Scorpion Vision Software® version X

Product Overview

Scorpion Vision Software® is an independent and open software tool for industrial vision. It is the first configurable 3D framework for machine vision. The system gives the user the choice of a small form factor of an embedded PC, a SmartCam or the power of an Industrial PC multicore PC. The system is founded on top of a standard Windows XP/Vista/7/8 PC platform. It is cost effective benefitting from the processing power of the multicore CPU, the low cost and high quality firewire/usb/GigE cameras and the possibility of connecting multiple cameras to one PC.

Scorpion Vision Software® is a family of products:

- **Scorpion Lite** - for simple tasks replacing sensors.
- **Scorpion Basic** - a complete vision system, typically used for robot vision, colour processing and assembly verification.
- **Scorpion Premium** - for 3D systems, high precision gauging, robot vision and label inspection.
- **Scorpion Vision SDK** - development tool to embed Scorpion in any Windows application, create Scorpion Vision Apps and Scorpion Tools Components.
- **Scorpion Maintenance** - for maintaining and testing profiles offline on a separate computer.
- **Scorpion Image Sentinel** - automatic image capture, database access and image saving.
- **Scorpion SmartCam and SmartCam3D** - configurable machine vision in a small form factor.
- **Scorpion Vision Apps** - turn any PC with a camera into a professional Vision System.
- **Scorpion Stinger and Scorpion 3D Stinger™** - families of machine vision components and products providing building blocks for OEM and system integrators.

Scorpion solves tasks within robot vision, label inspection, assembly verification, color identification and gauging without any programming.

Scorpion Vision Software is a proven tool for 2D and 3D robot vision and is used for industrial automation, assembly verification and high precision gauging.

**PRODUCTS**

**Scorpion Lite**

Scorpion Lite is designed to solve simple tasks. With its low price and ease of use, a production engineer can measure dimensions and diameters, count and check presence of objects and color inspection and verification.

In many cases Scorpion Lite and a low cost USB, GigE or FireWire camera will replace hardware sensors due to the greater flexibility and higher performance of a vision system. Scorpion Lite is installed on a standard Windows PC and can coexist with other applications on the PC. It can also be installed on an embedded PC. Scorpion Lite is a complete vision system for one SVGA camera. Multiple cameras can be connected adding camera licenses.

**Scorpion Basic 2D and Basic 3D**

Scorpion Basic is a Scorpion Lite with one SXGA camera license and Toolbox extended with Geometry and Reference Tools. With the Geometry tools new points and lines can be constructed and measured from detected details. Reference tools handle rotation and gauging in engineering units.

Basic is a very powerful vision system. This version competes very well with vision sensors typically if there is a need to handle many product variants and variations. Scorpion Basic 3D is a two camera system with all the basic 3D tools included.

**Scorpion Premium and Premium 3D**

Scorpion Premium’s Toolbox contains all the Advanced Tools including a large range of sophisticated multiple polygon ROI tools, 5th order camera calibration to eliminate lens distortion and the very powerful LineFinder, capable of finding a multitude of lines. High resolution and high quality cameras can be used. This version targets Label Inspection, Robot Vision, Inspection of Printed Circuits and high precision 2D gauging including laser measurements.

Scorpion Premium 3D is a three camera system with all the basic 3D tools included.

**Scorpion Vision SDK**

The Scorpion Development Kit, SDK, is the development environment needed for professional Scorpion profile development. It is needed when developing Scorpion Vision Apps, Scorpion Tool Components and when embedding Scorpion Vision Software in other applications using Scorpion VisionX.

**Scorpion Maintenance**

Scorpion Maintenance is used to develop, test and modify Scorpion Vision Systems on a separate PC using images stored on disk.

**Scorpion Image Sentinel**

Scorpion Image Sentinel provides exciting product traceability for manufacturers. Scorpion Sentinel can capture and store images of every manufactured product in real time. It can capture images from multiple cameras connected to one PC.
Scorpion 2D SmartCam
In close cooperation with Sony, we have integrated the Scorpion Vision Software® into their SmartCam family.
A full version of Scorpion running on top of the Windows XPe operating system, processes the images inside the camera. The combination of high resolution images and Scorpion’s world class gauging tools is ideal for high precision measurements and 2D robot vision applications.

Scorpion SmartCam3D™
A fully integrated machine vision solution, consisting of a Sony SmartCamera and Scorpion Vision Software® with the latest 3D Vision algorithms.
This package is designed for robot guidance and other vision applications where objects require to be located in 3D.

Scorpion Vision Apps
We continue to lower the integration cost of machine vision in manufacturing. The Scorpion Vision Apps turn any PC with a camera into a professional Vision System. The user configures the App by point and click on custom configuration pages.
We supply complete packages with all you need to implement a reliable machine vision solutions with Scorpion Vision Apps.

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Scorpion 3D Stinger™
Scorpion 3D Stinger™ is a family of machine vision components and products. They provide building blocks for OEM and system integrators. Scorpion 3D Stinger is used in 3D Robot Vision, 3D Laser Triangulation and other advanced machine vision solutions.

Application Areas
Scorpion Vision Software provides powerful image processing for 2D and 3D applications without the need for programming skills. Applications are developed in a powerful and expeditious graphical user interface which can be customised to show various amounts of information and controls to the operator such as datainput, .net and html based instruction screens and .net and activeX based add-ins.

Aqua - Fish Egg Sorter
Scorpion Vision is used in the fish farming industry. One application is a salmon and trout egg sorter. The eggs must be properly sorted to ensure that over 98% will finally develop into large healthy fish. To accomplish this, eggs are sorted at the rate of up to 125,000 eggs per hour or nominal inspection rate of 40 eggs/second.

Measuring the intensity of pixels within a circular region determines whether eggs are dead or damaged. Should four dark areas assumed to be eyes be present, the egg likely contains twins as seen above.

Aqua - Fish Pellets counting
In this area Scorpion is used in systems for fish pellets counting and tracking. This to ensure the fish are fed correctly.

Scorpion Robot Inspection
Sony desktop robot’s winning combination of superior performance and compact size, combined with Sony GigE and Firewire cameras and Scorpion Vision Software® are redefining the meaning of optical inspection systems.

Advanced inspection systems are put into operation in the matter of days using only standard components.

3D Robot inspection used for quality control in the Pharmaceutical industry
Aqua - Fish measuring and counting
Both size measurements and counting of fish are application areas for Scorpion systems.

3D Modeling Speeds up Bin Picking
Using 3D Modelling speeds up development of Scorpion 3D Stinger systems. Below a 3D model of Scorpion 3D Stinger is shown picking pipes from a bin. The 3D modelling is used to design machine vision systems without having to create a physical installation.

3D Scanning
The 3D scanner creates accurate 3D product models. The 3D scanner uses multiple laser triangulation profiles working in a common 3D coordinate system with the highest accuracy. A scan is fast and creates models with a resolution down to 0.01 mm.

Image Logging
Use Scorpion Image Sentinel to digitize, tag and store video data from multiple video sources in real-time. Scorpion is capable of acquiring digital images from a broad range of commercial video cameras, optionally tagging the images with real-time data from external data sources such as GPS receivers and OPC devices, before storage to JPG or BMP disk files. Successful applications have been created using Scorpion with GPS receivers for tagging real world data to images or documenting lack of defects prior to shipments in automotive traceability environments.

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The image shows a complete 3D stereo vision simulation generated from the 3D model. This reduces deployment cost of Scorpion 3D Stinger systems.

With Scorpion you can do accurate 3D measurements in 2D images. Here establishing a 3D plane in a 2D image.

Shape verification in food production.

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Training & Support

Support policy
The primary source of support is www.scorpionvision.com and it’s FAQ. On the Scorpion CD there is numerous Scorpion profiles demonstrating and explaining how to use Scorpion.

Read TordivelBlog www.tordivelblog.com to be updated on the latest cases, videos and solutions.

All users can register for download privileges to get access to the electronic Scorpion CD located on the Web. The latest official version of Scorpion will always be available together with the latest documentation and the latest course material.

Our Scorpion Newsletter is sent to registered users and provides important information about the software: new releases, new features, case studies, events and more.

For details on the use of Scorpion, we recommend our online help system; scorpion.tordivel.no/help.

The extensive FAQ, Frequently Asked Questions, are available on-line and as part of the integrated html-help file. Questions are handled in hours and can be submitted using the web support form or by sending an e-mail directly to support@tordivel.no.

When Scorpion users have potential vision tasks, we can help. Submit a description of what you want to do and maybe some images to vision@tordivel.no. We will then take a look, give you some advice and maybe provide a skeleton solution profile using Scorpion. With Scorpion installed, this profile can be run on your own computer. 30 days free e-mail and phone support are included in the Premium and Server versions of Scorpion.

We want to provide our Scorpion Vision Software users the best available support 365 days a year. To facilitate a seamless start of using Scorpion Vision Software and to provide efficient support to all users, several options of training, support, upgrades and special kits, are available.

Scorpion Vision Software Training
Our training courses are designed to make the participants capable of building their own vision systems. All training material is found on the Scorpion CD. The courses are frequently arranged by Scorpion distributors and System Integrators. On request they can be arranged on-site adapted to the customer’s requirements.

Every year, one and two days workshops on important application areas, like robot vision and label inspection, is conducted with a practical and hands on focus.

Scorpion Starter Kits
We offer a number of different Scorpion Starter Kits. These are bundles of either Scorpion Basic or Premium, cameras, lenses, cables and a two days Scorpion Introduction Course. The starter kits are specialized for different vision tasks, like industrial vision, robot vision and 3D vision. The Starter Kit contents are described in our price list.

One starter kit is available per customer or factory.

Free demo software
Demo software can be downloaded from our web site www.scorpionvision.com. A demo license is valid for 30 days. The demo license is a full version of Scorpion with the following limitations: Automatic Mode is limited to 30 minutes and the application must be terminated and restarted after 4 hours of operation.

System license
A system license includes one, two or unlimited camera connections with a specified resolution depending on the type of product purchased. A system license is linked to the computer using the network MAC address or to the serial number of a device.

Runtime license
This license is for systems that are built into a product. The price is calculated based on volume, features and function.

Version upgrade
A version upgrade after purchase is available at 25% of the current list price.

Product upgrade
The upgrade price is the actual price difference between the two products when ordering added 10%. Prod. no. 10-099.

Tool upgrade
All Scorpion licences except Scorpion Image Sentinel can be upgraded with a tool upgrade. Prod. no. 10-091, 10-094.

Camera upgrade – Camera connections and resolution upgrades
Additional camera licenses and resolution upgrades can be added to the System License with limitations. More information about product capabilities is found in the Scorpion Tools document. Prod. no. 10-090 and 10-092 (XGA), 10-070 (UXGA), 10-071 (16M), 10-072 (25M).

Scorpion Vision SDK
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Maintenance contract
A Scorpion Vision Software Maintenance Contract includes one year with free version upgrades, free e-mail support including access to the Scorpion Vision software support web. Product no. 10-098.
Technical Data

Supported operating systems
- Windows XP - recommended including SP2
- Windows XPe supported for OEM customers
- Windows 7
- Windows 8

Minimum requirements
- CPU PIII 400 MHz
- 128 MB RAM
- 10 GB Hard disk
- VGA screen resolution

Minimum recommended configuration
- P4 2.0 GHz
- 512 MB RAM
- 40 GB Hard disk or better
- XGA – 1024 x 768 resolution

High performance configuration
- Intel i7 CPU
- 4.0 GB RAM
- Raid-1 mirrored 160 GB Hard disk or better
- SXGA - 1280 x 1024 resolution

Communication
- TDV Command Protocol
- RS-232, TCP/IP
- Profibus, DeviceNet
- OPC - vendor independent
- RS-232, TCP/IP, RS-485
- Advantech Adam IO-modules and PCI cards
- Socket Server and Clients
- Extendable by using Scorpion Polygon Python script and .net and activeX components

Data export
- Number
- TCP/IP
- RS-232
- HTTP
- File - CSV-format, Custom formats
- Generic ODBC database access to MySQL, Oracle and MS SQL Server
- Scripting: Any file format, Direct access to MS Word, MS Access and MS Excel using COM

General
- Maximum Number of Cameras: 48
- Maximum number of inspections per sec.: 200, depending on camera resolution and PC capabilities
- Number of systems per PC: unlimited
- Communication links: unlimited

Camera and Image source interfaces
- USB 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 using DirectX 8.1 or higher
- Unibrain Firewire Cameras
- Pixellink Firewire Cameras
- Prosilica GigE using Prosilica SDK
- Allied Vision Technologies firewire cameras using AVT uniAPI
- Basler Area Scan Camera using Pylon 2.1, 2.2
- Basler Line Scan Cameras using Pylon 2.1, 2.2
- PtGrey Firewire Camera using PtGrey SDK
- Sony SmartCameras
- Sony Firewire and GigE Cameras
- All cameralink linescan through generic interface to Matrox Solios MIL 9.0
  - Includes Basler Sprint and Goodrich NIR Camera
- Generic support for all Network Cameras from Sony, Axis and more
- Files - jpg and bmp 8 bit bw and 24 bit color formats
- Generic support for all IIDC 1.30 compliant cameras
- General support for all Windows Imaging Devices
- Imaging Source 1394a and 1394b firewire cameras
- Shared Memory Interface
- Check Scorpion Online Help, Camera Support

Language support
English, German, Spanish and Norwegian

More information: http://scorpion.tordivel.no/help

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