Revolutionizing the concept of focal points, a groundbreaking varifocal lens
Look at the Trees and See the Forest

Ultra-high-speed, focusing not just at a single focal length, but at a wide range of focal lengths. Everything — even multiple subjects at different distances — in crystal clear focus. An astonishing world waits beyond the TAGLENS, full of wonders that no-one has seen before. In addition to immediately available applications such as circuit board inspection on production lines, TAGLENS offers innovative visual sensing in a range of fields, including factory automation, logistics, development of new materials, biosciences and medicine, environmental initiatives, and security. This innovative lens improves productivity and reduces cost, opening up new business possibilities for our customers.
Acquire an Image at All Focal Lengths Instantaneously

Adding TAGLENS to a conventional lens allows ultra-high-speed 14 microseconds changing of focal length so that deep-focus images can be obtained in real time. TAGLENS requires absolutely no mechanical movement when scanning, and is characterized by its ability to provide deep-focus at the desired magnification and resolving power.

Conventional lens
The focal depth is limited, thus several images must be captured to cover the subject.

TAGLENS
Acquires an image at all focal depths covering the subject instantaneously.
Shallow depth of field means that the parts other than the tip of the nearest pencil is out of focus.

All areas of the image, such as the lead in the pencil at the front and the pencil sharpener in the rear, are in focus despite being at widely different distances from the objective lens.

For images with deep depth of field such as photographs of people, it is impossible to focus on both the fingers and face at the same time.

Information on finger and faces can be obtained simultaneously.
No Autofocus or Z-axis Power Unit Required

Reduced focusing time

During normal focusing

When using TAGLENS

Greatly expanded focal range

Focal point range is changeable without Z-axis power

During normal focusing

When using TAGLENS

Using TAGLENS allows the focal range of conventional optical systems to be greatly expanded, eliminating the need to use multiple cameras or an autofocus unit. TAGLENS reduces autofocus time and helps to improve throughput for inspection equipment.

Until now, imaging for subjects with differing heights and depths was performed by taking multiple photographs while moving the camera vertically (Z-axis motion). In contrast, TAGLENS is able to focus on subjects with different heights and depths simultaneously, and can be used on production lines where products are in motion.
A Design That Can Be Integrated with Existing Equipment Easily

The TAGLENS controller has a compact design that makes it easy to integrate with existing equipment. In addition to the standard software, TAGLENS also comes with SDK (Software Development Kit) files, integration with customers’ own software.

TAGLENS-T1

TAGLENS main unit + Controller + Software

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<th>Operating principle</th>
<th>Variable refraction index</th>
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<td>Resonance frequency</td>
<td>70 kHz</td>
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<td>Effective opening diameter</td>
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<td>Transmittance</td>
<td>90% (for λ = 400〜700 nm)</td>
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Video Microscope VMU-T1

Video microscope for TAGLENS-T1

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<th>Compatible TAGLENS</th>
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<td>Imaging lens magnification</td>
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<td>Applicable objective lenses</td>
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Options

Manual turret, motorized turret, polarization unit, focusing unit, XY stage, simplified stand

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<tr>
<th>Objective lens</th>
<th>1X</th>
<th>2X</th>
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<td>Depth of focus (×2 (mm))</td>
<td>0.88</td>
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<td>0.012</td>
<td>0.007</td>
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<td>Total scanning width (mm)</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>Real FOV (mm)</td>
<td>4.8×6.4</td>
<td>2.4×3.2</td>
<td>0.96×1.28</td>
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M Plan Apo Series
Different distances to the subject, tilted subjects, moving subjects, multiple ghost images of the subject... delivering clear focus across the entire image in an instant, even in situations which would always have caused blurring before, TAGLENS is a capable means of improving efficiency and reducing cost. The following is a sample of the potential hiding within this powerful tool.

**Performs high-speed inspections**

TAGLENS allows instantaneous, accurate checking of multiple subjects with different heights to be focused correctly, which have conventionally been checked by moving the camera vertically, since focal lengths differ.

**Flaw inspection**

Incorporating TAGLENS into a microscope allows it to be used for PCB flaw inspection, for example. There are three aspects to PCB inspection: the circuit board, the printed circuitry and the electronic components, which normally require multiple image captures while adjusting the lens' z position. In comparison, using TAGLENS for inspection allows multiple subjects with different heights to be focused correctly, thus requiring only a single image capture, and reducing inspection time significantly.
Attaching TAGLENS to a robot and filming at high speed allows sites to be checked with images that are constantly in focus, even when moving over uneven locations.

In locations such as airports where large numbers of people gather, TAGLENS is able to focus clearly on the faces of all people shown by the lens, allowing clear identification of people who merit special attention.

Mounting TAGLENS on a microscope allows in-depth, accurate comprehension of moving organisms at different positions and focal lengths.

Use TAGLENS for automatic driving, so that all moving objects in front of the vehicle, such as cars and people, stay in focus, allowing reliable monitoring of the vehicle’s intended path.
Mitutoyo offers total support for its products and peripherals at every step, from proposals to delivery and maintenance. We also strive to improve our engineering prowess to allow us to address a broad range of issues encountered by our customers, from technical difficulties to managerial themes.

**SERVICE ENGINEERING**

Mitutoyo provides an overview of TAGLENS and obtains a basic understanding of customer applications.

**Orientation**

Mitutoyo performs a demonstration of TAGLENS systems in front of the customer, providing a realistic experience that allows customers to check the images using an actual application sample.

**Demonstration**

Assessment of the effect of TAGLENS through integration with the customer’s equipment.

**Integration feasibility test**

Mitutoyo logistics channels are used to ship and deliver TAGLENS to the customer.

**Shipping/Delivery**

Mitutoyo provides consultations on operations and methods for dealing with trouble, replacing parts, etc.

**Maintenance**

Evaluation of issues with actual machinery operations and checking of customer needs and satisfaction, etc.

**Feedback**
Q & A

We have compiled a collection of frequently asked questions and useful information regarding the use of TAGLENS.

Q1 Can TAGLENS be fixed at a single intended focal length?

A1 The TAGLENS focal length changes continuously, and this action cannot be stopped. However, the functions of the sensors inside the TAGLENS body can be used to acquire data at the desired focal length only.

Q2 What are the approximate optical wavelengths that can be used with TAGLENS?

A2 TAGLENS is compatible with visible wavelength light. Please contact Mitutoyo if you are considering using TAGLENS for non-visible wavelengths.

Q3 Is the software used with TAGLENS proprietary to Mitutoyo?

A3 The TAGLENS software is developed by Mitutoyo. Mitutoyo provides SDK (Software Development Kit) files to customers who purchase our software and are considering integrating it into their equipment. This enables customers to develop and produce their own software.

Q4 Does the TAGLENS controller also have to be integrated into the customer’s equipment?

A4 In order to run TAGLENS, the controller must be integrated into the customer’s equipment. The controller features a compact design that makes it easy to integrate.

Q5 When using TAGLENS, is it necessary to combine it with a Mitutoyo microscope unit?

A5 Combination with a Mitutoyo microscope unit is not a requirement, but Mitutoyo does offer the “VMU-T1 Microscope Unit” that can be combined with TAGLENS for immediate use. Please consider it as an option. Additionally, TAGLENS can be used in combination with a variety of optical systems for possible deployment in a diverse range of applications. Mitutoyo will offer assistance with applications under consideration by those interested in TAGLENS. Please ask your local Mitutoyo sales office for further information.

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