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From the world's leading laser measurement system manufacturer: the XL-80 laser system

Renishaw has been designing, manufacturing and supplying laser interferometer systems for over 20 years. Its ML10 laser system has become a globally recognised standard for accuracy and reliability in use.

The new XL-80 laser system offers greatly increased portability, system accuracy and improved dynamic measurement performance. It is quicker and easier to use, whilst retaining the benefits of a pure interferometry based system, a proven technology that has made Renishaw laser systems the preferred choice of companies worldwide.

XL-80 retains Renishaw's key virtues of accuracy, reliability and durability in day-to-day use, where it really matters.

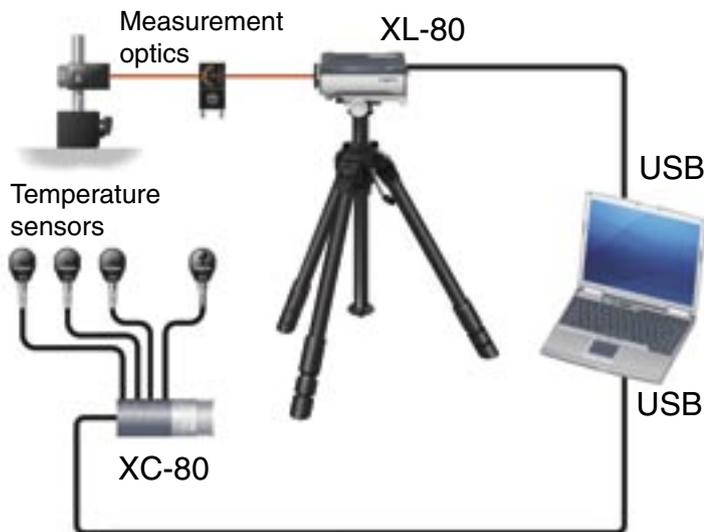


XL-80 laser (with optional universal shutter) and XC-80 compensator

Increased performance from the XL laser measurement system widens your measurement options. Significantly smaller than existing systems, it delivers improved portability and ease of use, helping your business to stay ahead

XL system components

The basis of the new system is a compact laser head (XL-80) and an independent compensator system (XC-80)



XL-80 laser

The XL-80 laser produces an extremely stable laser beam, with a wavelength that is traceable back to national and international standards.

The laser frequency stability is specified as ± 0.05 ppm over 1 year and ± 0.02 ppm over 1 hour. This excellent performance is achieved by dynamic thermal control of the laser tube length to within a few nanometres.

Linear measurement accuracy is an assured ± 0.5 ppm, over the whole environmental range ie from 0 °C – 40 °C (32 °F - 104 °F) and 650 mbar – 1150 mbar. Readings are taken at 50 kHz, with a maximum linear measurement speed of 4 m/s and a linear resolution of 1 nm; even at maximum speed.

As the XL system uses interferometry as the basis for all its measurement options (not just linear), you can have confidence in the accuracy of all your measurements.



With integrated USB, there is no requirement for a separate laser-to-PC interface. The laser also features an auxiliary analogue signal output as standard, with quadrature output a factory option. The same socket also accepts a trigger signal input for data capture synchronisation.

LED status lights, indicating laser status and signal strength, provide back-up to the software's "on-screen" indicators. Together with a switchable long range mode (40 m - 80 m) and a warm-up time of less than 6 minutes, these features make the XL-80 quick and easy to use.

An external, switch mode power supply ensures 90 V - 264 V flexibility in input voltage.

XL system components

XC-80 compensator and sensors

The XC-80 compensator is a key factor in your XL system's measurement accuracy. Featuring "intelligent sensors" that process the readings at source, the compensator very accurately measures air temperature, air pressure and relative humidity.

Like the XL-80 laser, the compensator is directly connected to your PC via a USB port which, for the XC unit, also supplies power (no separate power supply is required).

The XC-80 weighs only 490 g and together with the XL-80 weighs just over 3 kg (including connecting cables, XL power supply and sensors).

Both the air and material temperature sensors are "intelligent". Integral microprocessors analyse and process the sensors' output before sending digital temperature values to the XC-80 compensator. This offers more secure measurements and is a key reason why the XC-80 is so compact.

Up to three material temperature sensors can also be attached to the XC-80 compensator to allow linear measurements to be normalised to a standard material temperature of 20 °C.

Sensor cables are 5 m long and detachable for easy replacement. Multiple cables can be screwed together for extended lengths on longer machines.



It then modifies the nominal value of the of the laser wavelength to give a true value, used in calculations, which virtually eliminates any measurement errors resulting from these variations. This can be done automatically, every 7 seconds, as indicated by LED status lights on the XC-80 unit.

Each sensor 'shuts down' between readings to minimise heat dissipation; typical of the detail in the XC-80 design, which includes both temperature and pressure mapping of air pressure sensors and coefficient adjusted temperature sensors.



The design of the XC-80 and sensors ensures extremely accurate readings over the full range of operating conditions, from units that are built to withstand the daily handling that most systems will receive.

XL system components

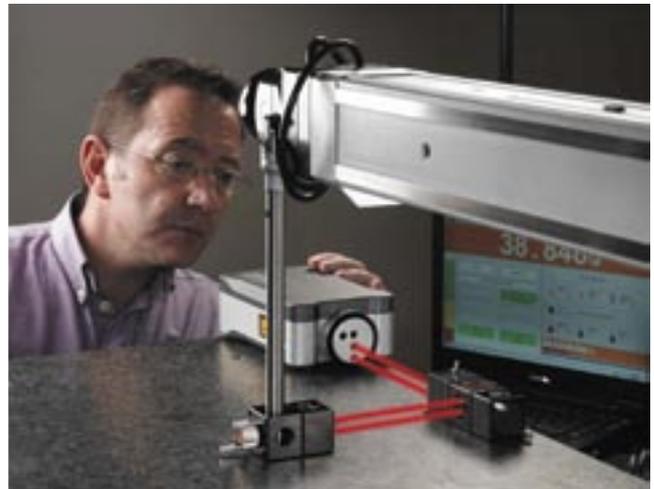
Tripod and stage

Unless you are using a dedicated measurement rig, then you are likely to need a tripod and stage to adjust the laser's position relative to the desired measurement axis. A new universal tripod has been extensively tested to provide a stable adjustable base in a compact, lightweight unit.

The XL tripod stage allows for precise angular rotation and translation of the XL-80 and is designed to be left attached to the laser unit for easy storage and quick set-up.



A "quick fit/release" mechanism enables rapid and secure fixing to the tripod. For those applications where tripod mounting is not convenient, e.g. for mounting directly on a machine tool table, the stage and laser can also be mounted on most standard magnetic bases, using an optional adapter with M8 thread.



Due to careful design, the XL-80 laser and optics can also be placed directly on a granite table (without tripod stage) for co-ordinate measuring machine (CMM) calibration.

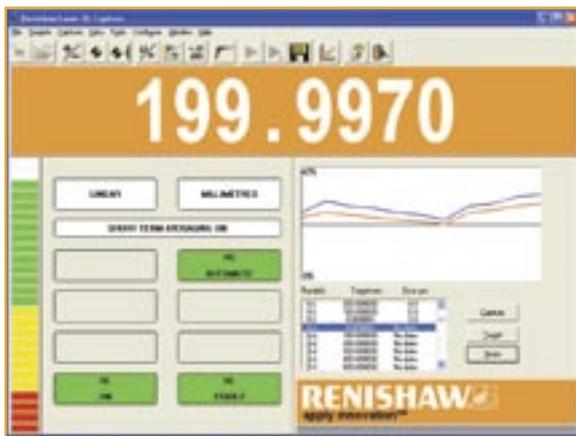
The tripod and tripod case together weigh just 6.2 kg, to complement the portability of the rest of the laser system.



Dedicated software packages to maximise your XL system performance AND system benefits

Software packages

Powerful software and clear but extensive support documentation are key to releasing the potential of the XL-80 system



LaserXL™ software

LaserXL™ software includes modules for linear, angular, rotary axis, flatness, straightness and squareness measurements, as well as dynamic measurement capability (see below). Users can select from English or a choice of several main languages for LaserXL™, QuickViewXL™ and system manual.

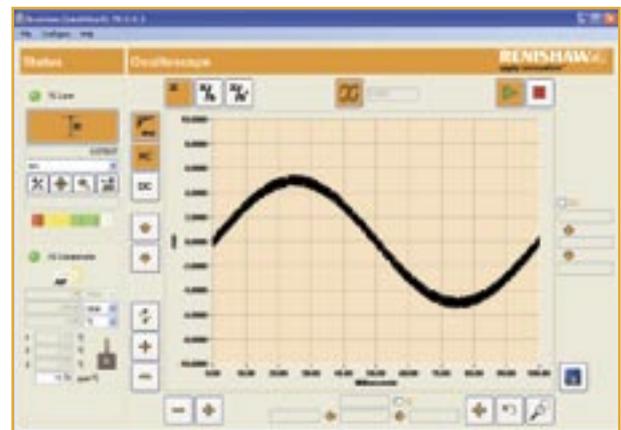
Standard report options conform to many international machine performance checking standards, such as ISO, ASME, VDI, JIS and GB, and include a comprehensive Renishaw analysis.

The dynamic measurement facility allows the collection of data at rates of 10 Hz to 50 kHz (at 12 preset values) and provides displacement, velocity and acceleration data. There's even an integrated FFT package for frequency analysis.

With optional linear error compensation packages, the data obtained from a LaserXL™ calibration can be used to create

compensation values for use in a CNC machine's controller. This can significantly improve a machine's positioning accuracy. Compensation packages are available to interface with many of today's machine controllers.

QuickViewXL™ software



For live, real-time display of laser measurement data for linear displacement, velocity and acceleration analysis. QuickViewXL™ provides the ideal tool for R&D, as it enables quick and easy investigation, review and characterisation of motion systems.

Both software packages are Windows® XP (SP2) and Vista® operating systems compatible (32-bit only).

Correct PC specification is vital for system performance. Please check with Renishaw for latest details

Support packages

A multi-lingual system manual is supplied on CD with each laser system. This contains written and illustrated set-up procedures for each measurement, calibration tips and analysis information.

It can be installed to your PC and accessed directly using the software Help button or used as a stand-alone reference.

Extra CDs are available free of charge.



System benefits

Performance

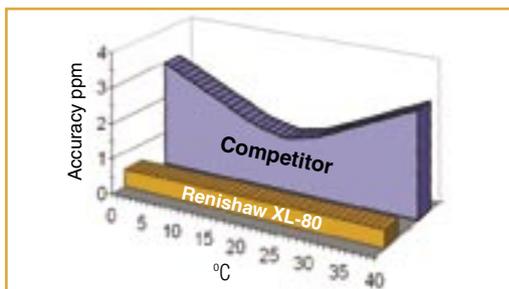


- ±0.5 ppm** certified linear measurement accuracy over the full range of environmental operating conditions
- 1 nm** linear resolution (even at max. velocity)
- 4 m/s** maximum travel velocity
- 7 seconds** between each automatically updated environmental compensation
- 50 kHz** dynamic capture rate
- 80 m** linear range as standard

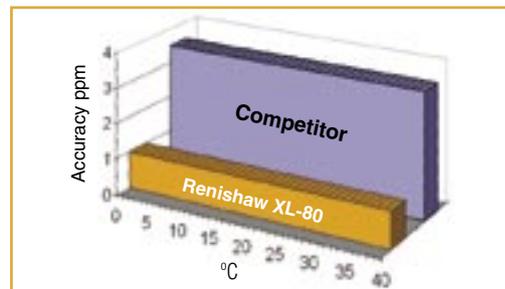
Without reliable and accurate wavelength compensation errors of 20 ppm - 30 ppm would be common

Great effort has been taken to ensure Renishaw's XC-80 compensation system and sensors are accurate across the entire operating range of the system. It is this that maintains ±0.5 ppm linear measurement accuracy from 0 °C – 40 °C (32 °F – 104 °F) and over the full air pressure range (see graph comparisons with competitor system below).

Performance specifications are verified to international procedures against a documented system error budget, with system accuracy quoted to 95% confidence level (k = 2), which is valid across the full environmental operating range (see "System performance" p11).



System linear measurement accuracy vs. environmental temperature



Material normalisation accuracy @ 10 ppm/°C

System benefits

Ease of use

Easy to use and quick to set-up, the XL-80 allows users to reduce waiting time and increase available measurement time

- Short preheat time (below six minutes)
- Laser and stage designed for combined storage
- Stage features quick release tripod mounting



- Reduced components and connections. Both laser and compensator connect to your PC via USB; no separate interface, and no complicated set-ups are required
- The XC-80 compensator is powered via its USB connection, so no external power supply is needed

Flexibility and ease of operation

- “Switchable” between standard (40 m) and long (80 m) range modes
- An analogue I/O port allows for analogue and quadrature signal outputs (factory specified option) and a trigger signal input
- Easy to read LEDs for status and signal strength indication
- Uses standard or cordless mouse as trigger for remote manual data capture

Portability and handling

The small size of the XL-80 laser and XC-80 compensator means that the whole system (less tripod) can now be packed into a truly portable “wheelie-case”. A complete linear system in its case weighs around 12 kg. Even with the optional angular optics, accessories and a Renishaw QC10 ballbar kit (see p10) it weighs just over 16 kg; a highly portable “check and correct” system that others just can’t match.



Base system (Left) and full system (Right) cases



System “wheelie-case” and additional tripod case are truly portable

Base system case takes full linear and angular system



Total confidence

Quality in design, build and technical support are Renishaw hallmarks. That's vital, whether you're dealing in microinches or nanometres

Design

Renishaw's laser design and manufacturing operations are accredited to ISO 9001:2000 and are subject to regular third party audits. Products are developed in line with rigorous in-house procedures and guidelines, with extensive checks and reviews at each stage.

The system design is based on extensive feedback from laser and non-laser users to design out current system limitations and design in expected future requirements. The XL-80 is designed to allow updates and developments as user requirements change in the future.

The performance of Renishaw laser systems has been independently verified by National Physical Laboratory (NPL), UK and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany.



Build

Renishaw is big enough to produce nearly all components and assemblies in its own factories.

It has an extensive and modern machine shop, surface finishing and software departments. There's even a complete PCB design, build and test facility.

This in-house manufacture, together with design, gives Renishaw the capability to fully understand and control the design and build process, unlike suppliers who outsource these activities.



Total confidence

Test and certification

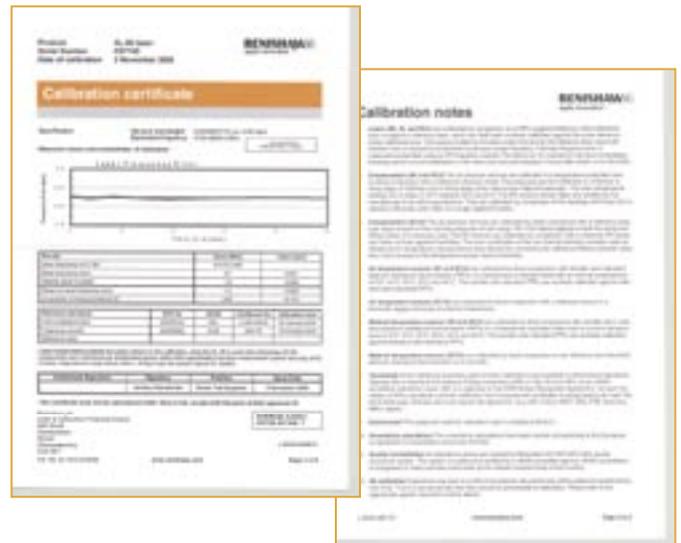
All XL-80 and XC-80 systems (including sensors) are delivered with comprehensive calibration certificates giving test data in both tabular and graphical format, as well as full details of calibration standards used and of traceability to international standards.

Separate laser and sensor certification allows you to interchange components whilst maintaining traceable accuracy.

Support

Renishaw sales engineers are renowned for their pre and post sales support. We know that buying a laser system is a major investment for you and your company. Please ask us if you have any questions, we've nothing to hide and we want you to be sure you choose the right solution for your application.

To ensure ongoing performance, Renishaw offers a full in-house recalibration service for components and systems. Alternatively, third party calibration is available from various national standards laboratories including NPL, PTB and NIM (China).

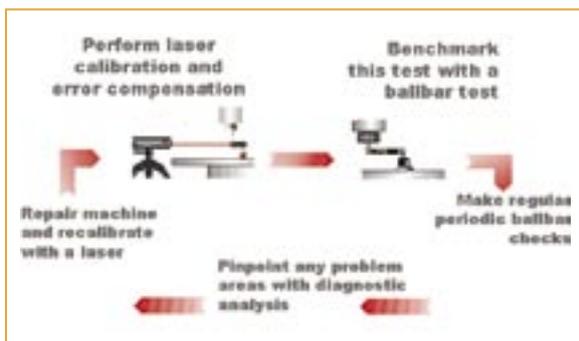


Your guarantee

With extensive in-house manufacturing and years of experience, Renishaw has the confidence to offer a 3 year system warranty as standard. An extension to 5 years is available for a small price premium (please ask for details).

Ballbar and laser, working together for maximum benefit

The Renishaw QC10 ballbar system is internationally recognised as the ideal solution to quickly check machine tools and is ideal for use in between scheduled laser calibrations.



Recognising this, both the XL system cases will accept an optional tray to securely hold all standard QC10 kit components.

This provides a portable "check and correct" system that others just cannot match.



XL-80 laser system: main specifications

Laser head XL-80	
Dimensions (weight)	214 mm x 120 mm x 70 mm (1.85 kg)
Power supply	External, 90 VAC - 264 VAC, auto sensing
System measurement capability	Linear, angular (and rotary), flatness, straightness and squareness
Laser output	
Interface	Integral USB comms, no separate interface
TPin (trigger signal)	Yes
Quadrature signal output	Yes (factory option)
Analogue voltage output	Yes
Signal strength LEDs	Yes

Your XL laser is supplied as a kit including:

- XL laser unit (with standard shutter)
- USB cable
- Power supply and cables
- Aux I/O connector
- System manual (CD-ROM)

System performance																
Linear measurement range	80 metres															
Linear measurement accuracy	±0.5 ppm															
Laser frequency accuracy	±0.05 ppm															
Resolution	1 nm															
Maximum travel velocity	4 m/s*															
Dynamic capture rate	10 Hz - 50 kHz**															
Preheat time	< 6 minutes															
Specified accuracy range	0 °C - 40 °C															
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Environmental compensator XC-80	
Dimensions (weight)	135 mm x 58 mm x 52 mm (490 g)
Power supply	Powered via USB from PC
Internal sensors	Air pressure Relative humidity
Remote sensors	1 air temperature 1 - 3 material temperature
Interface	Integral USB comms, no separate interface

Your XC compensator is supplied as a kit including:

- XC compensator unit
- Air temperature sensor kit
- Material temperature sensor kit
- USB cable
- System manual (CD-ROM)

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Other	
Warranty	3 years (with 5 year option)
Certification	XL, XC and air and material temperature sensors. Certificates comply with requirements of ISO 17025
Quality system	ISO 9001, BVQI certified

Measurement optics

The XL-80 system uses the same range of optics as Renishaw's ML10 system, covering linear, angular (including rotary axes), straightness, squareness and flatness measurements. All measurements are interferometric and therefore use the traceable international standard wavelength of laser light.



Other systems which use electronic targets to measure pitch, yaw and straightness errors, often compromise measurement accuracy and stability.



For rotary axis measurements the RX10 rotary axis kit is available. This high precision indexing table, when used with the XL-80 system and angular optics, gives fully automatic calibration of axes, with ± 1 arc sec accuracy.

Optics accessories

LS350 beam steerer

This unique patented optic provides easy angular adjustment of the laser beam in both horizontal and vertical planes, making laser alignment a simple one step process. The beam steerer speeds up linear, angular and straightness measurements, whether in-line or at 90° . The optic is also compatible with the linear/angular combination kit and swivel/fixed turning mirrors. Clamping screws allow the beam steerer to be easily attached to measurement optics.



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Steering angle range	± 35 mm/m	$\pm 2^\circ$
Axial range	0 m – 10 m	0 ft – 33 ft

Swivel mirror

This mirror can be used as an alignment aid for ANSI B5.54 diagonal measurements. It is also useful when measuring slant-bed lathes. Clamping screws allow the mirror to be easily attached to measurement optics.



Fixed turning mirror

This mirror reflects the laser beam through 90° . Like the swivel mirror, it can be attached to the measurement optics to aid optical set-up and is used primarily when there is restricted access to the required axis of measurement.



Measurement specifications

Linear



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Linear measurement range	0 m – 80 m	0 in – 3200 in
Measurement accuracy (with XC-80 compensator)	± 0.5 ppm (parts per million)	
Resolution	0.001 μ m	0.1 μ in
For measurements over 40 m it is recommended to use the long range linear accessory kit		
Performance specifications for linear (above) and other measurement modes are quoted to 95% confidence level ($k = 2$), and are valid across the full environmental operating range		

Angular



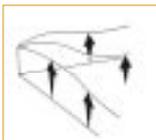
Specification	Metric	Imperial
Axial range	0 m - 15 m	0 in - 590 in
Angular measurement range	±175 mm/m	±10°
Angular accuracy	±0.2%* ±0.5 ±0.1M μm/m	±0.2%* ±0.1 ±0.007F arc sec
Resolution	0.1 μm/m	0.01 arc sec
Where M = measurement distance in metres; F = measurement distance in feet % = percentage of calculated angle * With high accuracy angular optics (± 0.6% with standard optics)		

Rotary



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Angular range	Unlimited	
Indexing accuracy (standard)	±5 μm/m	±1 arc sec
Repeatability	1 μm/m	0.2 arc sec
Mounting	Top or bottom faces for spindle or table location	
Axis of rotation	Vertical or horizontal	
Control	Automatic via RS232 to PC	
Maximum velocity of indexer table	30 rpm when the measurement step size is less than 10° 2 rpm when measurement step size is more than 10°	

Flatness



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Axial range	0 m - 15 m	0 in - 590 in
Flatness measurement range	±1.5 mm	±0.06 in
Accuracy	±0.6% ±0.02 M ² μm	±0.6% ±0.08 F ² μin
Resolution	0.01 μm	1 μin
Foot spacing	50 mm, 100 mm and 150 mm	2 in, 4 in and 6 in (approx)
Where M = length of the diagonal in metres; F = length of the diagonal in feet; % = percentage of calculated flatness		

Straightness



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Axial range (short range)	0.1 m - 4.0 m	4 in - 160 in
(long range)	1 m - 30 m	40 in - 1200 in
Straightness measurement range	±2.5 mm	±0.1 in
Accuracy (short range)	±0.5% ±0.5 ±0.15 M ² μm	±0.5% ± 20 ±0.5 F ² μin
(long range)‡	±2.5% ±5 ±0.015 M ² μm	±2.5% ±200 ±0.05 F ² μin
Resolution (short range)	0.01 μm	1 μin
(long range)	0.1 μm	10 μin
Where M = measurement distance in metres; F = measurement distance in feet; % = percentage of displayed value ‡ subject to environmental conditions		

Squareness



Specification	Metric	Imperial
Range	±3/M mm/m	±2000/F arc sec
Accuracy (short range)	±0.5% ±2.5 ±0.8 M μm/m	±0.5% ±0.5 ±0.05 F arc sec
(long range)	±0.5% ±2.5 ±0.08 M μm/m	±2.5% ±0.5 ±0.005 F arc sec
Resolution	0.01 μm/m	0.01 arc sec
Where M = measurement distance in metres of the longest axis; F = measurement distance in feet; % = percentage of displayed value		