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ADVANCED MULTIFUNCTION TRACKING SYSTEM

# **QUICK REFERENCE**

Function	Action Required
Trigger an ALERT	Press and Hold Alert button for 3 seconds (button starts flashing)
Cancel an ALERT	Press and Hold Alert button for 3 seconds (button stops flashing)
Start Quiet Mode	Press and Hold Power button for 3 seconds (all lights will go out)
Cancel Quiet Mode	Press any of the 5 buttons briefly



#### REFERENCE – COMMON DISPLAYS



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### **1** SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Thank you for purchasing the Falcon 360 – we have designed this system to provide efficient and cost-effective tracking for your aircraft, as well as provide you with a tool for reliable communication and data gathering during flight operations.

The Falcon is essentially a system that gathers information from the aircraft, requiring very little or no interaction from the flight crew, and transmitting that information to ground operations for display on a tracking system. In normal installation and operation it will automatically track the aircraft whenever the Avionics bus is powered.

This User Guide covers version 1 and version 1.5 of the Falcon system, the major difference between the two versions being the adoption of Bluetooth Low Energy in version 1.5.



#### **1** SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The Falcon 360 system consists of the tracking module which is mounted in a suitable position on the glareshield, and a power cable which is connected to an auxiliary power supply in the aircraft. Please refer to the Installation section for more information on installation options for the system. The components are illustrated below:





## BUTTONS AND INDICATORS (all versions)



- 1. ALERT Button
- 2. Antenna Indicator
- 3. Light Meter
- 4. Signal Indicator
- 5. Bluetooth Button
- 6. Power Indicator



# PLUGS AND CONNECTORS (version 1)



- 1. Power Connector
- 2. Factory Plug
- 3. Mini-USB Port
- 4. Antenna Connector



# Bluetooth<sup>™</sup>

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# PLUGS AND CONNECTORS (version 1.5)



- 1. Power Connector
- 2. USB Port
- 3. Factory Plug
- 4. CPU LED
- 5. Antenna Connector
- 6. Reset Pin



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#### 2 INSTALLATION

The Falcon is a portable unit, and is designed to be used without any modification to your aircraft. The system requires only a power supply, preferably from the aircraft's Avionics Bus, in order to operate. The unit does not have a Power switch, and the Power indication button is not designed to switch the unit on or off – the Falcon will start operation only when external power is supplied.

The Falcon should be positioned in the aircraft to ensure an optimal satellite signal as well as easy operation by the flight crew. The best way to establish the ideal position for the Falcon is to follow these steps:

- 1. Connect the Antenna to the unit
- 2. Connect the Falcon to the power source and switch on external power
- 3. Use the Signal indication to find a location where the indication is solid green
- 4. Fix the Antenna in place at this position using the Velcro supplied
- 5. Fix the Falcon unit in your preferred location in the cockpit using the Velcro supplied
- 6. Tidy the cables to ensure there is no snagging of controls or interference to the crew

Use the information on the following pages to assist you in positioning the Falcon in your aircraft.



#### 2 ANTENNA LOCATION

The communication with the Inmarsat and GPS satellite constellations may be hampered by metallic obstructions, so position the antenna in the best position to avoid shadowing from the roof of the aircraft, or the central divider (if present). The Falcon antenna is best located on the co-pilot's half of the glareshield, positioned as far forward as possible. Below are some typical locations to illustrate good positions for the antenna:





### **2** FALCON UNIT LOCATION

In an ideal installation, the Falcon will usually achieve a satellite lock in about 30 seconds after the diagnostics have completed. It will update the satellite signal strength indication every 5 seconds whilst there is no full satellite lock - if you don't get a satellite lock in your initial position, move the antenna every 10s or so, and observe the **Signal Indicator** to find the best position.

Once you have positioned the antenna, put he Falcon in a suitable location in the cockpit, considering the following:

- 1. Ease-of-reach: the crew should be able to easily press the Alert button
- 2. Visibility: the Falcon will notify the crew of incoming messages via the front display
- 3. Connectivity: the Bluetooth connection has a range of around 5m
- 4. Safety: the Falcon and cables should not interfere with any aircraft controls or the crew's actions

Once the ideal position is located, use the Velcro supplied to ensure the that unit is secure and cannot move during operation.



#### **2 POWER CONNECTION**

The Power Cable provided has a self-locking connection to the Falcon unit to ensure that it cannot become accidentally unplugged whilst in operation. The other side of the cable is terminated with an Auxiliary power plug – this should be inserted into the Auxiliary Power socket in the aircraft.

If the aircraft does not have an Auxiliary Power socket, or you would prefer to have the cable connected directly to the aircraft power, the following wiring diagram should be used by your Aircraft Maintenance Organization to get approval for this modification to your aircraft. Please refer to the color key for the cable provided with your equipment.





#### **3 STARTUP DIAGNOSTICS**

During startup, the Falcon will run a number of self-diagnostic tests, which will determine whether the unit is in good working order. If any of these diagnostic tests fail, one or more of the indicators will flash amber – please consult the following table to determine what has failed, and what steps to take to rectify.

Flashing Icon	Issue and Resolution
	Modem Failure – unit needs factory inspection
	Antenna Failure – unit needs factory inspection
(((q))))	Internal storage issue – the unit will continue to function, but no recording will take place.
*	Bluetooth failure – no pairing via Bluetooth is possible, but other functions will continue to work
Ċ	Internal battery failure – the unit will function whilst powered by the aircraft, but will immediately shutdown when the aircraft is powered down. This may result in some corruption of data, and any queued messages will not be transmitted.

For all diagnostic issues, please contact Apex Flight Operations technical support to determine the best course of action to resolving the problem.



#### **3 BUTTONS AND INDICATORS**

The unit features 5 indicators on the front display; the characteristics and function of each is described in the reference table below:

lcon	Туре	Description		
	Button/Indicator	Triggers or Cancels the Alert Status		
-	Indicator	Shows the Antenna Status (flashes during receive or transmit)		
(((17))))	Indicator	Satellite signal strength		
*	Button/Indicator	Bluetooth pairing initiation and status		
U	Button/Indicator	Power indicator and Quiet Mode button		

These indicators are also illuminated during the startup diagnostic process – refer to the section on Diagnostics for more information on the various indications and their meanings.



#### 3 ALERT BUTTON



The Falcon 360 features an Alert mode function, which gives the aircrew a quick and reliable means of notifying ground operations of an emergency situation on board the aircraft. This Alert function can be triggered both from the Falcon itself, as well as via IndigoTrack Crew. To trigger the Alert on the Falcon, press and hold the Alert button for at least 3 seconds – note that this can also be triggered via IndigoTrack Crew, please refer to the IndigoTrack Crew User section.

When triggered, the Alert indicator on the Falcon will flash red, and if the unit has been configured with a normal reporting interval greater than 30 seconds, this will also change so that the Falcon reports positions every 30 seconds.

Color	Meaning
Off	Normal tracking operation
Flashing Red	Alert Mode

To cancel an Alert, hold the Alert indicator again for at least 3 seconds.





This indicator shows the antenna status – it shows the following conditions:

Color	Meaning	
White	Normal tracking operation	
Flashing White	External antenna is connected – transmit or receive in progress	
Flashing Red	Antenna failure	
Flashing Amber	Unit is in house-keeping mode during shutdown, and there are still messages awaiting transmission	

When in normal operation, the indicator will also flash 3 times each time the unit transmits or receives a message via the satellite.



### **3** SATELLITE SIGNAL INDICATOR



This indicator shows the satellite signal strength, GPS acquisition state, and Inmarsat communication lock – the various states are indicated as follows:

Color	Meaning		
Green	Good satellite visibility, GPS acquisition, Inmarsat lock		
Green/Blue Flashing	Good satellite visibility, GPS acquisition, no Inmarsat lock		
Amber	Non-optimal satellite strength – delays in transmission, GPS acquisition, Inmarsat lock		
Amber/Blue Flashing	Non-optimal satellite strength, GPS acquisition, no Inmarsat lock		
Red	Low signal strength – receive only, GPS acquisition, Inmarsat lock		
Red/Blue Flashing	Low signal strength, GPS acquisition, no Inmarsat lock		
Red Flashing	Zero signal strength, no GPS acquisition, no Inmarsat lock		

The satellite signal indication is refreshed every 2 seconds when not locked with the Inmarsat satellite, and every 10 seconds once locked – this indication can be used to determine the best position for the unit in the aircraft.



# **3 BLUETOOTH BUTTON/INDICATOR**



This button is used to reinitiate the pairing process with a Bluetooth 4.0 LE device (such as an iPad, Tablet or laptop), as well as to show the connectivity status once paired. The following are used to display the various states:

Color	Meaning	
Off	No Bluetooth connection	
Blue Flashing	Bluetooth pairing in process	
Blue	Bluetooth device paired	
White/Blue Flashing	Message received but not yet acknowledged by Bluetooth device	
White Flashing	Message received but Bluetooth device not paired	

The button is pressed and held for 3 seconds to initiate the Bluetooth pairing process, and pressed and held again for 2 seconds to cancel any pairing in progress and/or close the current Bluetooth connection.



### **3 POWER BUTTON/INDICATOR**



This indicator shows the power status – it shows the following conditions:

Color	Meaning			
White	External power is connected and available			
Green	Internal battery in use – good condition			
Amber	Internal battery in use – less than 50% available			
Red	Internal battery in use – less than 15% battery available			
Flashing Red	Internal battery in use – too low for transmission			

The button can be used to put the Falcon into Quiet Mode – press and hold for 3 sec to enter this mode, and press any button to exit. In Quiet Mode, all indicator lights are extinguished, with the exception of the Alert and Bluetooth message waiting indications. Quiet Mode will also automatically start after two minutes after the last button press



### **3 BLUETOOTH COMPATIBILITY**

The Falcon 360 version 1 offers Bluetooth Classic connectivity, whilst version 1.5 has Bluetooth LE connectivity. Please consult the following table to determine the compatibility of your Falcon unit with other Bluetooth devices:

Falcon Version	Other Device Type	Other Device Bluetooth Capability
1.0	Microsoft Windows	Bluetooth <sup>™</sup> or Bluetooth <sup>®</sup>
1.5	iPad (Air, Mini, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> gen) iPhone (6 Plus, 6, 5s, 5c, 5 & 4s)	Bluetooth <sup>®</sup> SMART READY



#### FALCON CREW

The Falcon system pairs via Bluetooth<sup>+</sup> to a compatible tablet, laptop or Smart Device with the Falcon Crew application installed. Please consult the following table on how to install the relevant application for your device:

Device Operating System		Installation Location	Falcon Version
iOS 7 or later		Apple App Store Search for "Falcon Crew"	1.5
Windows 7 or later	6	Apex Website at <u>www.apexflightops.com/downloads.aspx</u>	1.0

+ see section on Bluetooth Compatibility



# 4 FALCON CREW – iOS VERSION

Once you have downloaded and installed the Falcon Crew app from the Apple iTunes App Store, all you need to do is start the application. It will immediately scan for Falcon units in the vicinity – make sure your Falcon is powered on and operational before starting the app to ensure the quickest connection.

Once located, the app will initiate a synchronization of information, as shown in the



screenshot. As the data is synchronized, the app will enable the buttons for use.

As soon as the initial synchronization is completed, the signal strength indication will show the quality of the signal as follows:





# **FALCON CREW – FUNCTION LAYOUT**

After the initial synchronization, the main screen of the Falcon Crew app will have the following icons and indications available.

Clicking on any of the main icons when active will take you to another screen with that functionality.







#### 4 FALCON CREW – MESSAGES

The Messages window will display all messages in the Falcon's Sent, Receiving and Outgoing queues. You can hide the system messages by toggling the aircraft icon in the top right.

To compose a new message, click on the Compose icon, and to read any text messages received from ground operations, click on the row in the list to review.

IPad 1418     	8 1094         14 Jul 2015 00:31:047         14 Jul 2015 00:31:047         14 Jul 2015 00:31:047         14 Jul 2015 00:31:047         14 Jul 2015 00:31:047		System messages are displayed System messages are hidden Compose new message
V SYSTEM DIAGNOSTIC ERROR	14 Jul 2015 00:29:0 Z		
<ul><li>☑ Processing</li><li>✓ Completed</li></ul>		7	Message triggered by Falcon Message sent by crew Message received from ground



### FALCON CREW – NEW MESSAGE

Composing a new message is as simple as typing into the message field and clicking on one of the Send options. You can choose to attach the current GPS position data to the message, or just sending the text.

You can also choose to have the message forwarded to a list of email addresses by entering



them in the Forward to email field displayed.

To send to multiple email addresses, use the semi-colon (;) to separate each address.

Press "Send With Position" to bundle the current GPS data, or press "Send" to send only the text.

All messages will be timestamped with the current date and time.



# FALCON CREW – GPS INFORMATION

Clicking on the GPS icon on the main screen will load the GPS Information screen displayed below.

On this page will be listed all the current GPS information, including date, time, latitude, longitude, ground speed, altitude AMSL, ground track, the number of GPS satellites used in

iPad Back	14:18 GPS Information	* 100% 🎟 Markers
GPS Date		14 Jul 2015
GPS Time		04:17:06
Latitude		S 33° 45' 59.148
Longitude		E 151° 16° 29.442
Speed		0 kts
Altitude		0 11
Ground Track		0° True North
Number of Satellites		5
DOP		3.6
Position Fix		3D
Inmarsat Connection		Active
Signal Strength		125%

fixing the position, the dilution of precision value, and the fix type.

Also listed on this page is the status of the Inmarsat communication channel, including connection status, and signal strength value.

Click on the "Markers" button to access the customised marker points functionality.



### FALCON CREW – FLIGHT FOLIO

The Flight Folio navigation screen provides options of entering Departure or Arrival information – click on the appropriate icon to open a window containing all the fields required for transmission.





# 4 FALCON CREW – DEPARTURE INFO

The Departure Information window allows you to enter any or all of the available fields relating to the taxi, takeoff and departure of the aircraft. You can either type the values directly into the fields, or use the convenient slider options to quickly configure the values.

To empty the fields and reset them to default values, click on the "Clear" button.

		14:15	\$ 100% 👄 +
ack		Departure Information	Clear Send
Starting Fuel	1846 liters		
Fuel Uplifted	1113 liters	-0	
Endurance	01:10		
Crew	2	-0	
Pax	16	-0	
Cargo Weight	1523.4 kg	-0	
Destination	KINSHASA		
Block Start	14:06	UTC Timezone	
Takeoff	14:14		
Comments			

Once you have completed the form, click on the "Send" button to transmit the data through to IndigoTrack and the ground operations team.





### 4 FALCON CREW – ARRIVAL INFO

Similarly, the Arrival Information window allows you to enter any or all of the available fields relating to the landing and arrival of the aircraft. You can either type the values directly into the fields, or use the convenient slider options to quickly configure the values.

To empty the fields and reset them to default values, click on the "Clear" button.

ad 14:17		\$ 100% 👄 +
Back	Arrival Information	Clear Send
		and the second se
Date	14 Jul 2015	
Landed	16:16 UTC Timezone	
Block End	16:20	
Ending Fuel	967 liters	
Fuel Burn	1055 liters	
Total Flight	01:08	
Total Block	01:21	
Flight Report	Ops normal	
Defects Report	None	

Once you have completed the form, click on the "Send" button to transmit the data through to IndigoTrack and the ground operations team.





The Falcon can be configured either from the ground, or optionally, by the aircrew. Clicking on the icon will display a screen listing all the configured values of the Falcon. The options are grouped into Aircraft Details, Position Reporting and Event Notifications.

If permission has been provided for the configuration to be altered by the crew, clicking on

iPad	14:17	\$ 100% 🚍 •
< Back	System Configuration	Save
AIRCRAFT DETAILS		
Tail Number		NEW UNIT
Callsign		
Make & Model		UNKNOWN
Wing Type		Fixed
Number of Engines		0
Cruise Speed		160 kts
Cruise Altitude		14000 ft
Abnormal Power Check		On
AUTOMATIC POSITION REPORTI	NG	
Movement Delay		None
Reporting Interval		3 min all stages
EVENT NOTIFICATIONS		
Power Notification		Recorded

each item will pop up a screen with the options available.

To change the permission for values to be altered, the Falcon will need to be reconfigured via satellite using IndigoTrack with the option "Allow Configuration by Aircrew" enabled.



#### AIRCRAFT DETAILS

The details of the aircraft that the Falcon is tracking should be entered to allow full functionality from the system. Complete the fields using the following guidance:

	Field	Functionality Affected
IPad 18:32 \$ 100% - Close UNIT	Wing Type	Will alter the takeoff/landing logic accordingly
Make     Make & Model     UNKNOWN     Fixed       Wing     ypo     Make & Model     UNKNOWN     Fixed       Numt     r of Wing Type     Fixed Wing     0       Cruis     Spose     30 kts	Cruise	When the aircraft's speed and altitude exceed these values, it will be considered to be in cruise conditions
Cruise     Altitude     000 ft       Cruise Speed     160 kts     Image: Cruise Speed       Abnor nel Power Check     On       AUTT     Martic Position Reporting     14000 ft       Move     Image: Check     On       Move     Image: Check     On       Reporting interval     Image: Check     Image: Check       Power Notification     Recorded	Abnormal Power	If the Falcon loses power whilst in flight, this option will force it into a silent Emergency mode reporting every 30 seconds until power is restored or the aircraft lands.



#### POSITION REPORTING OPTIONS

The Falcon has an extremely flexible reporting range. Firstly, you can set a movement delay which will stop the unit reporting (after an initial position report) until a specific distance has been exceeded. Slide the bar to set your selected movement delay as required.

iPad	18:32	₿ 100% 🚍 +
K Bari	System Configuration	Save
AIRC REPORTING OPTIONS		Close
Tail Number		NEV UNIT
Callsi Movement Delay	Off	
Make I Modul		
Wing Type All Stages	3 min 📀	Fixed
Numt ir of Engines		1
Cruise Speed		30 kts
Cruise Altitude		000 ft
Abnor nal Power Check		On
AUT MATIC POSITION REPORTING		
Move sent Delay		None
Reporting Interval		3 min all stages
EVEN		
Power Notification		Recorded

The automatic reporting of the Falcon can also be configured using Single Interval reports, on a range of 10s to 30 min between reports.

Changing to Multiple Intervals will allow you to customize different reporting times when the aircraft is Stationary on the ground, Taxiing, in Ascent/Descent, or in Cruise\* mode.

\* Cruise is determined by the settings configured for the aircraft



#### POWER SETTINGS

The Falcon can report when external power is switch on or off – this is typically used when connected to the Avionics bus of the aircraft to report on Avionics On/Off events.

Options available are: Off, Recorded or On, as explained in the table below:

iPad	18:32 System Configuration	<b>≵ 100%                                  </b>	Value	Functionality
AIRC Cruise Abnor	Power Notification Recorded 📀	000 ft On	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
AUT( Move Repor		None	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVEr Powe Engin Block	NOTIFICATIONS Cancel Do Notification Control C	orded orded orded	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight Geofe Cruise	Hecorded	On 5 kts) On 10 kto tt	Note that t used when	his option should not be the Falcon is powered
Climb/E	Descent Notification	Off	independent when using	tly from the aircraft, e.g. a portable battery pack.



#### **BLOCK (TAXI) SETTINGS**

When switched on the taxi time for the aircraft is reported according to the notification level set on this window. For fixed-wing aircraft you can also set the trigger speed of the taxi start and stop – when above the selected speed the aircraft will be considered taxiing, and below will be considered stationary.

iPad 🖌 Ban	18:32 \$	\$ 100% 🗩 +	Value	Functionality
AIRC ALLOCK SETTINGS Cruise Althouse Abnor mail Block Notification	Close	000 ft On	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
AUT: MATC POSITION REPORTING Taxi Speed Movement Delay Reporting Interval	10 kts	None	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVER NOTIFICATIONS Powe Cancel Engin Notification Block Notification 5 kts	Dor	orded The orded	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight 10 kts Geofe on Notification Cruise Notification	Peconded (	On         5 kts)           On         0n           100 ft)         100 ft)		
Climb/Descent Notification		Off		



#### ENGINE INDICATION SETTINGS

The Falcon can estimate when engines are started and stopped by analyzing the incoming voltage from the aircraft power bus.

Options available are: Off, Recorded or On, as explained in the table below:

iPed Kan	18:33 Nutern Configuration	\$ 100% = + Gave	Value	Functionality
AIRC ENGINE SETTINGS Cruise Althouse Abnor man Engine Notification	Close	On ft	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
AUTIC POSITION REPORTING Move and Delay Reporting Interval		None 3 min a tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVER Powe Engin Block Wolffication Block		Done orded	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight Condition Geofe and Notification Cruise Notification Climb/Descent Notification		01 5 kts) 01 00 ft	Note that t used when independent when using a	his option should not be the Falcon is powered by from the aircraft, e.g. a portable battery pack.



#### FLIGHT SETTINGS

Aircraft takeoff and landing notifications are generated based on GPS speed for fixed-wing aircraft, and altitude/speed for rotorwing. You can select what action is taken when these events are triggered, as well as the GPS speeds which must be exceeded.

iPad Bank	18:32 System Configuration	\$ 100% 🗩 +	Value	Functionality
AIRC FLIGHT SETTINGS Cruise Althouse Abnor many Flight Notification	Close On 📀	000 ft	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
AUTI MATIC POSITION REPORTING Takeoff Speed Tothe Delay Reporting Landing Speed	65 kts 📀	None 3 min a tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVER INOTIFICATIONS Powe Cancel Engin Notification. 40 Ata Block 50 Ats 55 Ats		Done orded	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight 60 kts Geofe Ice Notification	Record	0n 5 kts) 0n		
Climb/Descent Notification		Off		



#### **CRUISE SETTINGS**

When the aircraft is Cruise conditions (see Aircraft Configuration above), the Falcon can detect and report on specific events. Again, you can choose the action to be taken when an event is triggered, and set the value for Course and Altitude Change that must be exceeded for the event to be triggered.

iPad Bael	18:33 System Configuration	<b>\$ 100% = +</b> €ave	Value	Functionality
AIRC CRUISE SETTINGS Cruise Although Abnot mail Cruise Notification	Recorded 📀	Close 000 ft 000 ft 000 ft	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
AUT: MATIC POSITION REPORTING Course Change Movement Delay Attitude Change	10°	None Tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVER NOTIFICATIONS Powe Cancel Engin Notification 200 m Block 5500 ft 1000 ft		Done orded	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight 101500 ft Geofe de Notification		0n 5 kts) 0n		
Cruise Notification Climb/Descent Notification		Recorded (107 100 ft) Off		



#### **GEOFENCE SETTINGS**

Geofences (airspace definitions) can been defined in IndigoTrack and uploaded to the unit, which will then be monitored by the system in real-time using the aircraft's current position and trigger a warning event if the geofence rule is broken.

iPad	18:32 Overlage Configuration	<b>≵ 100% </b> → +	Value	Functionality
AIRC Cruise Abnor	Geofence Settings	ae 000 ft On	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
Move		None 3 min at tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
EVEI Powe Engin Block	Notification Cancel Notification Cencel Notification Cencel Cence	Done project	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Flight Geofe	On Iotification ce Notification	On 5 kts) On		
Cruis Climb/I	Notification Descent Notification	Recorded (117)		



#### CLIMB/SINK INDICATION SETTINGS

The Falcon can monitor the Climb and Sink rates of the aircraft, and will trigger an event notification if they exceed predefined limits. You can select what action to take in the event of these events being triggered. The trigger point values can only be set in IndigoTrack and updated via the satellite.

Pad Bar	18:33 System Configuration	\$ 100% 👄 +	Value	Functionality
AIRC Abnot AUT AUT Climb/Sink Notification	Off 📀	Close On None	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
Reporting Interval EVER T NOTIFICATIONS Power Notification		3 min all tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
Engin Notification Cancel Block Flight Infinition		Done 0 kts) 0 kts)	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
Geore and Notification Recorded Cruise Notification		On Recorded (107 100 ft) Off		
Low Voltage Notification		ОН		



#### LOW VOLTAGE INDICATION SETTINGS

On initial start-up, the Falcon will compare the incoming power to a predefined minimum, and if the incoming power is lower than this, it will trigger a Low Voltage event notification. You can select what action to take in the event of these events being triggered, but the minimum voltage can only be set from IndigoTrack.

iPad 18:33           Bani         System Configuration	\$ 100% -+	Value	Functionality
AIRC MAT LOW VOLTAGE SETTINGS Close  AUT: MATIC POSITION REPORTING  Voltage Notification Off	On	Off	No action at all – event is ignored.
Reporting Interval 3 EVEF TNOTIFICATIONS Powe Notification	min all tages	Recorded	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log.
Engin Notification Cancel D Block Collication Flight Coff. Son Recorded	One 0 kts)	On	The Falcon will record the event in the internal log, and transmit the event via the satellite to IndigoTrack.
eefe     beconded     on       on     on     on       nuis     Motification     no       imb     Descent Notification     off       ow     Voltage Notification     off		Note that this option should not be used when the Falcon is powered independently from the aircraft, e.g. when using a portable battery pack.	



## 4 FALCON CREW – SYSTEM INFO

Clicking on the System Information icon on the main screen will display a window containing details of the hardware and performance of the Falcon unit.

Important information that might be required by our support team when assisting you can be found here, in particular the Firmware Version, Library Version and Modem Version details.

Serial Number Hardware Version Firmware Version Library Version Filesystem Space Log Space Modem Number Modem Version	003 1.0.4.237 860 k 2 ( 010372005KY50)
Serial Number Hardware Version Firmware Version Library Version Filesystem Space Log Space Modem Number Modem Version	000 1.1 1.0.4.237 860 M 2 ( 010372005KY50
Hardware Version Firmware Version Library Version Filesystem Space Log Space Modem Number Modem Version	1. 1.0.4.23 860 k 2 ( 010372005KY50
Firmware Version Library Version Filesystem Space Log Space Modem Number Modem Version	11 1.0.4.237 B60 M 2 ( 010372005KY50
Library Version Filesystem Space Log Space Modern Number Modern Version	1.0.4.237 860 k 2 ( 010372005KY50
Filesystem Space Log Space Modem Number Modem Version	860 1 2 010372005KY50
Log Space Modern Number Modern Version	2 ( 010372005KY50
Modern Number Modern Version	010372005KY50
Modem Version	
	10.0
Aircraft Voltage	23.9V
Internal Voltage	7.5V
Unit Temperature	27.5° Celc
Ambient Light	
Antenna Connected	EXTERN
L j l E	EIIV K

Additionally, the Aircraft Voltage (external power supply) and Internal Voltage values as well as the Unit Temperature can be used to troubleshoot any issues with the performance of the equipment.



#### 4 FALCON CREW – HELP

The Help icon on the main screen will display some basic information about the meaning of each icon, and also provide a link to download and open this manual.





# FALCON CREW – DISCONNECT

To disconnect the Bluetooth connection with the Falcon, you can click on the Bluetooth icon on the front screen.

It is, however, not necessary to disconnect the Bluetooth connection as the Falcon will automatically close the Bluetooth after a period of no communication with the app, and automatically reinstate the connection when available again.

For feedback and support on the iOS Falcon Crew app, please either review the app in the App Store, or contact <a href="mailto:support@apexflightops.com">support@apexflightops.com</a> with any requests, suggestions or feedback.



#### **5 WARRANTY INFORMATION**

The Falcon has a one-year warranty against defects in manufacture from the date of activation of the unit on our website. If you have any issue with your Falcon, please contact our technical team at <a href="mailto:support@apexflightops.com">support@apexflightops.com</a> to obtain a Returned Materials Approval (RMA) number – all warranty returns require this in order to be processed.

Full warranty details are enclosed in the Terms and Conditions documentation in each Falcon kit, as well as from our website at <u>www.apexflightops.com</u>



#### **5** SYSTEM INFORMATION

**Satellite Service:** Falcon utilizes the IDP data service for Inmarsat – this is a guaranteed delivery service, and ensures that there are no missing positions or "gaps" in the aircrafts reporting history.

**Power Supply:** The Falcon is powered via an external power input requiring 11-33Vdc, and also has an internal battery for emergency operations and safe shutdown procedures. It meets RTCA/DO-160G certification requirements, and each unit can optionally use an external battery pack to provide operation independent of the aircraft power supply.

**Reporting Interval and Latency:** The Falcon can report the position of the aircraft at any interval between 10s and 30 min; all units have a factory setting of a 3-min reporting interval. The average latency of the Falcon service (time taken from the position/event being triggered to being available on the IndigoTrack servers) is 5 seconds elapsed time.



#### **5 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Mechanical		Performance		
Dimensions	19cm x 12.5cm x 4.5cm	Max Speed	900 kts ground speed	
	7.5" x 5" x 1.75"	Max Ceiling	65,000ft AMSL	
Weight	750g	Min Reporting Interval	10 s	
Antenna Connection	SMA – only for use with approved Falcon antenna and cable	Max Reporting Interval	30 min	
	5 touch button/indicators	Typical Latency	< 10s	
User Interface	Bluetooth LE	Elevation Angle	+20° to +90°	
Operating Temp	-10°C to 55°C	Service Range	Between 80°N and 80°S	
Accelerometer	3-axis	Electrical		
		Input Voltage	11 to 33V <sub>dc</sub>	
Communication		Max Input Current	2.5A	
Satellite Network	Inmarsat F-4			
Service	Two-way, Global, ISatData Pro	GPS/GLONASS		
	Ry: 1525 0 to 1559 0 MHz	Acquisition Time	<30s cold worldwide	
Frequency Range	Tx: 1626.5 to 1660.5 MHz	GPS Channels	16	
EIRP	Tx: 1626.5 to 1660.5 MHz 7.0 dBW	GPS Channels Accuracy	16 2.5m (Horizontal CEP)	

ADVANCED MULTIFUNCTION TRACKING SYSTEM





Please contact our support staff at the details below if you experience any issue with the use or performance of your Falcon equipment.

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