

Nuclear Underwater Laser Scanner Model NM200UW

The award-winning* NM200UW Nuclear Underwater Laser Scanner is a landmark technology by Newton Labs that delivers precise dimensional measurements in the underwater radiation environments found in BWR and PWR vessels. The scanner has a demonstrated underwater accuracy of 0.005" (0.127mm) or better, and is designed to work in concert with industry standard, three-dimensional software, producing a point cloud output so dense and detailed that a fully measurable CAD model can be generated.

The NM200UW system combines rugged, industrial-grade hardware and electronics with sophisticated, Newton-developed software that compensates for the disruption of refraction, turbulence, heat and radioactivity typical of the in-vessel environment.

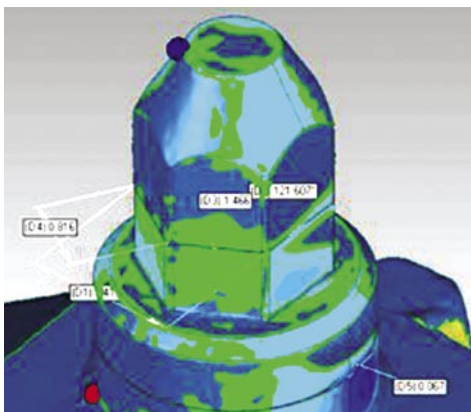
- The NM200UW operates by laser triangulation. The laser line sweeps the target surface and the high resolution camera, centered on the target, captures and records any deformation of the line as a point cloud, enabling ultimate 3D computation.
- The NM200UW is able to scan a target as close as 6 in. (150 mm) and out to a distance of 3 ft. (0.9 M) for a scan coverage area of 1.6 ft. x 2.2 ft. (500 mm x 680 mm).
- The NM200UW is designed to scan and capture much larger underwater target areas by combining several point clouds together to form larger composites.
- In the visual observation mode, the LED ring array on the head illuminates the area and the camera transmits a monochrome image to the control console screen to assist the operator for optimum positioning and on-site analysis.

- Scanner deployment is by pole mounting, an articulated arm, an ROV, or other robots. Scanner may also be operated in air.

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An NM200UW (lower right) deployed within the belt-line area of the jet pump of a BWR. Image distortion in the photo is due to high radiation.**



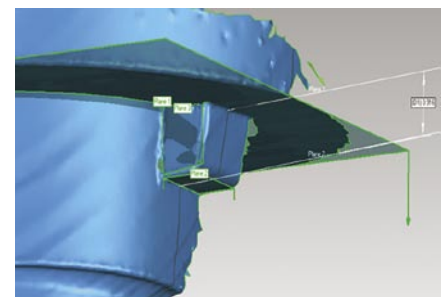
CAD model of a bracket bolt rendered in 3-D software from point clouds of consecutive scans at different positions. Greenish areas indicate corrosion.**



NM200UW Measurement Head

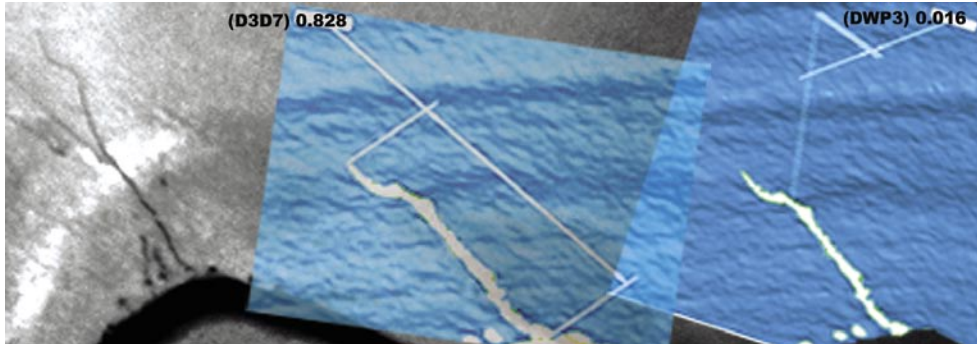


NM200UW Control Console, screen and keyboard with trackball.



An NM200UW measured the position of this BWR jet pump main wedge to establish a base line for any movement in future cycles. **

* This technology enabled Exelon Nuclear to win a Nuclear Energy Institute 2012 Top Industry Practice (TIP) Award from the for "Laser Scanning Within a BWR Vessel."



The monochrome image at left from a standard IVVI video shows a crack in a BWR steam dryer door. The NM200UW scans (in blue) of the same crack and processed with 3-D software, precisely captures the width at all points along the length (shown in inches). (Images are the property of Westinghouse Electric Company LLC. Used with permission)



Background of Newton Labs

Newton Labs is a Seattle area-based privately held developer and manufacturer of machine vision and robotic systems. Newton's powerful, easy to use, and industrially rugged systems provide solutions for wide ranging applications in many sectors, including aerospace, automotive, bottling, electronics, medical, packaging, and nuclear, among others. In 20 years Newton has deployed more than 20,000 machine vision and automation systems worldwide, many that are first-of-a-kind.

(Left) The PT200UW Pan-Tilt Arm enables precise and rapid positioning of a NM200UW scanner with a pole, ROV or robot in order to capture dimensional measurements from multiple angles of a target within a BWR or PWR vessel.

NM200UW Technical Specifications & System Performance*

Item	Control Unit	Measurement Head
Height	14.75 in. (374.65 mm)	4.250 in. (107,950 mm)
Width	26.75 in. (679.45 mm)	4.625 in. (117,475 mm)
Length	27.50 in. (698.5 mm)	9.375 in. (238,125 mm)
Weight	84.5 lbs. (38.3 kg)	[Air - 8 lbs. (3.6 k)] [Water - 2 lbs. (1 k)]
Construction	Metal electronics rack suspended on eight shock absorbers within a molded, high-impact, airline-transportable case	Machined from solid billet of 6061-T6 aluminum stock
Power/Data Umbilical Cable	Gel filled gel-filled with LLDPE polyurethane jacket and a rated yield point of 80 lb/ft (11 Kg/M) - 150 ft. (45,7 m) standard (other lengths available)	
Cable weight	23.6 lbs. (10.7 kg)	---
Laser power	---	40 mW
Video camera	---	High Resolution Monochrome
LED ring array	---	2,320 lumens
Data storage	Internal solid state & USB stick data	---
Output format	.ply point cloud file	---
Data file size	Approximately 100 MB per scan	---
Maximum scanner-to-target distance	---	36.0 in. (900 mm)
Minimum scanner-to-target distance	---	6.0 in. (150 mm)
Maximum Resolution accuracy (after processing with 3-D software)	---	+/-0.0004 in. (0.01 mm)*
Scan range	---	6.0 in. (150 mm) to 36 in. (900 mm)
Watertight depth rating	---	150 ft. (46 m)

Depth of Field Distance (Distance to object)	Field of View		Raw Accuracy (Single Point Cloud point, rms)	Approximate CAD Model Accuracy***
	Height -----	Width		
6 in. (150 mm)	150 mm	190 mm	+/-0.002 in. (0.05 mm)	+/-0.0004 in. (0.01 mm)*
12 in. (300 mm)	250 mm	330 mm	+/-0.004 in. (0.10 mm)	+/-0.0008 in. (0.02 mm)
18 in. (450 mm)	350 mm	470 mm	+/-0.008 in. (0.20 mm)	+/-0.0012 in. (0.03 mm)
24 in. (600 mm)	450 mm	600 mm	+/-0.014 in. (0.35 mm)	+/-0.0025 in. (0.06 mm)
36 in. (900 mm)	650 mm	880 mm	+/-0.028 in. (0.70 mm)	+/-0.0060 in. (0.15 mm)

***After 3rd-party 3-D software processing

*All NM200UW accuracy is related to the field of view, distance from the object to be measured and can vary by the parameters of the object. Consult Newton for the specific accuracy that can be obtained for your proposed object.

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