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Varifocal Lens TAGLENS™

Optical Measuring



TAGLENS

Ultra-deep focus eliminates the limitations of the conventional lens

Optical imaging can be complicated: observation target distance may vary due to a tilt or complex geometry, target may be in motion, and more than one target may be captured in the frame. In such situations, TAGLENS keeps the entire imaging volume in focus resolving the inevitable problem of the conventional optical systems. Omnidirectional shooting provides improved productivity through enhanced imaging efficiency and reduced costs.



SPECIFICATIONS

TAGLENS-T1

Ultra-high-speed varifocal lens.

A dedicated controller and a control software TAGPAK-C are offered as a standard product.



TAGLENS main unit

Resonance frequency	70 kHz
Effective aperture	ø11 mm
Transmittance	90% or more (λ 400 nm to 700 nm)
Max. amplitude of optical power	1 D (total range 2D)
Min. amplitude of optical power	0.7 D (total range 1.4D)
Mounting angle	Any
Guaranteed operational temperature range	15 °C to 30 °C
Operating Environment / Humidity	10 °C to 40 °C / 40% to 70% RH (non-condensing)
Storage Environment / Humidity	-10 °C to 50 °C / 80% RH or less (non-condensing)
Mass	Approx. 0.6 kg

Controller

Dimensions (W × D × H)	144.2 mm × 107 mm × 51.2 mm
Mass	Approx. 0.4 kg
Input	+12V (Attached AC adapter)
Power supply voltage	AC 100 V to 240 V 50 Hz / 60 Hz
Power consumption	Max. 20 W

Video Microscope Unit VMU-T1



Microscope unit for configuring a varifocal optical system by incorporating the TAGLENS-T1, the objective lens and the camera.

Tube lens magnification	1X
Imaging FOV (diagonal)	ø11 mm
Applicable objective lenses	M Plan Apo Series
Options	Manual turret, Power turret, Polarizer and Analyzer, Focusing unit, X-Y stage, Simple stand

■ Variable focal length range

	M Plan Apo Series						
Objective lens	1X	2X	5X	7.5X	10X	20X	50X
Depth of focus × 2 (mm)*	0.88	0.18	0.028	0.012	0.007	0.003	0.0018
Z scan range (mm)	16	4	0.64	0.28	0.16	0.04	0.007
Real FOV 1/2" camera	4.8 × 6.4	2.4 × 3.2	0.96 × 1.28	0.64 × 0.85	0.48 × 0.64	0.24 × 0.32	0.096 × 0.128
2/3" camera	6.6 × 8.8	3.3 × 4.4	1.32 × 1.76	0.88 × 1.17	0.66 × 0.88	0.33 × 0.44	0.132 × 0.176

Note: Not available for M Plan Apo HR 5X and 10X.
* Total in focus range without TAGLENS.

Illumination light source: Pulsed Light Source (PLS)

In combination with TAGLENS-T1, this ultra-high-speed LED pulsed light source device captures focused images at the desired height as well as focus stacking, etc.

Using this product and TAGLENS software (TAGPAK-C), you can adjust the brightness and focus position.



Lighting system	Pulsed lighting
Luminous color	White
Maximum light output* ¹	30 lm
Dimming range	0 to 100 %
Dimming system (Controlled by TAGPAK-C)	1) Variable input pulse width 2) Pulse decimation
Light guiding system	Optical fiber light guide system
Number of optical fiber output channels	1 ch
Pulse input	Frequency (resonant frequency of the TAGLENS-T1)
Trigger IN jack	input pulse width
Pulse output	Optical pulse width (full width at half maximum)* ²
External trigger input* ³	• Trigger IN: Periodic signal from the TAG controller Input synchronized pulse signal • Camera IN: Camera trigger signal (as needed)
Interface	USB 2.0
Power consumption	Max. 25W
Operating temperature range	5 to 40 °C, 80 % RH max.
Dimensions	169.2 mm (W) × 133.2 mm (D) × 115.6 mm (H)
Mass	2.7 kg

*¹ Lighting frequency: 70 kHz, Input pulse width: 80 ns Light guide: 2 m long, multicomponent glass fiber

*² Width of emission pulse (Varies with input pulse width)

*³ SMB connector, 5V TTL

APPLICATIONS

TAGLENS gives prompt solutions to problems in inspection and observation.
Some application examples using TAGLENS are introduced hereafter.

Inspection of electronic / precision components

Problem

- Inspection time for electronic and precision parts, etc., needs to be reduced.
- Equipment costs need to be reduced.

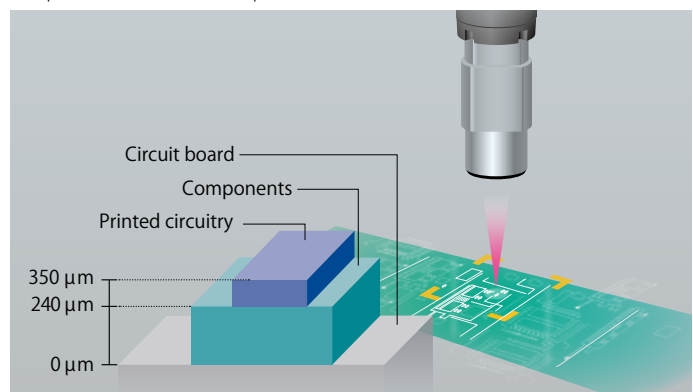
Solution

- A large depth of focus even in a high-magnification observation eliminates the need for focus adjustment, improving the inspection efficiency.
- Eliminates the use of a mechanical auto focus drive unit, achieving cost saving of inspection devices.

Proposed Functions

- EDOF • Auto Focus
- Multi Focus • Focus Stacking • TAGLENS-3D

Example: Semiconductor flaw inspection



Eliminates the need for focus adjustment, thus achieving effective inspection.

High-speed imaging

Problem

- Instantaneous shooting of a crash test results in defocusing of scattered chips.
- Completion with a single trial is needed because of destructive test.

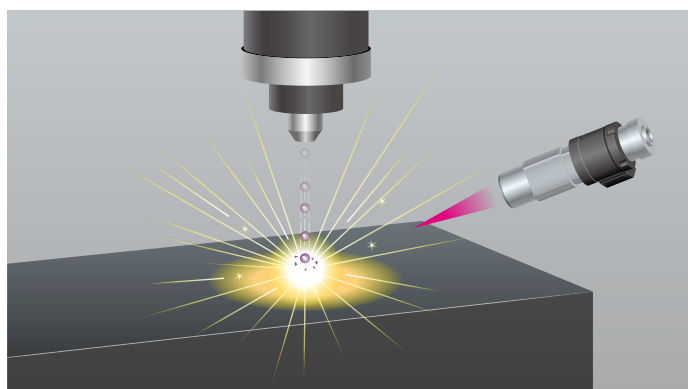
Solution

- Allows shooting of deep images at a time, thus capturing all scattered chips.

Proposed Functions

- EDOF • Focus Stacking

Example: Crash test



The high-speed shooting of a costly crash test is successfully completed at one try thanks to a large depth of focus.

Machine vision

Problem

- Observation target heights and distances require the use of robots, leading to a complex and expensive system.

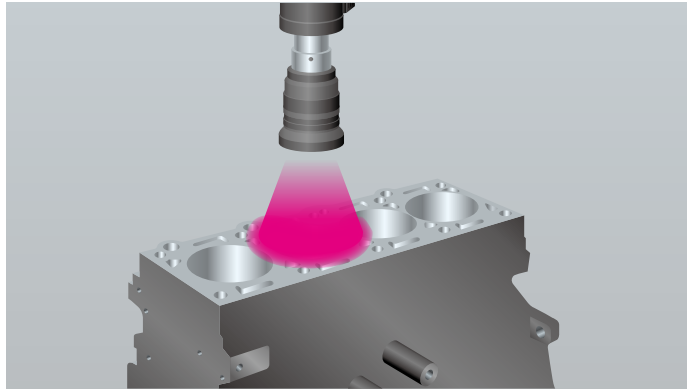
Solution

- Excellent focus expansion effects and long scan range.
- Wide field of view
- Realizes reduced system costs.

Proposed Functions

- Auto Focus • Multi Focus • Mixed Image
- TAGLENS-3D • EDOF

Example: Inspection of large parts for defects



Distant observation is possible with a machine vision lens

Measurement of minute particles and floating matter

Problem

- The 3D positions of particles cannot be captured.
- The deeply-located particles cannot be focused sharply.
- Focus on floating matter in liquids is not possible.

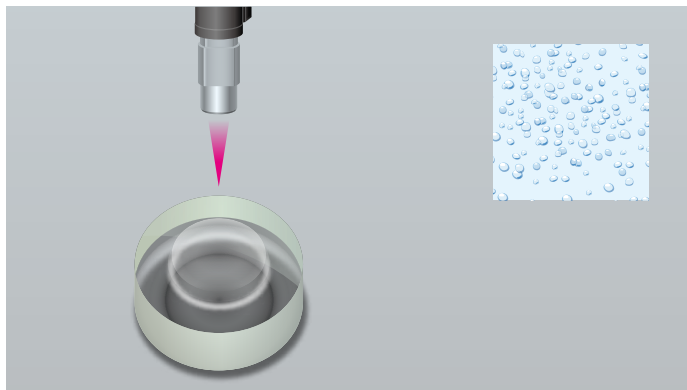
Solution

- Allows all the particles spread in a wide range to come into focus.
- Enables the 3D positions of spatially-moving particles to be determined from each focusing position.
- TAGLENS can be used in microfluidic channels.

Proposed Functions

- Auto Focus • Multi Focus • Mixed Image
- TAGLENS-3D

Example: Observation of minute bubbles in glass / liquid



Absolutely allows observation of target objects with a large depth of focus.

On a robot

Problem

- It takes time to observe a workpiece from various angles with the camera mounted on a robot arm.

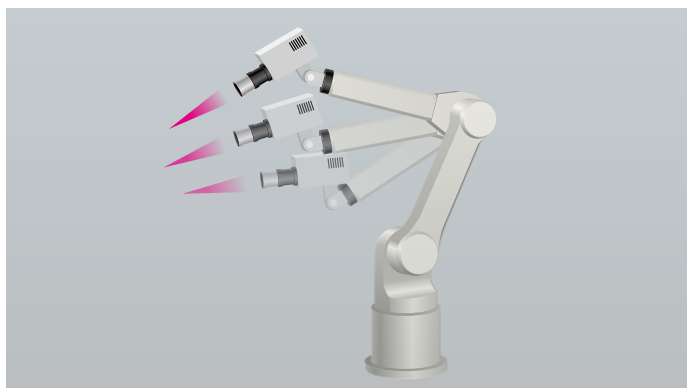
Solution

- The large depth of focus eliminates the need for focus adjustment and allows observation from various angles, thus contributing to time-saving of observation.

Proposed Functions

- EDOF • Multi Focus • Mixed Image

Example: Inspection using a robot.



Allows inspection of a workpiece with the camera mounted on a robot arm.

ABILITY

TAGLENS, the breakthrough ultra-fast varifocal lens, will always keep your sample in focus, enabling the highest observation and measurement efficiency.



Function List

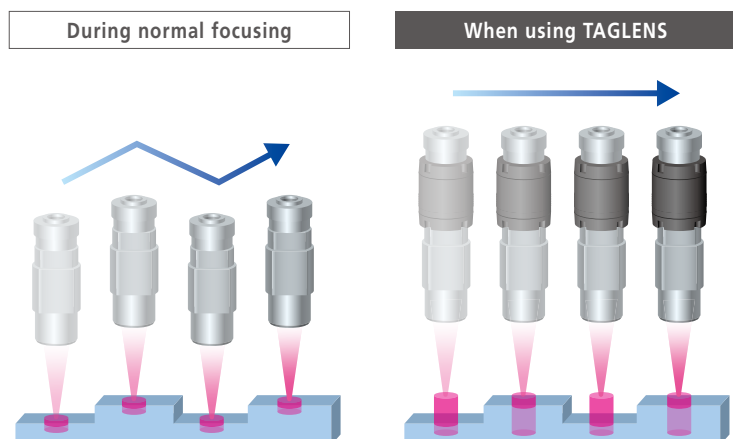
	EDOF	3ch	Mixed Image	Multi Focus	Focus Stacking	TAGLENS-3D
Function	All-focused image generation	Arbitrary cross-section observation	Simultaneous observation of multiple focal planes within one frame	Simultaneous observation of multiple focal planes in individual windows	All-focused image generation	3D display height map generation
Lighting equipment	Continuous light source	Pulsed light source	Pulsed light source	Pulsed light source	Pulsed light source	Pulsed light source
Image quality	Good	Excellent	Very good	Excellent	Excellent	—
Throughput	Fast: Postprocessing is also possible	Very fast	Very fast	Fast: Depends on number of divisions	Fast: Depends on number of stacked images	Good
Height output	—	—	—	—	—	Available

Improve inspection efficiency using TAGLENS with its ultra-wide focus range

EDOF (Extended Depth of Focus)

The focus range is variable without changing the camera position

Until now, imaging of objects with differing heights and depths was performed by taking multiple photographs while moving the camera vertically (Z-axis motion). In contrast, TAGLENS allows simultaneous probing of multiple heights or depths. Moreover, a captured image is displayed in real time.

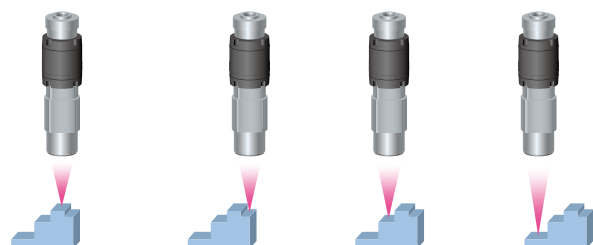


Multi Focus

Up to 20 cross-sectional images at arbitrary heights can be captured simultaneously

- A focused image in any specified Z-position can be captured without mechanical drive system within the observation range at an extended depth of focus.
- Multiple images focused in given Z-positions can be captured.

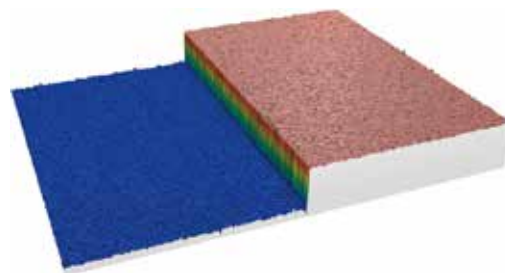
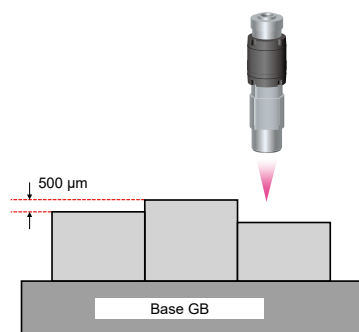
Capturing various Z planes is now possible without moving parts



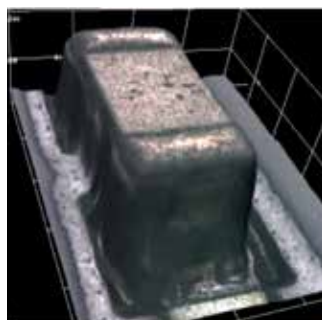
TAGLENS-3D/Z-Adjust

3D shapes can be captured without mechanical action in the height direction

- Select Z-Adjust with dedicated chart or Nominal Z-Adjust with theoretical values.
- Using the height information obtained from Z-Adjust/Nominal Z-Adjust for TAGLENS-3D, point cloud data can be generated.
- *Z-Adjust can be used only in combination with VMU-T1.
- *3D shape data display/analysis software is to be prepared by the customer.



2D image composite from Z-stack and 3D image



Furthermore, 3D imaging with the aid of commercial 3D Viewer software

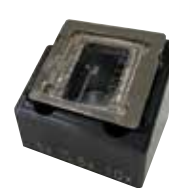
Dedicated Chart for Z-Adjust



For 1X



For 2X



For 5X / 7.5X / 10X

Auto Focus

High-speed focusing without mechanical action

- Contrast peak position is determined from the images captured during the focal sweep.
- After image acquisition, It takes only **10 ms** to determine the focus position.

*With Mitutoyo demonstration system



Objective Lens M Plan Apo	1X	2X	5X	7.5X	10X	20X
Depth of focus (DOF) [mm] without TAGLENS-3D	0.88 (± 0.44)	0.18 (± 0.09)	0.028 (± 0.014)	0.012 (± 0.006)	0.007 (± 0.0035)	0.003 (± 0.0015)
TAGLENS Scan Range [mm]	16	4.0	0.640	0.280	0.160	0.040
AF Range [mm] with TAGLENS-3D () shows extension ratio with normal objective lens	12 (13.6 times)	3.0 (16.6 times)	0.500 (17.8 times)	0.225 (18.8 times)	0.120 (17.1 times)	0.025 (8.3 times)

Focus Stacking

All-focused images generated from multiple cross-sectional images

- Contrast peak position is extracted and synthesized from images captured while changing focal position (image stack).
- After obtaining the image stack, output to other companies' focus stacking software is also possible.

*Image upload file type varies by company specifications

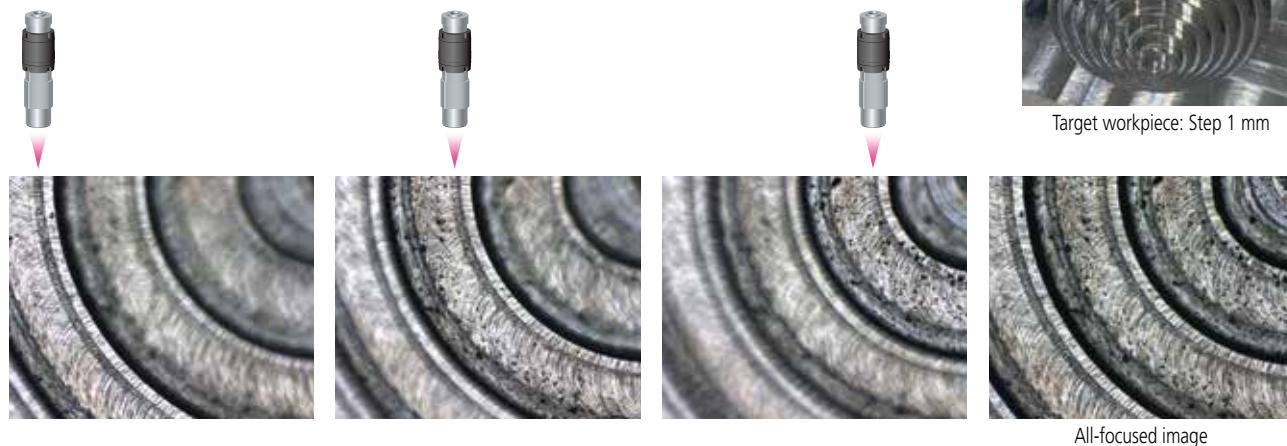


Image Stacking Range (Z range)

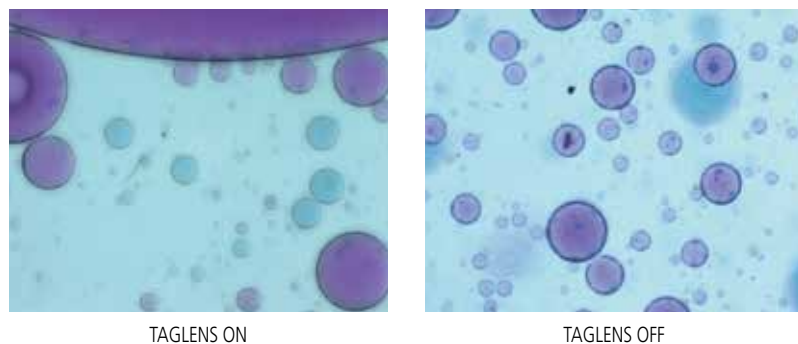
As well as 1X to 20X objective lenses, 50X, HR50X, SL20X, and SL50X can also be used.

Objective Lens M Plan Apo	1X	2X	5X	7.5X	10X	20X
Depth of focus (DOF) [mm] without TAGLENS	0.88 (± 0.44)	0.18 (± 0.09)	0.028 (± 0.014)	0.012 (± 0.006)	0.007 (± 0.0035)	0.003 (± 0.0015)
Stacking range [mm] with TAGLENS () shows extension ratio with normal objective lens	16 (18.2 times)	4.0 (22.2 times)	0.640 (22.8 times)	0.280 (23.3 times)	0.160 (22.8 times)	0.040 (13.3 times)

Mixed Image

Up to 3 cross-sectional images can be mixed for display within one frame

- Multiple height observation with TAGLENS at camera maximum frame rates.
- Ideal for observation targets requiring different brightness, as multiple pulsed light sources can be exposed within one frame.



SOFTWARE

TAGPAK-C Supplied as standard

TAGPAK-C is software for setting the parameters to control "TAGLENS" and "Pulsed Light Source for TAGLENS". This is included "TAGLENS-T1".

Software for setting the parameters controlling TAGLENS and Pulsed Light Source (PLS) for TAGLENS.

Pulse output functions in available for the following modes:

Multi Focus, Mixed Image, and 3ch.

As well, a software development kit (SDK) is included to enable use of functions such as Auto Focus, Focus Stacking, TAGLENS-3D, and Z-Adjust, thus making it easy to equip on the system in use.

*The software required to use this function is to be prepared by the customer.

*To view camera images, use the optional TAGPAK-E Viewer function or prepare a viewer compatible with the camera in use.

TAGPAK-E Optional Software (Required for checking the inspection images.)

With a function converting images captured with a TAGLENS-enabled optical system into extended depth of focus images (EDOF images), various EDOF image-related parameters can be set and images can be saved and uploaded. (I/O-enabled still image file types are .bmp, .tiff, .png, and .jpeg)

*EDOF: Extended Depth of Focus

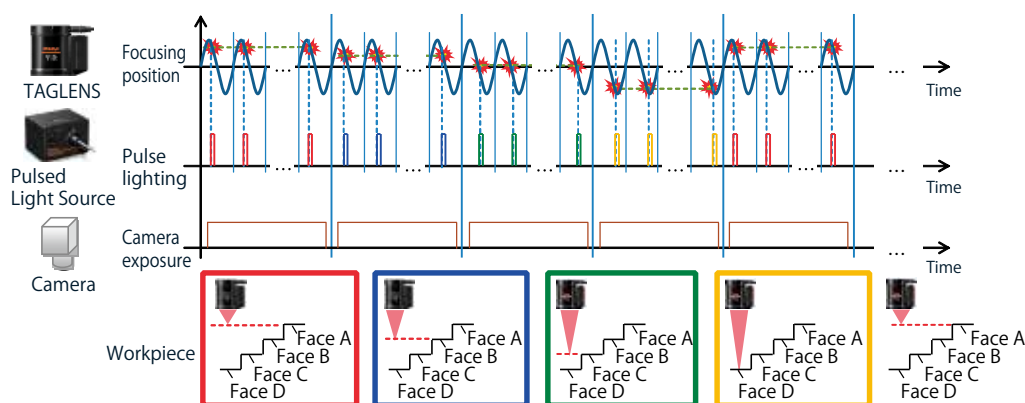
Viewer functions in available for the following modes:

EDOF, Multi Focus (up to 4 cross-sections), Mixed Image.

This software is included as standard in the TAGLENS-T1 E Set.

*Compatible camera interfaces: USB3 Vision, GigEVision

*To use the Multi Focus function, a separate camera trigger cable is required.



Items		System specifications
OS	CPU	Windows10 Pro 64bit
	Memory	2.0 GHz or more
	Hard disk	8 GB or more
	Optical Drive	25 GB or more
PC	For TAGLENS control	DVD-ROM Drive for installation software
	For Pulsed Light Source control	USB 2.0 × 1 port or RS-232C × 1 port
	Communication port	USB 2.0 × 1 port
	For camera control	LAN (1000BASE-T) × 1 port (for GigE VISION camera)
Monitor	Dongle	USB 3.0 × 1 port (for USB3 VISION camera)
		USB 2.0 × 1 port
		SXGA(1024×768 Pixel) or more
		Note: TAGPAK does not support High DPI monitor.

Note 1: PC is not included.

Note 2: For TAGPAK-E, some functions are available as SDK (Software Development Kit), enabling their integration into your software.

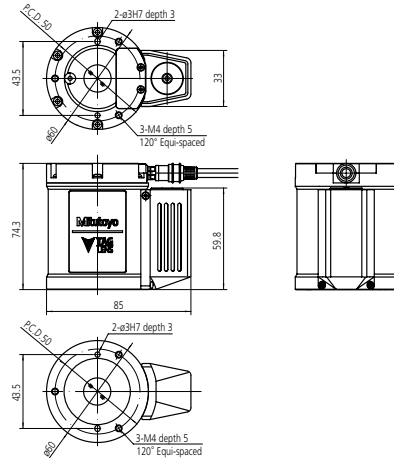
*When using only TAGPAK-C, use a camera driver provided by the manufacturer to control the camera.

DIMENSIONS

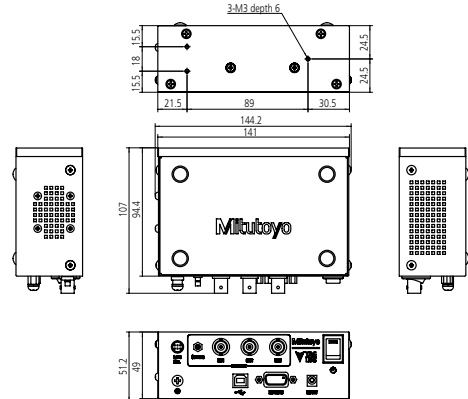
Unit: mm

TAGLENS-T1

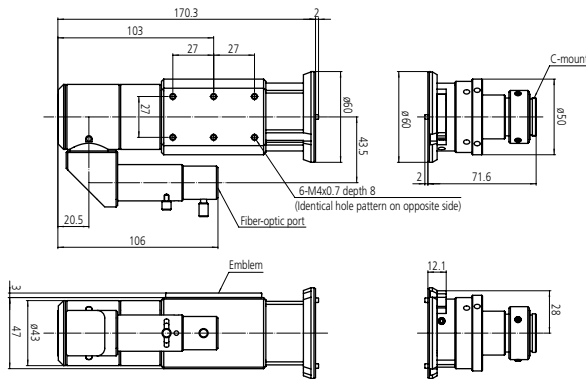
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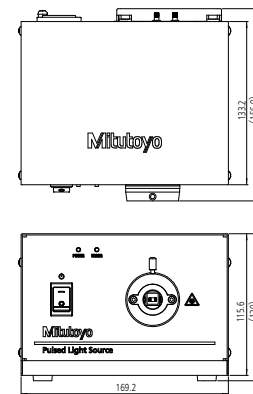
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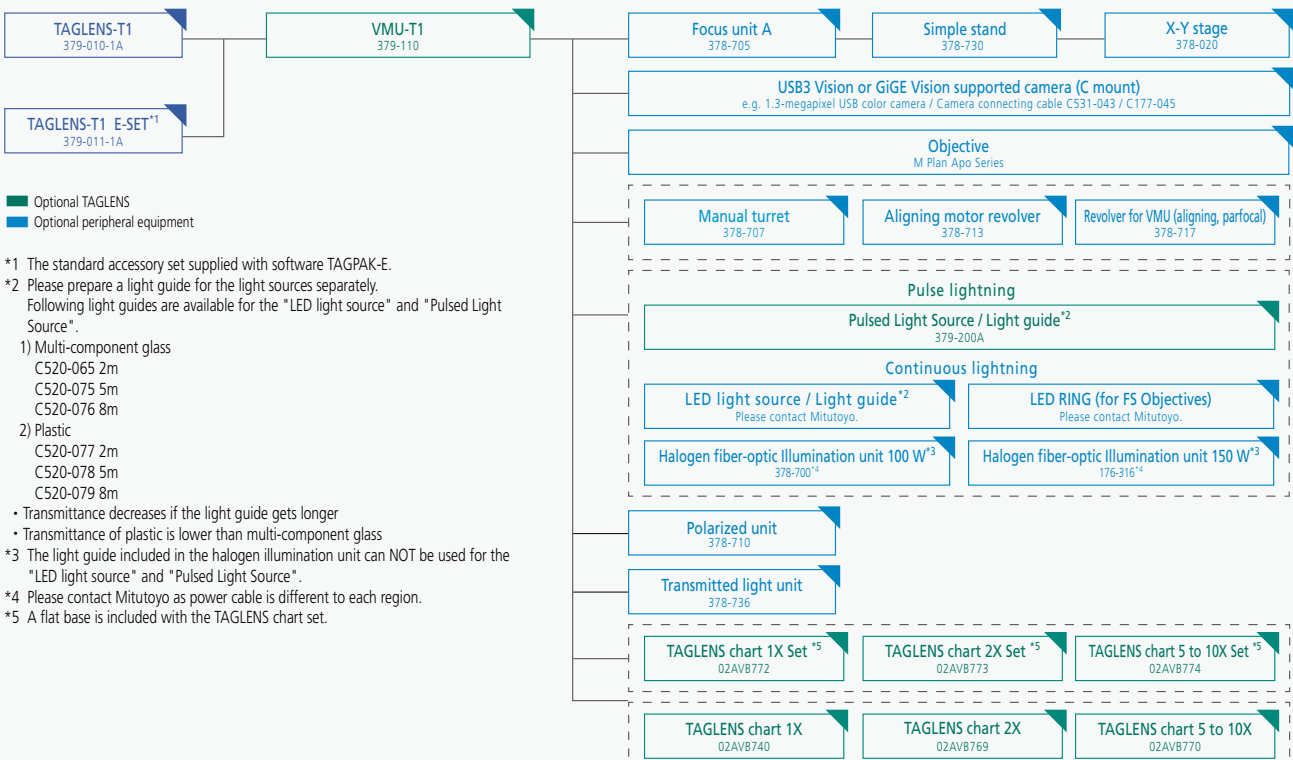
VMU-T1



Pulsed Light Source PLS



[System diagram]





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