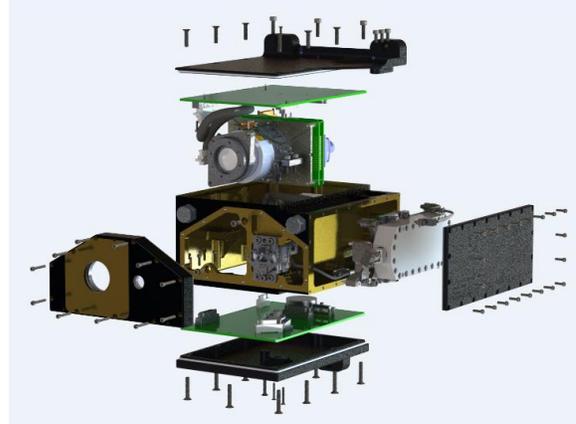


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## ASC Supporting Boeing's CST-100 Starliner



Vision-Based Electro-Optical Sensor Tracking Assembly (VESTA) system, including the Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) Sensor developed by Advanced Scientific Concepts LLC., a supplier on Boeing's CST-100 Starliner.

*Credit: Advanced Scientific Concepts, LLC.*

### Advanced Scientific Concepts, LLC. (ASC)

#### Description:

Headquartered in Santa Barbara, CA, Advanced Scientific Concepts, LLC. (ASC) was founded by Dr. Roger Stettner in 1987 to focus on emerging technologies in enhanced imaging applications.

#### Support for Boeing's CST-100 Starliner Program:

- In support of Boeing's Commercial Crew Transportation System (CCTS), called the CST-100 Starliner, ASC produces the Laser Detection and Ranging Sensor
  - The system captures both range and intensity, which allows for a wide range of use models. It will help guide the Starliner spacecraft toward the International Space Station, allowing it to rendezvous and dock to the orbiting laboratory with a crew on board for NASA missions.

## **General Capabilities:**

The company's focus is 3-D Flash LIDAR™ technologies and cameras. Today, unique 3-D video cameras, built on ASC's patented technology, collect full frames (128x128 pixels) of 3-D point cloud data per single laser pulse (Flash LIDAR), up to 30 frames per second.

Its accurate 3-D representation of the scene includes range and intensity measurements displayed in real-time video imagery through any lighting conditions, day or night, with ranges from 5cm to 5km. The "framing camera" nature and real-time 3-D video output makes LIDAR ideal for moving-vehicle solutions, such as non-commercial autonomous vehicle, marine, aviation and spaceflight, as well as object capture, identification and mapping applications.

## **Interesting Facts:**

- ASC's 3-D cameras have the equivalent of 16,384 range-finders on each sensor chip, allowing the sensor to act as a 3-D video camera with functionality well beyond just range finding.
- The 3D flash LIDAR system captures an entire frame of data from a single pulse of light, therefore, platform motion and vibration will not affect the real-time capture and measurements.
- 3D flash LIDAR requires no moving parts. It is smaller, lighter, requires less power, and is more rugged than scanning LIDAR cameras.
- 3D flash LIDAR is capable of mapping a half a million points per second with little external processing to generate the 128x128 range maps at 20Hz.
- ASC has demonstrated single-pulse 3-D Flash LIDAR imagery with a sensor capable of such a wide range of ranges from centimeters to kilometers. 3D flash LIDAR has multiple wavelength options for its self-contained laser including an eye-safe wavelength (1.5 um).
- 3D Flash LIDAR has the ability to image through dust, fog, smoke and other obscurants.

## **Background:**

- Founded 1987
- Privately Owned Small Business
- Approximately 50 employees

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