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**Topcon accepts Wichmann Innovations   
Award for Falcon 8**

*LIVERMORE, Calif., USA/ CAPELLE A/D IJSSEL, The Netherlands – November 17, 2016 –* Topcon Positioning Group announces it has won the Wichmann Innovations Award in the competition’s hardware category. Topcon representatives accepted the award for the [Topcon Falcon 8](https://www.topconpositioning.com/mass-data-and-volume-collection/aerial-mapping/falcon-8) (powered by Ascending Technologies, a part of Intel®) rotary-wing UAS (unmanned aerial system). The Wichmann Award is bestowed annually at the INTERGEO trade fair in Germany. The Falcon 8 was judged the winner based on the criteria of innovation, user-friendliness and practicality.

Designed for inspection and monitoring, as well as survey and mapping applications — the Falcon 8 features AscTec®Trinity technology, an autopilot safety feature that provides three levels of redundancy for protection against performance drop or loss of control. Three IMUs (inertial measurement units) synchronize all sensing data and identify, signal and compensate when needed.

“The Falcon 8 offers the flexibility to maneuver in small spaces and can cope with challenging environments often presented in inspection and monitoring,” said Ian Stilgoe, vice president portfolio management at Topcon Positioning Group. “Thanks to the participants who voted for the UAS and recognized its precision, reliability and user-friendliness.”

This is the fifth year the Wichmann Innovations Award has been bestowed.

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**About Topcon Positioning Group**

Topcon Positioning Group is headquartered in Livermore, California, USA ([topconpositioning.com](http://www.topconpositioning.com/)). Its European head office is in Capelle a/d IJssel, the Netherlands ([topconpositioning.eu](http://www.topconpositioning.eu)). Topcon Positioning Group designs, manufactures and distributes precise positioning products and solutions for the global surveying, construction, agriculture, civil engineering, BIM, mapping and GIS, asset management and mobile control markets.  Its brands include Topcon, Sokkia, Tierra, Wachendorff Elektronik, Digi-Star, RDS Technologies, NORAC and 2LS. Topcon Corporation ([topcon.com](http://global.topcon.com/)), founded in 1932, is traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (7732).

**About the Wichmann Award**

With its tailor-made specialist media for geo informatics, GIS, geodesy, surveying, photogrammetry, remote sensing and traffic planning, Herbert Wichmann Verlag is one of the first pioneers in this field. The media offering includes specialist books, loose-leaf publications as well as the journals avn and the gis magazine group. Since 2010, Wichmann Verlag has been part of VDE VERLAG, the renowned publishing house for electrical and information technology.

Since 2012, Wichmann Verlag has been awarding the Wichmann Innovations Award at INTERGEO once a year. In a public vote the best product is sought according to the criteria "degree of innovation", "user friendliness" and "practical proximity", which are exhibited at the fair.

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