

Panoneed User Manual

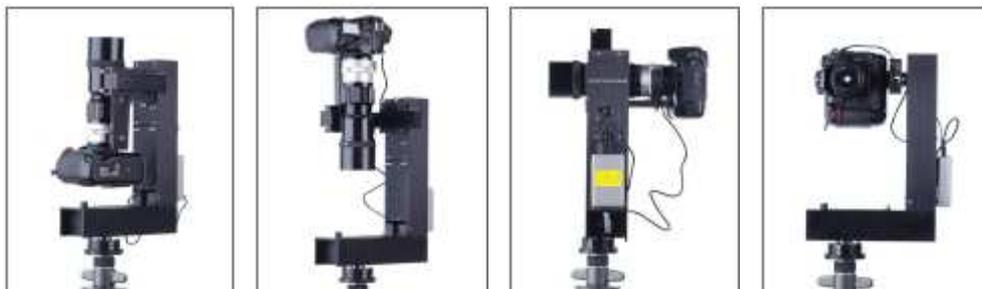




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Safety and warranty information

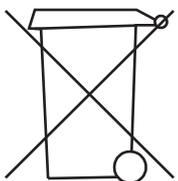
- This user instruction is intended to make you familiar with the function of the product.
- There is two years warranty in case there is a defect during correct use of the product.
- Please use the product only as intended. Other use may cause damage of the product or its environment.
- Do not change or modify anything on the product. This can influence the product safety.
- Do not open the product or perform unauthorized repair!
- Handle the product with care. There is the risk of damage by impact, hit or drop from low height.
- Keep the product away from humidity and extreme heat.
- Do not soak the product into water or other liquids.



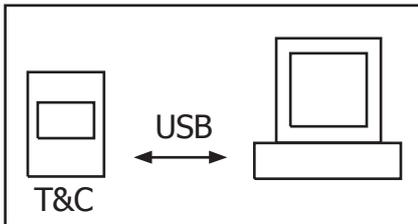
CAUTION: There will be accepted no liability for secondary damage.
Technical changes or errors excepted!

Important instructions for disposal

Do not dispose this electric product into the domestic waste. As end user you are committed to return the product to public collection points at your community. Further details about the location of the collection points and eventually costs by pick-up service you will gather at your local community.



PC Software Installation



Connect the **HANDHELD CONTROL** to PC by USB mini B connector cable, the display must show USB. The display is not illuminated when only connected to USB.



If the Operating System tells new Hardware found, must at first the driver be installed

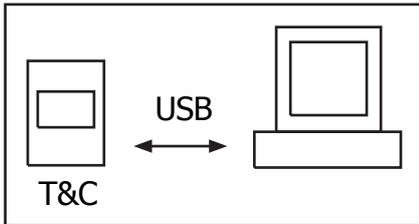


Answer the question for searching with no

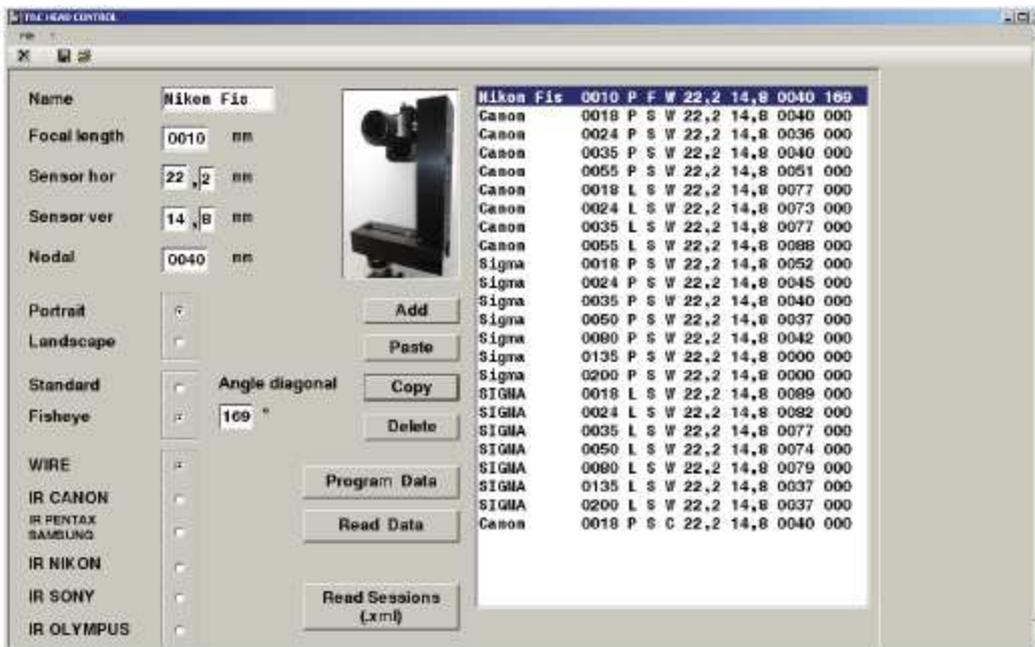
Answer the question with software "automatically install". After the driver installation can the software Panoneed.exe be installed by "Setup.exe".

!!!!!! ".NET Framework 4" must be installed on the PC in local language before Panoneed.exe can be installed. If it is not installed, there will be an error message. It can be downloaded for free from Microsoft and be installed!

Lens Data setup and download to HANDHELD CONTROL



Connect HANDHELD CONTROL (if everything is o.k., the USB start display must show up). Start the program panoneed.exe at the PC



SAVE or Save Data: Save List values

OPEN oder Read Data File: Read in stored list and warn as old list will be overwritten at the screen

Name: meaningful name like lens name or type

Focal length: focal length

Sensor horizontal: Image sensor width

Sensor vertical: Image sensor height

Nodal: Nodal point distance. Define for each lens you want use. (Search internet for instructions how to do) The Nodal point distance is not used for calculations, it will be shown at the HANDHELD CONTROL display as a reminder where to fix the Camera in the field.

Select Portrait or Landscape

Select Standard lens or Fisheye: At fisheye will be a box opened, where the "Angle diagonal" must be inserted ($0^\circ < > 360^\circ$)

Select Camera Trigger:

By 3-wire 3.5mm stereo plug cable (Focus and Trigger at the same time)

(W) Trigger by wire, this is the standard setting

The camera can be triggered by infrared (optional). You need the Infrared 2-wire 3.5mm mono plug cable with Infrared diode and select one of the following settings

(C) Canon: Digital Rebell, 300D, 350D, 400D, 450D, 500D, 1000D

(P) Pentax: K10D, K20D, K100D, K110D, K200D, K2000

Samsung: GX-1L, GX-1S, GX-10, GX-20

(N) Nikon: D40, D40x, D50, D60, D70, D70s, D80, D5000

(S) Sony: A230, A330, A380, A700, A900

(O) Olympus: E-1, E-3, E-300, E-330, E-400, E-410, E-420, E-450, E-510, E-520

Add: Add new data to end of list

Paste: Insert new data into list at cursor position

Copy: Read data line back from list into sheet at cursor position

Delete: Delete data line at cursor position

Program Touch Control: Program data into HANDHELD CONTROL memory

Very important: Store the Lensdata on the PC by the save command before you switch off the PC, or you have to type them the next time again!

Read Data: Reads back the lens and camera data from HANDHELD CONTROL

Read Sessions: Read position data of pictures from HANDHELD CONTROL and make XML files which can be used by the AUTOPANO and PTGui stitcher to position pictures. The default file names are the date and time when the photo session was started

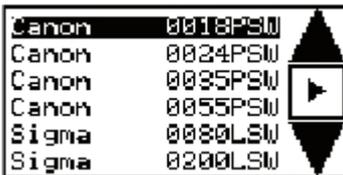
Purpose of the Program:

Lens data input and editing on a PC and programming them into the HANDHELD CONTROL by USB interface. Storing the settings and retrieving the settings by PC. 44 datasets can be stored into the HANDHELD CONTROL. Make picture position XML files for AUTOPANO and PTGui stitcher.



Start Display

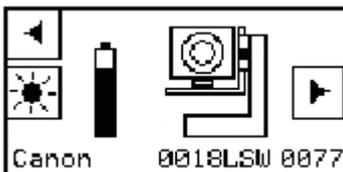
Connect the HANDHELD CONTROLER to the “panoneed” head. Switch on the Head. The start display will be on for 5 seconds and show the Software Version (e.g. 5.0). The head will move to it's basic position.



Lens Select Display

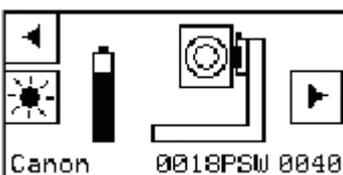
The lens select display will show up automatically. The lens setting can be selected by up and down keys. If the selection is finished, go ahead with the right arrow key.

Meaning of the display: e.g. 1. Line: name (Canon), focal length (0018), portrait(P) or landscape (L), standard(S) or fisheye (F), camera trigger mode (W)-wire or infrared (C)-Canon, (P)- Pentax/Samsung, (N)-Nikon, (S)-Sony or (O)-Olympus



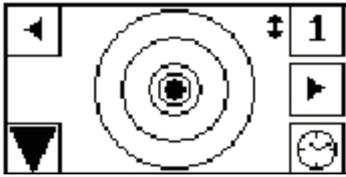
Landscape mode

Is the setting landscape, the camera must be mounted like the display shows up on an L-Bracket (optional). In the bottom text is the setting repeated plus the nodal point distance as the last 4 digits, which must be used for the mounting of the camera. At day light, the back illumination can be switched off. The battery symbol has 4 levels. 4 full levels means 6000 possible head movements. Go ahead with the right arrow key to the “Level Display” or go back to the “Lens Select Display” by the left arrow key.



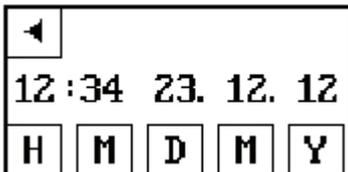
Portrait mode

Is the setting portrait, the camera must be mounted like the display shows up. All other points are like in the landscape mode.



Level Display

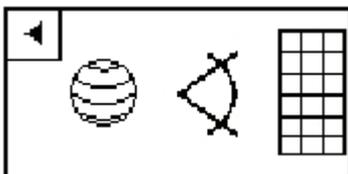
The Level display shows an electronic leveler. It can be used together with the leveler at the top of the head to level the photo tripod. Go back to the previous display by the left arrow key or ahead to the “Panorama, Angle, Mosaic Display” by the right arrow key. The key with the little arrow in front is used to switch the motors torque for heavy cameras and lenses to 4Nm. $\updownarrow=4Nm$ vertical, $\blacklozenge=4Nm$ vertical and horizontal. If 4Nm are necessary can easy be tested with the up and down keys in Angle mode. The clock key selects the “Clock Set Display”. The large left arrow key moves the head 90 deg. down. In this position you can see if the camera is aligned right. The white Arrow on the head, which relates to the turning center, must be in the picture center of the camera, than the mechanical adjustment is correct.



Clock Set Display

The head has an internal real time clock, which is powered by itself. If the head is used for 25 minutes each month, the clock needs never a new setting.

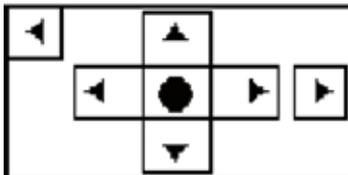
The setting keys are: H-hour, M-minutes, D-day, M-month, Y-year. If you go back by the left arrow key, the clock values are saved. These values are used to make the file name for the xml file.



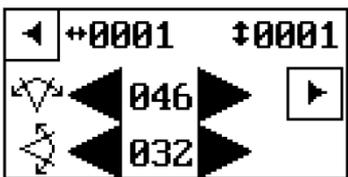
Sphere, Angle or Mosaic Display

Select Sphere mode or Angle mode or Mosaic mode by pushing the symbol on the display or go back to the “Level Display” by the left arrow key. In Sphere mode it changes direct to the “Operation Setting Display” as no additional input is needed.

Angle mode

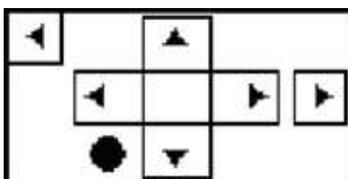


Move the head by the 4 arrow keys into the middle position of the panorama. Go ahead to the “Angle Setting Display” by the right arrow key or back to the “Panorama, Angle, Mosaic Selection” display by the left arrow key.

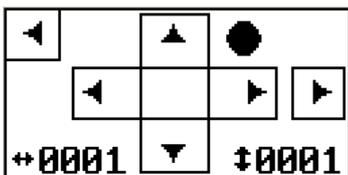


Select by the middle keys the horizontal panorama angle and by the bottom keys the vertical panorama angle. The display shows at first the minimum possible angles for the selected lens and camera. If the angles are less than 10 degree, the setting will increase in 1/10 of a degree. At top left are the number of columns and at top right of lines. Go ahead to the “Operation Setting Display” by the right arrow key or go back to the “Middle Position Display” by the left arrow key.

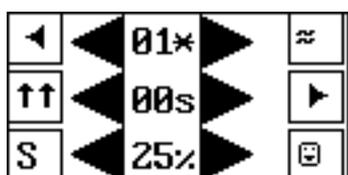
Mosaic mode



Move the head by the 4 arrow keys into the low and left position where the mosaic should start. Go ahead to the “Right Top Position Setting Display” by the right arrow key or back to the “Panorama, Angle, Mosaic Selection” display by the left arrow key.



Move the head by the 4 arrow keys into the high and right position where the mosaic should end. Go ahead to the “Operation setting Display” by the right arrow key or back to the “Left and Low Position Display” in mosaic mode. At bottom left are the number of columns and at bottom right of lines.



Operation Setting Display

Select by the top arrows the number of camera triggers in each position (Bracketing). Set by the middle arrows the waiting time after the camera trigger start. This time needs the camera for exposure and operation. The time can be set from 0 to 99 seconds. Above 99 and below 00 is “MMs” shown, this means that the camera trigger must be done manually for each picture by pressing the right top key on the “Operation Display“. At “MMs” can the user set the camera for each picture. Above “MMs” is “MRs” and “MSs”. These synchronizes the Handheld Controller by the camera's 2nd shutter curtain.



The waiting time for the camera is even at exposure automatic or bracketing a minimum. "MRs" stops in addition at each new line start, to have time to adjust the camera lens for the new distance.

A flash shoe adaptor with interface cable is necessary (optional). Set by the

lower arrows the overlapping for the pictures. With the low right key you switch on and off mirror-look-up before imaging. With the top right key you can switch on and off the vibration test sensor. With the low left key, Speed mode can be switched on and off. In Speed mode is the vibration sensor and mirror-look-up blocked. Arrow means for these 3 funktionen "On" and no arrow "Off". Go to the "Operation Display" by the right arrow key, or go back to the previous Display by the left arrow key.

With the double arrow key can the direction of imaging be selcted.



Horizontally from bottom to top.



Horizontally from top to bottom. This funktion is blocked at fisheye.



Vertically from left to right. This funktion is blocked at fisheye and sphere mode.



Vertically from right to left. This funktion is blocked at fisheye and sphere mode.

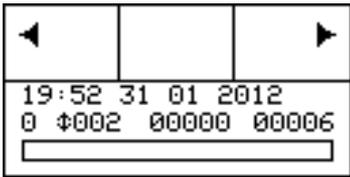
Explanations:

The vibration test sensor triggers the camera only, when the vibrations are below an acceptable level.

The number and waiting time can be used for a time lapse of maximum 99 pictures each 99 seconds.

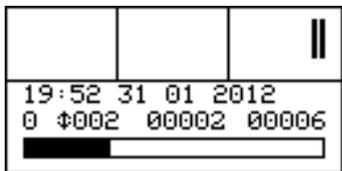
In Speed mode rotates the head horizontal continuously until all images are finished.

!!!! In Speed mode must the camera be triggered by the connector of the head and the XML file is mandatory for the stitcher, as the image sequence is changing.

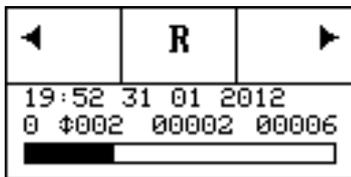


Operation Display

The "Operation Display" shows the actual session start time and date. The next line the number of picture rows (e.g. * 002) and the finished number of pictures and total number of pictures. The date and time will be used as default file name for the xml file. By pressing the right arrow key, the imaging starts, by the left key, it will return to the "Operation Setting Display".

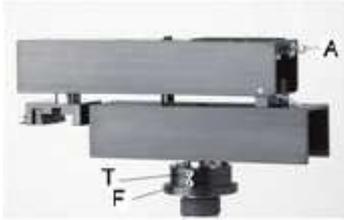


The || key stops operation and changes to the "Stop Display". The whole display is used as "Stop Key"



Stop Display

At the "Stop Display" can the operation be continued by pressing the right arrow key or completely stopped by the left arrow key, which moves the control back to the "Operation Setting Display". By the R key can the last picture be repeated.



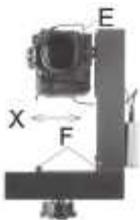
Mechanical Assembly and adjustments (see movie too)

Loose screw F and T. Assemble head by the 3/8" UNC tripod screw. Save by fixing screw F and turn the head into the desired direction and fix it by screw T. Remove screw A and erect the head arm and fix it by screw A (attention ,don't squeeze the cable).



Adjust camera stop C at the rail regarding your camera body. Align camera by stop C and fix it by screw D.

Assemble camera for portrait like in the picture, adjust the nodal distance and fix it by the screws E. Prove the X position and adjust the X position by losing the screws F when necessary.

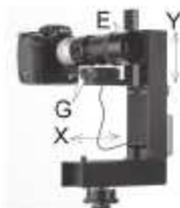


The X position for portrait must be defined only one time for each camera body. To define the X value, the camera can be moved perpendicular down by the HANDHELD CONTROL in the "Level Display" by the large left down arrow key. The correct position above the turning point can be proved when the white arrow of the head is in the center of the camera view finder. If corrections are necessary, loose the screws F and move the head. Remember the dimension X, as you need it every time when you exchange the camera body or if you assemble portrait after landscape.



Landscape is optional (you need the L-Bracket)

Instead of the camera at portrait must the L-Bracket be fixed by the screws E. In the L-Bracket must the camera rail with camera be fixed by the screws G. The nodal point must be set by screws G, the dimension X by screws F and the dimension Y by the E screws.



The X and Y position for landscape must be defined only one time for each camera body. To define the X and Y value, the camera can be assembled perpendicular by the L-Bracket. The correct position above the



turning point can be proved when the white arrow of the head is in the center of the camera view finder. If corrections are necessary, loose the screws F and move the head in X direction or loose screws E and move the L-Bracket in Y direction. Remember the dimension X and Y, as you need them every time when you exchange the camera body or if you assemble landscape after portrait.

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