Featherweight GPS Tracker User's Manual April 17, 2021

Introduction

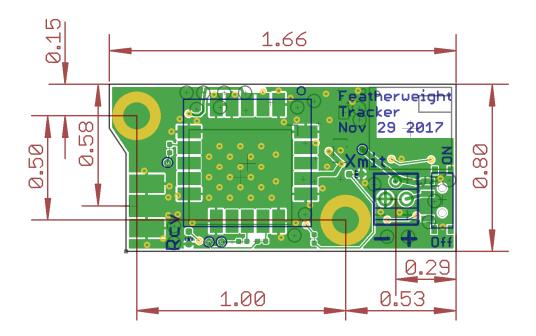
A Featherweight Global Positioning System (GPS) Tracking system consists of a tracker, which is located on the rocket or other object you want to locate, and the ground station (GS), which stays with you and forwards the long-range radio data from the tracker to your phone using Bluetooth.

Featherweight GPS Tracker

Hardware Configuration and Installation



The dimensions for the tracker board are provided below, in inches. Note that with the antenna installed, the total length is approximately 4.1 inches. 4-40 screw size or the metric equivalent is recommended for mounting.



A step file is available from the <u>Featherweight GPS Tracker information page</u>. The tracker mass with antenna but not battery is 15 grams.

The GPS receiver is the large, square ceramic part shown in the first photo. To receive GPS signals properly, it needs to be clear of metallic obstructions between it and the sky. The Featherweight tracking app provides information about GPS signal strength that can be used for validating an installation.

The antenna connector is an SMA (not reversed polarity). The antenna provides the best signal strength in the direction radiating from the side of the antenna, and worst signal strength in the direction pointing down the long end of the antenna. For best results when tracking, keep your ground station antenna horizontal rather than pointed in the direction of the rocket.

Tracker Input Power

The Featherweight GPS Tracker is powered through the green screw terminal block. The allowable voltage range is from 3.4V to 4.5V. Voltage over 5.5V can cause damage. Carefully note the "+" and "-" polarity markings and follow them. The Featherweight Tracker can be damaged by reversing the power leads. Note that the green power supply terminal block has been rotated compared to earlier versions of the tracker, to make it easier to package the tracker into small av-bays. For all tracker versions, ensure that the red battery wire is going to the terminal marked with the "+"

The recommended power source for flight is a lithium polymer, single-series battery (4.1V) with at least 150 mAhr capacity. A 400 mAhr battery is recommended. The Featherweight GPS Tracker consumes approximately 60 mA when not transmitting, and 112 mA when transmitting, for an average of approximately 86 mA. This current consumption is constant regardless of input voltage. If a 400 mAhr battery is used, that will provide around 4.5 hours of continuous use when communicating with the ground station. If the tracker loses contact with the ground station, it goes into an energy-saving mode Battery voltage can be monitored from within the Featherweight tracking app.

The slide switch located at the end of the board is used to turn the unit on and off. This switch is compatible with high-G flights, and can survive shock or acceleration from deployment charges and hard landings. However, it is relatively fragile if it gets bumped or if excessive force is applied to the slide switch, so treat carefully. If you would prefer to use an external switch, you can solder a wire to the through hole via labeled "sw+" on the back side of the board. This provides an alternative means of providing power that bypasses the slide switch and the input terminal block.

Tracker LEDs

The red LED has 2 functions: When it is quickly flashing when the unit is first turned on, that indicates that no GPS lock is available yet. After that, it turns on whenever it is transmitting, which is once per second. The green LED indicates that it is receiving an acknowledgement packet from the ground station. When full communication with the ground station is working properly, the tracker will flash one red flash and one green flash every second.

Ground Station



Ground Station V1

The Ground Station is a bridge between the tracker and your phone. It communicates to the tracker over the long-range LoRa protocol in the 915 MHz band. When it receives location data from a paired tracker, it passes that data along to your phone using Bluetooth, and also transmits an acknowledgement to the tracker over LoRa, so that the tracker can know it was heard. T

Ground Station Power

The ground station ships with a 2.0 Amp-hour battery installed. The battery is charged via the micro-USB connector. When the battery door is removed, that provides access to the charger for other compatible batteries to be charged. Compatible batteries have a JST connector with polarity shown below.



Note that some batteries with JST plugs have the opposite polarity, so if you purchase a battery from a 3rd party, be sure to carefully compare the wire color to the wires on the battery that comes with the enclosure.

Ground Station LEDs

The Ground station has a white LED that shines blue through the enclosure to indicate when battery charging is in progress. The blue LED will turn off when the battery is nearly full and charging is complete. The charger provides approximately 300 mA to the ground station for charging and operation, so it can take approximately 7 hours to fully recharge a depleted 2000 mAhr battery.

The ground station red and green LEDs turn on briefly at power-up so you can know that power is applied and that the LEDs are working.

The GS's green LED turns on while data is being received from the tracker or another ground station. The length of the on-time indicates how long it is taking for the data to be received. When the GS is receiving each tracker packet, the green LED is on once per second. If there are no flashes except the green and red LEDs flash together once every 40 seconds, this indicates that no LoRa data has been received, and so the radio is resetting itself, which takes less than 1 second.

The red LED behavior depends on the version, as explained below:

Ground Station Version 1

Ground stations sold up through October 2020 contained a tracker board and an adapter board inside the enclosure, which are connected to make a ground station. The tracker within the unit could be detached from the adapter board and commanded to act in the tracker role using the phone. In these versions, the micro-USB connection is for battery charging only. The run time on a 2 Ahr battery is around 33 hours. The red LED flashes after power-up when the ground station does not yet have a GPS lock, and every time the ground stations transmits to another GS for coordination.

Ground Station Version 2

Ground stations sold starting November 2020 contain a single board that is optimized for the ground station function. Its micro-USB port can be used as a command and data interface to a computer (see Appendix A). This version uses the phone's built-in GPS for locating the user. Its run time on a 2 Ahr battery is approximately 50 hours. The red LED flashes once for each LoRa transmission.



Ground Station V2

Featherweight Interface Program Phone App (iFIP)

The iFIP can be downloaded by visiting the following link, until it is available in the app store:

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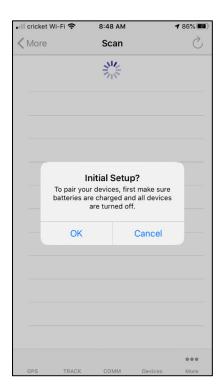
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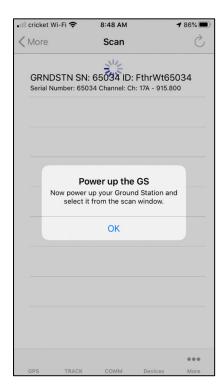
- 1. Install TestFlight app from the app store, on the iOS device you want to use
- 2. Click on the above link from the iOS device you want to use, to activate the TestFlight download and installation of the iFIP. The above link is also in the Featherweight Altimeters GPS website page, if you would like to navigate to it rather than typing in the above link in your iOS device.
- 3. Accept the conditions and continue the installation, then open the app.

The iFIP application on your phone displays data that it receives from the tracker and the ground station (GS) over Bluetooth. The first time you connect your phone to your Tracker and GS, you do this using the Scan page and the Devices page. After the setup is complete, the phone and the devices will remember each other so that they will automatically start working together once you turn them on and start the FIP.

Initial Setup:

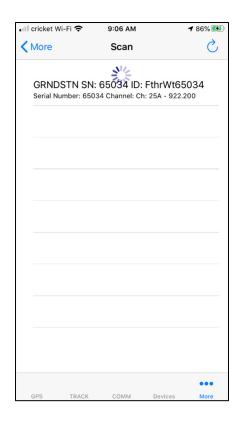
1. Make sure that Bluetooth is turned on in your phone, and start with both units off. Open the FIP and go to the Scan page. It will look like this at first:



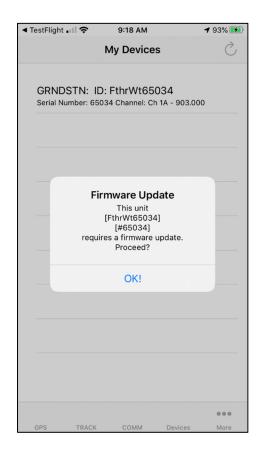


2. Press "OK" in this dialog box, and the next one.

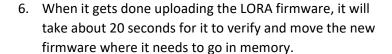
3. Turn on the ground station, and after a few seconds it will show up in the scan list as shown on the right:

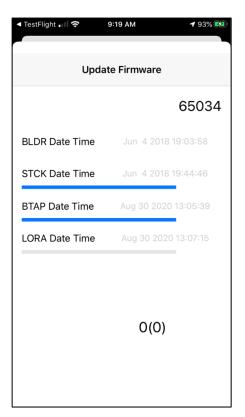


4. Select the ground station. If there is a new version of firmware that needs to be installed on the unit, the following dialog box will appear. Press OK

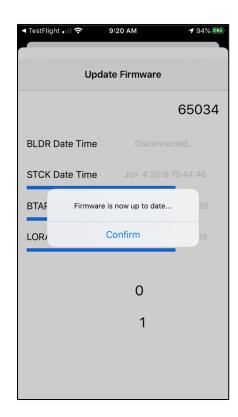


5. The phone will start uploading new firmware to the ground station or tracker, first the Bluetooth application software (BTAP), and then the firmware that controls the LoRa radio and GPS (LORA).

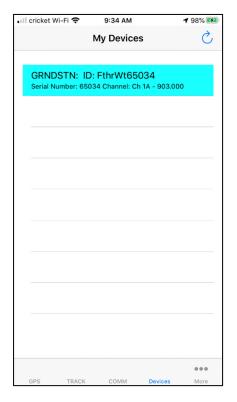




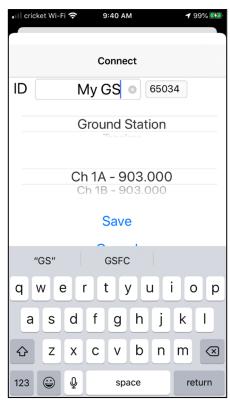
7. When that is complete, the dialog box will pop up and press "Confirm."



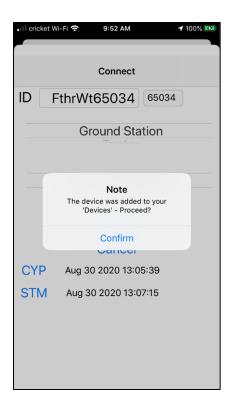
8. The ground station is now in the "My Devices" list, which is always available at the bottom of the screen. The blue highlighting indicates that this unit is currently connected via Bluetooth. Click on the unit to bring up its device configuration screen:



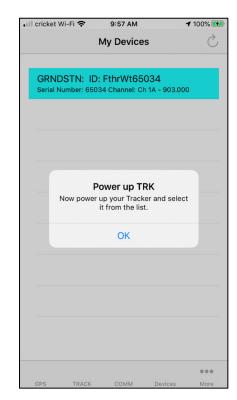
- 9. Touch the text box to start entering your own name for the ground station, if desired, The ground station name will only be used by your phone, and it's a way to help you to identify different ground stations if you have more than one. Next to it is the device serial number, which is set in production to match the label on your unit, and cannot be changed.
- 10. Select a channel from the rolling list. There are two channels, A and B, for each of the available frequencies. The A and the B channels work the same; they are just available to allow more Featherweight trackers to operate at the same time without interference at larger launches.
- 11. Press "Save" to store the settings. Because of the battery-saving nature of Bluetooth Low Energy protocol, it sometimes takes a few seconds to up to a minute for the new settings to get transferred over Bluetooth.



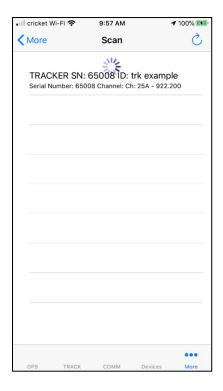
12. When the new settings have been completed, press the "Confirm" button in this dialog box, and the phone continues the setup.



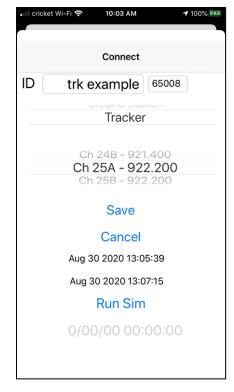
13. The app goes back to the "My Devices" page and asks to continue the initial setup with the tracker. Click "OK."



14. Turn on the tracker and it will show up in the Scan page. Select the tracker and the phone proceeds to the device setup page, updating the firmware along the way, if necessary.



- 15. In the tracker setup page, the ID you enter for the tracker is important. This ID is a publicly-visible text string that uniquely identifies your tracker. You can use it to switch between different trackers installed in different rockets (or different rocket stages), and it is also what other people can use to know which frequency channels are occupied, and to tune in to track your rocket's flight on their phones. This ID can be up to 11 characters long.
- 16. Below the Tracker ID is an option to change your tracker to be used as a ground station. Tracker units can be used in either role, using this selection option.
- 17. The frequency is set to match the ground station's frequency during the initial setup. If you would like to change to a different frequency, also change the ground station's frequency to match so that the units can communicate.
- 18. Press Save to continue.



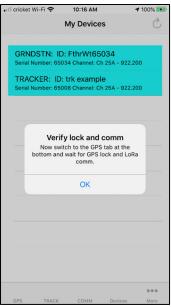
19. After a few moments of saving and confirming the configuration, the initial setup shows the following screen:

Press o.k. The initial setup is now complete.

20. Click on the GPS tab at the bottom left of the screen go to the GPS screen, shown below:

Next is where you can switch your unit between the operating modes tracker and ground station. Featherweight GPS units can

be changed when needed, using this selection. Start with the first unit as your tracker to follow along with these instructions.



iFIP and firmware updates

The Featherweight Interface Program phone application is continuously being improved with bug fixes and new features. Each update is tested to ensure that no capability from previous versions is lost, so for best results we strongly recommend keeping up-to-date by accepting new updates when they become available. Some updates affect the phone application only, and other updates also affect the software that is loaded on the tracker and/or ground station. Our goal is to release updates early in the week to provide plenty of time for users to perform the update before weekend launches.

Currently the FIP is released through the TestFlight program, rather than through the App store. The TestFlight release process requires that each build expires after no more than 90 days. We will always have a new build available that can be installed before the current build expires. Generally, the new build is available to be installed via TestFlight well in advance of an expiration of the previous build.

Here are some best practice recommendations regarding updates:

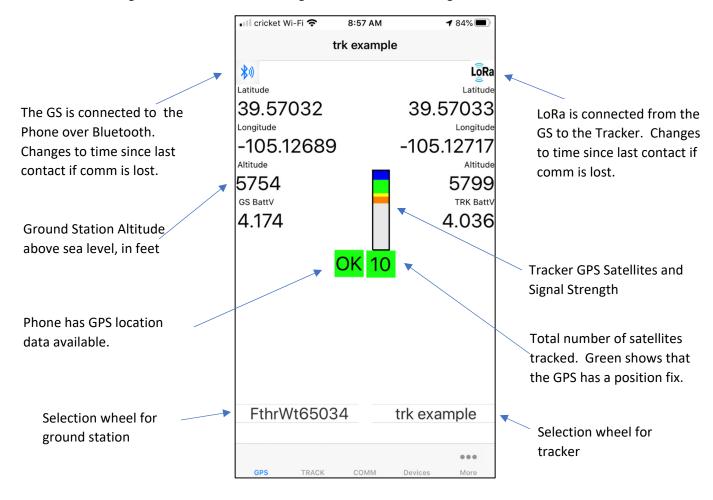
- Launch the TestFlight app to check for updates while in WiFi range before heading out to the field.
- If an update affects the firmware on-board the ground station or the tracker, power on each unit individually, perform the update, and power it off before updating the next unit. Update all units you have to the same revision, in order to avoid potential compatibility issues between the units.
- After all units are updated, power on remaining units and ensure that the GPS and communication is working as expected.
- Download tracker data after each flight, because if new firmware is needed to be loaded onto a tracker as part of an update, the flash memory space where recorded flight data is stored will be erased as part of the process. In a future build the data download will happen automatically after approaching a landed tracker.

Tracking pages:

The FIP currently has 3 pages that can be used to monitor and find your rocket:

GPS page

The GPS page is used to make sure that both units have a good GPS signal and fully charged battery before the flight. The left side shows the ground station and the right side shows the tracker.

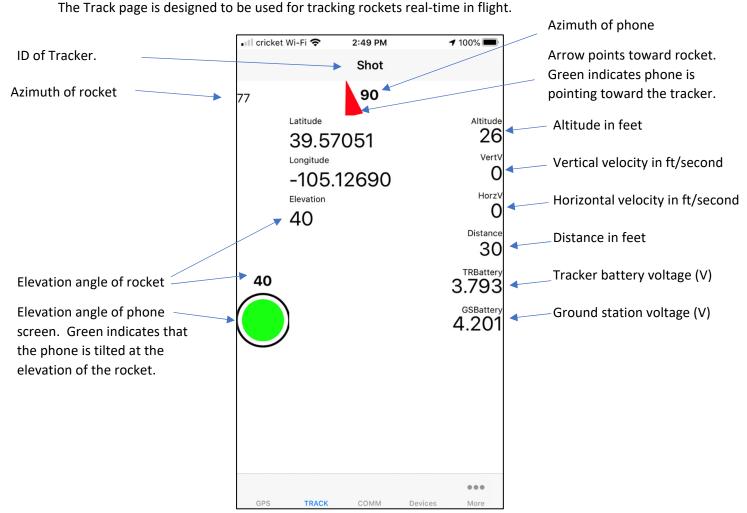


The colored bars show how many satellites are being tracked (The whole outlined box represents 24 satellites), and how strong the signal is to each satellite. The table below explains the color code.

Color bar	Signal Strength (dB-Hz)	Signal Quality
Orange	Less than 24	Weak, can result in 10s of
		meters horiz. error
Yellow	24 to 32	O.k. Can add small
		amount of inaccuracy
Green	32 to 40	Good Full accuracy
		available.
Blue	40 and Over	Very good. Full accuracy
		with margin

Both the number of satellites and how strong they are can affect how accurate the GPS solution is, and how robust it is to sudden accelerations like launch. Good GPS performance will have 10 or more satellites, with about half or more of those as green or blue signal strength. Don't worry if the weakest satellites are yellow or orange; the receiver will prioritize its stronger satellites in its solution. This graph is useful for evaluating whether your rocket materials and/or paint might be reducing your available GPS performance, for example a carbon fiber airframe. If your GPS page is showing only orange and yellow signal strengths, or no lock at all, your setup is likely to lose GPS fix at launch, and may have trouble getting a fix again after launch. This can be corrected by moving your tracker in your rocket to a location that has an RF-transparent portion of the airframe, such as cardboard or fiberglass.

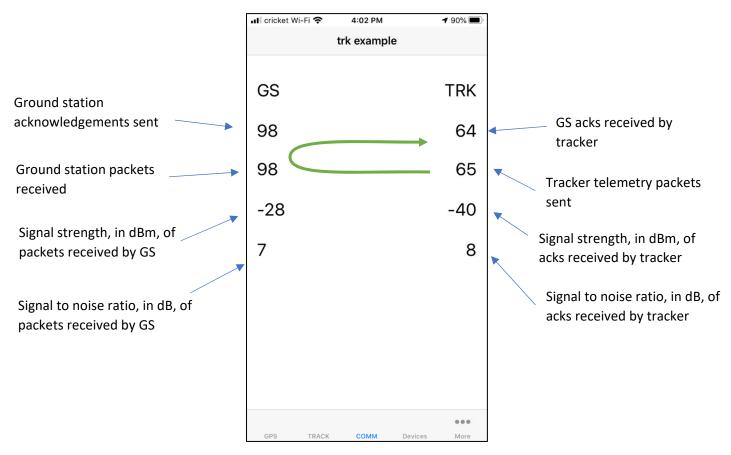
Track Page



The phone uses its built-in magnetic compass and gyroscopes to calculate how the phone is oriented, and it uses that information to generate the red pointing arrow and circle outline that are used point to the rocket real-time. For best pointing accuracy, make sure the phone is away from permanent magnets. Sometimes the iron of a vehicle can also disturb the compass function, so if spurious pointing results are seen, try again from outside the vehicle.

Comm Page

The Comm page shows information about the LoRa radio performance:



The top two lines are counters of data packets sent between the tracker and the ground station. The green arrow represents the flow in time. First the tracker sends a telemetry packet to the ground station and the GS receives it. Then the GS transmits an acknowledgement that the tracker receives. When 2-way communication is working properly, all 4 counters should increment by one count per second. If the upper right counter of tracker acknowledgements is not incrementing, that usually indicates that the GS and tracker are not configured properly for 2-way communication. In that situation, go to the devices page and ensure that both the GS and the tracker are on the same channel, and re-save each unit. Also go to the GPS page and select the desired tracker from the tracker selection wheel, if it is not selected already.

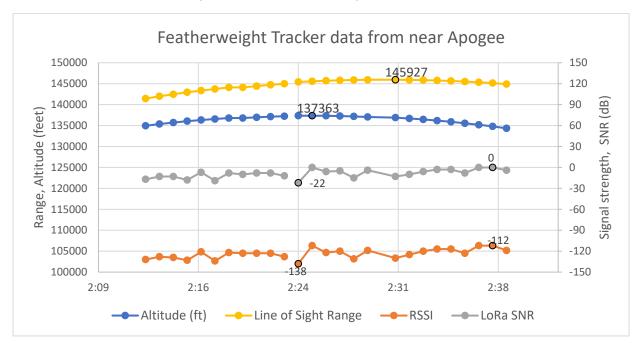
The third line is the LoRa signal strength, in dBm (decibels compared to 1 milli-Watt) so that you can compare very different values without having do deal with very different numbers. 0 dBm means your receiver is getting 1 milliWatt of received RF power. Every 10 dB corresponds to a factor of 10 in received power and square root of 10 in range. Every 20 dB corresponds to a factor of 10 in available range.

Some useful approximations:

dB	Power Factor	Range Factor
3 dB	2	1.4
6 dB	4	2
10 dB	10	3.1
20 dB	100	10
30 dB	1000	31
40 dB	10000	100
60 dB	1000000	1000

The faintest signal that the Ground station can receive is around -133 dBm, and you can use this to estimate how much range you can expect to get based on a ground test of your own rocket setup. For example, if you do a ground test with your rocket 100 feet away, you should measure a received signal strength of around -73 dBm. Since this is 63 dB stronger than the minimium signal strength of 133 dBm, you should expect a factor of 60 dB + 3 dB in received power, or 1000x range x 1.4x range to get a maximum available range of $100 \times 1000 \times 1.4$, or 140,000 feet. If your measured signal strength at 100 feet is -67 dBm, that 6 dB improvement is a factor of 4 in power and a factor of 2 in range, for a total of 280,000 feet.

A small hand-held yagi antenna can add around 6-8 dB to this budget, which translates to a factor of 2-3 in available range. However, for the vast majority of flights, the included stub antennas are sufficient. A Featherweight GPS tracker was used to track a rocket to over 137,000 feet altitude and 145,900 feet total range in September 2017 above the Black Rock Desert using just the standard stub antennas that are included with the standard products, as shown in the plot below.



Standard output power and standard stub antennas were used at both ends of the link, and the rocket installation configuration was far from ideal. Even so, the signal strength information indicated that there was still substantial margin available for even longer range, even out to the edge of space (100).

Km). As long as there is a clear line of sight between you and tracker, your Featherweight GPS Tracker will have enough range to communicate. After landing, however, it is common for the signal to be lost because of terrain interrupting the line of sight. In these cases, just track to the last location and the signal can be automatically re-acquired. The Featherweight GPS system is unique in providing another way to receive your rocket's landed location, even over the horizon: The lost rocket feature which is described in the next section.

Launch Event Features

While the Featherweight GPS tracker system works great on its own, it also offers unique benefits at launch events when it automatically coordinates with other Featherweight users. This coordination takes place after each communication from your tracker to your ground station has been confirmed. The tracker transmits a packet of data to its paired ground station once each second. Then the ground station responds with an acknowledgement packet of its own back to the tracker to let the tracker know that its communication was successful. This all takes place in a fraction of a second. For the remainder of the second, the tracker and ground station both switch their LoRa radios to special dedicated frequencies used by all Featherweight users to exchange information. The tracker listens for lost rockets on a "lost and found" channel, and the ground station listens and transmits on a ground station coordination channel. Then at the start of the next second, the Tracker and Ground Station switch back to their paired communication channel.

Lost Rocket Mode

The lost and found channel is used by trackers that have detected that they are lost by the following conditions:

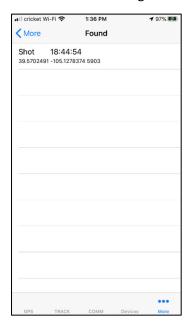
- Launch and landing are detected (see onboard data logging section)
- No ground station acks received by the tracker for 5 minutes after landing
- No Bluetooth communication for 5 minutes after landing

Lost trackers extend their battery life by using a special wakeup sequence. A lost tracker will wake up, wait a few seconds for GPS lock, transmit once on its paired channel, listen for a response, then transmit once on the lost rocket channel before going back to sleep. The sleep mode duration starts out at 8 seconds, and gets progressively longer as time goes on, up to about 1 minute after a day.

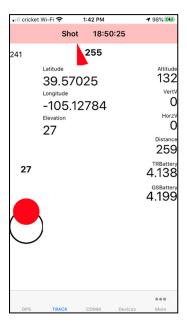
As an example, let's say you launch your rocket and it lands over a ridge, where no direct communication back to your ground station is possible. Five minutes after landing, it will start transmitting on the lost and found channels. When another Featherweight user launches their rocket, it will quickly get high enough to have a direct line of sight to your rocket, and it will easily be able to receive your lost rocket's location. Then it sends all of its normal data together with the lost rocket location and other information back to its ground station. The ground station transmits this information back to the other Featherweight ground stations, at the launch site, including yours!

You can access this relayed data by going to the More/Found page, where each found tracker's LoRa ID is listed, along with the Lat/Lon, elevation, and how long ago the last data was received from that tracker. If you select your found rocket, you will get a dialog box asking if you want to track to that location. If you click "Track", then the found rocket will show up in the devices list and in the selection

wheel of trackers on the GPS page. Below left: A found rocket shows up in the More/Found list. Below middle: After selecting the found rocket. Below left: tracking to the found rocket.







Monitoring Other Rockets (future feature)

The ground stations also send ground station coordination packets to other ground stations periodically to let all ground stations in the area know which channels are being used. In future phone releases, this information will be used to show a list of other rockets at the launch so that you can follow along and monitor your friend's flights or that big high altitude project on your own phone.

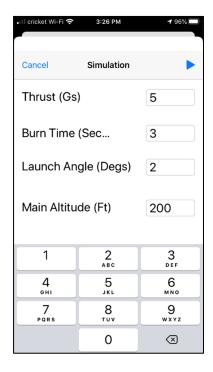
Spoken Telemetry

The Featherweight GPS Tracker phone application provides live spoken updates for the telemetry throughout the flight. During ascent, the altitude is spoken as the rocket passes through round-number altitudes. The apogee altitude is also spoken. During descent, the altitude and velocity are both spoken, so that you can tell without looking at the phone whether deployments were successful. A variety of voices and accents are available to choose from under More/Settings. Be sure to take your phone out of silent mode in order to use this feature. You can try out this feature before launch day using the simulated Flight capability

Simulated flight

A sophisticated simulated flight feature allows you to try out almost all of the Featherweight GPS system features before launch day, including real-time telemetry, spoken telemetry, and data logging. To simulate a flight, select a tracker from the devices page and click the "Run Sim" button. In the example on the right, a simulation of a flight with 5 Gs of thrust, a burn time of 3 seconds, and a launch angle of 2 degrees was selected. Press the play arrow in the upper right corner to start the simulation.

The simulation runs within the tracker, and the tracker and the rest of the system respond as if the flight were real. Flight telemetry is spoken, real-time data is updated in the pages, and flight data is recorded onboard the tracker and within the ground station. The simulation incorporates a 2-dimensional dynamics model, with aerodynamic drag, that assumes one ballistic coefficient for launch to apogee, a lower ballistic coefficient consistent with drogueless descent, and then a final, lower coefficient that transitions at the main altitude and is consistent with a parachute descent. As a special case, a ballistic flight can be simulated by leaving 0 for the



main altitude. This disables the simulated apogee and main chute deployments. The launch angle has positive angles toward North, and negative angles toward South, to simulate horizontal velocity.

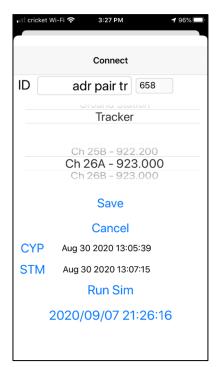
Data Logging

The Featherweight GPS Tracker detects launch automatically, and logs data internally from the ascent at 10 samples per second, and then after apogee, switches to 1 sample per second during the descent. This internal data records up to 6144 samples from the flight.

Due to storage limitations within the tracker, only the most recent flight is recorded. After landing, no new flights are recorded until either the data download is complete, or the tracker has its power cycled. The storage space used for the flight data is also used for the firmware update process, so be sure to download flight data before a new firmware update may need to be installed.

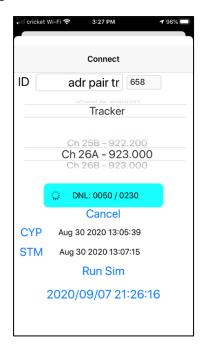
The tracker uses a sophisticated algorithm to detect both launch and landing from the GPS data, which is tolerant to potential dropouts in the GPS fix during high performance flights. Only data with a valid GPS fix is recorded in the internal data storage.

To download the internal recorded data after the flight, go back to the tracker device page, and at the bottom, the date and time of



liftoff of the recorded flight is shown. Click on that date/time, and the download of the data will begin.

The following screen shots show the download in progress and then when it completes:





The flight data logging is approved by Tripoli records committee for use in Tripoli altitude records. It includes the following data:

- UTC Time
- UNIX Time
- Altitude (ASL, Feet)
- Latitude
- Longitude
- Total number of satellites
- GPS location fix flag
- Horizontal velocity (feet/second)
- Vertical velocity (feet/second)
- Heading (degrees from North)
- GPS quality flags
- Number of GPS satellites with > 40 signal strength
- Number of GPS satellites with > 32 signal strength
- Number of GPS satellites with > 24 signal strength
- LoRa radio signal strength of ground station ack packets
- Tracker battery voltage

Note: If the download seems fails to progress to completion, force-quit the Featherweight phone application, power-cycle the tracker, and then re-start the app.

Troubleshooting

Units not seen in device list or scan page

- 1. Make sure that both units are powered (verify by watching for LEDs)
- 2. Verify that the phone's Bluetooth is on (look for the black Bluetooth icon in the upper right of the screen)
- 3. Look for a device in both the device list and the scan page

Units show up on device list but there's no tracker data

- 1. Make sure that both units are on the same frequency, and have the same TrackerID
- 2. Make sure both units have antennas connected
- 3. Make sure that one unit is set to be a ground station and the other is a tracker
- 4. If the ground station is showing green flashes approx. once per second, the LoRa data link is working, so verify the BlueTooth (see above)

Units are communicating (packet counts increasing in comm window) but the GPS information is grayed out

- 1. The GPS receiver is not getting an adequate signal. Move objects away from the antenna and move to an open location with a clear view of the sky.
- 2. GPS acquisition can take up to a minute in good signal conditions, or several minutes in a location without a good view of the sky.

Units are communicating and the GPS information is updating, but the direction arrow on the tracking page seems wrong

- 1. The GPS location in each unit has some uncertainty, and so if the units are too close to each other, the normal uncertainties can lead to large pointing errors. Try again with both units outside and 30-50 feet apart.
- 2. The pointing in the tracking page depends on the phone's compass. Make sure there are no magnets, iron or steel near the phone (including a car) and move the phone in a figure 8 motion to get it to re-calibrate.

Appendix A: Serial commands and data for version 2 ground stations

Version 2 of the ground station adds the capability to communicate to a computer over USB as a serial port. This data can be viewed in a terminal emulator program like putty or RealTerm, or any other software, including custom software, that can access serial port data. This feature is intended for advanced users who are comfortable working with serial data and UART protocol. The serial port settings are as follows:

- 115200 bits per second
- 8 data bits
- 1 stop bit
- No parity
- No hardware flow control

The UART serial port used by the USB is also used for communication between the LoRa microcontroller and the Bluetooth microcontroller.

Telemetry

The LoRa microcontroller sends out binary data to the Bluetooth microcontroller to pass along to the phone, and also ASCII text formatted data which is ignored by the BT microcontroller. The binary data packets, which start with ASCII FWT, are not intended to be user-accessible and should be ignored.

The formatted text packets start with a "@" sync character and start with the format of the example below:

Sync Char	Parse type	Packet Length	Year	Month	Date	Time
@	GPS_STAT	203	2020	3	16	22:44:18.419

The last entry of each packet is a 16-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) checksum which uses the CRC-16/BUYPASS calculation. The calculation is for a text packet starting with the left most character in the packet which is the '@' symbol and up to the last non-space character before the "CRC:" data header in the text packet.

See the embedded Excel file for details of the relevant GS telemetry packets, below:



Commands

There are 4 commands that are available to the ground station:

command strncmp	Description	Example w arg	Example Response
set TrackerID	Sets the ID string for the hardware	set TrackerID My_Rocket01	<none></none>
?state	Set the flight state (00: GS default, 01-07 reserved 08: monitor (no acks) 09-10: reserved 11: Monitor only coordination channel)	?state 08	+state
?save	Saves the flight state used the next time the unit boots	?save 01	+save
set freq	Sets the frequency	set freq 915000000	RX_TMOUT packet

GPS_STAT	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	2 Parse type	Packet Length Yea	5 Month	3 h Date	3 1	CRC Check	GPS Unit Type		Altitude ASL		Latitude		Longitude			Horiz. Velocit	Horizonal y Heading	Upward Velocity		Satellite Fix Type	Total S	Sats >24 d its Strength	Sats >32c Strengti	B Sats >40dB Strength	1st Sat Info 2nd	Sat Info 3	rd Sat Info	4th Sat Info	5th Sat Info				
Periodic output	Example Da Unit Notes		GPS_STAT	Bytes	0 11	15	01:20:21.986	CRC_OK	TRK	Used for GPS st	Feet atus of a tracke	r (direct conn	Decimal Degrees ection or via G	39.55612	Decimal Degrees		Vel feet/sec				No Fix			Count	Satellite Tri	olets: Azimuth (deg)	Elevation (deg)	Strength (dB	B)	000_00_00	000_00_00 hex	CRC: 6A1D			
				Parket						Used for local G Used for GPS st				relay and GS	Spreading					3	2-D Fix 3D Fix				Note: Any "	10" strength satellite	is tied in strength	with previou	-			#		#	
TX_STAT At the start of each transmission	Field Descript Example Da Unit	ion: SyncChar	Parse type TX_STAT	Packet Length Yea 91 201 Bytes	Month 9 11	Date 27	Time 00:16:49.800	Tx	APID To Apid	11 Code given in APID tab	Tx	Tx Airtim dur:	371 msec	msec.	SF12 Code	Freq	926800000 Hz	CRC:	B4E3 hex													#		-	
				Packet					APID content	given in APID tab																			=			#		\equiv	
FRST_FIX After the first GPS fix pr wakeup or reset	Field Descript ter Example Da	ion: Sync Char	Parse type FRST_FIX	73 202		h Date	Time 03:10:42.478	AWAVTime2FF:	fix, msec 3630	Avan	CRC:	5E+53																							
	Unit											hex																	=			#		#	
RX_TMOUT When GS resets LoRa aft Receive Timeout	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type RX_TMOUT	Packet Length Yea 62 201	Month	h Date	Time 1.70602E-05					Spreading Factor		B4E3															-			-			
Receive timeout	Unit	0	RC_IMOUI	62 201	9 12	- 1/	1700020-05	RX.	IImedut	- 1	2.		CMC:	hex															=			#		-	
RLY_DIST	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char		Packet Length Yea		h Date		CRC Check		Lofta ID of sender EDM_SN06		Relay Signal Strength		Relay delta Altitude		Relay horiz distance		EDM battery voltage Fnd_mv:		Relay battey voltage 8by mV:		Relay Temperat ure													
After receiving a packe that has lost rocket info	o Example Da Unit		RLY_DIST	141 202	0 2	17	32:16.9	CRC_OK	Relay:	EDM_SN06	RSSI	-14 dBm	Relay dAlt	193 ft	Relay Dist:	113 ft	ft	Fnd_mv:	4092 mV	Rly mV:	4812 mV	31 d	legc CRC	6767					_			#		_	
				Barbar					Lakathaf		CS Paradium		Polys Sout		flowed				Achicon			EDM LORA	EDN Receive	lby			Found		(manding						
RX_FOUND When GS receives a packet with found data	Field Descript Example Da	ion: Sync Char	Parse type RX_FOUND	Packet Length Yea 213 202	m Month	h Date	Time 32:15.9	CRC Check	sender FthrWt00658	PkRx	counter 7	PkSnt	counter 43	p_RSSI	Strength -36	AckRx	Ack counter	AckSnt	Counter	a_RSSI	Ack RSSI -50	EDM SNOE Fr	Count	FndSnt	EDM Sent Co	I ISS	RSSI -24	SF	Factor 11	f	907000000	CRC:		+	
	Unit																																		
RX_NOMTK Lofta info from Tracker packet reception	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type	Packet Length Yea	r Month	h Date	Time	CRC Check	T	NomTrk	LoRa ID of sender		tim Packets Received		Tim Packets Sent		Rx Signal Strength		Rx SNR	ı	Ack Receive Counter	Ac 604	ck Tx unter 0 RSSI	Ack RSSI	SNR	Ack SNR +0	Sp	reading factor		Frequency		Tracker Re Batt V Tempo 4102 -	ilay erature	_	
packet reception	Example Da Unit	2 0	RX_NOMTK	202 202	0 6	17	50:56.9	CRC_ERR	Rx	NomTrk	RLY-19-Whip	PkRx	143	PkTx	38	RSSI	-124	SNR	-20	AckRx	0	AdkTx	O RSSI	-50	SNR	+0	SF	11	frq	908599976	trk_B_V	4102	69 C	CRC	EF00
RX_COORD Received channel coordination data from	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type	Packet Length Yea	r Month	h Date	Time	CRC Check			LoRa ID of sender		Rx Signal Strength		Rx SNR		Spreading Factor		Coord Freq															1	
coordination data from other nearby GS	Example Da Unit		RK COORD	121 202	0 11	15	08.49.7	CRC_OK	Rx	GS Coord	secondTrk	RSSI	-115	SNR	-5	SF	:07	freq	925600000	CRC:	428A														
RX_CRDFD	Field Descript	ion: SyncChar	Parse type	Packet Length Yea	r Month	h Date	Time	CRC Check			LoRa ID of sender		Rx Signal Strength		Rx SNR		Spreading Factor		Coord Freq																
RX_CRDFD Received found rocket data from other GS	Example Da Unit	. 0	RX_CRDFD	123 202	0 11	15	08:51:6	CRC_OK	Rx	CoordFound	secondTrk	RSSI	-115	SNR	-5	SF	:07	freq	925600000	CRC:	FA92								_			_		#	
GS COORD				Packet					LoRa ID of occupied Channel				A (even) B		Coordinatio																				
channel coordination da from other nearby GS	ata	ion: Sync Char	GS COORD	Length Yea	0 11	h Date	0.131130822	CRC Check	Channel	Oh.	Channel	odd:	(odd)	PSA:	n text string	ORC	767																		
	Example Da Unit																																		
COORDEND Received found rocker	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type	Length Yea	r Month	h Date	Time	CRC Check	l		rocket			V V	Sent	1																		-	
data from other nearby	GS Example Da Unit	0	COORDEND	99 202	0 11	15	0.131153171	CRC_OK	Lost	Trk	lostexample	Foundl	Fnd_mV:	4123	CRC:	AE4D																			
FS_CHNGE Response to a valid fligh	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type	Packet Length Yea 81 202	r Month	h Date	Time		Change Type	flight		New State		4777																					
Response to a valid flight state change commans	d Example Da Unit	2 0	FS_CHNGE	81 202	0 1	15	59.54.1	New	commanded imanded or auti	flight	state:	0	CRC:	4777 hex															_						
BATT_BLE Response to status upda from BLE module	Field Descript	ion: Sync Char	Parse type	Packet Length Yea	r Month	h Date	Time	Battery Voltage	BLE Status	Module temperature			3176	UART Packet CRC																				1	
from BLE module	Example Da Unit	0	BATT_BLE	68 202	0 5	17	0.176433519	4189 mVolts	# = connected - = disconnect	36 I deg C ed	degC	CRC:	3176	6C19																					
PDT4 response Build date and time Frequency, Hz LoRa Spreading Factor	*DT4 Current SF:			2020 0.7567	4769																								_			#		#	
LoRa Bandwidth LoRa ID Ground Station Serial	BW: lora_ID:	9 lostexampl	le																										=	=		#		#	
Number Operation Mode Flight State N/A	GS_SN: opmode: flt_state: wakeup_in	-928045422 0 11 : 0	2																										=	=		#	==	#	
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(odd) GPS module found	channel is o has_gps:	5d: 1 0			_																														