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Startup Guide



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2. Introduction

2.1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing FH/FZ5 Series product.

This manual provides information regarding functions, performance and operating methods that are required for using FH/FZ5 Series product. When using FH/FZ5 Series product, be sure to observe the following:

- FH/FZ5 Series product must be operated by personnel knowledgeable in electrical engineering.
- To ensure correct use, please read this manual thoroughly to deepen your understanding of the product.
- Please keep this manual in a safe place so that it can be referred to whenever necessary.

This Manual does not contain safety information and other details that are required for actual use of a FH/FZ5 Series Controller. Thoroughly read and understand the manuals for all of the devices that are used in this Manual to ensure that the system is used safely. Review the entire contents of these materials, including all safety precautions, precautions for safe use, and precautions for correct use.

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2.2. Conventions Used in This Manual

Symbols in this manual are used as follows:



Safety Information

Things that should be done or avoided to safely use the product.



Precautions for Use

Things that should be done or avoided to prevent malfunction, false operation, or other negative effects to the product.

Useful Information

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2.8. Related Manuals

The following manuals are related to the FH-series Sensor Controllers. Use these manuals for reference.

| Cat. No. | Manual name | Content | Application |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Vision System | Describes how to configure | To learn how to con- |
| Z340-E1 | FH/FZ5 Series | settings on the sensor con- | figure FH/FZ5 Series |
| | User's Manual | troller of FH/FZ5 Series | Vision Sensors. |
| | | Vision Sensors. | |
| | Vision System | Describes how to configure | To learn how to con- |
| | FH/FZ5 Series | settings for processing | figure settings for |
| Z341-E1 | Processing Item Function | items for FH/FZ5 Series | processing items for |
| | Reference Manual | Vision Sensors. | FH/FZ5 Series Vision |
| | | | Sensors. |
| | Vision System | Describes how to configure | To learn how to con- |
| | FH/FZ5 Series | communication settings on | figure communication |
| Z342-E1 | User's Manual | the sensor controller of | settings for FH/FZ5 |
| | (Communications Settings) | FH/FZ5 Series Vision | Series Vision Sen- |
| | | Sensors. | sors. |
| | Vision System | Describes how to configure | To learn how to con- |
| Z343-E1 | FH Series | FH Series Sensor Control- | figure FH Series |
| | Operation Manual | lers on Sysmac Studio. | Sensor Controllers. |
| | Sysmac Studio | | |
| | Sysmac Studio | Describes the operation of | To learn the operation |
| W504-E1 | Version 1 | Sysmac Studio. | and functions of |
| | Operation Manual | | Sysmac Studio. |
| | Vision Sensor | Describes how to configure | To learn the setup |
| | FH Series | and operate Calibration | procedure for printing |
| | Operation Manual | Plate Print on Sysmac Stu- | the Pattern on a Cal- |
| Z369-E1 | Sysmac Studio | dio on FH Sensor Control- | ibration Plate used for |
| | Calibration Plate Print | lers. | calibration for cam- |
| | (This manual) | | eras and robots on |
| | | | Sysmac Studio. |
| | Vision Sensor | Describes how to configure | To learn the setup |
| | FH Series | and operate Conveyor | procedure of the wiz- |
| Z370-E1 | Operation Manual | Calibration Wizard Tool on | ard style calibration |
| | Sysmac Studio | Sysmac Studio on FH | for cameras, robots, |
| | Conveyor Tracking Calibration | Sensor Controllers. | or conveyors. |
| | Wizard Tool | | |
| | Vision Sensor | Describes how to configure | To learn the setup |
| | FH Series | and operate Conveyor | procedure of pano- |
| Z371-E1 | Operation Manual | Panorama Display Tool on | rama display for im- |
| | Sysmac Studio | Sysmac Studio on FH | age capture of targets |
| | Conveyor Panorama Display Tool | Sensor Controllers. | on conveyors. |

| | Vision Sensor | Describes the setting pro- | To learn the setting |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| | FH Series | cedure of sample macros | procedure of sample |
| Z368-E1 | Conveyor Tracking Application | used for applications of | macros for conveyor |
| | Programming Guide | conveyor tracking on FH | tracking. |
| | | Sensor Controllers. | |

3. About Calibration Plate Print

3.1. Overview

Calibration Plate Print is a tool to print a Pattern onto a Calibration Plate. The Calibration Plate is used for distortion correction of camera image and calibration of the coordinate system used for image capture and conveyor tracking.



The following illustration depicts the Calibration Plate and its components. You can adjust the parameter for each component and print out the Pattern based on the settings.



| No | Part | Explanation |
|----|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Origin | The origin point of the coordinate system for camera is |
| | | located at the top left corner of Calibration Plate. |
| 2 | Pattern | The whole pattern printed on Calibration Plate. |
| | | |
| | | Dots which comprise the Pattern. |
| 3 | Mark | The center of the top left mark functions as the offset. |
| | | |
| 4 | Center point | A Mark located at the center of Pattern. |
| | | The isosceles right triangles located at the four cor- |
| 5 | Orientation Guide | ners of Calibration Plate that are used as guide to |
| | | grasp the orientation of Calibration Plate on captured |
| | | images. |

You can set up the print size and Pattern according to the width of the conveyor and camera field of view (FOV) using the Calibration Plate Print, and print it out with a printer installed on your PC by clicking the **Print** button.

3.2. Target Readers and Expected Skill Level

Target readers of this manual include developers of visual conveyor tracking systems, and engineers and programmers who support end users of visual conveyor tracking systems.

3.3. Terminology

| Term | Definition |
|--------------------------|--|
| Conveyor tracking | A function that enables a robot to track targets moving on a |
| | conveyor. Transfer of targets from/to moving conveyors is |
| | enabled by combining the Conveyor Tracking function and |
| | the Pick & Place function. |
| Visual Conveyor Tracking | A conveyor tracking system for production lines that use |
| | vision sensors. |
| Calibration | A process that generates parameters to correct camera |
| | image distortion and reciprocally convert coordinate systems |
| | that differ from the camera coordinate system. |
| Calibration Plate | A plate-shaped reference jig that is used for calibration of |
| | vision sensors. |

| Item | Restriction | |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Pattern | You can specify the number of columns and rows of Pattern | |
| | as you want within the limit. | |
| | Minimum pattern: 5 columns x 5 rows | |
| | Maximum pattern: 19 columns x 19 rows | |
| Mark | The radius and interval of marks are expressed in millim | |
| | ter. | |
| Precise Calibration | If Pattern is a square matrix, it can be used for the Precise | |
| | Calibration processing item on FH Sensor Controller. | |

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Precautions for Use

• The printing is based on a zoom factor of 100 percent.

• Depending on the printer settings for the margins and others, and the settings of the calibration pattern, the following symptoms may occur:

- : The printed calibration pattern is blurred or out of focus.
- : The margins are included in reducing the size, causing a change in the point distance and the radius.

• Thus, after the printing, check that the size and distance of the calibration marks are the same as the settings, using a measuring tool, such as a ruler.

• The quality of Calibration Plate affects the accuracy of calibration. If Calibration Plate is printed on paper, the quality of the paper and print gaps will affect the calibration accuracy.

4. Using Tools

4.1. Setup Procedure and User Interface of Calibration Plate Print

After launching the Calibration Plate Print, follow the below procedure.

- 1. Set the size of the Calibration Plate.
- 2. Set up the parameters for Calibration Marks.
- 3. Set up parameters for Orientation indicator.
- 4. Save settings.
- 5. Adjust print settings.

The following illustration shows the user interface of Calibration Plate Print.



| Item | Explanation |
|------------------------|---|
| Size Settings | Sets the size of Calibration Plate. |
| Pattern Settings | Sets up parameters for Marks, such as the position and count. |
| Orientation Guide Set- | Enable/disable the Orientation Guide, and set up position parameters. |
| tings | |
| Save Settings and | Saves and loads the settings. |
| Load Settings | |

| Print | Prints out the set Calibration Plate using a printer installed on your PC. | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Preview | Shows a print image of Calibration Plate reflecting settings you are ad- | |
| | justing. | |
| Notification pane | Shows notifications for each parameter. | |

4.2. Starting Calibration Plate Print

On the main window of FH Sensor Controller, select **Tool** under **Multiview Explorer**.

1. Under **Multiview Explorer**, click **Tool** for the target FH Sensor Controller. Available tools will be displayed.



2. Double click **Calibration Plate Print Tool**. **Calibration Plate Print Tool** will start and the Calibration Plate Print tab page will be displayed.



You can specify the size of a Calibration Plate according to the FOV and the size of conveyor you are using.

- Select the desired option from Calibration Plate Size Settings.
 The Size Settings parameter changes corresponding to the selected option.
- If you select **Paper Size**, see 2.
- If you select **User Defined Size**, see 3.

| Plate Size Settings 🔵 Paper Size | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| User Defined Size | |

| Setting | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Plate Size Settings | · [Paper Size] | Sets the size of Calibration Plate. |
| | User Defined | If you select Paper Size, you can select the |
| | Size | paper size from A0 to A7 from the Paper |
| | | Size drop-down list under Size Settings. |
| | | If you select User Defined Size , you can |
| | | adjust the width and height of Calibration |
| | | Plate under Size Settings. |

2. Select the desired paper size under **Paper Size**. Click ▼, and then select the paper size from the opened drop-down list.

| Plate Size Settings 💿 Paper Size 🔵 User Defined Size | |
|---|--|
| – Size Settings –––––– | |
| Paper Size A4 | |

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|
| Size Settings | • A0 | Sets the size of Calibration Plate between the |
| Paper Size | • A1 | paper sizes of A0 to A7. |
| | · A2 | |
| | · A3 | The following data is each size: width × height. |
| | · [A4] | A0(841×1189 mm) |
| | • A5 | A1(594×841 mm) |
| | · A6 | A2(420×594 mm) |
| | · A7 | A3 (297 × 420 mm) |
| | | A4 (210×297 mm) |
| | | A5(148×210 mm) |
| | | A6(105×148 mm) |
| | | A7(74×105 mm) |

Precautions for Use

The size and Mark Setting is set to A4 (210 x 297 mm) as factory default. Therefore, if you select a size smaller than A4, an error message, "Be sure not to exceed the paper size when adjusting parameters." appears in the Notification pane. Adjust the Mark Setting according to the paper size.

3. Set the desired width and height from the **Plate Width:** box and the **Plate Height:** box under **Size Settings**. Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the boxes.

| Plate Size Setti | ngs 🔵 Paper Size |
|------------------|-------------------|
| | User Defined Size |
| ┌ Size Settings | |
| Plate Width: | 210 🔹 mm |
| Plate Height: | 297 🖕 mm |

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|
| Size Settings | · 30 to 2000 | Set the width of the Calibration Plate in integers |
| Plate Width: | · [210] | from 30 to 2000 mm. Values outside this range |
| | | are not allowed. |
| Size Settings | · 30 to 2000 | Set the height of the Calibration Plate in inte- |
| Plate Height: | · [297] | gers from 30 to 2000 mm. Values outside this |
| | | range are not allowed. |



Precautions for Use

If the size of Pattern exceeds the paper size or if Marks overlap each other or the Orientation indicator, either of the following error messages will appear. "Be sure not to exceed the paper size when adjusting parameters." or "Be sure not to overlap the pattern and orientation guide when adjusting parameters".

If that happens, adjust parameters to be within the allowable range.



Useful Information

Make the size of Calibration Plate as close to the FOV as possible. Calibrating using the entire FOV may improve calibration accuracy.

4.4. Setting Up Parameters for Mark

You can set up the count and size of Marks that will be printed on Calibration Plate.

| – Pattern Settings ——— | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Row (Odd Value): | 19 |
| Column (Odd Value): | 19 |
| Radius: | 4 💽 mm |
| Distance Between Marks: | 10 💽 mm |
| Start Position X: | 15 🛖 mm |
| Start Position Y: | 58 🜩 mm |

- Specify the number of Marks per row from the Row(Odd Value) box. Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the box.
- Specify the number of Marks per column from the Column(Odd Value) box.
 Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the box.

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Row(Odd Value) | 5 to 19 | Sets the number of rows of Marks in the range of |
| | [19] | integer 5 to 19. Values outside the range are not |
| | | allowed. |
| Column(Odd Value) | 5 to 19 | Sets the number of columns of Marks in the range |
| | [19] | of integer 5 to 19. Values outside the range are not |
| | | allowed. |

Useful Information

- Include many Marks so that the Calibration Pattern occupies a large area of the FOV.
 This improves the accuracy of camera distortion correction.
- Only odd numbers are allowed for specifying the number of Marks per row or per column so that the Calibration Pattern has a center point determined based on the values.
- The horizontal line of Calibration Pattern is called row, and the vertical line of that is called column. In the following figure, the number of marks per row (Row Points) is set to 7, and number of marks per column (Column Points) is set to 5, creating seven columns and five rows.



- 3. Set the Mark radius from the **Radius** box. Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the box.
- 4. Set the distance between Marks from the **Distance Between Marks:** box. Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the box.

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|------------|----------------------------|--|
| Radius | · 1 to 200 | Sets the radius of Mark (integer, range: 1 to |
| | · [4] | 200. Unit of Measure: mm). Values outside this |
| | | range are not allowed. |
| Delete [:] | · 1 to 200 | Sets the distance between Marks (integer, |
| | · [10] | range: 1 to 200. Unit of Measure: mm). Values |
| | | outside this range are not allowed. |

Useful Information

Make Marks large, but be sure that they do not overlap with adjacent ones. Setting a larger radius stabilizes the measurement and improves accuracy.

5. Select the point to start printing Pattern (the center of the top left Mark) from the option boxes. The top left corner of Calibration Plate is the origin point. From there, the horizontal line is the x axis, and the vertical line is the y axis. Adjust the value by clicking ▲ and ▼, or type it into the boxes.

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Start Position X | · 1 to 2000 | The x coordinate of the start point of Pattern |
| | · [15] | print (the center of the top left Mark) specified |
| | | as an integer from 1 to 2000. Unit of Measure: |
| | | mm. Values outside this range are not allowed. |
| Start Position Y | · 1 to 2000 | The y coordinate of the start point of Pattern |
| | · [58.5] | print (the center of the top left Mark) specified |
| | | as an integer from 1 to 2000. Unit of Measure: |
| | | mm. Values outside this range are not allowed. |

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If the size of Pattern exceeds the paper size, or if Marks overlap each other or the Orientation indicator, either of the following error messages may appear. "Be sure not to exceed the paper size when adjusting parameters." or "Be sure not to overlap the pattern and orientation guide when adjusting parameters". If that happens, adjust parameters to be within allowable range.

Useful Information

Value of **Start Position Y:** changes 1 mm per click of \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown . Manual entry is also available only by 1 mm.

4.5. Setting Up Parameters for Orientation Guide

You can select whether or not to show a symbol to indicate the orientation (Orientation Guide) on the corners of Calibration Plate, and also the size of Orientation indicator.



1. If you want to specify the orientation of Calibration Plate using Orientation indicator, select the **Display Orientation Guide** check box.

- 2. Select the desired position of Orientation Guide from the drop-down list by clicking ▼.
- 3. Adjust the size of Orientation Guide from the **Orientation Guide Size:** box. Adjust the value by clicking \blacktriangle and \blacktriangledown , or type it into the box.

| Parameter | Value [Factory Default] | Explanation |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Display Orientation | · [Selected] | Select if you want to specify the orientation of |
| Guide | Not selected | Calibration Plate using Orientation indicator. |
| | | If it is not selected, the following parameters |
| | | will be unavailable. |
| Display Orientation | • [Upper Left] | Sets the location of Orientation indicator. |
| Guide | Upper Right | |
| | Lower Left | |
| | Lower Right | |
| Orientation Guide | · 1 to 2000 | Sets the size of Orientation indicator in integer |
| Size: | · [10] | from 1 to 2000 Unit of Measure: mm |
| | | This value is the length of two equal sides of |
| | | the isosceles triangle. Values outside this range |
| | | are not allowed. |



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If the size of Pattern exceeds the paper size or if Marks overlap each other or the Orientation indicator, either of the following error messages may appear. "Be sure not to exceed the paper size when adjusting parameters." or "Be sure not to overlap the pattern and orientation guide when adjusting parameters." If that happens, adjust parameters to be within allowable range.

You can center, save, and load the parameters set by Calibration Plate Print using the following buttons.



1. Click **Centering** to place the set Pattern at the center of the paper size or manually entered size determined under **Size Settings**. Pattern will be centered.

2. Click Save Settings to save parameters set by Calibration Plate Print.

Then, the **Save as** dialog box appears. Select a folder in your PC, enter the parameter file in the ini format, and then click **Save**.

The default name of the parameter file is "FZ-CalibrationPlate.ini".

3. Click Load Settings to load parameters saved in the ini format.

Then, the **Open** dialog box appears. Select the parameter file saved in the ini format, and click **Open**.

| Button | Explanation |
|---------------|---|
| Centering | Aligns the Pattern to the center of the standard paper size, or custom |
| | paper size set in the Size Settings menu. |
| Save Settings | Saves parameters configured by Calibration Plate Print in the [.ini] for- |
| | mat. The file is saved with the name "FZ-CalibrationPlate.ini". |
| Load Settings | Loads parameters saved in the [.ini] file format. |

4.7. Adjusting Print Settings

You can print the Pattern with the settings selected in the Calibration Plate Print.

Click Print.



The **Print** dialog box will appear. Select a printer to use from **Printer Name**. Adjust settings under **Print Name**, and execute printing.

| Button | Explanation |
|--------|--|
| Print | Prints out Pattern. |
| | You can do this from the Print dialog box on your PC. |

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