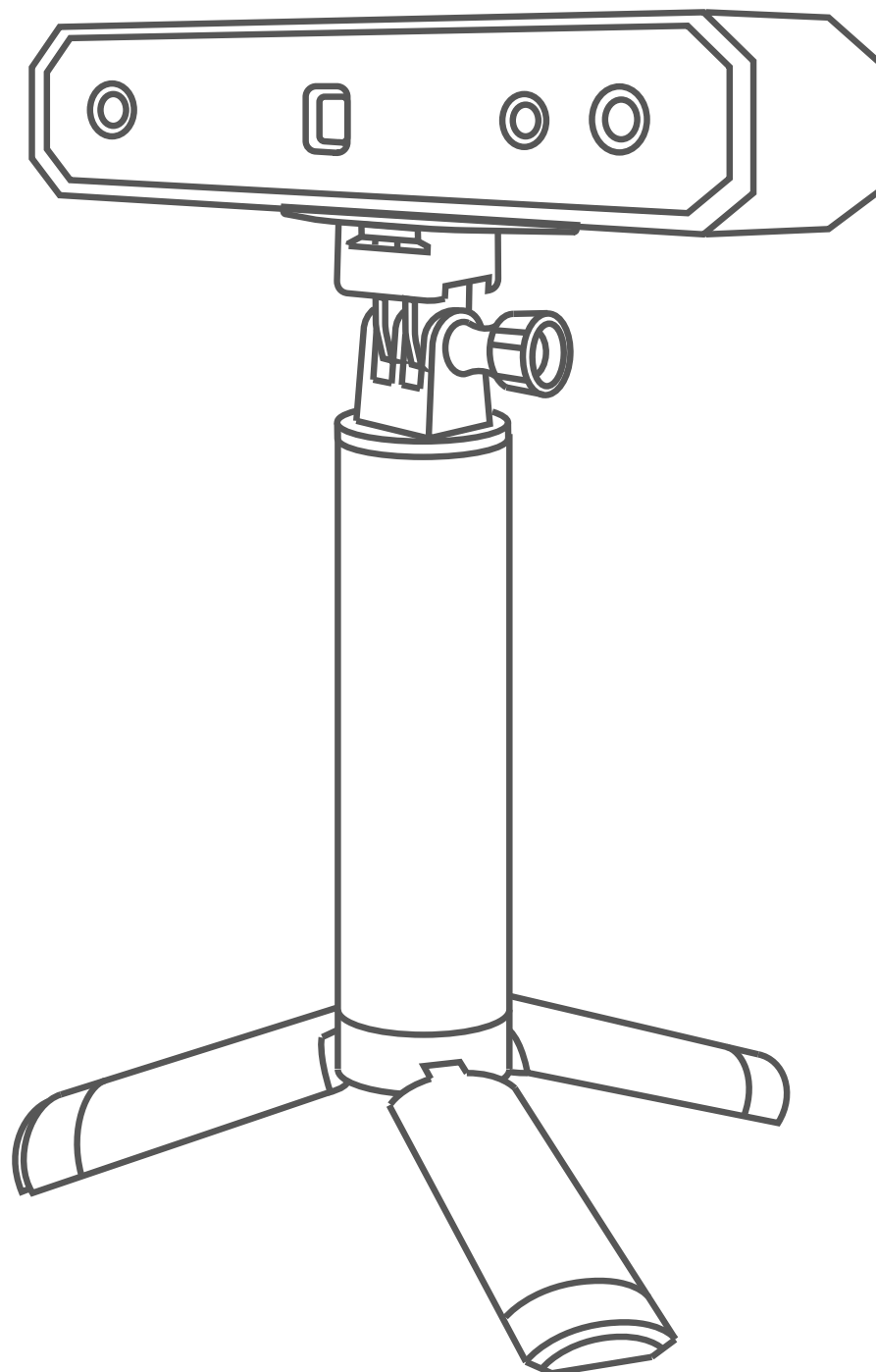


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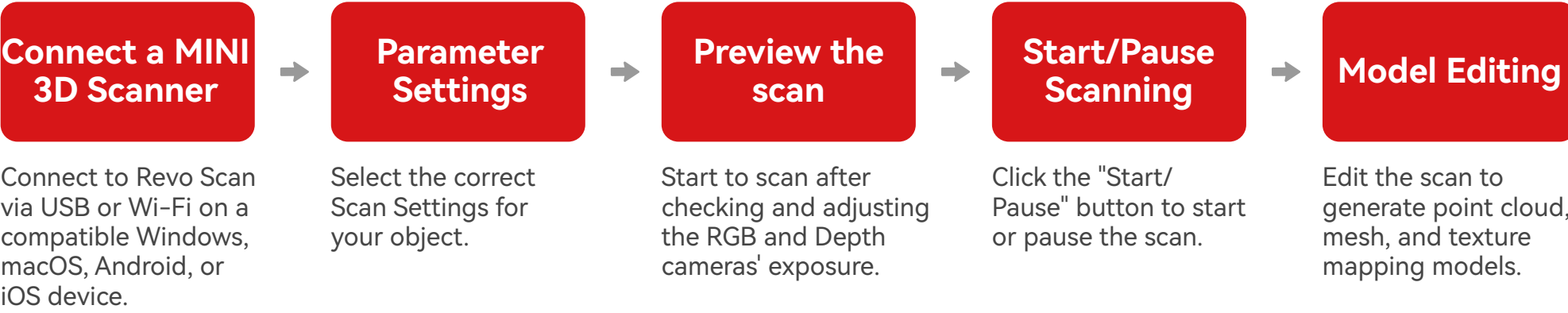
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Scanning Workflow



1. Connecting to a MINI 3D Scanner

Here's an example of how to connect to a MINI 3D scanner using a USB cable.

1.1 USB Cable Connection

Revopoint MINI 3D scanner can connect to Windows and macOS devices with its 2-meter-long USB cable.



Use the Type-A to Type-C Adapter if there is no Type-A port on your PC.

Plug into the PC's USB 3.0 port.

Plug into the MINI's Micro-B port.

1.2 Wi-Fi Connection

Revopoint MINI can also connect to Windows and macOS devices over Wi-Fi.

Step 1: Power on the 3D scanner.



• Do not plug it into your PC, or it will be in USB mode by default. To use the Wi-Fi connection the scanner must be powered by a power bank or power outlet.



• When the power indicator turns solid green, the scanner is successfully powered.

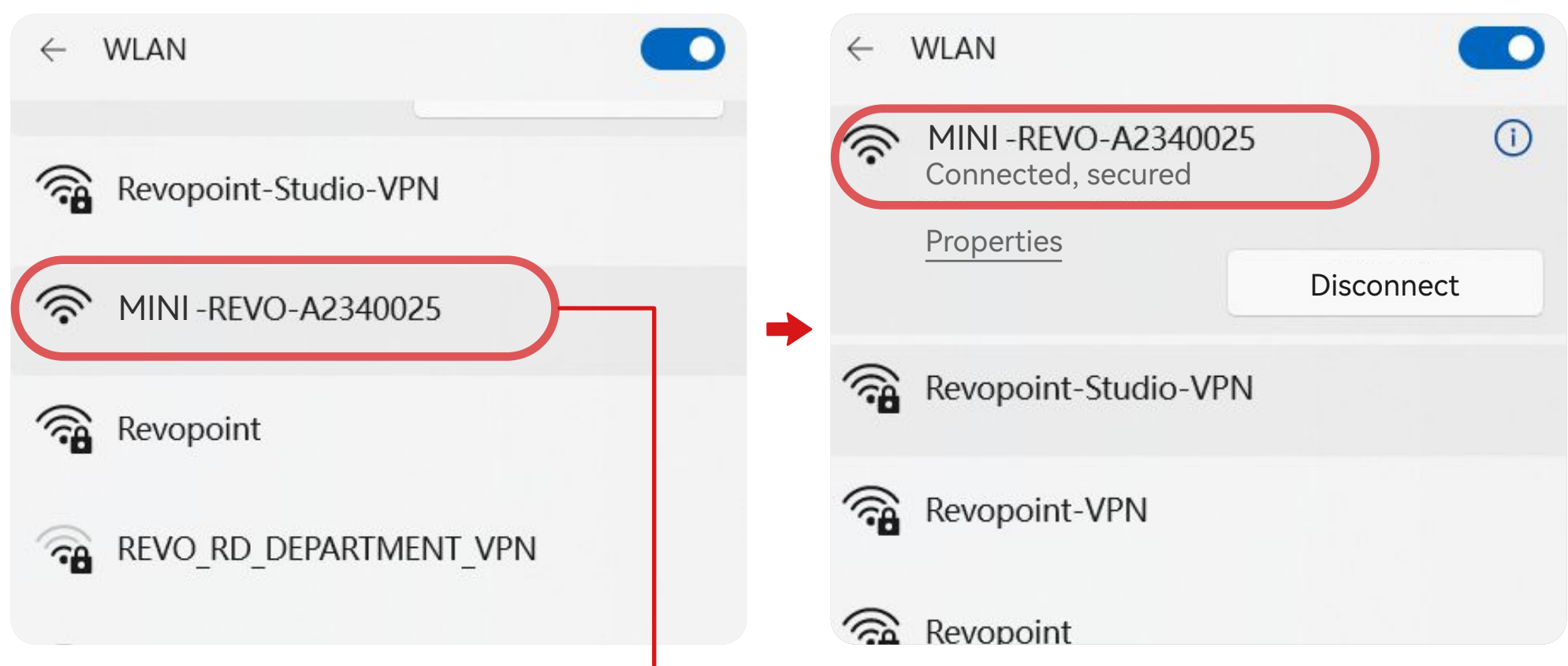
Step 2: Connecting the 3D scanner to your PC via Wi-Fi.



• Find the label on the scanner's back, and locate the Scanner Model and its SN.

- Go to your Wi-Fi setting, and search for the network called: MINI+ REVO + the first eight characters.

For example: MINI-REVO-A2340025



Click the network, and wait for it to connect to the PC. (No password is required)

Note: For some scanners with old firmware, the default password is **Revopoint3d**.

If using the Wi-Fi connection on your PC, please consider the following:

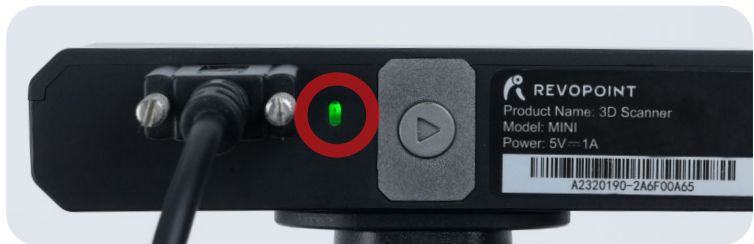
1. Check if your PC has Wi-Fi before connecting the scanner wirelessly. Older desktops may not support Wi-Fi.
2. Your PC won't have internet access when connected to the scanner's Wi-Fi. Disconnect from the scanner's Wi-Fi network if you need to go online.
3. If your PC fails to connect to the scanner's Wi-Fi, check if other devices (including mobile devices) are connected to the scanner or if your PC is linked to another scanner via USB. If none of these scenarios apply, try restarting the scanner or contact our Customer Service Team for further assistance.

1.3 LED Indicator

MINI 3D Scanner



Indicator in red: Powered on and starting



Indicator in green: Working properly

2. Setting Up a Scan

2.1 How to Use the Tripod



Image 1: When scanning smaller objects, you can remove the tripod from the telescopic handle, and reattach the tripod to the mounting block.

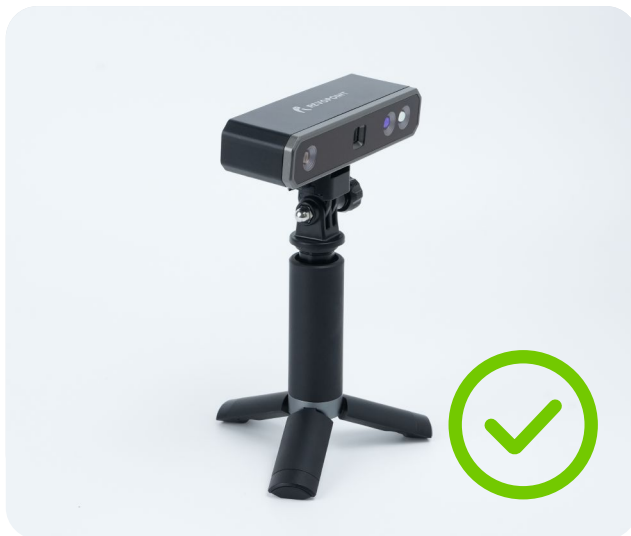


Image 2: When scanning larger objects, screw the telescopic handle back into the mounting block.

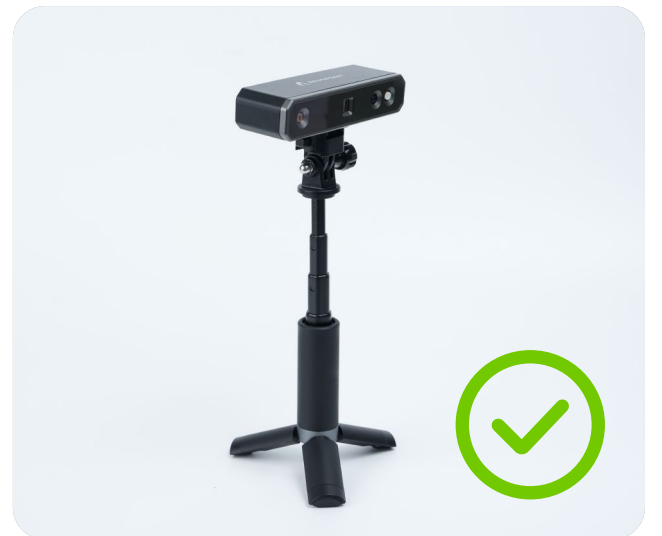


Image 3: The telescopic handle can extend more than 25 cm.

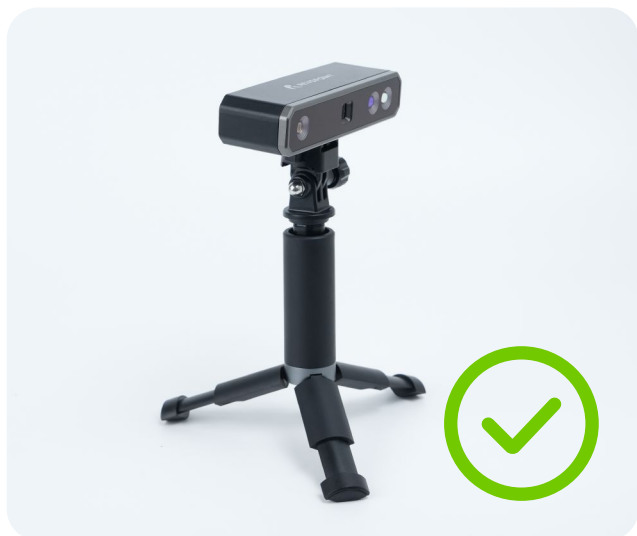


Image 4: The detachable tripod has extendable legs with a height of over 3 cm, making it easy to scan larger objects in fixed scan mode.



Image 5: Hold the tripod for handheld scanning.

2.2 How to Place an Object (Using the Agrippa Bust as an Example)

1) Incorrect Examples



Cluttered Background



Don't hold the turntable by hand, as the object will be unstable.



Incorrect Color Scans
- Dim lighting conditions are bad for colors canning.



Incorrect Color Scans
- Uneven illumination will affect texture mapping.

2) Correct Examples



The surroundings are clear of any clutter and consistently lit.



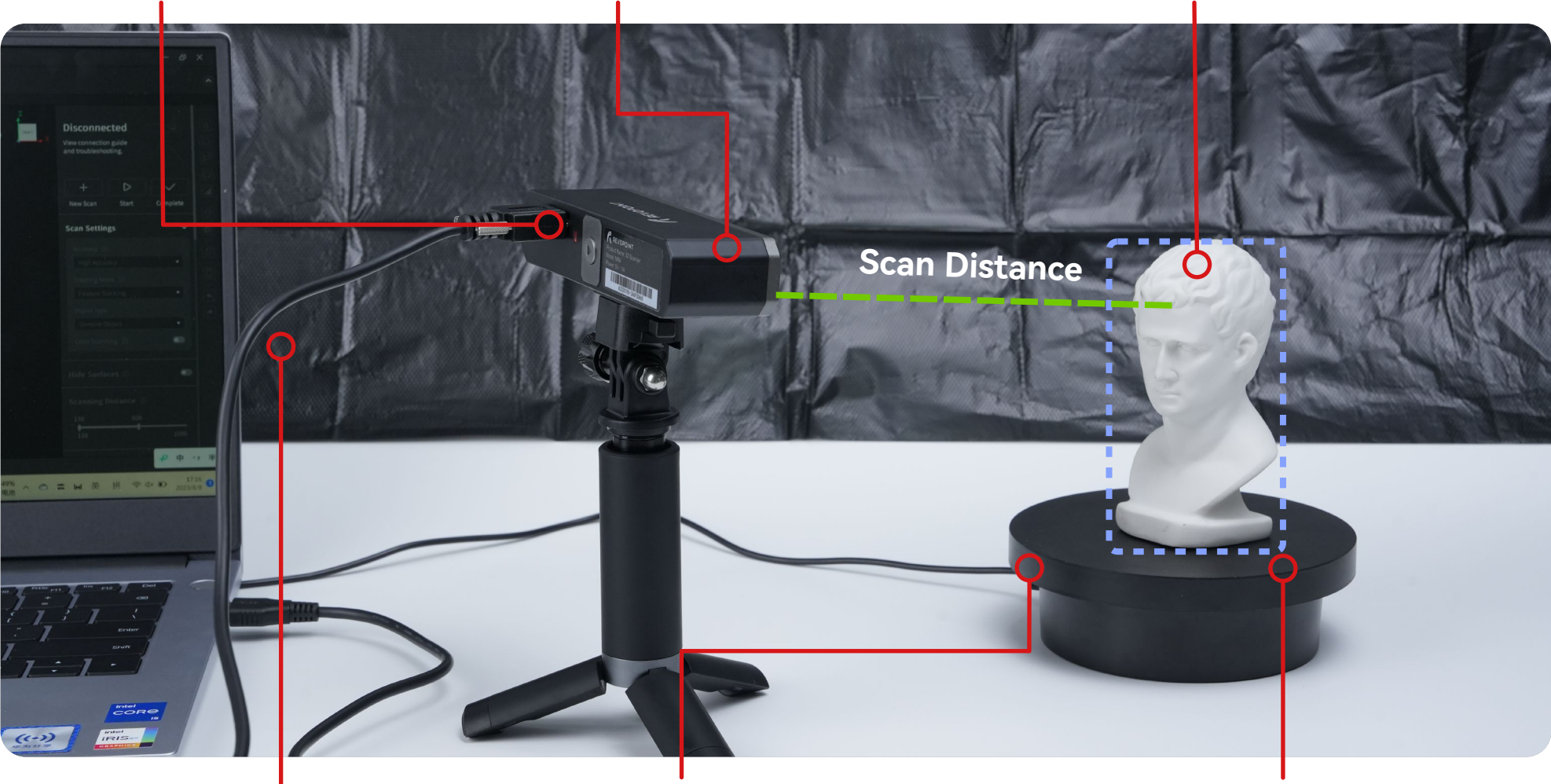
Using a Black Sheet as the background and ensuring consistent and even illumination.

2.3 How to Set up the Scanning Environment

Connect the scanner to a PC and attach it to its tripod. Angle the scanner toward the Agrippa and slightly above it.

The scanner is angled down towards the object at a distance of about 15 cm.

Check the bust to ensure that there are no shadows on its surface and that the overall lighting is even and bright.



Use the Black Sheet as the background.

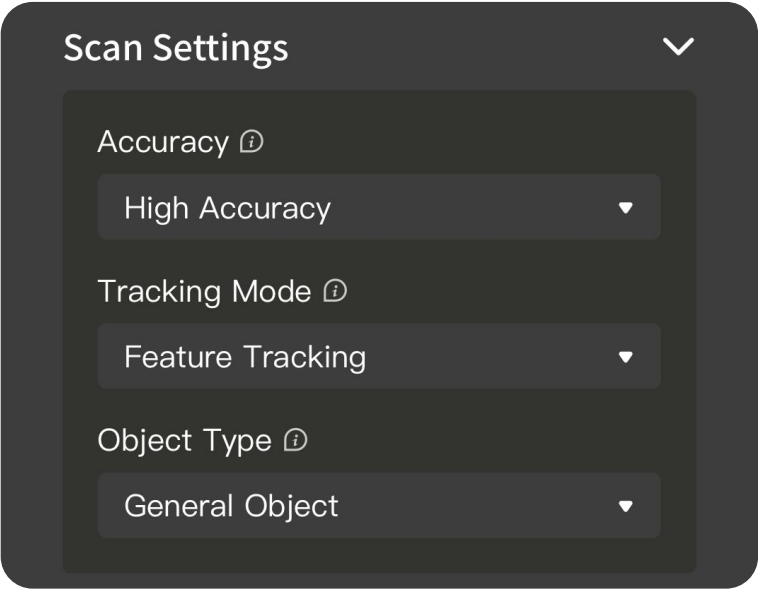
Power on the turntable and adjust it to its maximum speed.

Put Agrippa on the turntable.

Note: Working distance of MINI is 100-200mm.

3. Scan Settings

Before scanning, please ensure that the correct settings have been selected for your object.



3.1 Scan Accuracy

3.1.1 High Accuracy

1) In High Accuracy mode, the post-processing time will be longer, but the results are more suitable for applications needing more detail.



2) Object Type Supported in High Accuracy Scans

General Object, Dark Object (Refer to the Object Type section for more details)

3) Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages:

- 1. High scanning accuracy.
- 2. Captures much more of the object's details.

Disadvantages:

- 1. A lower scanning frame rate leads to lower scanning efficiency.
- 2. The scanned model takes up a lot of memory, and post-processing takes a long time.

3.1.2 Standard Accuracy

1) In Standard Accuracy mode, the model processing speed is faster and is suitable for general scanning applications.



2) Object Type Supported in Standard Accuracy Scans

General Obeject, Dark Object (Refer to the Object Type section for more details)

3) Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages :

- 1. High scanning frame rate for better scanning efficiency.
- 2. Uses less memory and has fast post-processing times.

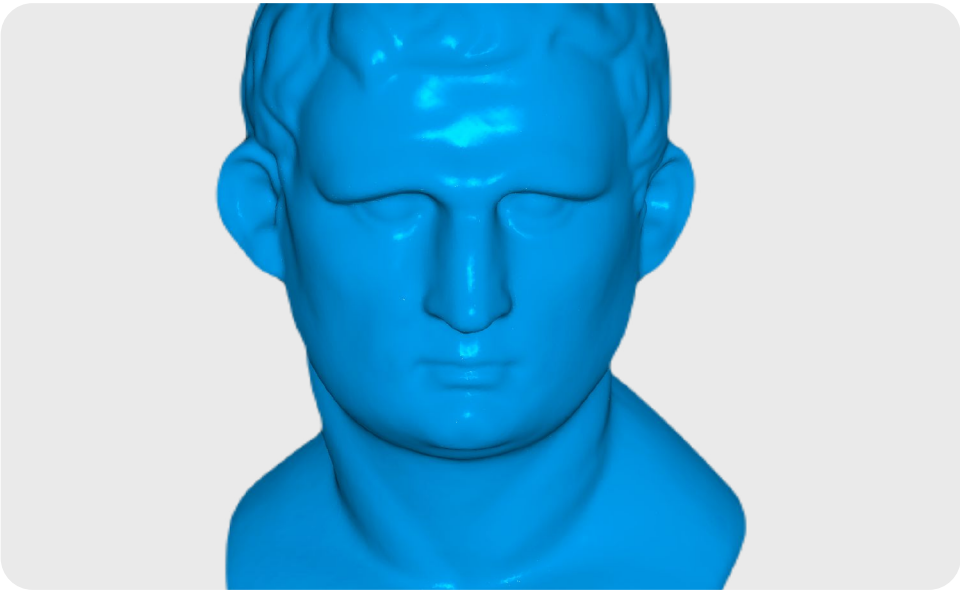
Disadvantages:

- 1. Lower accuracy.
- 2. Less details captured.

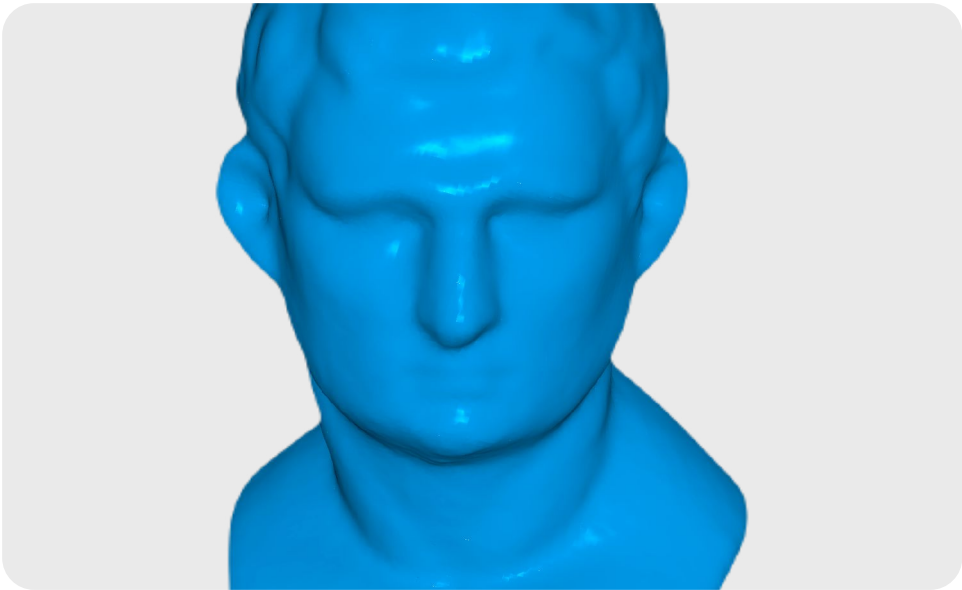
3.1.3 Accuracy Comparison

Check the details of the lower eyelids, mouth corners, hair temples, cochlea, etc, for comparison between High and Standard Accuracy modes.

(Agrippa bust scanned with a MINI 3D scanner.)



High Accuracy



Standard Accuracy

3.2 Tracking Modes

3.2.1 Feature Tracking

- 1) Use **Feature Tracking** for objects with detailed, distinct surface features and no repeating patterns.



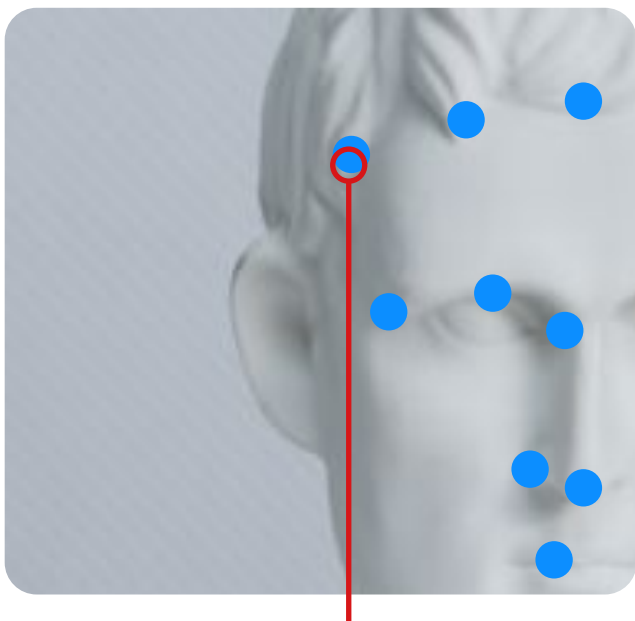
2) How does the Feature Tracking Work?

Feature tracking identifies and tracks an object's distinctive surface features. It works by extracting feature points from the data, matching them across different viewpoints, calculating their relationships, and using this information to reconstruct a 3D model of the object.

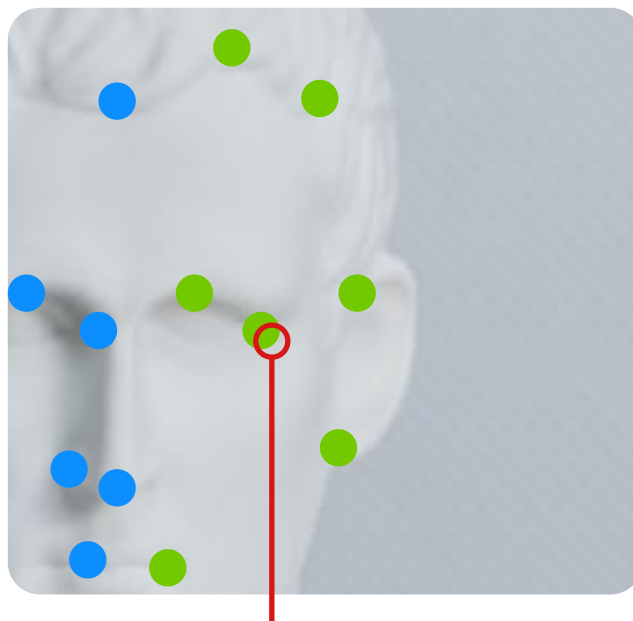
The First Frame

The Second Frame

The Third Frame



Features



The algorithm completes alignment according to the features captured in the previous frame.



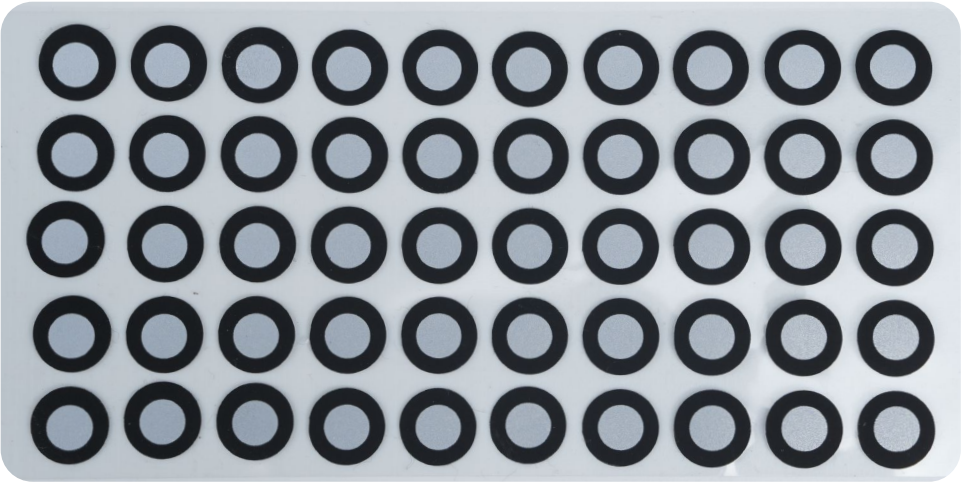
3.2.2 Marker Tracking

1) Marker Tracking requires marker stickers placed on or around the object. Use it for objects that have large flat areas with no distinct surfaces. At least 5 markers must be in view for each frame during scanning.



2) What is a 3D Marker?

3D Scanning Marker is a small sticker with a black or white dot printed on it.



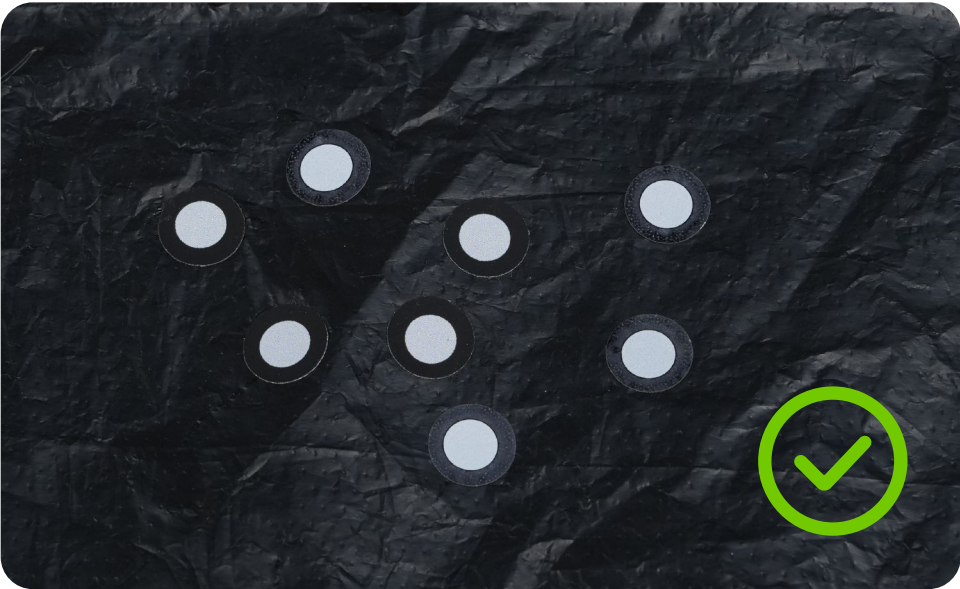
3) What’s the function of a marker point?

Marker points work as reference points for the 3D scanner to track, so it knows where the frames should be stitched.

4) How to place marker points?

Product Name	MINI 3D Scanner	
Space between Markers	2-4 cm	
How to place	Don’t place them in geometric shapes or patterns.Place them irregularly.	
Position	Placed on or around the objects’ surface. 	

Correct and Wrong Placement Examples:



Place markers irregularly



Don't place markers in geometric patterns

3.3 Object Type

Select the correct **Object Type** based on the object to be scanned.

Scan Accuracy	Tracking Mode	Object Type
Standard Accuracy	Feature Tracking	General Object
		Dark Object
	Marker Tracking	General Object
High Accuracy	Feature Tracking	General Object
		Dark Object
	Marker Tracking	General Object

3.3.1 General Object

This mode is used to scan most objects with distinct geometric features.





3.3.2 Dark Object

1) This mode is used to scan objects with a black or dark surface, such as black or dark gray clothes, shoes, black boxes, etc.



2) Objects with Black & Reflective Surfaces

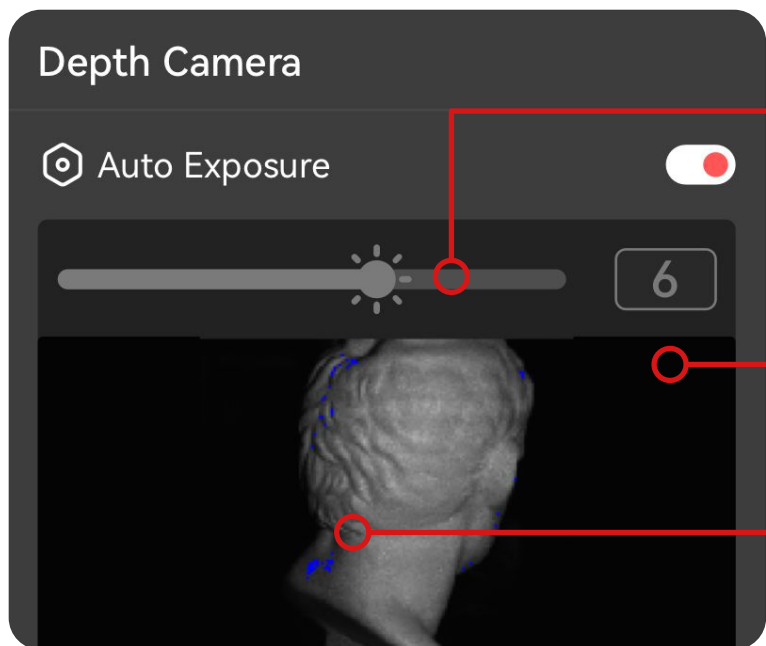
When scanning an object with a black reflective surface, the high-gloss surface needs to be treated first to make it diffused so the scanner can see it. When scanning, increase the exposure of the RGB and Depth cameras.



4. Depth and RGB Cameras' Exposure Settings

4.1 Depth Camera

A scanner's Depth Cameras are infrared cameras that capture the 3D point cloud data. Take care adjusting the Depth Cameras' exposure as this directly determines the quality of the 3D model obtained.

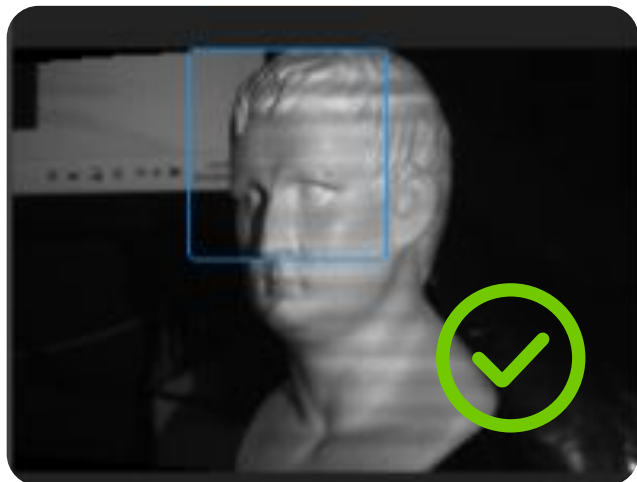


Displays the exposure setting slider and exposure value. Drag the slider bar to decrease or increase the exposure.

This is the Depth Cameras preview window. It shows if an object is underexposed or overexposed with the current exposure settings.

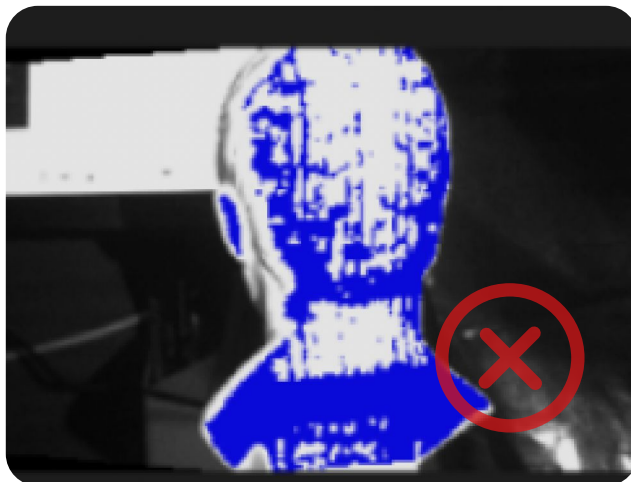
Red areas: Overexposed
Blue areas: Underexposed

Exposure Guidelines



Correct Exposure:

No obvious blue and red areas on the object, and the details are clear.



Underexposed:

Large blue areas on the object and some details can't be seen, so the exposure value needs to be increased.

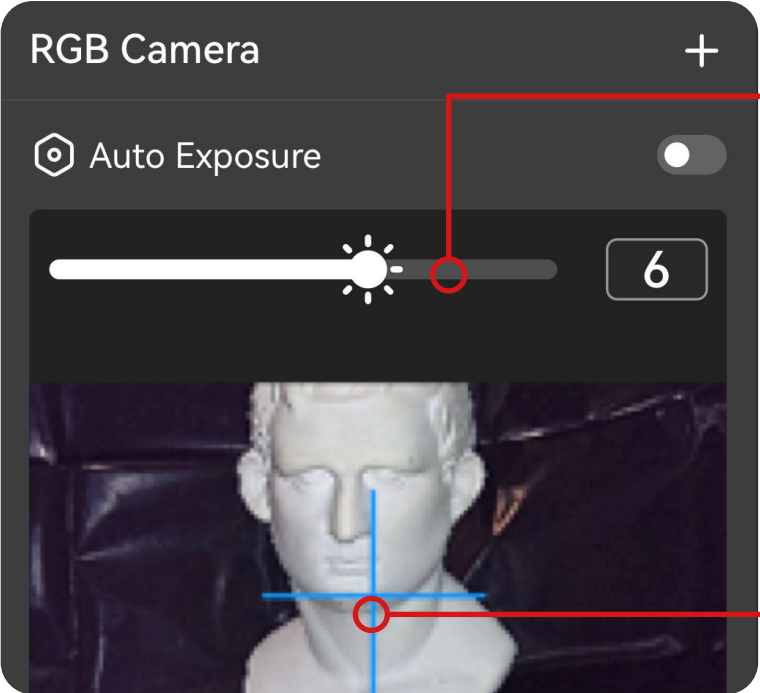


Overexposed:

Large red areas on the object and some details can't be seen, so the exposure value needs to be decreased.

4.2 RGB Camera

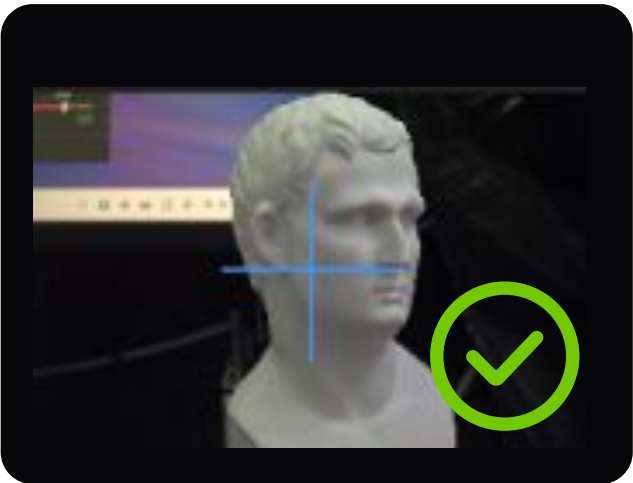
The RGB camera captures the object's color information during a scan. In the RGB Camera window, you can see if the object is overexposed or underexposed.



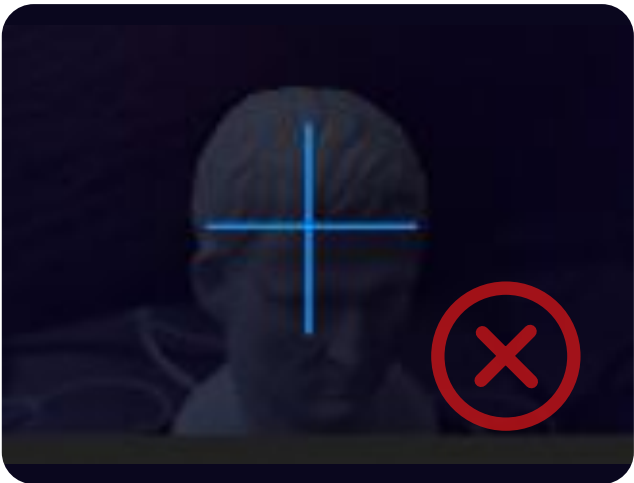
Displays the exposure setting slider and exposure value. Drag the slider bar to decrease or increase the exposure.

The blue crosshair can be used as a reference to aim at the object to avoid it being out of frame.

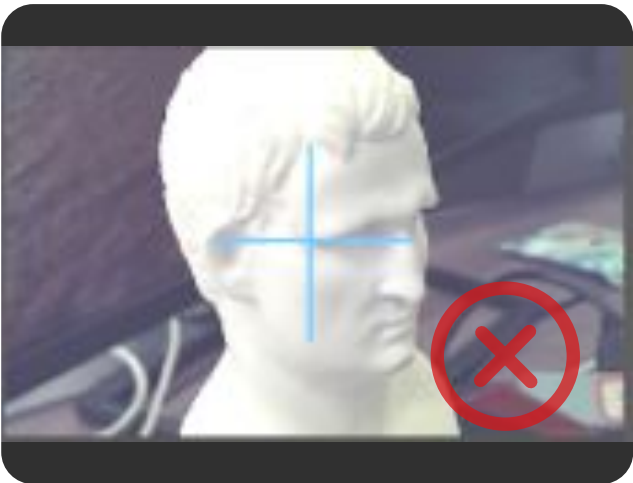
RGB Exposure Guidelines



Correct Exposure

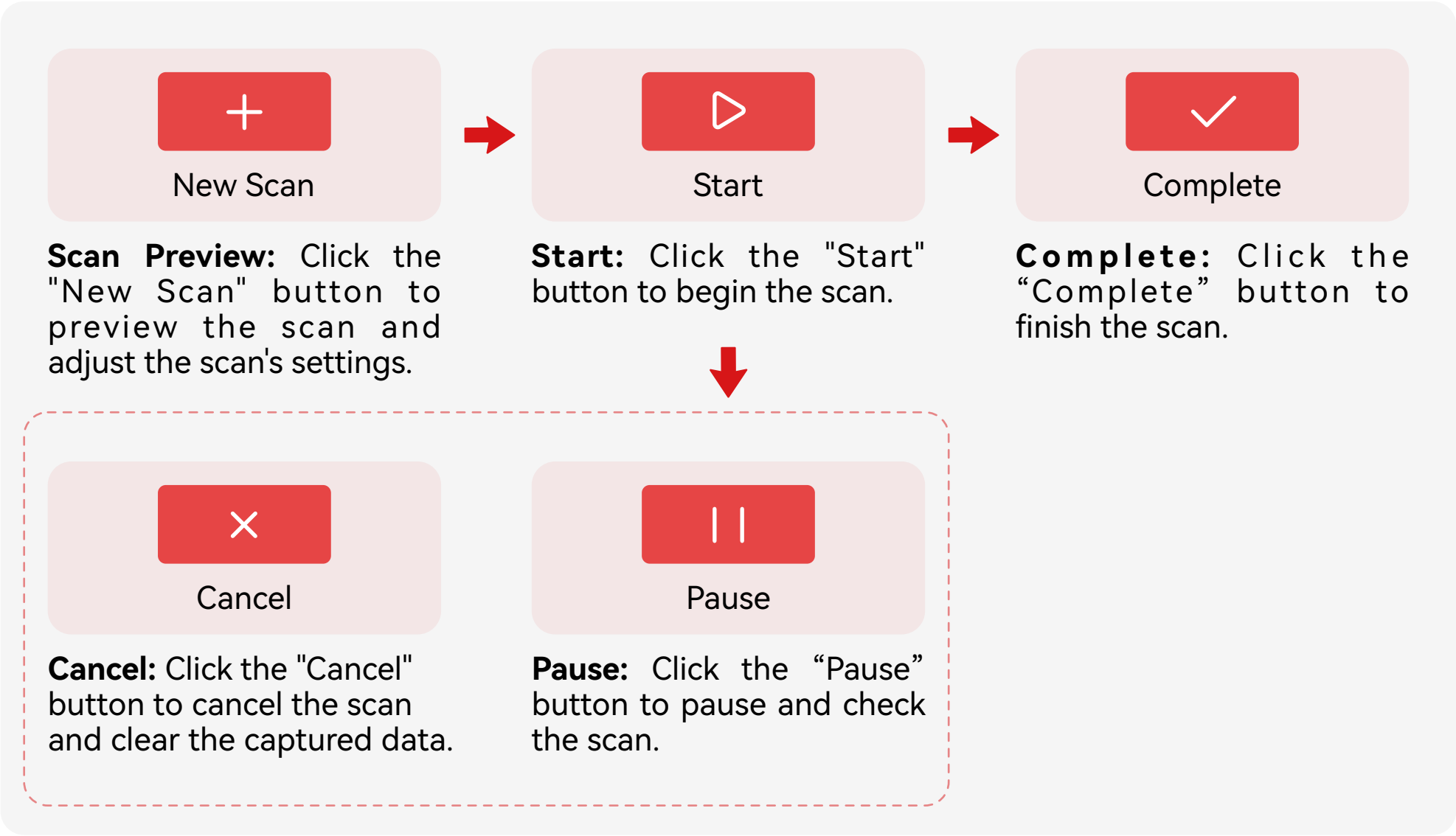


Underexposed



Overexposed

5. Scan Controls



5.1 Scan Preview

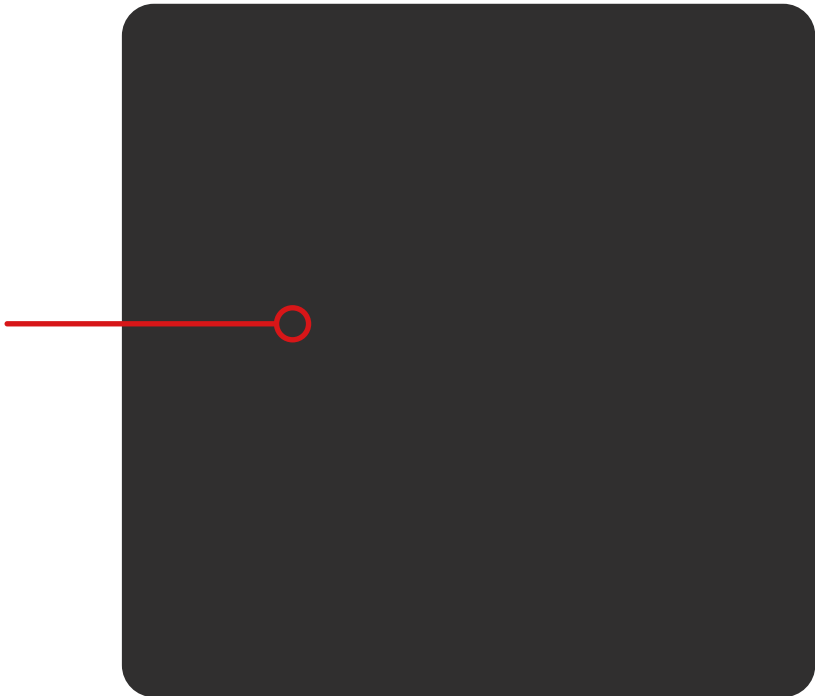


Click the "New Scan" button to preview the scan and adjust the scan's settings.

Display Error:

If there are no point clouds or very few point clouds in the preview window, please check whether it is a scanner failure, the depth camera is underexposed, or the scanner is not aimed at the object.

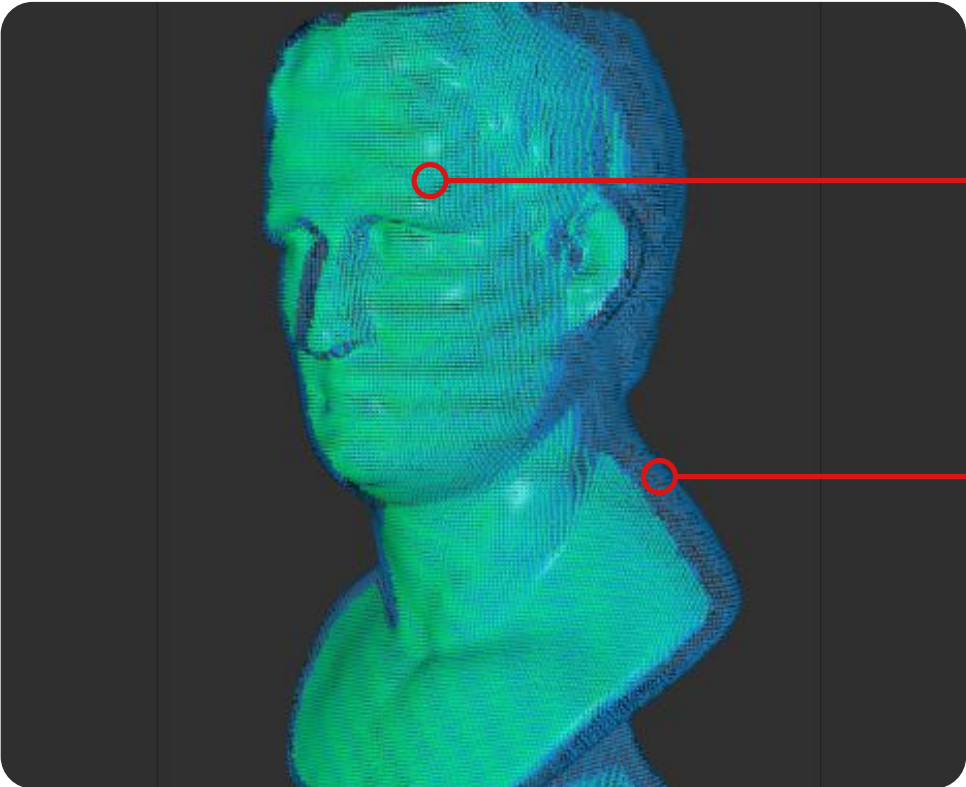
Blank preview window with no visible point clouds.



5.2 Start/Pause Scanning



Click the "Start" button to start acquiring point cloud data. Click it again to pause the scan.



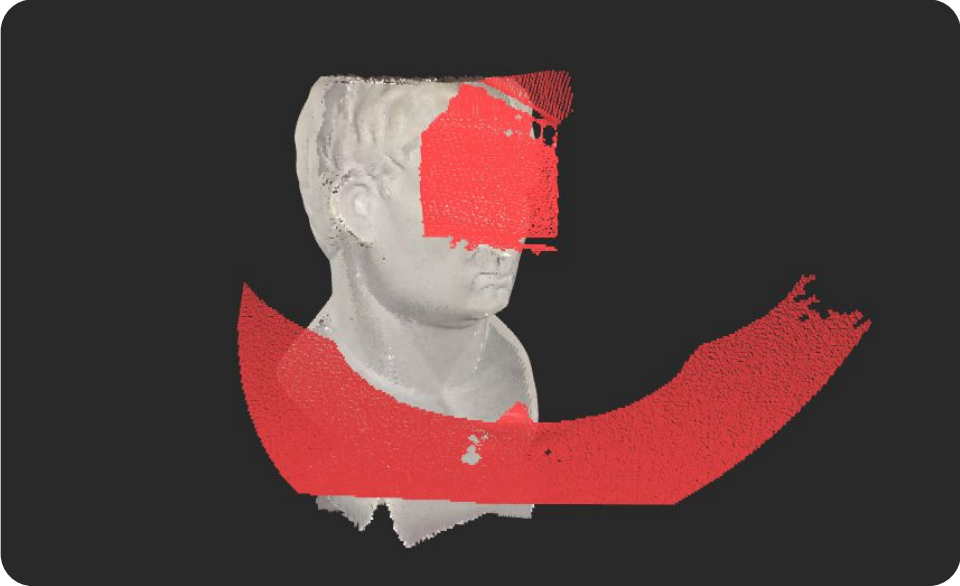
Green Areas:

This is the portion of the object currently seen by the scanner.

Blue Areas:

These are the previously-scanned areas of the object.

Scanning Errors:



Shown in Red

Red indicates tracking lost. When a “Tracking Lost” warning is displayed, re-target the scanner to a previously scanned area (blue) and keep it still for several seconds so that the scanner can re-acquire tracking. When the red portion of the display changes to green, scanning can resume.



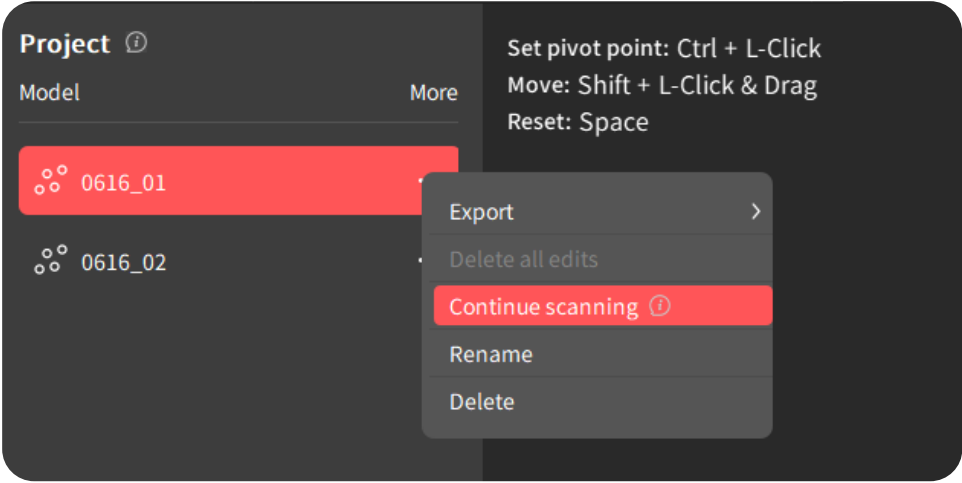
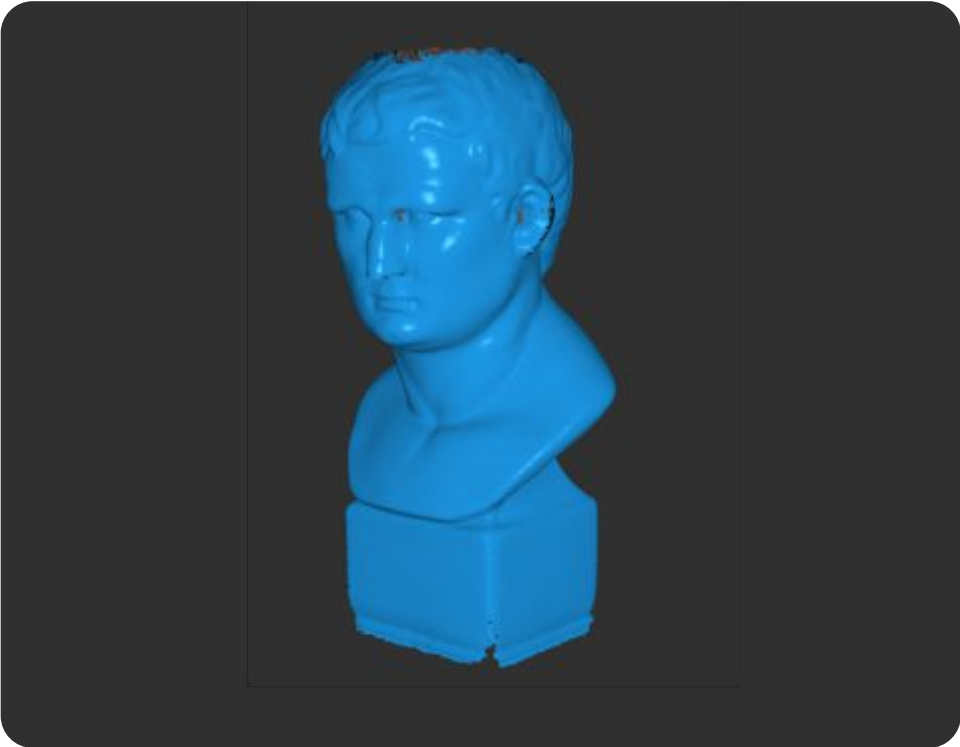
Shown in Yellow

Yellow indicates the captured data is aligning. If the yellow is shown for only a short time, continue to capture data. If it doesn’t disappear, the software has frozen and will need to be restarted.

5.3 Completing the Scan



Click the "Complete" button to finish acquiring point cloud data. After fusing the captured point clouds you can edit the scan.

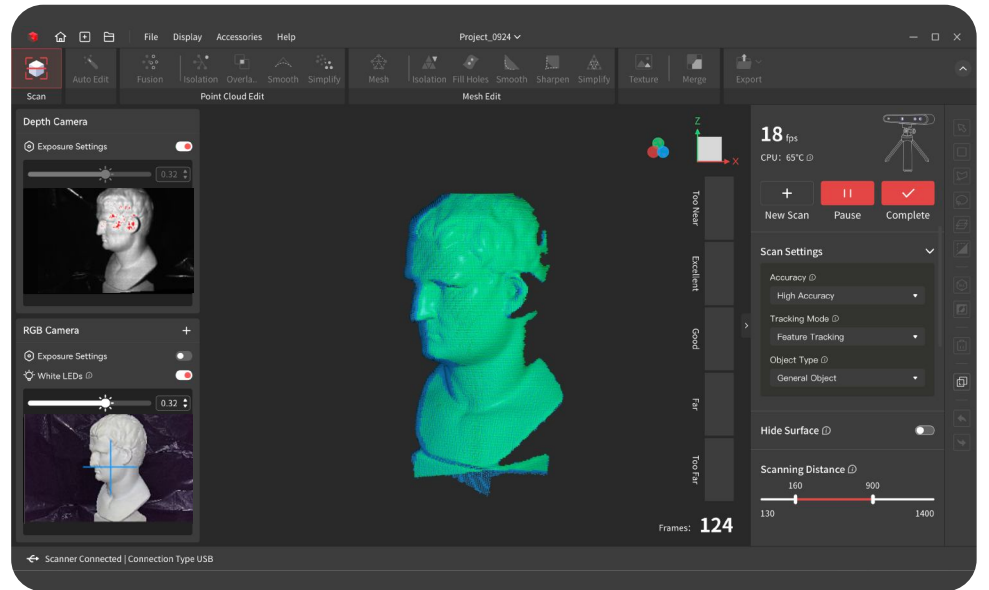


If you are not satisfied with your scan or missing some important data, find your model on the Project Panel to continue scanning.

6. Scanning Tips

6.1 Aim at the Object

Please make sure to keep the scanner facing the object you are scanning and maintain a suitable distance during the entire scanning process.



6.2 Slow and Stable Movement

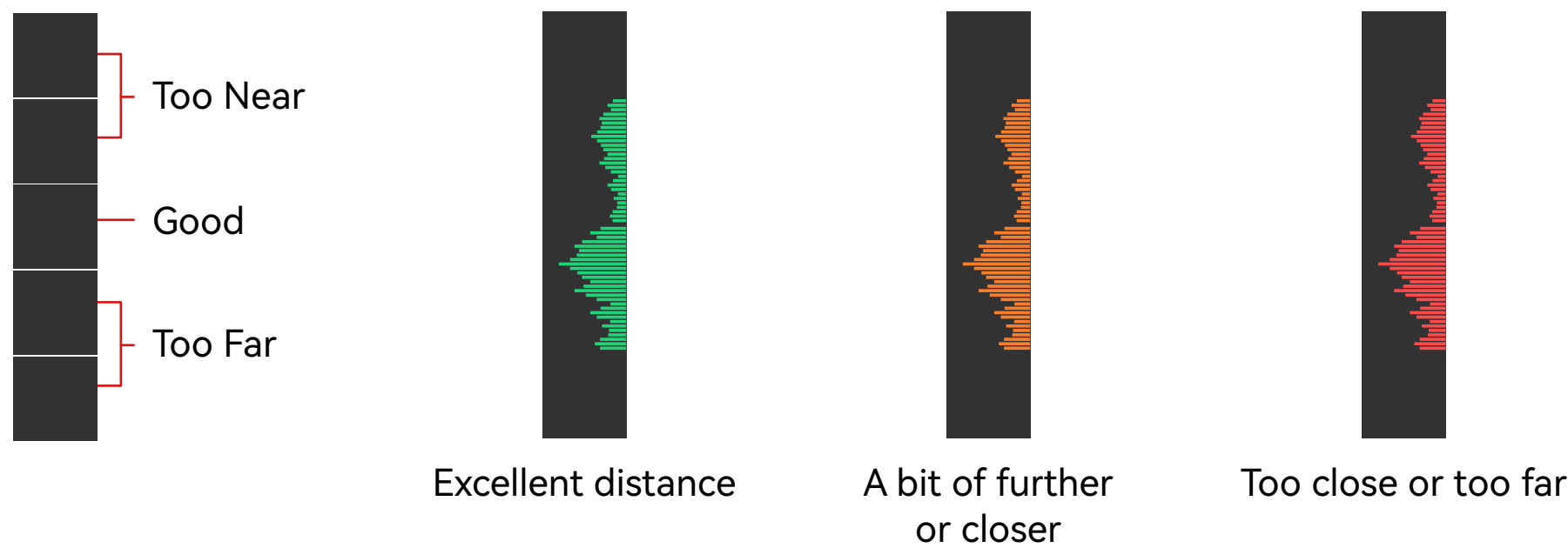
- Slowly and steadily move the scanner around the object, maintaining a consistent distance.
- Ensure that you scan all the outer surfaces of the object by moving the scanner over them.
- Avoid scanning the same areas repeatedly.



6.3 Scan Distance

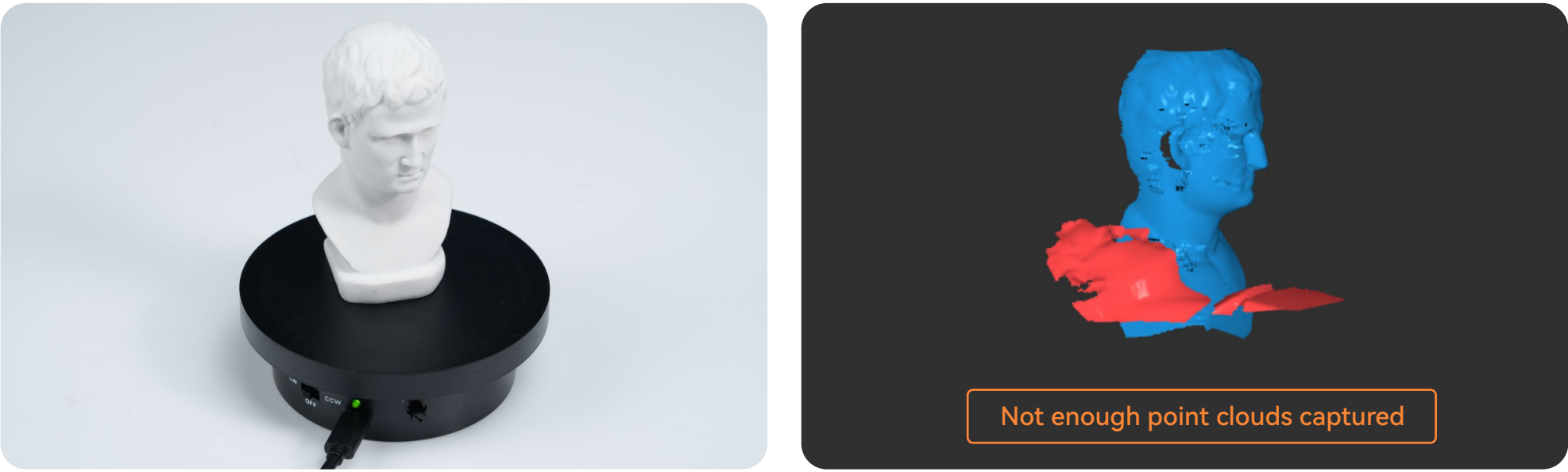
The scanning distance indicator bar in Revo Scan 5 lets you know if the scanner is at the correct distance from the object being scanned.

- **Green:** Excellent distance.
- **Yellow:** Indicates the scanner should be moved slightly closer or away from the object.
- **Red:** Indicates that the scanner is too far or too close to the object.



7. Troubleshooting Scanning Errors

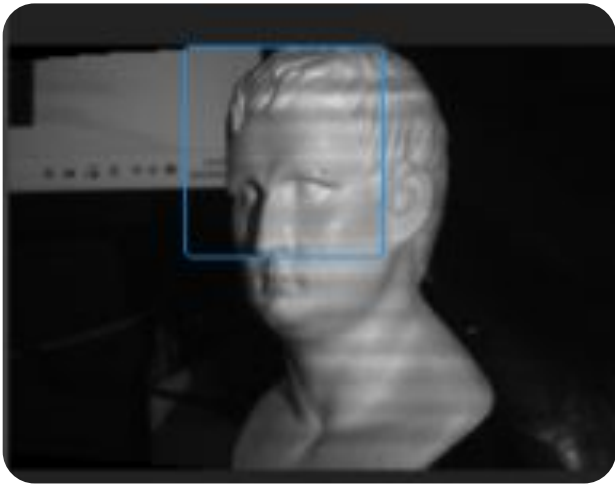
7.1 Insufficient Point Clouds Captured



- Step 1:** Check if the object is fully in the scanner's field of view.
- Step 2:** Check the object's surface characteristics, including its smoothness, reflectivity, color (particularly dark, black, or transparent shades), and material composition, particularly if it is made of glass. If any of these are true, then scanning spray is necessary.



Step 3: Check the Depth Camera's exposure.



Correct Exposure



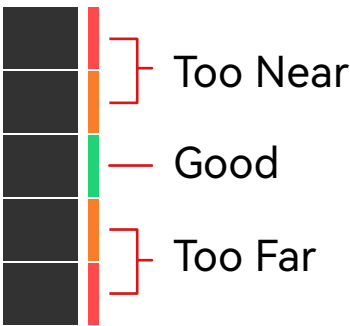
Underexposed



Overexposed

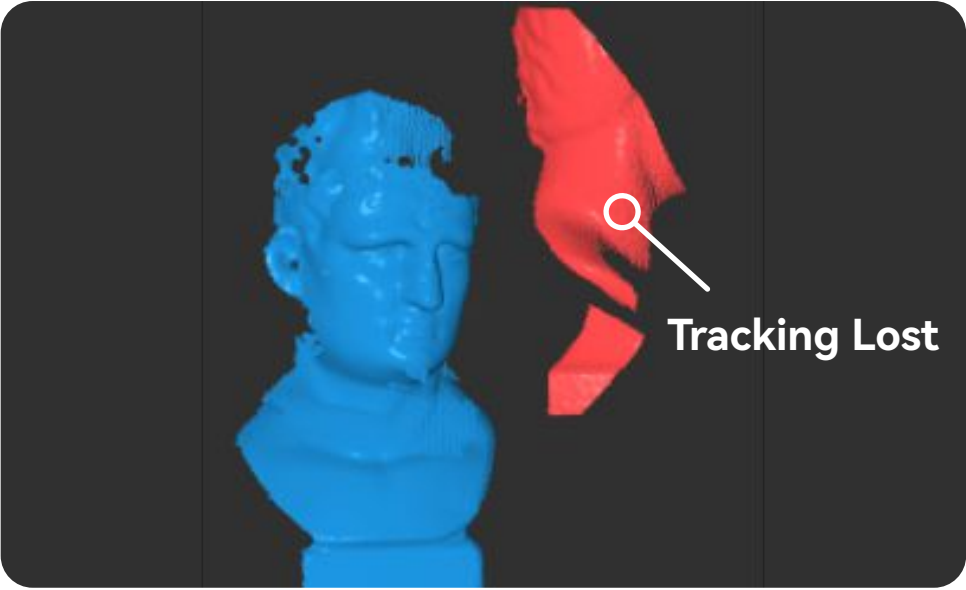
Check the depth cameras' preview window. If there are large areas in blue or red, adjust the exposure settings.

Step 4: Ensure that the scanner is positioned directly in front of the object. Also, ensure that the scan distance is within the appropriate range, indicated by the distance bar showing green.

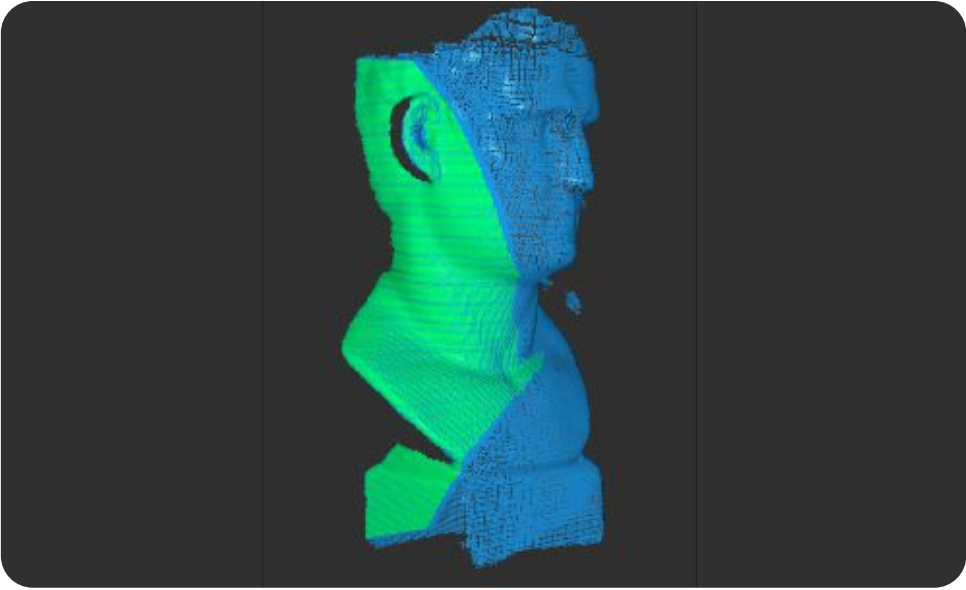


7.2 Tracking Lost

If a “Tracking Lost” notification appears during scanning:



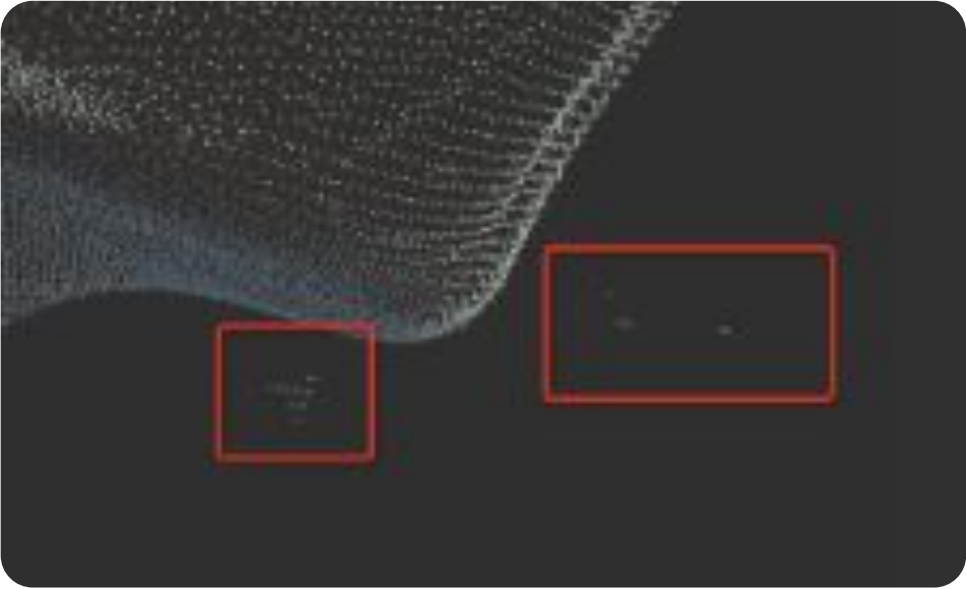
Re-target the scanner to a previously-scanned area (blue) with plenty of distinct features and keep it still for several seconds to re-acquire tracking.



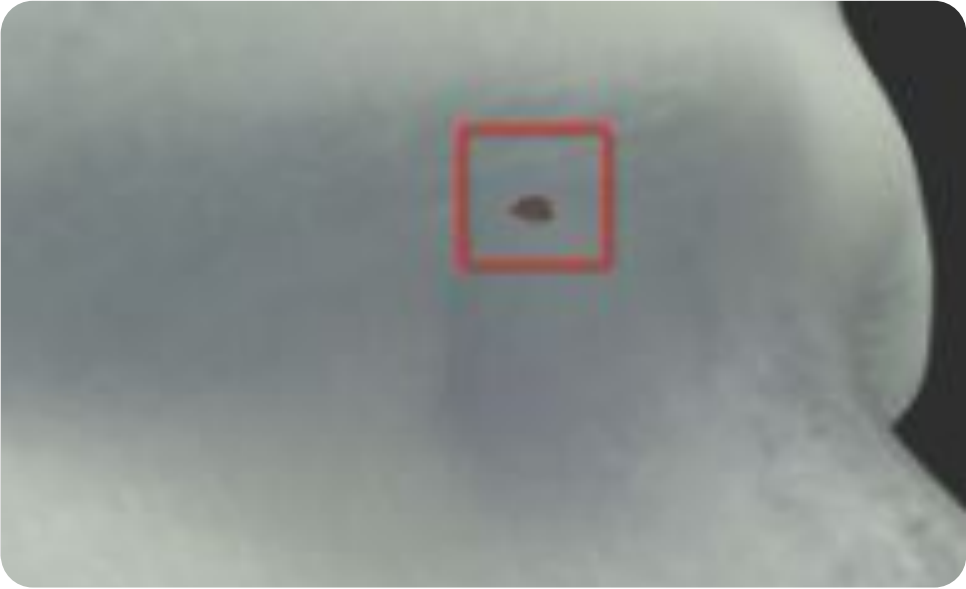
When the red portion of the display changes to green, resume scanning.

7.3 Noise and Holes on the Model

Occasionally, a captured model may contain noise and holes. There's no need to worry, as you can fix this issue by editing the model afterward.



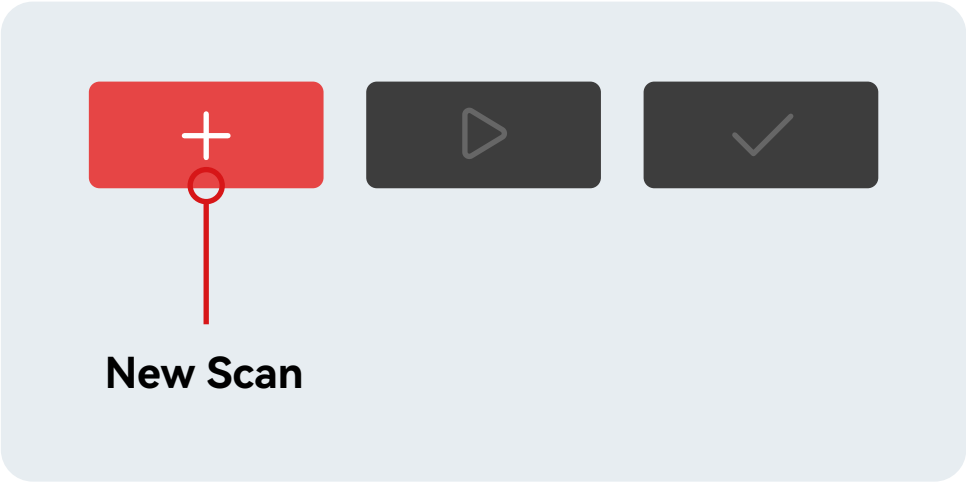
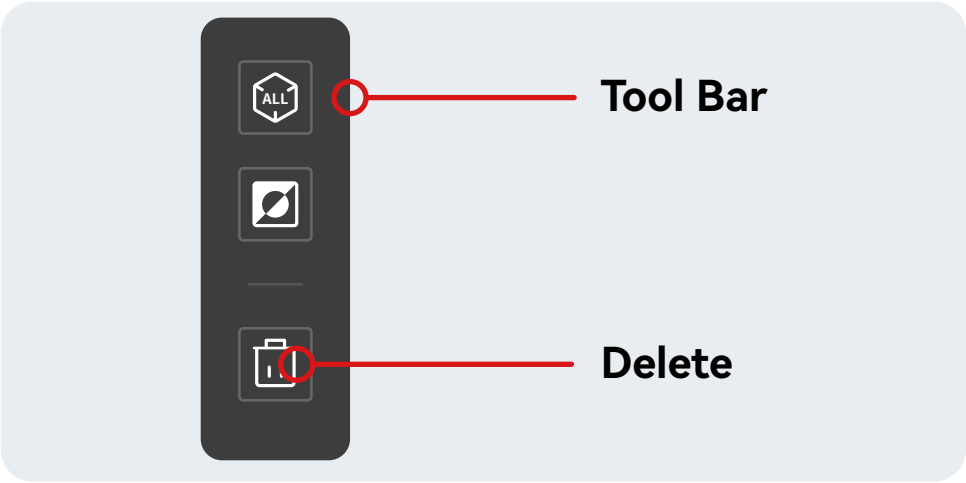
Isolated points around the model



Small holes on the model

7.4 Deleting a Scan or Re-scanning

In case of a significant area of misalignment in the captured data or if you are dissatisfied with the scanned model, you have two options. You can either click "Complete" to initiate a fresh scan or use the delete icon on the toolbar to remove the existing data and start a new scan.



7.5 Frequent Tracking Failures

Step 1: Verify whether the object has many geometric features. Take note of any curved, flat, or symmetrical surfaces, as these can potentially impact the scanning process.



Symmetrical



Curved



Flat

Step 2: Use Markers.

If an object doesn't have many distinct geometric features, please use marker points to help with scanning.

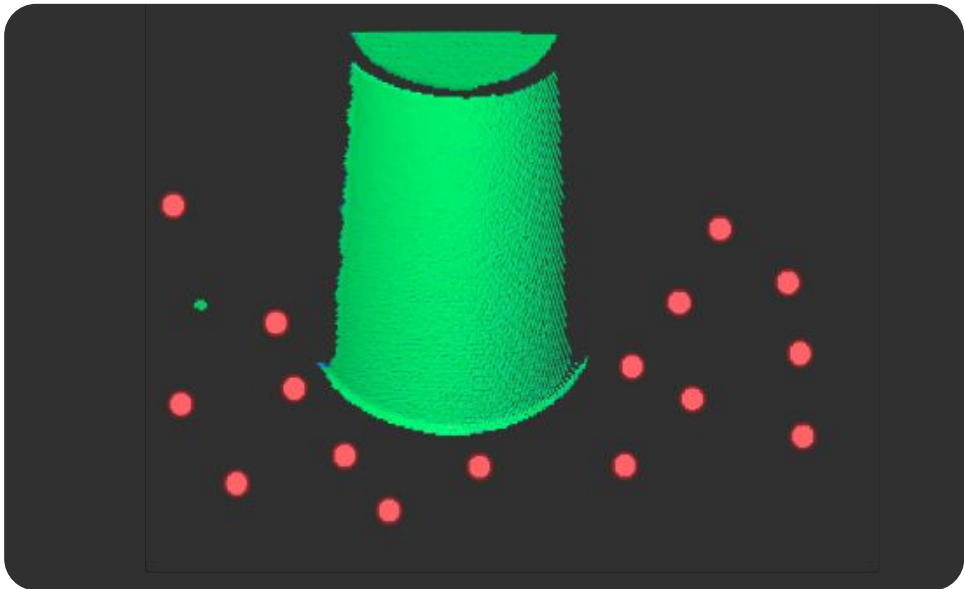
Using a disposable cup as an example.



Stick the marker dots on the cup



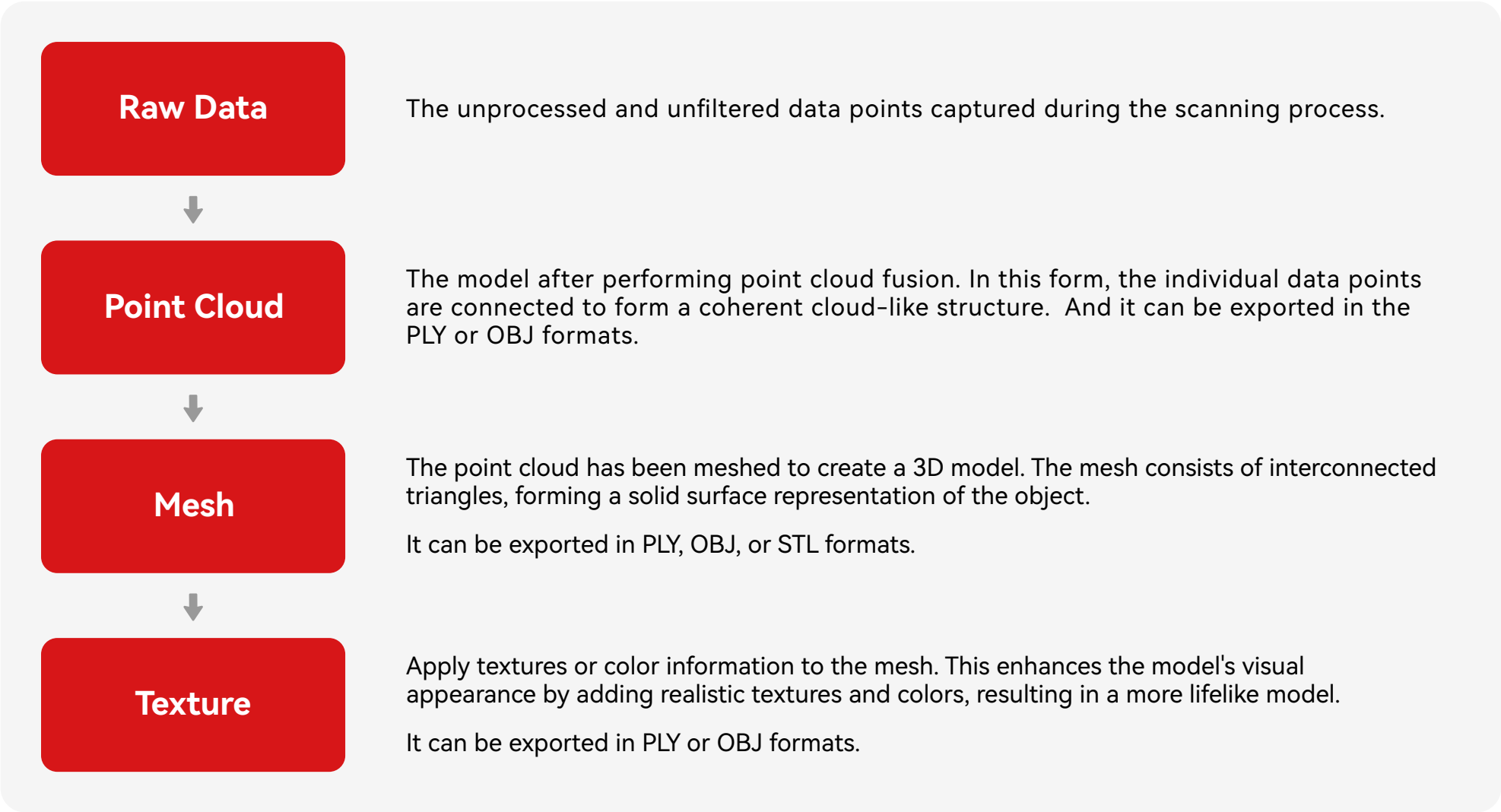
Stick the marker dots around the cup



While scanning, the markers will appear as red dots as the scanner detects them

8. Model Editing

After completing the scan, the model can be post-processed into a unified point cloud (fusion), a 3D model (meshing), and, finally, textured.



To learn more about these processes read about post-processing in the Revo Scan manual.

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