User’s Manual and Technical Specifications

✔ Cost efficient design
✔ Operates in full sunlight
✔ Low power consumption
✔ Wide field of view
✔ Small footprint
✔ Simple serial connectivity
✔ Long Range

Laser Safety

⚠️ CAUTION

This device contains a component which emits laser radiation. The laser product is designated Class 1 during all operating modes. This means that the laser is safe to look at with the unaided eye, however it is advisable to not look directly into the beam when in use.

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**Specifications**

**Dimensions**

![Dimension Drawing](image1)

**Physical**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>120 g (4.23 oz.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Operating Temperature</td>
<td>-20 to 60° C (-4 to 140°F)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage Temperature</td>
<td>-40 to 80° C (-40 to 176°F)</td>
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**Electrical**

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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Power</td>
<td>5VDC ±0.5Vdc</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current Consumption</td>
<td>Up to 650mA; 450mA nominal</td>
</tr>
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**Measurement Performance**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Range (75% reflective target)</td>
<td>40 m (131ft)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>1 cm (0.4 in)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Update Rate (75% reflective target)</td>
<td>Up to 1075Hz (see “Theory of Operation”)</td>
</tr>
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**Field of View**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Horizontal Field of View</td>
<td>360 degrees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vertical Field of View</td>
<td>0.5 degrees</td>
</tr>
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Sweep is a single plane scanner. This means that as its head rotates **counterclockwise**, it records data in a single plane. The beam starts out at approximately 12.7mm in diameter and expands by approximately 0.5 degrees as shown in Figure 2.

![Field of View](image2)

**Measurement Error Test Data**

**Long Range Error With 75% Reflective Target**

![Error Graph](image3)

**Close Range Error With 75% Reflective Target**

![Error Graph](image4)
Overview of Interfaces
Sweep can be connected to low level micro controllers directly using its serial port, or to a PC using the provided USB to serial converter.

Connector
Sweep has two serial port connectors with identical signals. This allows for more mounting options.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Pin</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>5 Vdc (+) (minimum 0.5A capable)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>Power enable (internal pull-up)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td>Sync/Device Ready</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>UART RX 3.3V (5V compatible)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>UART TX 3.3V (5V compatible)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>Ground (-)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You can create your own cable if needed for your application. These components are readily available.

Mounting and Vibration Considerations
Sweep can be mounted in any orientation. Sweep’s rotating head is dynamically balanced, which means it is immune to linear vibration, but it can be affected by rotational vibration. Sudden rotational shocks can cause the head to either slow down or speed up, which can affect data accuracy. If Sweep is rotationally jerked hard enough, it can cause the motor to lose sync, which will trigger a momentary motor pause, and then restart.
Mounting Features and Orientation
Sweep has four brass threaded inserts designed to fit M2.5X0.45 screws in its base. These are the best features for mounting Sweep to an application. The screw holes are aligned with the scanner’s measurement angles. The scanner’s zero degree starting angle is aligned with the status LED, as shown in Figure 7.

Ingress Protection Rating
Sweep is rated as IP51, which is to say, it is not dust or water tight. It is recommended that Sweep be placed inside a protective transparent enclosure if it will be used in dusty or wet environments.

Enclosure Window Design
Sweep uses 905nm laser light, which passes through several kinds of clear glass and plastic very well. Based on our testing, clear Polycarbonate plastic is one of the best choices, as it can be molded to fit the profile of the application’s enclosure, is very inexpensive, and in most cases, is more than 95% translucent to Sweep’s light beam. Factors that can affect the performance of a window are:

- Thickness of the window. Thicker windows will block more light, as well as bend the light more if the beam is not hitting the window normal to the surface.
- Scratches and dust. The presence of scratches and dust on the window will scatter the laser light, and may reflect some of the light back into the sensor’s detector, causing measurement errors.
- Surface coatings. There are a variety of coatings that can help with the performance of windows. One is an anti-reflective (AR) coating, which can help reduce the amount of laser light that is reflected as it passes through the window’s surface.

Theory of Operation
Distance Measurement
Sweep employs a time of flight ranging method. This technique involves transmitting a packet of micro pulses of light in a unique pattern. When this light bounces off an object and returns to the receiving detector, a correlation algorithm is used to identify the unique light pattern from ambient noise. Each light packet is different from the last, which allows multiple Sweep sensors to operate adjacent to each other without interference.

The light packets that Sweep uses can vary, which can affect accuracy of range measurements, as well as the maximum range and update rate. Under normal operation, Sweep limits the maximum time per measurement to around 1ms. Sometimes if not enough light is returned from the environment, the measurement fails, and a 1 is returned as the range value. On the other hand, if allot of light is returned from the environment, the correlation algorithm can reach its maximum accuracy early, and can return a range value in less than 1ms. This is what makes the update rate of Sweep variable.

Angle Measurement
Sweep uses an optical encoder to measure the angle of the rotating sensor head. The angle that is recorded for a range data point is the angle the sensor is at when the measurement is completed.

Applications
Sweep can be used for a variety of applications, including robot guidance/obstacle avoidance, 3D scanning, surveying, people tracking and many more.
**Internal Filters**
Sweep has the ability to perform some simple data filtering within the sensor itself. These filters are still in development, and are being made for specific customer segments. Examples include having Sweep split up its field of view into eight sections, then transmit only the closest objects within each of those sectors. Another example is to have Sweep only output data from a range of angles. *If you have an application that requires a specific filter, please contact us.*

**Visualizer Overview**
You can download the Sweep visualizer at [www.scanse.io/downloads](http://www.scanse.io/downloads)
The purpose of the Scanse visualizer is to provide a way to quickly evaluate Sweep’s performance in your application/environment. For some applications, like surveying, our visualizer can be used to take quick measurements between range data points within a scan. It contains a programming tool for updating Sweep’s firmware.

A full tutorial for using the visualizer can be found in software support section at [support.scanse.io](http://support.scanse.io).

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**Serial Protocol Specification**

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<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bit Rate</td>
<td>115.2 Kbps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parity</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Data Bit</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stop Bit</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flow Control</td>
<td>None</td>
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**Data Encoding and Decoding**
All characters used for commands and responses are ASCII code in addition to CR and LF, except for the measurement packet.

Responses with float values are sent as 16bit integer values.
Example conversion:

```c
angle_f = 1.0f * ((float)(angle_i >> 4) + ((angle_i & 15) / 16.0f));
```

**Communication Format**
All communication packets between the host computer and the sensor begin with ASCII letter command codes.

**Available Command Codes**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>ASCII Code (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Function</th>
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<td>Reset Device</td>
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### General Communication Packet Structure

**HOST -> SENSOR**

Command with no parameter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command Symbol (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Line Feed (LF)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Example: DS, DX, MS, MI, IV...</td>
<td>Line Feed (LF) or Carriage Return (CR)</td>
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or

Command with parameter

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Command Symbol (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Parameter (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Line Feed (LF)</th>
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**SENSOR -> HOST**

Response with no parameter echoed

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Command Symbol (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Status (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Sum of Status</th>
<th>Line Feed (LF)</th>
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or

Command with parameter echoed

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### Definition of terms:

**Command Symbol:** 2 byte code at the beginning of every command.

**Parameter:** Information that is needed to change sensor settings.

**Line Feed (LF) or Carriage Return (CR):** Terminating code. Command can have LF or CR or both as termination code but reply will always have LF as its termination code.

**Status:** 2 bytes of data in reply that informs normal processing if command is authenticated or errors if undefined, invalid or incomplete command is received by sensor. Status other than 00 and 99 are error codes.

**Sum of Status:** 1 byte of data used in authentication. Calculated by adding status bytes, taking lower 6 byte of this sum and adding 30H to this sum.

Example: \([\text{LF}] \ 0 \ 0 \ [\text{LF}] = P\)

### Responses to Invalid Commands:

- 11 -- Invalid parameter

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### DS - Start data acquisition

- Initiates scanning
- Responds with header containing status.
- Next responds with measurement packets indefinitely until commanded to stop.

**HOST -> SENSOR**

```
D S LF
```

**SENSOR -> HOST**

Header response

```
D S Status (2 bytes) SUM (2 bytes) LF
```

### Data Block (7 bytes) Data Block

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sync/Error (1 byte)</th>
<th>Azimuth - degrees(float) (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Distance - cm(int) (2 bytes)</th>
<th>Signal Strength (1 byte)</th>
<th>Checksum (1 byte)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
sync / error: 0 bit indicates the sync value, a value of 1 indicates the packet is the beginning of a new scan, a value of 0 indicates all other measurement packets. Bits 1-6 are reserved for error codes.

azimuth: Angle that ranging was recorded at. Azimuth is a float value - needs to be converted from 16bit int to float, use instructions at the top.

distance: Distance of range measurement.

signal strength: Signal strength of current ranging measurement. Larger is better. Range: 0-255

checksum: Calculated by adding the 6 bytes of data then dividing by 255 and keeping the remainder. (Sum of bytes 0-6) % 255

Status
00 -- Command received without any Error
22 -- Stopped to verify error
55 -- Hardware trouble
99 -- Resuming operation

DX - Stop data acquisition
Stops outputting measurement data.
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(SENSOR -> HOST)

MS - Adjust Motor Speed
Default Speed: Sensor stores last speed command in non-volatile memory, and will return to that speed after a power cycle, except if the last state was speed 00 (stopped).

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MI - Motor Information
Returns current rotation frequency in Hz in ASCII 00 - 10 (increments of 1)

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(SENSOR -> HOST)
IV - Version Details
- Model
- Protocol Version
- Firmware Version
- Hardware Version
- Serial Number

(HOST -> SENSOR)

(SENSOR -> HOST)

ID - Device Info
- Bit Rate
- Laser State
- Mode
- Diagnostic
- Motor Speed
- Sample Rate

(HOST -> SENSOR)

(SENSOR -> HOST)

RR - Reset Device
- Reset Scanner

(HOST -> SENSOR)

(SENSOR -> HOST)