



How Inspectors Are Using Elios 3's 3D Models in the Field

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How to make 3D models with FlyAware and Inspector 4.0

Important steps for an inspection

Step one:

Preparation of the inspection

- Clear objective
- Assessment of the risks
- Decompose your inspection (what will you inspect in each flight)
- Preparation of the material

Step two:

Performing the inspection

- Perform your flights
- Check the quality of the data

Step three:

Post processing of the data

- Review your flights
- Create your inspection reports in Inspector
- Create the model in Geoslam





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Elios 3 3D model accuracy—FlyAware vs. GeoSLAM Connect

FlyAware vs. GeoSLAM Connect



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Description	Processed live on Elios 3. SLAM Algorithm focused on robustness in most conditions. No capture guideline, meant to work in any inspection flight. SW features targeting inspection and reporting	Post processing only. SLAM Algorithm focused on high accuracy. Following capture guidelines is recommended SW features targeting surveying.			
Use-case	<i>"When localizing the drone or inspection data matters"</i> Situational awareness during piloting from the live map displayed on Cockpit. Data localization of defects and creating reports with localized data.	<i>"When the 3D model matters"</i> Survey grade 3D point clouds and further processing of point clouds (e.g. georeferencing, merging, floor plans, volume monitoring, etc)			



How accurate is FlyAware compared to GeoSLAM Connect?

GeoSLAM and FlyAware comparison—methodology

Same datasets as the thorough evaluation of GeoSLAM Connect's accuracy ("TESTING GLOBAL ACCURACY AND GEOREFERENCED ACCURACY IN 3D MAPPING WITH THE ELIOS 3 AND GEOSLAM CONNECT")





Ground truth of 70x40m factory floor was captured with a Riegl TLS (6 hours of work), with 15 targets placed all over the asset.

GeoSLAM and FlyAware comparison—methodology





3 scans were captured with E3 (each scan capturing the full asset, in 8.5 minutes of flight)

Each scan was processed with GeoSLAM Connect and FlyAware

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GeoSLAM and FlyAware comparison





Distance (20-60m) measurements compared to the ground truth:

Average FlyAware error*: **18.3cm**

Average GeoSLAM error*: **3.5cm**

→ ~5x improvement

*RMS error of the 3 scans, then averaged among the 7 distances

GeoSLAM and FlyAware comparison





Alignment of E3 scan with Riegl ground truth around take-off location, and evaluation of XYZ error of each target

Avg FlyAware error: ~**1.4%** (e.g: 1.4m on a 100m distance)

Avg GeoSLAM error: ~**0.2%** (e.g: 20cm on a 100m distance)

→ ~7x improvement

GeoSLAM vs. FlyAware—visuals comparison



GeoSLAM (white) vs Riegl ground truth (green):

FlyAware (yellow) vs Riegl ground truth (green):





Elios 3 3D model use cases from the field

Primary Use Cases for FlyAware and Inspector 4.0

Here are the primary ways inspectors are using the 3D models you can make with the Elios 3's FlyAware in their work:

- Flying in dusty environments
- Ensuring full coverage
- Localizing inspection data
- Enhanced situational awareness during inspections
- Improving knowledge of unknown places



Case study: Flying in a dusty cement silo

A cement plant in France wanted to 3D map the interior of a clinker silo to measure its volume—but the silo was almost too dusty to see for flying.



Industry

Cement

Asset/environment

Silo

Traditional approach

Standing on a platform at 25 meters (80 feet) in the air inside a clinker silo and poke into the clinker stored below with a long pole.

Case study: Flying in a dusty cement silo



Benefits



Dusty flying. FlyAware made it possible to fly despite the high volume of dust.

Safety. No one had to climb onto an unstable platform 25 meters (80 feet) in the air to collect data.

Speed. Ten minutes for data collection.

Case study: Ensuring full coverage in a cargo tank inspection

Inspectors used the Elios 3's 3D maps from FlyAware during a cargo tank inspection on an oil tanker to ensure full coverage and avoid the need for confined space entry.



Industry Oil and gas

Asset/environment

Cargo tank on an oil tanker

Traditional approach

Erecting scaffolding within the tank and standing on it to collect visual data, risking work at height, confined space entry, and the chance of leaving materials behind after the inspection.

Case study: Ensuring full coverage in a cargo tank inspection



Benefits





Safety. No one had to enter the tank to ensure full coverage.



Speed & labor. Half a day of work with no dry dock required vs. 15 people working for a full day in dry dock.

*This case study hasn't been published yet.

Case study: 3D mapping old slate mines

Luxembourg's division of Mines, Mining, and Quarries used the Elios 3 to 3D map an old slate quarry that was being turned into a museum.





Mining

Asset/environment

Old slate mine

Traditional approach

Handheld LiDAR could collect some of the information needed to 3D map the old mine but it would have had gaps and the process would be much more dangerous, given the unknown conditions inside the mine.

Case study: 3D mapping old slate mines



Benefits



Speed. Aerial LiDAR data collection was much faster than manual data collection.



Safety. No one had to enter unknown areas within the old mine.



3D maps. The Elios 3's LiDAR sensor allowed Luxembourg authorities to make 3D maps of all the mine's chambers quickly and efficiently.

<u>Read the full case study.</u>

Case study: Finding the cause of an ore pass hangup

A large mining operation used the Elios 3 to find the cause of a clog in an ore pass in just 10 minutes, pinpointing its exact location and visualizing the clog in a 3D map.



Industry

Mining

Asset/environment

Ore pass

Traditional approach

Drilling exploratory holes and sliding snake cameras through them to find the cause of the hangup and pushing explosives through them to try and blast the clog open.

Case study: Finding the cause of an ore pass hangup



Benefits



Savings. From avoiding prolonged downtimes and resulting loss of production.



Safety. No one had to manually look for the cause of the hangup.



Speed. Ten minutes vs. two months.

Read the full case study.



Q&A

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