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# LASER BARCODE SCANNERS

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# **Fixed Mount Laser Barcode Scanners**

# **Reading Angle**



As the width of the barcode increases, the effective height decreases

Pitch Angle

Results in decreased module width

# **Rotational Angle**



Results in decreased effective height

# **Step Ladder and Picket Fence Orientations**

### Step ladder



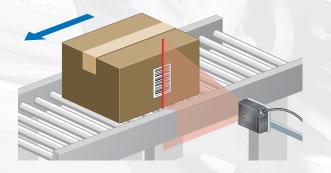
**Picket fence** 



Picket fence w/raster

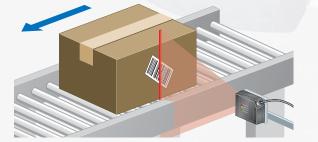


Barcode labels can be applied in two different orientations with respect to the direction of travel. With the step ladder orientation, the entire area of the barcode is scanned as shown by the red laser line in the first figure. Since the barcode moves left to right, small defects in the bars are of little consequence as there are many opportunities to read the bars. With the picket fence, the laser scans only a very small area of the barcode, the portions of the bars above and below the red laser line are never read. Small defects along the laser-scanned area result in unreadable codes. In order to alleviate this problem, a raster scanner option is available on most of our models. The raster scanner places additional lines in a vertical area of roughly 1/2". These extra laser scans provide plenty of additional opportunities to acquire a good reading.



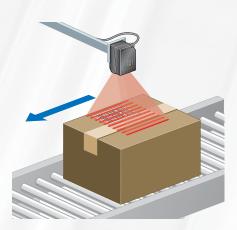
# Ladder Orientation, Side Reading

This is a popular configuration for reading barcodes on a package. The scanner is pivoted about 10° to avoid reflection. The entire height of the barcode passes through the reading area while the package travels down the conveyor; therefore, the barcode can be read even where there may be breaks or damage in the printed code. Recommended products: VB6, VB10, VB12, VB14A



# Ladder Orientation, Side Reading, Large Tilt Angle

In contrast to the previous example, the large tilt angle of the barcode presents a problem to the reader because not all bars may be in view of the scanner at the same time. In this case, a reconstruction algorithm is needed in the barcode scanner to accomplish a successful read. Recommended products: VB6, VB14A, VB34

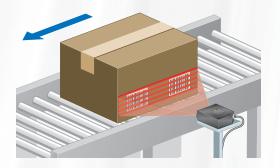


## **Picket Fence Orientation, Reading from Top**

With a picket fence oriented barcode, a raster scanner option provides additional scanned areas to compensate for minor defects in the barcode. The angle of the reader is set to about 15° to avoid reflection and to form an optimum reading area. The distance between the raster lines is selected so that at least two scans, preferably all of them, scan the barcode through. Recommended products: VB10-R, VB12-R, VB14-R

### **Picket Fence Orientation, Reading from Side**

The raster scanner provides redundant scan lines for minor code defects. The scanner should be placed at an angle of approximately 10° to avoid reflection. In addition, the distance between the successive scan lines should be selected so that at least two, but preferably all, of the scan lines pass through the barcode. In order to ensure that the scan lines fall on the barcode, consistent placement of the barcode is critical. An optional oscillating mirror directs the laser in two directions essentially providing a large raster window. This allows barcodes to be read over a large area on the conveyed material. Exact positioning of the barcode is not required, or multiple barcodes on the conveyed material can be read if clearly differentiated. Recommended products: VB14A/OM-VB14A, VB34-OM







# **Combined Orientation, Reading from Front**

In this example, the barcode is read as the package approaches the scanner line. The barcode is scanned from bottom to top. The scanner is placed at about 45° to avoid reflection and facilitate scanning while allowing the package to clear beneath it. This method works well for similarly sized packages. For dissimilar packages, the VB34 has dynamic and automatic focus. Recommended products: VB14A and VB34

### **Definitions**

### Bar

The dark element of a barcode.

### Space

The light element between two bars of a barcode symbol.

### Element

A bar or space in a barcode symbol.

### Module

The narrowest element in a barcode; wide bars or spaces are expressed in multiples of modules

### Module Width X

The width of the narrowest element.

### **Quiet Zone**

This is also called light margin or clear area. The quiet zone must be at least 10 times the X dimension or 2.5 mm (minimum). In scanner applications involving a large depth of field, the quiet zone must be larger, 15 times the X dimension with a width of 6.5 mm (minimum).

### **Barcode Symbol**

A complete symbol consists of the barcode itself (including start and stop bars), quiet zone, and, space permitting, includes a human readable translation of the symbology below the bars.

# **Product Highlights**

# **VB6** Series

- Compact design
- Up to 1,200 scans/s
- ACB (Advanced Code Builder)
- Test mode with bar graph display
- Motor on/off software control
- Rugged, IP65 industrial housing



Our VB6-240 barcode scanner is a great solution to many of your linear barcode applications. The model covers a working range from 40 mm to 240 mm. The combination of extremely compact dimensions and powerful high-speed reading capabilities makes the VB6 scanner ideal for demanding applications. In fact, VB6 miniaturization allows easy integration into OEM equipment and automatic machinery. The high scan rate and sophisticated electronic design effectively address difficult reading conditions. Availability of embedded ACB (Advanced Code Builder) reconstruction software algorithm allows consistent decoding of damaged or misapplied labels. The VB6 operates on 5 VDC and requires ASK CVL-701 cable when used with C-BOX100. It also requires a 25-pin gender changer, which is included with the ASK CVL-701.

# VB10 Series

- 500 scans/second
- Small compact design
- High resolution
- Large reading angle
- Wide depth of focus
- IP65 protection rating

Our VB10 series barcode scanners include two models covering short-range and medium-range working distances from 40 mm to 220 mm. The VB10 family is a rugged, industrial barcode scanner in an IP65 metal housing. They have an external trigger input, two programmable outputs and laser protection class II. They can be operated across a wide power supply range commonly found in industrial environments from 10-30 VDC. They are also available as raster scanners. Programming and setup are quick and easy via the included VISOSETUP Microsoft Windows-based program.

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# **VB8** Series

- 240,000 hours MTBF
- Flexible all-in-one interface architecture
- Small, compact design
- Works with Windows<sup>®</sup> software

The VB8-305 CCD scanner is the entry-level solution for many OEM applications. Thanks to its unique combination of technical characteristics it is ideally suited for installation in machinery. The VB8-305 excels through optimal reading characteristics. It can scan codes directly at the read window due to its wide reading field and improved depth focus. An optionally available 80° deflection mirror reduces the overall space requirement and facilitates contact readings. The highperformance CCD camera (3,648 pixels) can even read damaged and poor-quality codes quickly and accurately. A simple and flexible communication to any kind of controller is achieved by the "all-in-one" system (RS 232, keyboard wedge or pen emulation).

# **VB12** Series

- 500 scans/second
- Motor ON/OFF software commands
- Very compact dimensions
- Easy setup and commissioning
- Lightweight (<100g, 3.5 oz)
- Dual high-speed interface

Our VB12 series barcode scanners include four models covering short and medium-range working distances from 10 mm to 220 mm. The VB12 family is a rugged, industrial barcode scanner in an IP65 metal housing. They have an external trigger input, two programmable outputs and laser protection class II. They can be operated across a wide power supply range commonly found in industrial environments from 10 – 30 VDC. They are also available as raster scanners and include an option with emission from the narrow side of the reader for space critical applications. Microsoft Windowsbased VISOSETUP is included for easy programming and setup.

|                      | VB6-240   | VB8-305  | VB12-110<br>VB12-110-S  | VB12-220<br>VB12-220-S |  |
|----------------------|---|--|---|------------------------|--|
| Reading Range        | 40-240 mm   | 35-305 mm  | 10-110 mm   | 30-220 mm              |  |
| Reading Angle        |   | 80°  | 70° 70°   |                        |  |
| Resolution           | 0.15 mm (6 mil)   | 0.076 mm (3 mil)   | 0.12 mm (5 mil) 0.2 mm (8 mil)  |                        |  |
| Scan Rate            | 1200 s <sup>-1</sup>  | 270 s <sup>-1</sup>  | 500 s <sup>-1</sup>   |                        |  |
| Raster (-R versions) |   |  | 15 mm @ 220 mm  |                        |  |
| Symbologies          | EAN/UPC, I 2 of 5, 39, 93,<br>128, EAN128, ISBM128,<br>Pharmacode | EAN/UPC, I 2 of 5, 39, 49, 93,<br>128, 16K, EAN128, ISBT128,<br>Codabar, Delta IBM | Code 2/5, Code 39, Code 93, Code 128, EAN/UPC,<br>EAN 128, Codabar, Plessey, Pharmacode                 |                        |  |
| Approvals            |   |  | CE, cULus   |                        |  |
| Operating Display    | ON, Good Read, Ext Trig, TX,<br>Laser On                          | LED1: Power ON,<br>LED2: Good Read   | LED red: Power on (POWER ON), LED green: Laser on (LASER ON), LED yellow: external trigger (EXT. TRIG). |                        |  |
| Operating Voltage    | 5 VDC/2 W (max)   | 10-30 VDC/1.5 W (max)  | 10-30 VDC/1.5 W (max)   |                        |  |
| Interface            | Serial  | Serial, keyboard, pen  | Serial  |                        |  |
| Input                | External trigger  | External trigger   | External trigger  |                        |  |
| Output               | 2 opto-isolated   | 1 opto-isolated (good read)  | 2 opto-isolated   |                        |  |
| Mechanical           |   |  |   |                        |  |
| Protection Degree    | IP65  | IP40   | IP65 according to DIN 40050   |                        |  |
| Housing Material     | Zn, Al, Mg Alloy  | Plastic  | Magnesium and polycarbonate   |                        |  |
| Weight               | 44 g  | 100 g  | 100 g   |                        |  |
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# **VB14A** Series

- Advanced reconstruction algorithm
- High ambient light immunity
- IP65 rugged industrial housing
- Up to 1000 scans/second
- Direct view or 90° read positioning
  - VISOSETUP Windows-based software setup

Our VB14A series include five models covering short-range and high-resolution scanning from 45 mm to long-range scanners capable of reading barcodes at 600 mm. They have an external trigger input, two programmable outputs, and laser protection class II. They are also available as raster scanners. All units have an advanced reconstruction algorithm for reading barcodes that are damaged or have a high amount of skew. We offer an option for a oscillating mirror to increase the scan area. Windows programming software is included.



# **VB34** Series

- Reading range to 2500 mm
- Serial, LonWorks; optional Ethernet, DeviceNet, PROFIBUS interfaces
- 1200 scans/second
- Advanced code reconstruction algorithm
- Automatic and programmable focus

The VB34 barcode scanner can achieve reading rates up to 1,200 scans/second. Versions are available with or without oscillating mirror. The VB34 offers a complete and modular solution in terms of reading performance, connectivity, and ease of maintenance. It has a built-in linear motor providing a dynamic focus system, fully controlled via software. This system is capable of moving the focus position from the minimum to the maximum position in less than 10 msec. The VB34 optionally offers connectivity to Ethernet, DeviceNet, and PROFIBUS industrial interfaces.

|                      | VB14A-100  | VB14A-300  | VB14A-340                | VB14A-440           | VB14A-600            | VB34   |
|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Reading Range        | 45-100 mm  | 50-300 mm  | 75-340 mm                | 100-440 mm          | 200-600 mm           | 500-2500 mm  |
| Reading Angle        | 60°  | 60°  | 60°                      | 60°                 | 60°                  |  |
| Resolution           | 0.2 mm (8 mil)   | 0.2 mm (8 mil)   |                          | 0.25 mm (10<br>mil) | 0.35 mm (14 mil)     | 0.2 mm (8 mil)   |
| Scan Rate            | 800-1000 s <sup>-1</sup>   | 500-800 s <sup>-1</sup>  | 600-1000 s <sup>-1</sup> | 600-                | 1000 s <sup>-1</sup> | 600-1200 s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| Raster (-R versions) |  | 18 mm @ 300 mm 24 mm @ 500 mm  |                          |                     |                      |  |
| Symbologies          |  | Code 2/5, Code 39, Code 93, Code 128, EAN/UPC,<br>Codabar, EAN 128, Pharmacode<br>Codabar, Pharmacode<br>Code 128, EAN/UPC, EAN 128,<br>Codabar, Pharmacode, ISBN128 |                          |                     |                      | Code 2/5, Code 39,<br>Code 93, Code 128, EAN/UPC,<br>EAN 128, Codabar        |
| Approvals            | CE, cULus  |  |                          |                     |                      | CE, cULus  |
| Operating Display    | LED red: Power on (PWR/TXD), LED green: Laser on (LASER ON), LED yellow: external trigger (EXT. TRIG). |  |                          |                     |                      | Green LED: Power on, Yellow LED: trigger phase active, plus LCD data display |
| Operating Voltage    | 10-30 VDC.5 W (max)  |  |                          |                     |                      | 15-30 VDC/20 W (max)   |
| Interface            | Serial   |  |                          |                     |                      | Serial & LonWorks included<br>PROFIBUS, DeviceNet, Ethernet optional         |
| Input                | External trigger   |  |                          |                     |                      | 3 digital inputs plus external trigger                                       |
| Output               | 2 opto-isolated  |  |                          |                     |                      |  |
| Mechanical           |  |  |                          |                     |                      |  |
| Protection Degree    | IP65 according to DIN 40050  |  |                          |                     |                      | IP64   |
| Housing Material     | Aluminum   |  |                          |                     |                      | Aluminum   |
| Weight               | 330 g  |  |                          |                     |                      | 1500 g   |

# Accessories

**DM-VB14A** 80° deviating mirror for VB14A

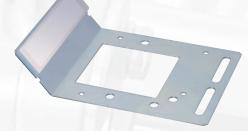


**OM-VB14A** Optical oscillating mirror



**DM-VB8** 80° deviating mirror for VB8

**OMH-VB01** Mounting accessories for VB8, VB12, VB14A





# **Breakout Boxes**

# C-BOX100

Connects power and switching outputs through screw connectors. 9-pin SUB D plug for connection of the RS232 auxiliary interface to the PC with a null-modem cable.

# C-BOX300

RS232 / PROFIBUS gateway with 9-pin SUB D connection plug for the PROFIBUS, with up to 12 Mbit/s. The parameters of the scanner can be stored in either the control system or in the C-BOX. This enables the fast, simple replacement of the scanner.

# C-BOX400

Connects DeviceNet and a trigger sensor directly to the terminals.



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