



# PIX-3 USER'S MANUAL

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## To Ensure Safe Use

### About AWARNING and ACAUTION Notices

Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of death or severe injury should the unit be used improperly.
Used for instructions intended to alert the user to the risk of injury or material damage should the unit be used improperly. * Material damage refers to damage or other adverse effects caused with respect to the home and all its furnishings, as well to domestic animals or pets.

### About the Symbols

The $\triangle$ symbol alerts the user to important instructions or warnings. The specific meaning the symbol is determined by the design contained within the triangle. The symbol at left in "danger of electrocution."		
	The $\bigcirc$ symbol alerts the user to items that must never be carried out (are forbidden). The specific thing that must not be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the unit must never be disassembled.	
	The symbol alerts the user to things that must be carried out. The specific thing that must be done is indicated by the design contained within the circle. The symbol at left means the power-cord plug must be unplugged from the outlet.	

### **WARNING**



Do not disassemble, repair, or modify.(This does not include replacement of the sensor unit.) Doing so may lead to fire or abnormal operation resulting in injury.



Do not use with any power supply other than the dedicated AC adapter. Use with any other power supply may lead to fire or electrocution.



Do not use with any electrical power supply that does not meet the ratings displayed on the AC adapter. Use with any other power supply may lead to fire or electrocution.

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Do not use with a damaged AC adapter, power cord, or power-cord plug or with a loose electrical outlet.

Use with any other power supply may lead to fire or electrocution.





When not in use for extended periods, unplug the AC adapter from the electrical outlet.

Failure to do so may result in danger of shock, electrocution, or fire due to deterioration of the electrical insulation.



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### About the Labels Affixed to the AC Adapter and Unit

These labels are affixed to the body of this product and the AC adapter. The following figure describes the location. The configuration of the AC adapter varies according to regional differences in voltage. Please note that the descriptions in this manual are for the 117 V adapter.



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When not in use for prolonged periods, unplug the AC adapter from the electrical outlet.

## Using PICZA (Some Examples of Actual Use)

This section presents some actual examples of how PICZA can be put to use.

### **Creating Elements for 3D Computer Graphics Software**

Dr. PICZA offers a function for exporting files in three-dimensional DXF format (AutoCAD<sup>®</sup> Release 12 format). This section explains how to use a commercially available 3D computer-graphics software application that can import DXF-format files to create your own original illustrations. (This product does not include 3D computer-graphics software, which must be obtained from another source.)



### Adding 3D Graphics to an Internet Web Page

Dr. PICZA comes with a function for exporting files in VRML format (Ver.1.0). VRML (Virtual Reality Modeling Language) is a language used to display 3D graphics on the World Wide Web, where they can be viewed using a web browser capable of displaying VRML files. Color data from Dr. PICZA is also preserved in these VRML files. In this example, we'll add the image of a original fishing lure scanned with the PIX-3 to a web page. (This product does not include a web browser or web-page authoring software, which must be obtained from another source.)



### **Cutting a Three-dimensional Object with a Modeling Machine**

Dr. PICZA has a function for exporting data to MODELA PLAYER. MODELA PLAYER is software for cutting three-dimensional objects on the MODELA, CAMM-3, or CAMM-2, three-dimensional modeling machines made by Roland DG Corp. Dr. PICZA can output 3D data directly to MODELA PLAYER. In this example, we'll use the MODELA in combination with Dr. PICZA to make a paperweight in the shape of a leaf. The explanation assumes that you already have the MODELA installed and set up.



## 1 Check the included items

Roland Software Package CD-ROM: 1



AC adapter: 1

Clay: 1



The configuration of the AC adapter varies according to regional differences in voltage. Please note that the descriptions in this manual are for the 117 V adapter.

## 2 Part names



How to carry the PIX-3



## 3 Setting up and connection

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Do not use with any electrical power supply that does not meet the ratings displayed on the AC adapter. Use with any other power supply may lead to fire or electrocution.



NOTICE

Do not use with any power supply other than the dedicated AC adapter. Use with any other power supply may lead to fire or electrocution.

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Install on a stable surface. Failure to do so may result in falling of the unit, leading to injury.

Never install this unit in any of the following situations, as it could result in damage: Places where the installation surface is unstable or not level. Places with excessive electrical noise. Places with excessive humidity or dust. Places with poor ventilation, because the PIX-3 generates considerable heat during operation. Places with excessive vibration.

Use within a temperature range of 5 to 40°C (41 to 104°F) and within a humidity range of 35 to 80%.

Securely connect the power cord, computer I/O cable and so on so that they will not be unplugged and cause failure during operation. Doing so may lead to faulty operation or breakdown.

### The AC adapter plugs in here



### Connect the unit to the computer

For IBM PC or PC compatible



- For the cable, use a commercially available crossover serial cable (RS-232C rating). A straight serial cable such as is commonly used to connect a modem cannot be used. For more on how to connect a serial cable for Macintosh, see "15 Specifications -- Serial Cable for Macintosh."
- Make sure the power to the computer and the PIX-3 is switched off before attempting to connect the cables.

#### Installing a Software 4

Scanning three-dimensional objects using PIX-3 requires setting up Dr. PICZA. The included CD for the Roland Software Package contains a Windows-based version of Dr. PICZA and a Macintosh-based version of Dr. PICZA. Set up the appropriate version for the operating system you're using.

### Symbols used in the section on software

When the procedures for Windows and for the Mac OS are different, both are described. When the procedures are similar, the explanations use the screens for the Windows version. In such cases, the screen images may differ from those for the Mac OS version, but the procedures do not change.

For Macintosh

### **Overview of Dr. PICZA**

\* For details, please refer to the help screens for Dr. PICZA.

A Quick Overview of Available Functions	Toolbar button
Set scanning conditions and perform scanning	
View scanned 3D data from various angles	<ul><li>.</li></ul>
Zoom in or out on the on-screen view of scanned data	
Make settings for how scanned 3D data is displayed	
Displays the coordinates of the scanned object	
Color the faces of scanned 3D data	A [
Edit scanned 3D data	
Adjust the slant of scanned 3D data	T =
Specify the data format and save the scanned 3D data	
Launch the MODELA PLAYER	

### Installing Setting Up the Windows Version of the Program —

### **Operating environment**

	Dr.PICZA
Computer	Personal computer running Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT 4.0
СРИ	If you're using Windows 95: i486SX or better (Pentium 100 MHz recommended) If you're using Windows 98 or Windows NT 4.0: i486DX or better (Pentium 100 MHz recommended)
System Memory	If you're using Windows 95: 8 MB or more (10 MB or more recommended) If you're using Windows 98 or Windows NT 4.0: 16 MB or more (32 MB or more recommended)
Hard Disk	3 MB or more of free space

#### Setup

\* When setting up the software under Windows NT 4.0, log on as the member of a group other than [Guest].



**1** Switch on the computer and start Windows.



Click the Dr. PICZA [Read Me] button and read the displayed information. Click the [Install] button.



2 Place the CD from the Roland Software Package in the CD-ROM drive.

The Setup program starts. Follow the messages to 4 carry out setup and finish setting up the program.

When installation is completed, remove the CD-ROM from the CD-ROM drive.

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### Setting Up the Mac OS Version of the Program

#### **Operating environment**

	Dr.PICZA
Computer	A Power Macintosh, or PowerBook with a PowerPC processor.
System	Mac OS 7.5 or higher
System Memory	20 MB or more (40 MB or more recommended)
Hard Disk	3 MB or more of free space

#### Setup

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Turn off any virus-detection software. Insert the included CD-ROM into the CD drive.

Double-click the [Roland Software Package] icon to 2 open.







Click the Dr. PICZA [Read Me] button and read the displayed information. Click the [Install] button.

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- **5** When the Installer's start screen appears, click [Continue...].
- 6 Choose where to install the program and click [Install].

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Installation starts. When installation finishes, click [Quit].

When installation is completed, remove the CD-ROM from the CD-ROM drive.

## 5 Starting Dr. PICZA

#### For Dr. PICZA for Windows OS

Press the Start button and select [Dr. PICZA].



### For Dr. PICZA for Mac OS



### **About Help**

If you're unsure how perform an operation while you're working, taking a look at Help can find the answer. If you're using Dr. PICZA for the first time, please be sure to read the Help screens. You can call up Help from the software menus.



## 6 Selecting a communication port

### For Dr. PICZA for Windows OS

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2 Select the port where the cable is connected, then click [OK].

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### For Dr. PICZA for Mac OS

**1** Press the File button and select [Preferences...].

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If Dr. PICZA selects the same communication port as AppleTalk, the scanning cannot be processed. In this case, please change the setting of Dr. PICZA so as to use another port. Or, disable the AppleTalk.



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## 7 Powering ON

NOTICE

Before switching on the power to the PIX-3, turn on the computer.

Press the STANDBY key. The STANDBY LED lights up.



2 The unit performs its initialization routine, then stops. (During initialization, the sound of the moving table and Z unit may be somewhat loud. This is not a defect.)



When the unit is in its initialized state immediately switching on the power, an error may be displayed if some object touches the sensor. (When an error has occurred, the STANDBY LED intermittently flashes twice.) If this happens, switch off the power, remove the object touching the sensor, then switch the power back on.

## 8 Load the object to be scanned on the PIX-3

The sensors for the PIX-3 are highly sensitive, and can even scan three-dimensional objects made out of clay. Any solid object made of material that can hold its shape can be scanned.



### Securing in place with clay



**1** Loosen the plate mounting screws.





Remove the workpiece plate.



**5** Press the scan object into the clay to hold it in place. Make sure the scan object is held securely so that it does not move during scanning.

> The PIX-3 can scan objects with a height of up to 10 mm (7/16") from the top surface of the workpiece plate. If the height is insufficient, make the base higher. The mounting method is described in detail in the help files for Dr. PICZA. Please refer to the Dr. PICZA help screens.

Slide the workpiece plate toward the rear. 2





4 Use clay to fashion a base on the workpiece plate.









Make sure the back and front of the workpiece plate are set up correctly. 7 Tighten the plate mounting screws securely.



### Starting scanning 9

### About scanning conditions and the scanning area

Please refer to the following figures to perform the steps for the tasks extending from "Setting scanning conditions and starting scanning".



### Setting scanning conditions and starting scanning

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Do not place hands near the z unit while in operation. Doing so may result in injury. Doing so may lead to faulty operation or breakdown.

Make the settings for scanning resolution, the minimum height of the surface to be scanned, and the scanning quality.



Scanning starts. (During scanning, the sensor may emit a transmission sound, but this is normal.)

For detailed description of the available Controller buttons, please refer to the help screens for Dr. PICZA.

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### Setting the scanning area

If you wish to limit the scanning area, such as in cases where you wish to scan only a portion of an object, make the settings as described below.



1 Click **Scanning Area** in the Controller window. The [Scanning Area] dialog box appears.

Make the settings for the scanning area.

Make the settings to match the location where the scan object is secured in place.

Either of the following two methods can be used to make the settings.

- Use the mouse to move the blue frame on screen. - Enter the numerical values for the upper-right and lower-left points.

The size of the on-screen scanning area (shown in blue) changes to match the values that are entered.

3 Click [Begin Area Test].

The sensor moves to a position above an outer point on the scanning area that has been set. Make sure the scan object that has been secured in place lies within the area.

4 Click [Z Upper Limit].

The cursor  $(+\pm)$  is displayed on the Z upper-limit setting on screen.

Specify the highest position of the scan object. Clicking [Apply] or double-clicking on the target lowers the sensors to the target's center position.

If the target is displaced, redo the settings.



**5** After determining the scanning area, click [OK].



6 Check the scanning conditions in the Controller window one more time, then click

Scanning starts. (During scanning, the sensor may emit a transmission sound, but this is normal.)

Pauses scanning

### Cancels scanning





Choose the desired location for saving the file, enter a file name, and click [SAVE]. The extension ".pix" is appended to the file name.

If you want to export the data as a file in DXF or VRML format, please refer to the help screens for Dr. PICZA.

### Edit the scanned data -

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The shape of an object can be edited. It is possible to vary the height, adjust the slant, or perform concave/convex inversion (height inversion) for a desired surface.

You can use the toolbar button or select [Edit] on the menu bar.

Please refer to the help screens for Dr. PICZA for detailed explanations of the various functions that are available.

Be sure to save the scanned data before starting to edit.

When you're done editing, be sure to save your file.

## **11 Powering OFF**

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When not in use for extended periods, unplug the AC adapter from the electrical outlet.

Failure to do so may result in danger of shock, electrocution, or fire due to deterioration of the electrical insulation.



Press the STANDBY key. The STANDBY LED goes out.



### When not in use

- Remove the scan object from the table.
- Remove any clay from table, and store the clay so that it will not dry out.
- Unplug the AC adapter from the electrical outlet.

## 12 Ending Dr. PICZA

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## 13 Items that may not be copied

Unauthorized reproduction of a copyrighted item for any purpose other than personal use may be a violation of copyright. Roland DG Corp. will not be responsible for any violation of third-party copyright by any article made through use of this product.

## 14 What to do if...

If you want to completely stop the operation of the PIX-3, detach the AC adapter from AC outlet.

#### The PIX-3 doesn't operate

#### Check the following.

- Is the STANDBY key on (with the STANDBY LED lit up)?
- Are the settings for the computer and software correct?
- Are the cable connected correctly?

### Pressing the STANDBY key does not switch off the power.

Unplug the AC adapter from the unit.

#### The STANDBY LEDs repeatedly flashes once

This may indicate a hardware error. Try switching the power off and back on, then repeating the desired operation. If the same error display occurs, consult your authorized Roland dealer or service center.

#### The STANDBY LEDs repeatedly flashes twice

Something touched the sensor during initial operation immediately after switching on the power, or a hardware error occurred.

If there is an obstruction, then switch off the power, remove the obstruction, and switch the power back on.

If there was a hardware error, then switch the power off and back on and repeat the same operation.

If the same error display occurs, consult your authorized Roland dealer or service center.

### The STANDBY LEDs repeatedly flashes three times

This indicates a communications error.

- Switch off the power and check the following.
  - Are the communications port settings made for Dr. PICZA correct?
  - Are the connections for the AC adapter and the cable connecting the unit to the computer secure?
  - Are the AC adapter and the cable connecting the unit to the computer free of any internal broken wires?
  - Is the operation of the computer correct?
  - Was the power to the computer switched on before the PIX-3 was turned on? (Be sure to power up the computer first, then switch on the power to the PIX-3.)

#### The tip of the sensor was inadvertently bent

Please purchase a sensor unit APS-1 (sold separately).

## **15 Specifications**

### Main unit specifications

Max. scanning area	: 152.4 mm (X) x 101.6 mm (Y) x 40.65 mm (Z) (6" (X) x 4" (Y) x 1-9/16" (Z))				
Max. scan-object weight	: 400 g (0.9 lb.)				
Sensor	Roland Active Piezo Sensor (R.A.P.S.)				
	Probe length 40 mm (1-9/16"), tip bulb diameter 0.08 mm (0.00315")				
Scanning method	Contacting, mesh-point height-sensing				
Scanning pitch	X/Y-axis directions 0.05 to 5.00 mm (0.002" to 0.20") (settable in steps of 0.05 mm (0.002"))				
(Dr. PICZA)	Z-axis direction 0.025 mm (0.000984")				
Scanning speed	4—15 mm/sec. (1/8"/sec.—9/16"/sec.)				
Exportable file formats	DXF, VRML, STL, 3DMF, Grayscale, PICT (for Mac OS) and BMP (for Windows)				
Interface	: Serial (RS-232C)				
Control keys	: STANDBY key				
LED	STANDBY LED, VIEW LED				
Power consumption	Exclusive AC adapter (DC+12V 1.5 A)				
Acoustic noise level	Standby mode: under 24 dB (A)				
	Scanning mode: under 40 dB (A) (According to ISO 7779)				
External dimensions	: 350 mm (W) x 380 mm (D) x 310 mm (H) (13-13/16" (W) x 15" (D)) x 12-1/4" (H))				
Weight (unit only)	: 8 kg (17.6 lb.)				
Operation temperature	: 5—40°C (41—104°F)				
Operation humidity	35—80 % (no condensation)				
Accessories	: Roland Software Package CD-ROM: 1, AC adapter: 1, clay: 1, PIX-3 user's manual: 1				

### Interface Specification

#### [Serial]

Standard	:	RS-232C specifications
Transmission method	:	Asynchronous, duplex data transmission
Transmission speed	:	9600 bps
Parity Check	:	None
Data Bits	:	8 bits (fixed)
Stop Bits	:	1 bits (fixed)
Handshake	:	Hardwire

### Serial connector (RS-232C)

Signal number	Term nun	ninal nber	Signal number	Pin connection
NC	25	13	NC	
NC	24	12	NC	
NC	23	11	NC	
NC	22	10	NC	
NC	21	9	NC	13 1
DTR	20	8	NC	
NC	19	7	SG	(000000000000) 0000000000000000
NC	18	6	DSR	25 14
NC	17	5	CTS	23 14
NC	16	4	RTS	
NC	15	3	RXD	
NC	14	2	TXD	
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### **Serial Cable for Macintosh**

Prepare a crossover cable with the following specifications to connect the Macintosh and the PIX-3.

Crossover serial cable Mini-DIN 8-pin male connector - D-sub 25-pin male connector Apple crossover cable (JCRC01 compliant)



## Appendix

# Creating a Three-dimensional Object from Data Scanned with Dr. PICZA

The included CD for the Roland Software Package contains the MODELA PLAYER program for performing cutting with the MODELA, CAMM-3, and CAMM-2 modeling machines from Roland DG Corp. If you already have a modeling machine, setting up MODELA PLAYER lets you create three-dimensional objects from data scanned with Dr. PICZA.

For more information about MODELA PLAYER, see the help screens.

### Setting Up MODELA PLAYER ·

The operating environment for MODELA PLAYER for Windows is the same as for Dr. PICZA, except for the required amount of free hard-disk space (7 MB).

To set up the program, read "4 Setting Up the Program -- Setup" and replace Dr. PICZA with MODELA PLAYER.

### **Cutting Procedure**

#### For Dr. PICZA for Windows OS, MODELA PLAYER for Windows OS



In the [Open] dialog box, open the file containing the scan data to be cut.







## **B** Set the dimension (Make the setting for object's

size.

Drag the spin dial up or down, or click on a number and enter a value from the keyboard. Clicking [Resize] makes it possible to specify a ratio for the dimensions.

## C Set the maximum cutting depth

Make the setting for the maximum cutting depth. Drag the spin dial up or down, or click on a number and enter a value from the keyboard. Clicking [Center] sets the depth at a location proportional to the height.



### D

### Tool diameter

Set the type and diameter of the tool that is installed.

### Material

Choose the composition of the loaded material.

### Finish

When cutting a solid object on a modeling machine, an attractive finish can be obtained by first performing rough (draft) cutting, then performing fine cutting. Set to [Draft] for the first pass, and to [Fine] for the second pass.



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Click here to advance to the next settings.

## A Select the direction of the object

Select the direction to be used for cutting the object. In the figure, cutting from above is selected.



### **B** Set the dimension

Make the setting for object's size. Drag the spin dial up or down, or enter a numerical value. You can also specify a scale for the size.



## C Set the maximum cutting depth

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**5** Open the [File] menu and choose [Save As].

Choose the location for saving the file, enter a name for the file, then click [SAVE].



Control Palette : MDX-3 (MODELA) : 日 Direction Dimensions Depth Overview Attribute Tool 3.0**↓** mm Finish Material Styrenefoam \$ 🖲 Draft 🔘 Fine 144 ₩

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7. Governing Law	This agreement is governed by the laws of Japan, and the parties shall submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Japanese Court.				