

AC20 User Manual

Background & Summary

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AUTOCRUISE / TRW is an established player in the ACC market place. The purpose of the ACC system is to provide an extension to cruise control and to control the vehicle's speed, in accordance with a driver's set speed, or headway, taking account of the traffic conditions.

Summary

This document provides the potential user with information about the top level functionality of this AC20 radar sensor to be fitted on a vehicle by a car or truck manufacturer

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1 Scope

Autocruise/TRW is an established player in the ACC market place. This document provides a product summary of the AC20 sensor that is suitable for integration into cars and trucks.

The products offered will be comfort assistance ACC system, as well as providing some meaningful steps along the road to driver warning systems.

This document provides the user with information about the top functionality of this AC20 radar sensor to be fitted on a vehicle by a car or truck manufacturer

The AC20 radar sensor needs a number of inputs to allow it to function correctly. These include the following

- Electrical Power
- Mounting instructions
- Yaw rate information
- Vehicle speed information

The data interface to the AC20 radar sensor is via a CAN communications link.

2 Sample System Schematic

An ACC system can be configured which will supply data that can be monitored or used as an input to a control system to control a vehicle. It can also be connected to a PC running the CCP protocol [Ref. 1] for re-programming and monitoring what is happening inside the radar sensor.

The AC20 radar sensor requires yaw and vehicle speed data and will give out the distances and speeds of the vehicles in front.

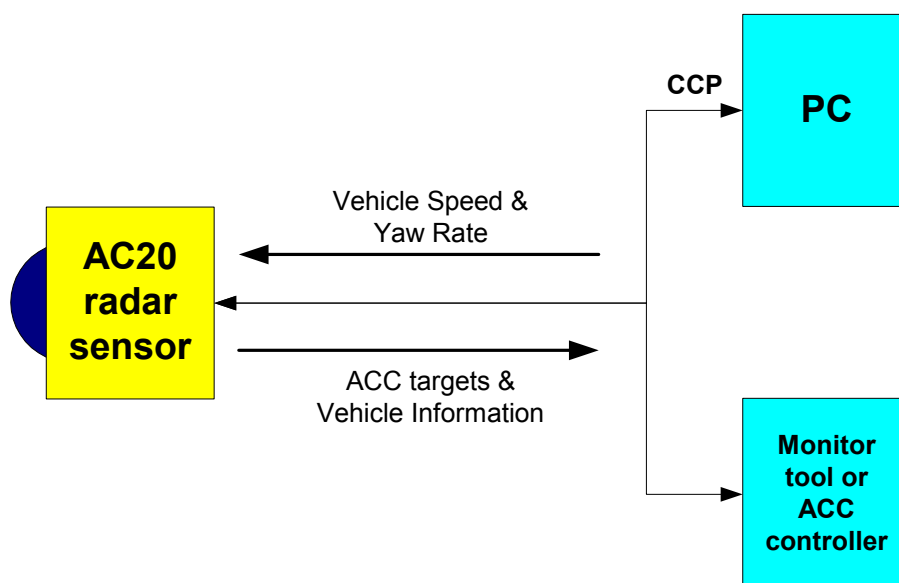


Figure 1 - Sample System Schematic

2.1 ACC System Communications Strategy

At power up, the AC20 radar sensor will automatically report the speed and relative velocity of vehicles sensed by the radar if it has received yaw and vehicle speed data.

The radar requires the vehicle speed and vehicle yaw rate. This should be transmitted to the radar at an update rate of between 20mSec to 40mSec. This message is referred to as the vehicle dynamics message.

CAN interfaces are detailed in a separate document Ref. [2]. These CAN interface can be customized according to customer's requirements.

3 ACC Vehicle Systems Communications

This protocol allows the ACC to be connected to an external longitudinal controller or a monitoring device.

Vehicle speed and yaw rate are needed by the ACC radar sensor. These must be transmitted to it via the CAN bus. The ACC radar then transmits a set of messages describing vehicles in the ACC radar field of view. A message is also transmitted by the ACC radar to indicate its status.

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4 Configuring the ACC System

The AC20 radar sensor should to be mounted onto a vehicle, connected to a power supply and CAN bus.

4.1 Initial Configuration

Initial configuration of the ACC system is achieved through the following steps:

1. Mount the sensor on the front of the vehicle ensuring that the connector is at the top or bottom.
NOTE: Do not mount side-ways.
2. Connect a 12v power supply (see section 3.2).
3. Connect to CAN bus and PC running CANape.
4. Set the mounting orientation parameter to either -1 (connector at the top) or +1 (connector at the bottom) depending on mounting orientation.
5. Set vehicles application parameter in the radar ACC radar.
6. Connect to system transmitting yaw rate and vehicle speed.
7. Align the sensor

Note that the AC20 radar sensor software will automatically compensate for driving in left or right hand drive countries after several Km of driving in traffic.

4.2 Electrical Interface

4.2.1 Power Supply

The AC20 radar sensor is powered by a 12 V supply on ignition:

- Power current : < 2A (average 1.0 A)

- Protection against over-current: 5 A delayed fuse (not provided).

Connections are made via one 10 way connector (FEP type 4209-13 10 way) to the pins as indicated below:

Pin	Function
2	Case GND
3	CAN Screen
4	CAN_H
5	CAN_L
9	GND
10	IGN+ (12V)

Do not use other pins.

4.3 Mechanical Description

4.3.1 AC20 Sensor Illustrations

The AC20.1 L sensor has external dimensions of 98mm x 98mm x 63mm. Three mounting “ears” are provided for attachment to the vehicle chassis.

4.4 Outline Drawing

As per drawing 59306083A – ACC Outline Drawing for External use.

Mass – 500g

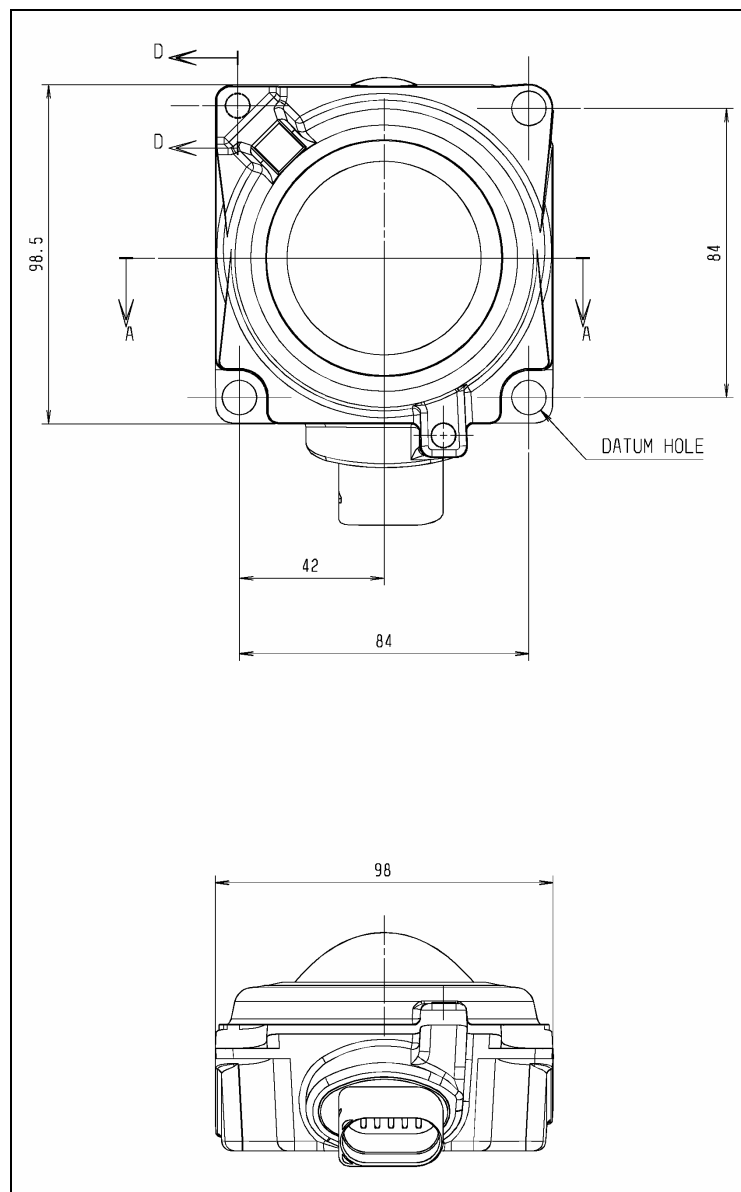


Figure 2 : AC20 Radar Sensor (Front View)

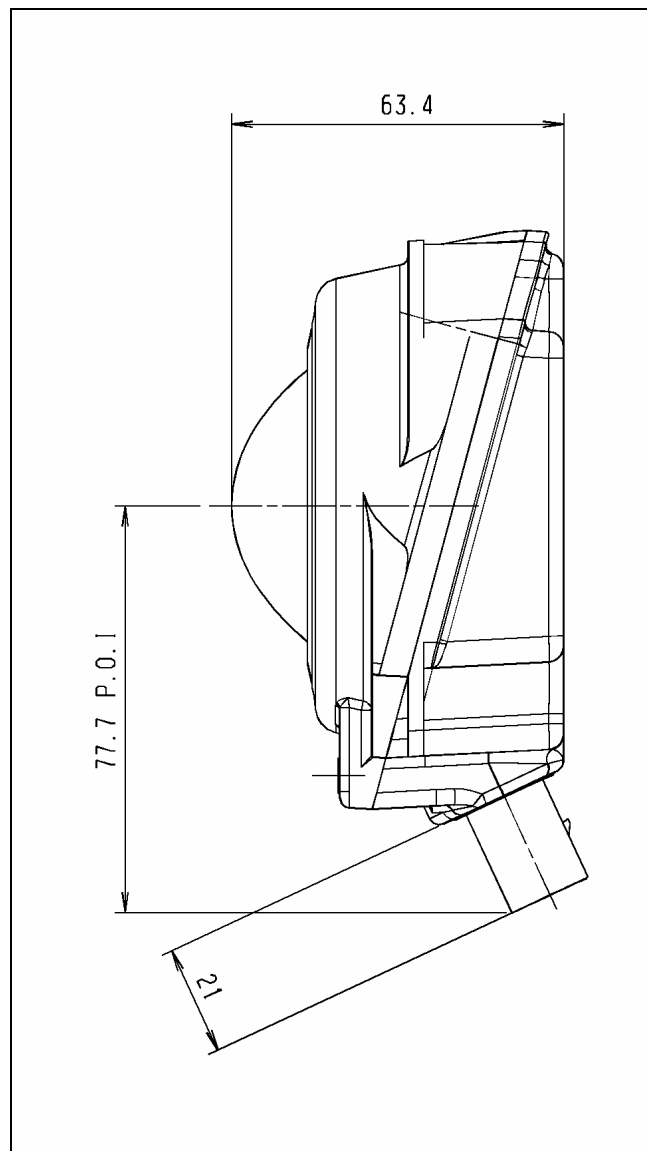


Figure 3 - Sensor Dimensions (Side View)

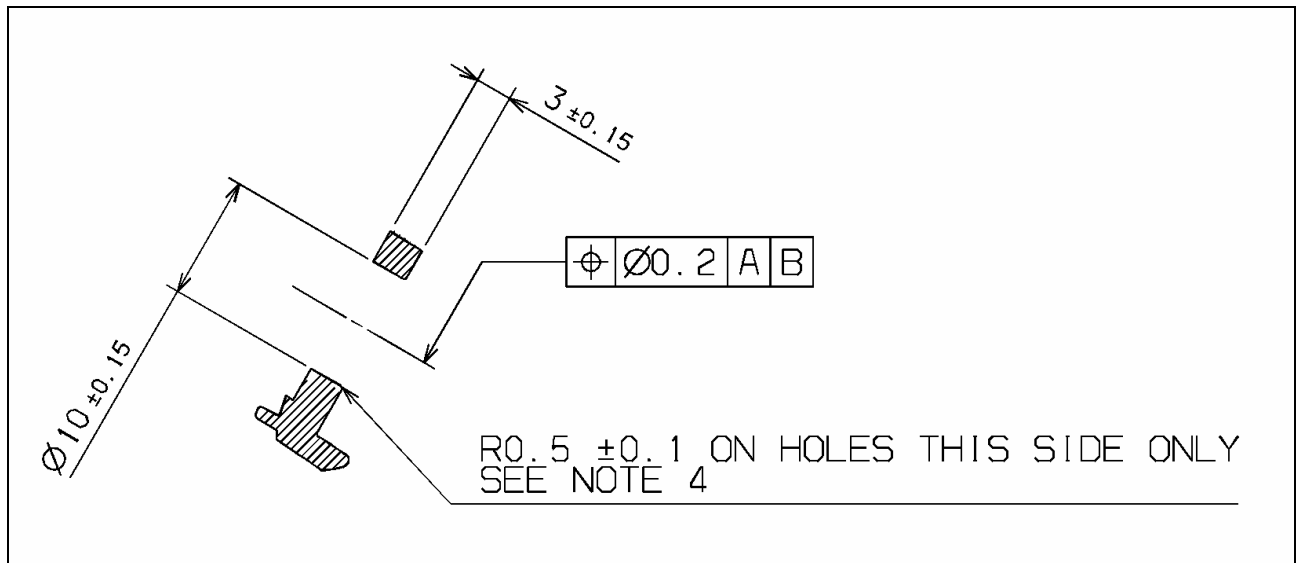


Figure 4 - Sensor Mounting Hole Dimensions

4.4.1 Sensor Alignment Process

Attached to the front of the radar is a mirror. At the sensor end of line process a calibration procedure measures the difference between the microwave central axis and the axis of the mirror. This alignment difference is programmed into the radar as two parameters representing the inherent azimuth and elevation offsets of the sensor (AZOF and ELOF). The alignment procedure therefore requires the radar to be aligned using an optical beam process with the mirror and then a quick compensation applied in accordance with the parameters AZOF and ELOF.

The equipment to carry out this procedure can easily be adapted for both the vehicle production line, as well as for in service garage re-alignment. This can be done with equipment that is already traditionally used for aligning the vehicle wheel tracking the vehicle thrust axis.

Internally the radar calculates a misalignment figure. This figure is used to correct the angular measurements of the radar between the ranges of +/- 1 degree. If misalignment outside this range is identified then a system shutdown will be requested.

4.4.2 Radar Alignment Principles

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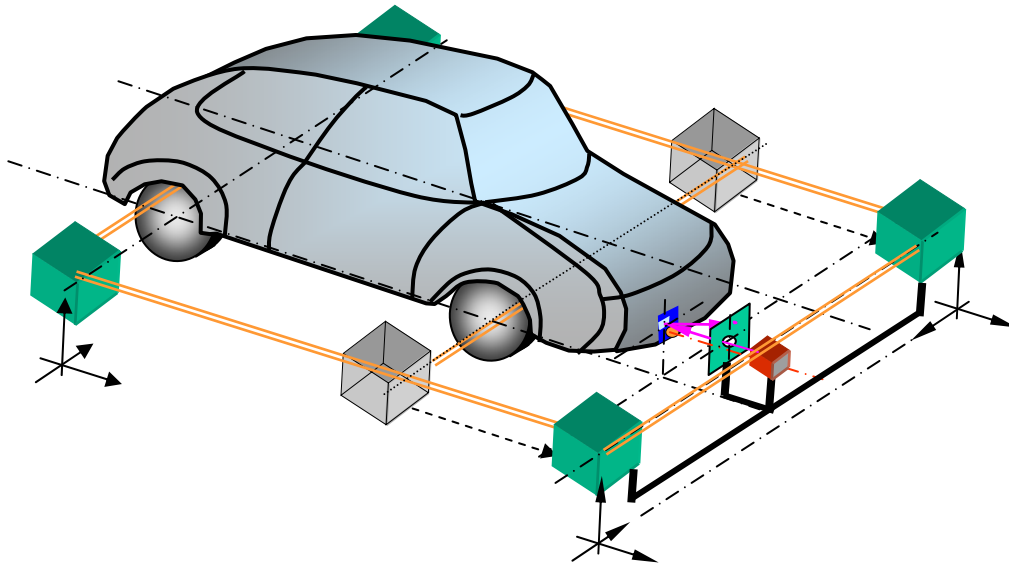


Figure 5 – Radar alignment principle

The radar is aligned by utilising an external laser device. This device is used in conjunction with the car or truck end of line wheel alignment equipment. A mirror on the radar along with two internal parameters provides the information required to align the radar. These parameters define the offset between the mirror axis and the microwave axis.

5 Installation

The radar should be installed on the vehicle with the constraints described below: -

The radar shall be fixed onto the vehicle chassis

- The radar lateral position must be located within $\pm 50\text{cm}$ of the vehicle centre axis
- The radar height must be between 0.3m and 0.7m from the vehicle rolling axis.
- The static pitch of the vehicle has to be between $+0.8^\circ$ (upwards) and -0.2° .
- The dynamic pitch has to be $< \pm 1^\circ$.
- The radar housing references are given by the normal axis of a mirror fixed on The radar housing must be set:
 - In azimuth, parallel $\pm 0.2^\circ$ with the vehicle thrust axis, corrected with the radar azimuth offset angle (**x**)
 - In elevation, parallel $\pm 0.2^\circ$ to the vehicle rolling plane, corrected by the radar elevation offset angle (**y**)

Note: the offset angles x & y are specific for each radar and indicate the location of the beam axis of the radar in azimuth and elevation referenced with the mirror's normal axis. They are measured during the Autocruise final radar verification test and stored in the radar's non volatile memory.

- There must be a clear view in front of the radar. The requirements for both azimuth and in elevation are given in the diagram below. The shaded area must not contain materials that affect radar performance; in particular metal or carbon loaded plastics or paints.

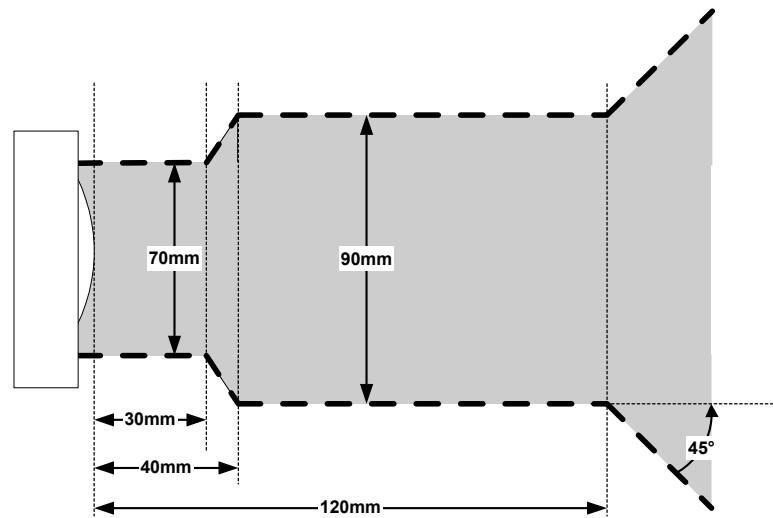


Figure 6 - Clearance area in front of radar

6 Warnings / Statements

6.1 Warning required by 15.21

Warning: Changes or modifications made to this AC20 sensor not expressly approved by **AUTOCRUISE S.A.** may void the FCC authorization to operate this equipment.

6.2 Statement required by 15.19 and RSS210

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules and with RSS-210 of Industry Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device must not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

6.3 Statement required by 15.105

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

7 References

Ref. #	Title	Comments
1	CCP CAN Calibration Protocol Version 2.1	CCP21.PDF Supplied by Vector GmbH
2	ACC generic interface Specification	AC20_PRO_0302_SPC_0025_issue A