ScanFieldMonitor





The perfect tool for easy laser and scanner characterization in confined spaces.

Caustic		
Raw beam	POWER RANGE	10 W – 1.5 kW
Power	BEAM QUALITY M ²	Single mode
Beam profile	BEAM DIAMETER	Focused 50 – 500 µm
Pointing stability	SPECIAL FEATURE	Marking speed 0.1 - 10 m/s
Vector	INTERFACES	WLAN, Ethernet
Focus shift		

Tech Corner

The novel measuring principle enlightens your laser scanner application with highest accuracy. Guiding the laser over an engraved measuring structure enables precise measurements of the laser beam position and spot size all over your scanning field. Key to success are those characteristic peaks within the measurement signal. In combination with a detailed knowledge about the measuring structure, the SFM measures the exact beam path inside the measurement window.



Figure: Measuring principle of the ScanFieldMonitor

But we are just getting started. Every measurement automatically contains the start and end point of your vector, the marking speed and, of course, the vector length. The structure size is in the range of 7.5 mm. With a vector of 10 mm in length and scanning speed from 0.1 m/s up to 10 m/s, every single measurement will just take a fraction of a second. The SFM thus enables several hundred measurements in a few seconds. So the time effort to measure focus shift, delay time, reproducibility and stitching of several sources is reduced to a minimum.

For an easy and intuitive handling the SFM comes with the powerful LaserDiagnosticsSoftware (LDS) by PRIMES. Even with a low level access to your Additive Manufacturing machine the LDS allows a high degree of automation. This simplifies complex measurement tasks such as a caustic measurement. It reduces the individual influence of the user and enables better comparability of measurements made on laser-scanner-systems at your locations around the world.

MEASUREMENT PARAMETERS	SFM		
Power range	10 – 1 500 W		
Wavelength range	1 000 – 1 100 nm		
Beam diameter	50 – 500 μm		
Max. power density (1 000 – 1 100 nm)	100 MW/cm ²		
DEVICE PARAMETERS			
Max. angle of incidence perpendicular to inlet aperture	0 – 20°		
Marking speed	0.1 – 10 m/s		
Dimension of the scattering pattern	7.5 mm x 7.5 mm		
SUPPLY DATA			
Power supply	12 V DC; 20 100 mAh Integrated lithium-ion cell in the processing unit, which can be charged via a USB port on the PC with 5 V charging voltage		
COMMUNICATION			
Interfaces	WLAN, Ethernet		
DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT			
Dimensions (L x W x H)	80 x 80 x 100 mm ScanFieldMonitor 275 x 160 x 100 mm Processing Unit		
Weight (approx.)	1.2 kg ScanFieldMonitor 0.8 kg Device holder 3.2 kg Processing Unit		



Example measurement in the LaserDiagnosticsSoftware (LDS)



System Description: The ScanFieldMonitor (SFM) was developed specifically to meet the current requirements of Additive Manufacturing machines (SLM or LPBF). The device operates by detecting the scattered laser light on a structured glass plate and is therefore independent of the optical power. No need for an external wiring, nor for a water supply to cool the absorber and even more important, capable of process-oriented measurements all across the build plate.

Your Benefit: Due to its compact design, wireless connection and a novel measurement principle, the SFM addresses all laser-scanner-specific measurement tasks in just one device and enables laser beam characterization on the entire scanfield. The modern, intuitive Laser-DiagnosticsSoftware (LDS) ensures an easy handling and a fast measurement procedure.

CONCLUSION

The SFM analyses various process parameters of scanner systems under actual operating conditions. Combining separate applications for various measurement tasks into a single device cuts down on investments, complexity, and work time.

For further information please visit www.primes.de/sfm

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