

**URGENT Field Safety Notice**

**Philips Azurion R3.0 Systems**

Potential loss of imaging (X-ray) functionality, and/or loss of motorized movement, and/or incorrect image content, and/or loss of data which may result in a delay or termination of procedure and/or procedural complications

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**This document contains important information for the continued safe and proper use of your equipment**

Please review the following information with all members of your staff who need to be aware of the contents of this communication. It is important to understand the implications of this communication.

Please retain this letter for your records.

Dear Customer,

Philips has identified nine software issues affecting Azurion R3.0 systems that may result in loss of imaging (X-ray) functionality, and/or loss of motorized movement, and/or incorrect image content, and/or loss of data. This URGENT Field Safety Notice intends to inform you about:

**1. What the issues are and under what circumstances they can occur**

Issue Description	Complaints
<p><b>Issue 1 - Loss of X-ray after Pedal Tap</b></p> <p>When the foot switch is pressed and released rapidly without generating X-rays (due to a short duration of contact), the system may enter a state where X-ray generation is not available. When this occurs, the system does not show any message to the user indicating that X-ray generation is not possible.</p> <p>A warm restart may resolve the situation in some cases. A cold restart will always resolve the situation.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 2 - Loss of X-ray after Phase Fault</b></p> <p>Philips Azurion systems are designed to automatically recover from phase faults (being an abnormal condition in which one or more phase voltages drop to (near) zero). When a phase fault occurs, the X-ray generator software initiates an automatic recovery process to restore full system functionality, during which imaging (X-ray) functionality is not available for approximately 5 seconds.</p> <p>Due to a software issue, during this recovery, the communication with the system software may be lost, resulting in the system not recognizing that the generator has recovered and is ready for operation. In this situation, the system shows the user message <i>"Generator is busy starting up, no X-ray possible"</i>. If the phase fault is detected by the generator during acquisition, the system also shows the message <i>"Run Aborted: Tube Problem"</i>.</p> <p>A cold restart of the system will always restore system functionality.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>

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<p><b>Issue 3 – Missing live X-ray on the FlexVision monitor</b></p> <p>When viewing high resolution images, i.e., resolution above 1,000x1,000 pixels (visible on screen as "Live2K"), the FlexVision monitor may not display the X-ray live window (blank screen) when one of the following specific sequence of actions is followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Changing the live viewset up – by maximizing another view on the FlexVision monitor, or by explicitly removing the Live X-ray application from the screen or hiding it (only possible if X-ray is disabled), or by activating the screensaver, or by starting comfort Themes – followed by a warm restart of the system.</li> <li>b) Performing a warm restart to the system and then changing the FlexVision screen layout from 8 applications to less than 8 applications.</li> </ul> <p>A warm restart will resolve the issue. However, the issue will re-occur if the sequence of actions described in scenario a) or b) are again performed.</p> <p>A cold restart will resolve this issue, unless afterwards a warm restart is performed (for any reason) in combination with the sequence of actions described in scenario a) or b).</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 4 – System keeps restarting</b></p> <p>When the Patient database in the Azurion system’s Suite PC, which stores metadata about patients, studies, procedures, and series objects, contains more than 50,000 series objects, system functionality becomes unavailable.</p> <p>To address this, the Azurion system initiates a recovery restart. However, because the number of series objects remains unchanged, the issue persists, causing the system to repeatedly perform recovery restarts. No message is displayed to indicate this situation.</p> <p>To resolve this issue, a reinstallation of the Suite PC software is required.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 5 – AMC triple drive</b></p> <p>Due to a firmware issue in the Advanced Motion Controller (AMC) 3-Axis drive (integrated electronic and mechanical component responsible for the precise movement and positioning of the Azurion’s stand):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Movements of the stand might be slow – when this occurs the message “Adjustment of frontal stand is required” is displayed to the user. When this occurs, 3D scan functionality is not available. The message “Rotational scanning is unavailable. Reselect the X-ray protocol” is displayed to the user. To resolve this issue, a calibration of the system by service is required.</li> <li>b) Motorized movements of the stand might become unavailable – when this occurs the message “Adjustment of frontal stand is required” is shown to the user. A cold restart of the system may temporarily resolve the issue in some cases.</li> </ul>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>

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<p>Manual movements of the stand remain available. Table movements are not impacted by this issue.</p>	
<p><b>Issue 6 – C-Partition of Suite PC running out of free space</b></p> <p>The C-drive of the Azurion Suite PC may gradually lose available space due to the accumulation of printer spool files.</p> <p>The Windows operating system creates a spool file for each print job and deletes it once the job is completed successfully.</p> <p>If a print job fails, these spool files are not removed and accumulate after each system (re)start when the Windows operating system retries the print job, consuming disk space.</p> <p>When the system (re)starts and the C-drive is full, motorized movements are disabled. The following messages appear on the screen “Some geometry movements are not available” and “The geometry is starting. Do not change SID”.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 7 - System remains in continuous restart mode after the start-up</b></p> <p>Due to a software issue, the License Manager – which verifies installed licenses and enables optional functionality in the Azurion system based on the available licenses – expands the Windows registry database at every system start or restart.</p> <p>Over time, the registry may grow beyond the maximum size that the License Manager can load. When this happens, the License Manager cannot start and the system will enter a continuous reboot loop. The Azurion system will not complete booting, and the message “X-ray system is booting...” remains displayed on the screen.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 8 – Misalignment of Marker Tool Overlay – <u>Applicable only to Azurion systems with the Marker Tool option</u></b></p> <p>The Marker Tool allows clinical users to draw freehand markers on a previously acquired X-ray image to add guidance or indicate a region of interest. Markers are displayed on all images within the series and on any images acquired after they are created.</p> <p>When geometry movement exceeds predefined thresholds (e.g., angulation or rotation differences greater than 10°, or a Beam-IsoCenter-to-Patient deviation greater than 50 mm), markers are hidden.</p> <p>When the geometry returns within the threshold, markers reappear. However, they may not be restored to their exact original position and can deviate by several millimeters.</p> <p>If the Marker Tool is used during a clinical procedure to indicate the correct placement of a device, this deviation could lead to incorrect placement of the device.</p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>
<p><b>Issue 9 - Longitudinal Position Error – <u>Applicable only to Azurion systems with Poly-G3 frontal stand</u></b></p>	<p>To date, no complaints have been received reporting harm associated with release R3.0.</p>

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<p>When requesting a movement of the frontal stand in longitudinal direction, the Azurion system may detect a mismatch between the expected longitudinal (set-) position and the measured (actual) position of the stand. This mismatch is caused by a glitch in the longitudinal position value provided by the position sensing potentiometer.</p> <p>When the mismatch is detected, the motion power to the frontal stand is automatically cut off. The message “Some stand movements are not available” is displayed to the user.</p> <p>In this situation, X-ray imaging and table movements will continue to function.</p> <p>This issue can be resolved with a cold restart of the system or by restarting the geometry.</p>	

**2. Hazard/harm associated with the issues**

Potential safety risks associated with these issues are described in the table below.

Potential safety Risk	Issue
<p>Loss of imaging (X-ray) functionality potentially resulting in delay or abort of therapy and procedural complications.</p> <p>The estimated probability of serious adverse health outcomes is ‘improbable’.</p>	<p>Issue 1 – Loss of X-ray after Pedal Tap</p> <p>Issue 2 – Loss of X-ray after Phase Fault</p> <p>Issue 3 – Missing live X-ray on the FlexVision monitor</p> <p>Issue 4 – System keeps restarting</p> <p>Issue 7 – System remains in continuous restart mode after the start-up</p>
<p>Loss of motorized movement potentially resulting in delay or abort of therapy and procedural complications.</p> <p>The estimated probability of serious adverse health outcomes is ‘improbable’.</p>	<p>Issue 4 – System keeps restarting</p> <p>Issue 5 – AMC triple drive</p> <p>Issue 6 – C-Partition of Suite PC running out of free space</p> <p>Issue 7 – System remains in continuous restart mode after the start-up</p> <p>Issue 9 – Longitudinal Position Error</p>
<p>Loss of data potentially resulting in delay of therapy and procedural complications.</p> <p>The estimated probability of serious adverse health outcomes is ‘improbable’.</p>	<p>Issue 4 – System keeps restarting</p>
<p>Incorrect image content potentially leading to procedural complications.</p> <p>The estimated probability of serious adverse health outcomes is ‘not expected to occur’.</p>	<p>Issue 8 – Misalignment of Marker Tool Overlay</p>

**Harm related to Loss of Imaging (X-ray) Functionality**

Loss of imaging (X-ray) functionality could result in a delay of therapy. The potential delay may result in serious adverse health outcomes, including the possibility of death, especially when the system is used with patients undergoing complex and/or urgent interventions for potentially life-threatening conditions (e.g., acute ischemic stroke, ST-segment elevation myocardial ischemia, life-threatening bleedings).

## **Harm related to Loss of Motorized Movement**

Loss of motorized movements during clinical use could contribute to a delay of therapy. The potential delay may result in serious adverse health outcomes, including the possibility of death, especially when the system is used with patients undergoing complex and/or urgent interventions for potentially life-threatening conditions (e.g., acute ischemic stroke, ST-segment elevation myocardial ischemia, life-threatening bleeding).

## **Harm related to Loss of Data**

Loss of data could result in or contribute to a delay or termination of therapy, require repeat imaging or procedures, or result in incomplete documentation. The potential delay may result in serious adverse health outcomes, including the possibility of death, especially when the system is used with patients undergoing complex and/or urgent interventions for potentially life-threatening conditions (e.g., acute ischemic stroke, ST-segment elevation myocardial ischemia, life-threatening bleedings).

## **Harm related to Procedural Complications**

Procedural complications could result in serious adverse health outcomes, including the possibility of death, especially when the system is used with patients undergoing complex and/or urgent interventions for potentially life-threatening conditions (e.g., acute ischemic stroke, ST-segment elevation myocardial ischemia, life-threatening bleedings).

### **3. Affected products and how to identify them**

**Appendix A** to this letter includes the intended use of the affected systems and how to identify them.

### **4. Actions that should be taken by the customer / user that are aimed at lowering risks for patients**

- Circulate this Urgent Field Safety Notice to all users of the system so that they are aware of the issues.
- In case the affected system has been transferred to another organization, please send a copy of this Urgent Field Safety Notice to that organization and inform Philips about this transfer through your local Philips representative.
- Keep this Urgent Field Safety Notice with the documentation of the system until Philips corrects your system. Ensure that the letter is in a place likely to be seen/viewed.
- Complete and return the response form included in this Urgent Field Safety Notice to Philips promptly and no later than 30 days from receipt. Completing this form confirms receipt of the Urgent Field Safety Notice and understanding of the issues and required actions to be taken.
- If you experience an issue described in this letter, please report it to your local Philips representative.
- The table below includes the recommended actions for each issue, where applicable:

Issue	Action
Issue 1 - Loss of X-ray after Pedal Tap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid rapidly pressing and releasing the footswitch pedals.</li> <li>• Perform a cold system restart, as described in the Instructions for Use*.</li> </ul>
Issue 2 - Loss of X-ray after Phase Fault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a cold system restart, as described in the Instructions for Use*.</li> </ul>
Issue 3 – Missing live X-ray on the FlexVision monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a cold system restart, as described in the Instructions for Use*.</li> </ul>
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Issue 8 – Misalignment of Marker Tool Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid moving the C-arm and/or table after drawing the markers.</li> <li>• If movement occurs, re-verify the position of all markers before proceeding.</li> </ul> <p>Note: the marker tool is accurate for changes in digital zoom, magnification, SID (Source to Image Distance) and detector format.</p>
Issue 9 - Longitudinal Position Error	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a cold system restart, as described in the Instructions for Use*; or</li> <li>• Perform a Geometry restart by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- pressing the emergency stop button on the Control Module; and then</li> <li>- pressing the 'Power on' button on the Control Module for 3 seconds</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Geometry restart may take up to 2 minutes to complete.</p>

\* To perform a cold restart:

- On the Review Module, press and hold "Power Off".
- Release the button when the indicator light begins to flash.
- When the indicator light stops flashing, wait for 10 seconds.
- On the Review Module, press and hold "Power On".

NOTE I: Do not operate any of the controls while the system is powering on, as this may inhibit the start-up process.

NOTE II: A cold restart of the system takes 6 minutes from initiation of the cold restart until all system functionality is available.

## 5. Actions planned by Philips IGT Systems to correct the issues

Philips will address the identified issues by implementing software updates in all affected systems.

Philips expects to have software update 3.1.5 (FC072200613), that resolves issues 1 - 7, released by Q1 2026 (subject to regulatory clearance). The Misalignment of Marker Tool Overlay (issue 8) and Longitudinal Position Error (issue 9) will not be resolved with software update 3.1.5. The solution for those issues is planned for Q4 2026 (subject to regulatory clearance) with software update 3.1.15 (FC072200684).

Your local Philips representative will contact you to schedule visits to install the software updates once available.

This notice has been reported to the appropriate Regulatory Agencies.

If you need any further information or support concerning any issue, contact your local Philips representative.

Philips regrets any inconvenience caused by this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Vos', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Marjan Vos

Head of Quality – IGT Systems

**URGENT Field Safety Notice Response Form**

**Reference:** Potential loss of imaging (X-ray) functionality, and/or loss of motorized movement, and/or incorrect image content, and/or loss of data which may result in a delay or termination of procedure and/or procedural complications with Philips Azurion R3.0 Systems, Philips C&R reference number 2025-IGT-BST-013.

**Instructions:** Please complete and return this form to Philips promptly and no later than 30 days from receipt. Completing this form confirms receipt of the Urgent Field Safety Notice, understanding of the issue, and required actions to be taken.

Customer/Consignee/Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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We acknowledge receipt and understanding of the accompanying Urgent Field Safety Notice and confirm that the information from this letter has been properly distributed to all users that handle the affected system.

**Name of person completing this form:**

Signature:

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Printed Name:

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Title:

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Telephone Number:

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Email Address:

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Date (DD / MMM / YYYY):

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It is important that your organization acknowledges receipt of this letter. Your organization's reply is the evidence required to monitor the progress of this Urgent Field Safety Notice.

## Appendix A – Affected Systems and Intended Use

The **Azurion series** is intended for use to perform:

- Image guidance in diagnostic, interventional, and minimally invasive surgery procedures for the following clinical application areas: vascular, non-vascular, cardiovascular, and neuro procedures.
- Cardiac imaging applications including diagnostics, interventional and minimally invasive surgery procedures.
- Additionally:
  - The Azurion series can be used in a hybrid operating room.
  - The Azurion series contains a number of features to support a flexible and patient-centric procedural workflow.
  - The Azurion series is intended for all human patients of all ages. Patient weight is limited to the specification of the patient table.

This correction applies to the following Philips Azurion R3.0 systems:

Model Number	System Product Name
722229	Azurion 3 M12
722230	Azurion 3 M15
722231	Azurion 5 M12
722232	Azurion 5 M20
722233	Azurion 7 M12
722234	Azurion 7 M20
722235	Azurion 7 B12
722236	Azurion 7 B20

The System Product Name and Model Number can be found on the System Identification Label located on the System stand (Figure 1). The software release version of the Philips Azurion systems can be identified during start-up (Figure 2).

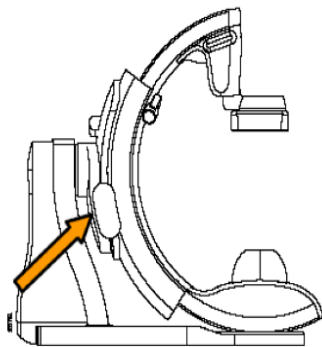


Figure 1- System Identification Label

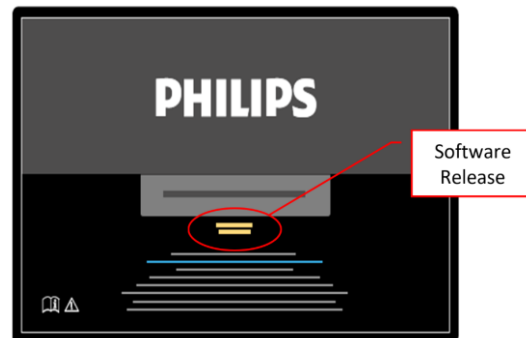
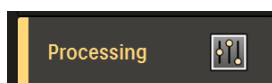


Figure 2- System Startup Screen

### Systems affected by Issue 8 – Misalignment of Marker Tool Overlay

The Marker Tool functionality is only available when the license option is installed. To verify whether this option is available on your system, follow the next steps:



- a) Select the **Processing** task in the task selection panel on the Touch Screen Module (TSM) or Control room



- b) Click **Markers** on the toolbar of the viewport

Note: If the **Markers** icon is not visible, this license is not available on your system.