

FlexLine dxf- Data Output



 **direct.dxf**

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1.0 General Information

AutoCAD® is one of the most used CAD software for the Engineering and the Surveying market. To satisfy our customers and increase their efficiency, a data output format is needed which enables a direct transfer from the Total Station to AutoCAD.

In order to fulfill this requirement a special format file has been created. This converts the data measured in the Surveying application into a dxf-file. After downloading the file it can be easily opened by double-clicking or importing it in AutoCAD.

2.0 Standard Format

The following format is uploaded by default from the factory to the Total Station. The format appears on the Total Station as "DXF"

This format creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers are placed in the layer Pt_id, the Codes in the layer Code, the Height in the layer Height and the Eastings, and Northings and are placed in the layer Co_ords. A space is placed in front of the Eastings and between the Eastings and Northings. Please note, that the distance unit is set to "meter", independently from the instrument unit.

3.0 Additional Formats

Additional to the above mentioned Standard format, several more dxf formats, with different contents are provided on the web and the Instruments CD.

Overview of dxf Formats

Layer		Point	Height	Pt_no	Code	Co-ords	Pt_id
Format-Name	3D / 2D						
DXF	3D	+	Height		Code	Easting Northing	Point Id
TS_DXF_Instr-Units	3D	+	Height		Code	Easting Northing	Point Id
TS_dxf3DP	3D	+					
TS_dxf3DP C	3D	+		Point Id	Code		
TS_dxf3DP +C	3D	+			Point Id Code		
TS_dxf2DP C	2D	+		Point Id	Code		
TS_dxf2DP +C	2D	+			Point Id Code		

TS_dxf3DC +H	3D		+	Height				
TS_dxf2DC +H		2D	+	Height				
TS_dxf3DH	3D		.	Height				
TS_dxf3DP H	3D		.	Point Id Height				
TS_dxf2DH		2D	.	Height				
TS_dxf2DP H		2D	.	Point Id Height				
TS_dxfPCE NH	3D		+			Point Id Code Easting Northing Height		

- **TS_DXF_Instr-unit**

This format file creates the same output as the standard dxf-file – however the distance unit of the instrument is used.

- **TS_dxf3DP**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol named CROSS.

- **TS_dxf3DPC**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers are placed in the layer Pt_no and the Codes, recorded in Code field in the Codelist, are placed in the layer Code. There is not sufficient scope to move the text fields so both the Point Number and Code are placed adjacent to the cross but on different layers.

- **TS_dxf3DP+C**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers and the Codes, recorded in Code field in the Codelist, are placed in the layer Code. A space is placed in front of the Point Number and another between the Point Number and the Code.

- **TS_dxf2DPC**

This option creates a 2D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers are placed in the layer Pt_no and the Codes, recorded in Code field in the Codelist, are placed in the layer Code. There is not sufficient scope to move the text fields so both the Point Number and Code are placed adjacent to the cross but on different layers.

- **TS_dxf2DP+C**

This option creates a 2D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers and the Codes, recorded in Code field in the Codelist, are placed in the layer Code. A space is placed in front of the Point Number and another between the Point Number and the Code.

- **TS_dxf3DC+H**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Height is placed in the layer Height.

- **TS_dxf2DC+H**

This option creates a 2D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Height is placed in the layer Height.

- **TS_dxf3DH**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, with 3D co-ordinates as a dot. The Height is placed in the layer Height.

- **TS_dxf3DPH**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, with 3D co-ordinates as a dot. The Point Number and Height are placed in the layer Height. A space is placed in front of the Point Number and another between the Point Number and the Height.

- **TS_dxf2DH**

This option creates a 2D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, with 2D co-ordinates as a dot. The Height is placed in the layer Height.

- **TS_dxf2DPH**

This option creates a 2D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, with 2D co-ordinates as a dot. The Point Number and Height are placed in the layer Height. A space is placed in front of the Point Number and another between the Point Number and the Height.

- **TS_dxfPCENH**

This option creates a 3D DXF file of the measured points, which are placed in a layer called Point, using a cross symbol. The Point Numbers, Codes, Eastings, Northings and Height are placed in the layer Code. A space is placed in front of the Point Number and commas separate the remaining fields.

4.0 Further Information

4.1 Visibility of data in CAD Package

Due to the scaling it is likely that you will not immediately see all your data when it is imported into AutoCAD®, or your CAD package. Use VIEW, ZOOM, EXTENTS, or the equivalent in your CAD package, to see the data. If the data appears very

small, or against the edge of your screen, you may also need to use the PAN and WINDOW options to obtain the optimum view of your data.

4.2 Application to use for Dxf-data Output

Use the SURVEYING Programme of FlexLine to record the data so that it can be output as Co-ordinates. The Surveying programme can be found under the Programme section of the Total Stations.

👉 ***The application SURVEYING must be used to obtain the TS_dxf-output.***

4.3 Usage of Codes

The Codes placed in the layer "CODE" are the contents of Code field in the Codelist.

In order to transfer the Codes, you have to make sure, that the Code recording sequence of the Total Station is set to "Before Measurements". This is the default setting of the Total Stations.

To make/check the setting you have to do the following steps:

Select in the MAIN MENU → SETTINGS → GENERAL → PAGE 4

👉 **The Code must always be recorded before the Measurement.**

4.4 Availability

The format will be uploaded by default to all FlexLine instruments in the Customizing Center before delivery.

Instruments in the market can be updated by uploading the format file manually via Leica Geo Office. Therefore the file can be downloaded for free from the "Tools Section" of each Product Line on the Leica Download Site and uploaded either by using the USB stick or by the "Data Exchange Manager" of FklexOffice/LGO onto the Total Station.

4.5 Validity

4.5.1 Instruments

The following Instruments Series have been tested with the format:

- ❑ TPS300
- ❑ TPS400
- ❑ TPS700; TPS700 auto
- ❑ TPS800
- ❑ FlexLine TS02/06/09

4.5.2 AutoCAD Versions

The format has been tested with AutoCAD Version 14 and Version 2000.

Since the output is basic, it may work with older versions.