

"Downward-Looking" LiDAR Sensor for Unmanned Laser Scanning

NEW

RIEGL miniVUX-1DL[®]

- **very compact & lightweight:**
2.4 kg / 5.3 lbs
- **46° FOV, ± 23° off nadir**
- **robust aluminum housing, ready to be mounted on any suitable type of UAV**
- **use of RIEGL's unique echo signal digitization and online waveform processing**
- **multiple target capability – up to 5 target echoes per laser shot**
- **scan speed up to 150 scans/sec**
- **measurement rate up to 100,000 measurements/sec**
- **user-friendly, application- and installation-oriented solutions for integration**

The *RIEGL* miniVUX-1DL is a sister device to the miniature UAV laser scanner *RIEGL* miniVUX-1UAV.

The added indicator "DL" means "downward looking" and refers to its special design tailored to meet the needs of corridor mapping tasks (downward looking, optimized field of view, small size).

Thus, the *RIEGL* miniVUX-1DL is perfectly suited for tasks such as powerline and pipeline surveillance, or for infrastructure inspection as in highway or railway monitoring.

The specific wedge prism scanner construction produces a FOV (Field of View) of ± 23°, and the circular scan pattern provides a very high point density and good point distribution.

The *RIEGL* miniVUX-1DL makes use of *RIEGL*'s unique Waveform-LiDAR technology, allowing echo digitization and online waveform processing. Multi-target resolution is the basis for penetrating even dense foliage.

An easy to remove SD storage card for data storage and/or the option for streaming the scan data via LAN TCP/IP interface – in combination with the modest power consumption of the scanner – allows straightforward integration into various types of UAVs.

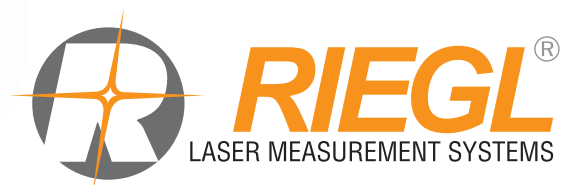
In addition to the stand-alone version of the miniVUX-1DL, *RIEGL* also offers fully-integrated system solutions.

Typical applications include

- **Pipeline and Power Line Monitoring**
- **Highway and Railtrack Inspection**
- **Further Applications in Corridor Mapping**



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Scan Pattern Example RIEGL miniVUX®-1DL

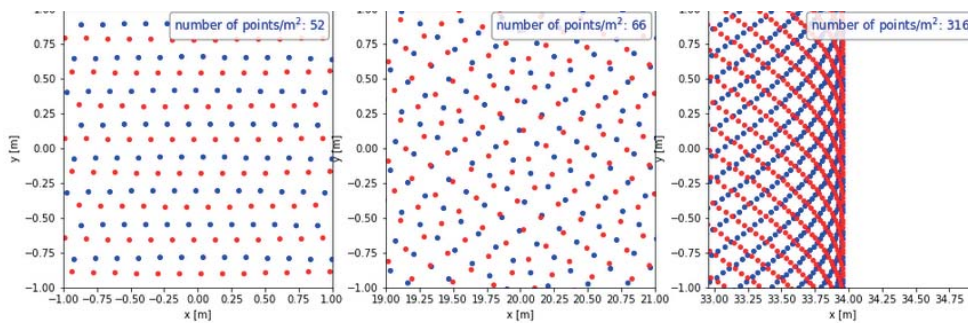
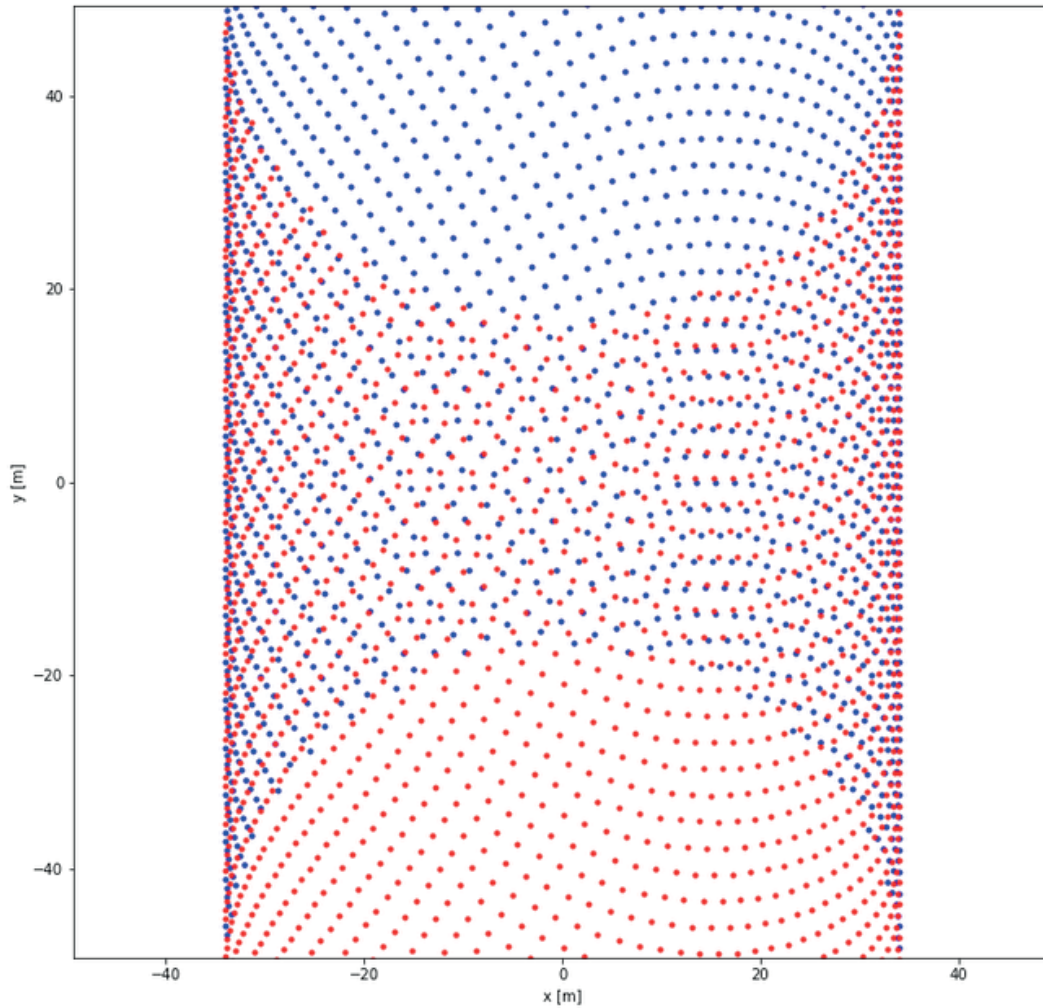
The rotating wedge prism generates a circular scan pattern with 23° off-nadir scan angle. The figures below show the point distribution on ground for the following parameters:

- Ground speed of aircraft: 35 kts (18 m/s)
- Height above ground: 80 m (260 ft)
- Scan rate: 75 revolutions per second
- Laser pulse repetition rate: 100 000 shots per second

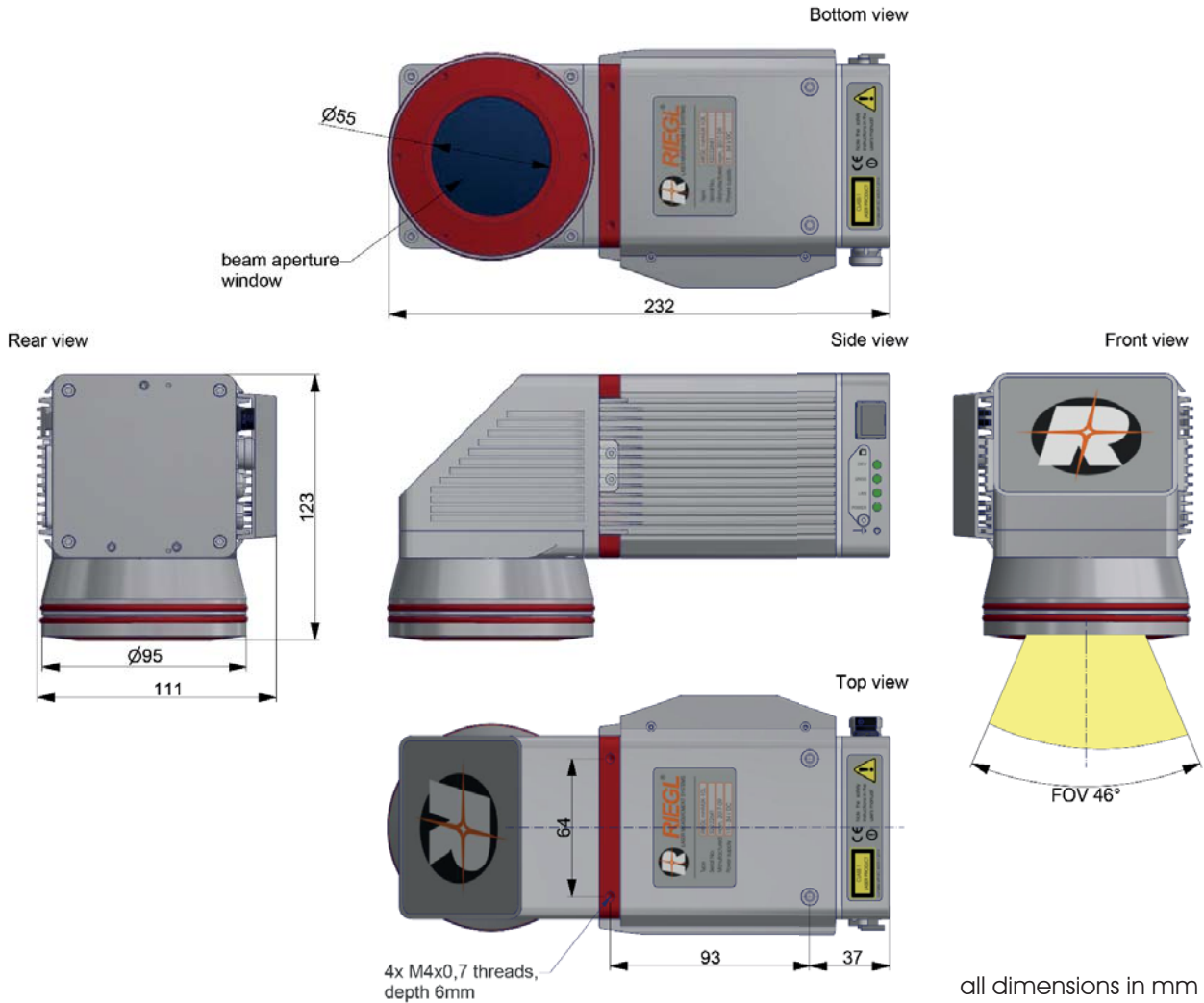
Red dots = circular arc behind the scan origin

Blue dots = circular arc in front of the scan origin

For reasons of better clarity every hundred-fiftieth measurement point is plotted.



Detailed views (2 m x 2 m) of point distribution from left to right: nadir, x=20 m off-nadir and x=40 m off-nadir



RIEGL miniVUX-SYS System Integration Options

Besides of the stand-alone miniVUX-1DL LiDAR engine, RIEGL offers also system solutions, combining the miniVUX-1DL with IMU/GNSS systems of different performance and of different form factors as well as optional RGB camera systems. With regards to the IMU/GNSS system, three options are available, depending on customer's requirements and the integration environment:

RIEGL miniVUX-SYS with APX-15 UAV¹⁾



- IMU/GNSS unit integrated with LiDAR engine RIEGL miniVUX-1DL
- total weight approx. 2.8 kg
- interfaces for up to 2 cameras
- suited for integration into fixed-wing UAVs

RIEGL miniVUX-SYS with APX-20¹⁾



- higher-grade IMU/GNSS unit integrated with LiDAR engine RIEGL miniVUX-1DL
- total weight approx. 3.3 kg
- interfaces for up to 2 cameras
- suited for integration into all types of UAVs

RIEGL miniVUX-SYS with AP20¹⁾ and control unit



- LiDAR engine RIEGL miniVUX-1DL with higher-grade IMU/GNSS unit and separate control unit
- total weight approx. 4.4 kg
- interfaces for up to 4 cameras via control unit
- suited for integration into all types of UAVs with higher payload capacity

Please contact sales@riegl.com to get more detailed information.

¹⁾ See technical details in the corresponding Applanix datasheet

Technical Data *RIEGL* miniVUX®-1DL

Laser Product Classification

Class 1 Laser Product
according to IEC 60825-1:2014

The following clause applies for instruments delivered into the United States: Complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated June 24, 2007.



Range Measurement Performance

Measuring Principle

time of flight measurement, echo signal digitization, online waveform processing

Laser Pulse Repetition Rate PRR ¹⁾	100 kHz
Max. Measuring Range ²⁾ natural targets $\rho \geq 20\%$ natural targets $\rho \geq 60\%$	120 m 200 m
Typ. Operating Flight Altitude AGL ^{1) 3)}	80 m (260 ft)
Max. Number of Targets per Pulse ⁴⁾	5

1) Rounded values.
2) Typical values for average conditions. Maximum range is specified for flat targets with size in excess of the laser beam diameter, perpendicular angle of incidence, and for atmospheric visibility of 23 km. In bright sunlight, the max. range is shorter than under overcast sky.
3) Reflectance $\rho \geq 20\%$, flat terrain assumed, scan angle $\pm 23^\circ$ FOV, additional roll angle $\pm 5^\circ$
4) If more than one target is hit, the total laser transmitter power is split and, accordingly, the achievable range is reduced.

Minimum Range

Accuracy ^{5) 7)}

Precision ^{6) 7)}

Max. Effective Measurement Rate ¹⁾

Echo Signal Intensity

Laser Wavelength

Laser Beam Divergence ⁸⁾

Laser Beam Footprint

3 m

15 mm

10 mm

up to 100 000 meas./sec

for each echo signal, high-resolution 16 bit intensity information is provided near infrared

1.6 x 0.5 mrad

160 mm x 50 mm @ 100 m

- 5) Accuracy is the degree of conformity of a measured quantity to its actual (true) value.
6) Precision, also called reproducibility or repeatability, is the degree to which further measurements show the same result.

- 7) One sigma @ 50 m range under *RIEGL* test conditions.
8) Measured at 50% peak intensity, 1.6 mrad corresponds to an increase of 160 mm of beam diameter per 100 m distance.

Scanner Performance

Scanning Mechanism

Field of View

Scan Speed (selectable)

Angular Step Width $\Delta \theta$ (selectable)

between consecutive laser shots

Angle Measurement Resolution

rotating wedge prism

$\pm 23^\circ = 46^\circ$ (circular scan pattern)

10 - 75 revolutions/second equivalent to 20 - 150 scans/sec

$0.036^\circ \leq \Delta \theta \leq 0.27^\circ$

0.001° (3.6 arcsec)

General Technical Data

Power Supply Input Voltage

Power Consumption

Main Dimensions (L x W x H)

without Cooling Fan

with Cooling Fan

Weight

miniVUX-1DL

Cooling Fan

Protective Cap

Humidity

Protection Class

Temperature Range ⁹⁾

11 - 34 V DC

typ. 40 W @ 75 revolutions/sec

232 x 99 x 123 mm

232 x 111 x 123 mm

approx. 2.4 kg

approx. 0.04 kg

approx. 0.05 kg

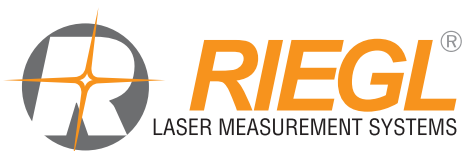
max. 80 % non condensing @ 31°C

IP64, dust-proof and splash-proof

0°C up to +40°C (operation)¹⁰⁾ / -20°C up to +50°C (storage)

- 9) Continuous operation at ambient temperature of $\geq 30^\circ\text{C}$ ($\geq 86^\circ\text{F}$) requires a minimum amount of air flow at approx. 3 m/s. For applications where a 3 m/s air flow along the cooling fins cannot be guaranteed, the cooling fan has to be used.

- 10) Valid for the initial start-up, after a warm-up phase, operation down to -10°C is also possible.



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