# **MicroStrain**® Quick Start Guide

# 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25 Monitor software

Firmware Version 0.4.14 and higher Software Version 1.7 and higher Issued: 28 May 2010



#### Install software

- Insert the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25 CD into the host computer's drive.
- The CD menu will automatically launch. If it does not, navigate to the drive and double-click Auotrun.exe.
- Click the Install 3DM-GX3 Manuals button and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
- Click the Install 3DM-GX3 Drivers button and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
- Click the Install 3DM-GX3 Monitor Software button and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation. You will receive a message indicating successful installation and be asked to restart the system.
- Restart the system.

#### Install communication cable

- If you have an RS-232 communication cable, plug the power adapter into the communication cable and into power. Plug the communication cable into the host computer and the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25. Proceed to the *Software Operations* section of this guide.
- If you have a USB communication cable, plug the communication cable into the host computer and the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25. Proceed to either the *If your operating system is XP PRO* or *If your operating system is Vista 32 or Windows 7* section of this guide.

## If your operating system is <u>XP PRO</u>

- When you plug the USB interface into your host computer, the operating system will prompt you with the Found New Hardware Wizard.
- Select the Yes, This Time Only radio button.
- Click Next.
- Select Install the Software Automatically radio button.
- Click Next.
- If you receive a Hardware Installation pop-up window, click Continue Anyway.
- Click Finish and the driver for the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25 will be installed successfully.

#### If your operating system is <u>Vista 32 or Windows 7</u>

- When you plug the USB interface into your host computer, the operating system will prompt you with the Found New Hardware window.
- Click Locate And Install Driver Software.
- If you receive the Windows Needs Your Permission To Continue window, click Continue.
- If you receive the Windows Can't Verify... window, click Install This Driver Software Anyway.
- You will receive a successful message indicating the driver was successfully installed.

#### Software Operations

- Click Start on your Windows desktop.
- Click All Programs.
- Click MicroStrain.
- Click 3DM-GX3.
- Click 3DM-GX3 Monitor and the 3DM-GX3 Monitor software will launch.
- The Monitor software will automatically scan for any 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25 and display it in the upper left-hand frame.
- As an example, the display might say:

#### 3DM-GX3-25 6223.01360 0.4.14 USB COM3

- ...meaning a 3DM-GX3-25 with serial number 1360 and firmware 4.14 was found on virtual comm port 3.
- Or, the display might say:

## 3DM-GX3-25 6223.01360 0.4.14 Serial COM1

- ...meaning a 3DM-GX3-25 with serial number 1360 and firmware 4.14 was found on serial port 1.
- Click on the display line to select the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25.
- Click Attitude in the upper right-hand frame.
- The software will immediately begin displaying Euler angles (pitch, roll and yaw) in the 3 dials and graph that now appear.
- Rotate the 3DM-GX3<sup>®</sup> -25 around in your hands and you will observe the 3 axes of rotation.

#### **Congratulations**

You are up and running! MicroStrain Support engineers are always available by phone, email or SKYPE to support you in any way we can.

MicroStrain, Inc. 459 Hurricane Lane, Unit 102 ph: Williston, VT 05495 USA fax www.microstrain.com support

2 ph: 800-449-3878 fax: 802-863-4093 support@microstrain.com

8501-0017 rev 000 Copyright © 2010 MicroStrain, Inc.