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User Manual



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MANUAL PART Shotmeter-G3

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OVERVIEW

Orientation:

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- "Product description"
- "Installation and commissioning"
- "Maintenance"
- "Operation"
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1 SAFETY SUMMARY

The following safety precautions should be observed during all phases of operation of the Shotmeter–G3.

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1.1 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

Make sure to use an unloaded, properly grounded power line.

• Supply cooling/cleaning air at 1.7–2.7 bar (25–40psi) to sensor head.

• Use only original spare parts.

1.2 AUTHORIZED USE

Shotmeter–G3 is intended solely for shotpening and gridplasting process monitoring and control use. Any other use is considered as unauthorized.

This manual should be read before the use of the system is authorized and a copy of it should be kept near the equipment.

Shotmeter–G3 has been designed and manufactured according to state of the art technology and world standard safety regulations. However, unauthorized use can result in danger to the operator or third parties' body or even life and/or in damage to the product itself or other machinery.

1.3 SAFETY SIGNS

Signs such as the ones shown in the two examples below indicate particular hazards or risks to consider when operating the Shotmeter–G3:

The warning sign denotes a hazard. It warns about dangers which could result in either serious damages to the system or in serious personal injury or even death.

CAUTION

WARNING

The caution sign denotes a hazard. It warns about dangers which could result in minor personal injury or equipment damage.

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2 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Shotmeter–G3 was designed to continuously record, display, and compare the following spray plume parameter against adjustable acceptance parameter ranges:

Average particle velocity

Note that Shotmeter–G3 features a built-in TCP/IP protocol (refer to page 39) that allows for complete remote control operation of the equipment as well as direct linkage to computer-based spray controllers.

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2.1.2 ACCESSORIES Software Windows 7 operating system with license.

Spare parts (fuses) Fuses as substitute.

Power cable Power supply mains to controller and computer. (Appropriate type for local electrical net conditions)

Sensor head cable Sensor head to controller connection.

Air hose with valve Cooling device for sensor head.

Carrying case Carrying device for Shotmeter–G3.

Alarm box (Optional) Light and sound alarm device.

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2.3 SENSOR HEAD CONNECTIONS Figure 3 1 Note The male/female 2 3 arrangement prevents 1. Air purge connector mix-ups between cables. 2. Lamp power connector 3. Control board Ethernet port 4. Power supply connector 2.4 Sensor head window Figure 4 1 2 1. Speed sensor viewport 2. Lamp illumination viewport **2.5 CONTROLLER FUNCTION** The controller is the main power supply for the sensor. It combined all the signal from the sensor head to the computer through the user interface (refer to page 20). The graphical user interface displays all data relevant to the measured process.

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2.7.1 Additional explanations

The microcontroller (4) acquires analog sensor signals (7). It controls the signal gain. Note that it contains all the required calibration information and additional information like the product serial number.

The controller board (1) controls the outputs and the alarms.

The computer CPU (5) controls all the equipment parameters. Adjustable parameters are determined through the graphical user interface (6). Measure readings are provided through the graphical user interface. Data communication to and from the computer CPU is supported by Ethernet links (8, 10, 12).

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Figure 10



Step 4

If monitoring is required while spraying, set measuring point within measuring area (7), away from the substrate because of flow perturbation phenomena as the spray hits the substrate.

Step 5

Connect all cables and cooling hose (refer to page 10).

Step 6

Switch on controller main switch.

Step 7

Acknowledge Windows user password window by pressing the [ENTER] key. Windows boots and the desktop will be displayed.

Enter password if required.

Step 8

Start Shotmeter–G3 software by double-clicking the corresponding icon on the desktop. After system communication check out is completed, the graphical user interface (refer to page 19) will be displayed. If check out fails, an error message window with information concerning the problem appears.

Step 9

Acknowledge error message. The software is running down after acknowledgement.

Step 10

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Check system cable connections and reboot software. Step 11 Place sensor head vertically so that the particle sensor aims at the center of the plume.

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Step 1 WARNING Step 2 Figure 11

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4 MAINTENANCE

4.1 Replacement of sensor head window

Loosen the six locking screws on the sensor head front panel and remove the window assembly (see spare parts list in APPENDIX)

Do not open sensor head.

Using gloves in order not to put grease or dirt on the glass, install a new window on the sensor head front panel and gently tighten the six locking screws.





	5 OPERATION Controller must be switched ON at least one (1) minute prior taking any measurement.	to
	5.1 MAIN SCREEN The main screen is divided into the following areas:	
	(1) Main screen	
	(2) Particle speed gauge	
	(3) Strip chart	
Figure 12		
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	This screen (1) displays the menu to control and monitor the spray. It shows the following elements:
	(A) Particle VELOCITY gauge (m/s)
	(B) Light-emitting diode The LED is used to adjust sensor head and spray gun during installation.
Note In this section, the term button refers to on-screen	Clicking this button switches the alignment light-emitting diode on or off (toggle button).
buttons represented by icons.	(C) Alarm This button enables or disables the alarm protocol.
	(D) Play/pause This button sets gauges, plume profile and plume video image to play (active) or pause (freeze). Data acquisition is not interrupted.
	(E) Stop This button is present only during an experiment file (*.ex) is being played. Pressing this button stops the reading.
	(F) File and settings menu icons (refer to page 22)

5.1.1 MAIN SCREEN

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any moment in the file.

The two dotted orange lines (G) delimit the acceptable range. When the trace crosses outside these lines, the exceeding portion is displayed in orange (I) instead of the regular blue when it is within the acceptable range (J), which perfectly reflects the orange & light blue on the gauges.

The following icons control the data acquisition and display:

(A) Data eraser

This button erases all currently displayed data. Saved data are not affected.

(B) Back

This button brings back the display to the beginning of the file. It works only if the data acquisition is stopped.

(C) Stop

This button stops the file recording.

(D) Recording indicator

This icon blinks (red) when a file is recorded (for example, following a "save strip chart file" instruction).

(E) Forward

This button brings back the display to the end of the file again. It works only if the data acquisition is stopped.

(F) Control icons

These buttons control vertical and horizontal scaling of the display. The center buttons bring back default values.

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Figure 14

Note

File types are automatically linked to appropriate folders (see appendix) in the Accuraspray–G3C main folder.

Note

Raw data scope signals (*.raw) can be loaded from the "Scope signals panel" described in page 37.

Note

The lock/unlock icon (C) leads to a popup prompting the user for a password granting the right to operate the Accuraspray–G3C. 5.2 menus



5.2.1 File menus

The following file types can be loaded/retrieved through the "Load File Menu" (A) and saved through the "Save File Menu" (B):

Spray instruction files (*.ig)

These files contain general instructions for thermal spray process control. That is to say all the settings required (application settings, minimum and maximum acceptance range settings, and alarm settings) are saved in this type of file.

After a load, the software performs the analysis based on the settings saved in the file.

Note that these files include no measured values except for the reference profile.

Production files (*.prd)

These files contain all the current measured values and settings at the time the "Save Production File" option was selected.

Strip chart files (*.str)

Strip chart files contain the data required to plot all nine parameters charts (including correlation values). These charts can also be saved in comma-separated value (*.csv) files (from "Application Settings" panel described in page 34) for easier import in spreadsheet software for further processing or analysis.

Note that when user loads a strip chart file, a popup is displayed to provide a saving option regarding the current strip chart.

Experiment files (*.ex)

The experiment files are a complete recording of a live experiment, including the video images captured by the CCD camera. Beware that such experiment files can become huge rapidly!!!

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5.2.2 PADLOCK

In order to get access to the settings menus, the user must first click on the padlock **(C)** (which is locked by default) and then type in the password.

The default password is: tecnar (CAPS insensitive)

The password can be changed by the user.

5.2.3 Settings menu

The settings menu is used to navigate through the user adjustable settings windows. These settings windows are described in further details in section 5.3 (refer to page 29).

The following keyboard shortcuts are available to select settings menu items:

(F5) "Min-Max Settings"

This shortcut displays the minimum and maximum adjustment panel on screen 1.

(F6) "Alarm Settings" This shortcut displays the alarms settings panel on screen 1.

(F7) "Application Settings"

This shortcut displays the analysis parameters adjustment panel on screen 2.

(F8) "Reaction Time Setting"

This shortcut displays a popup on the right side of the main screen allowing for the reaction time setting by means of a single cursor.

(F9) "Scope Signal Settings"

This shortcut displays the scope signals settings window on both screen 1 and screen 2.

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(D) New reference

Clicking on this button triggers the acquisition of a new reference profile and changes the reference values accordingly. Simultaneously, the plume profile changes color to yellow.

(E) Apply and close

This button is used to apply a new reference profile and close the panel.

Note that if settings are not valid for proper operation, a warning popup (refer to appendix for main popup windows explanation) is displayed and the parameters causing problem are highlighted in red.

(F) Cancel and left arrow

These buttons return to normal display.

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Figure 17	FIGURE USED AS REFERENCE ONLY
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(D) Network warning

If it is selected, and if a connection is present on the TCP/IP command port, an alarm will be sent through the network.

(E) Electronic warning

If it is selected, activation of a digital output is enabled.

(F) Alarm

Pull-down menu through which one of the three possible alarm outputs is selected and set to an active state.

(G) Output

Pull-down menu through which one of the three possible outputs is selected and set to an active state.

(H) Left arrow

This button returns to normal display.

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(B) Measuring units

This pull-down menu allows switching from the metric system to the imperial system.

(C) Signal amplification

This pull-down menu sets the amplification factor to one of eight values between 1 and 256.

(D) OK and left arrow

These buttons return to normal display.

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5.3.4 REACTION TIME SETTING FIGURE USED AS REFERENCE ONLY

Figure 19



This sliding cursor determines the mean calculation time interval in seconds.

The Shotmeter OS performs a rolling average over REACTION TIME seconds. Practically, this means that if for instance you set REACTION TIME to 5s, it will take at least 5 seconds before the effect of a change in the input knobs is completely reflected into the results.

Buffer size ranges from 0 to 60 seconds.

Based on many years of field experience, a REACTION TIME on the order of 5 to 7 seconds is recommended.

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(D) Weak signal

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable.

It indicates the "weakness percentage" as a function of a predetermined threshold (set in Shotmeter–G3 configuration file).

(E) Saturation

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable. It indicates the "saturation percentage" at the analog to digital converters of the sensor head's microcontroller.

To prevent saturation, reduce amplifier gain (K).

(F) Data

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable. It indicates the percentage of acquired data below saturation (i.e. with 30% saturation, the data percentage should be 70%).

(G) Correlation

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable. It indicates the cross-correlation value.

(H) Speed

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable. It indicates the current particles speed.

(I) Temperature

This field is for display purposes, it is non-editable. It indicates the current temperature of the process.

(J) Left arrow

This button returns to normal display.

(K) Gain

This pull-down menu sets the amplification factor to one of eight values between 1 and 256.

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Appendix

$Main \ \text{popup windows}$

ERROR MESSAGES

If the following error messages appear, the operator should check if all the required cables are properly connected.

It might be necessary to restart the controller if popup appears for the second time.

Error	8	Head Error: Cannot connect to head
Head Error: Scope disconnected Do you want to save the current stripchart before closing the approximation Oui Non Error Image: Approximation of the approximation	Error	<u>CK</u>
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WARNING MESSAGES Warning 1 Incoherent or invalid min-max settings, check your values OK. If this message appears after setting minimum and maximum parameters' values, it means that one parameter or more are not set properly. The operator should check the settings. Warning Profile not acquired, cannot start production! OK This message appears when an attempt is made to save a production file while not in live mode. For example, it is not possible to save a production file after loading an experiment file. **QUESTION PROMPT Clear stripcharts?** Do you want to clear the stripchart before you start recording? Yes Cancel No. This message appears when saving or loading a strip chart file.

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This screenshot illustrates the folder organization of Shotmeter–G3 main folder.

ErrorLog

This folder contains error logs as HTML files describing the technical environment at the time a bug occurred.

Experiments

This folder contains experiment files (*.ex) and is linked to associated save and load instructions.

ProductionReports

This folder contains production files (*.prd) and is linked to associated save and load instructions.

RawDataScopeSignals

This folder contains raw data scope files (*.raw) and is linked to associated save instruction.

SprayInstructions

This folder contains spray instruction files (*.ig) and is linked to associated save and load instructions.

StripCharts

This folder contains strip chart files (*.str) and is linked to associated save and load instructions. It also contains the comma separated value files (*.csv).

Files

• AccuraPlume.exe: Shotmeter–G3 software executable file

AccuraPlume.ini: Shotmeter–G3 software configuration file

• AccuraPlume.bak: Shotmeter–G3software backup for configuration file

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SPARE PART 90221-00001, Sensor head cables bundle • 90000-00002, Fuses kit • • 30201-00337, Spare windows assembly

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TCP/IP PROTOCOL DETAIL

COMMAND MODE PC IP Port 1557

Notes:

All commands are case insensitive.

• All file extensions are optional. If no file extension is given, default file extension is used.

• If a file name if given without path, default directory is used.

• "Start production" command file's name is optional. If no file name is given, default file name is used.

Version format: x.x.x

Command	Return value		
version	version[version::ok::AccuraG3C]		
read inputs	read inputs[version::ok::value]		
reset	reset[version::ok]		
load setup[setup_name.ig]	load setup[version::ok]		
enable alarms	enable alarms[version::ok]		
disable alarms	disable alarms[version::ok]		
live	live[version::ok::state]		
live on	live on[version::ok]		
live off	live off[version::ok]		
start	start production[version::ok]		
production[operator::production			
notes::optional_file_name.prd]			
start stripcharts	start stripcharts recording[version::ok]		
recording[file_name.str]			
stop stripcharts recording	stop stripcharts recording[version::ok]		
clear stripcharts	clear stripcharts[version::ok]		
head temperature	head temperature[version::ok::value]		
velocity	velocity[version::ok::value]		
temperature	temperature[version::ok::value]		
weak signal	weak signal[version::ok::value]		
saturation	saturation[version::ok::value]		
correlation	correlation[version::ok::value]		

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plume intensity	plume intensity[version::ok::value]
plume position	plume position[version::ok::value]
plume width	plume width[version::ok::value]
plume height	plume height[version::ok::value]
historical low head temperature	historical low head temperature[version::ok::value]
historical high head temperature	historical high head temperature[version::ok::value]
historical low velocity	historical low velocity[version::ok::value]
historical high velocity	historical high velocity[version::ok::value]
historical low temperature	historical low temperature[version::ok::value]
historical high temperature	historical high temperature[version::ok::value]
historical low correlation	historical low correlation[version::ok::value]
historical high correlation	historical high correlation[version::ok::value]
historical low plume intensity	historical low plume intensity[version::ok::value]
historical high plume intensity	historical high plume intensity[version::ok::value]
historical low plume position	historical low plume position[version::ok::value]
historical high plume position	historical high plume position[version::ok::value]
historical low plume width	historical low plume width[version::ok::value]
historical high plume width	historical high plume width[version::ok::value]
historical low plume height	historical low plume height[version::ok::value]
historical high plume height	historical high height[version::ok::value]
historical low substrate	historical low substrate temperature[version::ok::value]
temperature	
historical high substrate	historical high substrate temperature[version::ok::value]
temperature	
set output n	
clear output n	clear output n[version::ok]
On error	command[version::Error::error number::error description]

On error	command[version::Error::error number::error description]
On alarms	alarm[version::ok::alarms number list(comma
	separated)::alarms description list(comma separated)]
On invalid command	invalid command[version::ok]

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STREAMING MODE PC IP Port 555

Setup Requirements

The subnet mask of the Ethernet connection used for the streaming mode should be 255.255.255.0 in order to avoid the collisions with the IP addresses used within the G3 system.

Commands

SPRAYON = Start streaming SPRAYOFF = Stop streaming

Result example:

11:04:09;658.58;366.54;1944.24;190.52;0.29;0.00;0.24;0.17;16 5.30;0.20

Hour; Velocity; STD Velocity; Temperature; STD Temperature; Intensity; STD Intensity; Peak Position; STD Peak Position; Substrate Temp; STD Substrate Temp

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GLOSSARY / ACRONYMS

CCD camera Charge-coupled device camera	Semi-conductor camera comprising a barrier diode matrix that accumulates an amount of electrons proportional to the amount of received photons. The built image is then shifted one line at a time to an output register and an amplifier.
Correlation value	Indicative of the degree of similarity between signals
СРИ	Central processing unit
Cross-correlation	Method used to determine precisely the average time shift between 2 signals
Ethernet (protocol)	A family of frame-based computer networkir technologies for local area networks
Giga Ethernet (protocol)	New version of the Ethernet protocol with a rate up to 1Gbits/s within a local area netwo
GUI	Graphical user interface
Popup window	Window appearing inside another one witho user intervention, in order to question or not the user regarding the current situation
Pyrometer	Contactless temperature measuring device
RMS value Root-mean-square value	That is to say, the square root of the mean of the squares of the time equidistant instantaneous values during one complete period
TCP/IP Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol	Delivery (TCP) and transport (IP) of data packages

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	QUICK TROUBLE-SHOOTING	
Problem	Potential cause	Remedy
No signal	 Bad alignment Disposable protective windows are dirty or frosty 	 Validate the signal amplification factor Clean or replace the windows assembly with clean air and iso-propanol Validate the alignment
Shotmeter-G3 is a	new product, therefore the trouble-s	• Validate the alignment
time.		0

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SERVICE & SUPPORT Below are the points of contact for questions and/or service- support on Shotmeter/PlumeSpector-g3 & G3 systems.
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Email: service@spraysensors.tecnar.com

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