

## Waveform Processing Airborne Laser Scanning System with Increased Range Capacity

# RIEGL VQ<sup>®</sup>-580 II-S

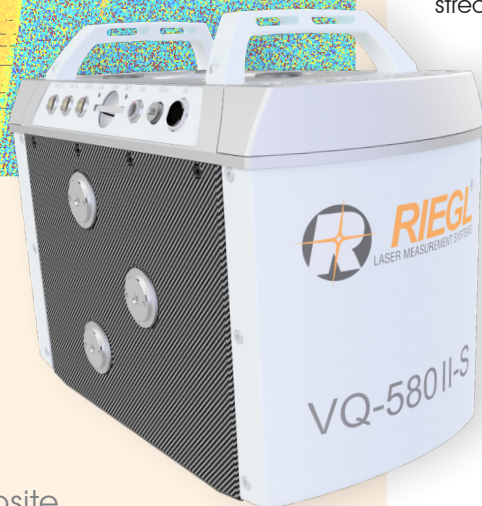
- **increased measurement range of up to 2.450 m**
- **high accuracy ranging based on RIEGL Waveform-LiDAR technology**
- **high laser pulse repetition rate up to 2MHz**
- **measurement rate up to 1,250,000 measurements/sec**
- **perfectly linear and parallel scan lines**
- **wide field of view of 75°**
- **excellently suited to measure snow & ice**
- **interfaces for up to 5 optional cameras**
- **mechanical and electrical interface for IMU/GNSS integration**
- **removeable storage card and integrated Solid State Disk (SSD) for data storage**
- **compact and lightweight design**
- **compatible with stabilized platforms and even small hatches**
- **seamless integration and compatibility with other RIEGL ALS systems and software packages**

To meet the increasing requirements of compact laser scanners for medium- and wide-area mapping as well as for corridor mapping, **RIEGL** offers the VQ-580 II-S. The successor of the well-proven VQ-580 II Airborne Laser Scanner provides an increased maximum measurement range of up to 2.450 m. It is perfectly suited for integration with gyro-stabilized mounts as well as into the VQX-1 Wing Pod, **RIEGL's** fully integrated laser scanning system for user-friendly installation on Cessna single piston engine aircraft to facilitate various airborne mapping applications.

The device's light weight and clean design allows seamless integration into stabilized platforms or even small hatches, and enables the efficient acquisition of high-quality data for a variety of applications from a wide range of manned aircraft such as helicopters, small fixed wing aircraft and ultralight aircraft.

Based on **RIEGL's** proven Waveform-LiDAR technology, the VQ-580 II-S provides highly accurate and precise point clouds, excellent vertical target resolution, calibrated reflectance readings, and pulse shape deviation for unsurpassed information content on each single measurement. With a measurement rate of up to 1,250,000 meas./sec and an extremely wide field of view of 75 degrees, the instrument is versatile and perfectly meets the challenges in various special airborne surveying applications like corridor mapping, city modeling, agriculture, and forestry. Due to the laser wavelength used, the system enables measurements to wet and frozen surfaces and delivers first class results in snowfield mapping and glacier monitoring.

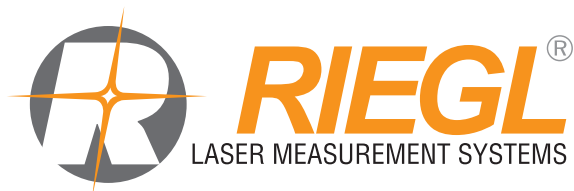
The **RIEGL** VQ-580 II-S provides mechanical and electrical interfaces for the integration with an appropriate IMU/GNSS unit and is ready for controlling up to 5 optional cameras. Convenient access to the acquired scan data is ensured by data storage on an easy to remove CFast<sup>®</sup> storage card and an integrated Solid State Disk, but also by streaming scan data via a LAN TCP/IP interface.

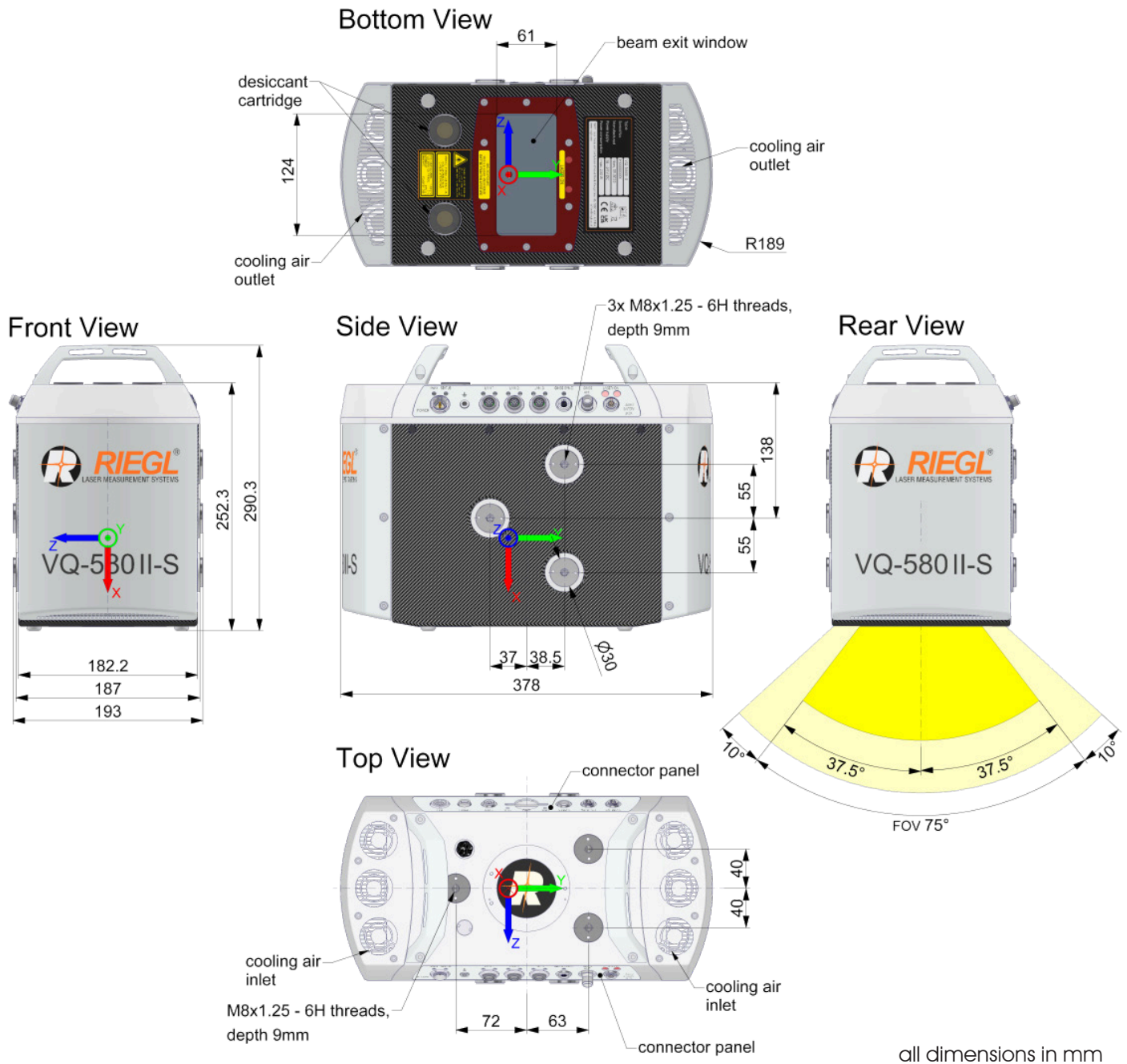


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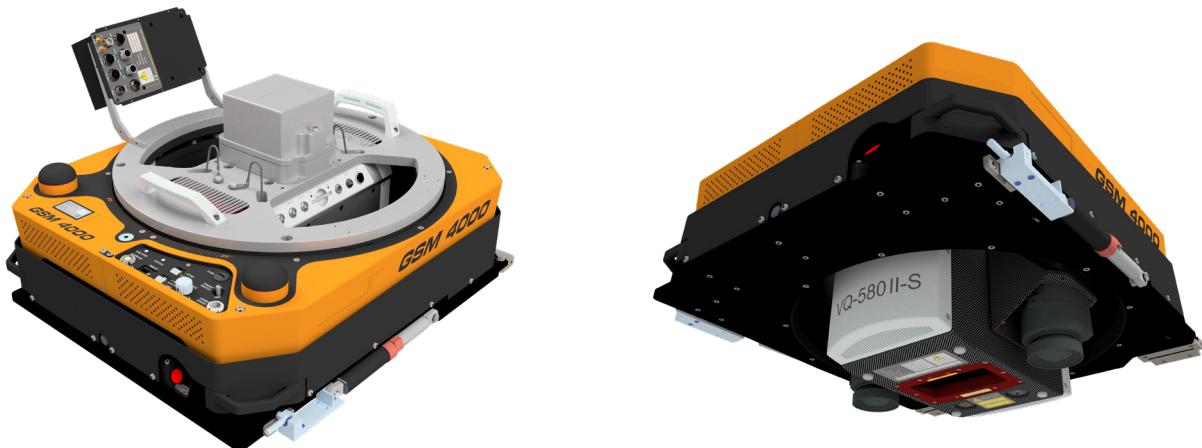
### Typical applications include

- **Medium to Wide Area Mapping**
- **Corridor Mapping**
- **City Modeling**
- **Glacier and Snowfield Monitoring**
- **Agriculture & Forestry**





## RIEGL VQ®-580 II-S Installation Example

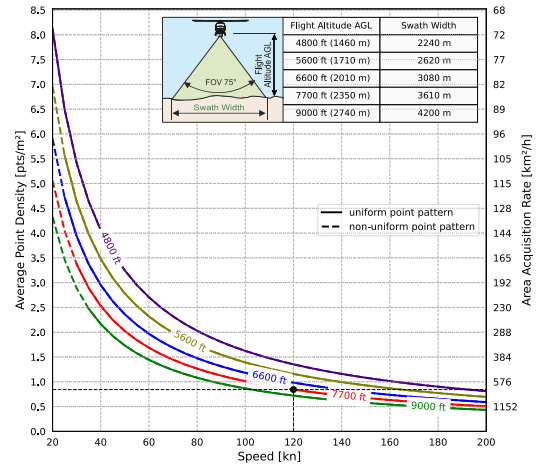
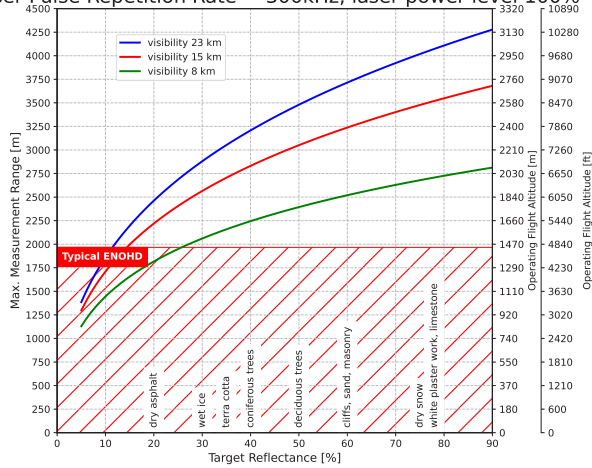


RIEGL VQ-580 II-S installed on GSM-4000 stabilized platform



# Maximum Measurement Range & Point Density *RIEGL VQ®-580 II-S*

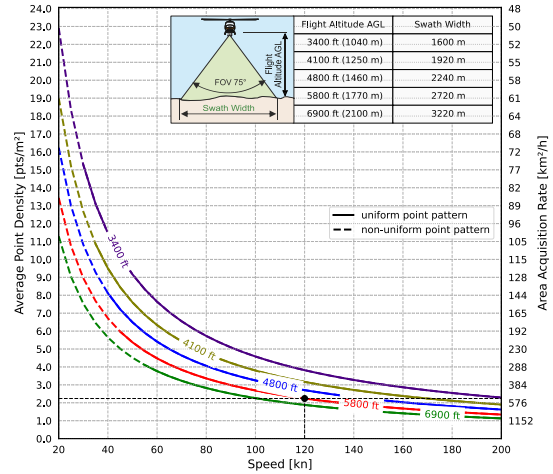
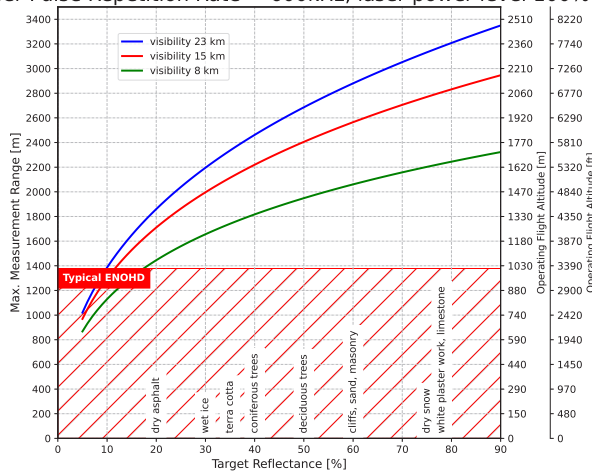
Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 300kHz, laser power level 100%



**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 300,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%  
altitude 7,700 ft AGL, speed 120 kn

**Results:** point density ~ 0.8 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 683 km<sup>2</sup>/h

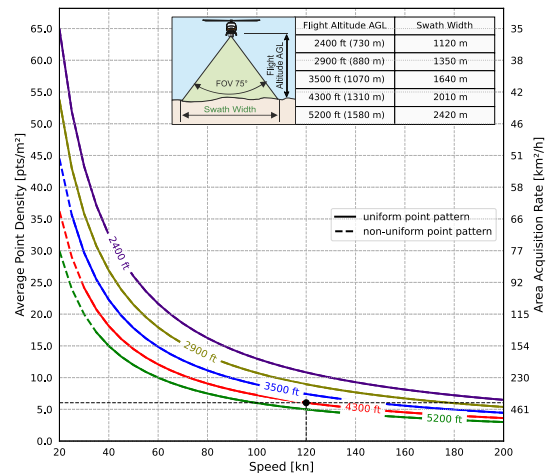
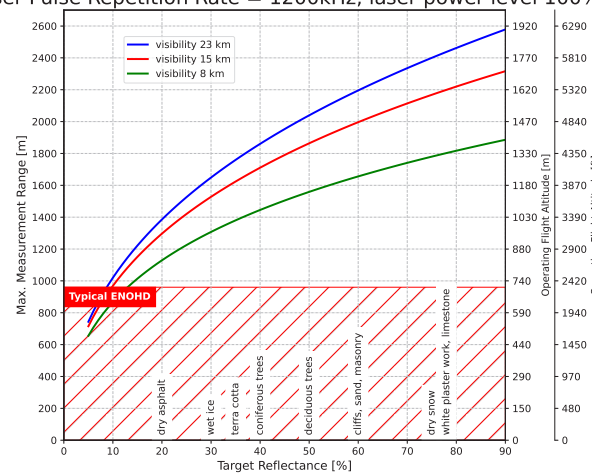
Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 600kHz, laser power level 100%



**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 600,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%  
altitude 5,800 ft AGL, speed 120 kn

**Results:** point density ~ 2.2 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 515 km<sup>2</sup>/h

Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 1200kHz, laser power level 100%



**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 1,200,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%  
altitude 4,300 ft AGL, speed 120 kn

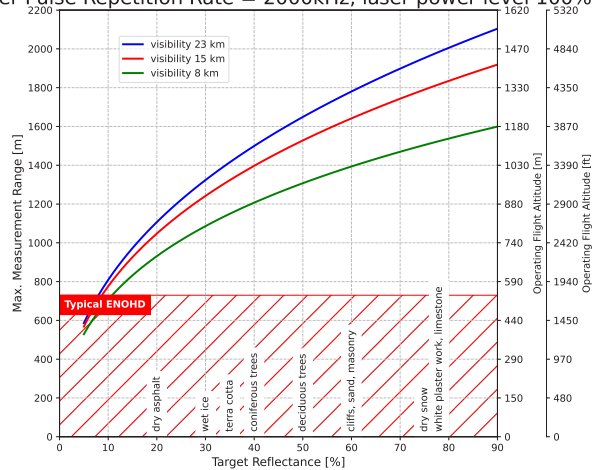
**Results:** point density ~ 6.4 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 381 km<sup>2</sup>/h

**The following conditions are assumed for the Operating Flight Altitude AGL**

- ambiguity resolved by multiple-time-around (MTA) processing
- roll angle up to  $\pm 5^\circ$
- target size  $\geq$  laser footprint
- average ambient brightness
- operating flight altitude given at a FOV of  $\pm 37.5^\circ$

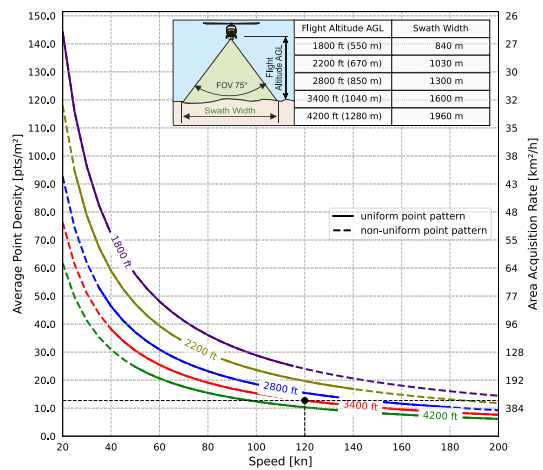
# Maximum Measurement Range & Point Density RIEGL VQ®-580 II-S

Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 2000kHz, laser power level 100%

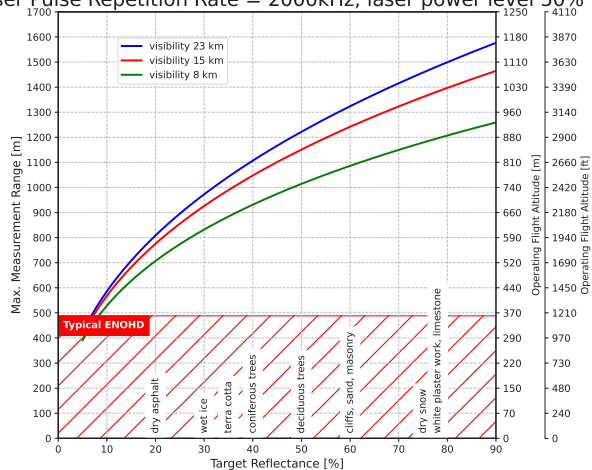


**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 2,000,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 100%  
altitude 3,400 ft AGL, speed 120 kn

**Results:** point density ~ 12.73 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 302 km<sup>2</sup>/h

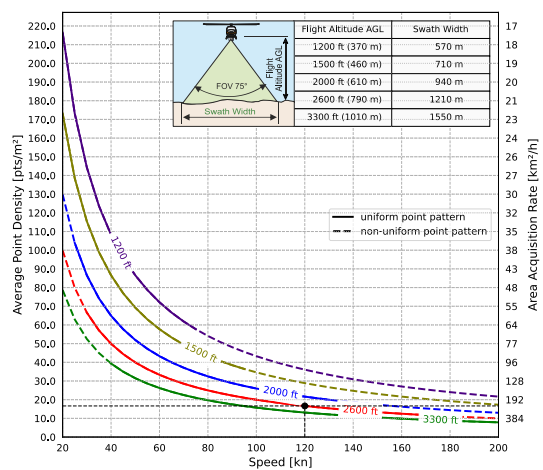


Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 2000kHz, laser power level 50%

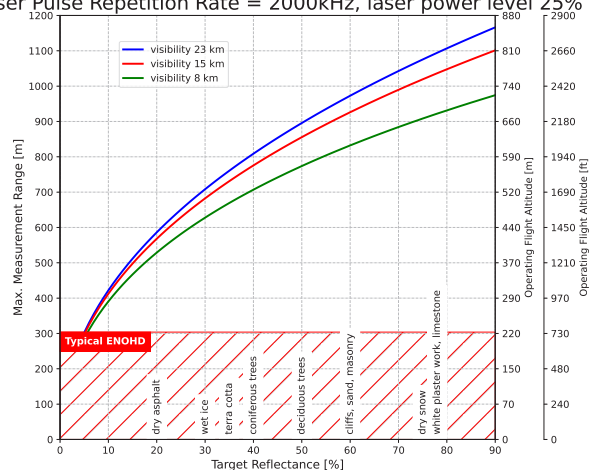


**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 2,000,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 50%  
altitude 2,600 ft AGL, speed 120 kn

**Results:** point density ~ 16.7 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 231 km<sup>2</sup>/h

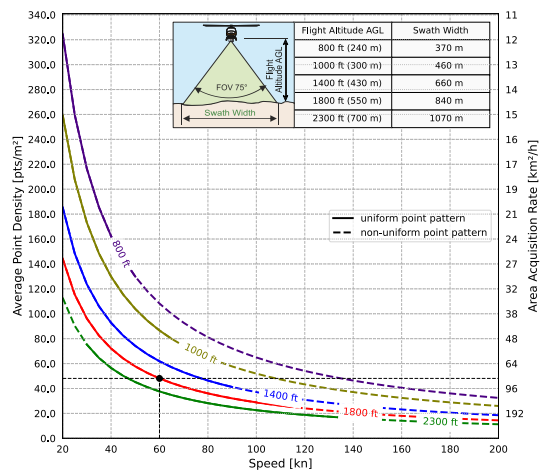


Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 2000kHz, laser power level 25%



**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 2,000,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 25%  
altitude 1,800 ft AGL, speed 60 kn

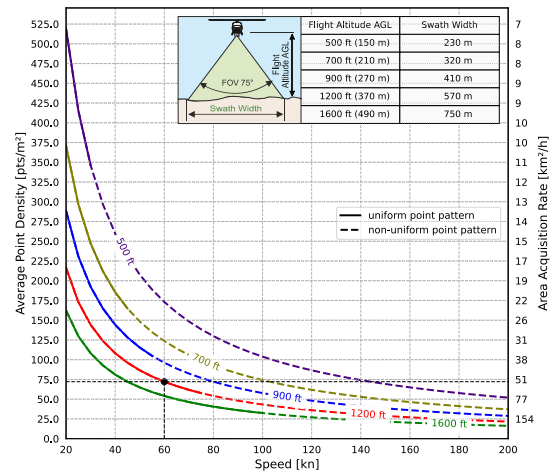
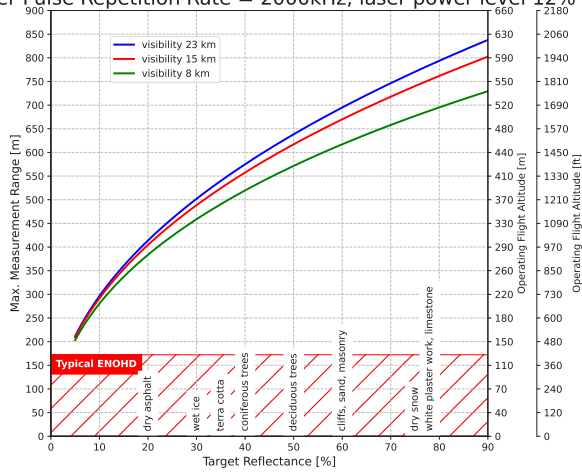
**Results:** point density ~ 48.1 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 80 km<sup>2</sup>/h



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- target size  $\geq$  laser footprint
- average ambient brightness
- operating flight altitude given at a FOV of  $\pm 37.5^\circ$

Laser Pulse Repetition Rate = 2000kHz, laser power level 12%



**Example:** VQ-580 II-S at 2,000,000 pulses/sec, laser power level 12%  
altitude 1,200 ft AGL, speed 60 kn

**Results:** point density ~ 72.2 pts/m<sup>2</sup>  
area acquisition rate ~ 53 km<sup>2</sup>/h

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## Laser Product Classification

## Class 3B 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 conformance with IEC 60825-1 Ed.3., as described in Laser Notice No. 56, dated May 8, 2019.

The instrument must be used only in combination with the appropriate laser safety box.



## Range Measurement Performance

### Measuring Principle

echo signal digitization, online waveform processing, time-of-flight measurement, multiple target capability

|                                                 |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Laser Pulse Repetition Rate PRR <sup>1)</sup>   | 300 kHz | 600 kHz | 1200 kHz | 2000 kHz | 2000 kHz | 2000 kHz | 2000 kHz |
| Laser Power Level                               | 100%    | 100%    | 100%     | 100%     | 50%      | 25%      | 12%      |
| Max. Measuring Range <sup>2) 3)</sup>           |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |
| natural targets $p \geq 20\%$                   | 2460 m  | 1860 m  | 1390 m   | 1100 m   | 810 m    | 590 m    | 410 m    |
| natural targets $p \geq 60\%$                   | 3720 m  | 2880 m  | 2200 m   | 1780 m   | 1320 m   | 970 m    | 700 m    |
| Max. Operating Flight Altitude <sup>2) 4)</sup> |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |
| Above Ground Level (AGL)                        |         |         |          |          |          |          |          |
| natural targets $p \geq 20\%$                   | 1820 m  | 1370 m  | 1020 m   | 820 m    | 600 m    | 430 m    | 300 m    |
|                                                 | 5950 ft | 4500 ft | 3350 ft  | 2700 ft  | 1950 ft  | 1400 ft  | 1000 ft  |
| natural targets $p \geq 60\%$                   | 2740 m  | 2120 m  | 1620 m   | 1310 m   | 980 m    | 720 m    | 510 m    |
|                                                 | 9000 ft | 6950 ft | 5300 ft  | 4300 ft  | 3200 ft  | 2350 ft  | 1700 ft  |
| NOHD <sup>5) 7)</sup>                           | 201 m   | 139 m   | 95 m     | 70 m     | 44 m     | 27 m     | 14 m     |
| ENOHD <sup>6) 7)</sup>                          | 1450 m  | 1016 m  | 708 m    | 538 m    | 360 m    | 224 m    | 127 m    |
| Max. Number of Targets per Pulse <sup>8)</sup>  | 15      | 15      | 9        | 5        | 5        | 5        | 5        |

1) Rounded average PRR

2) Typical values for average conditions and average ambient brightness. In bright sunlight, the max. range is shorter than under an overcast sky.

3) The maximum range is specified for flat targets with size in excess of the laser beam diameter, perpendicular angle of incidence, and for atmospheric visibility of 23 km. Range ambiguities have to be resolved by multiple-time-around processing.

4) Typical values for max. effective FOV 75°, additional roll angle  $\pm 5^\circ$

5) Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance, based upon MPE according to IEC 60825-1:2014, for single line condition.

6) Extended Nominal Ocular Hazard Distance, based upon MPE according to IEC 60825-1:2014, for single line condition.

7) NOHD and ENOHD have been calculated for a typical angular step width with non-overlapping laser footprints and an aircraft speed higher than 10kn. NOHD and ENOHD increase when using overlapping laser footprints which may be intended e.g. for power line mapping.

8) If more than one target is hit, the total laser transmitter power is split and, accordingly, the achievable range is reduced.

### Minimum Range

20 m

### Accuracy <sup>9) 11)</sup>

20 mm

### Precision <sup>10) 11)</sup>

20 mm

### Laser Pulse Repetition Rate <sup>12)</sup>

up to 2000 kHz

### Max. Effective Measurement Rate

up to 1,250,000 meas./sec (@ 2000 kHz PRR & 75° scan angle)

### Echo Signal Intensity

provided for each echo signal

### Laser Wavelength

near infrared

### Laser Beam Divergence

typ. 0.28 mrad @ 1/e<sup>2</sup> <sup>13)</sup>, typ. 0.20 mrad @ 1/e <sup>14)</sup>

9) Accuracy is the degree of conformity of a measured quantity to its actual (true) value.

10) Precision, also called reproducibility or repeatability, is the degree to which further measurements show the same result.

11) One sigma @ 150 m range under *RIEGL* test conditions.

12) User selectable.

13) Measured at 1/e<sup>2</sup> points, 0.28 mrad corresponds to an increase of 28 mm of beam diameter per 100 m distance.

14) Measured at 1/e points, 0.20 mrad corresponds to an increase of 20 mm of beam diameter per 100 m distance.

## Scanner Performance

### Scanning Mechanism

rotating polygon mirror

### Scan Pattern

parallel scan lines

### Scan angle range

$\pm 37.5^\circ = 75^\circ$

### Total Scan Rate

30 <sup>15)</sup> – 300 lines/sec

### Angular Step Width $\Delta \theta$

$0.008^\circ \leq \Delta \theta \leq 0.12^\circ$  <sup>16) 17)</sup>

### Angle Measurement Resolution

0.001°

15) The minimum scan rate depends on the selected laser PRR.

16) The angular step width depends on the selected laser PRR.

17) The maximum angular step width is limited by the maximum scan rate.

## Data Interfaces

### Configuration

LAN 10/100/1000 MBit/sec

### Scan Data Output

LAN 10/100/1000 MBit/sec

### Synchronization

Serial RS-232 interface, TTL input for 1 pps synchronization pulse, accepts different data formats for GNSS-time information

### Camera Interface

1 connector with power, RS-232, pps, trigger, exposure  
2 connectors with power, 2x trigger, 2x exposure

**Data Storage**

Permanently Installed Data Storage  
Removable Data Storage

Solid State Disc SSD, 2 TByte  
Cardholder for CFAST® <sup>1)</sup> storage cards (up to 1 TByte)

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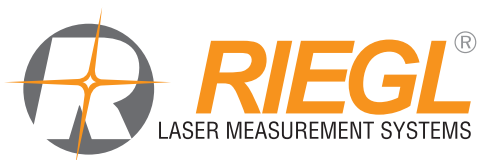
**General Technical Data**

|                             |                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Power Supply Input Voltage  | 18 - 34 V DC                                                |
| Power Consumption           | typ. 140 W, max. 230 W <sup>2)</sup>                        |
| Main Dimensions (L x W x H) | 378 mm x 193 mm x 252 mm (without mounted carrying handles) |
| Weight                      |                                                             |
| without integrated IMU/GNSS | 10.5 kg                                                     |
| with integrated IMU/GNSS    | 11.0 kg                                                     |
| Humidity                    | non condensing                                              |
| Protection Class            | IP54, dust-protected and splash-proof                       |
| Max. Flight Altitude        |                                                             |
| operating & not operating   | 18500 ft (5600 m) above MSL (Mean Sea Level)                |
| Temperature Range           | -5°C up to +40°C (operation) / -10°C up to +50°C (storage)  |

**Integrated IMU & GNSS (optional) <sup>3)</sup>**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| IMU Accuracy             |          |
| Roll, Pitch              | 0.015°   |
| Heading                  | 0.035°   |
| IMU Sampling Rate        | 200 Hz   |
| Position Accuracy (typ.) |          |
| horizontal               | ≤ 0.05 m |
| vertical                 | ≤ 0.1 m  |

2) Max. scan rate, all heaters in operation.  
3) Accuracy specifications for post-processed data.



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