

Case Study

Customer:

JWG Survey & Engineering

Project:

High-rise hotel cladding survey

Solution:

Trimble SX10 and GeoSLAM
ZEB-HORIZON



Abseiling with GeoSLAM's handheld scanner

A combination of advice, technology and experience provides the solution for a high-rise survey in a built-up area.

Look up at Manchester's skyline and it's easy to see that this is a city undergoing a vast amount of development and construction, especially in the city centre. However, this can bring its own set of problems as the developers of a new hotel, under construction between two existing buildings, discovered.

During the building process, it became evident that some sections of cladding on each of the four faces of the building would need replacing and a survey of the building was therefore required.

However, the job was challenging for a number of reasons; the rear section of the building was only accessible from an internal ladder leading to a flat roof around a quarter the height of the building meaning rope access would be required. Additionally, due to the location of the building, its height and restricted access meant sighting was inhibited. Confronted with these difficulties, the existing sub-contractors felt that they were unable to deliver this difficult project. The client therefore contacted North West based JWG Survey and Engineering, a company that prides itself on customer satisfaction and a high level of knowledge and expertise in demanding sectors.

KOREC has recently enriched its hire service as part of an approach designed to supply solutions to problems rather than products. Familiar with KOREC, Director at JWG Survey & Engineering, Jake Gaskell, contacted the hire department for assistance on delivering this complex survey, knowing that a combination of the latest technology available through KOREC could be the solution. Following a discussion of the job a solution was finalised.

Abseiling and combining technologies

The most noticeable challenge of the job was that whilst the client required a high-accuracy scan of the cladding, access meant that the angle was too sharp for a groundbased laser to achieve line of sight to the top areas of the building. KOREC therefore suggested a high accuracy Trimble SX10 Scanning Total Station for the lower areas of the building and a handheld GeoSLAM ZEB-HORIZON (GeoSLAM's most accurate handheld) for the areas that would need to be accessed by rope. Light-weight and extremely easy to use, the rope access worker would have no trouble in correctly operating the ZEB-HORIZON whilst abseiling down the building.

KOREC supports all hires with either instrument familiarisation, technical support or training depending on the customer's requirement. In this case, because the job needed to be completed successfully when the rope access worker was available, Jake opted for on-site support.

JWG surveyed the front and side elevations of the building using a Trimble Total Station and for the rear section used the SX10's 3D scanning functionality. Scans can be registered on site and via the large screen of

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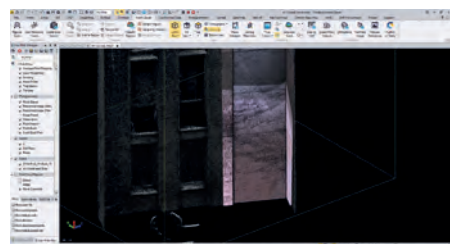
Jake Gaskell, JWG

deliverables were a 3D point cloud and 2D elevations drawn from the data of cladding positions, window positions and brickwork openings.

Jake reports, that with KOREC's assistance, the project ran smoothly from project inception to deliverable. "We had support from KOREC at every stage of the process and there's no doubt we will be using this solution again. In particular, the ZEB-HORIZON is a great piece of kit providing surprisingly good accuracy."

Our thanks to Director at JWG Survey & Engineering, Jake Gaskell, for kindly supplying the information for this story.

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▲ The two data sets combined together