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It is unsafe to operate the Flymaster GPS while in the air. Failure by the pilot equipped with a Flymaster GPS to pay full attention to the aircraft and flying conditions while flying could result in accident with property damage and/or personal injury.

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1 Introduction

Thank you for choosing FLYMASTER GPS. If you have any questions or comments regarding the use of our equipment you can visit our website or contact our Support Department (support@flymaster-avionics.com).

This manual covers Firmware versions up to 1.01v. If you have a more recent version of firmware some of the features may not be covered.

2 Overview

Figure 1 - GPS Overview

3 Getting started

Fully charge battery before using FLYMASTER GPS for the first time.

Figure. 2 - USB Connector

The battery may be charged by either connecting the GPS USB connector to the wall socket charger or USB cable. USB connector can be found on the right side of the GPS (see Figure. 2).

3.1 Charging the Battery

Flymaster GPS has a completely new battery power management, that gives the pilot a more accurate information about the battery state, as well as the charging time and battery remaining time.

To charge the Flymaster GPS battery you can use the wall charger, the Usb cable, or the car charger. Flymaster accessories are recommended in order to avoid damage the power management module.

Charging, or battery status information is shown in the Shutdown menu.

When not being charged, the remaining battery level is shown as a percentage. In addition the estimated remaining working time (TTG) is shown. Both values are estimated based on the average consumption of the device since the last charge. Naturally, any change in consumption profile results in an estimation error.

The Flymaster GPS has 2 charging modes, namely, "Quick Charge" and "Slow charge". The charging mode choice is made automatic.

Quick charge mode is only choose when the wall charger, or the car charger are used, while Slow Charge mode is choose when is used a USB cable connected to a Pc.

Note: Charging is not possible when the device is turned on, and the device is connected to a PC. In order to start charging the device should be turned off.

Information about the charging process can be seen in the shutdown page, or in the center of the display when the device is turned off. In both cases information displayed includes: the charging mode, slow or quick; the current battery level in percentage; and the remaining charging time in hh:mm format.

Note: Charging should be avoided at high temperatures in order to reduce the probability of battery overheating.

3.2 GPS Keys

Four keys are used to interact with GPS (see Figure. 3). In this manual we will call MENU key to S1, ENTER key to S2, UP key to S3, and DOWN key to S4. Each key has 2 functions depending on whether the device is in *flight mode* or in *menu mode*. Additionally the MENU key is used to "power-up" the GPS when it is switched off.
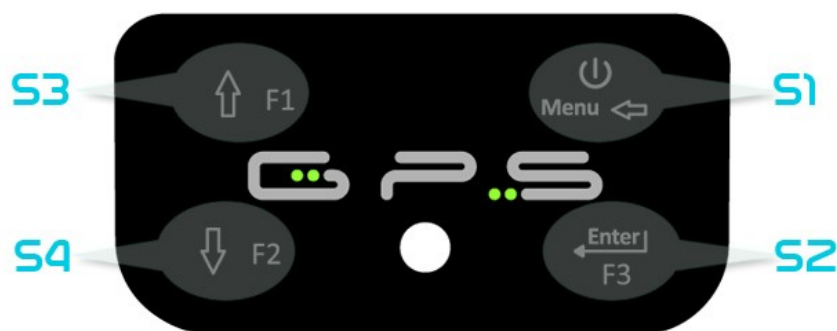
Figure. 3: Keys

In the *flight mode* Keys S2, S3 and S4 have user configurable functions F1, F2 and F3 that can allocated in the Menu->Settings->FS Keys (see section 11.9). In *menu mode* all keys have fixed functions represent by a symbol on the key.

3.3 Using keys Inside Menu

Changing parameters on the GPS can be performed through the menu. Changing a parameter involves accessing the menu, selecting an option, and then changing a specific field value.

Accessing the main menu can be done by pressing the MENU key in flight mode. Once in the menu, UP, and DOWN keys can be used to scroll up, and down, through the menu

options list. Once the desired option is selected, the option is highlighted, and the ENTER key should be used to access the option. Depending on the menu option, either appears a new menu options list, or a data fields list appears. Going back from a menu can be achieved using the MENU key.

When accessing data fields the associated menu option becomes "grayed" and the respective field data item is highlighted. Using the UP, and DOWN, keys changes the value on each field. When the correct value appears pushing the ENTER key moves to the next field, or in same cases to the next character/digit. Conversely, pushing MENU key moves to the previous field, or to the next character/digit.

If the ENTER key is pushed on the last field all the data in the selection section is stored and control returns to the configuration menu. Inversely, if the MENU key is pushed on the first data field the changed settings are ignored and control is returned to the configuration menu.

When setting a data field that involves setting several characters, e.g. when defining a waypoint name, after defining the desired characters, then pushing the ENTER key continually for more than 2 seconds will make the cursor jump to the next data field, or return to the configuration menu if no more data field needs to be set.

3.4 Switching GPS On and Off

To switch on the GPS, briefly push the S1 key (*Menu Key*). This will display the start up screen with a 10 second countdown . Pushing the S2 (*Enter key*) before the 10 seconds have elapsed will power up the GPS. GPS initiates in flight mode. If the S2 key is not pushed within 10 seconds the GPS will go back to sleep.

To switch off the GPS, push the S1(menu key) to activate menu mode, using the arrow keys (S3 or S4) scroll the cursor to the "Shutdown" item and push the S2(Enter Key).

3.5 Resetting the GPS

The reset procedure allows the pilot to restart the GPS if it freezes, or stop responding. To reset the GPS just push S1 (Menu key) and the S4 (Down arrow key) keys **simultaneously** for at least two seconds.

4 Flight Mode

The Flymaster GPS has two main working modes, namely Flight mode, and Menu mode. Flight mode is used during flight, and this allows the user to see information such as Altitude, Speed, or Vario. The GPS has up to 16 different pages (see Figure. 4) in memory. Each page corresponds to a different screen, which can be completely configured by the user. **A set of 16 pages is called a Layout.** Once a Layout containing multiple pages has been defined, the user can switch page using one of the configurable function keys (see section 11.9) in Flight Mode.
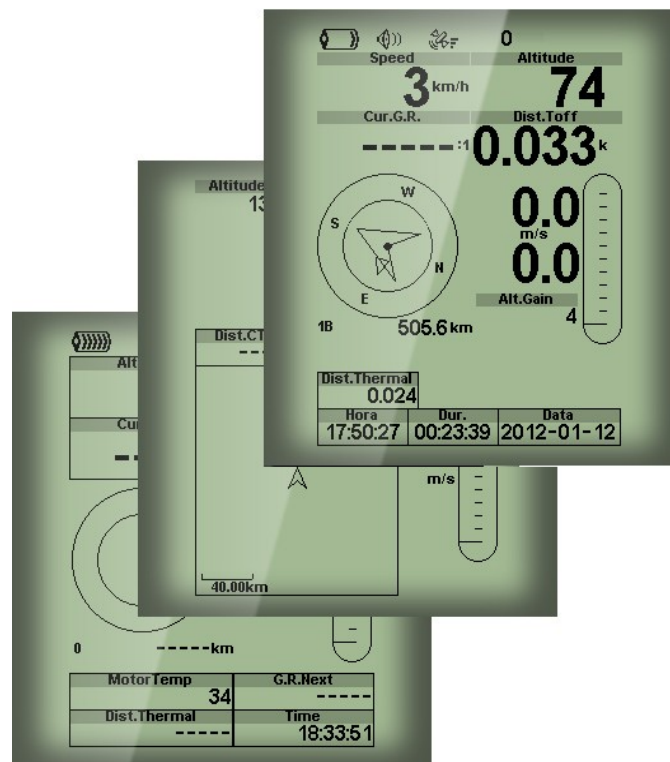
Figure. 4 - Layout pages examples

Screen layout can be configured by the user using a free application, called "*Flymaster Designer*" which can be downloaded from the Flymaster website (www.flymaster.net). This intuitive tool allows the user to create an unlimited number of layouts, which can be saved to the computer, uploaded to the instrument, and even shared with other Flymaster users. See the Designer user manual, available on the website for more information about the Designer tool.Designing a Layout consists of inserting a set of objects, called *Elements*, in the desired position, and with the desired dimensions, in each of the available 16 pages.

The Designer works by "what you see is what you get". This means that when you insert a element in a page, and after uploading the layout to the instrument, you will see exactly the same thing on the GPS screen.There are several elements available for the GPS which are presented in the following section.

5 GPS Elements

The main objective of an element is to provide information to the user. Elements can be Graphical, or Data Field type. Each element have its own properties which can be changed in order to alter the element behavior, and/or shape.

5.1 Graphical Elements

Graphical elements are characterized by providing information in a graphical way. Most of the graphical elements have fixed dimensions, although their position can be altered.

As the GPS firmware evolves the list of Graphical Elements will likely grow. The current list includes the following graphical elements.

Table 1 - Battery Element description

Symbol	Description
	•Battery level above 90%
	•Battery level between 70% and 89%
	•Battery level between 50% and 69%
	•Battery level between 30% and 49%
	•Battery level between 15% and 29%
	•Less than 15% battery remaining

5.1.1 Battery

The Battery Element provides a graphical indication of the current battery level. In Table 1 it is possible to see the relationship between what is shown and the actual battery level in

percentage. This element has fixed dimensions.

5.1.2 Sound

The Sound Element provides graphical representation on the current volume level. Table 2 Shows the relationship between what is shown and the sound level. This element has fixed dimensions.

Table 2 - Sound Element description

Symbol	Description
◀)))	•Sound Level 6 (maximum sound level)
◀)))	•Sound Level 5
◀))	•Sound Level 4
◀))	•Sound Level 3
◀)	•Sound Level 2
◀	•Sound Level 1
◀X	•Sound is muted (no sound)

5.1.3 GPS

The GPS Element provides graphical indication about the current GPS signal quality. Basically, the lower the PDOP value(position dilution of precision), the more accurate calculations are for determining position . Values bellow 3,0 are fairly accurate.

The relation between what is shown and the signal quality can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3 - GPS related messages

Symbol	Description
🛰	3D position with a PDOP bellow 1,5
🛰	3D position with a PDOP between than 1,5 and 2,0
🛰	3D position with a PDOP between than 2,0 and 3,0
🛰	3D position with a PDOP greater than 3,0
🛰	2D position (no altitude information)

🦗	No GPS Signal

Note that FAI rules require 3D tracklog data, which includes GPS altitude. Therefore the GPS will only start recording a tracklog when 3D information is available.

The GPS has an high sensitivity 50 channel GPS receiver which offers unmatched tracking performance in harsh signal environments (-160 dBm sensitivity), and very short acquisition times. The GPS has a 4 Hz GPS update rate (most of others only provide 1Hz) which allows the GPS pilot to see very small speed and position changes. Furthermore, the movement of the direction arrow is smoother and any position change is shown in a quarter of the time of other devices. Note that the 4 Hz update rate requires more than 5 satellites in view.

More information about GPS accuracy and also other GPS related information can be seen in (http://www.kowoma.de/en/gps/errors.htm).

5.1.4 Analog Vario

The Analog Vario Element shows information regarding the analogue instantaneous vertical speed. This element can be resized and re-positioned.

This Element graphically represents the rate of climb, scaled from 0 m/s to +/-10 m/s depending if you are climbing or sinking.

Figure. 5 - Analog Vario Element

When the GPS detects that the pilot is climbing, a black bar starts to grow on the left, from the bottom of the scale to the top ,with 0,1 m/s increments. The same bar grows on the right, from the top of the scale to the bottom, if sinking is detected.

5.1.5 Big Analog Vario

The big analog Vario element shows the instantaneous vertical speed. This element can be resized and re-positioned.

Figure. 6 - Analog Big Vario Element

This Element graphically represents the rate of climb, scaled from 0 m/s to +/-10 m/s depending if you are climbing or sinking.

In this Element a black bar starts from the middle of the scale and grows at 0,1 m/s increments, up to 5 m/s at the top of the scale. When 5 m/s value is reached the black bar starts to disappear from 0 m/s (middle of the scale) until the top of the scale. When the bar completely disappears the climbing rate is equal, or above 10 m/s.

The same process occurs when descending, but from the middle of the scale to the bottom.

5.1.6 Navigation Circle

The Navigation Element is a mufti-information element which shows graphically the bearing, and thermal core. Additionally, if a destination was defined (waypoint) the navigation element will also indicates the direction to the waypoint center. This element cannot be resized but can be re-positioned.

For navigation information to be displayed the GPS must have a valid GPS fix.

Figure. 7 - Navigation Element
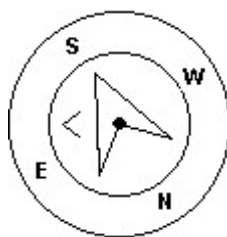
Navigation information is shown within the inner most circle. The external circle contains the cardinal points. The current traveling direction (bearing) corresponds to the point indicated in the top of the navigation circle. For example, in the case shown in Figure. 7, the bearing is around 200º.

5.1.6.1   Navigation Arrows

When a route is active the "direction of next waypoint" is pointed by an arrow (larger arrow). If no route is defined the arrow will start showing the direction to the takeoff, after the takeoff is detected, i.e. the average speed exceeds 5km/h.

Small course corrections are sometimes required and these are shown on the live by a "fine adjustment indicator" in the form of a second small arrow. An arrow to the left means the pilot should turn slightly to the left, and inversely an arrow to the right indicates a small adjustment to the right is needed. In the example of Figure. 7 a very small arrow pointing to left indicates that the pilot should turn left slightly.

When the course is perfect, i.e. less than 1º off, the GPS indicates this by showing a large arrow forward (see Figure. 8).
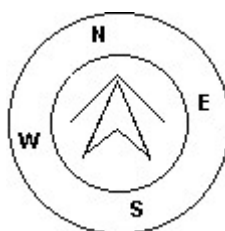

Figure. 8 - Perfect heading

5.1.6.2   Thermal Core Map

Another useful feature of the Navigation Circle Element is the thermal core map. This map corresponds to a black dot which is shown inside the inner navigation wheel (together with the navigation arrows).

During a thermal climb the GPS keeps track of the strongest climb values point for each 50m layer. The point of strongest lift is then graphically represented by the black ball in the inner Navigation Circle, showing where the thermal core is relative to the pilot's position. The position of the dot (thermal core) is constantly updated as the pilot moves. When the pilot is over 300m from the thermal core the dot will be at the edge of the circle. As the pilot moves closer to the thermal core the dot will move towards the center.
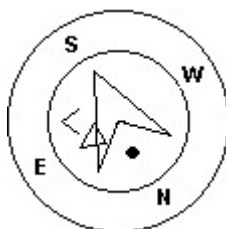
Figure. 9 - Thermal core map

In Figure. 9 the thermal core is currently behind the pilot at a distance of approximately 150 meters (half of 300 m wheel radius).

5.1.7 Airspaces

The airspace element provides information to the user relative to specific three-dimensional portions of the atmosphere, previously loaded to the instrument. Each of this portions can be a airspace area. Airspace information can loaded to the instrument using the Flymaster Designer software (see Designer user manual for more information). The Live only accepts data in the "Open Air" format, and it has a limitation of 3000 polygons points. (See http://www.gdal.org/ogr/drv_openair.html for more information about the open air format).
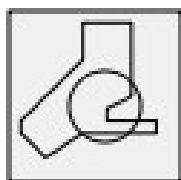
Figure. 10 Airspace element

When the element of Figure. 10 is inserted in a layout, a 2D map (box) is shown on the instrument. On the bottom left of the map the scale is indicated in Km, and on the center of the map is an arrow is draw (see Figure. 11). This arrow represents the pilots' position and bearing. The map has always a "North Up" orientation.

The first time the map is drawn, it is centered on the last gps position the Live has in its memory. The map is re-centered once the flight starts i.e. when a valid gps signal exists, and the "start speed" (see section 11.4.6) is reached.

Once the flight starts, the map is redrawn with an arrow (pilot) which will move around the map, indicating the relative position of the pilot to each of the airspace areas. If the pilot is outside a visible airspace area then a gray line is used to draw the area, whereas if the pilot is inside the airspace then a black line is used instead. **Note that being inside a airspace area (2D) does not mean that the airspace is being violated, since the pilot can be above, or below the limited 3D shape**. In order to have more information about possible airspace's violation, some data fields should be added to the layout. This data fields are Distance to CTR, Altitude to CTR, and CTR Status (see Figure. 11).
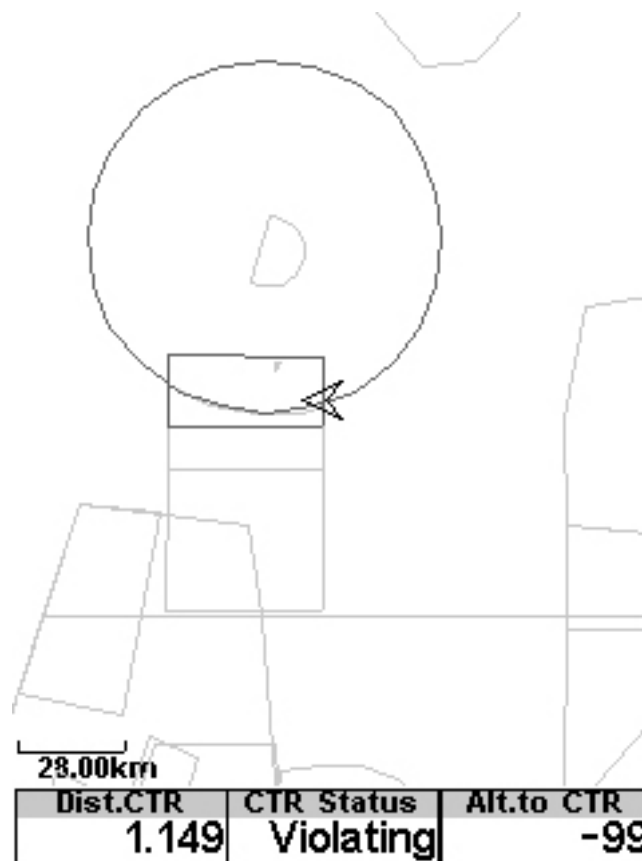
Figure. 11 Airspace Map and Associated Data Fields

The "Dist. CTR" data field shows the shortest horizontal distance to the nearest airspace line. The distance is always positive. Similarly, the "Alt. To CTR" shows the shortest vertical distance to nearest airspace line. Unlike the horizontal distance, the vertical distance can be negative. A positive vertical distance indicates that you are outside the airspace, whereas a negative distance indicates that you are inside the airspace. Additionally, the "CTR status" field will indicate if an airspace is being violated by displaying "Violating". If the pilot is not violating the airspace but it is inside a predefined margin then the messages "Altitude Imminent", or "Position Imminent" will be shown.

When the page contains an airspace map element, the UP, and DOWN keys, can be used to change the map scale: pressing the UP key will decrease the scale, and the DOWN key will increase the scale.

5.1.8 Altitude graph

The Altitude graph element (see Figure. 12) corresponds to a graph altitude versus time. Altitude is shown in the vertical axis graduated in meters with time shown on the horizontal axis graduated in seconds.

Figure. 12 Altitude graph element

The range of the horizontal axis is fixed and corresponds to 240 seconds (4 minutes), while the range of the vertical axis is automatically adjusted in order to accommodate the gained height. In reality the altitude graph element is a plot of the absolute altitude over the last 4 minutes of flight (see Figure. 13).
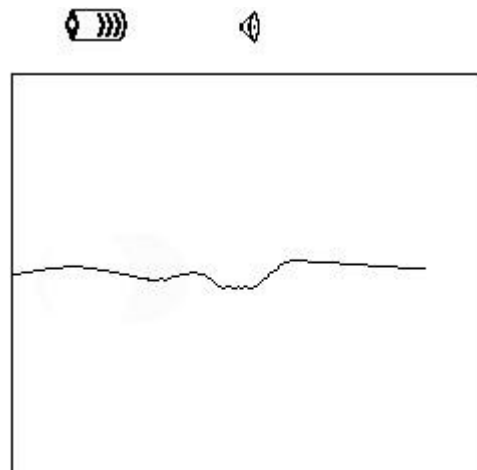
Figure. 13 Altitude plot

5.1.9 Wind Arrow

Figure. 14 Wind Arrow element

The "Wind Arrow" element (see Figure. 14) is an re-sizable graphical element. When used in a layout a type of arrow is draw showing the wind direction relative to the pilot direction (wind coming from direction). For example, if the pilot is facing the wind then the arrow points south (bottom of the screen).

Additionally, centered with the arrow a circle is draw, and a number shown inside it. This number corresponds to the wind speed in Km/h (see Figure. 15). The wind speed value can be also seen in a data field.

Figure. 15 Wind Arrow Graph

Note that both wind direction, and speed, are calculated based on the GPS ground speed while the pilot is turning, so there is no need of wind speed probe.

5.2 Data field Elements

Data field elements can be used to shown numerical information like speed, altitude, glide ration, amongst others. These elements have configurable size, and position, although the text within has only 3 possible sizes. Table 4 explains the available data fields. As the GPS firmware evolves this list will likely grow.

Table 4 - Data fields Description

Field ID	Description
Above Toff	Altitude above takeoff is the altitude over the flight starting point
Abs. Pressure	Absolute atmospheric pressure value in Pascals.
Active TP	Active turnpoint name.
Alt. Gain	Altitude Gain. Altitude gained in current thermal (see Note 1).
Alt. to CTR	Altitude to CTR shows altitude to controller airspace, a negative number indicates we must sink to come out of controlled airspace.
Altitude	Current altitude. This altitude is calculated based on the barometric pressure, and depends on the QNH value (see Note 3).
Altitude2	Second Altimeter which can be set independently to the main altimeter.
Arrival Next	Estimated arrival height above the next waypoint. This means that wind, day quality and glider performance are used in the calculations.
Ave.Rot	Average rate of turn in degrees per second.
Ave.Speed	Average ground speed calculated using a filter to show a smoothed speed, eliminating erratic speed changes due to glider pitching, etc.
Ave.Vario	Average Vario calculated using an integration time constant in order to indicate smoother climbing rates.
CTR Status	Airspace related Status messages. This field will show "Violating" when the pilot is inside the controlled airspace, "Immenent Alt" when closer than the "CTR alt. Th." to entering airspace vertically, and "Pos.Immenent" when closer than the "CTR dist. Th" to entering airspace horizontally.
Cur G.R.	Current glide. Ratio calculated using the average vario value, and average ground speed.
Date	Current date. This value is automatic set when the device gets a valid GPS Signal
Dist. CTR	Distance to controlled airspace. When more than one airspace area is in range the

	closest will be shown. When inside an airspace area the distance shown is to the closest edge.
Dist. Next	Distance to Next. Shortest distance to the waypoint center.
Dist. Thermal	Shortest distance to last thermal core (thermal dot).
Dist. Toff	Distance to take off is the distance between the current point and the flight starting point.
Dur.	Flight Duration. Duration of the current flight.
Flight Level	Current altitude in hundreds of feet.
Fuel Level	Fuel level in liters (available when connected with Flymaster M1).
G.R.M.G	Glide ratio made good. The actual glide ratio towards the active turn point. It is calculated using the integrated vario, and the VMG.
G.R.Next	Glide Ratio to Next. Necessary glide ratio to reach the next turn point.
G.R.Toff	Glide ratio to takeoff. Necessary glide ratio to reach the take off.
GPS Alti	Altitude reported by the GPS.
Heading	Heading in degrees returned by GPS.
Latitude	Current position latitude according to the format defined in the settings menu.
Longitude	Current position longitude according to the format defined in the settings menu.
Max.Alti	Maximum altitude reached during current flight. This is based on barometric altitude.
Max.Climb	Once a flight has started, it shows the maximum rate of climb encountered during the flight. This value uses the integrated vario not the instantaneous rate of climb. This provides good indication of the quality of the day's thermals. This value is reset when the instrument is switched off.
Max.Sink	Once a flight has started shows the maximum sink encountered during the flight. Note that these values are using the integrated vario. When the instrument is switched off this value is reset back to zero.
Max.Speed	Maximum Speed (returned by GPS) achieved during the flight. When the instrument is switched off this value is reset back to zero.
Motor Temp.	Motor Temperature (available when connected with Flymaster M1).
Page Number	Current layout active page number.
RPM	Motor rotation (available when connected with Flymaster M1).
Speed	Indicates ground speed in km/h. The speed is only available when the GPS receiver

	has a valid signal.
Time	Current Time. This value is automatic revised when the device gets a valid Gps Signal. (see Note 2)
Trans.G.R.	Glide ratio during transition. Average glide ratio during transitions between thermals.
Vario	Numeric value of the instantaneous Vario (shown in vario graph).
VMG	Velocity made good, is the speed at which the pilot is approaching the active turn point.
Voltage	Current battery level in Volts
Wind Dir.	Wind direction in degrees.
Wind Speed	Calculated wind speed using gps speed.

Note 1- The GPS considers a thermal has been entered when the *integrated vario* value is above 0.5m/s and considers the thermal as been exited when the *integrated vario* goes bellow -1.0 m/s. Once in the thermal the Gain indicator will keep track of the maximum altitude reached in the thermal. If the altitude is less than the the max thermal altitude then a negative number will show the difference from the highest point reached. If the altitude is equal or higher than the maximum reached then a positive number will show the altitude gained since entering the thermal. The Gain indicator keeps track of how much altitude is being gained in the thermal. When a pilot enters a thermal the GPS will reset the Gain indicator to 0 and will start to track how much altitude the pilot has gained. At a certain point in the thermal the lift may become weaker and inconsistent. At this point the gain indicator will show altitude loss in this inconsistency. Once the pilot climbs in the thermal again the indicator will show the gain since entering the thermal.

Note 2- All the internal GPS time calculations are based on UTC (Coordinated Universal Time). This is also the time saved on the track-log. However, the time displayed in the time field is calculated adding an UTC offset to the UTC time obtained from the GPS receiver. The "UTC offset" should be defined in the settings menu (see section   11.2) so that the correct local time is displayed.

Note 3- The "altitude" field (see Figure 6) indicates the absolute height in meters or feet depending on the setting. This altitude corresponds to the barometric altitude and thus depends totally on the QNH (absolute pressure at a given moment and location in regards to the correspondent pressure at MSL).

The altimeter cannot be reset, but can be set using the corresponding menu option (see section 11.1).

6 Menu mode

When in *flight mode*, pushing the **menu (S1)** button accesses the *menu mode*. When in *menu* mode pushing the **menu(S1)** button will go back to *flight mode*.
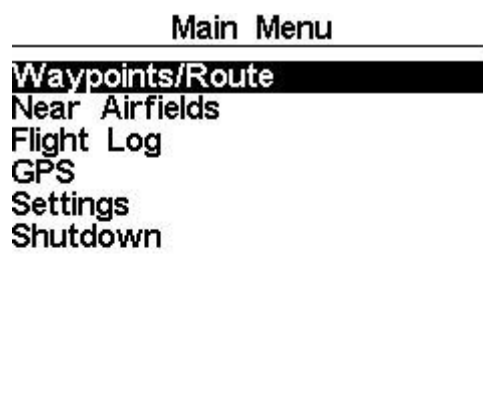

Figure. 16 - Main Menu Screen

To access the different items on the menu you can use the UP**(S3)** and DOWN**(S4)** keys. Once a menu item is selected pushing the ENTER **(S2)** executes the selected function.

The main menu screen can be seen in Figure. 16. A short description of each option can be seen in Table 5.

Table 5 - Main Menu Options

Menu item	Description
Waypoints/Route	Accesses GPS's waypoints and Route definitions. (see section 7)
Near Airfields	Displays airfields page. This page constantly shows the glide ratios, and distances to the nearest landing fields, sorted by easiest glide. (see section 8)
Flight log	Accesses the stored flights list. (see section 9)
GPS	Displays detailed GPS status and allows GPS module reset. (see section 10)
Settings	Accesses the Settings sub menu. (see section 11)
Shutdown	Switches off the GPS, and displays detailed battery status.

7 Waypoints/Route

The Waypoints/Route page allows the user to manage waypoints, and define a route. As shown in Figure. 17, the page is divided into 3 areas, namely the waypoint list (WL); Route (RO) and selected waypoint data/options list (DO). The DO area can change according to the situation. Specifically, it can show the selected waypoint data, or a list with possible actions for the waypoints.

Entering the page activates the WL area. The first waypoint on the list appears highlighted, and the corresponding data is shown in the DO area. As the cursor is moved to a different waypoint so the data changes. If the waypoints list is empty a list of available actions is shown in the DO area. Since no waypoint exist only the "*Insert new Waypoint*" action is available.
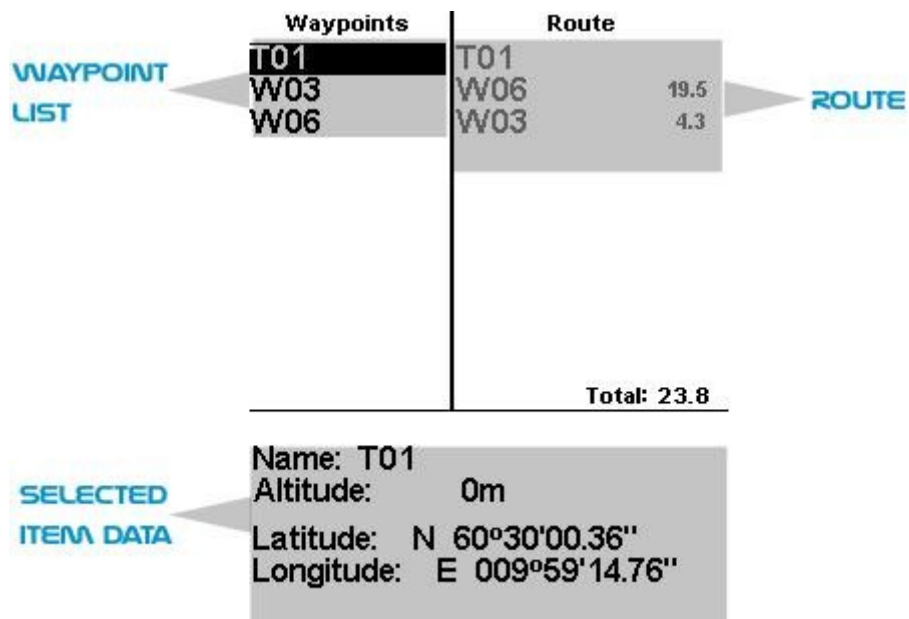
Figure. 17 - Waypoints and Task page

Pushing the ENTER key when a waypoint is selected activates the waypoint actions menu (WAM). A list with will the available actions is shown in the DO area (see Figure. 18).

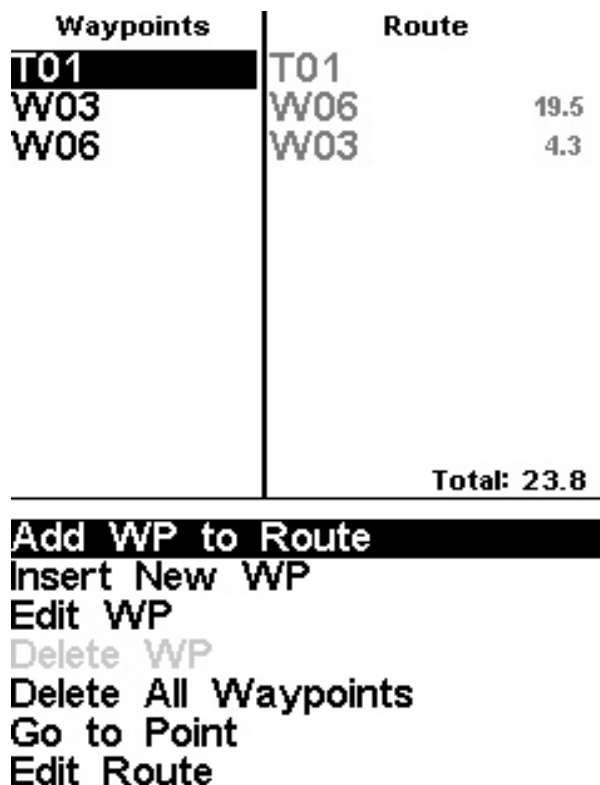## 7.1 Waypoint Actions Menu

Figure. 18 - Waypoints actions list

On entering the waypoint actions menu the selected waypoint becomes grayed indicating that waypoint specific actions will be carried out using the selected waypoint. Once the WAM is active a list of options appears in the DO area. A short description of each option is show in Table 6.

Table 6 - Main Menu Options

Action	*Description*
Add WP to Route	Adds the selected waypoint to the end of the task.
Insert New WP	Starts a new waypoint entry. **The current location is automatically used for default waypoint data**.
Edit WP	Start editing the selected waypoint.
Delete WP	Delete the selected waypoint. If the waypoint is being used in the task this option is disabled.
Delete all waypoints	Deletes all waypoints and task.
Edit Route	Starts editing Route. If no waypoints have been added to the route this option is disabled. (see section 7.2)

The option list can be scrolled using UP and DOWN keys.

7.2 Edit Route

The GPS will only store one route. This is done to prevent flying an incorrect one.

A route can be edited selecting the "*Edit Route*" option of the WAM list. Selecting the "*Edit Route*" option will highlight the the first Route point (see Figure. 19). In addition, the route point parameters are shown in the bottom screen area.

Warning: After the route is edited navigation will be restarted at the beginning of the route.

In the example of Figure. 19 the route has one point (B01) defined as Take OFF.

When a route has only one point it is considered as a "G*o To*" type route. The GPS will automatically start navigating to that point.

When the route contains more than one point then the first turn point will automatically be assumed as "Take-Off". The take-off is ignored for navigation proposes and is only used for calculating the total route length.

Figure. 19 - Edit task

Each waypoint in the route is defined as having a particular type. The GPS only allows three types, namely the Take Off, Cylinder, and Landing. Route waypoints can be *Moved* (see section   7.2.1), or *Removed*(see section   7.2.2). The entire route can also be "*Deleted*"(see section 7.2.3).

7.2.1 Move Route Point

The order of a waypoint in a route can be easily changed. To change the order simply select the waypoint using the UP, and DOWN buttons. Push the ENTER button to activate the actions menu list. Then select the "*Move Route Point*" option, and push ENTER button. A cursor will be shown next to the selected waypoint. Using the arrow buttons (S3,S4) to move the waypoint within the route. Finally, push the ENTER button to confirm the moving operation.

7.2.2 Remove Route Point

To remove a waypoint start by selecting it using UP, and DOWN, buttons, and then pushing the ENTER button to activate the actions menu list. Push the ENTER button again to activate the actions menu list and select the "Remove *Route Point*" option. Finally, push the ENTER button to confirm the remove operation.

7.2.3 Delete Route

Delete route will delete the entire route. On any waypoint push the ENTER button to activate the actions menu list. Select the "*Delete Route*" option from the menu, and push the ENTER button to confirm. The route will be deleted and the WL area activated.

7.3 Route Definition

Consider the route represented in Figure. 20, were "T01" is the take-off, followed by 3 waypoints, "W06", "W03" with a 400m radius.
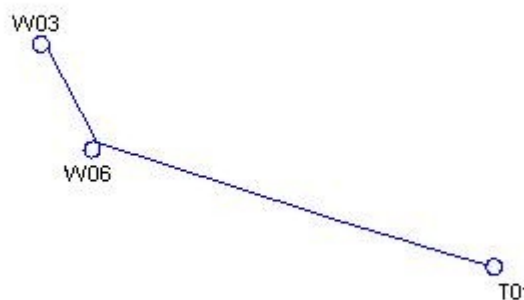
Figure. 20 - Route Example

7.3.1 Setting up the Route

Start by deleting any existing route on the GPS (see section 7.2.3). Then, add to the route, in the right order "T01", W06, and W03.

The GPS will automatically assume T01 as the takeoff, since it is the first waypoint on the list. The remaining points are assumed has cylinders.

Figure. 21 - Route Screen

After the above procedure the route is set. Going back into the "Flight Mode Screen", by pressing MENU bottom will automatically activates the route, and starts navigation.

8 Near Airfields

It is possible to define waypoints as "Landing", allowing the pilot to quickly check for landing options.

The Near Airfield page will show all the waypoints (defined as "Landings") for which the necessary glide ratio is finite. Additionally, for each waypoint it is also shown the distance in Km from the current position, and necessary glide ratio (see Figure. 22). are shown Airfields sorted by glide ratio.

The near airfields page can be accessed directly from the Flight Mode screen, by using a short cut function key (see section 11.9).

In order to define a waypoint as an Airfield the "Landing" parameter should be set to "Yes" in the waypoint edit screen (see section 7.1).

The Near Airfields page can be used to make a "Go To" by using the UP, and DOWN buttons to select the desired waypoint. Pushing the ENTER button will immediately activate navigation to the selected waypoint.

On the example of Figure. 22 the closest airfield is 12.48 Km from our present location, and the necessary glide ratio to reach it is 9.6.

Figure. 22 - Near Airfields

9 Flight Log

The Flight Log option allows the user to access information about previous saved flights. In the top of the screen a list of flights is showed. Each flight is identified by the take off date ,time and flight duration.

Flights can be selected using UP and DOWN keys. For each flight the flowing information is displayed:

•Max. Altitude – Maximum altitude during flight (ASL).

•T.off Alti. - Take off altitude.

•Min. Sink – Maximal sinking rate

•Max Climb – Maximal climbing rate

Figure. 23 - Flight Log

The Flight Log option also allows to delete flights saved on the GPS. Pushing the ENTER will delete the selected flight from memory. Before deleting the flight, a message is displayed asking the user to confirm the action (see Figure. 24).

Flight Log
2011-12-16 17:17:04 01:38:46

Delete flight

Are you sure?: No

Figure. 24 - Delete flight

10 GPS status

In the main menu the GPS provides a detailed view of the GPS status,the current "*position dilution of precision*" (pdop) value ,and the current GPS coordinates of the pilot.
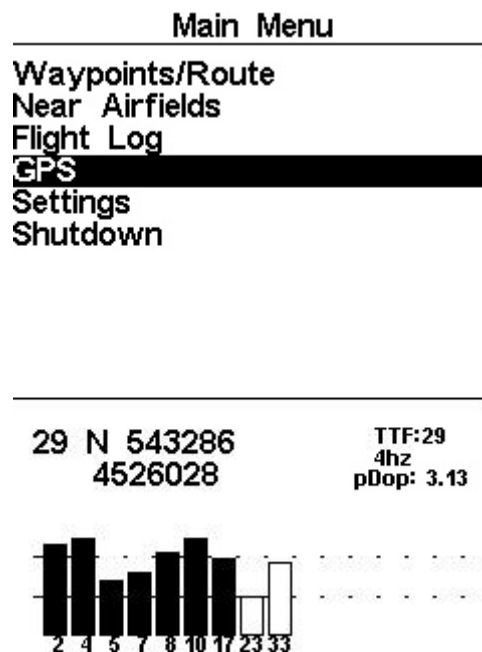
Figure. 25 - Satellite status

Figure. 25 illustrates the GPS satellite reception page. In this example the GPS shows that 9 satellites are visible, and 7 are being used to provide the position fix. Each bar shows the signal strength for each individual satellite. A filled bar indicates the GPS has a "lock" on that satellite.

The "*position dilution of precision*" (pdop) shown gives an indication of how reliable the GPS altitude is at the moment. The lower the pdop value the more accurate the position fix. Values bellow 2.5 are fairly accurate.

If the GPS is switched on in a location where no satellites are visible (indoors for example) it will go into wide search mode. If this occurs, going outdoors again will make GPS take an increased amount of time to pick up satellite signals. If this occurs pushing "enter" on the GPS menu item will reveal the "Reset GPS" option, changing it to yes will make the GPS reset the GPS status and start a new search. So if you notice GPS is taking abnormally long to get a fix (over 2 minutes) a "gps reset" will probably get it locked quicker.

11 Settings menu

The settings menu is used to configure GPS's many features. The menu is divided into two sections, the menu option and the associated configurable fields.

To use the configuration menu, select the desired option by using the arrow keys (UP and DOWN), then push the ENTER key to edit the fields.

Figure. 26 - Settings Menu

11.1 Set Altimeter

The "*Set Altimeter*" page allows the user to adjusts the barometric altimeter. A barometric altimeter calculates altitude based on atmospheric pressure. Since atmospheric pressure can vary substantially with meteorological conditions it should be calibrated prior to takeoff.

Calibrating the altimeter can be achieved by entering the know altitude of the location. Entering an altitude automatically calculates the QNH. Conversely, if the QNH is changed then the altitude is adjusted accordingly. This method allows calibrating the altimeter by either entering a know altitude at the current location, or known QNH for a particular instant in time at the current location.

Altitude can also be set from the GPS. Below the QNH you will find a "*Get from GPS*" field which can be set to "Yes" "No" or "Auto". Adjusting this value to "Yes" will make the GPS take the altitude from the GPS and adjust the altitude accordingly. The "Yes" is not stored in the setting, since it is a one time only operation.

The "*Get from GPS*" can also be set to "Auto", with this value being stored in the settings. When "Auto" is selected, the GPS will automatically set the altimeter to the GPS altitude when the pdop value is lower than the previous one.

Note that "*position dilution of precision*" (pdop) gives you an indication of how reliable the GPS altitude is at the moment. The lower the pdop value the more accurate the position fix.

This is only done once every flight. To "re-arm" the Auto set feature the GPS must be switched off and back on.

```
QNH:  1013.250
Get  from  GPS:   No

Altimeter:        58m
Altitude2:        58m
```

Figure. 27 - Set Altimeter

11.2 Time

The "*Time*" page allows the user to set the vario intergration time, tracklog parameters, and the Universal Coordinated Time (*(UTC) offset*). (see Figure. 28)
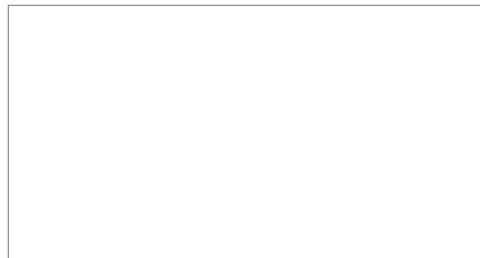
Figure. 28 - Timing Parameters

The current firmware version supports two interval related parameters the "*Vario Integrator*" and "*Track Interval*".

11.2.1 Vario Integrator

The Integrated Vario is calculated by integrating the vertical speed during a period of X seconds defined by this value. In the example of Figure. 28 the integration period is 10 seconds (default value)

11.2.2 Track interval

During flight the GPS stores a track log point every "*track interval*" seconds. Recording a track automatically starts once a speed of 5km/h is exceeded and the GPS has a 3D GPS fix. However, when a task is active the GPS will store a track log point immediately as it enters a turn point cylinder, Goal, or Start open.

Using GPS data, the GPS automatically adjust the internal clock according the Universal Coordinated Time (UTC). The user should adjust the UTC offset so that the time displayed by the GPS matches the local time.

11.3 Vario Acoustics

The user can change the climbing, and sinking rate sound through the respective threshold values. These thresholds correspond to the climbing and sinking rates at which the sound activates.

The user can also define in the Acoustic Thresholds option the sink alarm and the sound volume. (see Figure. 29).

11.3.1 Sinking/Climbing Threshold

The sinking threshold is set to -2 m/s by default. The value can be changed by pressing the ENTER key when the "*Acoustic Thresholds*" option is highlighted on the settings menu. This action will highlight the "*Sink TH*" threshold which can be changed using UP and DOWN keys, respectively to increase and decrease the value. Confirmation should be made by pressing the ENTER key, which at the same time highlights the "Climb TH" threshold. The same procedure can then be used to adjust the climbing threshold.

11.3.2 Sink Alarm

The "*Sink Alarm*" is highlighted when the confirmation of "*Climb TH*" is made. The "*Sink Alarm*" defines a vertical speed value at which a sound (alarm) starts to be produced. This alarm can be used to identify high vertical speeds, as for example, in a spiral dive. Set the Sink Alarm to 0 to disable the alarm.

11.3.3 Base Frequency

Additionally the audio frequencies can be adjusted to match the user's preference, by setting the "*Base Frq*" and "*Increments*".

The "*Base Frq*" is the first frequency used to produce the initial sound which corresponds to the climb threshold, usually 0.1 m/s. Later, as the climb rate increases, a bip, bip sound is produced for which the cadence, and frequency, also increase. The "*Base Frq*" can be set from 500 to 1500 Hz. The higher is the frequency value, the more high pitched the sound is.

In order to change the base frequency value press the ENTER key after the "*Audio Frequencies*" menu option is highlighted. This action will highlight the "*Base Frq*" value so it can be increased using the UP key, or decreased using the DOWN key. The ENTER key should then be pressed, thus confirming the "*Base Frq*" setting. The preset value for "Base Frq" is 700 Hz.

11.3.4 Increments

The "*Increments*" parameter sets the frequency increment for each 0.1 m/s climb rate increase. The "increments" can be set from 1 to 99 Hz. The preset value for "Increments" is 10 Hz.

Considering an "*Increments*" value of 10, and "*Base Frq*" of 700 Hz, the vario frequency at 1 m/s is 800 Hz.

11.3.5 Volume

The final option allows the user to adjust the sound volume. The current volume level can be seen using the sound element (see chapter 5.1.2 for more details).

The LIVE has six different sound levels, plus "no sound". Pressing UP, or DOWN, key will respective increase, or decrease the sound level. After setting the sound value , to confirm and return to Settings menu press the ENTER key.

Note that sound volume can also be adjusted using one FS key. However, changing the volume using an FS key is only valid for the current flight, and will not override the volume level setting.

Every time the instrument is turned on, if the sound is muted, a alarm is generated

in order to notify the pilot.

Figure. 29 - **Vario Acoustics**

11.4 Advanced Features

The advanced features settings option can be used to set further the GPS vario acoustics.

Figure. 30- **Advanced Features**

Using these features the user can turn the vario sound more or less responsive, and can also turn on, and off, the buzzer functionality.

There are four advanced features:

11.4.1 Damper

The GPS's vertical speed calculation is based on air pressure variations. It is very seldom to have air pressure absolutely stable. Turbulence caused by air moving near the sensor is sufficient to cause small variations in pressure. For this reason the GPS filters (averages) the pressure data to prevent constantly detecting tiny pressure variations. The value that defines how must the pressure is filtered is the "*Damper*". Setting a lower damper value caused the GPS to become more responsive but harsher. Inversely a higher value causes the GPS to be less responsive but smoother. We have found that an ideal value is 8 and therefore the default value.

11.4.2 Cadence

When a rate of climb is higher than that specified by the Climb threshold the GPS creates a beeping sound. The rate (cadence) of the beeps increases as the climb rate increases. This increase in rate is not linear. The cadence parameter specifies which cadence curve should be used. Current there are 2 possibilities represented in the graph of Figure. 31.
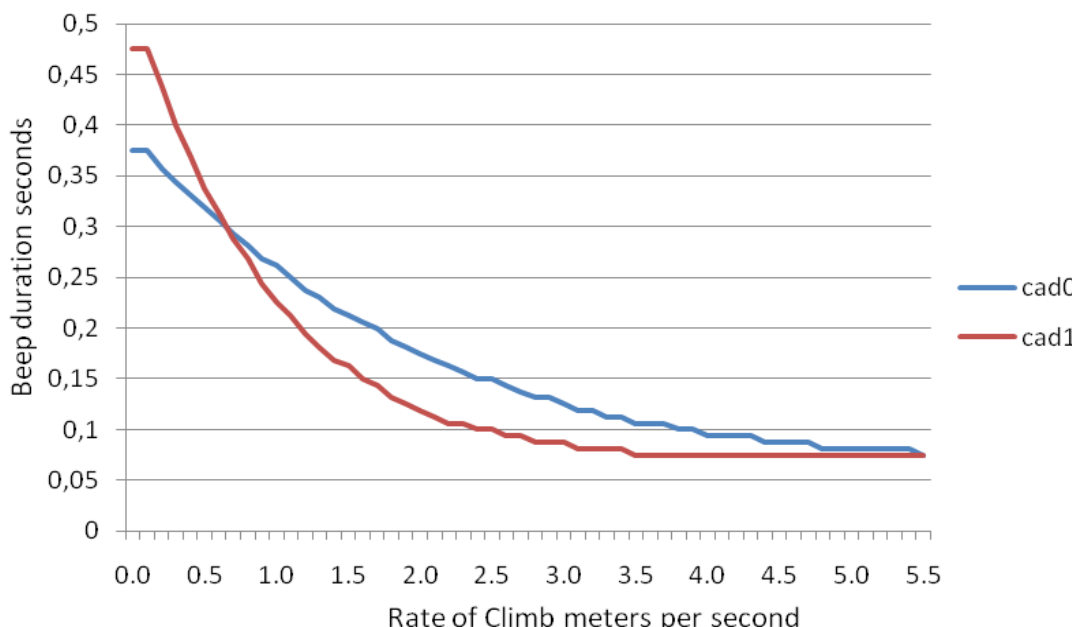
Figure. 31- Cadence Curves

11.4.3 Dynamic Frequency

The GPS beeps at a specified pitch(frequency) when a certain rate of climb is encountered. When dynamic frequency is off the pitch(frequency) of that beep will remain constant if the rate of climb changes. With dynamic frequency on the pitch of the beep may vary if the rate of climb varies during the individual beep.

11.4.4 Buzzer

Is so called because of the sound it emits, which resembles a buzzing sound.

The buzzer sound is produced when the rate of climb is close to, but has not yet reached the specified Climb threshold. This value is set between 0 and 9 with each unit corresponding to be 0.1 m/s, ie. 3 is 0.3m/s. Subtracting this decimal value from the climb threshold will give us the value at which the GPS will start buzzing. For example with the

GPS default values, Climb threshold=0.1m/s, and Buzzer=3 (0.3m/s) the buzzing with start at -0.2m/s because 0.1 - 0.3= -0.2. Also, at the 0.1m/s directly below the Climb threshold the GPS will emit a constant sound varying rapidly in pitch from around 100hz to the set base frequency at which the first beep is emitted. Setting the Buzzer value to 0 will disable the buzzer feature.

Although the Buzzer will sound very annoying on the ground it becomes an amazing companion in flight allowing the pilot to pick-up thermals he would have usually missed.
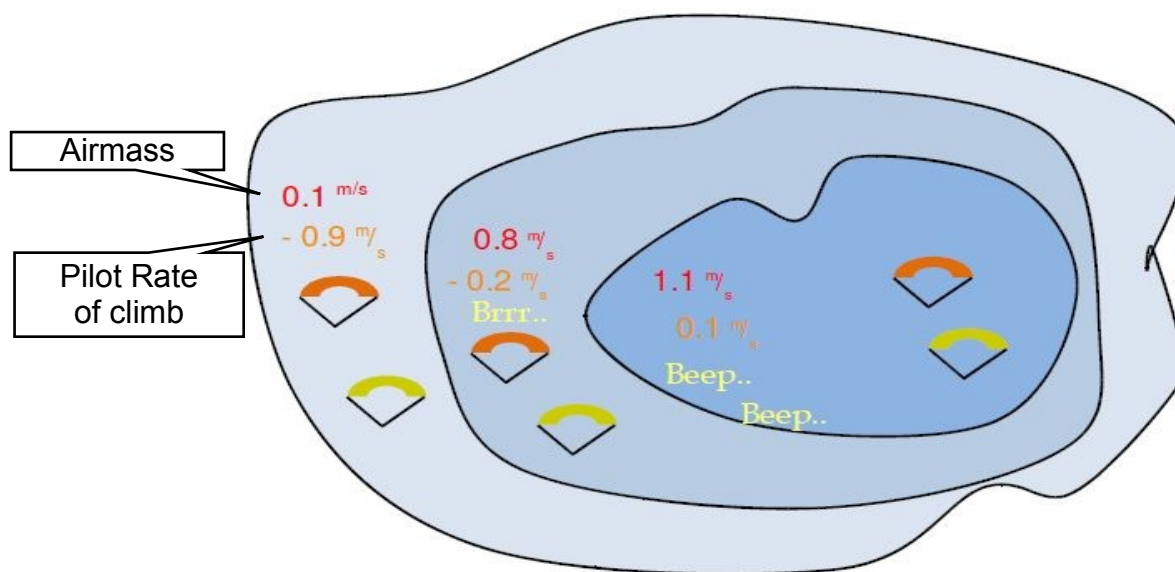

Figure. 32- **Buzzer illustration**

A practical example of the advantages of the buzzer feature can is illustrated in Figure. 32. In this example both pilots are sinking at -1.0 m/s. The orange paraglider has a GPS for which the climbing threshold is set to 0.1 m/s and the Buzzer parameter is set to 3 (0,3 m/s). The green paraglider has usual vario for which the climbing threshold is set to 0.1 m/s.

As shown in the figure, when both pilots enter the thermal nothing is heard. The air is rising at 0.1 m/s but both pilots are descending at -0.9 m/s. In the second zone of the thermal the air is rising at 0.8 m/s, and so pilots are descending at -0.2 m/s. At this stage the orange pilot starts to hear the Next to Climb brrrrr sound of his GPS, which helps him to center the thermal, while the green pilot is still unaware of the thermal. Finally, in the 3 zone, the air is rising at 1.2 m/s, and so both pilots climb at 0.2 m/s. The GPS pilot starts to hear his vario beep... beep... sound, it is only at this point the green pilot hears the first beep from his instrument.

The green pilot may have missed the thermal completely had he found the inner zone or if he was not watching his friend with the GPS.

11.4.5 Auto Silent

Setting Auto silent on will keep the GPS's buzzer quiet until a "start flight" has been detected. A start flight is detected when the speed exceeds the value defined in Advanced Features, and the GPS has a 3D Fix.

The audio will then be kept active until the GPS is switched off. The default value for the auto silent parameter is "On".

11.4.6 Start Speed

The "start speed" is used to define the minimum GPS speed, in Km/h, that should be reached in order to initiate the fligth. In the example of Figure. 30 the speed is set to 1 Km/h, so once this value is reached the fligth will start.

Note that the start flight event is important to many other funcitionalities, so care should be taken when setting this value. For example, if auto silent is on, the vario will only beep after the flight starts. The track date is also only saved when the flight starts.

11.5 Screen

The screen menu option allows the user to set the Screen contrast and to Enable/Disable the pages triggers.

11.5.1 Screen Contrast

Contrast may be adjusted to the pilot's needs. Beware of adjusting a very low value may cause the display to be totally blank. With a blank screen it is difficult to readjust since nothing is visible.

You can use the UP, and DOWN keys, to move the contrast bar (see Figure. 33). Move the bar to the right to increase the contrast, and to the left to decrease the contrast. When in the desired position push the ENTER key to confirm the value.

11.5.2 Disable Triggers

Page event triggers are a important unique feature.

Figure. 33- Screen

Pages can be automatic activated during flight by defining a trigger event for the page. In this way, the user can have different pages according different flight contexts, which can be automatically activated (switched) if a certain condition is meet. One good example is an airspace control page. In a airspace control page the user can have the airspaces map, as also different airspaces related data fields (eg. Distance to CTR). Additionally, the trigger "Airspace Warning" can be set to this page.

During flight the user can have any page active, for example a thermal page. However, if an airspace limit is reached the device will automatic change the page to airspaces one. Each device has its own trigger events.

The current available triggers for the live are show on

Table 7 - Page Triggers Events

Event	Description
Airspace Warning	This event occurs when the horizontal, or vertical distance to an airspace is less then the respective thresholds.
In Thermal	This event occurs when the pilot enters in a thermal.
Transition	This event occurs when the pilot enters leaves a thermal and starts a transition.
Before Start In thermal	The same description as "Thermal" but considering that a task is defined, and start is not open.
Before Start In Trasition	The same description as "Transition" but considering that a task is defined, and start is not open.
Arriving Turnpoint	This event occurs when the pilot is arriving a turnpoint (less than 1 Km).

Page triggers can be set individually using the designer software (see designer user manual for more information on setting page triggers).

This menu can be used to disable all the page triggers at once. In order to disable page triggers the "Disable Triggers" option should be set to "Yes", using the UP, or DOWN keys, and confirmed with the ENTER Key.

11.6 Language/Units

The "*Language and Units*" menu option allows the user to change the GPS interface language and units. A short description off the available options for this menu are shown in Table 8.

Language: English
Alti.Units: Meters
Roc.Units: m/s
Dist.Units: Km
Speed Units: km/h
Coords.:   UTM

Figure. 34 - Language/Units

You can use the UP, and DOWN keys, to change each field option. Pushing the ENTER key confirms the current field value, and highlights the following field. Pushing, the MENU key will undo changes.

Table 8 - Language/Units Menu Options

Function	*Description*
Language	Allows to define the interface language.
Alti. Units	Altitude Units. Altitude can be show in Meters, or Feets.
Roc. Units	Rate of Climb Units. ROC can be show in m/s, or 100xFeets/s
Dist. Units	Distance units can be in Km, or Miles.
Speed Units	Speed Units can be in Km/h, Miles/h, or Knots.
Coords.	Coordinates format. The most common formats are available.

11.7 Device Settings

This menu option allows the user to reset all parameters to the default factory values. **Care should be taken because all changes made by the user are lost**.

In order to reset all settings use UP, or DOWN key to change the "Factory Settings" parameter to "Yes", and then confirm the action with the ENTER key.

Additionally this menu also allows to make an hardware reset to the instrument. The result is the same as the one presented in section 3.5 . In order to reset the instrument use UP, or DOWN key to change the "Reset Now" parameter to "Yes", and then confirm the action with the ENTER key.

11.8 RF Probes

The "RF Probes" menu option allows the user to set the ID of the M1, (motor instrument), and Pitot probe (Wind Speed). The ID is important to distinguish between different external instruments/probes in a scenario were several pilots are near one of each other.

The ID corresponds to the last for digits of the serial number of the probe you wish to connect. For example consider the M1 with the serial number S/N 1034 00024. In this case the M1 ID should be set to 0024 (see Figure. 35).

Note: The serial number of the M1 can be found in the back of the module, or in the start screen.

```
M1 id: 0024
Pitot id: 0000
```

Figure. 35- RF Probes

11.9 FS Keys

In Flight Mode keys UP, DOWN, and ENTER can have an user defined function which provides shortcuts to certain functions. This menu allows the user to associate a function with a button. The functions in Table 9 can be allocated to the FS keys.

Table 9 - Battery Element description

Function	Description
Sound On/Off	Allows changing volume settings.
Switch Page	Allows changing the Layout Page.
Task Navigator	Jumps from flight page directly into Task Navigator page.
Reset A2	Sets altimeter 2 to zero.
Airfields	Jumps from flight page directly into Near Airfields page.

11.10 Airspace settings

This menu allows the user to define certain parameters related with airspace's. Each of the parameters can be changed using UP, and DOWN, keys. Pressing the ENTER key confirms the value and jumps to next parameter. Changes can be undone by pressing the MENU key.

According to Figure. 36 there are 5 parameters related to the airspace's.

The "CTR dist. Th", and "CTR alt. Th", are the minimum horizontal distance, and minimum vertical distance respectively, that a pilot can be from an airspace without triggering an airspace warning. If this threshold is passed a warning is emitted (event).

```
CTR  dist.Th: 3000m
CTR  alt.Th:   200m
Ref.altitude:   Flight  Level
Enabled:   No
Grey  lines:   No
```

Figure. 36- Airspace settings

The "Ref. Altitude" parameter allows the user to define the altitude that is used to evaluate the airspace's proximity. The parameter can be set to: GPS Altitude – Altitude given by the

GPS, Altitude – Barometric altitude, Flight Level – Altitude considered standard pressure value (1013 hPa) for the QNH.

The Enabled parameter allows the user to enable airspace's warnings, or disable them, by setting the value to YES, or NO. If this parameter is set to YES, when a pilot is inside an airspace (as shown in a 2D representation) area (not necessarily inside the airspace), the airspace is drawn in black. In this case all other airspaces are drawn in Grey.

12 Firmware

Flymaster follows a policy of continuous improvement of its products. This means that a new version of firmware can be uploaded from our website periodically. The update process is simple.

Before beginning update procedure make sure you download the next files from the download page of GPS product section:

- USB Drivers according the operating system(Windows, windows 7 64bits or MAC OS X)

- The last version of the firmware(LiveFirmware.fmf)

- The firmware updating software according the operating system (Flymaster firmware installer).

The first step of the updating procedure consists in installing the USB drivers. In order to do that you should run the drivers installation file and follow the on-screen instructions.

Next you need to install the update application, run the Flymaster firmware installer setup and follow the on-screen instructions.

Once the driver and the update tool are correctly installed do the following procedure.

1. Double click the firmware file, this will start the Flymaster Firmware installer, with the firmware path already inserted. Alternatively, open the Firmware installer, and insert the path to the firmware file. (see Figure. 37)

2. Click "Send Firmware" button. The message "waiting for Flymaster intrument..." will

apear.

3. Connect the GPS to the PC using the cable supplied. If it is the first time the GPS is connected to the PC, wait until Windows show the message that new hardware is present and ready to use.

4. The update should start automatic, and a message appears saying "Programing...", and a progress bar starts to grow. If after a few seconds nothing happens reset the GPS(click at the **same time** the Menu and down arrow key for 2 seconds (see section 3.5)).

When the process is finish the application shows a message saying "complete". Then disconnect the USB cable and the GPS will start to work. Eventually, a message can appear asking for a Layout. If this happens the Designer software should be used to upload a new layout.
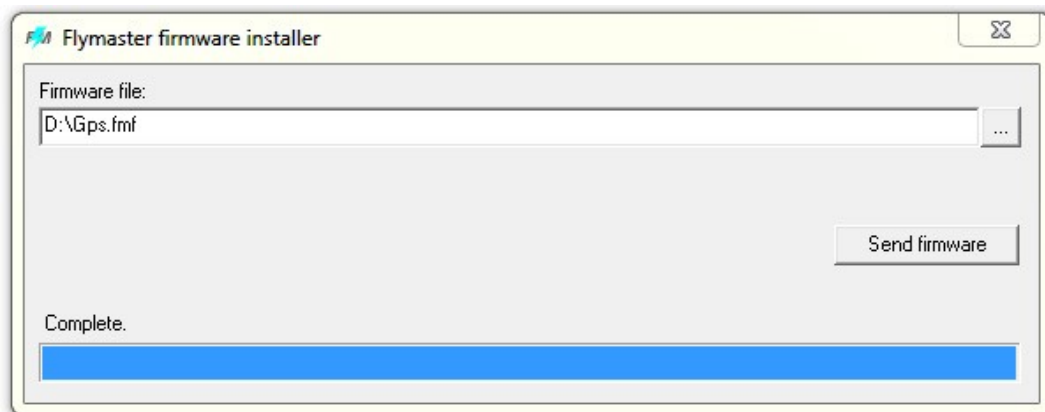

Figure. 37- Firmware Installer