Vectra Polaris Software Release Notes
Software Version: 1.0.13

This file provides information about Vectra Polaris software, version 1.0.13.   Please read this information carefully as it supersedes all printed material or online help.

Overview:
Vectra Polaris software provides the interface to running the Vectra Polaris Quantitative Pathology Imaging System. Vectra Polaris scans both brightfield and fluorescent slides, and can take multispectral imagery of user-specified areas of interest, user-chosen TMA cores, or areas of interest determined through the use of inForm Tissue Finder.

System Requirements:
- U.S. English Version of Microsoft© Windows 10 64-bit
- .NET 4.6
- Minimum monitor resolution: 1600x1200 at 96 DPI
- Minimum RAM: 16 GB

Software Installation:
To install on Windows 10:
1. Log in as an administrator
2. Close all open software programs
3. Double click on the Setup.exe
4. Follow the installer's instructions

Software Activation:
Vectra Polaris ships with an activated license.

Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.13
Bug Fixes:
- Updated software and LED configuration for new camera sensor
- Added configuration for the condenser
- Installer updates

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.12
Bug Fixes:
- Fix for fluorescent scanning hangs

- Updated condenser rehoming during carrier loads
- Installer updates

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.11
Bug Fixes:
- Fix for tab order in the epi-filter editor in hardware setup
- Prompt when overwriting an existing protocol when saving.
- Handle the new door model when starting up
- Rehome the brightfield condenser after every carrier load
- Update the maximum wavelength for new installs
- Add new factory filter kits
- Service app improvements

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.10
Bug Fixes:
- Fix for protocol deserialization
- Fix for unresponsive snapshots page
- Fix for Brightfield snapshot failures

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.9
Bug Fixes:
- Fix for navigation tool error when going directly into snapshots
- Rehome BF condenser when a carrier loads

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.8
New Features:
- Multispectral whole slide scanning
- Opal kit-based protocol selection
- Updated reference acquisition and shading correction

Bug Fixes:
- Scan band is no longer enabled when there is no scanning work present.
- Correct a race condition in the slide navigator
- Correct an error when clicking on the stage widget
- Correct the FL LED intensity so it affects the correct channel.
- Apply chromatic corrections in multispectral field acquisition
- Apply chromatic corrections for the 10x objective acquisition
- Service App improvements

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.7
New Features:
- Barcode decoding
- Loading and saving of scan setup information
- Tissue Finder optimized for TMAs

Bug Fixes:
- Improved brightfield color alignment
- Move to a known position after overview acquisition
- Fix MSI reference bug for less than 3 wavelengths
- Handle focus error after drift correction cleanly
- Clear imagery after a failed strip acquisition
- Correct tab order in edit slides / edit carriers
- Confirm that file writers are always closed
- Fix deadlock in live stream
- Handle focus map failure for very small samples
- Force brightfield references to 20nm steps
- Fix for Geneva wheel hang
- Service App Improvements
- Update help to .pdf version

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.6
New Features:
- Protocol options for additional coverslips (#0, #3, #4)
- Improved focus algorithm
- New navigation tool for snapshots and exposure setting

Bug Fixes:
- Service app improvements
- Increase the width for study and protocol dropdowns

- Adapt the default filters in FL protocols when narrowband filters are in use

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- If drift correction fails due to an insufficient number of focus points, the error message is cryptic.

Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.5
New Features:
- Added detection of slider or carrier seating problems
- Added a protocol option for thick (#2) coverslips
- Added focus drift correction to FL 20x scans

Bug Fixes:
- Multiple Service app improvements
- Rework reference taking in FL
- Rework the handling of dark frames in BF scanning
- Rework the position refresh for the hotel and loader
- Confirm proper ranges on startup; prompt for reboot if necessary
- Cope with system launch with robot beside carrier

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.4
Bug Fixes:
- Updated timespan in documentation for shipping temperature
- Multiple Service app improvements
- Updated drive level for front panel LEDs

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.3

Bug Fixes:
- Provide new camera firmware; fixes pixel shift known issue
- Multiple Service app improvements
- Brightfield filter wheel is homed each time a carrier is loaded to avoid position shift

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.2
Bug Fixes:
- Multiple Service App improvements
- Fluorescence slide markup detection improvements

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Vectra Polaris Version 1.0.1
New Features:
- Improved fitting algorithm for fluorescent shading
- Corrections for focus differences among filters

Bug Fixes:
- Set the tile height for the TIFF writer based on the camera tile height
- Reference viewer should size the view area based on the size of the binned reference
- Brightfield live view no longer has a stale image on startup
- Handle long path names in the disk space widget
- Hotel LED maintains state during scans
- Change when the door closes when the Load button is clicked
- Handle door requests cleanly during vectorized acquisition
- Correctly return to the live view after taking a snapshot
- Change the MSI default to be 20x
- Move the autofocus button close to the Z slider
- Improve error reporting when scanning a blank slide
- Disable the keyboard entry for the pause scanning dialog
- Handle illegal characters in the filenames
- Retry USB connections on startup
- Handle the case where previous scan directories are deleted
- Improve brightfield live view

- Handle a retry when the first filter wheel homing fails
- Add camera settings so FL exports are readable by inForm
- Handle loading protocols for which we are missing hardware
- Recover from camera sensor errors
- Correct the display for reference objectives in the table
- Acquire brightfield references with the correct offset applied
- Multiple Service App improvements

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New Features:
- Whole slide scans of brightfield and fluorescent slides at 1.0, 0.5, and 0.25 um/pixel resolution
- Multispectral imagery at 1.0, 0.5, and 0.25 um/pixel resolution
- New scanning interface
- Tamper-evident scan and multispectral image files

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- Hotel LED is out of state with the software UI during carrier scans
- The fluorescent live view has an occasional height shift of one pixel
- The brightfield live view shows a stale image when it first starts.
- Long path names can get cut off in the disk space widget.

Documentation:
- Complete documentation is accessible by selecting Help→Help within the Vectra Polaris software

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