RPLIDAR S1

Low Cost 360 Degree Laser Range Scanner

Introduction and Datasheet

Model: S1

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The RPLIDAR S1 is the next generation low cost 360 degree 2D laser scanner (LIDAR) solution developed by SLAMTEC. It can take up to 9200 samples of laser ranging per second with high rotation speed. And equipped with SLAMTEC patented OPTMAG technology, it breakouts the life limitation of traditional LIDAR system so as to work stably for a long time.

The system can perform 2D 360-degree scan within a 40-meter range. The generated 2D point cloud data can be used in mapping, localization and object/environment modeling.

Compared with RPLIDARs in other series, RPLIDAR S1 has a more stable performance when detecting objects in long distance, objects in white or black alternatively and objects under direct sunlight, which is ideal for map building in the outdoor environment within a 40-meter ranging radius. Therefore, it can be widely applied in many consumer-oriented business scenarios.

The typical scanning frequency of RPLIDAR S1 is 10Hz(600rpm), and the frequency can be freely adjusted within the 8-15Hz range according to the specific requirements. With the 10Hz scanning frequency, the sampling rate is 9.2kHz and the angular resolution is 0.391°.

Due to the improvements in SLAMTEC hardware operating performance and related algorithm, RPLIDAR S1 works well in all kinds of indoor environment and outdoor environment with direct sunlight. Meanwhile, before leaving the factory, every RPLIDAR S1 has passed the strict testing to ensure the laser output power meet the eye-safety standard of IEC-60825 Class 1.
System connection

The RPLIDAR S1 consists of a range scanner core and the mechanical powering part which makes the core rotate at a high speed. When it functions normally, the scanner will rotate and scan clockwise. And users can get the range scan data via the communication interface of the RPLIDAR and control the start, stop and rotating speed of the rotate motor via PWM.

![Figure 1-1 RPLIDAR S1 System Composition](image)

The RPLIDAR S1 comes with a rotation speed detection and adaptive system. The system will adjust the angular resolution automatically according to the actual rotating speed. And there is no need to provide complicated power system for RPLIDAR S1. In this way, the simple power supply schema saves the BOM cost. If the actual speed of the RPLIDAR is required, the host system can get the related data via communication interface.

The detailed specification about power and communication interface can be found in the following sections.

Mechanism

The RPLIDAR S1 is based on laser flight-of-time (TOF) ranging principle and adopts the high-speed laser acquisition and processing hardware developed by SLAMTEC. The system ranges more than 9200 times per second.

During every ranging process, the RPLIDAR emits modulated infrared laser signal and the laser signal is then reflected by the object to be detected. The returning signal is then sampled by laser acquisition system in RPLIDAR and the DSP
embedded in RPLIDAR starts processing the sample data and outputs distance value and angle value between object and RPLIDAR S1 via communication interface.

*Figure 1-2 The RPLIDAR S1 Working Schematic*

When drove by the motor system, the range scanner core will rotate clockwise and perform the 360-degree scan for the current environment.

*Note: The LIDAR scan image is not directly relative to the environment showed here. Illustrative purpose only.*
Safety and Scope

The RPLIDAR S1 system uses a low power infrared laser as its light source, and drives it by using modulated pulse. The laser emits light in a very short time frame which can ensure its safety to human and pet, and it reaches Class I laser safety standard. Complies with 21 CFR 1040.10 and 1040.11 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated June 24, 2007.

**Caution:** Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

The modulated laser can effectively avoid the interference from ambient light and sunlight during ranging scanning process, which makes RPLIDAR S1 work excellent in all kinds of indoor environment and outdoor environment without sunlight.

Data Output

During the working process, the RPLIDAR will output the sampling data via the communication interface. And each sample point data contains the information in the following table. If you need detailed data format and communication protocol, please contact SLAMTEC.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Type</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>mm</td>
<td>Current measured distance value between the rotating core of the RPLIDAR and the sampling point</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heading</td>
<td>degree</td>
<td>Current heading angle of the measurement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Flag</td>
<td>(Bool)</td>
<td>Flag of a new scan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Checksum</td>
<td></td>
<td>The Checksum of RPLIDAR return data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 1-4 The RPLIDAR S1 Sample Point Data Information*
The RPLIDAR S1 outputs sampling data continuously and it contains the sample point data frames in the above figure. Host systems can configure output format and stop RPLIDAR by sending stop command. For detailed operations please contact SLAMTEC.

**High Speed Sampling Protocol and Compatibility**

The RPLIDAR S1 adopts the newly extended high Speed sampling protocol for outputting the 9200 times per second laser range scan data. Users are required to update the matched SDK or modify the original driver and use the new protocol for the 9200 times per second mode of RPLIDAR S1. Please check the related protocol documents for details.

**Application Scenarios**

The RPLIDAR can be used in the following application scenarios:

- General robot navigation and localization
- Environment scanning and 3D re-modeling
- Service robot or industrial robot working for long hours
- Home service/cleaning robot navigation and localization
- General simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM)
- Smart toy’s localization and obstacle avoidance
Measurement Performance

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Detail</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Application Scenarios</td>
<td>Ideal for both outdoor and indoor environments with reliable resistance to daylight.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Distance Range</td>
<td>White object: 40 meters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Black object: 10 meters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sample Rate</td>
<td>9.2kHz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scan Rate</td>
<td>Typical value: 10 Hz [adjustable between 8 Hz-15 Hz]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Angular Resolution</td>
<td>Typical value: 0.391 °[0.313 °-0.587 ° depends on Scan Rate]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communication Interface</td>
<td>TTL UART</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communication Speed</td>
<td>256000 bps</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accuracy</td>
<td>±5cm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Resolution</td>
<td>3cm</td>
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*Figure 2-1 RPLIDAR S1 Performance*

Note: * means the accuracy of the full range under white diffuse surface.

Laser Power Specification

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<th>Min</th>
<th>Typical</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Laser wavelength</td>
<td>Nanometer(nm)</td>
<td>895</td>
<td>905</td>
<td>915</td>
<td>Infrared Band Light</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laser power</td>
<td>Milliwatt (W)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Peak power</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pulse length</td>
<td>Microsecond(ns)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laser Safety Class</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>IEC-60825 Class 1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 2-2 RPLIDAR S1 Optical Specification*

Optical Window

To make the RPLIDAR S1 working normally, please ensure proper space to be left for its emitting and receiving laser lights when designing the host system. The obscuring of the host system for the ranging window will impact the performance and resolution of RPLIDAR S1. If you need cover the RPLIDAR S1 with translucent
If you need materials or have other special needs, please contact SLAMTEC about the feasibility.

![Image of RPLIDAR S1 Optical Window]

**Figure 2-3 RPLIDAR S1 Optical Window**

You can check the Mechanical Dimensions chapter for detailed window dimensions.

### Coordinate System Definition of Scanning Data

The RPLIDAR S1 adopts coordinate system of the left hand. The dead ahead of the sensors is the x axis of the coordinate system; the origin is the rotating center of the range scanner core. The rotation angle increases as rotating clockwise. The detailed definition is shown in the following figure:

![Image of RPLIDAR S1 Scanning Data Coordinate System Definition]

**Figure 2-4 RPLIDAR S1 Scanning Data Coordinate System Definition**
Communication interface

The RPLIDAR S1 uses separate 5V DC power for powering the range scanner core and the motor system. And the standard RPLIDAR S1 uses SH1.0-6P female receptacle and interface lead as communication interface. Detailed interface definition is shown in the following figure:

![Figure 2-5 RPLIDAR S1 Female Receptacle Definition](image)

![Figure 2-6 RPLIDAR S1 Interface Lead Schematic Diagram](image)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Signal Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Min</th>
<th>Typical</th>
<th>Max</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Brown</td>
<td>VCC</td>
<td>Power</td>
<td>Total Power</td>
<td>4.8V</td>
<td>5V</td>
<td>5.5V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Purple</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Orange</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>Power</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>0V</td>
<td>0V</td>
<td>0V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Yellow</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>RX</td>
<td>Input</td>
<td>Serial port input of the scanner core</td>
<td>0V</td>
<td>3.3V</td>
<td>3.5V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>TX</td>
<td>Output</td>
<td>Serial port output of the scanner core</td>
<td>0V</td>
<td>3.3V</td>
<td>3.5V</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Power Supply Interface

RPLIDAR S1 takes the only external power to power the range scanner core and the motor system which make the core rotate. To make the RPLIDAR S1 work normally, the host system needs to ensure the output of the power and meet its requirements of the power supply ripple.

For Model S1 Only

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Unit</th>
<th>Min</th>
<th>Typical</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>Remark</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Power Voltage</td>
<td>V</td>
<td>4.8</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>5.5</td>
<td>If the voltage exceeds the max value, it may damage the core</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power Ripple</td>
<td>mV</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>High ripple may cause the core working failure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>System Current</td>
<td>mA</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1400</td>
<td>1500</td>
<td>The system startup requires relatively higher current.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power Current</td>
<td>mA</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>5V Power, power off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>350</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>5V Power, power on</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Data communication interface

The RPLIDAR S1 takes the 3.3V-TTL serial port (UART) as the communication interface. The table below shows the transmission speed and the protocol standard.

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<th>Min</th>
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<th>Comments</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Band rate</td>
<td>bps</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>256000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working mode</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8N1</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8n1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output high voltage</td>
<td>Volt</td>
<td>2.9</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3.5</td>
<td>Logic High</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Output low voltage</td>
<td>Volt</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>Logic Low</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Figure 2-9 RPLIDAR S1 Serial Port Interface Specifications

Note: the RX input signal of S1 is current control type. In order to ensure the reliable signal identification inside the system, the actual control node voltage of this pin will not be lower than 1.6v.

Scanner Motor Control

The RPLIDAR S1 is embedded with a closed motor control system which realize accurate rotating speed control. Users can control the start, the stop and the rotating rate by sending protocol commands to RPLIDAR. However, the motor can’t start and stop alone, its working state depends on the laser scan operation.

MISC

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<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<th>Min</th>
<th>Typical</th>
<th>Max</th>
<th>Comments</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>Gram [g]</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Working temperature range</td>
<td>Degree Celsius [°C]</td>
<td>-10</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>50</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Storage temperature range</td>
<td>Degree Celsius [°C]</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 2-10 RPLIDAR S1 MISC Specification
To ensure the laser of RPLIDAR always working in the safety range and avoid any other damage caused by device, the RPLIDAR comes with laser power detection and sensor healthy check feature. It will shut down the laser and stop working automatically when any of the following errors has been detected.

- Scan speed of Laser scanner system is unstable
- Scan speed of Laser scanner system is too slow
- Laser signal sensor works abnormally

The host systems can check the status of the RPLIDAR S1 via the communication interface and restart the RPLIDAR S1 to try to recover work from error.
To facilitate the usage of RPLIDAR S1 in the product development and speed up the development cycle for users, SLAMTEC has provided the Framegrabber plugin in RoboStudio for testing and debugging as well as the SDK available under Windows, x86 Linux and Arm Linux. Please contact SLAMTEC for detail information.

*Figure 4-1 the Framegrabber Plugin in RoboStudio*
The mechanical dimensions of the RPLIDAR S1 are shown as below:

*Figure 5-1 RPLIDAR S1 Mechanical Dimensions*

Note: the 4 M2.5 screws in the bottom should be no longer than 4mm, or the internal module would be damaged.
## Revision history

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Date</th>
<th>Version</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019-3-7</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>Initial version for S1</td>
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