Leica BLK360

User Manual
Version 1.1
English

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Leica Geosystems

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Introduction

Purchase

Congratulations on the purchase of a Leica BLK360 series instrument.

This manual contains important safety directions as well as instructions for setting up the product and operating it. Refer to 1 Safety Directions for further information.

Read carefully through the User Manual before you install and switch on the product.

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Updated versions are available for download at the following Internet address:

https://myworld.leica-geosystems.com > myProducts.

Product identification

The model and serial number of your product are indicated on the type label.

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Available documentation

Name	Description/Format		
Leica BLK360 Quick Guide	Provides an overview of the instrument together with technical data and safety directions. Intended as a quick reference guide	✓	✓
Leica BLK360 User Manual	Provides all required instructions to operate the instrument to a basic level. Provides an overview of the instrument together with technical data and safety directions.	-	✓

Name	Description/Format		
Leica BLK360 Tutorial videos	Tutorial videos explaining the basic workflow and including assembly instructions.	-	-

Refer to the following resources for all BLK360 documentation/software:

- the Leica USB documentation card
- https://myworld.leica-geosystems.com

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1 Safety Directions

1.1 General Introduction

Description

The following directions enable the person responsible for the product, and the person who actually uses the equipment, to anticipate and avoid operational hazards.

The person responsible for the product must ensure that all users understand these directions and adhere to them.

About warning messages

Warning messages are an essential part of the safety concept of the instrument. They appear wherever hazards or hazardous situations can occur.

Warning messages...

- make the user alert about direct and indirect hazards concerning the use of the product.
- contain general rules of behaviour.

For the users' safety, all safety instructions and safety messages shall be strictly observed and followed! Therefore, the manual must always be available to all persons performing any tasks described here.

DANGER, **WARNING**, **CAUTION** and **NOTICE** are standardised signal words for identifying levels of hazards and risks related to personal injury and property damage. For your safety, it is important to read and fully understand the following table with the different signal words and their definitions! Supplementary safety information symbols may be placed within a warning message as well as supplementary text.

Type	Description
⚠ DANGER	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
NOTICE	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, may result in appreciable material, financial and environmental damage.
☞	Important paragraphs which must be adhered to in practice as they enable the product to be used in a technically correct and efficient manner.

Additional symbols

	Warning against explosive material.

Warning against flammable substances.

Product must not be opened or modified or tampered with.

Indicates the temperature limits at which the product may be stored, transported or used.

1.2 Definition of Use

Intended use

- Capturing and recording of spatial 3D data
- Capturing and recording images
- Scanning objects
- Computing with software
- Remote control of product
- Data communication with external appliances

Reasonably foreseeable misuse

- Use of the product without instruction
- Use outside of the intended use and limits
- Disabling safety systems
- Removal of hazard notices
- Opening the product using tools, for example screwdriver, unless this is permitted for certain functions
- Modification or conversion of the product
- Use after misappropriation
- Use of products with recognisable damage or defects
- Use with accessories from other manufacturers without the prior explicit approval of Leica Geosystems
- Inadequate safeguards at the working site
- Deliberate dazzling of third parties

⚠WARNING

Unauthorised modification of automatic machines and robots by mounting or installing the product

This may alter the function and safety of the machine.

Precautions:

- ▸ Follow the instructions of the machine/robot manufacturer.
- ▸ If no appropriate instruction is available, ask machine/robot manufacturer for instructions before mounting or installing the product.

1.3 Limits of Use

Environment

Suitable for use in an atmosphere appropriate for permanent human habitation. Not suitable for use in aggressive or explosive environments.

⚠WARNING

Working in hazardous areas, or close to electrical installations or similar situations

Life Risk.

Precautions:

- ▸ Local safety authorities and safety experts must be contacted by the person responsible for the product before working in such conditions.

☞ The following advice is only valid for the AC/DC power supply and the battery charger.

Environment

Suitable for use in dry environments only and not under adverse conditions.

1.4 Responsibilities

Manufacturer of the product

Leica Geosystems AG, CH-9435 Heerbrugg, hereinafter referred to as Leica Geosystems, is responsible for supplying the product, including the User Manual and original accessories, in a safe condition.

Person responsible for the product

The person responsible for the product has the following duties:

- To understand the safety instructions on the product and the instructions in the User Manual
- To ensure that it is used in accordance with the instructions
- To be familiar with local regulations relating to safety and accident prevention
- To stop operating the system and inform Leica Geosystems immediately if the product and the application become unsafe
- To ensure that the national laws, regulations and conditions for the operation of the products are respected

⚠WARNING

Unqualified installation on automatic machines and robots

This may result in personal and material damage.

Precautions:

- ▸ This product may be installed on automatic machines and robots only by an appropriately trained and qualified specialist.

⚠WARNING

Distraction or loss of attention

During dynamic applications there is a danger of accidents occurring if the user does not pay attention to the environmental conditions around, for example obstacles, excavations or traffic.

Precautions:

- The person responsible for the product must make all users fully aware of the existing dangers.

⚠WARNING

Inadequate securing of the working site

This can lead to dangerous situations, for example in traffic, on building sites and at industrial installations.

Precautions:

- Always ensure that the working site is adequately secured.
- Adhere to the regulations governing safety, accident prevention and road traffic.

NOTICE

Dropping, misusing, modifying, storing the product for long periods or transporting the product

Watch out for erroneous measurement results.

Precautions:

- Periodically carry out test measurements, particularly after the product has been subjected to abnormal use and before and after important measurements.

⚠CAUTION

Moving parts at the product during operation

Risk of squeezing extremities or entanglement of hair and/or clothes.

Precautions:

- Keep a safe distance to the moving parts.

☞ If the instrument moves unexpectedly during operation, stop the instrument via user interface (display, key) or alternatively remove the battery or main power source to prevent further movements.

⚠CAUTION

Not properly secured accessories

If the accessories used with the product are not properly secured and the product is subjected to mechanical shock, for example blows or falling, the product may be damaged or people can sustain injury.

Precautions:

- When setting up the product, make sure that the accessories are correctly adapted, fitted, secured, and locked in position.
- Avoid subjecting the product to mechanical stress.

⚠WARNING

Exposure of batteries to high mechanical stress, high ambient temperatures or immersion into fluids

This can cause leakage, fire or explosion of the batteries.

Precautions:

- Protect the batteries from mechanical influences and high ambient temperatures. Do not drop or immerse batteries into fluids.

⚠WARNING

Short circuit of battery terminals

If battery terminals are short circuited e.g. by coming in contact with jewellery, keys, metallised paper or other metals, the battery can overheat and cause injury or fire, for example by storing or transporting in pockets.

Precautions:

- Make sure that the battery terminals do not come into contact with metallic objects.

⚠WARNING

Inappropriate mechanical influences to batteries

During the transport, shipping or disposal of batteries it is possible for inappropriate mechanical influences to constitute a fire hazard.

Precautions:

- Before shipping the product or disposing it, discharge the batteries by the product until they are flat.
- When transporting or shipping batteries, the person in charge of the product must ensure that the applicable national and international rules and regulations are observed.
- Before transportation or shipping, contact your local passenger or freight transport company.

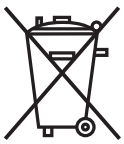
⚠WARNING

Improper disposal

If the product is improperly disposed of, the following can happen:

- If polymer parts are burnt, poisonous gases are produced which may impair health.
- If batteries are damaged or are heated strongly, they can explode and cause poisoning, burning, corrosion or environmental contamination.
- By disposing of the product irresponsibly you may enable unauthorised persons to use it in contravention of the regulations, exposing themselves and third parties to the risk of severe injury and rendering the environment liable to contamination.

Precautions:

▸ 

The product must not be disposed with household waste. Dispose of the product appropriately in accordance with the national regulations in force in your country.
Always prevent access to the product by unauthorised personnel.

Product-specific treatment and waste management information can be received from your Leica Geosystems distributor.

⚠WARNING

Lightning strike

If the product is used with accessories, for example masts, staffs, poles, you may increase the risk of being struck by lightning.

Precautions:

▸ Do not use the product in a thunderstorm.

⚠WARNING

Improperly repaired equipment

Risk of injuries to users and equipment destruction due to lack of repair knowledge.

Precautions:

▸ Only authorised Leica Geosystems Service Centres are entitled to repair these products.

For the AC/DC power supply:

⚠WARNING

Unauthorised opening of the product

Either of the following actions may cause you to receive an electric shock:

- Touching live components
- Using the product after incorrect attempts were made to carry out repairs.

Precautions:

▸ Do not open the product!

▸ Only Leica Geosystems authorised service centres are entitled to repair these products.

For the AC/DC power supply:

⚠WARNING

Electric shock due to use under wet and severe conditions

If unit becomes wet, it may cause you to receive an electric shock.

Precautions:

- If the product becomes humid, it must not be used!
- Use the product only in dry environments, for example in buildings or vehicles.

- Protect the product against humidity.

1.6 Laser Classification

1.6.1 General

General

The following chapters provide instructions and training information about laser safety according to international standard IEC 60825-1 (2014-05) and technical report IEC TR 60825-14 (2004-02). The information enables the person responsible for the product and the person who actually uses the equipment, to anticipate and avoid operational hazards.

☞ According to IEC TR 60825-14 (2004-02), products classified as laser class 1, class 2 and class 3R do not require:
- laser safety officer involvement,
- protective clothes and eyewear,
- special warning signs in the laser working area

if used and operated as defined in this User Manual due to the low eye hazard level.

☞ National laws and local regulations could impose more stringent instructions for the safe use of lasers than IEC 60825-1 (2014-05) and IEC TR 60825-14 (2004-02).

1.6.2 Scanning Laser

General

The laser incorporated in the product produces an invisible beam which emerges from the rotating mirror.

The laser product described in this section is classified as laser class 1 in accordance with:

- IEC 60825-1 (2014-05): “Safety of laser products”

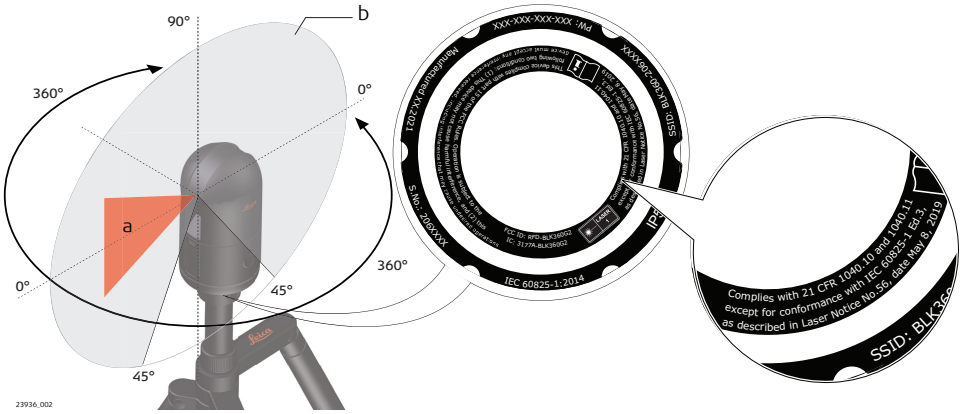
These products are safe under reasonably foreseeable conditions of operation and are not harmful to the eyes provided that the products are used and maintained in accordance with this User Manual.

Description	Value
Wavelength	830 nm
Maximum pulse energy	10 nJ
Maximum pulse duration	3 ns
Pulse repetition frequency (PRF)	2.7 MHz

Description	Value
Beam divergence (FWHM, full angle)	0.4 mrad
Mirror rotation	67.9 Hz
Base rotation	6.8 mHz

Labelling

Class 1 Laser Product
according to IEC 60825-1
(2014-05)



a Laser beam
b Scanning laser beam

1.7 Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

Description

The term Electromagnetic Compatibility is taken to mean the capability of the product to function smoothly in an environment where electromagnetic radiation and electrostatic discharges are present, and without causing electromagnetic disturbances to other equipment.

⚠CAUTION

Electromagnetic radiation

Electromagnetic radiation can cause disturbances in other equipment.

Precautions:

- Although the product meets the strict regulations and standards which are in force in this respect, Leica Geosystems cannot completely exclude the possibility that other equipment may be disturbed.

⚠CAUTION

Use of the product with accessories from other manufacturers. For example, field computers, personal computers or other electronic equipment, non-standard cables or external batteries

This may cause disturbances in other equipment.

Precautions:

- Use only the equipment and accessories recommended by Leica Geosystems.
- When combined with the product, other accessories must meet the strict requirements stipulated by the guidelines and standards.
- When using computers, two-way radios or other electronic equipment, pay attention to the information about electromagnetic compatibility provided by the manufacturer.

⚠CAUTION

Intense electromagnetic radiation. For example, near radio transmitters, transponders, two-way radios or diesel generators

Although the product meets the strict regulations and standards which are in force in this respect, Leica Geosystems cannot completely exclude the possibility that the function of the product may be disturbed in such an electromagnetic environment.

Precautions:

- Check the plausibility of results obtained under these conditions.

⚠CAUTION

Electromagnetic radiation due to improper connection of cables

If the product is operated with connecting cables, attached at only one of their two ends, the permitted level of electromagnetic radiation may be exceeded and the correct functioning of other products may be impaired. For example, external supply cables or interface cables.

Precautions:

- While the product is in use, connecting cables, for example product to external battery or product to computer, must be connected at both ends.

⚠WARNING

Use of product with radio or digital cellular phone devices

Electromagnetic fields can cause disturbances in other equipment, installations, medical devices, for example pacemakers or hearing aids, and aircrafts. Electromagnetic fields can also affect humans and animals.

Precautions:

- Although the product meets the strict regulations and standards which are in force in this respect, Leica Geosystems cannot completely exclude the possibility that other equipment can be disturbed or that humans or animals can be affected.
- Do not operate the product with radio or digital cellular phone devices in the vicinity of filling stations or chemical installations, or in other areas where an explosion hazard exists.
- Do not operate the product with radio or digital cellular phone devices near medical equipment.
- Do not operate the product with radio or digital cellular phone devices in aircrafts.
- Do not operate the product with radio or digital cellular phone devices for long periods with the product immediately next to your body.

2 Description of the System

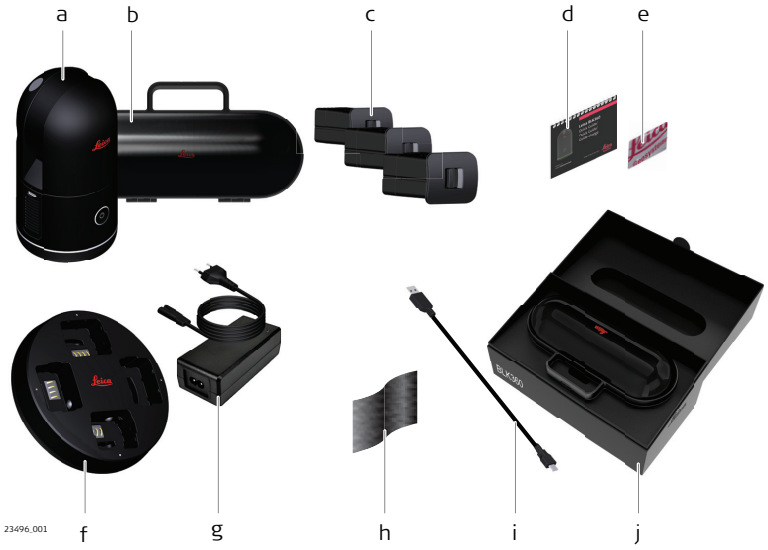
2.1 System Components

System components BLK360

a	BLK360 with GEB825 battery	f	GKL825 multicharger
b	Transportation case GVP739	g	Mission bag GVP735
c	GEB825 battery 2x	h	BLK cleaning cloth
d	BLK tripod adapter GAD52	i	GEV278 USB-C cable
e	BLK tripod GST29		

2.2 Container Contents

Container contents



a	BLK360	f	GKL825 multicharger
b	BLK transportation case	g	GEV821 power adapter
c	GEB825 battery 3x	h	BLK cleaning cloth
d	BLK Quick Guide	i	GEV278 USB-C cable
e	BLK USB documentation card	j	BLK box

Instrument components

a	HDR and VIS camera	f	Cooling channel/grid inlay
b	Battery compartment	g	Scanner 360°
c	Ring-shaped LED	h	360° WLAN antenna
d	Laser shield	i	Power button
e	USB-C port	j	Quick release mount

3 User Interface

3.1 Power Button

Power button

a Power button

Power button	when the BLK360 is	THEN
Press and hold the button <0.5 sec.	off.	The BLK360 switches on and the LED starts blinking yellow.
Press and hold the button <0.5 sec.	on and ready. The LED is continuous green.	The BLK360 starts recording and the LED starts blinking yellow.
Press and hold the button >2 sec.	on and ready. The LED is continuous green.	The LED starts blinking yellow and the BLK360 switches off.
Press and hold the button > 5 sec.	on.	The BLK360 switches off immediately. Hard shutdown.

NOTICE

It is mandatory to follow always this procedure to shut down the instrument. Do not remove the battery from a running instrument!

3.2 Instrument Status

Device status

The ring-shaped LED lights up green, yellow or red in different intervals to show the operation states of the BLK360.

a Ring-shaped LED continuous
b Ring-shaped LED blinking
c Ring-shaped LED alternating

Operation mode

LED status	Instrument status
	The BLK360 is off.
	The BLK360 is starting, recording or switching off.
	The BLK360 is ready. Bright green: Battery capacity > 20%. Dark green: Battery capacity < 20%. In case of low battery, refer to Insert and remove the internal battery.

Firmware update mode

LED status	Instrument status
	The BLK360 is running a firmware update.
	The firmware update was successful.
	The firmware update failed.

☞ Refer to the Leica BLK360 website for details about firmware update process.

4 Power Supply

4.1 Battery and Charger Safety

General

Use the batteries, chargers and accessories recommended by Leica Geosystems to ensure the correct functionality of the instrument.

First-time use/ charging batteries

- The battery must be charged before using it the first time, because it is delivered with an energy content as low as possible or might be in sleep mode.
- The permissible temperature range for charging is from 0 °C to +40 °C/ +32 °F to +104 °F. For optimal charging, we recommend charging the batteries at a low ambient temperature of +10 °C to +20 °C/+50 °F to +68 °F if possible
- It is normal for the battery to become warm during charging. Using the chargers recommended by Leica Geosystems, it is not possible to charge the battery once the temperature is too high
- For new batteries or batteries that have been stored for a long time (> three months), it is effectual to make only one charge/discharge cycle
- For Li-Ion batteries, a single discharging and charging cycle is sufficient. We recommend carrying out the process when the battery capacity indicated on the charger or on a Leica Geosystems product deviates significantly from the actual battery capacity available.

Operation/discharging

- The batteries can be operated from −20 °C to +55 °C/−4 °F to +131 °F.
- Low operating temperatures reduce the capacity that can be drawn; high operating temperatures reduce the service life of the battery.

4.2 Charging Station

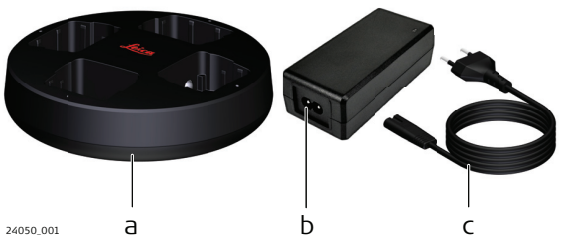
Description

The Charger GKL825 is a multicharger for indoor-use with four battery bays. The charger is used for battery packs which are used in reality capturing equipment. In these applications, and thus for the charger, high reliability and safe operation over the expected product lifetime are of highest importance. The GKL825 offers the following functions:

- Power supply through dedicated AC/DC power adapter
- LED to indicate the status
- Four battery positions
- Charging of one to four battery packs at the same time
- Charging GEB825 batteries for BLK360
- Charging GEB821 batteries for BLK2GO

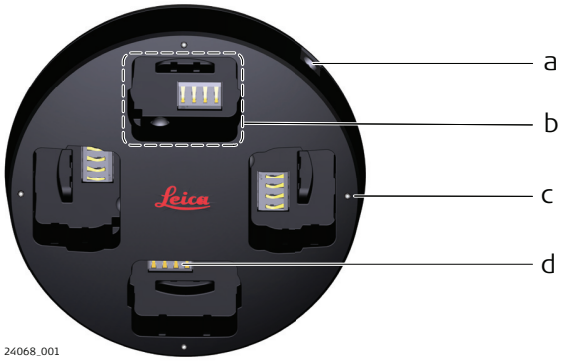
☞ The GKL825 can charge one to four batteries at a time depending on requested battery charging current.

System components



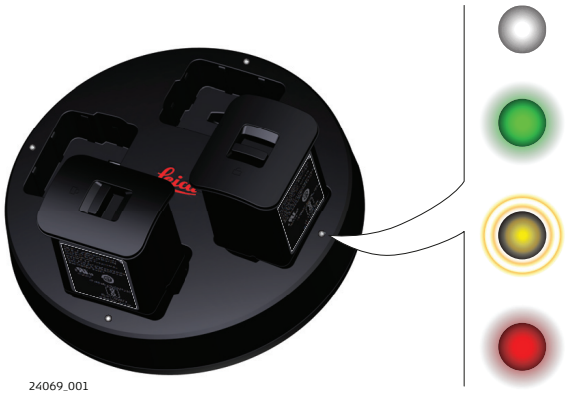
a GKL825 charger
b AC/DC power adapter
c AC power cable

Charger components



a DC input
b Battery bay with charging function
c Battery status LED
d Battery connector

LED indicators



LED indicator	Status	Description
	Off	No activity.
	Solid green	The battery is fully charged.
	Blinking orange	The battery is charging.
	Solid red	Failure. Refer to Troubleshooting.

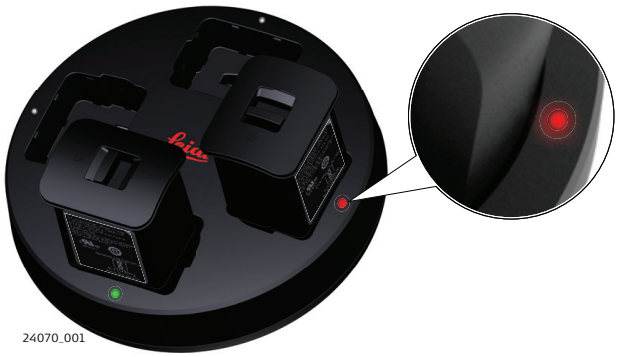
Power supply

The charger GKL825 is only allowed to be operated with its own AC/DC power adapter. The AC/DC power adapter is part of the delivered package.

EU 230 V~
US 120 V~
CN 220 V~
UK 230 V~
AUS 230 V~

Input voltage: 100-240 V AC

Troubleshooting



If an error occurs, the LED indicator of the related battery bay lights constantly red.

Remove and insert the battery again. Make sure that the battery is correctly positioned in the battery bay. Disconnect from AC power and reconnect. If the failure persists or reappears from time to time, the charger must be sent to a Leica Geosystems authorised service centre.

4.3 Internal Battery

NOTICE

Always shut down the instrument before removing the battery.

Insert and remove the internal battery

☞ The IP rating is only ensured if the battery is attached correctly.

1.	Press the switch on the battery inwards and upwards to unlock the battery.
2.	Remove the battery.
3.	Insert the new battery. ☞ Make sure that the battery contacts are facing to the left side.
4.	Press the switch on the battery inwards and downwards to lock it.

Battery status

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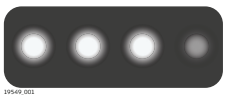
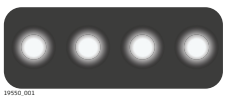
Press the status button to check the battery status.

Status LED	Battery status
	0%-30%
	31%-60%
	61%-90%
	91%-100%

Charge batteries step-by-step

☞ The GKL825 can charge one to four batteries at a time. All batteries are charging in parallel.

1.	Plug the AC/DC power adapter into the appropriate AC power source.
2.	Connect the charger plug into the DC input of the charger
3.	Insert the battery with the contact slots facing downwards. The LED of the battery bay blinks orange indicating the charge process. Refer to LED indicators.
4.	If the LED of the battery bay lights solid green the battery is fully charged. Disconnect the charger plug from the DC input of the charger. Unplug the AC/DC power adapter from the AC power source.
5.	Carefully pull the battery upwards. The LED indicator of the battery bay is off .

5 Operation

5.1 Instrument Setup

5.1.1 General Information

Use the tripod

It is recommended to set up the BLK360 on the tripod. Using the tripod specified for the scanning system:

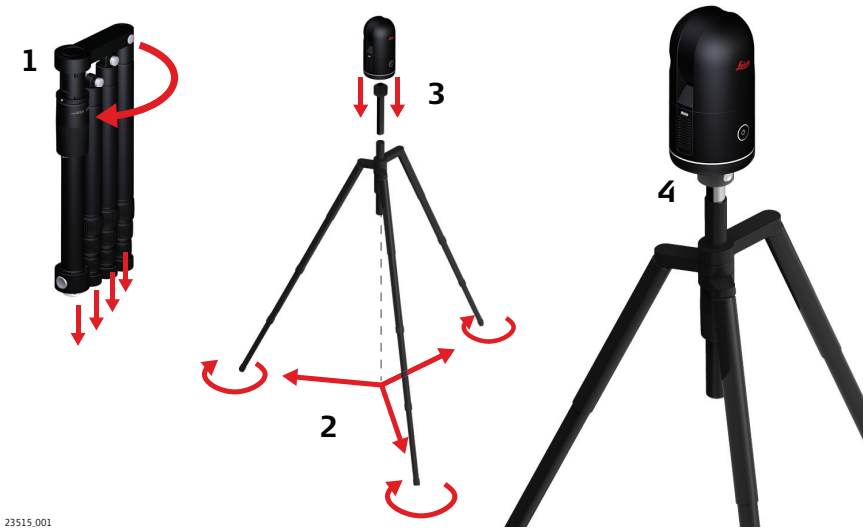
- Guarantees maximum stability during scanning operations,
- Ensures a better airflow and prevents the BLK360 from heating up.

☞ If you set up the BLK360 directly on a surface without the tripod connected, ensure that it is a horizontal and flat surface.

☞ It is always recommended to shield the instrument from direct sunlight and avoid uneven temperatures around the instrument.

5.1.2 Tripod Setup

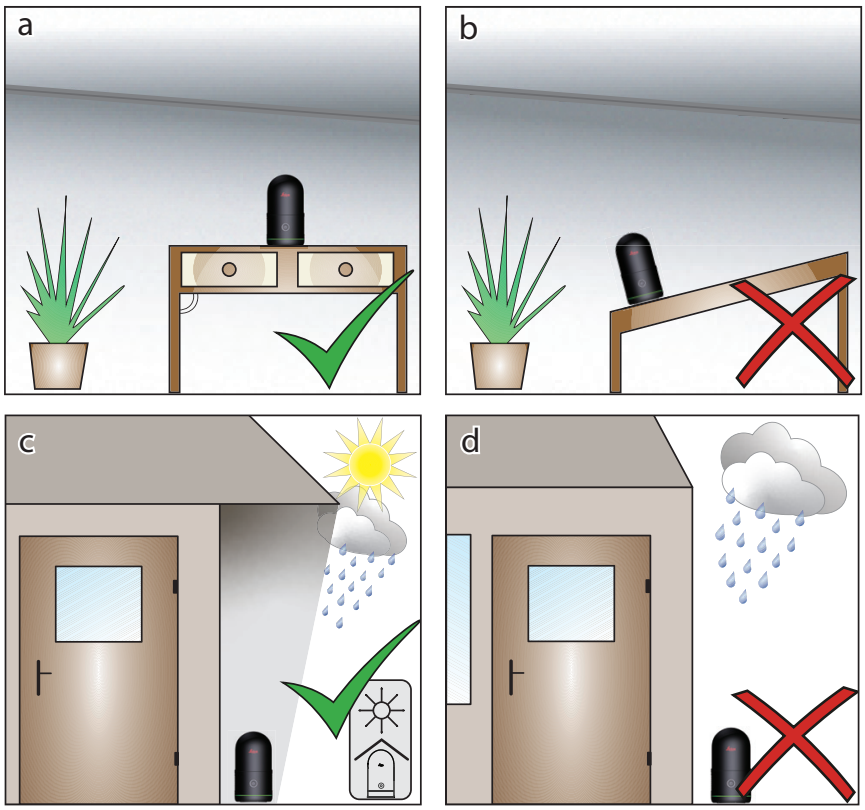
BLK360 setup step-by-step



1.	Unfold the tripod and extend the tripod legs to allow for a comfortable working posture.
2.	Tighten the screws of the legs and expand the legs for a stable tripod position.
3.	Place the tripod adapter on the tripod and secure it.
4.	Place the instrument on the tripod adapter and secure it.

5.1.3 Setup on a Surface

BLK360 setup on a surface

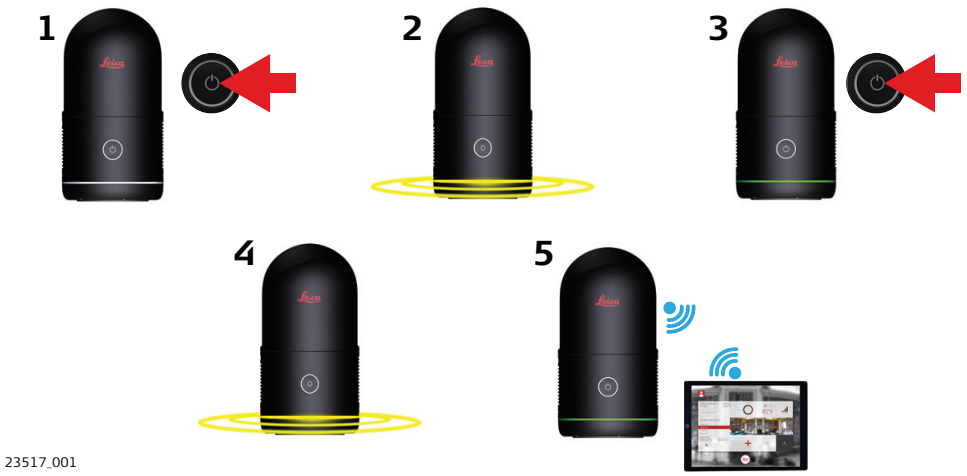


a Always place the BLK360 on a horizontal, flat surface.
b If the BLK360 is placed on a tilted surface, there is a risk that the instrument may fall down and is damaged.
c It is always necessary to shield the instrument from direct sunlight and unfavourable weather conditions.
d If the laser shield is exposed to rain, scanning is not possible. To scan in these conditions, position the scanner, for example, under a roof. Refer to illustration c.

5.2 Operation - Getting Started

☞ Never touch the laser shield and the cameras. Touching these components can leave, for example, fingerprints and influence the performance negatively.

Stand-alone operation step-by-step



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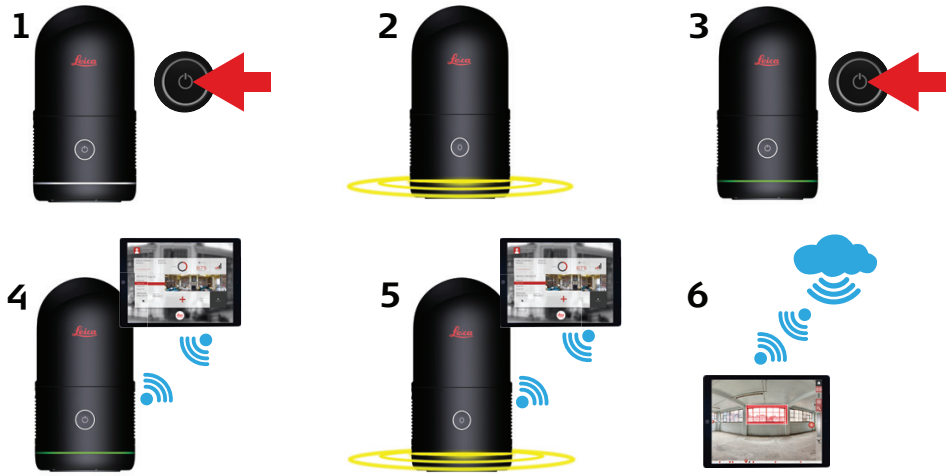
1.	Press the power button to turn on the BLK360.
2.	The BLK360 is starting. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.
3.	If the ring-shaped LED is continuous green, the BLK360 is ready for operation. Press the power button to start recording.
4.	Recording starts. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.
5.	The recording is finished. The ring-shaped LED is continuous green. The data transfer starts as soon as the BLK360 is linked to a computing device.

☞ Do not touch or move the BLK360 while the system is recording.

Operation with Wi-Fi connection step-by-step

The operation with Wi-Fi connection can be used to operate freely in the field if connected to a mobile device, for example, a tablet or smartphone.



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1.	Press the power button to turn on the BLK360.
2.	The BLK360 is starting. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.
3.	If the ring-shaped LED is continuous green, the BLK360 is ready for operation.
4.	Establish a Wi-Fi connection between the BLK360 and a computing device.

☞ The best data transfer rate can be ensured if the computing device is close by.
Ensure to be close to the BLK360 in the direct line of sight and less than 5 m distance. Greater distances and/or objects blocking the direct line of sight between BLK360 and computing device leads to a slower data transfer.

5. Start the recording and simultaneous data transfer with the computing device. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.

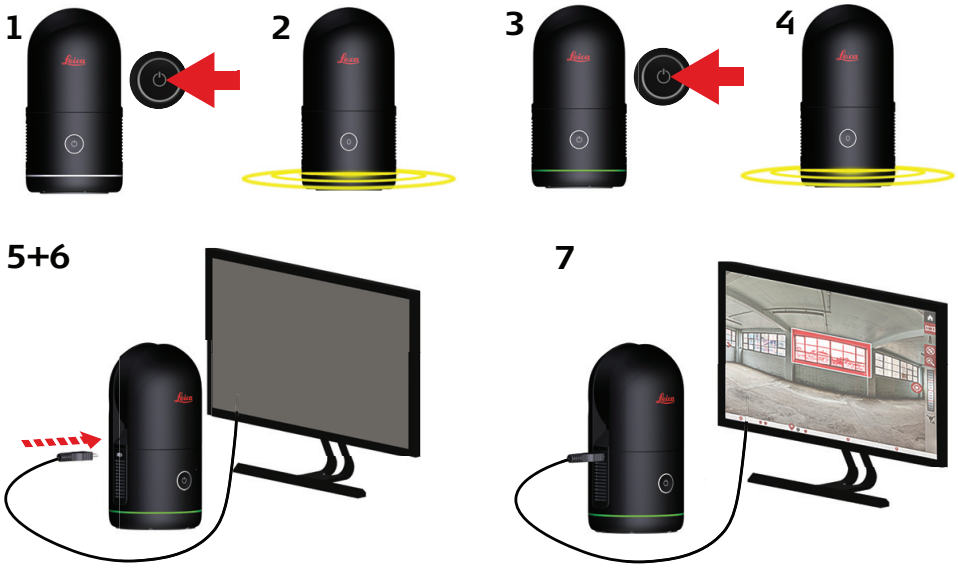
6. Start the processing of data on the computing device.

Operation with USB connection step-by-step

The USB connection can be used to transfer data quickly and reliably in the office if connected to a computer or laptop.

The USB-C data transfer works if the BLK360 is powered off or has no battery inside and if the BLK360 is powered on.
- Powered off/no battery inside: The data transfer speed is slower.
- Powered on: The data transfer speed is faster and the battery is charging.

☞ It is recommended to have the BLK360 powered on during USB-C data transfer to ensure fastest data throughput.



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1. Press the power button to turn on the BLK360.

2. The BLK360 is starting. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.

3. If the ring-shaped LED is continuous green, the BLK360 is ready for operation. Press the power button to start recording.

4. Recording starts. The ring-shaped LED is blinking yellow.

5. The recording is finished. The ring-shaped LED is continuous green.

6. Plug in the USB-C cable and connect to the computing device.
   ☞ If the USB-C cable is plugged in the BLK360 cannot capture data.

7. Start the data transfer and the processing of data with the computing device.

Connecting to a computing device using Wi-Fi step-by-step

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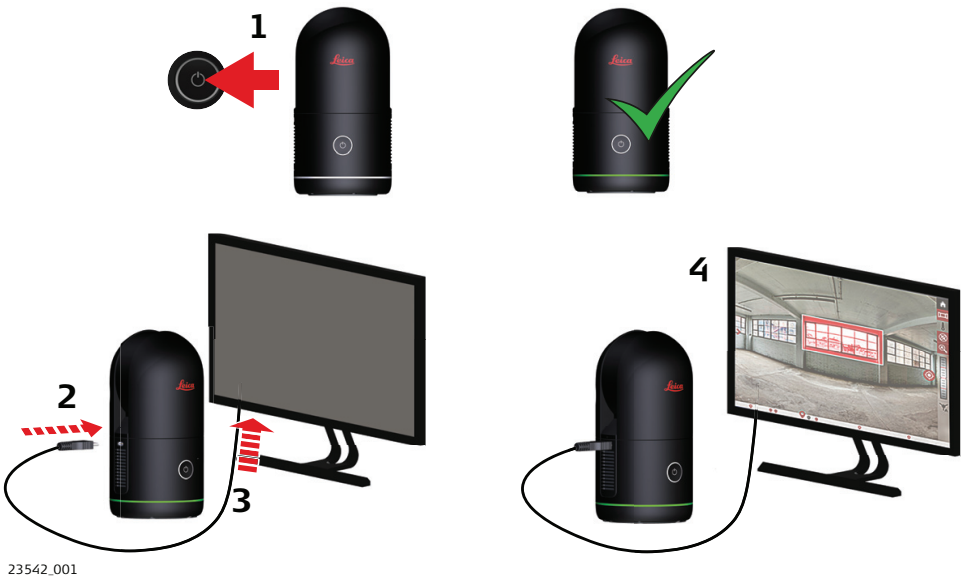
1. Start the BLK360 and wait until the LED is continuous green.
2. On the computing device, select **Settings** and tap **Wi-Fi**.
3. Select the network **BLK360-206xxxxx** in the Wi-Fi settings to establish the connection.
   ☞ The number **206xxxxx** is the serial number of the BLK360.
4. Enter the password.
   ☞ The instrument-specific password is printed on the label on the bottom housing.
5. Start the app and connect the BLK360.

☞ Entering the Wi-Fi credentials is only required once to connect a computing device to the BLK360. Once the pairing is done, the connection is saved and automatically re-established the next time.

☞ Refer to the help menu in the app for further information.

Connecting to a computing device using USB-C step-by-step

For data download, connect the BLK360 to a computing device using USB-C.



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1.	It is recommended to start the BLK360 first to ensure the fastest data transfer.
2.	Connect the USB-C cable to the BLK360.
3.	Connect the USB-C cable to the computing device.
4.	Start the app to download data.

5.3 Imaging

Description

The BLK360 has four calibrated RGB cameras to collect LDR and HDR panoramic, 360° spheric images. The four cameras are also used for the Visual Inertial System (VIS).

Imaging

a Four cameras

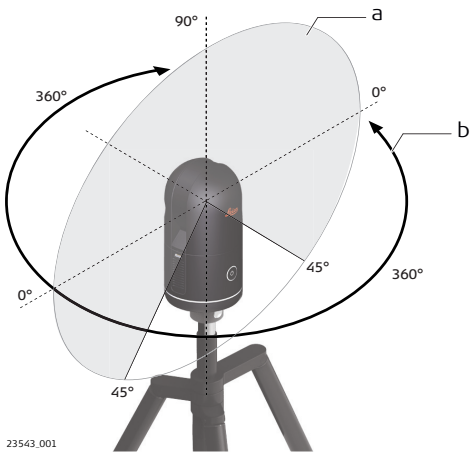
5.3.1 Troubleshooting

General

Keep the camera lenses clean and free from dirt and dust. Do not touch the optics as fingerprints can influence the image quality negatively. It is recommended to clean the camera lenses carefully with the BLK cleaning cloth from time to time.

5.3.2 Field of View (FoV)

Imaging - field of view



a Vertical field of view: 270°
b Horizontal field of view: 360°

5.3.3 Ambient Conditions

Ambient conditions for imaging

- Rain, snow or fog may adversely affect measurement quality. Always use care when collect image data in these conditions.
- For good and sharp images, avoid dark surroundings and the exposure to direct sunlight. If such conditions cannot be avoided, it is highly recommended to configure for HDR to get the best possible result.

5.4 Scanning

5.4.1 Ambient Conditions

Unfavourable surfaces for scanning

- Highly reflective (polished metal, gloss paint)
- Highly absorbent (black)
- Translucent (clear glass)

☞ Colour, powder or tape these surfaces before scanning if necessary.

Unfavourable weather conditions for scanning

- If the laser shield is exposed to rain, snow or fog it is not possible to scan. To scan in these conditions, position the scanner, for example, under a roof.
- Be aware, that rain, snow or fog may adversely affect measurement quality. Always use care when scanning in these conditions.
- Surfaces that are directly illuminated by the sun cause an increased range noise and therefore a larger measurement uncertainty.
- If some objects are scanned against the sunlight or a bright spotlight, the optical receiver of the instrument can be dazzled so heavily that in this area no measured data is recorded.

Temperature changes during scanning

If the instrument is brought from a cold environment, for example from storage, into a warm and humid environment, the interior optics can condense. This may cause measurement errors.

☞ Avoid rapid temperature changes and give the instrument 15 to 20 minutes time to acclimatise.

Dirt or dust on the laser shield

The scan mirror is protected against direct contact with a laser shield. Dirt on the laser shield such as a layer of dust, condensation or fingerprints may cause considerable measuring errors. Refer to Cleaning and Drying.

5.4.2 Troubleshooting

Basic troubleshooting

Problem	Possible causes	Suggested remedies
Missing points in scan.	Dust, debris or fingerprints on the laser shield.	Use the BLK cleaning cloth to clean carefully the specific areas.

Advanced troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause	Suggested remedies
When switching on the instrument or starting a scan, the system switches off automatically.	Capacity of battery is too low. Battery not properly charged.	Recharge or change battery. Check the battery status as described in Power Supply.
The system switches off automatically, even though it was recharged, when switching on the instrument or starting a scan.	Battery charger is defective.	Check the function of the battery charger. Note the charging status displayed on the battery charger.
	Battery is no longer charging.	The battery has lost most of its capacity at the end of its life time. Replace the battery.

Troubleshooting - operation mode

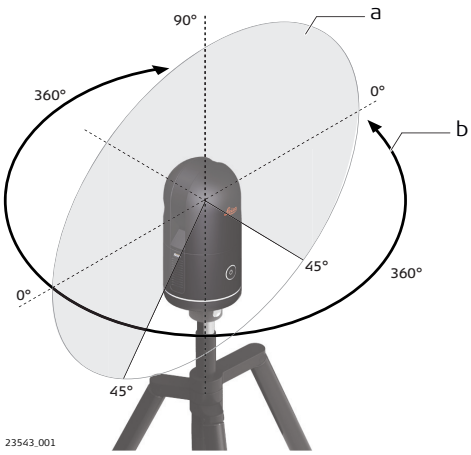
LED status	Instrument status
	System warning. For example, full storage device, empty battery. Shut down the instrument and reboot again. If status does not change, check internal storage capacity and power status of battery. Delete data and/or exchange battery.
	An unrecoverable system error occurred. Shut down the instrument and reboot again. If status does not change, contact the Leica support.

Troubleshooting - support contacts

If you experience problems with your instrument, check the BLK360 web page at https://www.blk360.com/ for support information and contacts.

5.4.3 Field of View (FoV)

Scanning laser - field of view



a Vertical field of view: 270°
b Horizontal field of view: 360°

5.5 Data Transfer

Data transfer from BLK360 to computing device using Wi-Fi

a Raw data transfer from BLK360 to computing device. Refer to Connecting to a computing device using Wi-Fi step-by-step.

Data transfer from BLK360 to computing device using USB-C

Refer to Connecting to a computing device using USB-C step-by-step for a detailed description for setting up a connection.

6 Care and Transport

6.1 Maintenance

☞ For units that are exposed to high mechanical forces, for example through frequent transport or rough handling, it is recommended to carry out test measurements periodically.

6.2 Transport

Transport in the field

When transporting the equipment in the field, always make sure that you carry the product in its original transport container or carry the tripod upright with the product fastened and secured onto the tripod.

Transport in a road vehicle

Never carry the product loose in a road vehicle, as it can be affected by shock and vibration. Always carry the product in its container and secure it.

For products for which no container is available use the original packaging or its equivalent.

Shipping

When transporting the product by rail, air or sea, always use the complete original Leica Geosystems packaging, container and cardboard box, or its equivalent, to protect against shock and vibration.

Shipping, transport of batteries

When transporting or shipping batteries, the person responsible for the product must ensure that the applicable national and international rules and regulations are observed. Before transportation or shipping, contact your local passenger or freight transport company.

6.3 Storage

BLK360

Respect the temperature limits when storing the equipment, particularly in summer if the equipment is inside a vehicle. Refer to 7 Technical Data for information about temperature limits.

Li-Ion battery

- Refer to Environmental specifications for information about storage temperature range
- Remove batteries from the product and the charger before storing
- After storage recharge batteries before using
- Protect batteries from damp and wetness. Wet or damp batteries must be dried before storing or use
- A storage temperature range of 0 °C to +30 °C/+32 °F to +86 °F in a dry environment is recommended to minimise self-discharging of the battery
- At the recommended storage temperature range, batteries containing a 40% to 50% charge can be stored for up to one year. After this storage period the batteries must be recharged

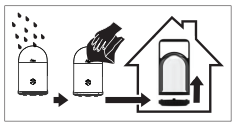
Charger and docking station

- Keep chargers and docking stations away from excessive dirt, dust and contaminants.
- After unpacking the product visually inspect the charger for possible damage.
- Unplug the product from the outlet before attempting any maintenance or cleaning.

6.4 Cleaning and Drying

Damp products

Dry the product, the mission bag, the foam inserts and the accessories at a temperature not greater than 40 °C /104 °F and clean them carefully. Remove the battery and dry the battery compartment. Do not repack until everything is completely dry. Always close the mission bag when using in the field.



Housing parts of product and accessories

- Never touch the glass surfaces of the cameras or the laser shield with your fingers.
- Only use a clean, soft, lint-free cloth for cleaning. It is recommended to use the BLK cleaning cloth. If necessary, moisten the cloth with water or pure alcohol. Do not use other liquids; other liquids may attack the polymer components.

Charger and AC/DC power supply

Use only a clean, soft, lint-free cloth for cleaning.

Cables and plugs

Keep plugs clean and dry. Blow away any dirt lodged in the plugs of the connecting cables.

6.4.1 Air Inlet Cleaning Procedure

General

The mesh of the air inlet prevents dust and particles from being drawn into the BLK360.

The mesh must be cleaned regularly, biannually at least. How often the cleaning procedure has to be done depends on the usage of the instrument and the surroundings, where it is used.

For example, using the instrument once a week in a clean environment needs a less often cleaning than using the instrument daily in a dusty environment.

If one of the following occurs, a mesh cleaning must be carried out:

- There is clearly visible dust on the mesh.
- The BLK360 overheats unusually fast.
- The fan runs at a constantly high level, which is audible from the fan noise as well as the battery is drained faster.

☞ Not cleaning the mesh of air inlet regularly might cause performance issues due to a not correctly working air channel.

Position

a USB-C port
b Air inlet with mesh

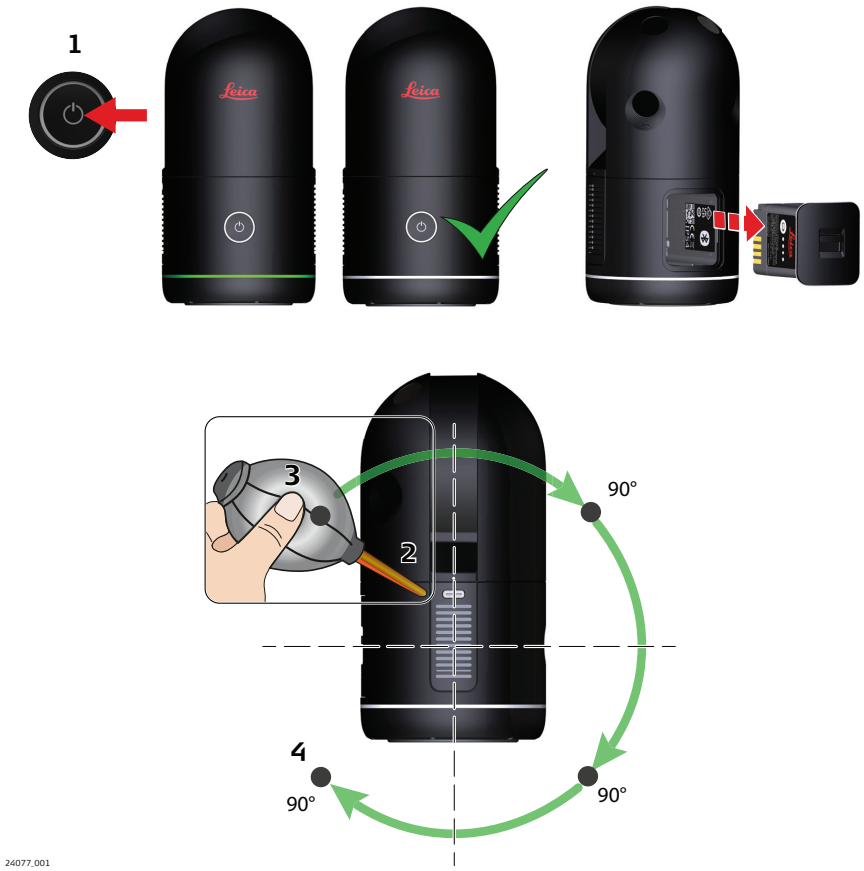
Cleaning the mesh step-by-step

Is is recommended to clean the mesh of the air inlet in a contactless way by using a bellows. The bellows generates a concentrated airflow with moderate air pressure, which gently removes dust from the sensitive mesh.

Alternatively, you can us fresh clean compressed air, for example, with a compressed gas duster. Do not use air from the pneumatic power system as it is always slightly oily.

☞ Make sure that the cleaning procedure is carried out carefully.

☞ Before any cleaning procedure, ensure that the BLK360 is switched off and the battery has been removed.



1. Switch off the BLK360 and remove the battery.
2. Hold the bellows at a distance of about 1 cm from the mesh and slightly tilted to the mesh.
3. Generate a concentrated air flow by squeezing the bellows to remove the dust from the mesh.
4. Rotate the bellows 90° three times and repeat step **3.** each time to clean the mesh properly from each side.

☞ If some particles of dust are clearly stuck inside the mesh fibers, do not try to remove them. It may force the particles to move further in and damage the mesh.

☞ Do not use water to clean the mesh.

☞ Do not touch the mesh with your hands or tools, as it can damage the mesh.

☞ The mesh of the air outlet does not require any cleaning.

6.5 Laser Shield and Camera Lenses Cleaning Procedure

General cleaning information

The laser shield and camera lenses must be kept clean. The instructions must be followed as described in this chapter to clean these surfaces.

⚠CAUTION

Before any cleaning procedure, ensure that the instrument is switched off and the battery has been removed.

Dust and debris on optical surfaces

Use the BLK cleaning cloth to remove dust and debris from these surfaces.

☞ The BLK cleaning cloth must be clean and free from dirt, dust or particles.

☞ Never rub off dust or debris as this will scratch the surface and possibly causing permanent damage to the special optical coatings.

Cleaning of optical surfaces

Soiling of the laser shield can cause extreme measurement errors and therefore useless data.

☞ All soiling that is visible on the laser shield must be removed, except for single small dust particles that adhere inevitably.

For the cleaning procedure, the BLK cleaning cloth is recommended.

Clean the laser shield and camera lenses regularly with the BLK cleaning cloth:

1. Switch off the BLK360 and remove the battery.
2. Washing hands is necessary in order to avoid grease on the cleaning cloth.
3. Use gloves to avoid finger oil on the glass.
4. Use the BLK cleaning cloth and gently clean the laser shield without putting much force.
5. If any smears from cleaning are visible against back light, repeat the procedure.

☞ Do not use air from the pneumatic power system as it is always slightly oily.

7 Technical Data

7.1 General Technical Data of the Product

Storage and Communication

Internal storage:

180 GB

Setup	Description
Dense+ and HDR	>300 setups
Fast+ and LDR	>1500 setups

Communication:

Type	Description
WLAN	Integrated 802.11 b/g/n WLAN with MIMO
USB-C	USB 3.0

Internal HDR cameras

The BLK360 has four integrated HDR digital cameras.

Camera data	Value
Type	Colour sensor, fixed focal length
Single image	4224 x 3136 pixels, 105° x 133° (V x Hz)
Full dome	8 images, automatically spatially rectified, 104 Mpx, 360° x 270°
White balancing	Automatic
HDR	Automatic
Minimum range	0.5 m
Maximum range	45 m

Additional internal sensors

Sensor	Description
Visual **I**nertial **S**ystem **VIS**	Video enhanced inertial measuring system to track movement of the scanner position relative to the previous setup in real-time. ☞ VIS cannot be used in complete darkness.
Tilt	IMU based 8' in a working range; ±5° for upright and upside down orientation

7.2 System Performance

System performance and accuracy

☞ All ± accuracy specifications are one sigma (1σ) under Leica Geosystems standard test conditions unless otherwise noted.

Accuracy of single measurement (at 78% albedo)	Value
3D point accuracy	4 mm at 10 m, 8 mm at 20 m

7.3 Laser System Performance

Laser scanning system data

☞ The scanning system is a high speed time-of-flight unit, enhanced by Waveform Digitising (WFD) technology with a maximum scan rate of 680.000 points/second.

Laser unit:

Scanning laser	Value
Classification	Laser Class 1 (in accordance with IEC 60825-1 (2014-05))
Wavelength	830 nm (invisible)

Range:

Scanning data	Value
Beam divergence	0.4 mrad (FWHM, full angle)
Beam diameter at front window	2.25 mm (FWHM)
Minimum range	0.5 m @ 78% albedo
Maximum range	45 m @ 78% albedo

Range noise:

Albedo	Distance [m]
	10
78%	1 mm

Field-of-View (per scan):

Field-of-View	Value
Selection	Always full dome
Horizontal	360°
Vertical	270°
Scanning optics	Vertically rotating mirror on horizontally rotating base protected by a laser shield.

Scan duration for 4 settings:

Point density mode	Resolution [mm @ 10m]	Estimated scan duration [MM:SS] for a full dome scan
Fast+	50	00:07
Fast	25	00:13
Dense	12	00:30
Dense+	6	01:15

Image capturing time:

Image type	Estimated image duration [MM:SS]
LDR	00:08
HDR	00:20

Scan size for 4 settings:

Point density mode	Approx. scan size [mio points]
Fast+	0.6
Fast	2.3
Dense	9.4
Dense+	37.5

7.4 Electrical Data

BLK360 power supply and consumption

Power supply:

Internal battery
7.4V DC; one internal battery provided with system.

Power consumption:

Instrument
10 W typical; 16 W max.

GKL825 Multicharger

Supply	Value
Input voltage	10-32 V DC

GEB825 internal battery

Supply	Value
Type	Li-Ion
Voltage	7.4 V
Capacity	2.6 Ah

Battery operating and charging times

Internal battery	Value
Operating time	>35 setups per battery, typical continuous use (room temperature).
Charging time	Typical charging time with charger GKL825 is 2-3 hours at room temperature.

7.5 Environmental Specifications

Environmental specifications

Type	Operating temperature [°C]	Storage temperature [°C]
Instrument	0 to +40	−25 to +70
Battery	0 to +50	−40 to +70
Charger and AC/DC power supply	0 to +40	−40 to +70

☞ If the BLK360 is not scanning, do not expose it to the direct sunlight, but place it in a shaded area. If the outside temperature is above 30° C, the unit should be cooled, for example, by shadowing it from direct sunlight, to ensure full scanning performance.

Type	Protection against water, dust and sand
Instrument	IP54 (IEC 60529) upright, battery inserted and closed correctly Dust protected Betamesh BM90 – filtration level 69 µm Betamesh BM20 – filtration level 20 µm Protection against splashing water from any direction.
Battery	IP54 (IEC 60529) Dust protected Protection against splashing water from any direction.
Charger and AC/DC power supply	IPX0 (IEC 60529) Only operate in dry environments, for example in buildings and vehicles.

Type	Humidity
Instrument	max. 95% non-condensing
Battery and Charger	max. 95% non-condensing
AC/DC power supply	max. 80% non-condensing

Type	Limits of use
Instrument and battery	Indoor and outdoor use. Working altitude: unlimited
Charger and AC/DC power supply	Indoor use only. Working altitude: ≤ 2000 m

Type	Lighting
Instrument	Fully operational from bright sunlight to complete darkness.

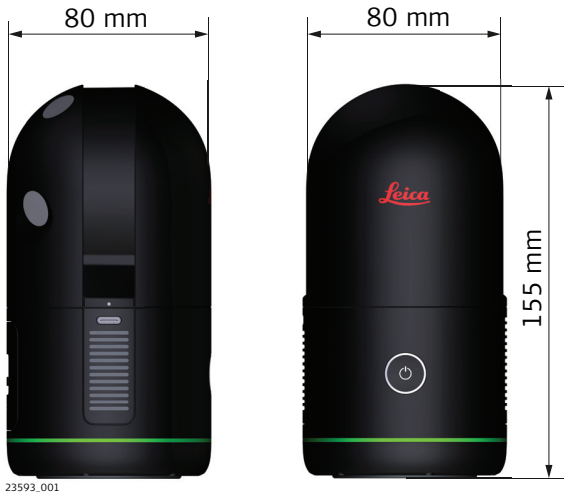
7.6 Dimensions

Dimensions

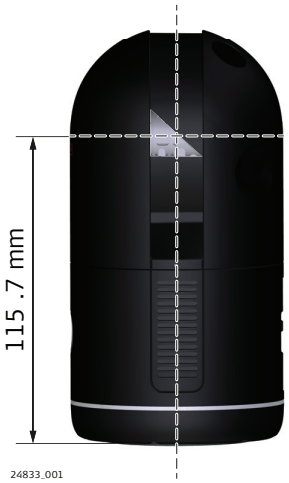
Instrument	Dimensions [mm] (D x W x H)	Dimensions [″] (D x W x H)
BLK360	80 x 80 x 155	3.1 x 3.1 x 6.1
GEV821 AC power supply	85 x 170 x 41 / cable length: 1800	3.4 x 6.7 x 1.6 / cable length: 70
GKL825 multicharger	157 x 71 x 38	6.2 x 2.8 x 1.5
GEB825 battery	71.5 x 39.5 x 21.2	2.8 x 1.6 x 0.8
GAD123 tripod adapter	42 x 42 x 35.1	1.65 x 1.65 x 3.1
Transport container	195.5 x 195.5 x 258.6	7.7 x 7.7 x 10.2

Dimensions

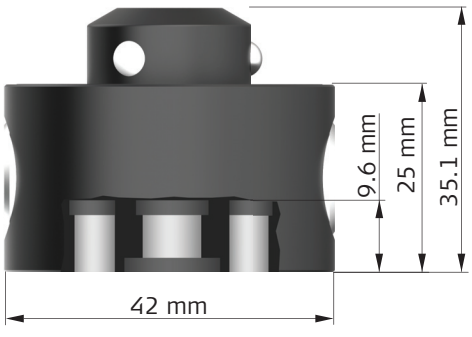
BLK360



Fast axis



Dimensions of tripod adapter



7.7 Weight

Weight

Instrument	Weight [kg]	Weight [lbs]
BLK360 without battery	0.75	1.65

Instrument	Weight [kg]	Weight [lbs]
GEV821 AC power supply	0.1	0.2
GKL825 multicharger	0.1	0.2
GEB825 battery	0.1	0.2
BLK360 transport container (without scanner and accessories)	1.0	2.2
BLK360 transport container (with scanner and standard accessories)	2.2	4.9

7.8 Accessories

Scope of delivery

- BLK360
- Transportation case GVP739
- Battery charger GKL825 with AC power adapter GEV821
- Battery GEB825 (3x)
- Quick Guide BLK360
- 12 month warranty
- Calibration Certificate digital access by online registration

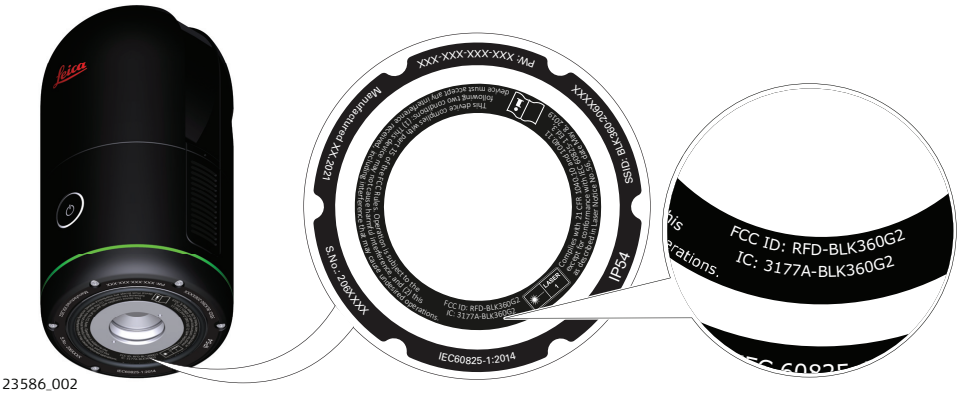
Additional accessories

- additional batteries GEB825
- BLK360 tripod
- BLK360 tripod adapter
- BLK360 mission bag
- BLK360 tribrach adapter

7.9 Conformity to National Regulations

7.9.1 BLK360

Labelling BLK360



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Labelling GEB825

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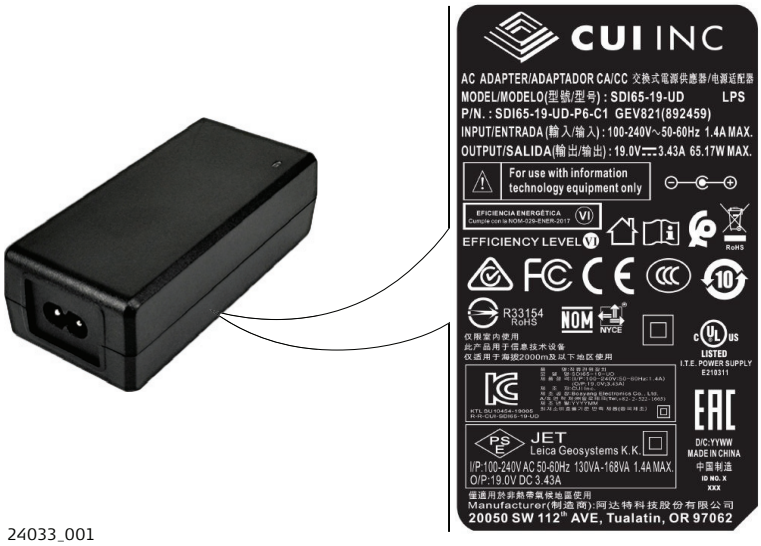

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Antennas

Type	Antenna	Gain [dBi]
Bluetooth	Chip antenna	+1.87
Bluetooth LE	Chip antenna	+1.87
WLAN 2.4 GHz	2x chip antenna MIMO system	+1.87
WLAN 5 GHz	2x chip antenna MIMO system	+4.42

Frequency bands, output power

Type	Frequency band [MHz]	Output power[1)] [dBm]	Country restrictions
Bluetooth	2402–2480	10.95	
Bluetooth LE	2402–2480	8.88	
WLAN 2.4 GHz	2412–2472	16.89	
WLAN 5 GHz	5180–5240 5260–5320 5500–5700	22.40 22.83 19.03	See Japan

Radiation Exposure Statement

The radiated output power of the instrument is below the radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, the instrument should be used in such a manner that the potential for human contact during normal operation is minimised. To avoid the possibility of exceeding the radio frequency exposure limits, keep a distance of at least 20 cm between you (or any other person in the vicinity) and the instrument.

[1)] Conducted power for mobile technologies and EIRP for other technologies.

EU

Hereby, Leica Geosystems AG declares that the radio equipment type BLK360 G2 is in compliance with Directive 2014/53/EU and other applicable European Directives.
The full text of the EU declaration of conformity is available at the following Internet address: http://www.leica-geosystems.com/ce.

☞ The following advice is only valid for battery and charger.

EU

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USA

FCC ID: RFD-BLK360G2

Part 15 B/C/E

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Leica Geosystems for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

☞ The following advice is only valid for battery and charger.

USA

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy. If not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference does not occur in a particular installation.
If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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Canada

CAN ICES-003 (Class B) / NMB-003 (Class B)

IC ID: 3177A-BLK360G2

Canada Compliance Statement
This device contains licence-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's licence-exempt RSS(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device

Canada Déclaration de Conformité
L'émetteur/récepteur exempt de licence contenu dans le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:

1. L'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage
2. L'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement

Japan

Client station 5 GHz: The transmission of radio equipment is indoor use only. (Except when communicating with 5.2 GHz high power base stations or relay stations).

- This device is granted pursuant to the Japanese Radio Law (電波法) and the Japanese Telecommunications Business Law (電気通信事業法).
- This device should not be modified (otherwise the granted designation number will become invalid).

Others

The conformity for countries with other national regulations has to be approved prior to use and operation.

7.9.2 Dangerous Goods Regulations

Dangerous Goods Regulations

Many products of Leica Geosystems are powered by Lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries can be dangerous under certain conditions and can pose a safety hazard. In certain conditions, Lithium batteries can overheat and ignite.

☞ When carrying or shipping your Leica product with Lithium batteries onboard a commercial aircraft, you must do so in accordance with the **IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations**.

☞ Leica Geosystems has developed **Guidelines** on "How to carry Leica products" and "How to ship Leica products" with Lithium batteries. Before any transportation of a Leica product, we ask you to consult these guidelines on our web page (IATA Lithium Batteries) to ensure that you are in accordance with the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations and that the Leica products can be transported correctly.

☞ Damaged or defective batteries are prohibited from being carried or transported onboard any aircraft. Therefore, ensure that the condition of any battery is safe for transportation.

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