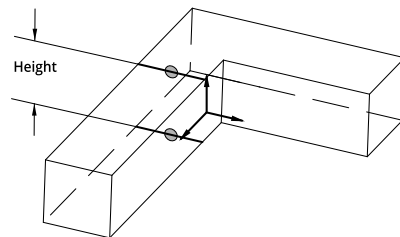
Measurement Panel

Measurements

Measurement	Illustration
Volume Measures volume in XYZ space.	
Area Measures area in the XY plane.	

Measurement	Illustration
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Thickness
Measures thickness (height) of a part.



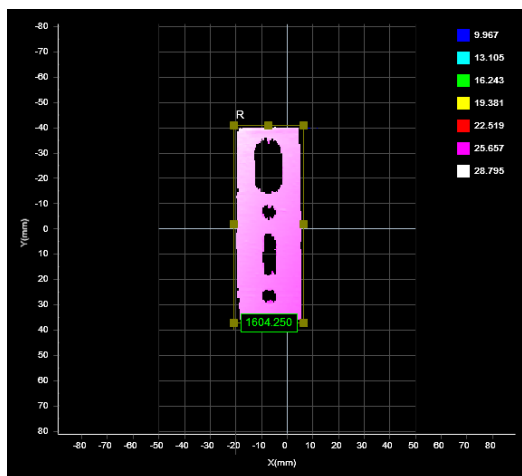
Parameters

Parameter	Description
Location <i>(Thickness measurement only)</i>	One of the following: maximum height, minimum height, average height, median height, the height at the 2D centroid in the XY plane, or the height at the 3D centroid in XYZ space.
Decision	See <i>Decisions</i> (page 86).
Region	See <i>Regions</i> (page 85).
Output	See <i>Filters</i> (page 88).

Script

A Script measurement can be used to program a custom measurement using a simplified C-based syntax. A script measurement can produce multiple measurement values and decisions for the output.

See *Adding and Removing Tools* (page 81) for instructions on adding measurements.



Code

```

1 double VolumeArea = Measurement_Value(4);
2
3 if (Measurement_Valid(4))
4 {
5     Output_Set(VolumeArea + 10000, 1);
6 }
7 else
8 {
9     Output_SetAt(0, 0);
10 }

```

*Press save button or 'Ctrl+S' to apply change.

Press 'Esc' to exit full screen.

Output:

Add

Output 0

1604.250

✕

Id:

0

See *Script Measurement* (below) for more information on the script syntax.

To create or edit a Script measurement:

1. **Add a new Script tool or select an existing Script measurement.**

2. **Edit the script code.**

3. **Add script outputs using the Add button.**

For each script output that is added, an index will be added to the **Output** drop-down and a unique ID will be generated.

To remove a script output, click on the  button next to it.

4. **Click the Save button  to save the script code.**

If there is a mistake in the script syntax, the result will be shown as a "Invalid" with a red border in the data viewer when you run the sensor.

Outputs from multiple measurement tools can be used as inputs to the script. A typical script would take results from other measurement tools using the value and decision function, and output the result using the output function. Stamp information, such as time and encoder stamps, are available in the script, whereas the actual profile data is not. The script engine is not powerful enough to process the profile data itself. Only one script can be created.

Script Measurement

A Script measurement can be used to program a custom measurement using a simplified C-based syntax. Similar to other measurement tools, a script measurement can produce multiple measurement values and decisions for the output.

The following elements of the C language are supported:

Supported Elements

Elements	Supported
Control Operators	if, while, do, for, switch and return.
Data Types	char, int, unsigned int, float, double, long long (64-bit integer).
Arithmetic and Logical Operator	Standard C arithmetic operators, except ternary operator (i.e., "condition? trueValue: falseValue"). Explicit casting (e.g., int a = (int) a_float) is not supported.
Function Declarations	Standard C function declarations with argument passed by values. Pointers are not supported.

Built-in Functions

Measurement Functions

Function	Description
int Measurement_Exists(int id)	Tests for the existence of a measurement by ID. Parameters: id – Measurement ID

Function	Description
	Returns: 0 – measurement does not exist 1 – measurement exists
int Measurement_Valid(int id)	Determines if a measurement value is valid by its ID. Parameters: id - Measurement ID Returns 0 - Measurement is invalid 1 - Measurement is valid
double Measurement_Value (int id)	Gets the value of a measurement by its ID. Parameters: id - Measurement ID Returns: Value of the measurement 0 – if measurement does not exist 1 – if measurement exists
int Measurement_Decision (int id)	Gets the decision of a measurement by its ID. Parameters: ID - Measurement ID Returns: Decision of the measurement 0 – if measurement decision is false 1 – If measurement decision is true
int Measurement_NameExists(char* toolName, char* measurementName)	Determines if a measurement exist by name. Parameter: toolName – Tool name measurementName – Measurement name Returns: 0 – measurement does not exist 1 – measurement exists
int Measurement_Id (char* toolName, char* measurementName)	Gets the measurement ID by the measurement name. Parameters: toolName – Tool name measurementName – Measurement name Returns: -1 – measurement does not exist Other value – Measurement ID
Output Functions	
Function	Description
void Output_Set (double value, int decision)	Sets the output value and decision on Output index 0. Only the last output value / decision in a script run is kept and passed to the Gocator

Function	Description
	output. To output an invalid value, the constant INVALID_VALUE can be used (e.g., Output_SetAt(0, INVALID_VALUE, 0)) Parameters: value - value output by the script decision - decision value output by the script. Can only be 0 or 1
void Output_SetAt(unsigned int index, double value, int decision)	Sets the output value and decision at the specified output index. To output an invalid value, the constant INVALID_VALUE can be used (e.g., Output_SetAt(0, INVALID_VALUE, 0)) Parameters: index – Script output index value – value output by the script decision – decision value output by the script. Can only be 0 or 1
void Output_SetId(int id, double value, int decision)	Sets the output value and decision at the specified script output ID. To output an invalid value, the constant INVALID_VALUE can be used (e.g., Output_SetId(0, INVALID_VALUE, 0)) Parameters: id – Script output ID

Memory Functions

Function	Description
void Memory_Set64s (int id, long long value)	Stores a 64-bit signed integer in persistent memory. Parameters: id - ID of the value value - Value to store
long long Memory_Get64s (int id)	Loads a 64-bit signed integer from persistent memory. Parameters: id - ID of the value Returns: value - Value stored in persistent memory
void Memory_Set64u (int id, unsigned long long value)	Stores a 64-bit unsigned integer in the persistent memory Parameters: id - ID of the value value - Value to store
unsigned long long Memory_Get64u (int id)	Loads a 64-bit unsigned integer from persistent memory. Parameters: id - ID of the value Returns: value - Value stored in persistent memory
void Memory_Set64f (int id, double value)	Stores a 64-bit double into persistent memory. Parameters: id - ID of the value value - Value to store

Function	Description
double Memory_Get64f (int id)	Loads a 64-bit double from persistent memory. All persistent memory values are set to 0 when the sensor starts. Parameters: id - ID of the value Returns: value - Value stored in persistent memory
int Memory_Exists (int id)	Tests for the existence of a value by ID. Parameters: id - Value ID Returns: 0 - value does not exist 1 - value exists
void Memory_Clear (int id)	Erases a value associated with an ID. Parameters: id - Value ID
void Memory_ClearAll()	Erases all values from persistent memory

Stamp Functions

Function	Description
long long Stamp_Frame()	Gets the frame index of the current frame.
long long Stamp_Time()	Gets the time stamp of the current frame.
long long Stamp_Encoder()	Gets the encoder position of the current frame.
long long Stamp_EncoderZ()	Gets the encoder index position of the current frame.
unsigned int Stamp_Inputs()	Gets the digital input state of the current frame.

Math Functions

Function	Description
float sqrt(float x)	Calculates square root of x
float sin(float x)	Calculates sin(x) (x in radians)
float cos(float x)	Calculates cos(x) (x in radians)
float tan(float x)	Calculates tan(x) (x in radians)
float asin(float x)	Calculates asin(x) (x in radians)
float acos(float x)	Calculates acos(x) (x in radians)
float atan(float x)	Calculates atan(x) (x in radians)
float pow (float x, float y)	Calculates the exponential value. x is the base, y is the exponent
float fabs(float x)	Calculates the absolute value of x

Example

The following example shows how to create a custom measurement that is based on the values from other measurements. The example calculates the 3-Dimensional Euclidean distance between the center

of a hole and the center of the base of a nearby stud, then checks decision limits on this metric before sending the output.

```
/* Calculate the 3-Dimensional Euclidean distance between two points in 3D space*/

/* Retrieve 3D coordinate from Hole X, Y and Z tools (assumes these tools have been
configured as ID 0, ID 1 and ID 2 respectively) */
double HoleX = Measurement_Value(0);
double HoleY = Measurement_Value(1);
double HoleZ = Measurement_Value(2);

/* Retrieve 3D coordinate from StudBase X, Y and Z tools (assumes these tools have been
configured as ID 3, ID 4 and ID 5 respectively) */
double StudX = Measurement_Value(3);
double StudY = Measurement_Value(4);
double StudZ = Measurement_Value(5);

/* Calculate distance between points in 3D space */
double Distance = sqrt((HoleX - StudX)*(HoleX - StudX) + (HoleY - StudY)*(HoleY - StudY)
+ (HoleZ - StudZ)*(HoleZ - StudZ));

/* Min and Max Decision Limits */
/* Note that measurement values are in the unit of thousands of a millimeter in the
script */
/* In this example the distance is considered good if it's between 17.9 mm and 18.1 mm */
double MinDecisionLimit = 17.900;
double MaxDecisionLimit = 18.100;

if (Distance > MinDecisionLimit && Distance < MaxDecisionLimit)
{
    Output_Set(Distance, 1);
}
else
{
    Output_Set(Distance, 0);
}
```

Output

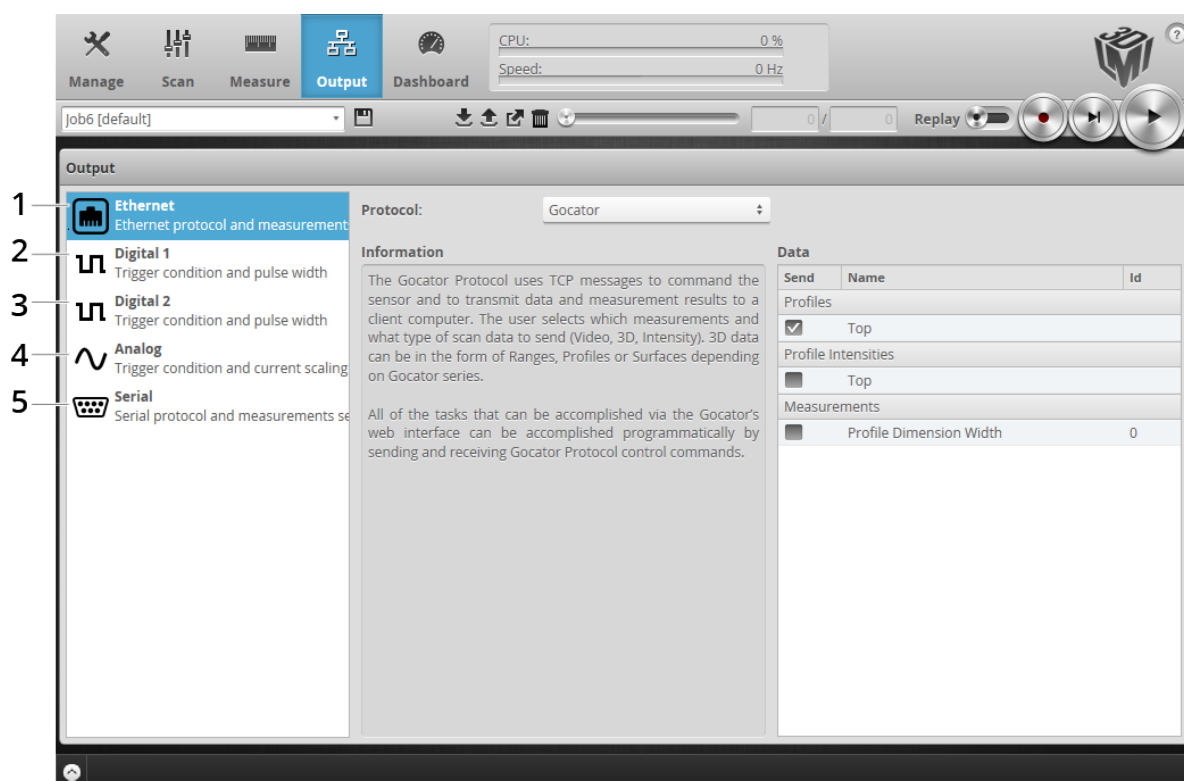
The following sections describe the **Output** page.

Output Page Overview

Output configuration tasks are performed using the **Output** page. Gocator sensors can transmit 3D point cloud data and measurement results to various external devices using several output interface options.



Up to two outputs can have scheduling enabled with ASCII as the Serial output protocol. When Selcom is the current Serial output protocol, only one other output can have scheduling enabled.



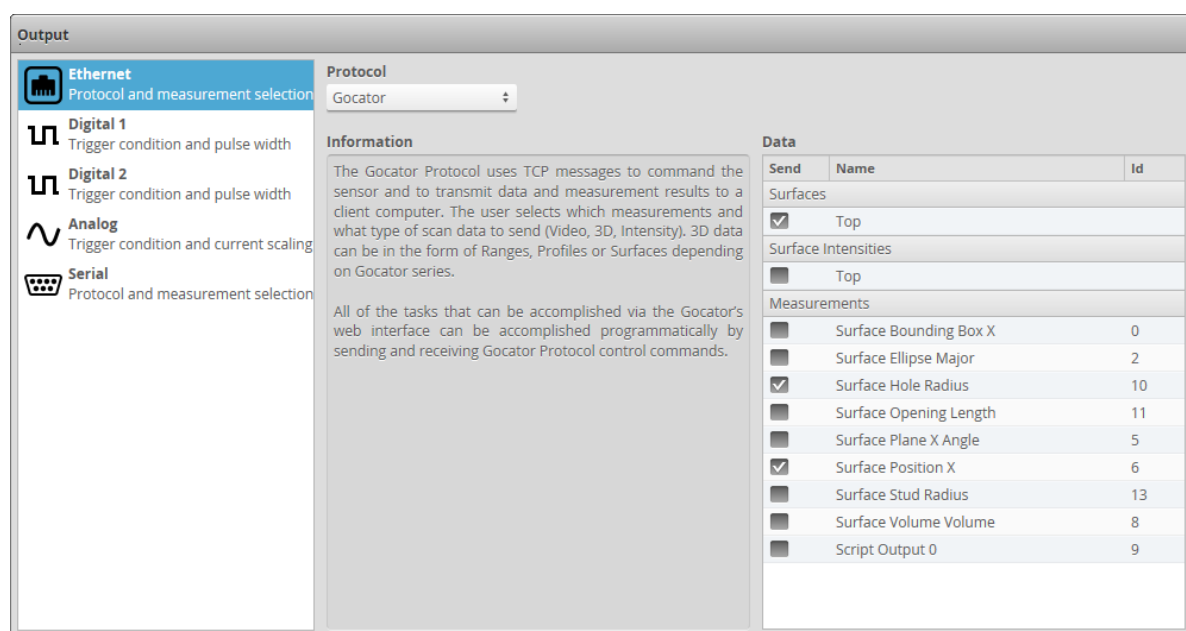
Category	Description
1 Ethernet	Used to select the data sources that will transmit data via Ethernet. See <i>Ethernet Output</i> (next page).
2 Digital Output 1	Used to select the data sources that will be combined to produce a digital output pulse on Output 1. See <i>Digital Output</i> (page 130).
3 Digital Output 2	Used to select the data sources that will be combined to produce a digital output pulse on Output 2. See <i>Digital Output</i> (page 130).
4 Analog Panel	Used to convert a measurement value or decision into an analog output signal. See

Category	Description
	<i>Analog Output</i> (page 132).
5 Serial Panel	Used to select the measurements that will be transmitted via RS-485 serial output. See <i>Serial Output</i> (page 134).

Ethernet Output

A sensor uses TCP messages (Gocator protocol) to receive commands from client computers, and to send video, 3D point clouds, intensity, and measurement results to client computers. The sensor can also receive commands from and send measurement results to a PLC using ASCII, Modbus TCP, or EtherNet/IP protocol. See *Protocols* (page 165) for the specification of these protocols.

The specific protocols used with Ethernet output are selected and configured within the panel.



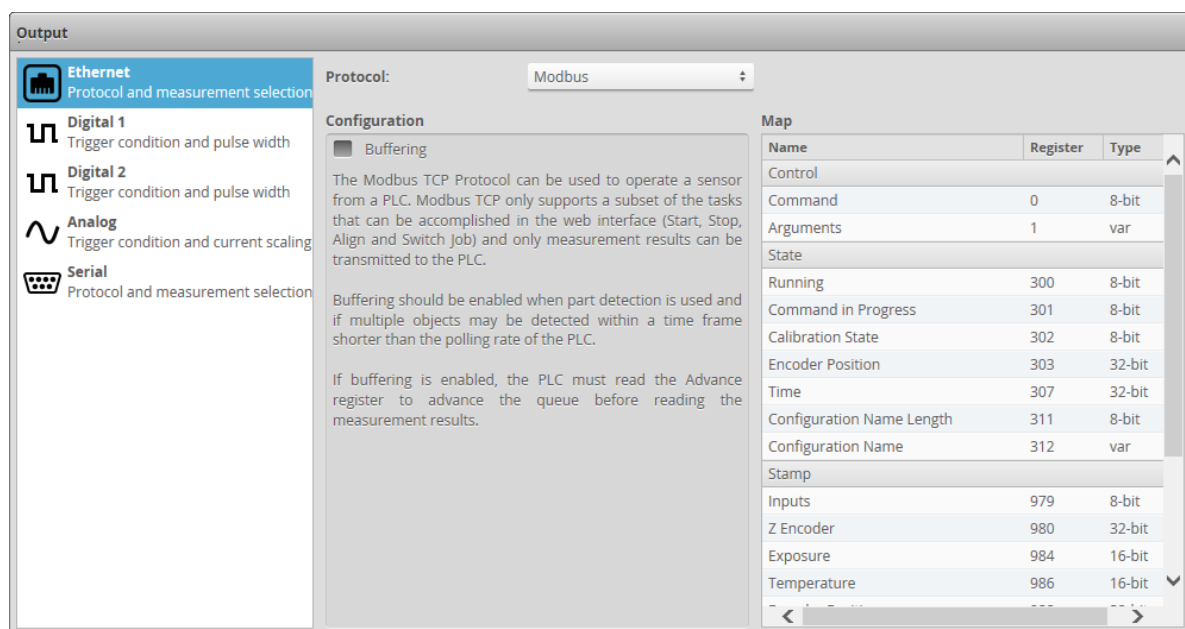
To receive commands and send results using Gocator Protocol messages:

1. Go to the **Output** page.
2. Click on the **Ethernet** category in the **Output** panel.
3. Select **Gocator** as the protocol in the **Protocol** drop-down.
4. Check the video, data, intensity, or measurement items to send.



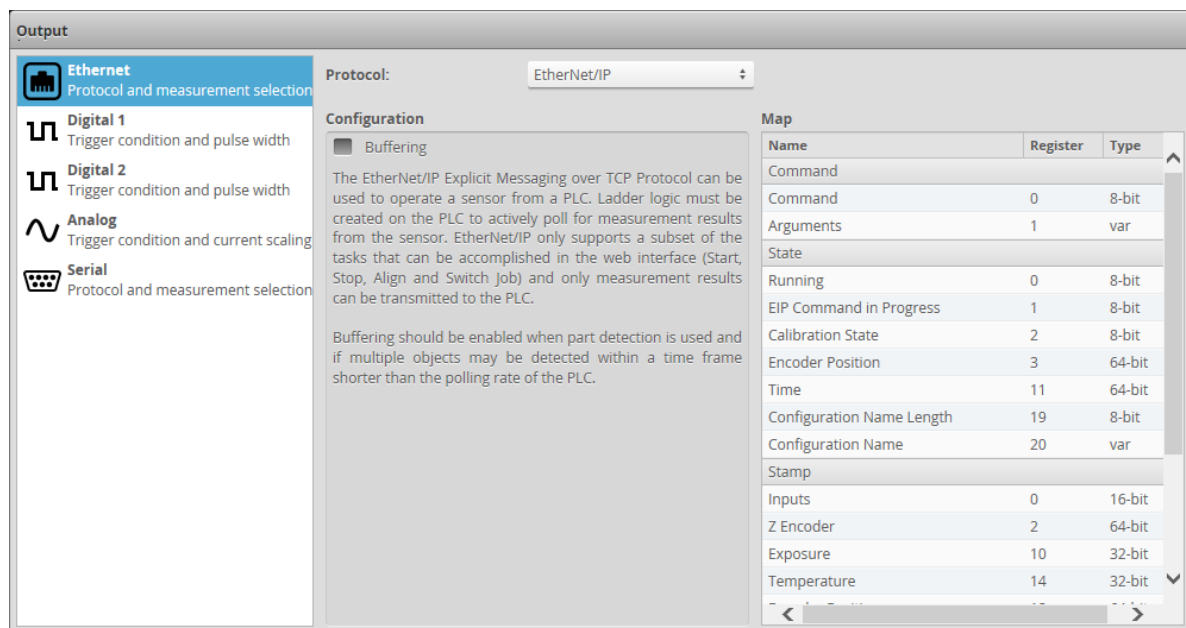
Measurements shown here correspond to measurements that have been added using the **Measure** page (see page 80).

All of the tasks that can be accomplished with the Gocator's web interface (creating jobs, performing alignment, sending data and health information, and software triggering, etc.) can be accomplished programmatically by sending Gocator protocol control commands.



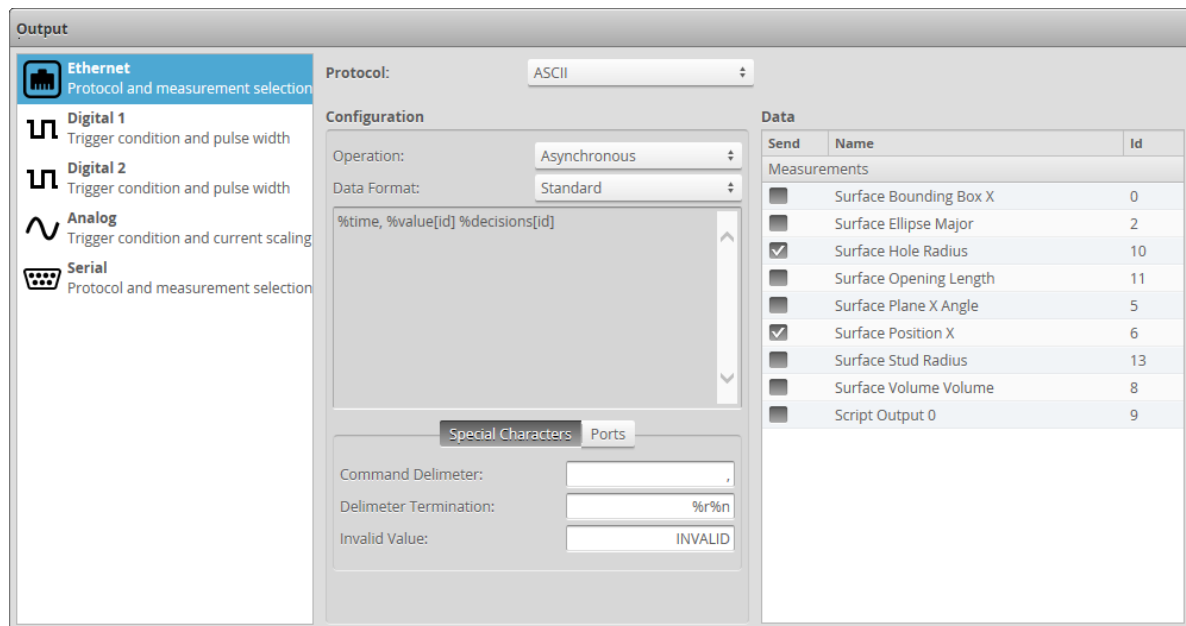
To receive commands and send results using Modbus TCP messages:

- Go to the Output page.**
- Click on Ethernet in the Output panel.**
- Select Modbus as the protocol in the Protocol drop-down.**
Unlike the Gocator Protocol, you do not select which measurement items to output. The Ethernet panel will list the register addresses that are used for Modbus TCP communication.
The Modbus TCP protocol can be used to operate a sensor. Modbus TCP only supports a subset of the tasks that can be performed in the web interface. A sensor can only process Modbus TCP commands when Modbus is selected in the **Protocol** drop-down.
- Check the Buffering checkbox, if needed.**
Buffering is needed, for example, in Surface mode if multiple objects are detected within a time frame shorter than the polling rate of the PLC.
If buffering is enabled with the Modbus protocol, the PLC must read the Advance register to advance the queue before reading the measurement results.



To receive commands and send results using EtherNet/IP messages:

1. **Go to the Output page.**
2. **Click on Ethernet in the Output panel.**
3. **Select EtherNet/IP in the Protocol option.**
 Unlike using the Gocator Protocol, you don't select which measurement items to output. The **Ethernet** panel will list the register addresses that are used for EtherNet/IP messages communication.
 The EtherNet/IP protocol can be used to operate a sensor. EtherNet/IP only supports a subset of the tasks that can be accomplished in the web interface. A sensor can only process EtherNet/IP commands when the EtherNet/IP is selected in the **Protocol** option.
4. **Check the Buffering checkbox, if needed.**
 Buffering is needed, for example, in Surface mode if multiple objects are detected within a time frame shorter than the polling rate of the PLC. If buffering is enabled with the EtherNet/IP protocol, the buffer is automatically advanced when the Sample State Assembly Object (see page 210) is read.



To receive commands and send results using ASCII messages:

1. **Go to the Output page.**
2. **Click on Ethernet in the Output panel.**
3. **Select ASCII as the protocol in the Protocol drop-down.**
4. **Set the operation mode in the Operation drop-down.**
In asynchronous mode, the data results are transmitted when they are available. In polling mode, users send commands on the data channel to request the latest result. See *Asynchronous and Polling Operation* (page 213) for an explanation of the operation modes.
5. **Select the data format from the Data Format drop-down.**
Select **Standard** to use the default result format of the ASCII protocol. Select the measurement to send by placing a check in the corresponding checkbox. See *Standard Result Format* (page 215) for an explanation of the standard result mode.
Select **Custom** to enable the custom format editor, and then use the replacement patterns listed in **Replacement Patterns** to create a custom format in the editor.
6. **Set the special characters in the Special Characters tab.**
Set the command delimiter, delimiter termination, and invalid value characters. Special characters are used in commands and standard-format data results.
7. **Set the TCP ports in the Ports tab.**
Select the TCP ports for the control, data, and health channels. If the port numbers of two channels are the same, the messages for both channels are transmitted on the same port.

Digital Output

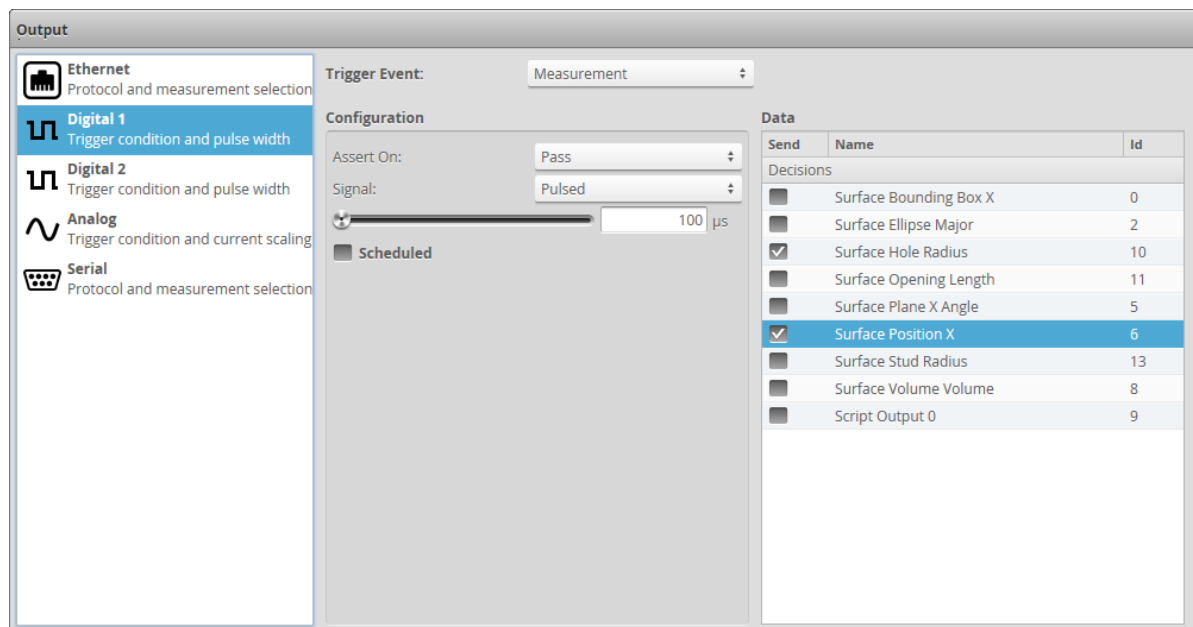
Gocator sensors can convert measurement decisions or software commands to digital output pulses, which can then be used to output to a PLC or to control external devices, such as indicator lights or air ejectors.

A digital output can act as a measurement valid signal to allow external devices to synchronize to the timing at which measurement results are output. In this mode, the sensor outputs a digital pulse when a measurement result is ready.

A digital output can also act as a strobe signal to allow external devices to synchronize to the timing at which the sensor exposes. In this mode, the sensor outputs a digital pulse when the sensor exposes.

Each sensor supports two digital output channels. See *Digital Outputs* (page 242) for information on wiring digital outputs to external devices.

Trigger conditions and pulse width are then configured within the panel.



To output measurement decisions:

1. Go to the **Output** page.
2. Click on **Digital 1** or **Digital 2** in the **Output** panel.
3. Set **Trigger Event** to **Measurement**.
4. In **Configuration**, set **Assert On** and select the measurements that should be combined to determine the output.

If multiple measurement decisions are selected and **Assert On** is set to **Pass**, the output is activated when all selected measurements pass.

If **Assert On** is set to **Fail**, the output is activated when any one of the selected measurements fails.

5. Set the Signal option.

The signal type specifies whether the digital output is a continuous signal or a pulsed signal. If **Signal** is set to **Continuous**, the signal state is maintained until the next transition occurs. If **Signal** is set to **Pulsed**, you must specify the pulse width and how it is scheduled.

6. Specify a pulse width using the slider.

The pulse width is the duration of the digital output pulse, in microseconds.

7. Specify whether the output is immediate or scheduled.

Check the **Scheduled** option if the output needs to be scheduled.

A scheduled output becomes active after a specified delay from the start of Gocator exposure. A scheduled output can be used to track the decisions for multiple objects as these objects travel from the sensor to the eject gates. The **Delay** setting specifies the distance from the sensor to the eject gates.

An immediate output becomes active as soon as measurement results are available. The output activates after the sensor finishes processing the data. As a result, the time between the start of sensor exposure and output activates can vary and is dependent on the processing latency. The latency is reported in the dashboard and in the health messages.

8. Specify a delay.

The delay specifies the time or spatial location between the start of sensor exposure and when the output becomes active. The delay should be larger than the time needed to process the data inside the sensor. It should be set to a value that is larger than the processing latency reported in the dashboard or in the health messages.

The unit of the delay is configured with the **Delay Domain** setting.

To output a measurement valid signal:

1. Go to the Output page.

2. Click on Digital 1 or Digital 2 in the Output panel.

3. Set Trigger Event to Measurement.

4. In Configuration, set Assert On to Always.

5. Select the measurements.

The output activates when the selected decisions produce results. The output activates only once for each frame even if multiple decision sources are selected.

6. Specify a pulse width using the slider.

The pulse width determines the duration of the digital output pulse, in microseconds.

To respond to software scheduled commands:

- 1. Go to the Output page.**
- 2. Click on Digital 1 or Digital 2 in the Output panel.**
- 3. Set Trigger Event to Software.**
- 4. Specify a Signal type.**

The signal type specifies whether the digital output is a continuous signal or a pulsed signal. If the signal is continuous, its state is maintained until the next transition occurs. If the signal is pulsed, user specifies the pulse width and the delay.
- 5. Specify a Pulse Width.**

The pulse width determines the duration of the digital output pulse, in microseconds.
- 6. Specify if the output is Immediate or Scheduled.**

A pulsed signal can become active immediately or scheduled. Continuous signal always becomes active immediately.

Immediate output becomes active as soon as a scheduled digital output (see page 181) is received.

Scheduled output becomes active at a specific target time or position, given by the Scheduled Digital Output command. Commands that schedule event in the past will be ignored. An encoder value is in the future if the value will be reached by moving in the forward direction (the direction that encoder calibration was performed in).

To output an exposure signal:

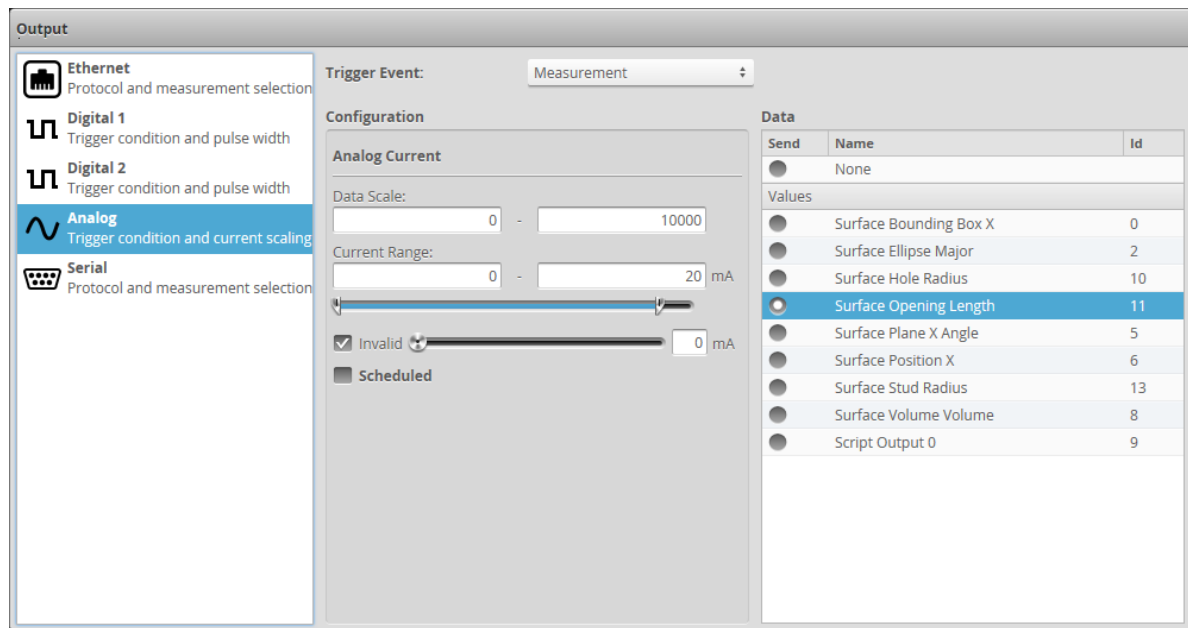
- 1. Go to the Output page.**
- 2. Click on Digital 1 or Digital 2 in the Output panel.**
- 3. Set Trigger Event to Exposure.**
- 4. Set the Pulse Width option.**

The pulse width determines the duration of the digital output pulse, in microseconds.

Analog Output

Gocator sensors can convert a measurement result or software request to an analog output. Each sensor supports one analog output channel.

For information on wiring analog output to an external device, see *Analog Output* (page 244)



To output measurement value or decision:

1. **Go to the Output page.**
2. **Click on Analog in the Output panel.**
3. **Set Trigger Event to Measurement.**
4. **Select the measurement that should be used for output.**
Only one measurement can be used for analog output. Measurements shown here correspond to measurements that have been programmed using the **Measurements** page.
5. **Specify Data Scale values.**
The values specified here determine how measurement values are scaled to the minimum and maximum current output. The **Data Scale** values are specified in (um) for dimensional measurement, (0.001 mm²) for area, (mm³) for volume, and (0.001 degree) for angle results.
The values specified here determine the minimum and maximum current values in milliamperes. The invalid current value is used when a measurement value is not valid. If invalid is not checked, the output holds the last value when a measurement value is not valid.
6. **Specify Current Range and Invalid current values.**
The values specified here determine the minimum and maximum current values in milliamperes. If **Invalid** is checked, the current value specified with the slider is used when a measurement value is not valid. If **Invalid** is not checked, the output holds the last value when a measurement value is not valid.
7. **Specify if the output is immediate or scheduled.**
An analog output can become active immediately or scheduled. Check the **Scheduled** option if the

output needs to be scheduled.

A scheduled output becomes active after a specified delay from the start of Gocator exposure. A scheduled output can be used to track the decisions for multiple objects as these objects travel from the sensor to the eject gates. The delay specifies the distance from the sensor to the eject gates.

An Immediate output becomes active as soon as the measurement results are available. The output activates after the Gocator finishes processing the data. As a result, the time between the start of Gocator exposure and output activates depends on the processing latency. The latency is reported in the dashboard and in the health messages.

8. Specify a delay.

The delay specifies the time or spatial location between the start of Gocator exposure and the output becomes active. The delay should be larger than the time needed to process the data inside the Gocator. It should be set to a value that is larger than the processing latency reported in the dashboard and in the health messages.

The unit of the delay is configured in the trigger panel. See *Triggers* (page 52) for details.



The analog output takes about 75 us to reach 90% of the target value for a maximum change, then another ~40 us to settle completely.

To respond to software scheduled commands:

1. Go to the Output page.

2. Click on Analog in the Output panel.

3. Set Trigger Event to Software.

4. Specify if the output is immediate or scheduled.

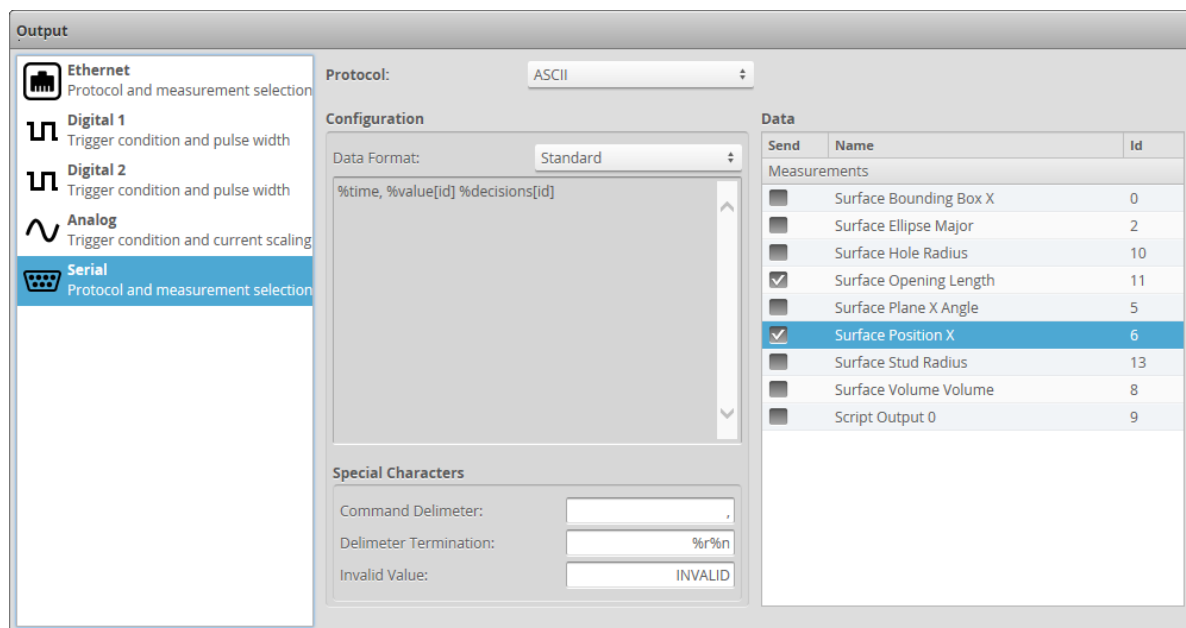
An analog output value becomes active immediately or scheduled. Immediate output becomes active as soon as a Scheduled Analog Output command (see page 181) is received.

Software scheduled command can schedule an analog value to output at a specified future time or encoder value, or changes its state immediately. The Delay setting in the panel is ignored. Commands that schedule event in the past will be ignored. An encoder value is in future if the value will be reached by moving in the forward direction (the direction that encoder calibration was performed in).

Serial Output

The Gocator's web interface can be used to select measurements to be transmitted via RS-485 serial output. Each sensor has one serial output channel.

The ASCII protocol outputs data asynchronously using a single serial port. See *ASCII Protocol* (page 213) for the ASCII Protocol parameters and data formats. See *Serial Communication* (page 213) for serial connection parameters and data formats. For information on wiring serial output to an external device, see *Serial Output* (page 243).



To exchange results using ASCII messages:

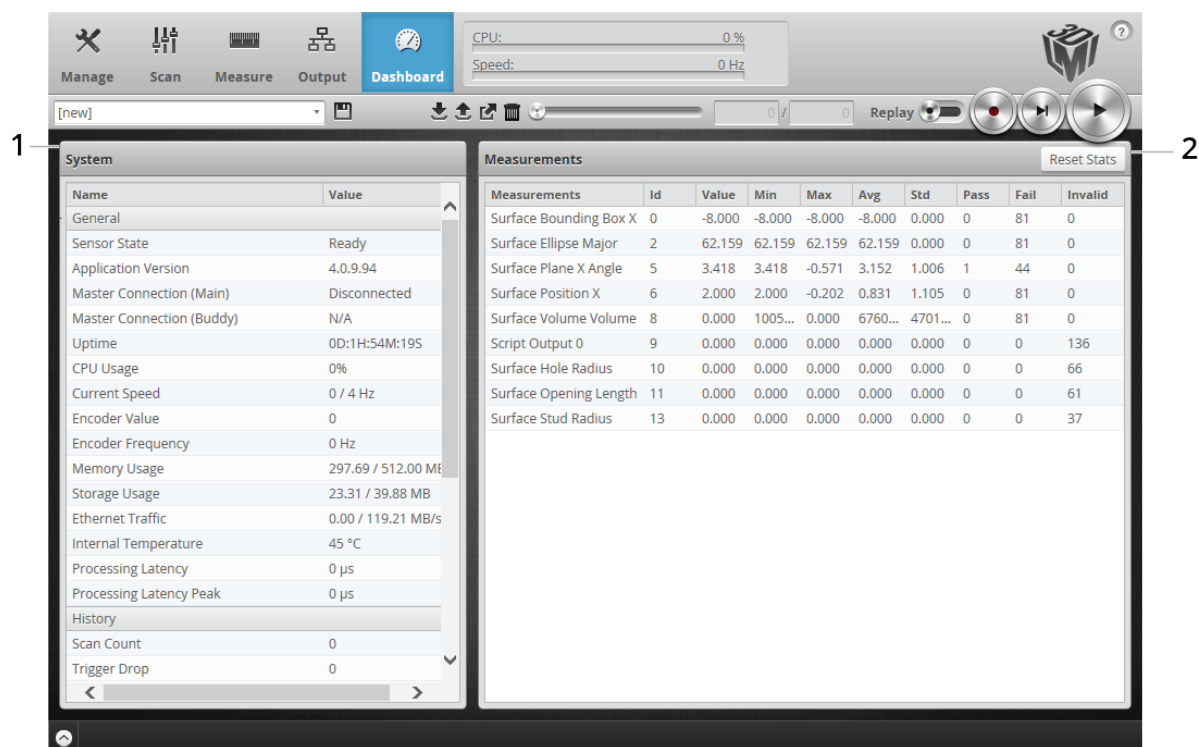
1. **Go to the Output page.**
2. **Click on Serial in the Output panel.**
3. **Select ASCII in the Protocol option.**
4. **Select the Data Format.**
 Select **Standard** to use the default result format of the ASCII protocol. Select value and decision to send by placing a check in the corresponding check box. See *Standard Result Format* (page 215) for an explanation of the standard result mode.
 Select **Custom** to customize the output result. A data format box will appear in which you can type the format string. See *Custom Result Format* (page 215) for the supported format string syntax.
5. **Select the measurements to send.**
 Select measurements by placing a check in the corresponding check box.
6. **Set the Special Characters.**
 Select the delimiter, termination and invalid value characters. Special characters are used in commands and standard-format data results.

Dashboard

The following sections describe the **Dashboard** page.

Dashboard Page Overview

The **Dashboard** page summarizes sensor health information, and measurement statistics.



Element	Description
1 System	Displays sensor state and health information. See <i>System Panel</i> (below).
2 Measurements	Displays measurement statistics. See <i>Measurements</i> (next page).

System Panel

The following state and health information is available in the **System** panel on the **Dashboard** page:

Dashboard General System Values

Name	Description
Sensor State	Current sensor state (Ready or Running).
Application Version	Gocator firmware version.
Master Connection	Whether Master is connected.
Uptime	Length of time since the sensor was power-cycled or reset.

Name	Description
CPU Usage	Sensor CPU utilization (%).
Encoder Value	Current encoder value (ticks).
Encoder Frequency	Current encoder frequency (Hz).
Memory Usage	Sensor memory utilization (MB used / MB total available).
Storage Usage	Sensor flash storage utilization (MB used / MB total available).
Temperature	Sensor internal temperature (C).
Ethernet Traffic	Network output utilization (MB/sec).
Internal Temperature	Internal sensor temperature.
Processing Latency	Last delay from camera exposure to when results can be scheduled to.
Processing Latency Peak	Peak latency delay from camera exposure to when results can be scheduled to Rich I/O. Reset on start.

Dashboard History Values

Name	Description
Scan Count	Number of scans performed since sensor state last changed to Running.
Trigger Drop	Count of camera frames dropped due to excessive trigger speed.
Analog Output Drop	Count of analog output drops because last output has not been completed.
Digital Output Drop	Count of digital output drops because last output has not been completed.
Serial Output Drop	Count of serial output drops because last output has not been completed.
Processing Drop	Count of frame drops due to excessive CPU utilization.
Ethernet Drop	Count of frame drops due to slow Ethernet link.
Digital Output High Count	Count of high states on digital outputs.
Digital Output Low Count	Count of low states on digital outputs.
Range Valid Count	Count of valid ranges.
Range Invalid Count	Count of invalid ranges.
Anchor Invalid Count	Count of invalid anchors.
Valid Spot Count	Count of valid spots detected in the last frame.
Max Spot Count	Maximum number of spots detected since sensor was started.
Camera Search Count	Count of camera frame where laser has lost tracked. Only applicable when tracking window is enabled.

Measurements

Measurement statistics are displayed for each measurement that has been configured on the **Measure** page. Use the **Reset** button to reset the statistics.

The following information is available for each measurement:

Dashboard Measurement Statistics

Name	Description
Measurements	The measurement ID and name.
Value	The most recent measurement value.
Min/Max	The minimum and maximum measurement values that have been observed.
Avg	The average of all measurement results collected since the sensor was started.
Std	The standard deviation of all measurement results collected since the sensor was started.
Pass/Fail	The counts of pass or fail decisions that have been generated.
Invalid	The count of frames that no feature points could be extracted from the live profile.

Gocator Device Files

This section describes the device files found on a Gocator.

Job Files

Job files contain settings that control system behavior when a sensor is running.

Jobs are saved in XML format. Elements contain three types of values: settings, constraints, and properties. Settings are input values that can be edited. Constraints are read-only limits that define the valid values for settings. Properties are read-only values that provide supplemental information related to sensor setup.

When a job file is received from a sensor, it will contain settings, constraints, and properties. When a job file is sent to a sensor, any constraints or properties in the file will be ignored.

Changing the value of a setting can affect multiple constraints and properties. After you upload a job file, you can download the job file again to access the updated values of the constraints and properties.

All Gocator sensors share a common job file XML structure.

When editing the job file manually, you should only edit the elements that are applicable and leave the other elements in the structure.



The following sections correspond to the XML structure used in job files.

Configuration

Configuration Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
@version	32u	Configuration version (100).
Setup	Section	See <i>Setup</i> (below) for a description of the Setup elements.
Tools	Collection	Collection of sections. Each section is an instance of a tool and is named by the type of the tool it describes. See the topics for each tool for more information.
Tools.options	String (CSV)	List of available tool types.
Output	Section	See <i>Output</i> (page 158) for a description of the Outputs elements.

Setup

The Setup element contains settings related to system and sensor setup.

Setup Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
AutoStartEnabled	Bool	Enables automatically data capture after boot-up.
TemperatureSafetyEnabled	Bool	Enables laser temperature safety control.
TemperatureSafetyEnabled. used	Bool	Whether or not this property is used.
OcclusionReductionEnabled	Bool	Enables occlusion reduction.
UniformSpacingEnabled	Bool	Enables uniform spacing.
UniformSpacingEnabled.use d	Bool	Whether or not property is used.
IntensityEnabled	Bool	Enables intensity data collection.
Trigger	Section	See <i>Triggers</i> (page 145).
Layout	Section	See <i>Layout</i> (below).
Alignment	Section	See <i>Alignment</i> (next page).
Devices	Collection	A collection of two Device sections (with roles main and buddy).
SurfaceGeneration	Section	See <i>SurfaceGeneration</i> (page 143).
PartDetection	Section	See <i>PartDetection</i> (page 144).
Custom	Custom	Used by specialized sensors.

Layout

Layout Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
DataSource	32s	Data source of the layout output (read-only): 0 – Top 1 – Bottom 2 – Top left 3 – Top right
TransformedDataRegion	Region3D	Transformed data region of the layout output.
Orientation	32s	Sensor orientation: 0 – Wide 1 – Opposite 2 – Reverse
MultiplexBuddyEnabled	Bool	Enables multiplexing for buddies.
MultiplexSingleEnabled	Bool	Enables multiplexing for a single sensor configuration.
MultiplexSingleDelay	32u	Delay in us. (Currently gets rounded up when read by the sensor.)
MultiplexSinglePeriod	32u	Period in us. (Currently gets rounded up when read by the sensor.)
XSpacingCount	32u	Number of points along X when data is resampled.
YSpacingCount	32u	Number of points along Y when data is resampled.

Alignment

The Alignment element contains settings related to alignment and encoder calibration.

Alignment Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
InputTriggerEnabled	Bool	Enables digital input-triggered alignment operation.
Type	32s	Type of alignment operation: 0 – Stationary 1 – Moving
Type.options	32s (CSV)	List of available alignment types.
StationaryTarget	32s	Stationary alignment target: 0 – None 1 – Disk 2 – Bar 3 – Plate
StationaryTarget.options	32s (CSV)	List of available stationary alignment targets.
MovingTarget	32s	Moving alignment target: 0 – None 1 – Disk 2 – Bar 3 – Plate
MovingTarget.options	32s (CSV)	List of available moving alignment targets.
EncoderCalibrateEnabled	Bool	Enables encoder resolution calibration.
Disk	Section	See <i>Disk</i> (below).
Bar	Section	See <i>Bar</i> (below).
Plate	Section	See <i>Plate</i> (next page).

Disk

Disk Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Diameter	64f	Disk diameter (mm).
Height	64f	Disk height (mm).

Bar

Bar Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Width	64f	Bar width (mm).
Height	64f	Bar height (mm).

Element	Type	Description
HoleCount	32u	Number of holes.
HoleDistance	64f	Distance between holes (mm).
HoleDiameter	64f	Diameter of holes (mm).

Plate

Plate Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Height	64f	Plate height (mm).
HoleCount	32u	Number of holes.
RefHoleDiameter	64f	Diameter of reference hole (mm).
SecHoleDiameter	64f	Diameter of secondary hole(s) (mm).

Devices / Device

Devices / Device Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
@role	32s	Sensor role: 0 – Main
DataSource	32s	Data source of device output (read-only): 0 – Top
ActiveArea	Region3D	Active area.
TransformedDataRegion	Region3D	Active area after transformation (read-only).
FrontCamera	Window	Front camera window (read-only).
BackCamera	Window	Back camera window (read-only).
ExposureMode	32s	Exposure mode: 0 – Single exposure 1 – Multiple exposures
ExposureMode.options	32s (CSV)	List of available exposure modes.
Exposure	64f	Single exposure (μs).
Exposure.min	64f	Minimum exposure (μs).
Exposure.max	64f	Maximum exposure (μs).
DynamicExposureMin	64f	Dynamic exposure range minimum (μs).
DynamicExposureMax	64f	Dynamic exposure range maximum (μs).
ExposureSteps	64f (CSV)	Mutiple exposure list (μs).
ExposureSteps.countMin	32u	Minimum number of exposure steps.
ExposureSteps.countMax	32u	Maximum number of exposure steps.
IntensityStepIndex	32u	Index of exposure step to use for intensity when using multiple

Element	Type	Description
		exposures.
XSubsampling	32u	Subsampling factor in X.
XSubsampling.options	32u (CSV)	List of available subsampling factors in X.
ZSubsampling	32u	Subsampling factor in Z.
ZSubsampling.options	32u (CSV)	List of available subsampling factors in Z.
SpacingInterval	64f	Uniform spacing interval (mm).
SpacingInterval.min	64f	Minimum spacing interval (mm).
SpacingInterval.max	64f	Maximum spacing interval (mm).
SpacingInterval.used	Bool	Whether or not field is used.
SpacingIntervalType	32s	Spacing interval type: 0 – Maximum resolution 1 – Balanced 2 – Maximum speed
SpacingIntervalType.used	Bool	Whether or not field is used.
Tracking	Section	Described below.
Custom	Custom	Used by specialized sensors.
XSpacingCount	32u	Number of points along X when data is resampled.
YSpacingCount	32u	Number of points along Y when data is resampled.

Tracking

Tracking Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Enabled	Bool	Enables tracking.
SearchThreshold	64f	Percentage of spots that must be found to remain in track.
Height	64f	Tracking window height (mm).
Height.min	64f	Minimum tracking window height (mm).
Height.max	64f	Maximum tracking window height (mm).

SurfaceGeneration

SurfaceGeneration Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Type	32s	Surface generation type: 0 – Continuous 1 – Fixed length 2 – Variable length 3 – Rotation
FixedLength	Section	Described below.
VariableLength	Section	Described below.
Rotational	Section	Described below.

FixedLength

FixedLength Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
StartTrigger	32s	Start trigger condition: 0 – Sequential 1 – Digital input
Length	64f	Surface length (mm).
Length.min	64f	Minimum surface length (mm).
Length.max	64f	Maximum surface length (mm).

VariableLength

VariableLength Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
MaxLength	64f	Maximum surface length (mm).
MaxLength.min	64f	Minimum value for maximum surface length (mm).
MaxLength.max	64f	Maximum value for maximum surface length (mm).

Rotational

Rotational Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Circumference	64f	Circumference (mm).
Circumference.min	64f	Minimum circumference (mm).
Circumference.max	64f	Maximum circumference (mm).

PartDetection

PartDetection Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Enabled.used	Bool	Whether or not this field is used.
Threshold	64f	Height threshold (mm).
Threshold.min	64f	Minimum height threshold (mm).
Threshold.max	64f	Maximum height threshold (mm).
ThresholdDirection	64f	Threshold direction: 0 – Above 1 – Below
GapWidth	64f	Gap width (mm).
GapWidth.min	64f	Minimum gap width (mm).
GapWidth.max	64f	Maximum gap width (mm).

Element	Type	Description
GapLength	64f	Gap length (mm).
GapLength.min	64f	Minimum gap length (mm).
GapLength.max	64f	Maximum gap length (mm).
PaddingWidth	64f	Padding width (mm).
PaddingWidth.min	64f	Minimum padding width (mm).
PaddingWidth.max	64f	Maximum padding width (mm).
PaddingLength	64f	Padding length (mm).
PaddingLength.min	64f	Minimum padding length (mm).
PaddingLength.max	64f	Maximum padding length (mm).
MaxLength	64f	Max length (mm).
MaxLength.min	64f	Minimum value of max length (mm).
MaxLength.max	64f	Maximum value of max length (mm).
FrameOfReference	32s	Part frame of reference: 0 – Sensor 1 – Scan 2 – Part
EdgeFiltering	Section	See <i>EdgeFiltering</i> (below).
MinArea	64f	Minimum area (mm ²).
MinArea.min	64f	Minimum value of minimum area.
MinArea.max	64f	Maximum value of minimum area.

EdgeFiltering

EdgeFiltering Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Enabled	Bool	Enables edge filtering.
PreserveInteriorEnabled	Bool	Enables preservation of interior.
ElementWidth	64f	Element width (mm).
ElementWidth.min	64f	Minimum element width (mm).
ElementWidth.max	64f	Maximum element width (mm).
ElementLength	64f	Element length (mm).
ElementLength.min	64f	Minimum element length (mm).
ElementLength.max	64f	Maximum element length (mm).

Triggers

The Triggers element contains settings related trigger source, speed, and encoder resolution.

Triggers Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Source	32s	Trigger source: 0 – Time 3 – Software
Source.options	32s (CSV)	List of available source options.
Units	32s	Sensor triggering units when source is not clock or encoder: 0 – Time 1 – Encoder
FrameRate	64f	Frame rate for time trigger (Hz).
FrameRate.min	64f	Minimum frame rate (Hz).
FrameRate.max	64f	Maximum frame rate (Hz).
FrameRate.maxSource	32s	Source of maximum frame rate limit: 0 – Imager 1 – Surface generation
MaxFrameRateEnabled	Bool	Enables maximum frame rate (ignores FrameRate).
EncoderSpacing	64f	Encoder spacing for encoder trigger (mm).
EncoderSpacing.min	64f	Minimum encoder spacing (mm).
EncoderSpacing.max	64f	Maximum encoder spacing (mm).
EncoderSpacing.minSource	32s	Source of minimum encoder spacing: 0 – Resolution 1 – Surface generation
EncoderTriggerMode	32s	Encoder triggering mode: 0 – Tracking backward 1 – Bidirectional 2 – Ignore backward
Delay	64f	Trigger delay (μ s or mm).
Delay.min	64f	Minimum trigger delay (μ s or mm).
Delay.max	64f	Maximum trigger delay (μ s or mm).
GateEnabled	Bool	Enables digital input gating.
GateEnabled.used	Bool	True if this parameter can be configured.
GateEnabled.value	Bool	Actual value if the parameter cannot be configured.

Tools

The Tools element contains measurement tools. The following sections describe each tool and its available measurements.

Tools Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
@options	String (CSV)	A list of the tools available in the currently selected scan mode.
<ToolType>	Section	An element for each added tool.

Surface Types

The following types are used by the various measurement tools.

Region3D

A Region3D element defines a rectangular area of interest in 3D.

Region3D Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
X	64f	Setting for volume x position (mm).
Y	64f	Setting for volume y position (mm).
Z	64f	Setting for volume z position (mm).
Width	64f	Setting for volume width (mm).
Length	64f	Setting for volume length (mm).
Height	64f	Setting for volume height (mm).

SurfaceRegion2D

A SurfaceRegion2D element defines a rectangular area of interest on the X-Y plane.

SurfaceRegion2D Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
X	64f	Setting for area x position (mm).
Y	64f	Setting for area y position (mm).
Width	64f	Setting for region width (mm).
Height	64f	Setting for region height (mm).

SurfaceFeature

A SurfaceFeature element defines the settings for detecting a feature within an area of interest.

SurfaceFeature Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Type	32s	Setting to determine how the feature is detected within the area: 0 – Centroid 2d 1 – Centroid 3d 2 – X Min 3 – X Max 4 – Y Min 5 – Y Max 6 – Z Min 7 – Z Max
RegionEnabled	32s	Setting to enable/disable region: 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
Region	Region3D	Element for feature detection volume.

Script

A Script element defines settings for a script measurement.

Script Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Code	String	Script code.
Measurements\Output	(Collection)	Dynamic list of Output elements.

Output

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Output ID. Optional (output disabled if set to -1).
Name	String	Output name

SurfaceBoundingBox

A SurfaceBoundingBox element defines settings for a surface bounding box tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceBoundingBox Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
ZRotationEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable rotation of bounding box
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
Measurements\GlobalX	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Global X measurement
Measurements\GlobalY	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Global Y measurement
Measurements\X	BoundingBoxMeasurement	X measurement
Measurements\Y	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Y measurement
Measurements\Z	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Z measurement

Element	Type	Description
Measurements\Width	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Width measurement
Measurements\Height	BoundingBoxMeasurement	Height measurement
Measurements\ZAngle	BoundingBoxMeasurement	ZAngle measurement

BoundingBoxMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfaceEllipse

A SurfaceEllipse element defines settings for a surface ellipse tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceEllipse Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.

Element	Type	Description
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
Measurements\Major	EllipseMeasurement	Major measurement
Measurements\Minor	EllipseMeasurement	Minor measurement
Measurements\Ratio	EllipseMeasurement	Ratio measurement
Measurements\ZAngle	EllipseMeasurement	ZAngle measurement

EllipseMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfaceHole

A SurfaceHole element defines settings for a surface hole tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceHole Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.

Element	Type	Description
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
NominalRadius	64f	Nominal radius (mm)
RadiusTolerance	64f	Radius tolerance (mm)
PartialDetectionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable partial detection 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
RefRegionsEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable reference regions 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RefRegionCount	32s	Count of the reference regions
RefRegions	(Collection)	Reference regions. Contains 1 or 2 SurfaceRegion2D elements
AutoTiltEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable tilt correction 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
TiltXAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle X
TiltYAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle Y
Measurements\X	HoleMeasurement	X measurement
Measurements\Y	HoleMeasurement	Y measurement
Measurements\Z	HoleMeasurement	Z measurement
Measurements\Radius	HoleMeasurement	Radius measurement

HoleMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable

Element	Type	Description
		1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfaceOpening

A SurfaceOpening element defines settings for a surface opening tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceOpening Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Type	32s	Type of the opening 0 – Rounded 1 – Slot
NominalWidth	64f	Nominal width (mm)
NominalLength	64f	Nominal length (mm)
NominalAngle	64f	Nominal angle (degrees)
NominalRadius	64f	Nominal radius (mm)
WidthTolerance	64f	Radius tolerance (mm)
LengthTolerance	64f	Length tolerance (mm)
AngleTolerance	64f	Angle tolerance (degrees)
PartialDetectionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable partial detection 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region

Element	Type	Description
		0 – Disable 1 – Enable
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
RefRegionsEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable reference regions 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RefRegionCount	32s	Count of the reference regions
RefRegions	(Collection)	Reference regions. Contains 1 or 2 SurfaceRegion2D elements
AutoTiltEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable tilt correction 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
TiltXAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle X
TiltYAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle Y
Measurements\X	OpeningMeasurement	X measurement
Measurements\Y	OpeningMeasurement	Y measurement
Measurements\Z	OpeningMeasurement	Z measurement
Measurements\Width	OpeningMeasurement	Width measurement
Measurements\Length	OpeningMeasurement	Length measurement
Measurements\Angle	OpeningMeasurement	Angle measurement
<i>OpeningMeasurement</i>		
Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor

Element	Type	Description
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfacePlane

A SurfacePlane element defines settings for a surface plane tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfacePlane Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
RegionsEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable regions 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RegionCount	32s	Count of the regions
Regions	Region3D	Measurement region. Contains 1 or 2 Region3D elements.
Measurements\XAngle	PlaneMeasurement	XAngle measurement
Measurements\YAngle	PlaneMeasurement	YAngle measurement
Measurements\ZOffset	PlaneMeasurement	ZOffset measurement

PlaneMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable

Element	Type	Description
		1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfacePosition

A SurfacePosition element defines settings for a surface position tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfacePosition Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Feature	SurfaceFeature	Measurement feature
Measurements\X	PositionMeasurement	X measurement
Measurements\Y	PositionMeasurement	Y measurement
Measurements\Z	PositionMeasurement	Z measurement

PositionMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable

Element	Type	Description
		1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold

SurfaceStud

A SurfaceStud element defines settings for a surface stud tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceStud Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
StudRadius	64f	Radius of stud (mm)
StudHeight	64f	Height of stud (mm)
BaseHeight	64f	Height of stud's base
TipHeight	64f	Height of stud's tip
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
RefRegionsEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable reference regions 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
RefRegionCount	32s	Count of the reference regions
RefRegions	(Collection)	Reference regions. Contains 1 or 2 SurfaceRegion2D elements
AutoTiltEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable tilt correction 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
TiltXAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle X
TiltYAngle	64f	Setting for manual tilt correction angle Y
Measurements\BaseX	StudMeasurement	BaseX measurement

Element	Type	Description
Measurements\BaseY	StudMeasurement	BaseY measurement
Measurements\BaseZ	StudMeasurement	BaseZ measurement
Measurements\TipX	StudMeasurement	TipX measurement
Measurements\TipY	StudMeasurement	TipY measurement
Measurements\TipZ	StudMeasurement	TipZ measurement
Measurements\Radius	StudMeasurement	Radius measurement

StudMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold
RadiusOffset	64f	Radius offset of the stud (Radius measurement only)

SurfaceVolume

A SurfaceVolume element defines settings for a surface volume tool and one or more of its measurements.

SurfaceVolume Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Name	String	Setting for measurement name.
Source	32s	Setting for profile source.
Anchor\X	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\X.options	String (CSV)	The X measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.

Element	Type	Description
Anchor\Y	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Y.options	String (CSV)	The Y measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
Anchor\Z	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) used for anchoring.
Anchor\Z.options	String (CSV)	The Z measurements (IDs) available for anchoring.
RegionEnabled	Boolean	Setting to enable/disable region
Region	Region3D	Measurement region
Measurements\Volume	VolumeMeasurement	Volume measurement
Measurements\Area	VolumeMeasurement	Area measurement
Measurements\Thickness	VolumeMeasurement	Thickness measurement

VolumeMeasurement

Element	Type	Description
id (attribute)	32s	Measurement ID. Optional (measurement disabled if not set)
Name	String	Measurement name
Enabled	Boolean	Measurement enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
HoldEnabled	Boolean	Output hold enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingEnabled	Boolean	Smoothing enable state 0 – Disable 1 – Enable
SmoothingWindow	32s	Smoothing window
Scale	64f	Output scaling factor
Offset	64f	Output offset factor
DecisionMin	64f	Minimum decision threshold
DecisionMax	64f	Maximum decision threshold
Location (Thickness measurement only)	32s	Measurement type 0 – Maximum 1 – Minimum 2 – 2D Centroid 3 – 3D Centroid 4 – Average 5 – Median

Output

The Output element contains the following sub-elements: Ethernet, Serial, Analog, Digital0, and Digital1. Each of these sub-elements defines the output settings for a different type of Gocator output.

For all sub-elements, the source identifiers used for measurement outputs correspond to the measurement identifiers defined in each tool's Measurements element. For example, in the following XAML, in the options attribute of the Measurements element, 2 and 3 are the identifiers of measurements that are enabled and available for output. The value of the Measurements element (that is, 2) means that only the measurement with id 2 (Hole X) will be sent to output.

```
<SurfaceHole>    ...
  <Measurements>
    <X id="2">    ...
    <Y id="3">    ...

<Output>
  <Ethernet>      ...
    <Measurements options="2,3">2</Measurements>
```

Ethernet

The Ethernet element defines settings for Ethernet output.

Ethernet Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Protocol	32s	Ethernet protocol: 0 – Gocator 1 – Modbus 2 – EtherNet/IP 3 – ASCII
Ascii	Section	See <i>ASCII</i> (page 162).
EIPBufferEnabled	Bool	Enables EtherNet/IP buffering.
ModbusBufferEnabled	Bool	Enables Modbus buffering
Videos	32s (CSV)	Selected video sources: 0 – Top
Videos.options	32s (CSV)	List of available video sources (see above).
Surfaces	32s (CSV)	Selected surface sources. 0 – Top
Surfaces.options	32s (CSV)	List of available surface sources (see above).
SurfaceIntensities	32s (CSV)	Selected surface intensity sources. 0 – Top
SurfaceIntensities.options	32s (CSV)	List of available surface intensity sources (see above).
Measurements	32u (CSV)	Selected measurement sources.
Measurements.options	32u (CSV)	List of available measurement sources.

ASCII

ASCII Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Operation	32s	Operation mode: 0 – Asynchronous 1 – Polled
ControlPort	32u	Control service port number.
HealthPort	32u	Health service port number.
DataPort	32u	Data service port number.
Delimiter	String	Field delimiter.
Terminator	String	Line terminator.
InvalidValue	String	String for invalid output.
CustomDataFormat	String	Custom data format.
CustomFormatEnabled	Bool	Enables custom data format.

Digital0 and Digital1

The Digital0 and Digital1 elements defines settings for the Gocator's two digital outputs.

Digital0 and Digital1 Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Event	32s	Triggering event: 0 – None (disabled) 1 – Measurements 2 – Software 3 – Alignment state 3 – Alignment state
SignalType	32s	Signal type: 0 – Pulse 1 – Continuous
ScheduleEnabled	Bool	Enables scheduling.
PulseWidth	64f	Pulse width (μs).
PulseWidth.min	64f	Minimum pulse width (μs).
PulseWidth.max	64f	Maximum pulse width (μs).
PassMode	32s	Measurement pass condition: 0 – AND of measurements is true 1 – AND of measurements is false 2 – Always assert
Delay	64f	Output delay (μs or mm, depending on delay domain defined below).
DelayDomain	32s	Output delay domain: 0 – Time (μs)

Element	Type	Description
		1 – Encoder (mm)
Measurements	32u (CSV)	Selected measurement sources.
Measurements.options	32u (CSV)	List of available measurement sources.

Analog

The Analog element defines settings for Analog output.

The range of valid measurement values [DataScaleMin, DataScaleMax] is scaled linearly to the specified current range [CurrentMin, CurrentMax].

Only one Value or Decision source can be selected at a time.

Analog Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Event	32s	Triggering event: 0 – None (disabled) 1 – Measurements 2 – Software
ScheduleEnabled	Bool	Enables scheduling.
CurrentMin	64f	Minimum current (mA).
CurrentMin.min	64f	Minimum value of minimum current (mA).
CurrentMin.max	64f	Maximum value of minimum current (mA).
CurrentMax	64f	Maximum current (mA).
CurrentMax.min	64f	Minimum value of maximum current (mA).
CurrentMax.max	64f	Maximum value of maximum current (mA).
CurrentInvalidEnabled	Bool	Enables special current value for invalid measurement value.
CurrentInvalid	64f	Current value for invalid measurement value (mA).
CurrentInvalid.min	64f	Minimum value for invalid current (mA).
CurrentInvalid.max	64f	Maximum value for invalid current (mA).
DataScaleMin	64f	Measurement value corresponding to minimum current.
DataScaleMax	64f	Measurement value corresponding to maximum current.
Delay	64f	Output delay (μs or mm, depending on delay domain defined below).
DelayDomain	32s	Output delay domain: 0 – Time (μs) 1 – Encoder (mm)
Measurement	32u	Selected measurement source.
Measurement.options	32u (CSV)	List of available measurement sources.



The delay specifies the time or position at which the analog output activates. Upon activation, there is an additional delay before the analog output settles at the correct value.

Serial

The Serial element defines settings for Serial output.

Serial Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Protocol	32s	Serial protocol: 0 – ASCII 1 – Selcom
Protocol.options	32s (CSV)	List of available protocols.
Measurements	32u (CSV)	Selected measurement sources.
Measurements.options	32u (CSV)	List of available measurement sources.

Selcom

Selcom Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Rate	32u	Output bit rate.
Rate.options	32u (CSV)	List of available rates.
Format	32s	Output format: 0 – 12-bit 1 – 12-bit with search 2 – 14-bit 3 – 14-bit with search
Format.options	32s (CSV)	List of available formats.
DataScaleMin	64f	Measurement value corresponding to minimum word value.
DataScaleMax	64f	Measurement value corresponding to maximum word value.

ASCII

ASCII Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
Delimiter	String	Field delimiter.
Terminator	String	Line terminator.
InvalidValue	String	String for invalid output.
CustomDataFormat	String	Custom data format.
CustomFormatEnabled	Bool	Enables custom data format.

Transformation File

The transformation file contains information about the physical system setup that is used to:

- Transform data from sensor coordinate system to another coordinate system (e.g., world)
- Define encoder resolution for encoder-based triggering
- Define the travel offset (Y offset) between sensors for staggered operation

The transformation file exists as a separate file when **Alignment Reference (page 44)** is set to **Fixed**. When **Alignment Reference** is set to **Dynamic**, transformation information is included in each job file (see page 139) under the Transform element.

Use the Read File and Write File commands to modify the transformation file. See the following sections for the elements contained in the transformation file.

Alignment Example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<Transform version="100">
  <EncoderResolution>1</EncoderResolution>
  <Speed>100</Speed>
  <Devices>
    <Device role="0">
      <X>-2.3650924829</X>
      <Y>0.0</Y>
      <Z>123.4966803469</Z>
      <XAngle>5.7478302588</XAngle>
      <YAngle>3.7078302555</XAngle>
      <ZAngle>2.7078302556</XAngle>
      <Orientation>0</Orientation>
    </Device>
    <Device id="1">
      <X>0</X>
      <Y>0.0</Y>
      <Z>123.4966803469</Z>
      <XAngle>5.7478302588</XAngle>
      <YAngle>3.7078302555</XAngle>
      <ZAngle>2.7078302556</XAngle>
      <Orientation>0</Orientation>
    </Device>
  </Devices>
</Transform>
```

Transform

The Transform element contains the alignment record for the sensor. The version attribute defines the version of the record format.

```
<Transform version="100">
```

Transform Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
EncoderResolution	64f	Encoder Resolution (mm/tick).
Speed	64f	Travel Speed (mm/s).
Devices	(Collection)	Contains two Device elements.

Device

A Device element defines the transformation for a sensor. There is one entry element per sensor, identified by a unique role attribute (0 for main and 1 for buddy):

```
<Device role="0">
```

Entry Child Elements

Element	Type	Description
X	64f	Translation in the X axis (mm).
Y	64f	Translation in the Y axis (mm).
Z	64f	Translation in the Z axis (mm).
XAngle	64f	Rotation about Y axis (degrees).
YAngle	64f	Rotation about X axis (degrees).
ZAngle	64f	Rotation about Z axis (degrees).

The rotation (counter-clockwise in the X-Z plane) is performed before the translation. If a right-handed system is wanted instead of the normal orientation, then Orientation can be set to 1 to flip the coordinate system.

Protocols

The following sections describe the protocols that Gocator sensors support.

Gocator Protocol

This section describes TCP and UDP commands and data formats used by a client computer to communicate with Gocator sensors. Network communication enables the client to:

- Send commands to run sensors, provide software triggers, read/write files, etc.
- Receive data, health, and diagnostic messages.
- Upgrade firmware.

The Concepts section defines network connection types (Discovery, Control, Upgrade, Data, and Health), common data types, and other terminologies. Subsequent sections provide details about network commands and data formats.

The Gocator SDK provides open source C language libraries that implement the network commands and data formats defined in this section. See *Software Development Kit* (page 222) for more information.

General

Modes

A Gocator system can operate in the following modes.

System Modes

Mode	Description
Video	Sends raw video.
Surface	Performs part detection and measurements (default mode).

States

A Gocator system can be in one of three states: Conflict, Ready, or Running. The Start and Stop commands are sent by the client to change the current state. The sensor can be configured to boot in either the Ready or Running state.

In the Ready state, a sensor can be configured. In the Running state, a sensor will respond to input signals, perform measurements, drive its outputs, and send data messages to the client. Disconnecting to command channel will change the sensor from the Running state to the Ready state.

Data Types

The table below defines the data types and associated type identifiers used throughout this document. All values are transmitted in little endian format (least significant byte first) unless stated otherwise.

Data Types

Type	Description	Null Value
char	Character (8-bit, ASCII encoding)	-
byte	Byte.	-
8u	8-bit unsigned integer.	-
8s	8-bit signed integer.	-
16s	16-bit signed integer.	-32768 (0x8000)
16u	16-bit unsigned integer.	65535 (0xFFFF)
32s	32-bit signed integer.	-2147483648 (0x80000000)
32u	32-bit unsigned integer.	4294967295 (0xFFFFFFFF)
64s	64-bit signed integer.	-9223372036854775808 (0x8000000000000000)
64u	64-bit unsigned integer.	18446744073709551615 (0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF)
64f	64-bit floating point	-1.7976931348623157e+308
Point16s	Two 16-bit signed integers	-



IP addresses are an exception to the little endian rule. The bytes in the address "a.b.c.d" will always be transmitted in the order a, b, c, d (big endian).

Status Codes

Each reply on Discovery (page 166), Control (page 169), and Upgrade (page 191) channels contains a *status* field containing a status code indicating the result of the command. The following status codes are defined.

Status Codes

Label	Value	Description
OK	1	Command succeeded.
Failed	0	Command failed.
Invalid State	-1000	Command is not valid in the current state.
Item Not Found	-999	A required item (e.g., file) was not found.
Invalid Command	-998	Command is not recognized.
Invalid Parameter	-997	One or more command parameters are incorrect.
Not Supported	-996	The operation is not supported.

Discovery Commands

Sensors ship with the following default network configuration:

Setting	Default
DHCP	0 (disabled)
IP Address	192.168.1.10
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway	0.0.0.0 (disabled)

The Get Address and Set Address discovery commands can be used to modify a sensor's network configuration. Discovery commands are UDP broadcast messages:

Destination Address	Destination Port
255.255.255.255	3220

When a sensor accepts a discovery command, it will send a UDP broadcast response:

Destination Address	Destination Port
255.255.255.255	Port of command sender.

The use of UDP broadcasts for discovery enables a client computer to locate a sensor when the sensor and client are configured for different subnets. All you need to know is the serial number of the sensor in order to locate it on an IP network.

Get Address

The Get Address command is used to discover Gocator sensors across subnets.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64u	0	Command length.
type	64s	8	Command type (0x1).
signature	64u	16	Message signature (0x0000504455494D4C).
deviceld	64u	24	Serial number of the device whose address information is queried. 0 selects all devices.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64u	0	Reply length.
type	64s	8	Reply type (0x1001).
status	64s	16	Operation status.
signature	64u	24	Message signature (0x0000504455494D4C).
deviceld	64u	32	Serial number.
dhcpEnabled	64u	40	0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled
reserved[4]	byte	48	Reserved.

Field	Type	Offset	Description
address[4]	byte	52	The IP address in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	56	Reserved.
subnetMask[8]	byte	60	The subnet mask in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	64	Reserved.
gateway[8]	byte	68	The gateway address in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	72	Reserved.
reserved[4]	byte	76	Reserved.

Set Address

The Set Address command modifies the network configuration of a Gocator sensor. On receiving the command, the Gocator will perform a reset. You should wait 30 seconds before re-connecting to the Gocator.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64u	0	Command length.
type	64s	8	Command type (0x2).
signature	64u	16	Message signature (0x0000504455494D4C).
deviceld	64u	24	Serial number of the device whose address information is queried. 0 selects all devices.
dhcpEnabled	64u	40	0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled
reserved[4]	byte	48	Reserved.
address[4]	byte	52	The IP address in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	56	Reserved.
subnetMask[8]	byte	60	The subnet mask in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	64	Reserved.
gateway[8]	byte	68	The gateway address in left to right order.
reserved[4]	byte	72	Reserved.
reserved[4]	byte	76	Reserved.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64u	0	Reply length.
type	64s	8	Reply type (0x1002).
status	64s	16	Operation status.
signature	64u	24	Message signature (0x0000504455494D4C).
deviceld	64u	32	Serial number.

Control Commands

A client can send commands and receive responses over the Control and Upgrade TCP channels.

Command Channels

Channel	Port	Description
Control	3190	Sensor accepts commands for most operations.
Upgrade	3192	Sensor accepts commands for firmware upgrades.

The Control and Upgrade channels can be connected simultaneously, but the sensor will accept only a single connection on each port. If an additional connection is attempted on a port that is already connected, the previous connection will be closed and the new connection will be accepted.

Protocol Version

The Protocol Version command reports the Control protocol version of the connected sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4511)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4511).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
majorVersion	8u	10	Major version.
minorVersion	8u	11	Minor version.

Get Address

The Get Address command is used to discover Gocator sensors across subnets.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x3012)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x3012).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Field	Type	Offset	Description
dhcpEnabled	8u	10	0 – DHCP not used 1 – DHCP used
address[4]	byte	11	IP address (most significant byte first).
subnetMask[4]	byte	15	Subnet mask.
gateway[4]	byte	19	Gateway address.

Set Address

The Set Address command modifies the network configuration of a Gocator sensor. On receiving the command, the Gocator will perform a reset. You should wait 30 seconds before re-connecting to the Gocator.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x3013)
dhcpEnabled	8u	6	0 – DHCP not used 1 – DHCP used
address[4]	byte	7	IP address (most significant byte first).
subnetMask[4]	byte	11	Subnet mask.
gateway[4]	byte	15	Gateway address.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x3013).
status	32s	8	Reply status.

Get System Info

The Get System Info command reports information for sensors that are visible in the system.

Firmware version refers to the version of the Gocator's firmware installed on each individual sensor. The client can upgrade the Gocator's firmware by sending the Start Upgrade command (see page 192). Firmware upgrade files are available from the downloads section under the support tab on the LMI web site. See *Firmware Upgrade* (page 50) for more information on obtaining the latest firmware.

Every Gocator sensor contains factory backup firmware. If a firmware upgrade command fails (e.g., power is interrupted), the factory backup firmware will be loaded when the sensor is reset or power cycled. In this case, the sensors will fall back to the factory default IP address. To avoid IP address conflicts in a multi-sensor system, connect to one sensor at a time and re-attempt the firmware upgrade.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4002)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4002).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
localInfo	Sensor Info	10	Info for this device.
remoteCount	32u	66	Number of discovered sensors.
remoteInfo [remoteCount]	Sensor Info	70	List of info for discovered sensors.

SensorInfo

Field	Type	Offset	Description
deviceId	32u	0	Serial number of the device.
address[4]	byte	4	IP address (most significant byte first).
modelName[32]	char	8	Model name.
firmwareVersion[4]	byte	40	Firmware version (most significant byte first).
state	32s	44	Sensor state -1 – Conflict 0 – Ready 1 – Running
role	32s	48	Sensor role 0 – Main

Get States

The Get System Info command a list of useful system states.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4525)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4525).

Field	Type	Offset	Description
status	32s	6	Reply status.
count	32u	10	Number of state variables.
sensorState	32s	14	Sensor state -1 – Conflict 0 – Ready 1 – Running
loginState	32s	18	Device login state 0 – No user 1 – Administrator 2 – Technician
alignmentReference	32s	22	Alignment reference 0 – Fixed 1 – Dynamic
alignmentState	32s	26	Alignment state 0 – Unaligned 1 – Aligned
recordingEnabled	32s	30	Whether or not recording is enabled 0 – Disabled 1 – Enabled
playbackSource	32s	34	Playback source 0 – Live data 1 – Recorded data
uptimeSec	32u	38	Uptime (whole seconds component)
uptimeMicrosec	32u	42	Uptime (remaining microseconds component)
playbackPos	32u	46	Playback position
playbackCount	32u	50	Playback frame count

Log In/Out

The Log In/Out command is used to log in or out of a sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4003)
userType	32s	6	Defines the user type 0 – None (log out) 1 – Administrator 2 – Technician
password[64]	char	10	Password (required for log-in only).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4003).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Change Password

The Change Password command is used to change log-in credentials for a user.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4004)
user type	32s	6	Defines the user type 0 – None (log out) 1 – Administrator 2 – Technician
password[64]	char	10	New password.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4004).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

List Files

The List Files command returns a list of the files in the sensor's file system.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x101A)
extension[64]	char	6	Specifies the extension used to filter the list of files (does not include the "."). If an empty string is used, then no filtering is performed.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x101A).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Field	Type	Offset	Description
count	32u	10	Number of file names.
fileNames[count][64]	char	14	File names

Copy File

The Copy File command copies a file from a source to a destination within the connected sensor. Copy a saved configuration to "_live.job" to make the configuration live.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64s	0	Command size – in bytes.
id	64s	4	Command identifier (0x101B).
source[64]	char	6	Source file name.
destination[64]	char	70	Destination file name.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x101B).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Read File

Downloads a file from the connected sensor. Read the file "_live.job" and "_live.prof" to download the live configuration and template.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size – in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1007).
name[64]	char	6	Source file name.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size – in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1007).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
length	32u	10	File length
data[length]	byte	14	File contents

Write File

The Write File command uploads a file to the connected sensor. Write to "_live.job" to write the make the job file live. Except for writing to the live files, the file is permanently stored on the sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1006)
name[64]	char	6	Source file name.
length	32u	70	File length
data[length]	byte	74	File contents

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1006).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Delete File

The Delete File command removes a file from the connected sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1008)
name[64]	char	6	Source file name.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1008).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Default Job

The Get Default Job command gets the name of a default job file that will be loaded at boot time.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4100)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4100).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
name[64]	char	10	File name (null-terminated).

Set Default Job

The Set Default Job command sets the name of a default job file that will be loaded at boot time.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4101).
fileName[64]	char	6	File name (null-terminated).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4101).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Loaded Job

The Get Loaded Job command returns the currently loaded (i.e., live) file name and modified status for a file type.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4512).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4512).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
fileName[64]	char	10	Name of the currently loaded file.
changed	8u	74	Whether or not the currently loaded file has been changed (1: yes; 0: no).

Set Alignment Reference

The Set Alignment Reference command is used to set the sensor's alignment reference.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4103).
reference	32s	6	Alignment reference 0 – Fixed 1 – Dynamic

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4103).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Alignment Reference

The Get Alignment Reference command is used to get the sensor's alignment reference.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4104).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4104).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
reference	32s	10	Alignment reference 0 – Fixed 1 – Dynamic

Clear Alignment

The Clear Alignment command clears sensor alignment.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4102).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4102).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Timestamp

The Get Timestamp command retrieves the sensor's timestamp, in clock ticks. All devices in a system are synchronized with the system clock; this value can be used for diagnostic purposes, or used to synchronize the start time of the system.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x100A).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x100A).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
timestamp	64u		Timestamp, in clock ticks.

Get Encoder

This command retrieves the current system encoder value.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x100C).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x100C).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
encoder	64s	10	Current encoder position, in ticks.

Reset Encoder

The Reset Encoder command is used to reset the current encoder value.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x101E).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x101E).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Start

The Start command starts the sensor system (system enters the Running state).

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x100D).
reserved	64s		Reserved field – set to 0.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x100D).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Stop

The Stop command stops the sensor system (system enters the Ready state).

Command

Field	Type	Type	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1001).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1001).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Start Alignment

The Start Alignment command is used to start the alignment procedure on a sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4600).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4600).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
opId	32s	10	Operation ID.

Start Exposure Auto-set

The Start Exposure Auto-set command is used to start the exposure auto-set procedure on a sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4601).
role	32s	6	Role of sensors to auto-set. 0 – Main 1 – Buddy

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4601).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
opId	32s	10	Operation ID.

Software Trigger

The Software Trigger command causes the sensor to take a snapshot while in software mode and in the Running state.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4510).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4510).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Schedule Digital Output

The Schedule Digital Output command schedules a digital output event. The digital output must be configured to accept software-scheduled commands and be in the Running state. See *Digital Output* (page 130) for information on setting up the digital output.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4518).
index	16u	6	Index of the output (starts from 0)
target	64s	8	Specifies the time (clock ticks) or position (um) of when the event should happen. The target value is ignored if the Signal setting in Digital in the Output panel is not set to Scheduled . The output will be triggered immediately. See <i>Digital Output</i> (page 130) for information on setting Signal .
value	8u	16	Specifies the target state: 0 – Set to low (continuous) 1 – Set to high (continuous) Ignored if output type is pulsed.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4518).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Schedule Analog Output

The Schedule Analog Output command schedules an analog output event. The analog output must be configured to accept software-scheduled commands and be in the Running state. See *Analog Output* (page 132) for information on setting up the analog output.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.

Field	Type	Offset	Description
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4519).
index	16u	6	Index of the output. Must be 0.
target	64s	8	Specifies the time (clock ticks) or position (encoder ticks) of when the event should happen. The target value is ignored if the Signal setting in Analog in the Output panel is not set to Scheduled . The output will be triggered immediately. See <i>Analog Output</i> (page 132) for information on setting the Signal type.
value	32s	16	Output current (micro-amperes).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4519).
status	32s	6	Reply status.



The analog output takes about 75 us to reach 90% of the target value for a maximum change, then roughly another 40 us to settle completely.

Ping

The Ping command can be used to test the control connection. This command has no effect on sensors.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x100E).
timeout	64u	6	Timeout value (microseconds).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x100E).
status	32s	6	Reply status.



If a non-zero value is specified for timeout, the client must send another ping command before the timeout elapses; otherwise the server would close the connection. The timer is reset and updated with every command.

Reset

The Reset command reboots the Main sensor and any Buddy sensors. All sensors will automatically reset 3 seconds after the reply to this command is transmitted.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4300).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4300).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Backup

The Backup command creates a backup of all files stored on the connected sensor and downloads the backup to the client.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1013).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1013).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
length	32u	10	Data length.
data[length]	byte	14	Data content.

Restore

The Restore command uploads a backup file to the connected sensor and then restores all sensor files from the backup.



The sensor must be reset or power-cycled before the restore operation can be completed.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1014).
length	32u	10	Data length.
data[length]	byte	14	Data content.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1014).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Restore Factory

The Restore Factory command restores the connected sensor to factory default settings. This command has no effect on connected Buddy sensors.

Note that the sensor must be reset or power-cycled before the factory restore operation can be completed.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4301).
resetAddress	8u	6	Specifies whether IP address should be restored to default: 0 – Do not reset IP 1 – Reset IP

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4301).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Set Recording Enabled

The Set Recording Enabled command enables recording for replay later.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4516).
enable	8u	6	0: disabled; 1: enabled.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4516).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Recording Enabled

The Get Recording Enabled command retrieves whether recording is enabled.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4517).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4517).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
enable	8u	10	0: disabled; 1: enabled.

Clear Replay Data

The Clear Replay Data command clears the sensors replay data..

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4513).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4513).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Set Playback Source

The Set Playback Source command sets the data source for data acquisition.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4523).
source	32s	6	Source 0 – Live 1 – Replay buffer

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4523).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Playback Source

The Get Playback Source command gets the data source for data acquisition.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4524).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4524).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
source	32s	10	Source 0 – Live 1 – Replay buffer

Simulate

The Simulate command simulates the last frame if playback source is live, or the current frame if playback source is the replay buffer.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4522).
source	32s	6	Source 0 – Live 1 – Replay buffer

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4522).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
bufferValid	8u	10	Whether or not the buffer is valid.



A reply status of -996 means that the current configuration (mode, sensor type, etc.) does not support simulation.

A reply status of -992 means that the simulation buffer is empty. Note that the buffer can be valid even if the simulation buffer is actually empty due to optimization choices. This scenario means that the simulation buffer would be valid if data were recorded.

Seek Playback

The Seek Playback command seeks to any position in the current playback dataset. The frame is then sent.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4503).
frame	32u	6	Frame index.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4503).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Step Playback

The Step Playback command advances playback by one frame.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4501).
direction	32s	6	Define step direction 0 – Forward 1 – Reverse

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4501).
status	32s	6	Reply status.



When the system is running in the Replay mode, this command advances replay data (playback) by one frame. This command returns error if no live playback data set is loaded. You can use the Copy File command to load a replay data set to live.

Playback Position

The Playback Position command retrieves the current playback position.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4502).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4502).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
Frame Index	32u	10	Current frame index (starts from 0).
Frame Count	32u	14	Total number of available frames/objects.

Clear Measurement Stats

The Clear Measurement Stats command clears the sensor's measurement statistics.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4526).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4526).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Simulate Unaligned

The Simulate Unaligned command simulates data before alignment transformation.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x452A).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x452A).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Acquire

The Acquire command acquires a new scan.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4528).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4528).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Acquire Unaligned

The Acquire Unaligned command acquires a new scan without performing alignment transformation.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4527).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4527).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Read File (Progressive)

The progressive Read File command reads the content of a file as a stream.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4529).
name[64]	char	6	Source file name.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4529).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
progressTotal	32u	10	Progress indicating completion (100%).
progress	32u	14	Current progress.



The reply may be followed by a series of continue replies.

Export CSV (Progressive)

The progressive Export CSV command exports replay data as a CSV stream.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4507).

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4507).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
progressTotal	32u	10	Progress indicating completion (100%).
progress	32u	14	Current progress.



Only the current surface scan is exported (determined by the playback position).

The reply may be followed by a series of continue replies. See the section on progressive reply.

Export Bitmap (Progressive)

The progressive Export Bitmap command exports replay data as a bitmap stream.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x4508).
type	32s	6	Data type: 0 – Range or video 1 – Intensity
source	32s	10	Data source to export.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x4508).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
progressTotal	32u	10	Progress indicating completion (100%).
progress	32u	14	Current progress.



The reply may be followed by a series of continue replies. See the section on progressive reply.

Upgrade Commands

A client can send commands and receive responses over the Control and Upgrade TCP channels.

Command Channels

Channel	Port	Description
Control	3190	Sensor accepts commands for most operations.
Upgrade	3192	Sensor accepts commands for firmware upgrades.

The Control and Upgrade channels can be connected simultaneously, but the sensor will accept only a single connection on each port. If an additional connection is attempted on a port that is already connected, the previous connection will be closed and the new connection will be accepted.

After connecting to a Gocator device, you can use the Get Protocol Version command to retrieve the protocol version.

Protocol version refers to the version of the Gocator Protocol supported by the *connected sensor* (the sensor to which a command connection is established), and consists of major and minor parts. The minor part is updated when backward-compatible additions are made to the Gocator Protocol. The major part will be updated in the event that breaking changes are made to the Gocator Protocol.

Get Protocol Version

The Get Protocol Version command reports the Upgrade protocol version of the connected sensor.

Command

Field	Type	Description
length	64s	Command size – in bytes.
id	64s	Command identifier (0x0100).

Reply

Field	Type	Description
length	64s	Reply size – in bytes.
id	64s	Reply identifier.
status	64s	Reply status.
majorVersion	64s	Major version.
minorVersion	64s	Minor version.

Start Upgrade

The Start Upgrade command begins a firmware upgrade for the Main sensor. All sensors will automatically reset 3 seconds after the upgrade process is complete.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	64s	0	Command size – in bytes.
id	64s	4	Command identifier (0x0000).
skipValidation	byte	6	Whether or not to skip validation (0 – do not skip, 1 – skip).
length	32u	7	Length of the upgrade package (bytes).
data[length]	byte	11	Upgrade package data.

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x0000).
status	32s	6	Reply status.

Get Upgrade Status

The Get Upgrade Status command determines the progress of a firmware upgrade.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x1)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x1).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
state	32s	10	Upgrade state: -1 – Failed 0 – Completed 1 – Running 2 – Completed, but should run again
progress	32u	14	Upgrade progress (valid when in the Running state)

Get Upgrade Log

The Get Upgrade Log command can retrieve an upgrade log in the event of upgrade problems.

Command

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Command size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Command identifier (0x2)

Reply

Field	Type	Offset	Description
length	32u	0	Reply size including this field, in bytes.
id	16u	4	Reply identifier (0x2).
status	32s	6	Reply status.
length	32u	10	Length of the log (bytes).
log[length]	char	14	Log content.

Data Results

A client can receive data messages from a Gocator sensor by connecting to the Data or Health TCP channels.

Result Channels

Channel	Port	Description
Data	3196	Sensor sends data messages.
Health	3194	Sensor sends health messages.

The ports above can be connected simultaneously and the sensor will also accept multiple connections on each port.

Messages that are received on the Data and Health channels use a common structure, called Gocator Data Protocol (GDP). Each GDP message consists of a 6-byte header followed by a variable-length, message-specific content section. The structure of the GDP message is defined below.

Gocator Data Protocol

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.

GDP messages are always sent in groups. The last message flag in the control field is used to indicate the final message within a group. If there is only one message per group, this bit will be set in each message.

Stamp

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
count (C)	32u	6	Count of stamps in this message.
size	16u	10	Stamp size, in bytes (min: 56, current: 56).
source	8u	12	Source (0 – Main).
reserved	8u	13	Reserved.
stamps[C]	Stamp	14	Array of stamps (see below).

Stamp

Field	Type	Offset	Description
frameIndex	64u	0	Frame index (counts up from zero).
timestamp	64u	8	Timestamp (ns).
encoder	64s	16	Current encoder value (ticks).
encoderAtZ	64s	24	Encoder value latched at z/index mark (ticks).
status	64u	32	Bit field containing various frame information: Bit 0: sensor digital input state Bit 4: master digital input state Bit 8-9: inter-frame digital pulse trigger (Master digital input if master is connected, otherwise sensor digital input. Value is cleared after each frame and clamped at 3 if more than 3 pulses are received).
reserved[2]	64u	32	Reserved.

Video

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
attributesSize	16u	6	Size of attributes, in bytes (min: 20, current: 20).
height (H)	32u	8	Image height, in pixels.
width (W)	32u	12	Image width, in pixels.
pixelSize	8u	16	Pixel size, in bytes.
pixelFormat	8u	17	Pixel format: 1 – 8-bit greyscale 2 – 8-bit color filter 3 – 8-bits-per-channel color (B, G, R, X)
colorFilter	8u	18	Color filter array alignment: 0 – None 1 – Bayer BG/GR 2 – Bayer GB/RG 3 – Bayer RG/GB 4 – Bayer GR/BG
source	8u	19	Source 0 – Top 1 – Bottom 2 – Top Left 3 – Top Right
cameraIndex	8u	20	Camera index.
exposureIndex	8u	21	Exposure index.
exposure	32u	22	Exposure (ns).
reserved[2]	8u	26	Reserved.
pixels[H][W]	(Variable)	28	Image pixels. (Depends on pixelSize above.)

Surface

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
attributeSize	16u	6	Size of attributes, in bytes (min: 40, current: 40).
length (L)	32u	8	Surface length (rows).
length (W)	32u	12	Surface width (columns).

Field	Type	Offset	Description
xScale	32u	16	X scale (nm).
yScale	32u	20	Y scale (nm).
zScale	32u	24	Z scale (nm).
xOffset	32s	28	X offset (μm).
yOffset	32s	32	Y offset (μm).
zOffset	32s	36	Z offset (μm).
source	8u	40	Source 0 – Top 1 – Bottom 2 – Top Left 3 – Top Right
exposure	32u	41	Exposure (ns).
reserved[3]	8u	45	Reserved.
ranges[L][W]	16s	48	Surface ranges.

Surface Intensity

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
attributeSize	16u	6	Size of attributes, in bytes (min: 32, current: 32).
length (L)	32u	8	Surface length (rows).
width (W)	32u	12	Surface width (columns).
xScale	32u	16	X scale (nm).
yScale	32u	20	Y scale (nm).
xOffset	32s	24	X offset (μm).
yOffset	32s	28	Y offset (μm).
source	8u	32	Source 0 – Top 1 – Bottom 2 – Top Left 3 – Top Right
exposure	32u	33	Exposure (ns).
reserved[3]	8u	37	
intensities[H][W]	8u	40	Surface intensities.

Measurement

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
count (C)	32u	6	Count of measurements in this message.
reserved[2]	8u	10	Reserved.
id	16u	12	Measurement identifier.
measurements[C]	Measurement	16	Array of measurements (see below).

Measurement

Field	Type	Offset	Description
value	32s	0	Measurement value.
decision	8s	4	Measurement decision. 1 – Pass 0 – Fail -1 – Invalid Value -2 – Invalid Anchor
reserved[3]	8u	5	Reserved.

Alignment Result

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
attributesSize	16u	6	Size of attributes, in bytes (min: 8, current: 8).
opId	32u	8	Operation ID.
status	32s	12	Operation status.

Exposure Calibration Result

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
attributesSize	16u	6	Size of attributes, in bytes (min: 12, current: 12).
opId	32u	8	Operation ID.
status	32s	12	Operation status.
exposure	32s	16	Exposure result (ns).

Health Results

A client can receive data messages from a Gocator sensor by connecting to the Data or Health TCP channels.

Result Channels

Channel	Port	Description
Data	3196	Sensor sends data messages.
Health	3194	Sensor sends health messages.

The ports above can be connected simultaneously and the sensor will also accept multiple connections on each port.

Messages that are received on the Data and Health channels use a common structure, called Gocator Data Protocol (GDP). Each GDP message consists of a 6-byte header followed by a variable-length, message-specific content section. The structure of the GDP message is defined below.

Gocator Data Protocol

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.

GDP messages are always sent in groups. The last message flag in the control field is used to indicate the final message within a group. If there is only one message per group, this bit will be set in each message.

A Health Result contains a single data block for health *indicators*. Each indicator reports the current status of some aspect of the sensor system, such as CPU usage or network throughput.

Health Result Header

Field	Type	Offset	Description
size	32u	0	Count of bytes in message (including this field).
control	16u	4	Bit 15: Last message flag. Bits 0-14: Message type identifier.
count (C)	32u	6	Count of indicators in this message.
source	8u	10	Source (0 – Main, 1 – Buddy).
reserved[3]	8u	13	Reserved
indicators[C]	Indicator	16	Array of indicators (see format below).

The health indicators block contains a 2 dimensional array of indicator data. Each row in the array has the following format:

Indicator Format

Field	Type	Offset	Description
id	64s	0	Unique indicator identifier (see below).
instance	64s	4	Indicator instance.
value	64s	8	Value (identifier-specific meaning).

The following health indicators are defined for Gocator sensor systems:

Health Indicators

Indicator	Id	Instance	Value
Encoder Value	1003	-	Current system encoder tick.
Encoder Frequency	1005	-	Current system encoder frequency (ticks/s).
App Version	2000	-	Firmware application version.
Uptime	2017	-	Time elapsed since node boot-up or reset (seconds).
Internal Temperature	2002	-	Internal temperature (millidegrees Celsius).
Projector Temperature	2404	-	Projector module temperature (millidegrees Celsius). Only available on projector based devices.
Control Temperature	2028	-	Control module temperature (millidegrees Celsius). Available only on 3B-class devices.
Memory Usage	2003	-	Amount of memory currently used (bytes).
Memory Capacity	2004	-	Total amount of memory available (bytes).
Storage Usage	2005	-	Amount of non-volatile storage used (bytes).
Storage Capacity	2006	-	Total amount of non-volatile storage available (bytes).
CPU Usage	2007	-	CPU usage (percentage of maximum).
Net Out Capacity	2009	-	Total available outbound network throughput (bytes/s).
Net Out Link Status	2034	-	Current Ethernet link status.
Digital Inputs	2024	-	Current digital input status (one bit per input).
Event Count	2102	-	Total number of events triggered.
Camera Trigger Drops	2201	-	Number of dropped triggers.
Analog Output Drops	2501	Output Index	Number of dropped outputs.
Digital Output Drops	2601	Output Index	Number of dropped outputs.
Serial Output Drops	2701	Output Index	Number of dropped outputs.
Sensor State	20000	-	Gocator sensor state. -1 – Conflict 0 – Ready 1 – Running
Current Sensor Speed	20001	-	Current sensor speed. (Hz)
Maximum Speed	20002	-	The sensor's maximum speed.
Spot Count	20003	-	Number of found spots in the last profile.
Max Spot Count	20004	-	Maximum number of spots that can be found.
Scan Count	20005	-	Number of surfaces detected from a top device.

Indicator	Id	Instance	Value
Laser Overheat	20020	-	Indicates whether laser overheat has occurred. 0 – Has not overheated 1 – Has overheated Only available on certain 3B laser devices.
Laser Overheat Duration	20021	-	The length of time in which the laser overheating state occurred. Only available on certain 3B laser devices.
Playback Position	20023	-	The current replay playback position.
Playback Count	20024	-	The number of frames present in the replay.
FireSync Version	20600	-	The FireSync version used by the Gocator build.
Processing Drops	21000	-	Number of dropped frames. The sum of various processing drop related indicators.
Last IO Latency	21001	-	Last delay from camera exposure to when rich IO scheduling occurs. Valid only if rich IO is enabled.
Max IO Latency	21002	-	Maximum delay from camera exposure to when rich IO scheduling occurs. Valid only if rich IO is enabled. Reset on start.
Ethernet Output	21003	-	Number of bytes transmitted.
Ethernet Rate	21004	-	The average number of bytes per second being transmitted.
Ethernet Drops	21005	-	Number of dropped Ethernet packets.
Digital Output Pass	21006	Output Index	Number of pass digital output pulse.
Digital Output Fail	21007	Output Index	Number of fail digital output pulse.
Trigger Drops	21010		Number of dropped triggers. The sum of various triggering-related drop indicators.
Output Drops	21011		Number of dropped output data. The sum of all output drops (analog, digital, serial, host server, and ASCII server).
Host Server Drops	21012		The number of bytes dropped by the host data server. Not currently emitted.
ASCII Server Drops	21013		The number of bytes dropped by the ASCII Ethernet data server. Not currently emitted.
Range Valid Count	21100	-	Number of valid ranges.
Range Invalid Count	21101	-	Number of invalid ranges.
Anchor Invalid Count	21200	-	Number of frames with anchoring invalid.
Z-Index Drop Count	22000	-	The number of dropped surfaces due to a lack of z-encoder pulse during rotational part detection.

Indicator	Id	Instance	Value
Value	30000	Measurement ID	Measurement Value.
Pass	30001	Measurement ID	Number of pass decision.
Fail	30002	Measurement ID	Number of fail decision.
Max	30003	Measurement ID	Maximum measurement value.
Min	30004	Measurement ID	Minimum measurement value.
Average	30005	Measurement ID	Average measurement value.
Std. Dev.	30006	Measurement ID	Measurement value standard deviation.
Invalid Count	30007	Measurement ID	Number of invalid values.

Additional undocumented indicator values may be included in addition to the indicators defined above.

Modbus TCP Protocol

Modbus TCP is designed to allow industrial equipment such as Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), sensors, and physical input/output devices to communicate over an Ethernet network.

Modbus TCP embeds a Modbus frame into a TCP frame in a simple manner. This is a connection-oriented transaction, and every query expects a response.

This section describes the Modbus TCP commands and data formats. Modbus TCP communication enables the client to:

- Switch to a different active job.
- Align and run sensors.
- Receive sensor states, stamps, and measurement results.

Modbus TCP is enabled in the **Output** panel. For more information, see *Ethernet Output* (page 126).

If buffering is enabled with the Modbus protocol, the PLC must read the Buffer Advance output register (see page 205) to advance the queue before reading the measurement results.

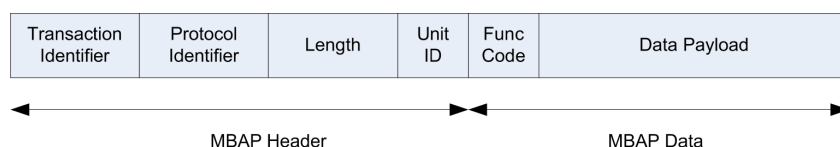
Concepts

A PLC sends a command to start each Gocator. The PLC then periodically queries each Gocator for its latest measurement results. In Modbus terminology, the PLC is a Modbus Client. Each Gocator is a Modbus Server which serves the results to the PLC.

The Modbus TCP protocol uses TCP for connection and messaging. The PLC makes a TCP connection to the Gocator on port 502. Control and data messages are communicated on this TCP connection. Up to eight clients can be connected to the Gocator simultaneously. A connection will be closed after 10 minutes of inactivity.

Messages

All Modbus TCP messages consist of an MBAP header (Modbus Application Protocol), a function code, and a data payload.



The MBAP header contains the following fields:

Modbus Application Protocol Header

Field	Length (Bytes)	Description
Transaction ID	2	Used for transaction pairing. The Modbus Client sets the value and

Field	Length (Bytes)	Description
		the Server (Gocator) copies the value into its responses.
Protocol ID	1	Always set to 0.
Length	1	Byte count of the rest of the message, including the Unit identifier and data fields.
Unit ID	1	Used for intra-system routing purpose. The Modbus Client sets the value and the Server (Gocator) copies the value into its responses.

Modbus Application Protocol Specification describes the standard function codes in detail. Gocator supports the following function codes:

Modbus Function Code

Function Code	Name	Data Size (bits)	Description
3	Read Holding Registers	16	Read multiple data values from the sensor.
4	Read Input Registers	16	Read multiple data values from the sensor.
6	Write Single Register	16	Send a command or parameter to the sensor.
16	Write Multiple Registers	16	Send a command and parameters to the sensor.

The data payload contains the registers that can be accessed by Modbus TCP messages. If a message accesses registers that are invalid, a reply with an exception is returned. Modbus Application Protocol Specification defines the exceptions and describes the data payload format for each function code.

The Gocator data includes 16-bit, 32-bit, and 64-bit data. All data are sent in big endian format, with the 32-bit and 64-bit data spread out into two and four consecutive registers.

32-bit Data Format

Register	Name	Bit Position
0	32-bit Word 1	31 .. 16
1	32-bit Word 0	15 .. 0

64-bit Data Format

Register	Name	Bit Position
0	64-bit Word 3	63 .. 48
1	64-bit Word 2	47 .. 32
2	64-bit Word 1	31 .. 16
3	64-bit Word 0	15 .. 0

Registers

Modbus registers are 16 bits wide and are either control registers or output registers.

Control registers are used to control the sensor states (e.g., start, stop, or calibrate a sensor).

The output registers report the sensor states, stamps, and measurement values and decisions. You can read multiple output registers using a single Read Holding Registers or a single Read Input Registers command. Likewise, you can control the state of the sensor using a single Write Multiple Register command.

Control registers are write-only, and output registers are read-only.

Register Map Overview

Register Address	Name	Read/Write	Description
0 - 124	Control Registers	WO	Registers for Modbus commands. See <i>Control Registers</i> (below) for detailed descriptions.
300 - 371	Sensor States	RO	Report sensor states. See <i>State</i> (next page) for detailed descriptions.
900 - 999	Stamps	RO	Return stamps associated with each surface. See <i>State</i> (next page) for detailed descriptions.
1000 - 1060	Measurements & Decisions	RO	20 measurement and decision pairs. See <i>Measurement Registers</i> (page 206) for detailed descriptions.

Control Registers

Control registers are used to operate the sensor. Register 0 stores the command to be executed. Registers 1 to 21 contain parameters for the commands. The Gocator executes a command when the value in Register 0 is changed. To set the parameters before a command is executed, you should set up the parameters and the command using a single Multiple Write register command.

Control Register Map

Register Address	Name	Read/Write	Description
0	Command Register	WO	Command register. See the Command Register Values table below for more information.
1 – 21	Job Filename	WO	Null-terminated filename. Each 16-bit register holds a single character. Only used for Load Job Command. Specifies the complete filename, including the file extension ".job".

The values used for the Command Register are described below.

Command Register Values

Value	Name	Description
0	Stop running	Stop the sensor. No effect if sensor is already stopped.
1	Start Running	Start the sensor. No effect if sensor is already started.
2	Align (stationary target)	Start the alignment process. State register 301 will be set to 1 (busy)

Value	Name	Description
		until the alignment process is complete.
3	Align (moving target)	Start alignment process and also calibrate encoder resolution. State register 301 will be set to 1 (busy) until the motion calibration process is complete.
4	Clear Alignment	Clear the alignment.
5	Load Job	Activate a job file. Registers 1 - 21 specify the filename.

Output Registers

Output registers are used to output states, stamps, and measurement results. Each register address holds a 16-bit data value.

State

State registers report the current sensor state.

State Register Map

Register Address	Name	Data Size (bit)	Description
300	Stopped / Running	16	Sensor State: 0 - Stopped 1 - Running
301	Busy	16	Busy State: 0 - Not busy 1 - Busy Registers 302 to 363 below are only valid when the Busy State is not Busy
302	Calibration State	16	Current Alignment State: 0 - Not aligned 1 - Aligned
303 – 306	Encoder Value	64	Current Encoder value (ticks).
307 – 310	Time	64	Current time (us).
311	Job File Length	16	Number of characters in the current job file name.
312 – 371	Live Job Name	16 bits for each character	Current Job Name. Name of currently loaded job file. Does not include the extension. Each 16-bit register contains a single character.

Stamp

Stamps contain trigger timing information used for synchronizing a PLC's actions. A PLC can also use this information to match up data from multiple Gocator sensors.

In Surface mode, the stamps are updated after each surface has been processed.

Stamp Register Map

Register Address	Name	Data Size (bit)	Description
976	Buffer Advance	16	If buffering is enabled this address must be read by the PLC Modbus client first to advance the buffer. After the buffer advance read operation, the Modbus client can read the updated Measurements & Decisions in addresses 1000-1060.
977	Buffer Counter	16	Number of buffered messages currently in the queue.
978	Buffer Overflow	16	Buffer Overflow Indicator: 0 - No overflow 1 - Overflow
979	Inputs	8	Digital input state.
980 – 983	Encoder Index	64	Encoder value when the index is last triggered.
984 – 985	Exposure	32	Exposure (us).
986 – 987	Temperature	32	Sensor temperature (mC).
988 – 991	Encoder Value	64	Encoder value (ticks).
992 – 995	Timestamp	64	Time (us).
996 – 999	Frame Counter	64	Frame counter.

Measurement Registers

Measurement results are reported in pairs of values and decisions. Measurement values are 32 bits wide and decisions are 8 bits wide.

The measurement ID defines the register address of each pair. The register address of the first word can be calculated as $(1000 + 3 * ID)$. For example, a measurement with ID set to 4 can be read from registers 1012 (high word) and, 1013 (low word), and the decision at 1015.

In Surface mode, the measurement results are updated after each discrete part has been processed.

Measurement Register Map

Register Address	Name	Data Size (bits)	Description
1000 – 1001	Measurement ID 0 Value	32	Measurement ID 0 Value
1002	Measurement ID 0 Decision	8	Measurement ID 0 Decision
1003 – 1004	Measurement ID 1 Value	32	Measurement ID 1 Value
1005	Measurement ID 1 Decision	8	Measurement ID 1 Decision
...	...	...	...

EtherNet/IP Protocol

EtherNet/IP is an industrial protocol that allows bidirectional data transfer with PLCs. It encapsulates the object-oriented Common Industrial Protocol (CIP).

This section describes the EtherNet/IP messages and data formats. EtherNet/IP communication enables the client to:

- Switch to a different active job.
- Align and run sensors.
- Receive sensor states, stamps, and measurement results.

EtherNet/IP is enabled in the **Output** panel. For more information, see *Ethernet Output* (page 126).

Concepts

To EtherNet/IP-enabled devices on the network, the sensor information is seen as a collection of objects, which have attributes that can be queried. For example, an "assembly object" is a type of object with a data attribute that can be accessed with the GetAttribute and SetAttribute commands. The Gocator uses assembly objects to take commands and provide sensor state and measurement values.

The PLC sends a command to start a Gocator. The PLC then periodically queries the attributes of the assembly objects for its latest measurement results. In EtherNet/IP terminology, the PLC is a scanner and the Gocator is an adapter.

The Gocator supports unconnected or connected explicit messaging (with TCP). Implicit I/O messaging is not supported.

The default EtherNet/IP ports are used. Port 44818 is used for TCP connections and UDP queries (e.g., list Identity requests). Port 2222 for UDP I/O Messaging is not supported.

Basic Object

Identity Object (Class 0x01)

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
1	Vendor ID	UINT	1256	ODVA Provided Vendor ID	Get
2	Device Type	UINT	43	Device Type	Get
3	Product Code	UINT	2000	Product Code	Get
4	Revision	USINT USINT	x.x	Byte 0 - Major Revision Byte 1 - Minor Revision	Get
6	Serial number	UDINT	32-bit value	Sensor serial number.	Get
7	Product Name	SHORT STRING 32	"Gocator"	Gocator Product Name	Get

TCP/IP Object (Class 0xF5)

The TCP/IP Object contains read-only network configuration attributes such as IP Address. TCP/IP configuration via Ethernet/IP is not supported. See Volume 2, Chapter 5-3 of the CIP Specification for a complete listing of TCP/IP object attributes.

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
1	Status	UDINT	0	TCP interface status	Get
2	Configuration Capability	UINT	0		Get
3	Configuration Control	UINT	0	Product Code	Get
4	Physical Link Object	Structure (See description)		See 5.3.3.2.4 of CIP Specification Volume 2: Path size (UINT) Path (Padded EPATH)	Get
5	Interface Configuration	Structure (See description)		See 5.3.3.2.5 of CIP Specification Volume 2" IP Address (UDINT) Network Mask (UDINT), Gateway Address (UDINT) Name Server (UDINT) Secondary Name (UDINT) Domain Name (UDINT)	Get

Ethernet Link Object (Class 0xF6)

The Ethernet Link Object contains read-only attributes such as MAC Address (Attribute 3). See Volume 2, Chapter 5-4 of the CIP Specification for a complete listing of Ethernet Link object attributes.

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
1	Interface Speed	UDINT	1000	Ethernet interface data rate (mbps)	Get
2	Interface Flags	UDINT		See 5.4.3.2.1 of CIP Specification Volume 2: Bit 0: Link Status 0 – Inactive 1 – Active Bit 1: Duplex 0 – Half Duplex 1 – Full Duplex	Get
3	Physical Address	Array of 6 USINTs		MAC Address (for example: 00 16 20 00 2E 42)	Get

Assembly Object (Class 0x04)

The Gocator Ethernet/IP object model includes the following assembly objects: Command, Sensor State, and Sample State.

All assembly object instances are static. Data in a data byte array in an assembly object are stored in the big endian format.

Command Assembly

The command assembly object is used to start, stop, and align the sensor, and also to switch jobs on the sensor.

Command Assembly

Information	Value
Class	0x4
Instance	0x310
Number of Attributes	3
Length	32 bytes
Supported Service	0x10 (Write Single Attribute)

Attributes 1 and 2 are not implemented, as they are not required for the static assembly object.

Attribute 3

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
3	Command	Byte Array	See Below	Commands parameters Byte 0 - Command. See table below for specification of the values. Byte 1-31 - Used for Load Job command	Get, Set

Command Definitions

Value	Name	Description
0	Stop running	Stop the sensor. No action if the sensor is already stopped
1	Start Running	Start the sensor. No action if the sensor is already started.
2	Align	Start the alignment process. Byte 1 of the Sensor State Assembly will be set to 1 (busy) until the alignment process is complete, then back to zero.
4	Clear Alignment	Clear the alignment.
5	Load Job	Load a job file. Bytes 1 - 31 for the filename: one ASCII character per byte. File name must be NULL terminated. The extension ".job" should be included.

Sensor State Assembly

The sensor state assembly object contains the sensor's states, such as the current sensor temperature, frame count, and encoder values.

Sensor State Assembly

Information	Value
Class	0x4
Instance	0x320
Number of Attributes	3
Length	100 bytes
Supported Service	0x0E (Get Single Attribute)

Attributes 1 and 2 are not implemented, as they are not required for the static assembly object.

Attribute 3

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
3	Command	Byte Array		Sensor state information. See below for more details	Get

Sensor State Information

Byte	Name	Description
0	Sensor's state	Sensor state: 0 - Ready 1 - Running
1	Command in progress	Command busy status: 0 - Not busy 1 - Busy performing the last command
2	Calibration state	Calibration status: 0 - Not calibrated 1 - Calibrated The value is only valid when the command in progress is set to 0.
3-10	Encoder	Current encoder position (64-bit signed integer)
11-18	Time	Current time (64-bit unsigned integer)
19	Current Job Filename Length	Number of characters in the current job filename. (e.g., 8 for "myjob"). The length does NOT include the .job extension.
20-43	Current Job Filename	Name of currently loaded job file. Does not include the ".job" extension. Each byte contains a single character (valid when byte 1 = 0).
44 - 99	Reserved	Reserved bytes

Sample State Assembly

The sample state object contains measurements and their associated stamp information.

Sample State Assembly

Information	Value
Class	0x04
Instance	0x321
Number of Attributes	3
Length	380 bytes
Supported Service	0x0E (Get Single Attribute)

Attribute 3

Attribute	Name	Type	Value	Description	Access
3	Command	Byte Array		Sample state information. See below for more details	Get

Sample State Information

Byte	Name	Description
0-1	Inputs	Digital input state
2-9	Z Index Position	Encoder position at time of last index pulse (64-bit signed integer)
14-17	Temperature	Sensor temperature in degrees Celsius * 1000
18-25	Position	Encoder position 64-bit signed integer)
26-33	Time	Time (64-bit unsigned integer)
34-41	Frame Counter	Frame counter (64-bit unsigned integer)
42	Buffer Counter	Number of buffered messages currently in the queue.
43	Buffer Overflow	Buffer Overflow Indicator: 0 - No overflow 1 - Overflow
44 - 79	Reserved	Reserved bytes
80-83	Measurement 0	Measurement ID 0 Value
84	Decision 0	Measurement ID 0 Decision
85-88	Measurement 1	Measurement ID 1 Value
89	Decision 1	Measurement ID 1 Decision
...	...	
375-378	Measurement 59	Measurement ID 59 Value
379	Decision 59	Measurement ID 59 Decision

Measurement results are reported in pairs of values and decisions. Measurement values are 32 bits wide and decisions are 8 bits wide.

The measurement ID defines the byte position of each pair within the state information. The position of the first word can be calculated as $(80 + 5 * ID)$. For example, a measurement with ID set to 4 can be read from byte 100 (high word) to 103 (low word) and the decision at 104.

In Surface mode, the measurement results are updated after each discrete part has been processed. If buffering is enabled in the Ethernet Output panel, reading the Extended Sample State Assembly Object automatically advances the buffer. See *Ethernet Output* (page 126) for information on the **Output** panel.

ASCII Protocol

This section describes the ASCII protocol available over the Ethernet and serial outputs. The protocol communicates using ASCII strings. The output result format from the sensor is user-configurable.

Ethernet Communication

Gocator's Ethernet communication is bidirectional. Measurement results are sent on the Ethernet output in one of two modes: Polling or Asynchronous. The ASCII protocol over Ethernet enables the client to:

- Switch to a different job.
- Align, run, and trigger sensors.
- Receive sensor states, health indicators, stamps, and measurement results

As with the Gocator Protocol (see page 165), there are separate channels for Control, Data, and Health messages. The Control channel is used for commands. The Data channel is used to receive and poll for measurement results. The Health channel is used to receive health indicators.

The port number used for each channel is configurable. Each port can accept multiple connections, up to a total of 16 connections for all ports.

Channels can share the same port or operate on individual ports. The default port number is 8190 for all channels. The following port numbers are reserved for Gocator internal use: 80, 843, 2000-2100, 2500-2600, 3100-3250.

Asynchronous and Polling Operation

On the Ethernet output, the Data channel can operate asynchronously or by polling. Under asynchronous operation, measurement results are automatically sent on the Data channel when the sensor is in the running state and results become available. The result is sent on all connected data channels.

Under polling operation, when the sensor receives a Get Result command, it will send the latest measurement results on the same data channel that the request is received.

Serial Communication

Gocator's serial communication is unidirectional (output only). Measurement results are sent on the Serial output in Asynchronous mode. While measurement values and decisions can be transmitted to an RS-485 receiver, job handling and control operations must be performed through the Gocator's web interface or through communications on the Ethernet output.

See *Serial Output* (page 243) for cable pinout information.

Gocator serial communication uses the following connection settings:

Serial Connection Settings

Parameter	Value
Start Bits	1
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Data Bits	8
Baud Rate (b/s)	115200
Format	ASCII

Command and Reply Format

Commands are sent from the client to the Gocator. Command strings are not case sensitive. The command format is:

<COMMAND><DELIMITER><PARAMETER><TERMINATION>

If a command has more than one parameter, each parameter is separated by the delimiter. Similarly, the reply has the following format:

<STATUS><DELIMITER><OPTIONAL RESULTS><DELIMITER>

The status can either be "OK" or "ERROR". The optional results can be relevant data for the command if successful, or a text based error message if the operation failed. If there is more than one data item, each item is separated by the delimiter.

The delimiter and termination characters are configured in the Special Character settings.

Special Characters

The ASCII Protocol has three special characters.

Special Characters

Special Character	Explanation
Delimiter	Separates input arguments in commands and replies, or data items in results. Default value is ",".
Terminator	Terminates both commands and result output. Default value is "%r%n".
Invalid	Represents invalid measurement results. Default value is "INVALID"

The values of the special characters are defined in the Special Character settings. In addition to normal ASCII characters, the special characters can also contain the following format values.

Format values for Special Characters

Format Value	Explanation
%t	Tab
%n	New line
%r	Carriage return
%%	Percentage (%) symbol

Standard Result Format

Measurement results can either be sent in the standard format or in a custom format. In the standard format, you select in the web interface which measurement values and decisions to send. For each measurement the following message is transmitted:

M	t _n	,	i _n	,	V	v _n	,	D	d ₁	CR
---	----------------	---	----------------	---	---	----------------	---	---	----------------	----

Field	Shorthand	Length	Description
MeasurementStart	M	1	Start of measurement frame.
Type	t _n	n	Hexadecimal value that identifies the type of measurement. The measurement type is the same as defined elsewhere (see page 193).
Id	i _n	n	Decimal value that represents the unique identifier of the measurement.
ValueStart	V	1	Start of measurement value. This field and the following Value field are optional – they will only be present if the measurement value has been selected for transmission.
Value	v _n	n	Measurement value, in decimal. The unit of the value is measurement-specific.
DecisionStart	D	1	Start of measurement decision. This field and the following Decision field are optional – they will only be present if the measurement decision has been selected for transmission.
Decision	d ₁	1	Measurement decision: 0 – Fail 1 – Pass -1 – Invalid

Custom Result Format

In the custom format, you enter a format string with place holders to create a custom message. The default format string is "%time, %value[0], %decision[0]".

Result Placeholders

Format Value	Explanation
%time	Timestamp
%encoder	Encoder position
%frame	Frame number
%value[Measurement ID]	Measurement value of the specified measurement ID
%decision[Measurement ID]	Measurement decision of the specified measurement ID

Control Commands

Optional parameters are shown in *italic*. The placeholder for data is surrounded by brackets (<>). In the examples, the delimiter is set to ','.

Start

The Start command starts the sensor system (causes it to enter the Running state). This command is only valid when the system is in the Ready state. If a start target is specified, the sensor starts at the target time or encoder (depending on the trigger mode).

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Start, start target The start target (optional) is the time or encoder position at which the sensor will be started. The time and encoder target value should be set by adding a delay to the time or encoder position returned by the Stamp command. The delay should be set such that it covers the command response time of the Start command.
Reply	OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

Start

OK

Start,1000000

ok

Start

ERROR, Could not start the sensor

Stop

The stop command stops the sensor system (causes it to enter the Ready state). This command is valid when the system is in the Ready or Running state.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Stop
Reply	OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

Stop

OK

Trigger

The Trigger command triggers a single frame capture. This command is only valid if the sensor is configured in the Software trigger mode and the sensor is in the Running state. If a start target is specified, the sensor starts at the target time or encoder (depending on the unit setting in the Trigger panel; see page 52).

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Trigger, start target The start target (optional) is the time or encoder position at which the sensor will be started. The time and encoder target value should be set by adding a delay to the time or encoder position returned by the Stamp command. The delay should be set such that it covers the command response time of the Start command.
Reply	OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

```
Trigger
```

```
OK
```

```
Trigger,1000000
```

```
OK
```

Load Job

The Load Job command switches the active sensor configuration.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	LoadJob, job file name If the job file name is not specified, the command returns the current job name. An error message is generated if there is no job loaded. ".job" is appended if the filename does not have an extension.
Reply	OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

```
LoadJob,test.job
```

```
OK,test.job loaded successfully
```

```
LoadJob
```

```
OK,test.job
```

```
LoadJob,wrongname.job
```

```
ERROR, failed to load wrongname.job
```

OK

Stamp

The Stamp command retrieves the current time, encoder, and/or the last frame count.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Stamp,time,encoder,frame If no parameters are given, time, encoder, and frame will be returned. There could be more than one selection.
Reply	If no arguments are specified OK, time, <time value>, encoder, <encoder position>, frame, <frame count> ERROR, <Error Message> If arguments are specified, only the selected stamps will be returned.

Examples:

Stamp

OK,Time,9226989840,Encoder,0,Frame,6

Stamp,frame

OK,6

OK,test.job

LoadConfig,wrongname.job

Stationary Alignment

The Stationary Alignment command performs an alignment based on the settings in the sensor's live job file. A reply to the command is sent when the alignment has completed or failed. The command is timed out if there has been no progress after one minute.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	StationaryAlignment
Reply	If no arguments are specified OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

StationaryAlignment

OK

StationaryAlignment

ERROR,ALIGNMENT FAILED

Clear Alignment

The Clear Alignment command clears the alignment record generated by the alignment process.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	ClearAlignment
Reply	OK or ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

```
ClearAlignment
```

```
OK
```

Data Commands

Optional parameters are shown in *italic*. The placeholder for data is surrounded by brackets (<>). In the examples, the delimiter is set to ','.

Get Result

The Get Result command retrieves measurement values and decisions.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Result, measurement ID, measurement ID...
Reply	If no arguments are specified, the custom format data string is used. OK, <custom data string> ERROR, <Error Message> If arguments are specified, OK, <data string in standard format> ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

Standard data string for measurements ID 0 and 1:

```
Result,0,1
```

```
OK,M00,00,V151290,D0,M01,01,V18520,D0
```

Standard formatted measurement data with a non-existent measurement of ID 2:

```
Result,2
```

```
ERROR,Specified measurement ID not found. Please verify your input
```

Custom formatted data string (%time, %value[0], %decision[0]):

Result

```
OK,1420266101, 151290, 0
```

Get Value

The Get Value command retrieves measurement values.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Value, measurement ID, measurement ID...
Reply	If no arguments are specified, the custom format data string is used. OK, <custom data string> ERROR, <Error Message> If arguments are specified, OK, <data string in standard format, except that the decisions are not sent> ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

Standard data string for measurements ID 0 and 1:

```
Value,0,1
```

```
OK,M00,00,V151290,M01,01,V18520
```

Standard formatted measurement data with a non-existent measurement of ID 2:

```
Value,2
```

```
ERROR,Specified measurement ID not found. Please verify your input
```

Custom formatted data string (%time, %value[0]):

```
Value
```

```
OK, 1420266101, 151290
```

Get Decision

The Get Decision command retrieves measurement decisions.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Decision, measurement ID, measurement ID...
Reply	If no arguments are specified, the custom format data string is used. OK, <custom data string> ERROR, <Error Message> If arguments are specified,

Message	Format
	OK, <data string in standard format, except that the values are not sent> ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

Standard data string for measurements ID 0 and 1:

```
Decision,0,1
```

```
OK,M00,00,D0,M01,01,D0
```

Standard formatted measurement data with a non-existent measurement of ID 2:

```
Decision,2
```

```
ERROR,Specified measurement ID not found. Please verify your input
```

Custom formatted data string (%time, %decision[0]):

```
Decision
```

```
OK,1420266101, 0
```

Health Commands

Optional parameters are shown in *italic*. The placeholder for data is surrounded by brackets (<>). In the examples, the delimiter is set to ','.

Get Health

The Get Health command retrieves health indicators. See *Health Results* (page 198) for details on health indicators.

Formats

Message	Format
Command	Health, health indicator ID.health indicator instance ... More than one health indicator can be specified. Note that the health indicator instance is optionally attached to the indicator ID with a '.'. If the health indicator instance field is used the delimiter cannot be set to '.'.
Reply	OK, <health indicator of first ID>, <health indicator of second ID> ERROR, <Error Message>

Examples:

```
health,2002,2017
```

```
OK,46,1674
```

```
Health
```

```
ERROR,Insufficient parameters.
```

Software Development Kit

The Gocator Software Development Kit (SDK) includes open-source software libraries and documentation that can be used to programmatically access and control Gocator sensors.

The latest version of the SDK can be downloaded from the downloads section, under the support tab, on the LMI Technologies website: <http://www.lmi3D.com>.

The Gocator API, included in the SDK, is a C language library that provides support for the commands and data formats used with Gocator sensors.

A pre-built DLL is provided to support 32-bit Windows XP (SP3+) and 32-bit Windows 7. Pre-built static and dynamic DLLs are provided to support 64-bit Windows 7. Projects and makefiles are included to support other editions of Windows and Linux.

Example: Configuring and starting a sensor with the Gocator API

```
#include <GoSdk/GoSdk.h>

void main()
{
    kIpAddress ipAddress;
    GoSystem system = kNULL;
    GoSensor sensor = kNULL;
    GoSetup setup = kNULL;

    //Construct the GoSdk library.
    GoSdk_Construct(&api);
    //Construct a Gocator system object.
    GoSystem_Construct(&system, kNULL);
    //Parse IP address into address data structure
    kIpAddress_Parse(&ipAddress, SENSOR_IP);
    //Obtain GoSensor object by sensor IP address
    GoSystem_FindSensorByIpAddress(system, &ipAddress, &sensor)
    //Connect sensor object
    GoSensor_Connect(sensor);
    //Retrieve setup handle
    setup = GoSensor_Setup(sensor);
    //Reconfigure system to use time-based triggering.
    GoSetup_SetTriggerSource(setup, GO_TRIGGER_TIME);
    //Send the system a "Start" command.
    GoSystem_Start(system);
}
```

```
    //Free the system object.  
    GoDestroy(system);  
}
```

For more information about programming with the Gocator SDK, refer to the documentation and sample programs included in the Gocator SDK.

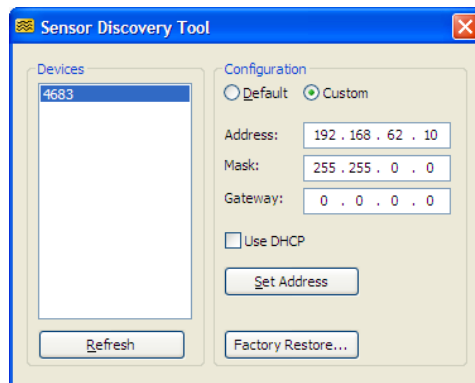
Tools and Native Drivers

The following sections describe the tools and native drivers you can use with a Gocator.

Sensor Recovery Tool

If a sensor's network address or administrator password is forgotten, the sensor can be discovered on the network and/or restored to factory defaults by using a special software tool called the Sensor Discovery tool. This software tool can be obtained from the downloads area of the LMI Technologies website: <http://www.lmi3D.com>.

After downloading the tool package [14405-x.x.x.x_SOFTWARE_GO_TOOLS.zip], unzip the file and run the Sensor Discovery Tool [bin>win32>kDiscovery.exe].



Any sensors that are discovered on the network will be displayed in the Devices list.

To change the network address of a sensor:

1. **To change the network address of a sensor.**
2. **Select the Custom option.**
3. **Enter the new network address information.**
4. **Press the Set Address button.**

To restore a sensor to factory defaults:

1. **Select the sensor serial number in the Devices list.**

2. Press the Factory Restore... button.

Confirm when prompted.



The Sensor Discovery tool uses UDP broadcast messages to reach sensors on different subnets. This enables the Sensor Discovery tool to locate and re-configure sensors even when the sensor IP address or subnet configuration is unknown.

GenTL Driver

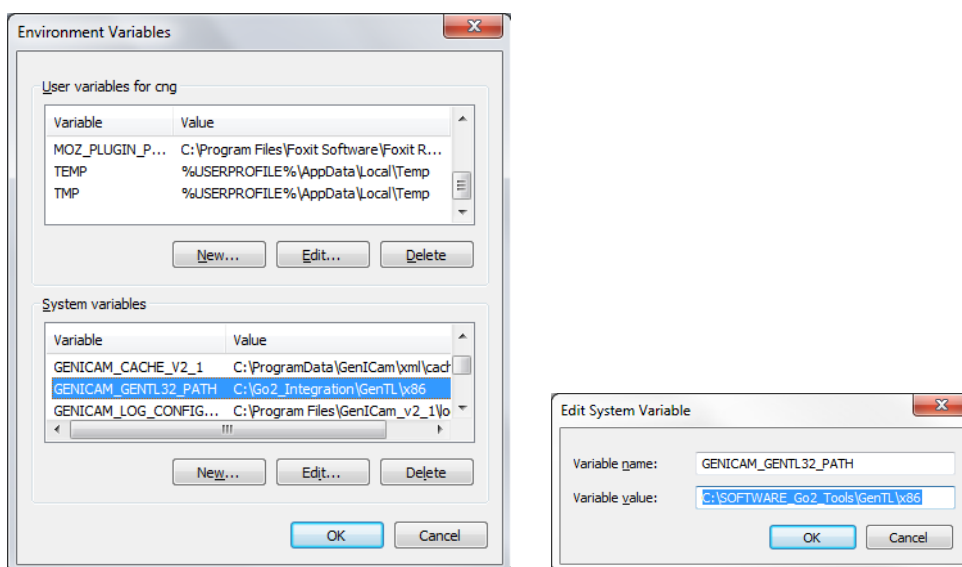
GenTL is an industry standard method of controlling and acquiring data from an imaging device. Gocator provides a GenTL driver that allows GenTL-compliant third-party software (e.g., Halcon and Common Vision Blox) to acquire and process 3D point clouds and intensity generated from the Gocator's Profile (with **Uniform Spacing** disabled) and Surface modes in real-time.

You can get the tool package containing the driver from the downloads area on the LMI Technologies website at <http://lmi3d.com/support/downloads/>.

After downloading the tool package (14453-x.x.x.x_SOFTWARE_GO_INTEGRATION_TOOLS.zip), unzip the file. The driver is found under the GenTL\x86 directory.

To install the driver in Windows 7:

1. **Open the Control panel.**
2. **Select System and Security and then click System.**
3. **Click Advanced System Settings.**
The **Advanced System Settings** link is typically in the left column of the window.
4. **For 32-bit systems, click New to create a system environment variable **GENICAM_GENTL32_PATH** and point it to the GenTL\x86 directory.**
If the system environment variable already exists, click **Edit**.
5. **For 64-bit systems, click New to create a system environment variable **GENICAM_GENTL64_PATH** and point it to the GenTL\x64 directory.**
If the system environment variable already exists, click **Edit**.



To work with the Gocator GenTL driver, the Gocator must operate in Surface mode with its part output enabled in the Ethernet Output Panel. Check "Acquire Intensity" and enable intensity output in the **Ethernet** panel in the **Output** page if intensity data is required.

Refer to the documentations in the GenTL\ directory for instructions on how to interface to various third party software.

Gocator GenTL driver packs the part output, intensity and stamps (e.g., time stamp, encoder index, etc.) into either a 16-bit RGB image or a 16-bit grey scale image. You can select the format in the Go2GenTL.xml setting file.

The width and height of the 16-bit RGB or grey scale image is calculated from the maximum number of columns and rows required to support the sensor's FOV and the maximum part length.

16-bit RGB Image

When the 16-bit RGB format is used, the height map, intensity, and stamps are stored in the red, green, and blue channel respectively.

Channel	Details
Red	Height map information. The width and height of the image represent the dimensions in the X and Y axis. Together with the pixel value, each red pixel presents a 3D point in the real-world coordinates. The following formula can be used to calculate the real-world coordinates (X, Y, Z) from pixel coordinates (Px, Py, Pz): $X = X \text{ offset} + Px * X \text{ resolution}$ $Y = Y \text{ offset} + Py * Y \text{ resolution}$ $Z = Z \text{ offset} + Pz * Z \text{ resolution}$ Refer to the blue channel on how to retrieve the offset and resolution values. If Pz is 0 if the data is invalid. The Z offset is fixed to $-32768 * Z \text{ resolution}$. Z is zero if Pz is 32768.
Green	Intensity information. Same as the red channel, the width and height of the image represent the dimension in the X and the Y axis. Together with the pixel value, each blue pixel represents an intensity value in the real-world coordinates. The following formula can be used to calculate the real-world coordinates (X, Y, Z) from pixel coordinates (Px, Py, Pz): $X = X \text{ offset} + Px * X \text{ resolution}$ $Y = Y \text{ offset} + Py * Y \text{ resolution}$ $Z = 16\text{-bit intensity value}$ The intensity value is 0 if the intensity image is not available. Gocator outputs 8-bit intensity values. The values stored in the 16-bit RGB image is multiplied by 256. To obtain the original values, divide the intensity values by 256. Refer to the blue channel on how to retrieve the offset and resolution values.
Blue	Stamp information. Stamps are 64-bit auxiliary information related to the height map and intensity content. The next table explains how the stamps are packed into the blue pixel channel See <i>Data Results</i> (page 193) for an explanation of the stamp information.

The following table shows how the stamp information is packed into the blue channel. A stamp is a 64-bit value packed into four consecutive 16-bit blue pixels, with the first byte position storing the most significant byte.

Stamp Information from GenTL driver

Stamp Index	Blue Pixel Position	Details
0	0..3	Version
1	4..7	Frame Count
2	8..11	Timestamp (us)
3	12..15	Encoder value (ticks)
4	16..19	Encoder index (ticks) This is the encoder value when the last index is triggered
5	20..23	Digital input states
6	24..27	X offset (nm)
7	28..31	X resolution(nm)
8	32..35	Y offset (nm)
9	36..39	Y resolution (nm)
10	40..43	Z offset (nm)
11	44..47	Z resolution (nm)
12	48..51	Height map Width (in pixels)
13	52..55	Height map length (in pixels)
14	56..59	Specify if the intensity is enabled

16-bit Grey Scale Image

When the 16-bit grey scale format is used, the height map, intensity, and stamps are stored sequentially in the grey scale image.

The last row of the image contains the stamp information.

Rows	Details
0 .. (max part height - 1)	Height map information. The width and height of the image represent the dimensions in the X and Y axis. Together with the pixel value, each pixel presents a 3D point in the real-world coordinates. The following formula can be used to calculate the real-world coordinates (X, Y, Z) from pixel coordinates (Px, Py, Pz): $X = X \text{ offset} + Px * X \text{ resolution}$ $Y = Y \text{ offset} + Py * Y \text{ resolution}$ $Z = Z \text{ offset} + Pz * Z \text{ resolution}$ Refer to the blue channel on how to retrieve the offset and resolution values. If Pz is 0 if the data is invalid. The Z offset is fixed to $-32768 * Z \text{ Resolution}$. Z is zero if Pz is 32768.
(max part height) .. 2* (max	Intensity information. The width and height of the image represent the dimension in

Rows	Details
part height) If intensity is enabled	the X and the Y axis. Together with the pixel value, each blue pixel represents an intensity value in the real-world coordinates. The following formula can be used to calculate the real-world coordinates (X, Y, Z) from pixel coordinates (Px, Py, Pz): The following formula assumes Py is relative to the first row of the intensity information, not the first row of the whole 16-bit grey scale image. $X = X \text{ offset} + Px * X \text{ resolution}$ $Y = Y \text{ offset} + Py * Y \text{ resolution}$ $Z = 16\text{-bit intensity value}$ This intensity value is 0 if the intensity image is not available. Gocator outputs 8-bit intensity values. The values stored in the 16-bit Grey scale image is multiplied by 256. To obtain the original values, divide the intensity values by 256. Refer to the stamps on how to retrieve the offset and resolution values.
The last row of the 16-bit grey scale image	Stamp information. Stamps are 64-bit auxiliary information related to the height map and intensity content. The next table explains how the stamps are packed into the blue pixel channel See <i>Data Results</i> (page 193) for an explanation of the stamp information.

The following table shows how the stamp information is packed into the last row. A stamp is a 64-bit value packed into four consecutive 16-bit pixels, with the first byte position storing the most significant byte.

Stamp Information from GenTL driver

Stamp Index	Column Position	Details
0	0..3	Version
1	4..7	Frame Count
2	8..11	Timestamp (us)
3	12..15	Encoder value (ticks)
4	16..19	Encoder index (ticks) This is the encoder value when the last index is triggered
5	20..23	Digital input states
6	24..27	X offset (nm)
7	28..31	X resolution(nm)
8	32..35	Y offset (nm)
9	36..39	Y resolution (nm)
10	40..43	Z offset (nm)
11	44..47	Z resolution (nm)
12	48..51	Height map Width (in pixels)
13	52..55	Height map length (in pixels)
14	56..59	Specify if intensity is enabled or not

Registers

GenTL registers are multiple of 32 bits. The registers are used to control the operation of the GenTL driver, send commands to the sensors, or to report the current sensor information.

Register Map Overview

Register Address	Name	Read/Write	Length (bytes)	Description
260	WidthReg	RO	4	Specify the width of the returned images. The part height map is truncated if it is wider than the specified width.
264	HeightReg	RO	4	Specify the height of the returned images (i.e., length of the part). The part height map is truncated if it is longer than the specified length.
292	ResampleMode	RO	4	Enable the resampling logic in the GenTL driver 0 – Disable resampling 1 – Enable resampling When resampling is enabled, the GenTL driver will resample the height map so that the pixel spacing is the same in the X and Y axis.
296	EncoderValue0	RO	4	Report the current encoder value (least significant 32-bit). The current encoder value is latched from the sensor when this register is read.
300	EncoderValue1	RO	4	Report the current encoder value (most significant 32-bit). The encoder value is latched when EncoderValue0 register is read. User should read EncoderValue0 before reading EncoderValue1.
304	Job File	RW	16	Read the name of sensor live job file or switch (write) the sensor job file. The job name is NULL terminated and includes the extension ".job". Writing to this register causes the sensor to switch to the specified job.
320	Transformation X offset	RO	4	Return the sensor transformation X offset
324	Transformation Z offset	RO	4	Return the sensor transformation Z offset
328	Transformation Angle	RO	4	Return the sensor transformation angle
332	Transformation Orientation	RO	4	Return the sensor transformation orientation
336	Clearance distance	RO	4	Return the sensor clearance distance

XML Settings File

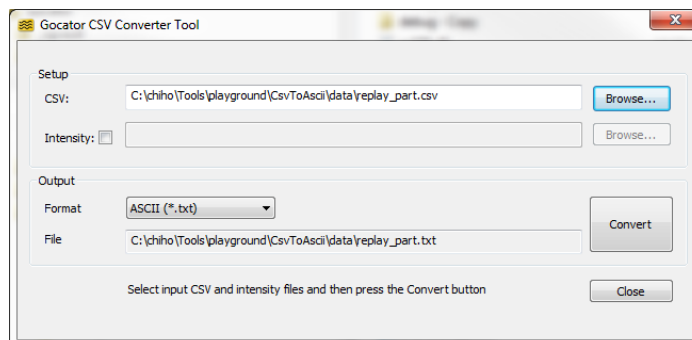
The settings file, Go2GenTL.xml, resides in the same directory as the Gocator GenTL driver. Users can set the resample mode and output format by changing the setting in this file.

Element	Type	Description
ResampleMode	32u	Settings to disable or enable resampling mode: 0 – Disable 1 – Enable When resampling mode is enabled, the GenTL driver will resample the height map so that the pixel spacing is the same in the X and Y axis. The default value is 1.
DataFormat	32u	Settings to choose 16-bit RGB or 16-bit grey scale image output: 0 – 16-bit RGB Image 1 – 16-bit grey scale Image The default value is 0

CSV Converter Tool

After you have exported recorded data to CSV, you can use the Gocator CSV Converter Tool to convert the exported part data into different formats, including ASCII (XYZI), 16-bit BMP, 16-bit PNG, and GenTL formats. You can get the tool package (14453-x.x.x.x_SOFTWARE_GO_INTEGRATION_TOOLS.zip) from the download area on LMI's website at <http://lmi3d.com/support/downloads/>. See *Downloading, Exporting, and Uploading Recorded Data* (page 38) for more information on exporting recorded data.

After downloading the tool package, unzip the file and run the Gocator CSV Converter tool [bin>win32>kCsvConverter.exe].



The software tool supports data exported from Profile or Surface mode. Data exported from Raw mode is not supported.



The GenTL format is a 48-bit RGB or grey scale PNG. Height map, intensity and stamp information are stored as defined in the GenTL Driver section (see page 226). You can load the exported data into image processing software to provide simulation data for developing applications using the GenTL driver.

To convert exported CSV into different formats:

- 1. Select the CSV file to convert.**
- 2. If intensity information is required, check the Intensity box and select the intensity bitmap.**
Intensity information is only used when converting to ASCII or GenTL format. If intensity is not selected, the ASCII format will only contain the point coordinates (XYZ).
- 3. Select the output format.**
The converted file will reside in the same directory as the CSV file. It will also have the same name but with a different file extension. The converted file name is displayed in the **Output File** field.
- 4. Press the Convert button.**

Troubleshooting

Review the guidance in this chapter if you are experiencing difficulty with a Gocator sensor system. See *Warranty and Return Policy* (page 254) for further assistance if the problem that you are experiencing is not described in this section.

Mechanical/Environmental

The sensor is warm.

- It is normal for a sensor to be warm when powered on. A Gocator sensor is typically 15 °C warmer than the ambient temperature.

Connection

When attempting to connect to the sensor with a web browser, the sensor is not found (page does not load).

- Verify that the sensor is powered on and connected to the client computer network. The Power Indicator LED should illuminate when the sensor is powered.
- Check that the client computer's network settings are properly configured.
- Ensure that the latest version of Flash is loaded on the client computer.
- Use the LMI Discovery tool to verify that the sensor has the correct network settings. See *Sensor Recovery Tool* (page 224) for more information.

When attempting to log in, the password is not accepted.

- See *Sensor Recovery Tool* (page 224) for steps to reset the password.

3D Data Acquisition

When the Start button or the Snapshot button is pressed, the sensor does not emit light.

- The safety input signal may not be correctly applied. See *Specifications* (page 235) for more information.
- The exposure setting may be too low. See *Exposure* (page 61) for more information on configuring exposure time.
- Use the Snapshot button instead of the Start button to capture 3D point cloud data. If the LED light flashes when you use the **Snapshot** button, but not when you use the **Start** button, then the problem could be related to triggering. See *Triggers* (page 52) for information on configuring the trigger source.

Performance

The sensor CPU level is near 100%.

- Consider reducing the speed. If you are using a time trigger source, see *Triggers* (page 52) for information on reducing the speed. If you are using an external input or software trigger, consider reducing the rate at which you apply triggers.

- Consider reducing the resolution.
- Review the measurements that you have programmed and eliminate any unnecessary measurements.

Specifications

The following sections describe the specifications of the Gocator and its associated hardware.

Gocator 3100 Series

The Gocator 3100 series consists of the sensor models defined below.

MODEL	3110
Clearance Distance (CD) (mm)	150
Measurement Range (MR) (mm)	100
Near Field of View (mm)	60 x 105
Far Field of View (mm)	90 x 160
Linearity Z (+/- % of MR)	0.005
Resolution Z (mm)	0.035 - 0.108
Resolution XY (mm)	0.090 x 0.100 - 0.150 x 0.160
Light Source	Blue LED (465 nm)
Dimensions (mm)	49 x 74.4 x 276
Weight (kg)	1.35

Linearity Z values and Resolution Z are typical values.

Field of view and resolution XY are specified as [X] x [Y].

ALL 3100 SERIES MODELS	
Scan Rate	Up to 5 Hz
Interface	Gigabit Ethernet
Inputs	Differential Encoder, Light Safety Enable, Trigger
Outputs	2x Digital output, RS-485 Serial (115 kBaud) Analog Output (4 – 20 mA)

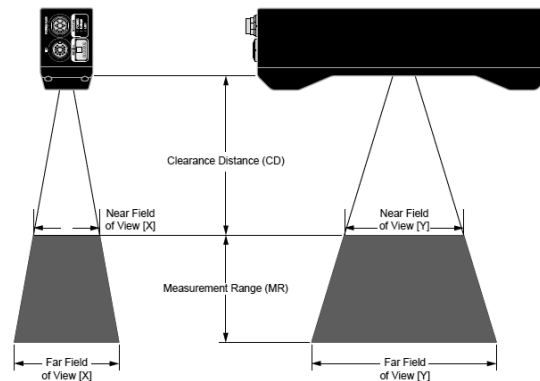
ALL 3100 SERIES MODELS

Input Voltage (Power)	+24 to +48 VDC (25 Watts); Ripple +/- 10%
Housing	Gasketed aluminum enclosure, IP67
Operating Temp.	0 to 50°C
Storage Temp.	-30 to 70°C
Vibration Resistance	10 to 55 Hz, 1.5 mm double amplitude in X, Y and Z directions, 2 hours per direction
Shock Resistance	15 g, half sine wave, 11 ms, positive and negative for X, Y and Z directions

NOTE: Differential Encoder requires the use of Master 400/800/1200/2400.

Specifications stated are based on preliminary data, final specifications may vary.

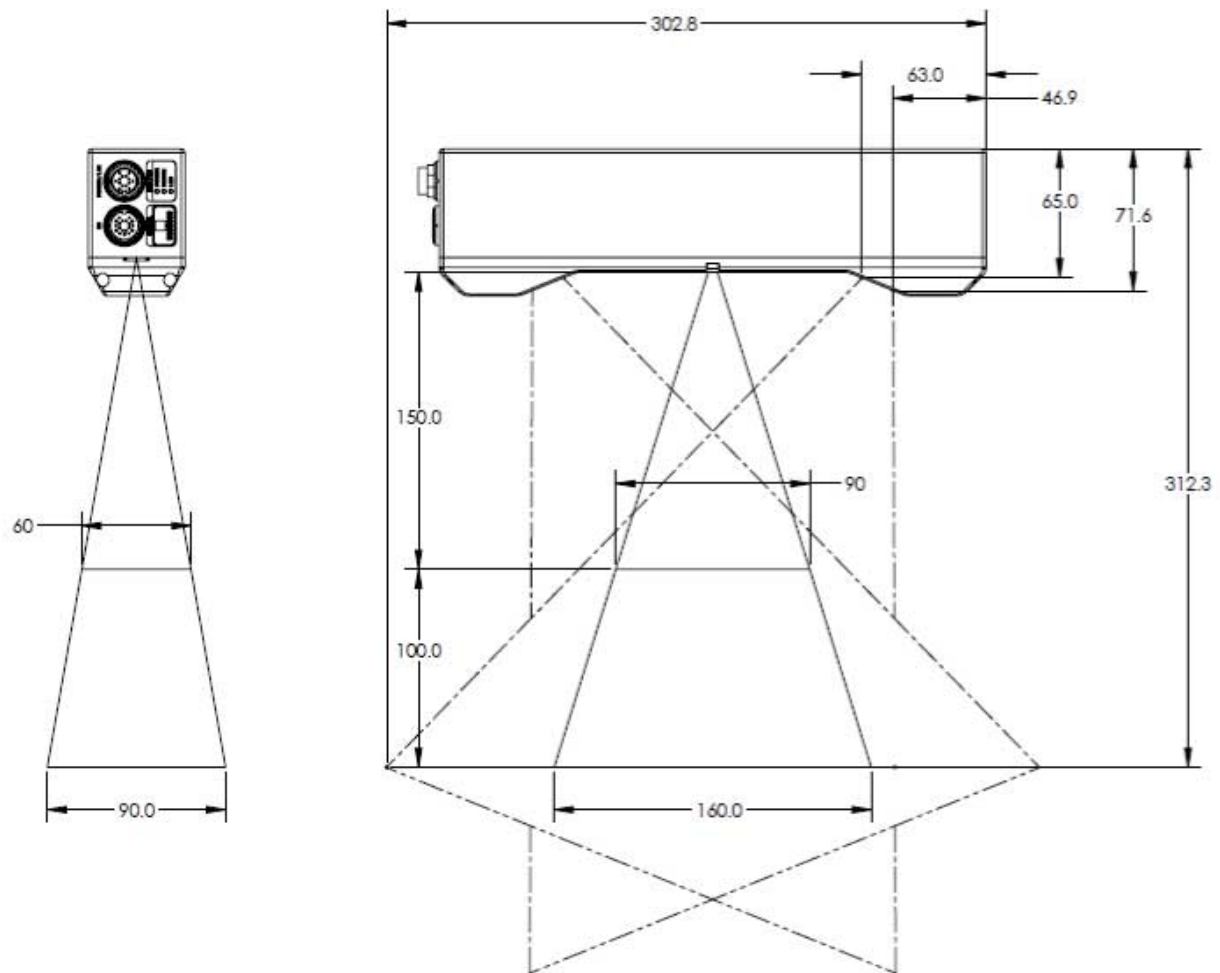
The following diagram indicates the names corresponding to various measurements in the subsequent sections.



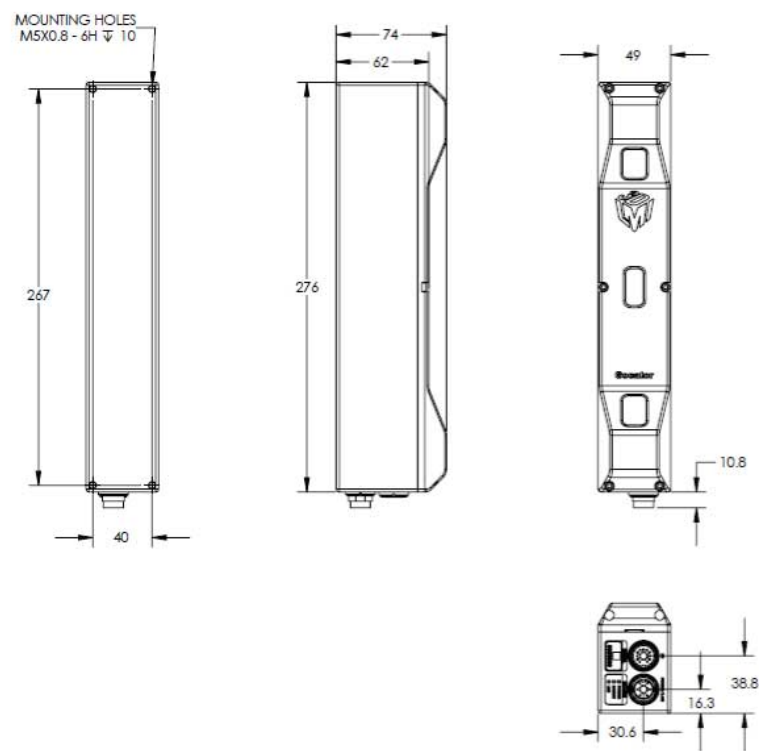
Mechanical dimensions for each sensor model are illustrated on the following pages.

Gocator 3110

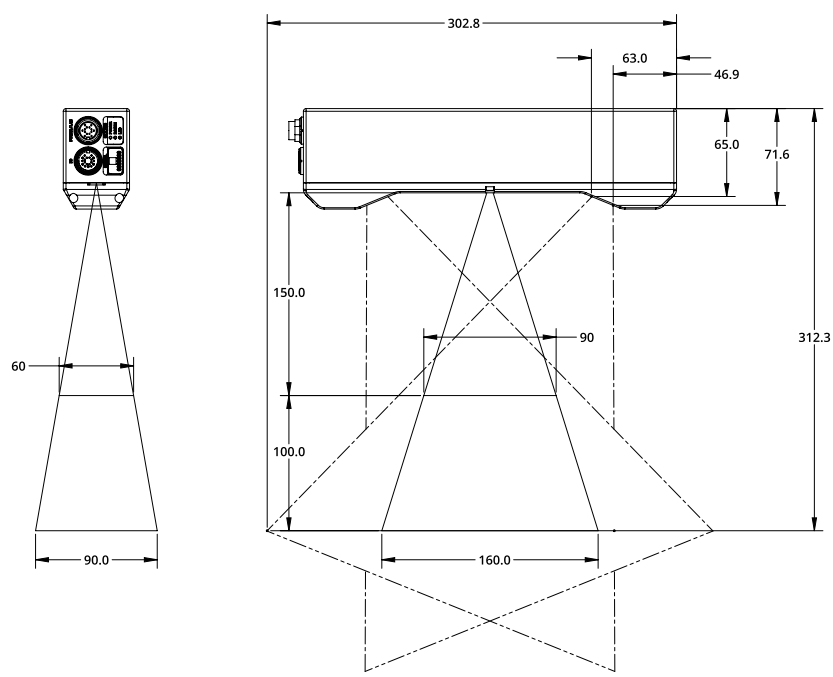
Field of View / Measurement Range



Dimensions



Envelope



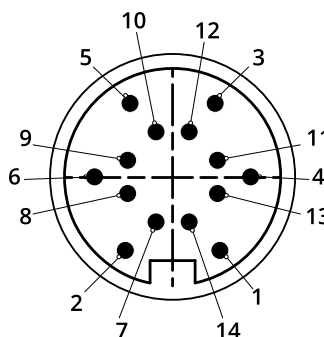
Gocator 3100 Power/LAN Connector

The Gocator 3100 Power/LAN connector is a 14 pin, M16 style connector that provides power input, safety input and Ethernet.

This section defines the electrical specifications for Gocator 3100 Power/LAN Connector pins, organized by function.

Gocator Power/LAN Connector Pins

Function	Pin	Lead Color on Cordset
GND_24-48V	1	White/Orange & Black
GND_24-48V	1	Orange/Black
DC_24-48V	2	White/Green & Black
DC_24-48V	2	Green/Black
Safety-	3	White/Blue & Black
Safety+	4	Blue/Black
Sync+	5	White/Brown & Black
Sync-	6	Brown/Black
Ethernet MX1+	7	White/Orange
Ethernet MX1-	8	Orange
Ethernet MX2+	9	White/Green
Ethernet MX2-	10	Green
Ethernet MX3-	11	White/Blue
Ethernet MX3+	12	Blue
Ethernet MX4+	13	White/Brown
Ethernet MX4-	14	Brown



View: Looking into the connector **on** the sensor

Two wires are connected to the ground and power pins.

Grounding Shield

The grounding shield should be mounted to the earth ground.

Power

Positive voltage is applied to DC_24-48V. See *Gocator 3100 Series* (page 235) for the sensor's power requirement. Ground is applied to GND_24-48VDC.

Power requirements

Function	Pins	Min	Max
DC_24-48V	2	24 V	48 V
GND_24-48VDC	1	0 V	0 V

Safety Input

The Safety_in+ signal should be connected to a voltage source in the range listed below. The Safety_in- signal should be connected to the ground/common of the source supplying the Safety_in+.

Safety requirements

Function	Pins	Min	Max
Safety_in+	4	24 V	48 V
Safety_in-	3	0 V	0 V



Confirm the wiring of Safety_in- before starting the sensor. Wiring DC_24-48V into Safety_in- may damage the sensor.

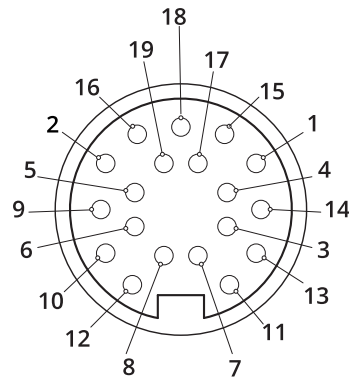
Gocator 3100 I/O Connector

The Gocator 3100 I/O connector is a 19 pin, M16 style connector that provides encoder, digital input, digital outputs, serial output, and analog output signals.

This section defines the electrical specifications for Gocator 3100 I/O Connector pins, organized by function.

Gocator I/O Connector Pins

Function	Pin	Lead Color on Cordset
Trigger_in+	1	Grey
Trigger_in-	2	Pink
Out_1+ (Digital Output 0)	3	Red
Out_1- (Digital Output 0)	4	Blue
Out_2+ (Digital Output 1)	5	Tan
Out_2- (Digital Output 1)	6	Orange
Encoder_A+	7	White/Brown & Black
Encoder_A-	8	Brown / Black
Encoder_B+	9	Black
Encoder_B-	10	Violet
Encoder_Z+	11	White/Green & Black
Encoder_Z-	12	Green / Black
Serial_out+	13	White
Serial_out-	14	Brown
Reserved	15	Blue / Black
Reserved	16	White / Blue & Black
Analog_out+	17	Green
Analog_out-	18	Yellow & Maroon/ White
Reserved	19	Maroon



View: Looking into the connector **on** the sensor

Grounding Shield

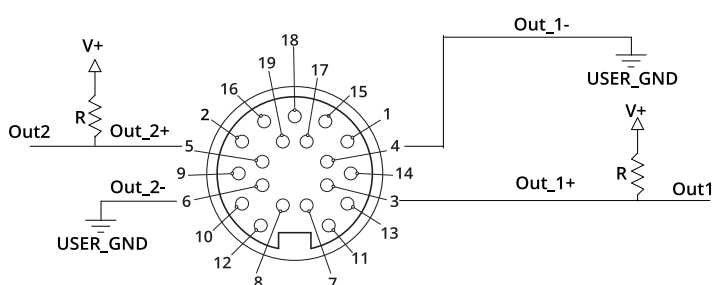
The grounding shield should be mounted to the earth ground.

Digital Outputs

Each Gocator sensor has two optically-isolated outputs. Both outputs are open collector and open emitter, this allows a variety of power sources to be connected and a variety of signal configurations.

Out_1 (Collector – Pin 6 and Emitter – Pin 4) and Out_2 (Collector – Pin 5 and Emitter Pin 8) are independent and therefore V+ and GND are not required to be the same.

Function	Pins	Max Collector Current	Max Collector-Emitter Voltage	Min Pulse Width
Out_1	3, 4	40 mA	70 V	20 us
Out_2	5, 6	40 mA	70 V	20 us

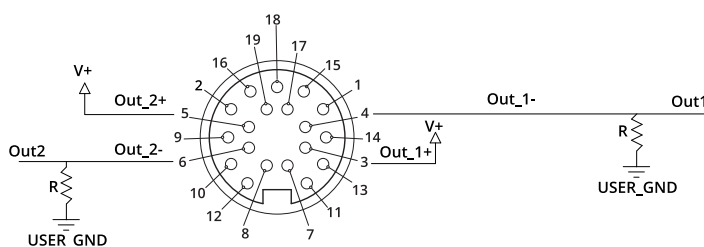


The resistors shown above are calculated by $R = (V+) / 2.5\text{mA}$.

The size of the resistors is determined by $\text{power} = (V+)^2 / R$.

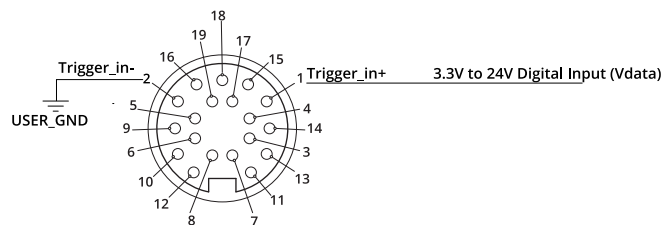
Inverting Outputs

To invert an output, connect a resistor between ground and Out_1- or Out_2- and connect Out_1+ or Out_2+ to the supply voltage. Take the output at Out_1- or Out_2-. The resistor selection is the same as what is shown above.



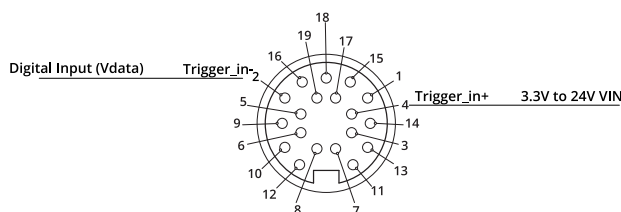
Digital Inputs

Every Gocator sensor has a single optically-isolated input. To use this input without an external resistor, supply 3.3 - 24 V to Pin 1 and GND to Pin 2.



Active High

If the supplied voltage is greater than 24 V, connect an external resistor in series to Pin 1. The resistor value should be $R = [(V_{in} - 1.2V) / 10mA] - 680$.



Active Low

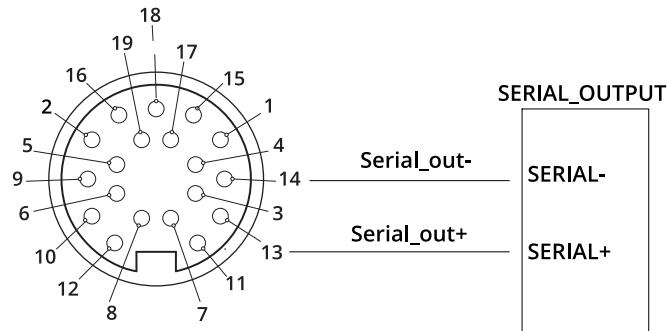
To assert the signal, the digital input voltage should be set to draw a current of 3 mA to 40 mA from Trigger_In+. The current that passes through Trigger_In+ is $I = (V_{in} - 1.2 - V_{data}) / 680$. To reduce noise sensitivity, we recommend leaving a 20% margin for current variation (i.e., uses a digital input voltage that draws 4 mA to 25 mA).

Function	Pins	Min Voltage	Max Voltage	Min Current	Max Current	Min Pulse Width
Trigger_in	1, 2	3.3 V	24 V	3 mA	40 mA	20 us

Serial Output

Serial RS-485 output is connected to Serial_out as shown below.

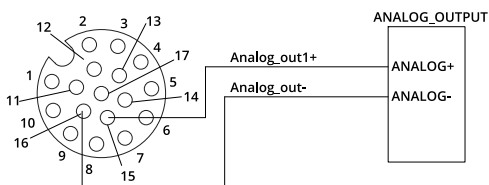
Function	Pins
Serial_out	13, 14



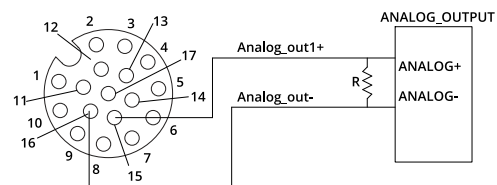
Analog Output

The Sensor I/O Connector defines one analog output interface: Analog_out.

Function	Pins	Current Range
Analog_out	17, 18	4 – 20 mA

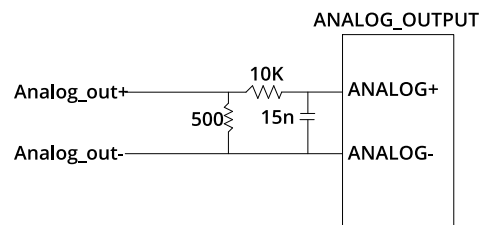


Current Mode



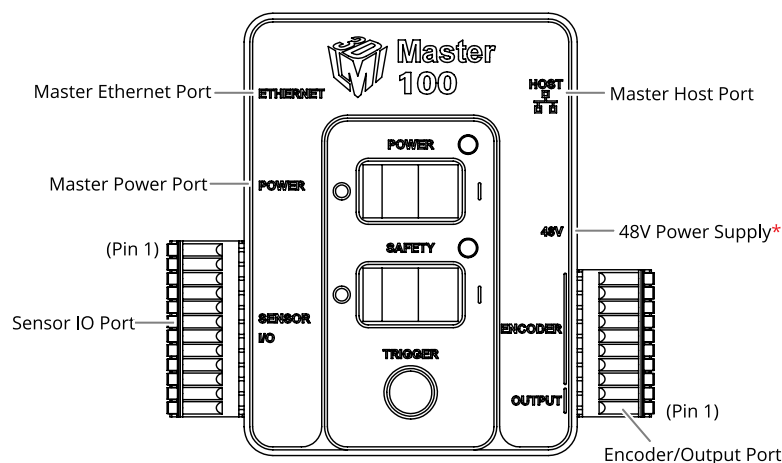
Voltage Mode

To configure for voltage output, connect a 500 Ohm ¼ Watt resistor between Analog_out+ and Analog_out- and measure the voltage across the resistor. To reduce the noise in the output, we recommend using a RC filter as shown below.



Master 100

The Master 100 accepts connections for power, safety, and encoder, and provides digital output.



*Contact LMI for information regarding this type of power supply.

Connect the Master Power port to the Gocator's Power/LAN connector using the Gocator Power/LAN to Master cordset. Connect power RJ45 end of the cordset to the Master Power port. The Ethernet RJ45 end of the cordset can be connected directly to the Ethernet switch, or connect to the Master Ethernet port. If the Master Ethernet port is used, connect the Master Host port to the Ethernet switch with a CAT5e Ethernet cable.

To use encoder and digital output, wire the Master's Gocator Sensor I/O port to the Gocator IO connector using the Gocator I/O cordset.

Sensor I/O Port Pins

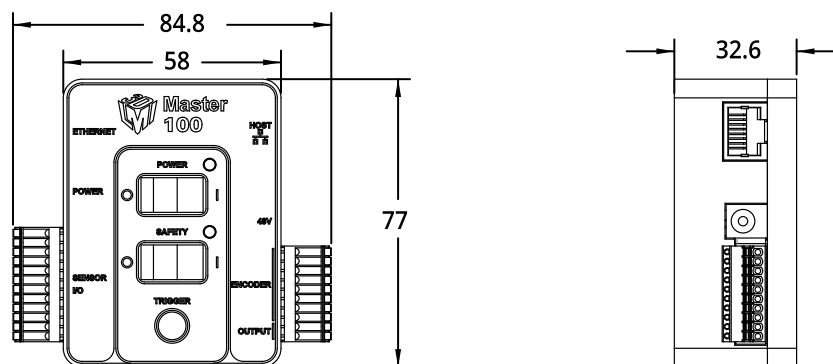
Gocator I/O Pin	Master Pin	Conductor Color
Encoder_A+	1	White/Brown & Black
Encoder_A-	2	Brown/Black
Encoder_Z+	3	White/Green & Black
Encoder_Z-	4	Green/Black
Trigger_in+	5	Grey
Trigger_in-	6	Pink
Out_1-	7	Blue
Out_1+	8	Red
Encoder_B+	11	Black
Encoder_B-	12	Violet

The rest of the wires in the Gocator I/O cordset are not used.

Encoder/Output Port Pins

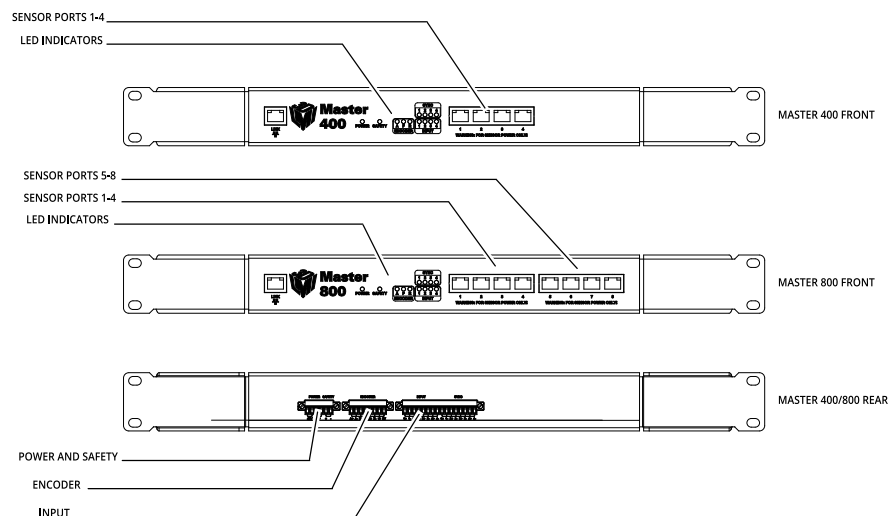
Function	Pin
Output_1+ (Digital Output 0)	1
Output_1- (Digital Output 0)	2
Encoder_Z+	3
Encoder_Z-	4
Encoder_A+	5
Encoder_A-	6
Encoder_B+	7
Encoder_B-	8
Encoder_GND	9
Encoder_5V	10

Master 100 Dimensions



Master 400/800

The Master 400/800 provides sensor power and safety interlock, and broadcasts system-wide synchronization information (i.e., time, encoder count, encoder index, and digital I/O states) to all devices on a sensor network.



Power and Safety (6 pin connector)

Function	Pin
+48VDC	1
+48VDC	2
GND(48VDC)	3
GND(48VDC)	4
Safety Control+	5
Safety Control-	6

The +48VDC power supply must be isolated from AC ground. This means that AC ground and DC ground are not connected.

The Safety Control requires a voltage differential 12VDC to 48VDC across the pin to enable the laser.

Digital Input (16 pin connector)

Function	Pin
Input 1	1
Input 1 GND	2
Reserved	3

Function	Pin
Reserved	4
Reserved	5
Reserved	6
Reserved	7
Reserved	8
Reserved	9
Reserved	10
Reserved	11
Reserved	12
Reserved	13
Reserved	14
Reserved	15
Reserved	16



This connector does not need to be wired up for proper operation.

Encoder (8 pin connector)

Function	Pin
Encoder_A+	1
Encoder_A-	2
Encoder_B+	3
Encoder_B-	4
Encoder_Z+	5
Encoder_Z-	6
GND	7
+5VDC	8

Master 400/800 Electrical Specifications

Electrical Specifications for Master 400/800

Master 400 / 800	
Power Supply Voltage	+48VDC
Power Supply current (Max.)	10A
Power Draw (Min.)	15W
Safety Voltage	+12 to +48VDC
Encoder signal voltage range	RS485 Differential
Digital input voltage range	Logical LOW: 0 VDC to +0.1VDC Logical HIGH: +11 VDC to +22.5VDC



When using a Master 400/800, its chassis must be well grounded.



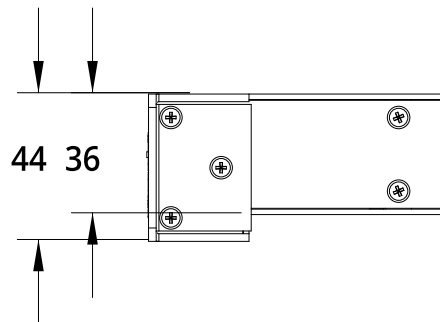
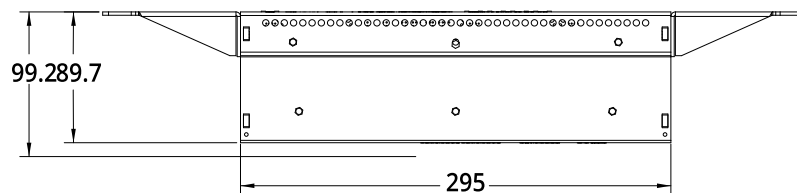
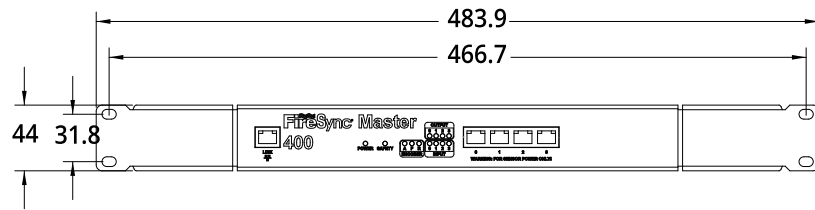
The +48VDC power supply must be isolated from AC ground. This means that AC ground and DC ground are not connected.



The Power Draw specification is based on a Master with no sensors attached. Every sensor has its own power requirements which need to be considered when calculating total system power requirements.

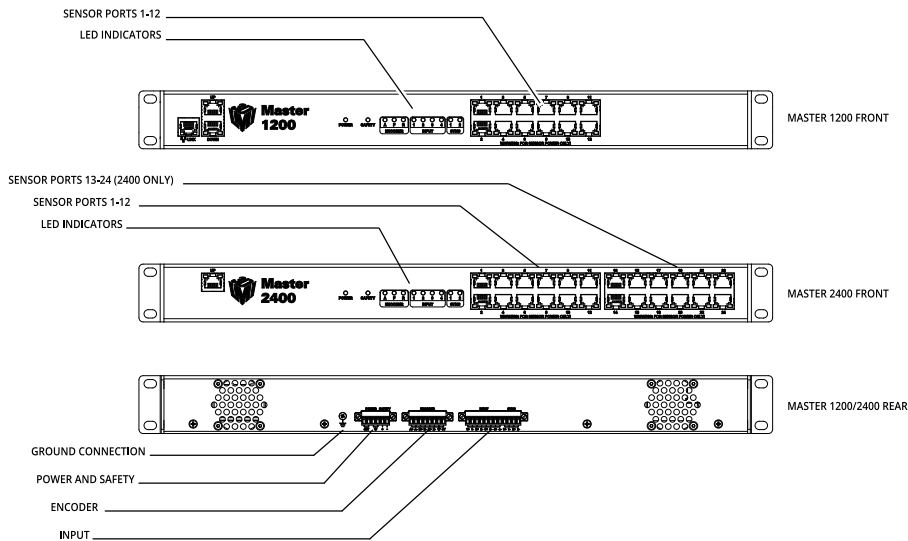
Master 400/800 Dimensions

The dimensions of Master 400 and Master 800 are the same.



Master 1200/2400

The Master 1200/2400 provides sensor power and safety interlock, and broadcasts system-wide synchronization information (i.e., time, encoder count, encoder index, and digital I/O states) to all devices on a sensor network.



Power and Safety (6 pin connector)

Function	Pin
+48VDC	1
+48VDC	2
GND(48VDC)	3
GND(48VDC)	4
Safety Control+	5
Safety Control-	6

The +48VDC power supply must be isolated from AC ground. This means that AC ground and DC ground are not connected.

The Safety Control requires a voltage differential 12VDC to 48VDC across the pin to enable the laser.

Digital Input (16 pin connector)

Function	Pin
Input 1	1
Input 1 GND	2
Reserved	3

Function	Pin
Reserved	4
Reserved	5
Reserved	6
Reserved	7
Reserved	8
Reserved	9
Reserved	10
Reserved	11
Reserved	12



This connector does not need to be wired up for proper operation.

Encoder (8 pin connector)

Function	Pin
Encoder_A+	1
Encoder_A-	2
Encoder_B+	3
Encoder_B-	4
Encoder_Z+	5
Encoder_Z-	6
GND	7
+5VDC	8

Master 1200/2400 Electrical Specifications

Electrical Specifications for Master 1200/2400

Master 1200 / 2400	
Power Supply Voltage	+48VDC
Power Supply current (Max.)	10A
Power Draw (Min.)	15W
Safety Voltage	+12 to +48VDC
Encoder signal voltage range	RS485 Differential
Digital input voltage range	Logical LOW: 0 VDC to +0.1VDC Logical HIGH: +3.5 VDC to +6.5VDC



When using a Master 1200/2400, its chassis must be well grounded.



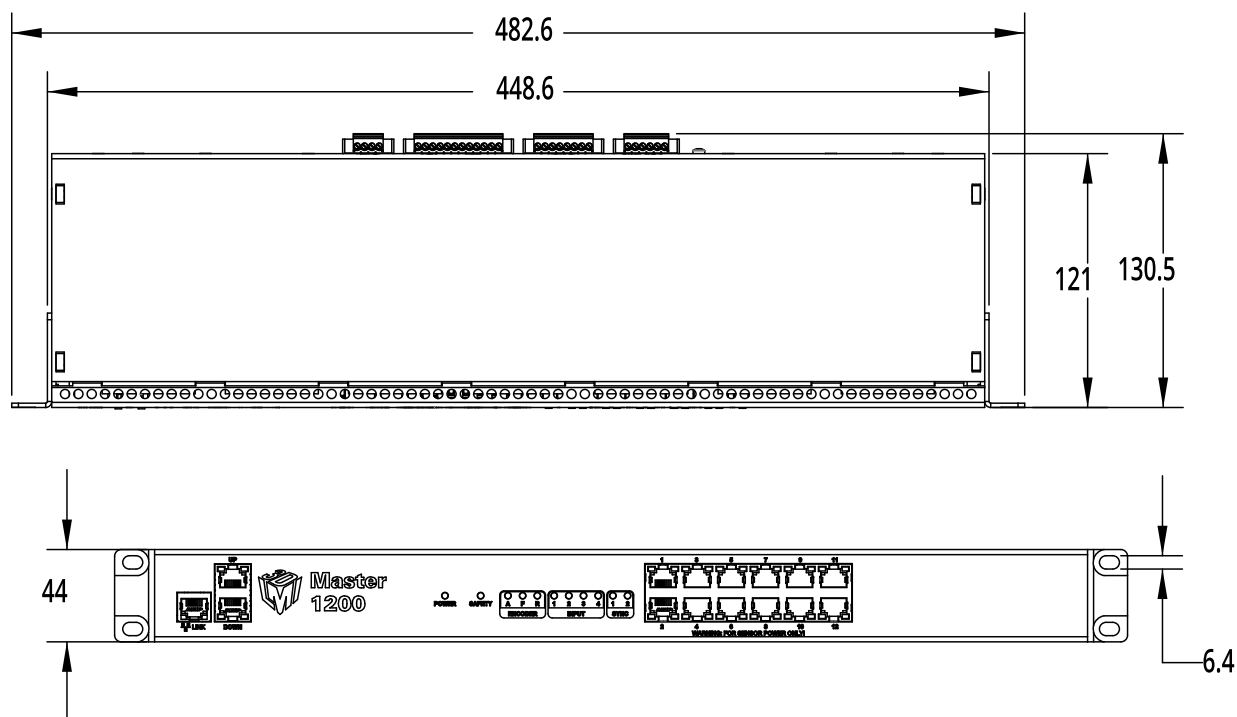
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The Power Draw specification is based on a Master with no sensors attached. Every sensor has its own power requirements which need to be considered when calculating total system power requirements.

Master 1200/2400 Dimensions

The dimensions of Master 1200 and Master 2400 are the same.



Parts and Accessories

Gocator 3100 Sensors

Description	Part Number
Gocator 3110, No tools	313110A-LED-B-00
Gocator 3110, Measurement tools	313110A-LED-B-01

Masters

Description	Part Number
Master 100 - for single sensor (development only)	30705
Master 400 - for networking up to 4 sensors	30680
Master 800 - for networking up to 8 sensors	30681
Master 1200 - for networking up to 12 sensors	30649
Master 2400 - for networking up to 24 sensors	30650

Cordsets

Description	Part Number
5m shielded Gocator I/O cordset, open wire end	30862
10m shielded Gocator I/O cordset, open wire end	30863
5m shielded Gocator Power and Ethernet cordset, 1x open wire end, 1x RJ45 end	30859
10m shielded Gocator Power and Ethernet cordset, 1x open wire end, 1x RJ45 end	30860
5m shielded Gocator Power and Ethernet cordset to Master, 2x RJ45 end	30856
10m shielded Gocator Power and Ethernet cordset to Master, 2x RJ45 end	30857

Contact LMI for information on creating cordsets with custom length or connector orientation. The maximum cordset length is 60 m.

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Return Policy

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