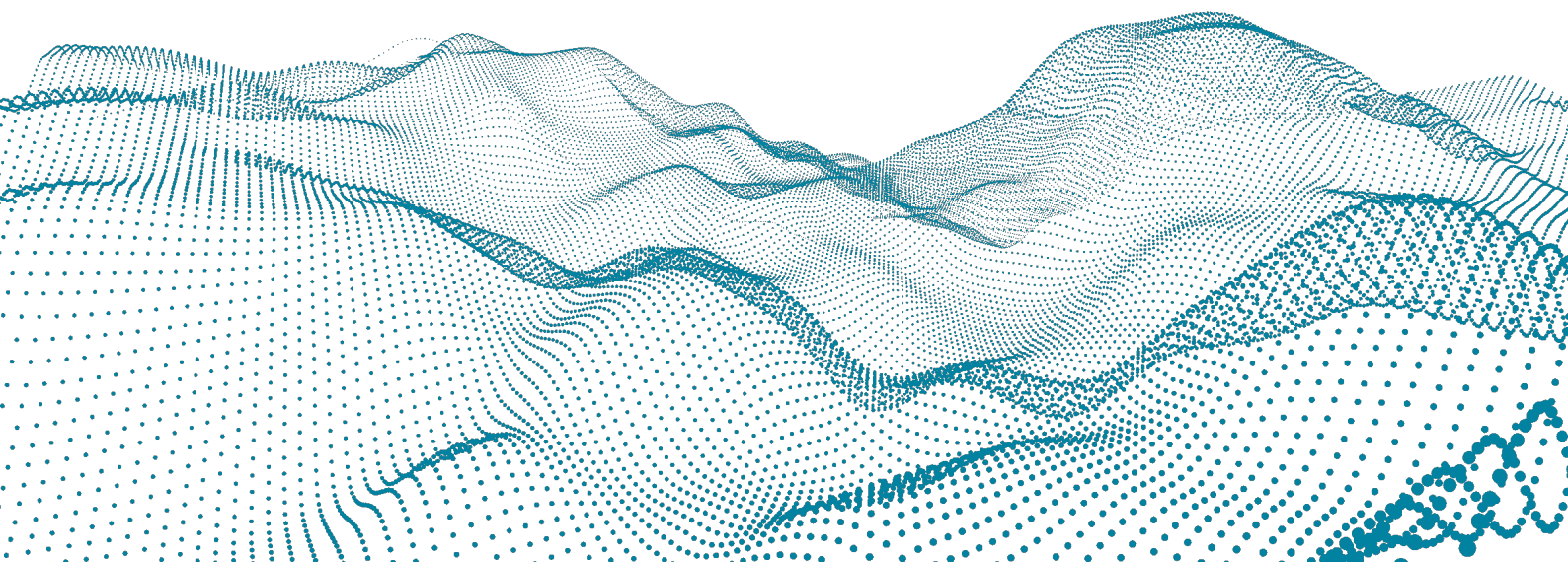




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ASSEMBLY AND OPERATING MANUAL



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1 Introduction

Indications in the manual

To prevent damage to the equipment and ensure the user's safety, this manual indicates each precaution related to safety with *Warning*. Supplementary information is provided as a *Note*.

Warning: Warnings in this manual indicate procedures and actions that must be observed to avoid danger of injury to the operator/user, or damage to the equipment. Software-related warnings indicate procedures that must be observed to avoid malfunctions or unexpected behavior of the software.

Note: Notes are used in this manual to indicate supplementary relevant information.

1.1 Overview

The *rc_viscore* is a high-resolution IP54-protected 3D stereo sensor with an integrated *rc_randomdot* pattern projector. The *rc_viscore* provides 12MP camera images and – in combination with an *rc_cube* or the SGM®producer – depth, confidence and error images. The integrated *rc_randomdot* projector allows for dense depth images even in weakly textured scenes and the high resolution permits the detection of small parts with high accuracy.

In combination with the *rc_cube*, the *rc_viscore* provides the data for object detection and grasp computation applications, e.g. in industrial automation and logistics applications.

Supplementary information is provided in

- *rc_cube*: <https://doc.rc-cube.com>
- *rc_randomdot*: <https://doc.rc-randomdot.com>
- SGM®producer: <https://roboception.com/product/sgmproducer>

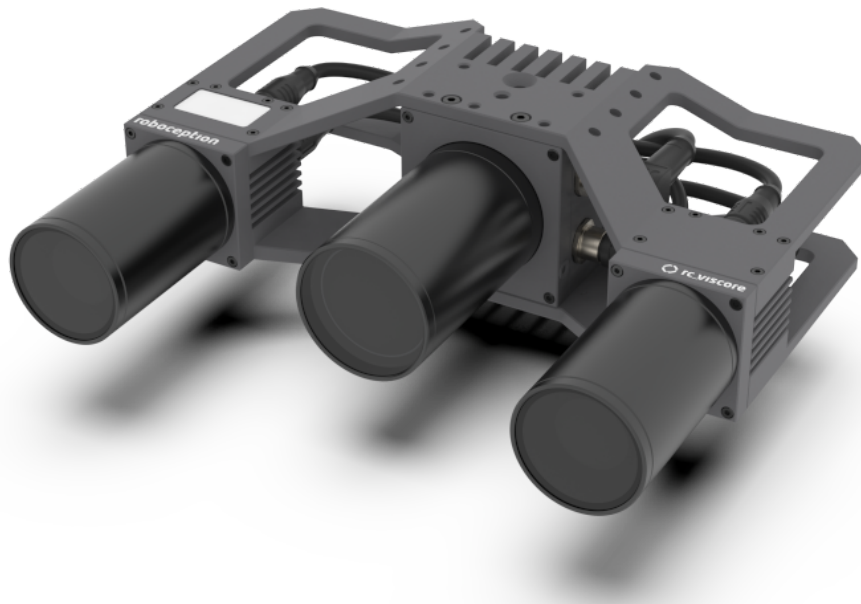


Fig. 1.1: The Roboception *rc_viscore*

The terms “sensor”, “camera” and “*rc_viscore*” used throughout the manual all refer to the Roboception *rc_viscore* stereo camera.

1.2 Warranty

Any changes or modifications to the hard- and software not expressly approved by Roboception could void the user's warranty and guarantee rights.

Warning: The *rc_viscore* utilizes complex hardware technology that may behave in a way not intended by the user. The purchaser must design its application to ensure that any failure of the *rc_viscore* does not cause personal injury, property damage, or other losses.

Warning: Do not attempt to take apart, open, service, or modify the *rc_viscore*. Doing so could present the risk of electric shock or other hazard. Any evidence of any attempt to open and/or modify the device, including any peeling, puncturing, or removal of any of the labels, will void the Limited Warranty.

Warning: CAUTION: to comply with the European CE requirement, all signal cables used to connect this device must be shielded and the device must be grounded. Operation with incorrect cables may result in interference with other devices or undesired effects of the product.

Note: This product may not be treated as household waste. By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help to protect the environment. For more detailed information about the recycling of this product, please contact your local authority, your waste disposal service provider, or the product's supplier.

1.3 Applicable standards

1.3.1 Approvals

The *rc_viscore* has received the following approvals:



EC Declaration of Conformity



IP54 ingress protection according IEC standard 60529



ROHS compliant according to EU directive 2011/65/EU



WEEE compliant according to EU directive 2012/19/EC

1.4 Electronical and safety standards

The *rc_viscore* has been designed to be in compliance with 2014/30/EU and 2011/65/EU. The *rc_viscore* consists of the *rc_randomdot* and two industrial vision cameras.

The *rc_randomdot* has been tested based on the following harmonized standards:

- EN 61000-6-4:2007 + A1:2011 : Interference Emission
- EN 61000-6-2:2005 : Interference Immunity
- EN 62471:2008 / IEC 62471:2008 : Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems

The industrial cameras have been tested based on the following harmonized standards:

- EN 61000-6-4:2007 + A1:2011 : Interference Emission
- EN 61000-6-2:2005 : Interference Immunity

1.5 Environmental regulation

1.5.1 EU RoHS Directive

All components of the *rc_viscore*, including the *rc_randomdot*, the industrial cameras, cabling, and structure comply with the provisions in EU RoHS 2 Directive 2011/65/EU on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment. Items that are exempted in the RoHS Directive are excluded from these standards.

1.5.2 REACH Regulation

All components of the *rc_viscore*, including the *rc_randomdot*, the industrial cameras, cabling, and structure comply with REACH Regulation 1907/2006/CE. These products are not classified as hazardous. We hereby certify that these products do not contain any Substance of Very High Concern (SVHC) in amounts >0.1% (w/w).

1.6 Available certificates

Copies of the various certificates can be downloaded from <https://roboception.com/support/>.

1.7 Information on disposal



1. Disposal of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment

This symbol on the product(s) and / or accompanying documents means that used electrical and electronic products should not be mixed with general household waste. For proper treatment, recovery and recycling, please contact your supplier or the manufacturer. Disposing of this product correctly will help save valuable resources and prevent any potential negative effects on human health and the environment, which could otherwise arise from inappropriate waste handling.

2. Removal of batteries

If the products contain batteries and accumulators that can be removed from the product without destruction, these must be removed before disposal and disposed of separately as batteries.

The following batteries or accumulators are contained in the *rc_viscore*: None

3. Options for returning old equipment

Owners of old devices can return them to the manufacturer to ensure proper disposal.

Please [contact support](#) (Section 8) about returning the device for disposal.

4. Data protection

End users of Electrical & Electronic Equipment are responsible for deleting personal data on the waste equipment to be disposed of.

5. WEEE registration number

Roboception is registered under the registration number DE 33323989 at the stiftung elektroaltgeräte register, Nordostpark 72, 90411 Nuremberg, Germany, as a producer of electrical and/or electronic equipment.

6. Collection and recovery quotas

According to the WEEE Directive, EU member states are obliged to collect data on waste electrical and electronic equipment and to transmit this data to the European Commission. Further information can be found on the German Ministry for the Environment website.

Information on Disposal outside the European Union

This symbol is valid only in the European Union. If you wish to discard this product please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

2 Safety

Warning: The operator must have read and understood all of the instructions in this manual before handling the *rc_viscore* product.

Warning: If operating the *rc_viscore* with the *rc_cube* product, the operator must have read and understood all of the safety, installation, and maintenance instructions given in the *rc_cube* manual.

Note: The term “operator” refers to anyone responsible for any of the following tasks performed in conjunction with the *rc_viscore*:

- Installation
- Maintenance
- Inspection
- Calibration
- Programming
- Decommissioning

This manual explains the *rc_viscore*’s various components and general operations regarding the product’s whole life-cycle, from installation through operation to decommissioning.

The drawings and photos in this documentation are representative examples; differences may exist between them and the delivered product.

2.1 General warnings

Note: Any use of the *rc_viscore* in noncompliance with these warnings is inappropriate and may cause injury or damage as well as void the warranty.

Warning:

- The *rc_viscore* is protected according to IP54. High humidity or temperature can damage the device. Do not operate in an environment where combustible or explosive fumes may occur.
- The *rc_viscore* needs to be properly mounted before use.
- All cable sets need to be secured to the *rc_viscore* and the mount.
- Cables must not be longer than 30 m. The 8-Pin power supply cable must not be longer than 15 m.
- Power to the *rc_viscore* must be supplied through an appropriate, separate DC power source.

- An appropriate power supply, which conforms to the EN 62368-1 standard must be used to supply power to the *rc_viscore*.
- Check polarity and connections.
- The *rc_viscore*'s housing must be grounded.

Warning:

- The *rc_viscore*'s and any related equipment's safety guidelines must always be satisfied.
- The *rc_viscore* does not fall under the purview of the machinery or medical directives.

Risk assessment and final application: The *rc_viscore* may be used with a robot together with an *rc_cube*. Robot, *rc_viscore*, *rc_cube*, and any other equipment used in the final application must be evaluated with a risk assessment. The system integrator's duty is to ensure respect for all local safety measures and regulations. Depending on the application, there may be risks that need additional protection/safety measures.

2.2 Intended use

The *rc_viscore* is intended to be used in combination with a Roboception *rc_cube* or SGM®Producer. The *rc_viscore* together with a Roboception *rc_cube* are intended for installation with automated machinery, a mobile platform, or stationary equipment. They can also be used for data acquisition in other applications.

Warning: The *rc_viscore* is **NOT** intended for safety critical applications.

Warning: The *rc_viscore* is **NOT** to be used in dynamic environments or mounted to a robot end-effector.

The *rc_viscore* may be used only within the scope of its technical specification. Any other use of the product is deemed unintended use. Roboception will not be liable for any damages resulting from any improper or unintended use.

Warning: Always comply with local and/or national laws, regulations and directives on automation safety and general machine safety.

3 Hardware specification

Note: The following hardware specifications are provided here as a general reference; differences with the product may exist.

3.1 Scope of delivery

Standard delivery for an *rc_viscore* includes

- *rc_viscore* sensor,
- Calibration grid large (A3),
- 2 x 10 m gigabit ethernet network cables,
- 10 m power cable with M12 connector and one open end,
- Quickstart guide.

The full manual is online available in digital form at <http://doc.rc-viscore.com>.

Note: The following items are not included in the delivery unless otherwise specified:

- Couplings, adapters, mounts,
- Power supply unit and fuses.

Please refer to [Accessories](#) (Section 6) for suggested third-party cable vendors.

The following picture shows the important parts of the *rc_viscore* which are referenced later in the documentation.

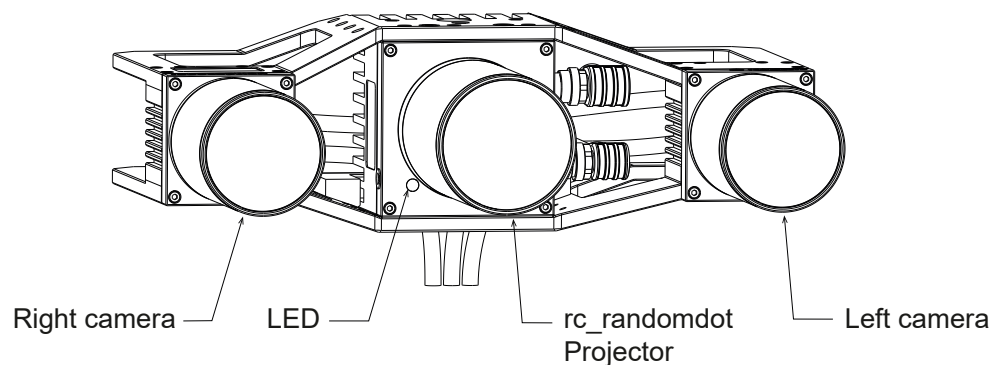


Fig. 3.1: Parts description

3.2 Technical specification

The technical specification of the *rc_viscore* is shown in [Table 3.1](#). The given depth image frame rate can be reached on an *rc_cube* or with the SGM@producer on a computer with an Nvidia RTX2070 GPU. Higher frame rates (up to 9 Hz) are possible with faster graphics cards.

Table 3.1: Technical specifications of the *rc_viscore*

	rc_viscore 210m-16-12M-H1-R
Image resolution	4112 x 3008 pixels monochrome
Framerate	9 Hz
Focal length	16 mm
Field of view	Horizontal: 47.5°, Vertical: 35.7°
Workspace	670 mm x 640 mm @ 1.0 m distance 1550 mm x 1280 mm @ 2.0 m distance 2430 mm x 1920 mm @ 3.0 m distance 3310 mm x 2560 mm @ 4.0 m distance
Depth image	4112 x 3008 pixel (Full) @ 2.8 Hz (Nvidia RTX2070) 2056 x 1504 pixel (High) @ 4.6 Hz (Nvidia RTX2070) 1028 x 752 pixel (Medium) @ 9 Hz (Nvidia RTX2070) 686 x 502 pixel (Low) @ 9 Hz (Nvidia RTX2070)
Cooling	Passive
Baseline	210 mm
Size (W x H x L)	262 mm x 204 mm x 82 mm
Mass	1.64 kg

The depth image range of the *rc_viscore* depends on the depth image quality, the specified maximum depth range and the available GPU memory. Depth ranges at closer distance are much smaller than depth ranges at far distances. The *rc_cube* uses 3.4 Gbytes of GPU memory for stereo matching. [Table 3.2](#) shows examples of resulting depth ranges with this amount of GPU memory. Larger depth ranges are possible by using the SGM@producer with a graphics card that offers more GPU memory.

Table 3.2: Examples of possible depth ranges of the *rc_viscore* with 3.4 Gbytes of GPU memory as in case of the *rc_cube*

	rc_viscore 210m-16-12M-H1-R
Full depth quality	0.89 m to 1.00 m 1.60 m to 2.00 m 2.18 m to 3.00 m 2.65 m to 4.00 m
High depth quality	0.52 m to 1.00 m 0.66 m to 2.00 m 0.75 m to 3.00 m 0.80 m to 4.00 m 1.00 m to infinity
Medium and low depth quality	0.52 m to infinity

The resolution and accuracy at different distances is given in [Table 3.3](#) for the recommended high depth quality. In full depth quality, the resolution and accuracy will be better by a factor of 2. Similarly, in medium quality, the resolution and accuracy will be about 2 times worse than shown in the table.

Table 3.3: Resolution and accuracy of the *rc_viscore* in millimeters with high quality stereo matching and random dot projection on non-reflective and non-transparent objects.

	distance	rc_viscore
Lateral resolution	1.0 m	0.4 mm
	2.0 m	0.9 mm
	3.0 m	1.3 mm
	4.0 m	1.7 mm
Depth resolution	1.0 m	0.1 mm
	2.0 m	0.5 mm
	3.0 m	1.2 mm
	4.0 m	2.0 mm
Average depth accuracy	1.0 m	0.5 mm
	2.0 m	2.0 mm
	3.0 m	4.6 mm
	4.0 m	8.2 mm

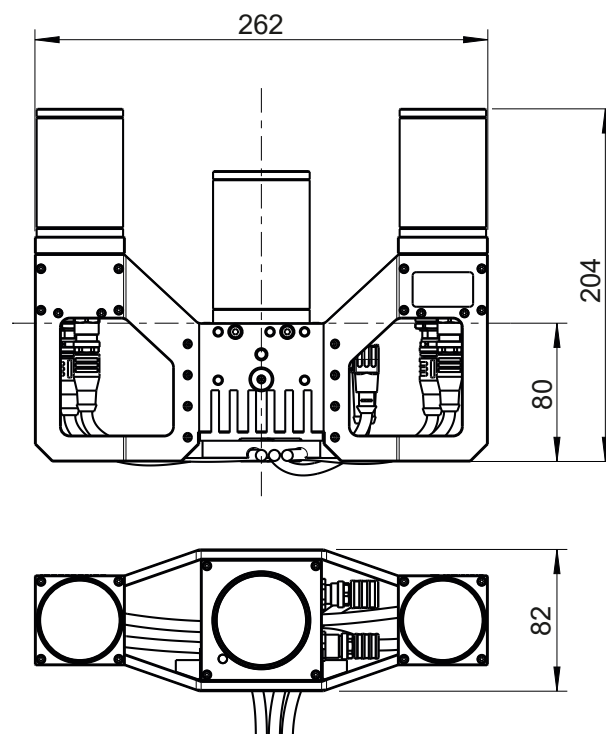


Fig. 3.2: Overall dimensions of the *rc_viscore* in millimeters

CAD models of the *rc_viscore* can be downloaded from <http://www.roboception.com/download>. The CAD models are provided as-is, with no guarantee of correctness.

3.3 Environmental and operating conditions

The *rc_viscore* is designed for industrial applications. Always respect the storage, transport, and operating environmental conditions outlined in Table 3.4.

Table 3.4: Environmental conditions

	rc_viscore
Storage/Transport temperature	-20 °C to 60 °C
Operating temperature	0 °C to 45 °C (passive cooling)
Relative humidity (non condensing)	20 % to 80 %
Protection class	IP54
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free from corrosive liquids or gases • Free from explosive liquids or gases • Free from powerful electromagnetic interference

The *rc_viscore* is designed for an operating temperature (surrounding environment) of 0 °C to 45 °C and relies on convective (passive) cooling. Unobstructed airflow, especially around the cooling fins, needs to be ensured during use. The *rc_viscore* should only be mounted using the provided mechanical mounting interface, and all parts of the housing must remain uncovered. A free space of at least 10 cm extending in all directions from the housing, and sufficient air exchange with the environment is required to ensure adequate cooling. Cooling fins must be free of dirt and other contamination.

3.4 Power-supply specifications

The *rc_viscore* needs to be supplied by a DC voltage source. The *rc_viscore*'s standard package does not include a DC power supply. Each *rc_viscore* must be connected to a separate power supply. Connection to domestic grid power is only allowed through a power supply certified as EN55011 Class B.

Table 3.5: Absolute maximum ratings for power supply

	Min	Nominal	Max
Supply voltage	22.0 V	24 V	26.0 V
Max power consumption			48 W
Overcurrent protection	Supply must be fuse-protected to a maximum of 2 A		
EMC compliance	see Electronical and safety standards (Section 1.4)		

Warning: Exceeding maximum power rating values may lead to damage of the *rc_viscore*, power supply, and connected equipment.

Warning: A separate power supply must power each *rc_viscore*.

Warning: Connection to domestic grid power is allowed through a power supply certified as EN55011 Class B only.

3.5 Wiring

The *rc_viscore* is delivered with a sync cable already connected between projector and cameras. It is the customer's responsibility to connect the two provided M12 X-coded network cables to the left and right camera, as well as the power cable with an angled M12 connector to the projector (see Fig. 3.3). The network cables must be clipped into the cable guide for strain relief. All cables must be secured to the mounting bracket.

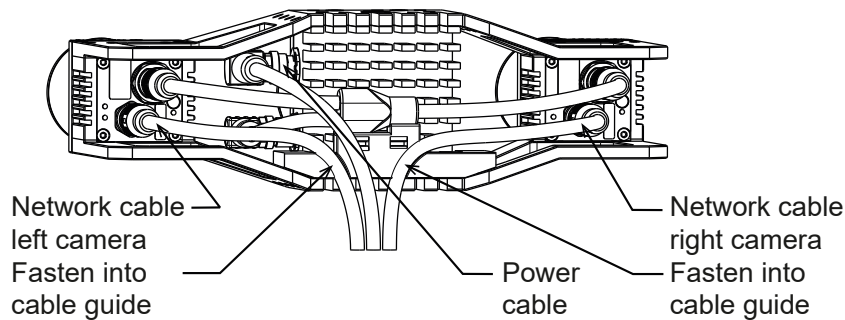


Fig. 3.3: Locations of the electrical connections for the *rc_viscore*

Warning: Due to the voltage drop, the maximum power cable length is limited to 15 m. The supply voltage should be set to the specified 24 V and must not be set above 26 V due to the highly variable current draw of the *rc_viscore*.

Warning: Proper cable management is mandatory. Cabling must always be secured to the *rc_viscore* mount with a strain-relief clamp so that no forces due to cable movements are exerted on the *rc_viscore*'s M12 connectors. Enough slack needs to be provided to allow for full range of movement of the *rc_viscore* without straining the cable. The cable's minimum bend radius (i.e. $R_{min} = 15d$) needs to be observed.

Pin assignments for the power connector are given in Table 3.6.

Table 3.6: Pin assignments for the power connector

Pin	Cable Color	Designation	Details
1	White	nc	
2	Brown	Power +24 V	2 A @ 24 V
3	Green	nc	
4	Yellow	nc	
5	Grey	GPIO Vcc	5-24 V, 50 mA max.
6	Pink	GPIO Out 1	Projector exposure signal
7	Blue	Power GND	
8	Red	GPIO Out 2	

GPIOs are decoupled by photocouplers. *GPIO Out 1* by default provides an exposure sync signal with a logic high level for the duration of the image exposure. Pins of unused GPIOs should be left floating. GPIO circuitry and specifications are shown in Fig. 3.4.

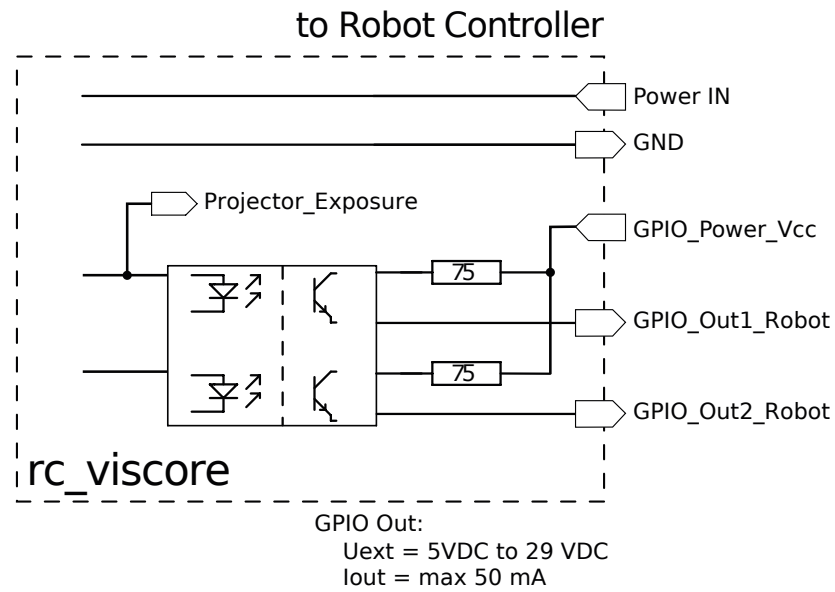


Fig. 3.4: GPIO circuitry and specifications

3.6 Coordinate frames

The `rc_viscore`'s coordinate-frame origin is defined as the exit pupil of the left camera lens. This frame is called sensor coordinate frame or camera coordinate frame. It is shown in Fig. 3.5.

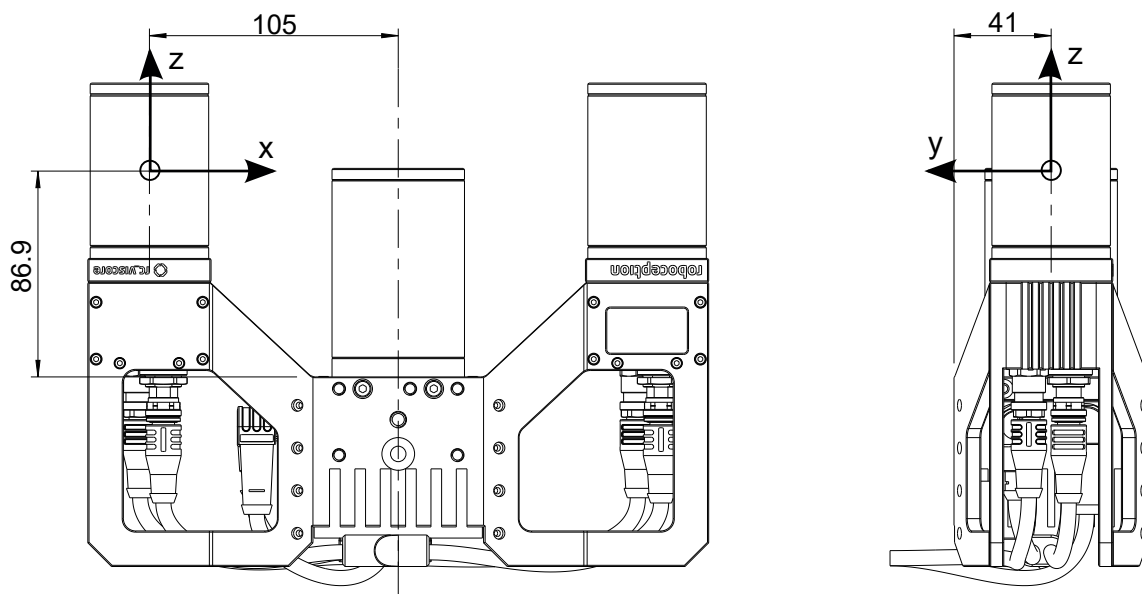


Fig. 3.5: Camera coordinate frame location and orientation

Note: The correct offset between the sensor/camera frame and a robot coordinate frame can be calibrated through hand-eye calibration. See https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/handeye_calibration.html.

4 Installation

Warning: The instructions on [Safety](#) (Section 2) related to the *rc_viscore* must be read and understood prior to installation.

4.1 Mounting

The *rc_viscore* is intended to be mounted on a wall or ceiling above the target area. It is not intended to be used in dynamic applications mounted to a robot wrist. It is the customer's responsibility to provide an adequate mounting bracket.

For mounting, the *rc_viscore* provides an M4 and M5 thread pattern on its top and bottom sides (see [Fig. 4.1](#)). A medium-strength thread-locker or Tuflok® screws must be used to protect against vibrations. M5 screws must be tightened to 4.0 Nm, M4 screws must be tightened to 3.3 Nm.

Warning: The *rc_viscore* cannot be mounted on the end-effector of a robot.

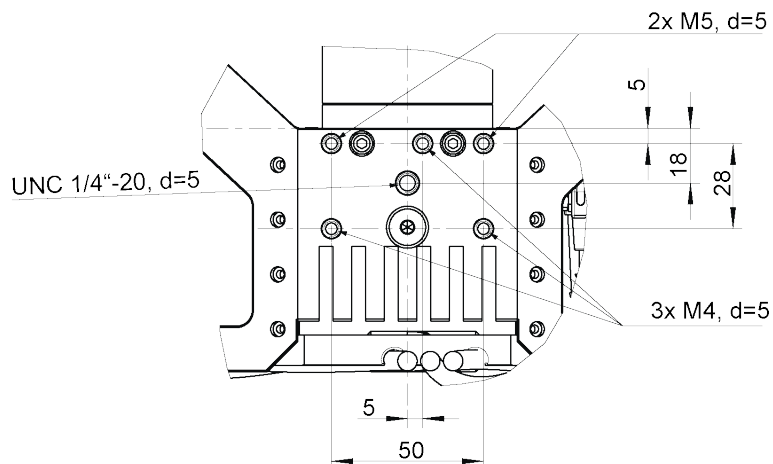


Fig. 4.1: Mounting of the *rc_viscore*

Only the surface containing the thread pattern must be in contact with the mounting bracket, all other surfaces must remain free. At least 10 cm clearance must be provided behind the *rc_viscore* to facilitate adequate air flow for cooling.

4.2 Power-up

Note: Always fully connect and tighten all M12 connectors on the *rc_viscore* before turning on the power supply.

After connecting the system to power, the LED on the front of the *rc_viscore* should immediately illuminate.

Warning: Do not look into the projector lens in the center of the *rc_viscore* or into the light beam at any point during startup or operation.

4.3 Connecting

The *rc_viscore* can be used together with an *rc_cube* or as a stand-alone high-resolution RGBD camera with the SGM®producer. The following sections describe connecting the *rc_viscore* in both scenarios.

4.3.1 Connecting to the *rc_cube*

The *rc_cube* I (Industrial Edge Computer) offers four network ports that are labelled sensors 0-3. The two network cables of the *rc_viscore* must be connected directly to two of those ports. It does not matter which ones. Two *rc_viscore* devices can be connected and used at the same time.

The *rc_cube* S (Edge Computer) offers one 2.5 gigabit sensor port. A switch must be used for connecting an *rc_viscore*. The switch must support 2.5 gigabit for the connection to the *rc_cube* and 1 gigabit speed for the connection to the *rc_viscore*. The switch is not in the scope of the delivery of the *rc_cube* S. Roboception can recommend a suitable switch upon request.

By default, the *rc_cube* is configured to support one *rc_visard* as sensor. For supporting one *rc_viscore*, the type of the camera pipeline must be changed in the Web GUI of the *rc_cube* under *System* → *Camera Pipelines* (see <https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/pipelines.html>). Clicking on *Configure Camera Pipelines* opens a dialog that permits to change the type of pipeline to *rc_viscore*. A reboot is necessary after changing the pipeline configuration.

For connecting two *rc_viscore* devices at the same time, it is additionally necessary to configure a second pipeline, as explained above, and to specify which pipeline should use which *rc_viscore* by setting a filter expression. This is done by clicking on *Configure Camera Connection* on the *Camera Pipelines* page, or select the corresponding pipeline in the menu, e.g. under *System* → *Camera Pipelines* → *Pipeline* Clicking *Choose Camera* opens a dialog to edit the device filter (see also <https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/pipelines.html#configuration-of-connected-cameras>).

It may take up to one minute until the *rc_viscore* is connected. For each successfully connected sensor, the connection speed and frame rate is shown in the *Dashboard* of the Web GUI.

4.3.2 Connecting to the SGM®Producer

For using the *rc_viscore* as high-resolution RGBD camera, Roboception offers the SGM®Producer, which is a GenICam compatible transport layer (see <https://roboception.com/product/sgmproducer>). The producer can be used with Halcon, with the *rc_genicam_api* for C++ programmers, with the *rc_genicam_driver* for ROS and ROS2, as well as with any other GenICam compatible application. It can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.roboception.com/download> and installed on Windows and Ubuntu computers with an Nvidia graphics card.

It is strongly recommended to connect both network cables directly to 1 gigabit Ethernet ports of the computer. A network switch can only work if the network link between the switch and the computer has a bandwidth of more than 2 gigabit, e.g. 2.5, 5 or 10 gigabit.

In the default network configuration and according to the GigE Vision® standard, the *rc_viscore* cameras will try to obtain their configuration from a DHCP server and fall back to the Link-Local self-configuration protocol, if no DHCP server can be found. For direct connection without a DHCP server, the Ethernet ports of the computer should be configured for Link-Local network. It is also possible to manually configure IP addresses of the left and right *rc_viscore* cameras. Options for changing the network settings and IP configuration are:

- any configuration tool compatible with GigE Vision® 2.0, or Roboception's command-line tool *gc_config*. Typically, these tools scan for all available GigE Vision® devices on the network. All *rc_viscore* devices can be uniquely identified by their serial number, which is printed on the device.
- temporarily changing the network configuration via Roboception's *rcdiscover-gui* tool. The individual cameras can be seen in the list after unchecking the *Only Roboception devices* check box.

Note: The command-line tool *gc_config* is part of Roboception's open-source convenience layer *rc_genicam_api*, which can be downloaded free of charge for Windows and Linux from <http://www.roboception.com/download>.

For adjusting the focus, checking and calibrating the *rc_viscore*, as explained in the next sections, the SGM®Producer package contains a calibration program, called *rc_calib*.

4.4 Adjust focus

It is highly recommended to check and adjust the focus of the *rc_viscore* for the actual working range. Please note that the depth of focus range is limited due to the high resolution of the sensor and must be adapted to the working range of the application. At close distance, the depth of focus range is much smaller than at higher distance. Therefore, the minimum distance for focusing should be chosen as far away as useful for the application. Please [contact support](#) (Section 8) in case of questions regarding working distance and calibration of the *rc_viscore*.

The *rc_cube* offers a focus helper as part of camera calibration under *Pipeline ... → Configuration → Camera Calibration*. In the first step, the size of the calibration grid has to be specified. Clicking on *Next* opens the focus helper. See also https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/camera_calibration.html.

For users of the SGM®Producer, the focus helper can be found in the *rc_calib* calibration program after selecting the *rc_viscore* with *File → Connect sensor ...*, and specifying the grid size.

The bars on the right side of the image report the blur of the calibration grid, thus a minimum is desirable. The grid should be placed in the minimum and maximum working distance for checking the current blur. A value near the lowest dividing line is quite optimal. See also https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/camera_calibration.html#adjust-focus.

If focus adjustment is needed, the lens caps of the left and right cameras must be removed as shown in [Fig. 4.2](#).

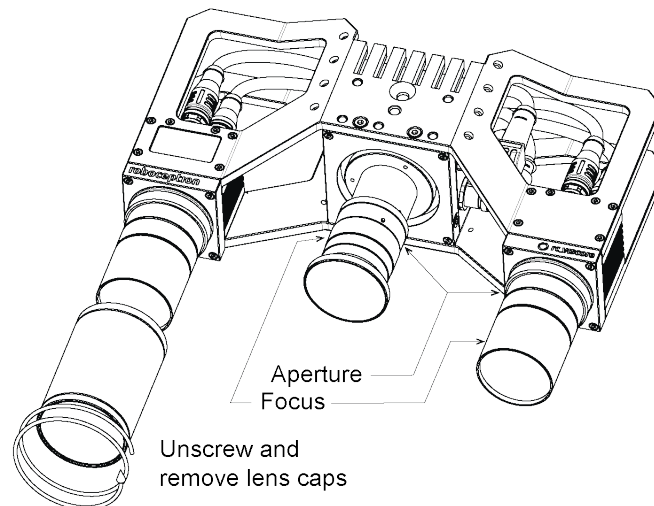


Fig. 4.2: Removing of lens caps for re-focussing and changing aperture

The focus ring and the aperture ring are locked by 3 screws for each ring as shown in Fig. 4.3. All three screws must be loosened for moving the ring.

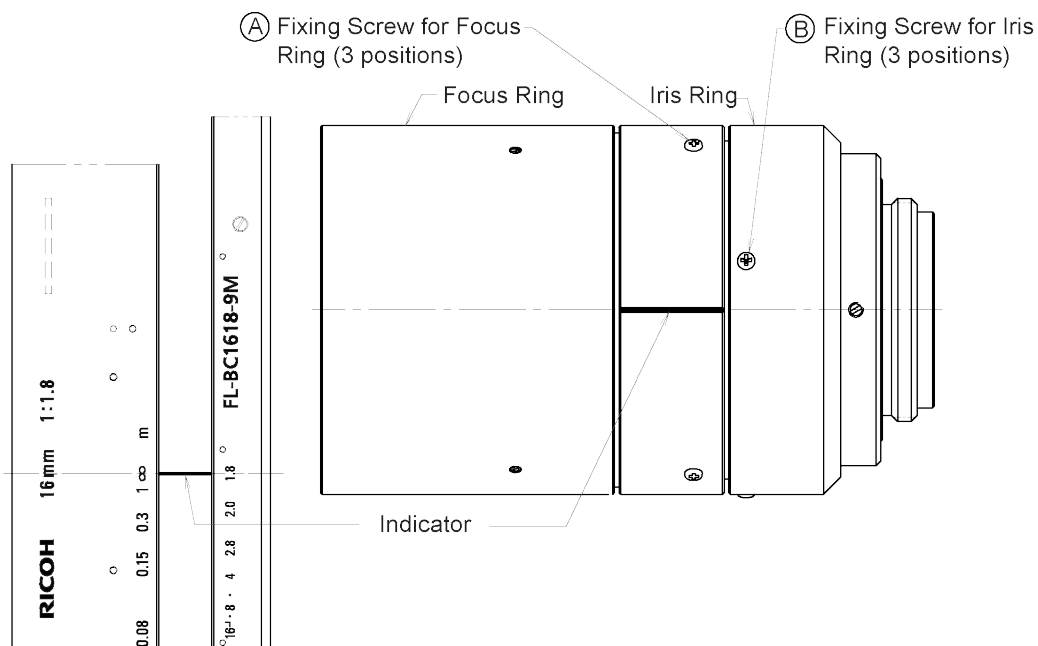


Fig. 4.3: Location of screws for focus and aperture ring

For setting the focus correctly, the calibration grid should be placed in the middle of the working range. Then, the focus ring should be turned until the bars in the images become a minimum. After focusing in this way, the grid should be placed at the minimum and maximum working distance. If the blur is unsatisfactory at the minimum and maximum working distance (e.g. near the second dividing line or higher), the aperture can be closed a bit, i.e. choosing a higher aperture number. Please be aware that this increases exposure time and potentially gain, which increases noise in the image. The optimal tradeoff is application dependent.

Warning: The same aperture setting must be used for the left and right camera to avoid degraded image processing performance. Please validate that the left and right images appear with the same brightness.

After adjusting focus and aperture, all screws must be tightened and the lens caps re-attached.

To change focus and aperture settings of the projector, loosen the three small fixing Phillips screws on the respective ring of the projector lens, turn the ring to the desired setting and lightly tighten the screws again. For focus adjustments, the projector should be turned on permanently by setting the Out1 mode to High in the Web GUI. For aperture adjustments, Out1 should be set to ExposureAlternateActive and exposure mode should be set to 'Auto' on the Web GUI's Camera page. Perfectly focusing the projector is not crucial. Slightly blurred projection will not degrade the depth image.

4.5 Calibration

After checking and potentially adjusting the focus, the next step is to check calibration. This step should never be skipped and is mandatory as opposed to all *rc_visard* products. Please note that the working range of the *rc_viscore* is pre-defined and the calibration should be checked for the minimum and maximum working range. Please [contact support](#) (Section 8) in case of questions regarding working distance and calibration of the *rc_viscore*.

The *rc_cube* manual explains checking and re-calibrating in detail (see https://doc.rc-cube.com/latest/en/camera_calibration.html#verify-calibration). The procedure that is described there can be applied in the same way to the SGM®Producer, by using the *rc_calib* program that is provided with the producer.

Warning: It is mandatory to always check calibration after mounting the *rc_viscore*, changing the focus or aperture. After calibration, also a new hand-eye calibration is required.

Note: Roboception will deliver the *rc_viscore* with pre-adjusted focus to make sure it works in the desired depth range. Please [contact support](#) (Section 8) and provide your specification to enable us to set up the *rc_viscore* accordingly. An onsite calibration check is still required to make sure that no problem occurred during delivery or mounting.

5 Maintenance

Warning: The only parts removable by the customer are the lens caps, which can be unscrewed. The customer does not need to open the *rc_viscore*'s housing to perform maintenance. Unauthorized opening of the housing will void the warranty. For all maintenance operations other than adjusting focus and aperture, the product must be switched off.

To handle the optical components, wearing gloves is strongly recommended. The lens cap can be removed by unscrewing the barrel. Then focus and the aperture can be adjusted with manual settings of the C-mount lens.

Warning: The lens cap needs to be in place during normal operation to meet EMC requirements.

5.1 Lens cleaning

Glass lenses with antireflective coating are used to reduce glare. Please take special care when cleaning the lenses. To clean them, use a compressed air duster or soft lens-cleaning brush to remove dust or dirt particles. To remove stubborn dirt, wipe 1-2 drops of a non-alcohol-based lens cleaning solution formulated for coated lenses (such as the Uvex Clear family of products) in a gentle circular motion with a cleaning tissue. Always apply the fluid to a tissue rather than the lens itself.

Warning: In case the lens covers are removed, a calibration check is required.

5.2 Change of Working Range

In case a change of working range is desired, an adjustment of the focus as well as the depth range is required. Please note the limitations in the measurement range in [Table 3.2](#).

6 Accessories

6.1 Power connections

The *rc_viscore* contains an 8-pin A-coded M12 plug connector for power and GPIO connectivity to the robot controller. Various cabling solutions can be obtained from third party vendors, however, the M12 connector on the *rc_viscore* side must be angled. One possibility for an angled M12 to open ended cable is provided below. Customers are required to provide power and GPIO connections to the cables according to the pinouts described in [Wiring](#) (Section 3.5). The *rc_viscore*'s housing must be connected to ground.

Sensor/Actor cable M12 socket to open end for power and GPIO connection

- Angled M12 socket connector to open end, shielded 10m length: Phoenix Contact SAC-8P-10,0-PUR/M12FR SH, Art.Nr.: 1522943

Network cable M12 X-coded to RJ45

- Straight M12 X-coded to RJ45 CAT6A cable, 10m length, 2 required per *rc_viscore*: Phoenix Contact NBC-M12MSX/10,0-94F/R4AC, Art.Nr.: 1407474

6.2 Power supplies

The *rc_viscore* is classified as EN-55011 Class B device and is immune to light industrial and industrial environments. For connecting the sensor to residential grid power, a power supply under EN 55011/55022 Class B has to be used.

It is the customer's responsibility to obtain and install a suitable power supply for permanent use in industrial environments. One example that satisfies both EN 61000-6-2 and EN 55011/55022 Class B is the DIN-Rail mounted PULS MiniLine ML70.100 24V/DC 3 A by PULS GmbH (<http://www.pulspower.com>). A certified electrician must perform installation.

Only one *rc_viscore* shall be connected to a power supply at any time, and the total length of cables must be less than 15 m.

6.3 Spare parts

Roboception can provide calibration grids, power cables and network cables as spare parts for *rc_viscore* upon request.

6.4 SGM®Producer and rc_cube

The *rc_viscore* provides 12MP camera images and – in combination with an *rc_cube* or the SGM®Producer – depth, confidence and error images. The integrated *rc_randomdot* projector allows for dense depth

images even in weakly textured scenes and the high resolution permits the detection of small parts with high accuracy. The SGM®Producer can be downloaded from <http://www.roboception.com/download>.

In combination with the *rc_cube*, the *rc_viscore* provides the data for object detection and grasp computation applications, e.g. in industrial automation and logistics applications.

7 Troubleshooting

7.1 Hardware issues

LED does not illuminate

The *rc_viscore* does not start up.

- Ensure that cables are connected and secured properly.
- Ensure that adequate DC voltage (24 V) with correct polarity is applied to the power connector at the pins labeled as **Power** and **Ground** as described in the device's [pin assignment specification](#) (Section 3.6). Connecting the sensor to voltage outside of the specified range, to alternating current, with reversed polarity, or to a supply with voltage spikes will lead to permanent hardware damage.

Reliability issues and/or mechanical damage

This may be an indication of ambient conditions (vibration, shock, resonance, and temperature) being outside of specified range. Please refer to the [specification of environmental conditions](#) (Section 3.4).

- Operating the *rc_viscore* outside of specified ambient conditions might lead to damage and will void the warranty.

Electrical shock when touching the projector

This indicates an electrical fault in sensor, cabling, or power supply or adjacent system.

- Immediately turn off power to the system, disconnect cables, and have a qualified electrician check the setup.
- Ensure that the projector housing is properly grounded; check for large ground loops.

7.2 Sparse depth images

The depth images of the *rc_viscore*, which can be seen on the depth image page in the *rc_cube*'s Web GUI or by using the SGM®Producer, may have missing values, which are shown in black. Missing values near object borders are normal. If major parts of the depth image are invalid, then this may be due to the following reasons:

- The scene may be out of the current working range of the *rc_viscore*. Depending on the depth quality, reducing the parameter *Maximum Distance* also reduces the possible minimum distance. In the Web GUI of the *rc_cube*, the used depth range is given on the depth image page below the images. Sliders on the depth image page permit to change the depth range. See also [Table 3.2](#) for examples of possible depth ranges.
- Depth values may be missing on objects without texture. In this case, the internal random dot projector should be used for projecting an artificial texture. For single shot depth images, the *Single+Out1* mode should be selected on the depth image page of the *rc_cube*'s Web GUI. For continuously computing depth images, the projector should be turned on for every second image by setting *Out1* to *ExposureAlternateActive* in *Pipeline X* → *Configuration* → *IOControl*.

- The focus may be inadequate for the working range. Please check the focus using a calibration grid as described in [Adjust focus](#) (Section 4.4).
- The calibration of the `rc_viscore` may be inaccurate. Please check the calibration as described in [Calibration](#) (Section 4.5).

8 Contact

8.1 Support

For support issues, please see <http://www.roboception.com/support> or contact support@roboception.de.

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