



Tube measuring software for **HEXAGON** Absolute Arms

IMPORT MODELS

Import solid model data from STEP or IGES files generated by CAD packages to create MASTER data.

LASER MEASURE

Measure tube shapes using laser technology for comparison against master data or to reverse-engineer from existing parts.

QUALIFY

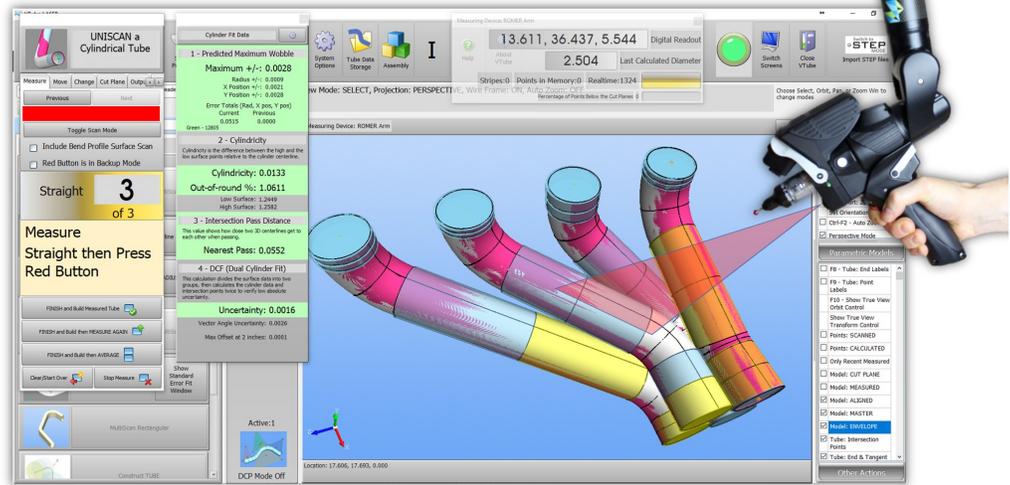
Fully-qualify tube shapes with inspection reports that contain tangent, midpoint, end angle deviations all compared to tolerance. Quickly verify a part shape by viewing the inspection result with shades of green (pass) or red (no pass).

DISPLAY MODELS

Display rendered image of measured tube, best-fit tube, and master tubes on the screen at the same time.

CORRECT BENDERS

Connect to and correct CNC benders.



This is the software tool designed exclusively for **tube measuring, tube-shape qualification, tube bender correction, and tube-shape reverse engineering** using laser scanners.



- VTube-LASER connects directly to **HEXAGON** Absolute Arms with laser scanners to scan tube shapes faster with greater repeatability.
- Qualify tube shapes.
- Setup and correct a bender in just a few minutes. Transfer of correction data takes a few seconds.
- Build SOLIDWORKS models of reverse-engineered tubes in seconds.

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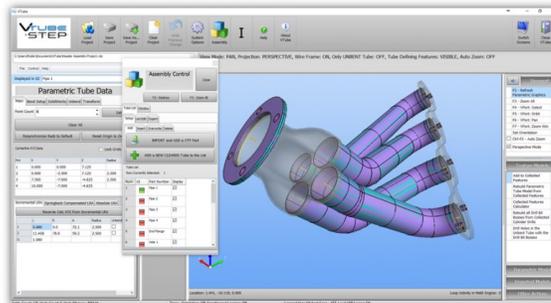
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SOLID Model

ALL HEXAGON ARMS
 VTube-LASER connects to all models of HEXAGON Absolute Arms that can use the RDS 4 driver.

IMPORT SOLID MODELS
 Import from any solid model CAD package using the universal STEP or even IGES format.

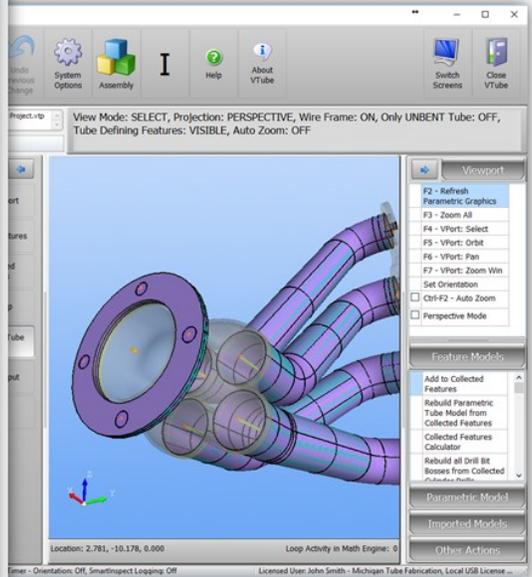
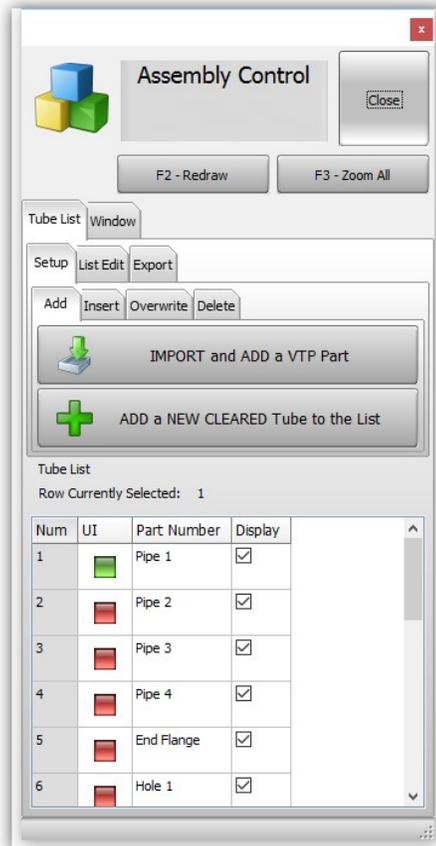
EXTRACT CENTERLINE DATA
 Extract centerline data to build MASTER data for inspection. View the results of the extraction in the viewport using transparency.



The product design world is switching to “**Model-Based Definition**” (MBD), where solid models are used to create and control the nominal MASTER data.

VTube enables MBD by allowing you to import master tube shape data from the universal STEP or IGES files – which means you can import from any solid model package.

Import one tube or entire assemblies into on VTube-LASER project file.



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inspection

Part Qualification

Fully qualify the part using the Inspection Results grid. Color codes give a quick indication of pass/fail for part qualification. Print customizable inspection reports to document the qualification.

VISUALIZE DEVIATIONS

The measured tube is fit on the master tube using sophisticated fit technology, then displayed on the screen for visualization.

INSPECTION GRID COLOR CODES

Solid Green: The deviation is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the tolerance.

Light Green: The deviation ok, but is greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ the tolerance.

Light Red: The deviation is out of tolerance by less than 2 times the tolerance.

Solid Red: The deviation is out of tolerance by greater than 2 times the tolerance.



Inspection Data

Main Setup | Envelope | Alignment

Default Tolerance and Recalculate Alignment

Default Tolerance: inches

Recalculate Best Fit - Automatic End Weight Adjustment

Trim A	+Tol A	-Tol A	Trim B	+Tol B	-Tol B	Angle A
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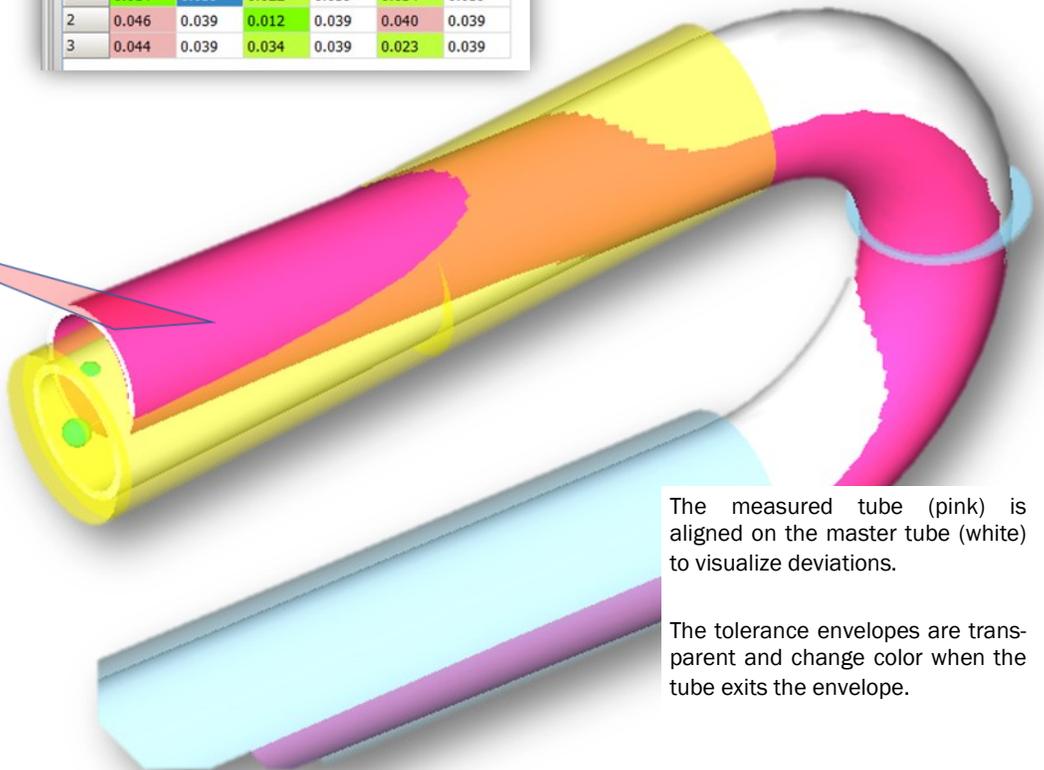
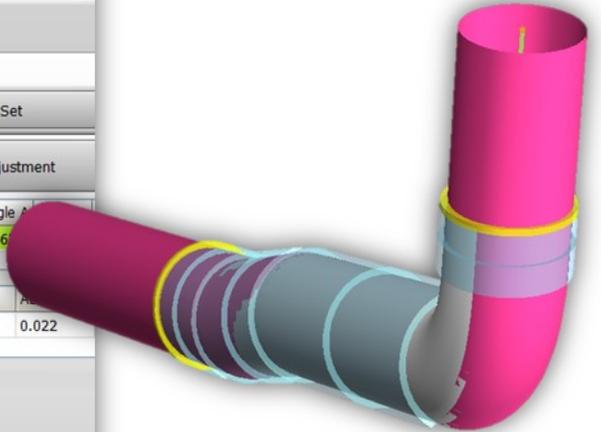
Len Master	Len Meas	Len Short	AB Master	AB Meas	Angle
11.465	11.388	-0.077	9.121	9.143	0.022

Inspection Points

Tangents | Intersection | Aligned Model

Change Grid Setup | Expanded Window

	T1 dev	T1 tol	MP dev	MP tol	T2 dev	T2 tol
1	0.014	0.039	0.022	0.039	0.034	0.039
2	0.046	0.039	0.012	0.039	0.040	0.039
3	0.044	0.039	0.034	0.039	0.023	0.039



The measured tube (pink) is aligned on the master tube (white) to visualize deviations.

The tolerance envelopes are transparent and change color when the tube exits the envelope.

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benderlink

Bender Communication

Connect up to 100 benders using the VTube-LASER Benderlink system. Network benders on your shop floor to correct the part shape in a seconds.

BENDERLINK

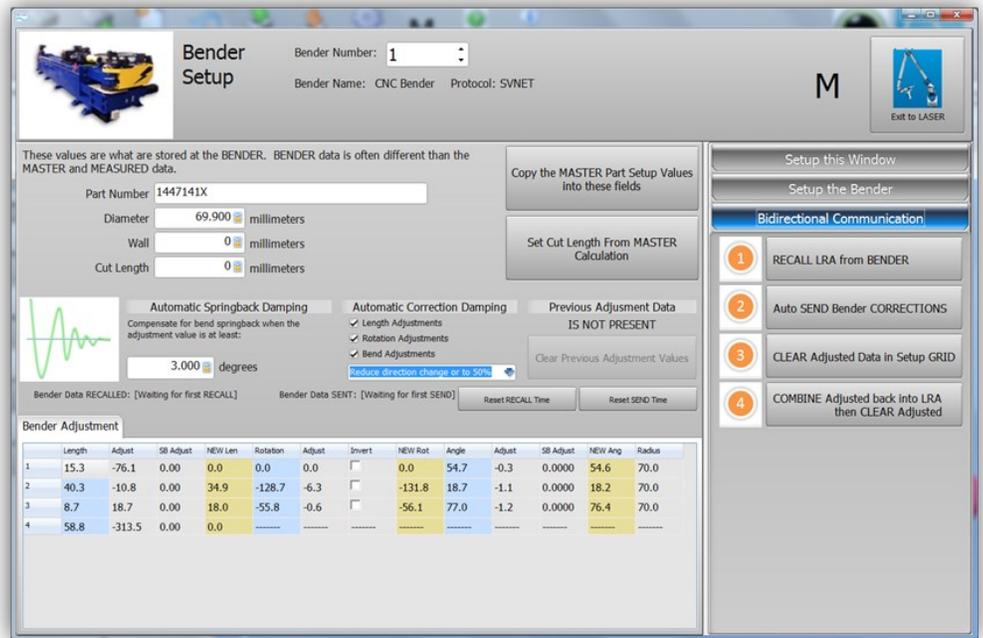
We can help you integrate VTube-LASER to benders. We're known as Benderlink specialists.

LEAPFROG

For tubes that are longer than the arm reach, VTube-LASER uses the LEAPFROG feature using magnetic conical seats we call "targets".

KNOWLEDGEBASE

We have a comprehensive web-based knowledgebase that is available to all customers for details about our products – including revision details, technical documents, tutorials, and videos.



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reporting

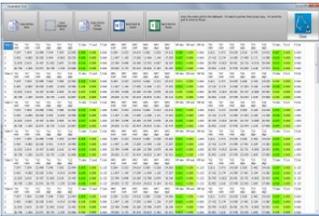
Flexible Reporting

TUBE DATA STORAGE

VTube can permanently store every measure in each tube's project file. Tube Data Storage records a permanent date-time stamped image of the data after every measure.

DATA for GAGE STUDIES

The Tube Data Storage feature is perfect for collecting data for GR&R studies – because all the data can be transferred to a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with a button press.



Design reports with HTML report templates using our sample reports. Add any number of custom report templates to the list for use in different situations.

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 ENGINEERED FABRICATIONS & ASSEMBLIES

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 Calculated Measured Length: 18.435
 Calculated Master-Measured Delta: 0.000
 A-End Offset: 0.000
 B-End Offset: 0.000
 Tube Elongation Percentage: 6.5
 Fixed Springback: 0.0
 Proportional Springback: 0.0

MASTER XYZ DATA

Point	X	Y	Z	Radius
1	-16.914	2.058	30.097	
2	-15.797	2.778	24.360	
3	-23.927	2.466	14.235	

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 Cut Length: 23.893

Point	X	Y	Z	Radius
1	-19.446	0.942	20.785	
2	-18.071	1.374	22.289	2.000
3	-13.280	-0.908	23.293	2.000
4	-8.893	-0.354	25.340	2.000
5	-11.231	-1.311	30.765	2.000
6	-8.107	1.280	32.668	2.000
7	-4.888	1.715	34.147	

Bend	Length	Rotation	Angle	Radius
1	2.945		44.2	2.000
2	2.099	179.6	44.4	2.000
3	2.056	91.0	89.2	2.000
4	2.049	-150.5	88.9	2.000
5	2.004	-88.2	29.5	2.000
6	3.068			

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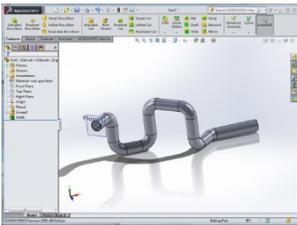
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BUILD to SOLIDWORKS

VTube can even build a fully constrained 3DSketch centerline tube with sweep and shell in a few seconds. You can measure a tube, then let VTube draw it for you in SolidWorks.



COPY MEASURED to MASTER

Reverse-engineering is simple: Copy MEASURED to MASTER data with the single press of a button in the Data Handling menu.

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“Until we purchased VTube-LASER the tube measuring process was very slow and painful. Now we find ourselves measuring tubes more frequently to ensure good quality parts. VTube has allowed us to be more productive and reduce scrap rates. With past tube measuring software we were required to hard probe which was much slower and required us to fixture the parts. **VTube-LASER is the fastest and most accurate tube measuring / bender correction software that I am aware of.**”

“Since we are a SolidWorks-based company, it is very beneficial that, **with one button click, I can have a fully-defined 3D cad model of the tube that was just measured.** This decreases the amount of time it takes to get a hard prototype reverse engineered into CAD for fixture creation. I am very excited to welcome VTube-LASER into our facility and look forward to working with Advanced Tubular in the future.”

Greg Whittle
Senior Design Engineer