GETTING STARTED GUIDE

GeoExplorer® 2005 series
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Safety Information

Air travel

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld contains a Bluetooth radio and a wireless LAN radio. Aviation authority regulations can restrict the use of radios on board aircraft. You may be required to turn off the handheld or radios.

- To turn off the handheld, press and hold the Power button for 15 seconds.
- To turn off the Bluetooth and wireless LAN radios only, see Enabling Flight mode, page 75.

Battery safety

The internal rechargeable Lithium-ion battery is supplied partially charged. Charge the battery completely before using it for the first time (see Power, page 55). If the battery has been stored for longer than six months, charge it before use.

WARNING – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is powered by an internal rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. Charge and use the battery only in strict accordance with the instructions provided.
To prevent injury or damage:
- Never attempt to remove, replace, or repair the battery yourself.
- Do not damage the battery.
- Do not store or leave your device near a heat source such as near a fireplace or other heat-generating appliance, or otherwise expose it to temperatures in excess of 70°C (158°F) such as on a vehicle dashboard. When heated to excessive temperatures, battery cells could explode or vent, posing a risk of fire.
- Do not use the handheld if the battery appears to be leaking.
- If the battery requires attention, send the handheld to your local Trimble Service center.
- Discharge the handheld before disposing of the battery. When disposing of the battery, be sure to do so in an environmentally sensitive manner. Adhere to any local and national regulations concerning battery disposal or recycling.
AC adaptor safety

An international adaptor kit is provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. To charge the handheld's internal battery, use the international adaptor kit connected to the support module (see Power, page 55).

WARNING – To use AC adaptors safely:
- Use only the AC adaptor intended for the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Using any other AC adaptor can damage your product and may void your warranty. Do not use the AC adaptor with any other product.
- Make certain that the input voltage on the adaptor matches the voltage and frequency in your location.
- Make certain that the adaptor has prongs compatible with your outlets.
- AC adaptors are designed for indoor use only. Avoid using the AC adaptor in wet outdoor areas.
- Unplug the AC adaptor from power when not in use.
- Do not short the output connector.
- There are no user-serviceable parts in this product.
- Should damage to the AC adaptor occur, replace it with a new Trimble AC adaptor (P/N 61234-00).
SD card use

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld provides a Secure Digital (SD) memory card slot, providing an alternative storage location to the flash disk.

⚠️ **WARNING –** The presence of any dust or moisture in the SD slot may adversely affect the device and void your Trimble warranty. To prevent dust or moisture entering the SD slot:
- Make certain that the SD door is attached correctly when you are using the handheld outdoors.
- When inserting or removing an SD card, place the handheld on a dust-free indoor surface.

⚠️ **WARNING –** Static electricity can harm electronic components inside your device. To prevent static damage:
- Discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of your device's electronic components, such as a memory module. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface.
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About this Manual


The GeoExplorer 2005 series includes the GeoXH™, GeoXT™, and GeoXM™ handhelds. These handhelds combine a Trimble GPS receiver with a field computer powered by Microsoft® Windows Mobile® version 5.0 software.

The GeoXM handheld provides reliable accuracy within 1 to 3 meters. The GeoXT and GeoXH handhelds use EVEREST™ multipath rejection technology to provide submeter accuracy. In addition, the GeoXH handheld enables you to use H-Star™ technology to provide subfoot (30 cm) postprocessed accuracy. For more information, see Maintaining Accuracy, page 50.

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System Components

This section lists the components of the GeoExplorer 2005 series system.

What’s in the box?

When you receive your GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld, check that you have received all the components, as detailed on the packing list. The standard components are shown below. Depending on the system that you have purchased, you may have received additional components.
Inspecting the system

Inspect all contents for visible damage (scratches, dents) and if any components appear damaged, notify the shipping carrier. Keep the shipping and packaging material for the carrier's inspection.

Accessories

The following optional accessories are available:

- Power/serial clip
- Vehicle power adaptor¹
- External power kit
- Pole-mountable ground plane
- Baseball cap with antenna sleeve
- Screen protectors (10 pack)
- Stylus kit
- Backpack kit
- Hard carry case
- Null modem cable¹
- GeoBeacon™ receiver (receives differential corrections from a beacon network)
- Range pole
- Range pole bracket
- External patch antennas
- Hurricane antenna kit²
- Zephyr™ antenna kit³

¹Requires power / serial clip (sold separately)
²Compatible with GeoXM/XT/XH handhelds for improved accuracy.
³Compatible with GeoXH handheld for improved accuracy.

Pre-installed software

The following software is pre-installed on the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld:

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<td>GPS</td>
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<td>GPS Connector</td>
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<td>Excel Mobile</td>
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<td>Windows Media</td>
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For more information about using any of this software, refer to the Help for the software. See Accessing help, page 28.
Parts of the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld

The following pages show the main features of the handheld.

**Integrated GPS receiver**
- High-performance
- Integrated SBAS (WAAS / EGNOS / MSAS) receiver
- EVEREST multipath rejection technology (GeoXT and GeoXH only)
- H-Star technology (GeoXH only) for improved accuracy with shorter occupation times

**External antenna connector**
Connection to an optional external GPS antenna.

**Integrated Bluetooth and wireless LAN radios**
- Connect to external devices using Bluetooth® wireless technology.
- Connect to networks and the Internet using wireless Local Area Network (LAN) connectivity.

**Pocket PC**
Field computer powered by Windows Mobile 5.0 software.

**Advanced TFT color display**
- 16-bit color (65,536 colors)
- Interactive touch screen
- ¼ VGA display
- Backlight

**Keypad**
Provides 11 buttons for fast, easy access to common actions, including OK and Start. Also provides Display and Power buttons, and buttons for navigation (see page 23).

**Microphone**
Run Notes and use the Recording toolbar to record.

**SD card slot**
Provides removable storage using SD (Secure Digital) memory cards (see page 61).
Communication swipes
Place handheld in support module to:
• charge the battery
• provide USB or cabled Ethernet connection to a computer
Attach optional serial clip to:
• charge battery
• provide external power
• connect to an external device such as a GeoBeacon receiver or mobile phone

GPS COM ports
NMEA, TSIP, and real-time communication with integrated GPS receiver.

CPU
416 MHz Intel PXA-270 X-Scale processor.

Main memory
64 MB RAM.

Flash disk
• Internal flash memory
• Non-volatile
• 512 MB

Handstrap

Internal battery
All-day operation with GPS.

Speaker

System Components
Keypad

Provides 11 buttons for fast, easy access to common actions. The diagram below provides information about each button.

**Application buttons**
Perform application-specific actions, or can be programmed to perform a selected action (see page 95).
- Left button: performs the same action as the softkey on the left of the menu bar.
- Right button: performs the same action as the softkey on the right of the menu bar
When no softkeys are shown in the menu bar, pressing an application key performs the action programmed in the Button control (see page 95).

**Start button**
Displays the Start drop-down menu.

**Display button**
Press to turn on or turn off the backlight. Press the Display button and the Start button at the same time to align the touch screen (see page 25).

**Navigation buttons**
Provide directional controls for moving around the screen.
- Arrow buttons: move up, down, left, and right.
- Action button: performs an application-specific action, usually Enter.

**OK button**
Press to select OK, Enter, or to close an application.

**Power button**
Press to turn on the handheld, or to put it into Suspend mode.
A 5-second press performs a soft reset.
A 15-second press performs a soft reset and powers off the handheld.
Getting Started

Follow the steps below to get started with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. For information on using Windows Mobile software, see Windows Mobile Basics, page 27.

Charge the battery

Before using the handheld for the first time, you must charge the battery.

Connect one end of the AC adaptor cable to the support module and the other to an AC power outlet. Put the handheld in the support module as shown below.

Leave to charge for up to eight hours. For more information, see Power, page 55.

To remove the handheld from the support module, press the release button on the support module, then lift the bottom of the handheld upward.
Getting Started

Turn on and suspend

Press and release the **Power** button to turn on or to suspend the handheld.

For more information, see Suspend mode, page 59.

Align the touch screen

If at any time the touch screen does not respond properly to stylus taps, realign it. To begin the alignment sequence, press the **Display** button and the **Start** button at the same time and follow the on-screen instructions.

Turn on the backlight

The touch screen is visible in all conditions, including bright sunlight. Press the **Display** button to turn the backlight on or off.

To adjust the backlight, use the Backlight control (see Backlight, page 100).

The **Display** button overrides settings in the Backlight control. To turn on the backlight again, use the **Display** button.

Set the time zone

To set the clock to your local time, the handheld uses the GPS time reported by the integrated GPS receiver and the time zone that you specify. In the **Today** screen, tap the clock icon 🕒. The **Clock Settings** screen appears. Tap the **Time** tab, select the **Home** option and then select the correct time zone.
Install and activate software

Connect the handheld to a computer and use the Windows Mobile Device Center or ActiveSync technology to install or activate any software you need. For more information, see Installing software, page 38.

Use GPS

The integrated GPS receiver is switched off until an application opens one of the GPS COM ports. To use GPS, take the handheld outside to a location with a clear view of the sky. From the Today screen, tap the GPS softkey in the menu bar. The skyplot of the default GPS field software appears. Depending on the software you have installed, the default GPS field software will be one of the following:

- GPS Controller software
- TerraSync software
- Trimble GPS correct extension for ESRI ArcPad software

For more information, see Using GPS, page 39.
Windows Mobile Basics

The operating system of the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is based on the Windows Mobile 5.0 software.

Parts of the screen

The main parts of the screen are shown below.

Start button
Tap to open the Start menu, where you can access programs and system controls.

Title bar
Contains status icons for important system functions.

Today screen
Summarizes your appointments, tasks, notes, and e-mails for the day. Tap any item to open it.

Start menu
Tap any item on the menu to open it.

Menu bar
Contains softkeys providing access to applications, menus, and notifications.

GPS softkey
Tap the GPS softkey, or press the right application button on the keypad, to open the skyplot of the default GPS software.
Accessing help

To access help, tap \Help\ or, if available, tap \Contents\ in the application window. If there is an application running, context-sensitive help for the current screen appears. To view the main Help Contents page, tap the Contents softkey in the menu bar.

Help files installed on the handheld work in the same way as a Web page. Tap hyperlinks to navigate around the help and use \Back\ to retrace your steps. Tap View / Contents to return to the Contents page for the application, and tap View / All Installed Help to return to the main Contents page.

Using the stylus

To interact with the handheld, use the stylus to tap on the touch screen. There are three types of action you can perform with the stylus:

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<td>Touch the screen once with the stylus to open items and select options.</td>
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<td>Tap and hold</td>
<td>Tap and hold the stylus on an item to see a list of actions available for that item. On the pop-up menu that appears, tap the action you want to perform.</td>
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<td>Drag</td>
<td>Hold the stylus on the screen and drag across the screen to select text and images. Drag in a list to select multiple items.</td>
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The stylus also provides a screwdriver under the cap that you can use to remove and reattach the SD door (see SD memory cards, page 61).
Entering text

The handheld does not have a physical keyboard. To enter text, use an on-screen keyboard. Alternatively, you can write directly onto the screen.

You can select how you want to enter text using the Input Panel. The Input Panel automatically appears in the menu bar of any application. The default selection is the on-screen keyboard.

To change the text input method:
1. In the menu bar, tap the arrow on the Input Panel button. (You may have to activate and then hide the keyboard for the arrow to appear.)

   A list of input methods pops up. The currently selected method is indicated by a check mark.

2. Tap the method you want to use to select it.

Using the on-screen keyboard

To activate the on-screen keyboard, tap the keyboard icon on the Input Panel displayed in the menu bar. The on-screen keyboard appears.

To enter text, tap the appropriate keys on the on-screen keyboard. When you have finished entering text in a field, tap to accept the text you have entered and move to the next field.

To hide the keyboard, tap the keyboard icon again.

Writing on screen

When you select Transcriber, you can write directly onto the screen using the stylus. The Microsoft Transcriber software converts your handwriting to text. You can use it to enter notes in a text editor such as Notes.
To select Transcriber:

1. Tap the arrow on the **Input Panel** button displayed in the menu bar. A list of input methods pops up.
2. Tap **Transcriber**. The **Transcriber Intro** dialog appears.
3. Tap **OK**.

The Transcriber icon appears in the menu bar, and the Transcriber keyboard appears above the menu bar.

Transcriber has a number of tools and modes that allow you to customize how it works. These tools and modes are controlled from the Transcriber keyboard. For more information, refer to the Transcriber Help.
Connecting to a Computer

Connect the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to an office computer to transfer information, settings, and files from one device to the other, or to install software onto the handheld.

To protect your data, Trimble recommends that you regularly copy important data to your office computer, or save data to an SD memory card. For more information, see SD memory cards, page 61.

You can connect the handheld to a computer using the USB cable or a Bluetooth wireless link.

This section provides information on:

- connecting the handheld to a computer
- using the Windows Mobile Device Center
- using ActiveSync technology
- installing software

Connection management software

To install software onto a Windows Mobile powered device, or to copy files between the handheld and a computer, you must connect the device to an office computer. If the computer is running:

- Windows Vista operating system, use the Windows Mobile Device Center to manage the connection.
- Windows XP or 2000 operating system, use Microsoft ActiveSync technology (version 4.0 or later) to manage the connection.

*Note – You must install the Windows Mobile Device Center or ActiveSync technology onto the computer before you connect the device.*

This connection management software also enables you to synchronize office applications on your computer with your handheld.
Connecting to a Computer

**CAUTION** – The available space on the handheld is small compared to an office computer. To avoid accidentally synchronizing the handheld with a large amount of data on your office computer, Trimble recommends that you either connect to the handheld without forming a partnership, or that you limit the information types and amount of data that is synchronized.

**CAUTION** – Synchronizing data is designed to keep the same data on both the office computer and the handheld. Exercise care when resynchronizing applications after deleting data from one computer, as resynchronizing will delete the same information from the other computer.

For more information see one of the following:

- Managing the connection using the Windows Mobile Device Center, page 34
- Managing the connection using ActiveSync technology, page 36.

**Installing the Windows Mobile Device Center**

The Windows Vista operating system includes a basic connectivity driver for Windows Mobile powered devices. This driver allows you to transfer files from the device to your PC.

To install software onto a Windows Mobile powered device, you must install Windows Mobile Device Center 6 onto your office computer.

A copy of Windows Mobile Device Center 6 is provided on the GeoExplorer 2005 Series Getting Started Disc. Alternatively, go to www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/devicecenter.mspx to download the latest version of the Windows Mobile Device Center from the Microsoft website.

**Installing ActiveSync technology**

A copy of ActiveSync technology is provided on the GeoExplorer 2005 Series Getting Started Disc. Alternatively, go to www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/activesync/default.mspx to download the latest version of ActiveSync technology from the Microsoft website.
Connecting the handheld to a computer

To connect the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to a computer:
1. Make sure that the handheld and the computer are switched on.
2. Make sure you have installed the appropriate connection management software onto the computer (see Connection management software, page 31).
3. To form a connection, do one of the following:
   - Use the handheld’s integrated Bluetooth radio to establish a wireless serial link to a Bluetooth-enabled computer. For more information, see Using the Bluetooth Radio, page 72.
   - Connect to a computer using a USB connection:
     a. Connect the USB data cable to the USB port on the support module.
     b. Connect the other end of the USB data cable to a USB port on the computer.
     c. Place the handheld in the support module. For information about how to do this, see Getting Started, page 24.
**Note** – *ActiveSync version 4.0 and later does not support connections to an office computer using the serial clip, or a wireless LAN or cabled Ethernet connection. For information on using these types of connections, see Using the Serial Clip, page 92, Using the Wireless LAN Radio, page 87, and Using Cabled Ethernet, page 90.*

When the handheld and the computer are connected, a window appears on the office computer that enables you to manage the connection. See one of the following:

- Managing the connection using the Windows Mobile Device Center, page 34
- Managing the connection using ActiveSync technology, page 36

### Managing the connection using the Windows Mobile Device Center

To manage a connection between the handheld and a computer using the Windows Mobile Device Center:

1. Connect the handheld to the computer (see page 33).
2. If the Autoplay window appears, close the window.
3. The *Windows Mobile Device Center* window displays the message Connected:

![Connected Message](image_url)
Note – If the connection is not made automatically, check that the connection has been enabled in the Windows Mobile Device Center software and on the handheld. For more information, see Troubleshooting, page 104.

4. Do one of the following:
   - To synchronize files and data between the handheld and a computer, click Set up your device and then follow the instructions on screen.
   - To transfer data between the handheld and the computer without synchronizing the devices, click Connect without setting up your device.

5. To transfer files between the computer and the handheld, click File Management. A Windows Explorer-type window appears, displaying files stored on the handheld. Copy and paste files to other locations on your computer, or from your computer to the handheld.

6. To install software onto the handheld, see Installing software, page 38.

7. To uninstall software from the handheld, click Programs and Services and then click Add/Remove Programs.

Tip – If the Add/Remove Programs option is not displayed below Programs and Services, click More. The Add/Remove Programs option appears.

For more information, refer to the Windows Mobile Device Center Help.

Tip – If you have GPS Pathfinder® Office software version 3.10 or later installed on your office computer, you can configure the Connection Manager utility in the GPS Pathfinder Office software to automatically detect when you connect a GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to the computer. This will enable you to automatically transfer data from the TerraSync software, differentially correct the data, and then export it to a GIS. For more information, refer to the GPS Pathfinder Office Software Help.
Managing the connection using ActiveSync technology

To manage a connection between the handheld and a computer using ActiveSync technology:

1. Connect the handheld to the computer (see page 33). The Synchronization Setup Wizard appears:

![Synchronization Setup Wizard](image.png)

*Note – If the connection is not made automatically, check that the connection has been enabled in the ActiveSync software and on the handheld. For more information, see Troubleshooting, page 104.*

2. Do one of the following:
   - To synchronize files and data between the handheld and a computer, click **Next** and then follow the instructions in the Synchronization Setup Wizard.
   - To transfer data between the handheld and the computer without synchronizing the devices, click **Cancel** to close the wizard.
3. The Microsoft ActiveSync window displays the message Connected.

4. To transfer files between the computer and the handheld, click **Explore**. A Windows Explorer-type window appears, displaying files stored on the handheld. Copy and paste files to other locations on your computer, or from your computer to the handheld.

5. To install software onto the handheld, see Installing software, page 38.

6. To uninstall software from the handheld, select **Add/Remove Programs** from the **Tools** menu. Clear the checkbox beside the program you want to remove and then click **OK**.

For more information, refer to the **ActiveSync Help**.

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Installing software

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld supports software designed to run on Windows Mobile-based devices. You may also be able to install and run some software designed for other operating systems.

To install software on the handheld:

1. Connect the handheld to a computer (see page 33).
2. Insert the software CD into the office computer and run the installation setup. For more information, refer to the installation instructions for the software.
3. When prompted, select the install option for a Windows Mobile powered device. The software is installed to the handheld. Otherwise, once the software is installed on the computer, it is automatically transferred to the handheld.

Note – If an SD (Secure Digital) memory card is inserted in the handheld, the card appears as an installation location option. Trimble recommends that you install software to the handheld’s flash disk (named “Device”), not to an SD memory card. If you install software to a card and then remove the card from the handheld, the software will not be available for use.

4. If prompted after installation, perform a soft reset of the handheld (see page 64).
Using GPS

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld provides an integrated GPS receiver that enables you to use GPS data.

Note – Before you can use GPS, you may need to configure your GPS field software to connect to GPS (see Configuring your GPS field software, page 43).

This section provides information on:

- getting a clear view of the sky (see page 40)
- supported GPS field software (see page 40)
- GPS COM ports (see page 42)
- configuring a GPS application to connect to GPS (see page 43)
- configuring GPS quality control settings to suit your requirements and the current GPS conditions (see page 44)
- using mission planning to identify the best times of the day for working with GPS (see page 46)
- using real-time differential corrections for better accuracy (see page 49)
- the level of accuracy provided by GeoExplorer 2005 series handhelds (see page 50)
- factors that affect accuracy and how to improve accuracy (see page 51)
- differential GPS (see page 53)

What is GPS?

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite-based positioning system operated by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). A constellation of operational NAVSTAR satellites orbit the earth every 12 hours, providing worldwide, all-weather, 24-hour time and position information.
For more information about how GPS works, visit the Trimble website at www.trimble.com/gps/.

**Getting a clear view of the sky**

To receive signals from GPS satellites, the handheld must have a clear view of the sky. GPS positions may not always be available, particularly in or near buildings, in vehicles, or under tree canopy.

**Supported GPS field software**

You can use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld with any of the software products described below.

**TerraSync software**

You can install version 2.52 or later of the TerraSync software on a GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Use the software to collect and maintain GIS and GPS data.

To install the TerraSync software, either insert the *TerraSync Software CD* in the CD-ROM drive of a computer and use the menus provided, or run the downloaded setup file. To obtain an installation code for installation, you must register your copy of the software online. Detailed installation instructions are provided in the documentation for the software.

**ESRI ArcPad software and the Trimble GPScorrect extension**

You can install version 6.0.3 or later of the ESRI ArcPad software on a GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Use the software to collect and maintain GIS and GPS data. Detailed installation instructions for ESRI ArcPad are provided in the ArcPad documentation.
Note – You must install the ArcPAD 6.0.3 QFE patch after installing the software. This patch fixes display issues seen in Windows Mobile software. For more information, go to http://support.esri.com/index.cfm, and click Downloads. Click Patches and Service Packs and then click ArcPad.

To be able to differentially correct your ArcPad GPS data, install version 1.11 or later of the Trimble GPScorrect extension for ESRI ArcPad software on a GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Make sure you install ArcPad **before** you install the GPScorrect extension.

*Note – Make sure your version of the GPScorrect extension is compatible with the version of ArcPad software you are using. For more information, go to [www.trimble.com/gpscorrect_ts.asp](http://www.trimble.com/gpscorrect_ts.asp), click Support Notes and then search for the Mapping and GIS Product Compatibility List Support Note.*

To install the GPScorrect extension, either insert the **Trimble GPScorrect Extension for ESRI ArcPad Software CD** in the CD-ROM drive of a computer and use the menus provided, or run the downloaded setup file. Detailed installation instructions are provided in the documentation for the software.

**Trimble GPS Analyst extension for ESRI ArcPad software**

You can also use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld with the Trimble GPS Analyst™ extension for ESRI ArcGIS software. Connect the GeoExplorer handheld to a Tablet PC or laptop running version 1.20 or later of the GPS Analyst extension and use the handheld as your GPS receiver. Run ArcMap software, and use the GPS Analyst extension to collect GPS data.

**Other GPS field applications**

You can use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld with a custom application developed using version 2.00 or later of the Trimble GPS Pathfinder Tools Software Development Kit (SDK).
**TrimPix technology**

To quickly and easily add high quality digital photographs to your GIS data collection workflow, install TrimPix technology onto the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.

*Note* – *For TrimPix technology to work, you must have a compatible high resolution WiFi-capable Nikon digital camera.*

For more information, go to [www.trimble.com/mgis_trimpix.shtml](http://www.trimble.com/mgis_trimpix.shtml).

**GPS COM ports**

The integrated GPS receiver has three COM ports for communicating with software on the handheld and with external devices.

To use GPS, open the appropriate GPS COM port. Each port is used for a particular type of communication:

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<td>NMEA</td>
<td>Outputs NMEA-0183 messages. NMEA is a standard GPS communication protocol used by most GPS applications. All messages are output at a one second interval.</td>
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<tr>
<td>COM3</td>
<td>TSIP</td>
<td>Outputs and receives TSIP messages. TSIP (Trimble Standard Interface Protocol) is used by Trimble GPS applications, and is also supported by some other GPS applications.</td>
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<td>COM4</td>
<td>Real-time corrections</td>
<td>Receives RTCM real-time correction messages. If you are using an external correction source connected to COM1 or a Bluetooth port, the corrections must be redirected to COM4. For more information, see <em>Using real-time corrections from other sources, page 48.</em></td>
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*Note* – COM1 is a standard serial port that connects to external devices. For more information, see *Using the Serial Clip, page 92.*
Configuring your GPS field software

The first time you use your GPS field software on the handheld, you may need to specify which GPS COM port to connect to. Specify COM2 if the software uses NMEA, or COM3 if the software uses TSIP. If you are not sure which protocol to use, check the documentation for the software.

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<td>TerraSync</td>
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<tr>
<td>ArcPad with the GPScorrect extension</td>
<td>When the Trimble GPScorrect extension is installed, the extension automatically configures the ArcPad software to use the integrated GPS receiver on COM3 using the Trimble GPScorrect protocol. To connect to GPS, tap the GPS button and then tap Yes. To configure a real-time DGPS source, or to view status information, run the GPScorrect extension. To do this, tap the GPScorrect button in the Trimble toolbar.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ArcPad 7 without the GPScorrect extension</td>
<td>1. In ArcPad, tap the GPS button and then select GPS Preferences from the drop-down menu. Tap the GPS tab. 2. In the Protocol field, select NMEA 0183. 3. In the Port field, select COM2. 4. Tap OK. 5. Tap the GPS button and then tap Yes.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ArcPad 6 without the GPScorrect extension</td>
<td>1. In ArcPad, tap the Tools button and then select GPS Preferences from the drop-down menu. Tap the GPS tab. 2. In the Protocol field, select NMEA 0183. 3. Tap the GPS tab and from the Port field, select COM2. 4. Tap OK. 5. Tap the GPS button and then tap Yes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NMEA application</td>
<td>Configure the software to connect to GPS on COM2 and then use the Connect or Activate GPS command.</td>
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<tr>
<td>TSIP application</td>
<td>Configure the software to connect to GPS on COM3 and then use the Connect or Activate GPS command.</td>
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Only software that is running on the handheld can connect directly to a GPS COM port. To supply GPS data to an external device, use GPS Connector to redirect the output from the appropriate GPS COM port to the serial port (COM1) or to a Bluetooth port. Then configure the external device to connect to that serial or Bluetooth port. For more information, see GPS Connector, page 49.

**Using your GPS field software**

By default, the handheld is configured to receive satellite signals in most conditions. Depending on the GPS field software you have installed, your default GPS field software will be GPS Controller, TerraSync, or the Trimble GPSCorrect extension for ESRI ArcPad software. This section describes how to use the GPS Controller software.

*Note* – GPS Controller duplicates the status and setup features of TerraSync software and the Trimble GPSCorrect extension for ESRI ArcPad software. If one of these applications is installed, it runs instead of GPS Controller when you tap the GPS softkey in the menu bar of the Today screen. For more information about these applications, refer to the documentation for the application.

The GPS Controller software is pre-installed on all GeoExplorer 2005 series handhelds and enables you to check the current GPS status, or to configure the integrated GPS receiver.

**To run GPS Controller, do one of the following:**

- From the Today screen, tap the GPS softkey in the menu bar.
- Tap 📑 / Programs / GPS Controller.
Use the graphical Skyplot section or the Satellite Info section to view detailed GPS information, and to adjust the quality and yield of the GPS positions you are receiving.

The GPS Controller software includes a Plan section for mission planning (see Planning a data collection session, page 46) and a Real-time section for configuring and monitoring real-time correction sources (see Using real-time differential corrections, page 47).

For more information on any GPS Controller section or function, refer to the GPS Controller Help.

**Configuring GPS settings**

Use the GPS Settings form in the GPS Controller software to configure the settings you require for GPS positions.

To open the GPS Settings form, do one of the following:

- Tap **GPS Settings** in the Setup section.
- Tap in the Skyplot, Satellite Info, or Plan section.

**Selecting predefined settings using the GPS slider**

Use the GPS slider to select predefined settings.

To use the slider, select the slider check box. The slider control appears on the GPS slider, and some fields in the form become read-only. The values in these fields change as the slider control position changes.

Drag the slider control to the left to decrease the GPS precision and include more satellites in GPS position calculations. Drag it to the right to increase the GPS precision and exclude satellites that do not meet the precision requirements from GPS position calculations. For more information, see Factors that affect accuracy, page 51.
**Selecting custom GPS settings**

To select custom GPS settings, clear the slider check box. The slider control disappears from the GPS slider, and the remaining fields change to editable numeric fields. To specify the required GPS settings, enter values in these fields.

**Configuring velocity filtering**

You can use velocity filtering to smooth GPS positions when collecting lines or areas in high multipath environments. To apply velocity filtering, you must:

1. Configure Velocity Filtering to *Auto* on the *GPS Settings* form.
2. Use real-time corrections from a real-time differential correction source such as a Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) (see page 47).

**Resetting GPS**

Trimble GPS applications all have options to reset the receiver to:

- delete the almanac
- delete information stored on the last known position
- restart the receiver
- reset the GPS receiver to factory default settings

**Planning a data collection session**

To maximize productivity, plan GPS data collection around the times of the day when satellite geometry is best. The GPS Controller software includes a Plan section with an animated skyplot and DOP (satellite geometry) graph for your position for the next 12 hours.
In the Plan section, you can check the planning skyplot as you play a session, then use the timeline to zoom in on times when geometry is poor. As you adjust GPS settings, the Plan section is updated, so you can see the effect of different quality control settings.

*Note* – *If you have other Trimble GPS field software installed, use the planning feature in that application instead of the GPS Controller software.*

**Using real-time differential corrections**

Use a real-time differential GPS (DGPS) source to receive differential corrections in real-time and give you better accuracy as you collect data. For more information about how real-time differential GPS works, see Differential GPS, page 53.

**Using SBAS corrections**

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has an integrated receiver that uses Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) correction messages to improve the accuracy and integrity of GPS data.

The default tracking mode is Auto. In Auto mode, the receiver tracks or locks onto the most powerful satellite signal. The receiver tracks SBAS satellites according to your geographical location:

- Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) satellites are tracked in the Continental United States including Alaska, and in southern parts of Canada.
- European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS) satellites are tracked in Europe.
- MTSAT Satellite-based Augmentation System (MSAS) satellites are tracked in Japan.
Using GPS

You can configure the receiver to use particular SBAS satellites in the Integrated SBAS Settings form of your Trimble GPS field software. Select the Custom option in the Tracking Mode field and then enable or disable tracking for any specific satellite.

To use SBAS corrections:

Note – If you have other Trimble GPS field software installed, configure real-time correction settings in that application instead of the GPS Controller software.

1. In the GPS Controller software, open the Real-time section and tap the Setup button.

2. In the Choice 1 field, select Integrated SBAS.

3. To select particular satellites, tap the Setup button next to the Choice 1 field. Select Custom tracking mode, and then enable or disable tracking of particular satellites. Tap OK to return to the Real-time Settings screen.

4. In the Choice 2 field, specify whether to use uncorrected positions, or to stop using GPS positions, if corrections are not available.

5. Tap OK.

Using real-time corrections from other sources

You can use corrections from an external correction source, such as a GeoBeacon receiver, a DGPS radio, or a mobile phone. The external correction source can be connected to a Bluetooth port or to the optional serial clip (COM1). Use the GPS Controller software to set up and monitor the real-time input source that you want to use.

The integrated GPS receiver communicates only through its GPS COM ports (COM2, COM3, and COM4). Input from an external correction source connected to COM1 or to a Bluetooth port must be
redirected to the real-time GPS COM port (COM4). Trimble applications, such as GPS Controller, handle the redirection automatically. If you are using any other application to set up and monitor real-time sources, use GPS Connector to redirect the input to COM4 (see below).

GPS Connector

The GPS Connector software is pre-installed on all GeoExplorer 2005 series handhelds.

To open GPS Connector, tap Settings / Connections / GPS Connector.

The GPS Connector software lets you connect the GPS COM ports to COM1 or Bluetooth ports and configure port settings such as the baud rate. GPS Connector software has a graphical display that shows all active connections, and a text display that shows connection messages.

Use the GPS Connector software to output NMEA or TSIP messages from the integrated GPS receiver to another device, such as an external data collector.

Note – If you are using a Bluetooth port, enable and configure the Bluetooth Serial Port service before you connect to the port.
The connections that you create in the GPS Connector software are only active while the software is running. Connections created by the GPS Connector software are labeled GPS Connector in the status screen and end when you exit the software.

For more information, refer to the GPS Connector Help.

**Antennas**

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has an internal antenna, which is suitable for use in most conditions. You can also connect a Hurricane or an external patch antenna for when you work in a vehicle. For improved yield under canopy, you can use a Hurricane antenna, or a patch antenna with a ground plane.

If you have a GeoXH handheld, you can connect an external Zephyr antenna for improved accuracy when you collect data using H-Star technology (see Maintaining Accuracy below).

**Maintaining Accuracy**

GeoExplorer 2005 series handhelds are high performance GPS receivers that calculate very accurate GPS positions. The GeoXM handheld provides reliable accuracy within 1 to 3 meters. The GeoXT and GeoXH handhelds use EVEREST multipath rejection technology to provide submeter accuracy.

*Note – All accuracy figures are for both real-time and postprocessed differentially corrected positions, unless otherwise stated.*

In addition, the GeoXH handheld enables you to use H-Star technology to obtain 30 cm (subfoot) accuracy with postprocessed differential correction. If you use the GeoXH handheld with an external Zephyr antenna, you can obtain accuracies of 20 cm (8 inches) or better with postprocessed differential correction.

*Note – Accuracy estimates for streaming (dynamic) GPS positions may be larger than 20 cm (using the external Zephyr antenna) or 30 cm (using the internal antenna).*
Factors that affect accuracy

The accuracy that you obtain from your GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is affected by the receiver model, the type of antenna used, whether the data is differentially corrected in real-time or after data collection, and whether you are logging a point feature using static GPS positions, or a line or area feature using streaming GPS positions.

The table below lists several other factors that affect the accuracy obtained from your receiver, and recommends ways to minimize their effect.

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<td>Number of visible satellites</td>
<td>The accuracy of your data increases with the number of satellites being used to calculate the position.</td>
<td>You need at least four satellites to calculate an accurate 3-dimensional position. Trimble data collection software only logs GPS positions when four or more satellites are visible. Tracking more satellites can help to lower DOP values.</td>
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<td>Multipath</td>
<td>Multipath is when GPS satellite signals are reflected off nearby objects, such as buildings or cars, causing an erroneous signal to be received by the GPS antenna. This can cause errors of several meters.</td>
<td>To reduce multipath, collect data in an open environment away from large reflective surfaces and with a clear view of the sky. In high multipath environments, record velocity data and use velocity filtering when postprocessing the data.</td>
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<td>Weak satellite signals</td>
<td>Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) is a measure of the strength of the satellite signal relative to the background noise. Accuracy degrades as the signal strength decreases. Weak signals may be caused by signals coming through vegetation, multipath signals, or low satellite elevation.</td>
<td>Set your GPS application to ignore satellites with a weak SNR. Trimble recommends a minimum SNR setting of 39 dBHz.</td>
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Poor satellite geometry

Dilution of Precision (DOP) is a measure of the quality of GPS positions, based on the spread (geometry) of the satellites in the sky that are used to compute the positions. When satellites are widely spaced relative to each other, the PDOP value is lower, and position accuracy is greater. If the view of the sky is partially blocked, or if all of the satellites are in one area of the sky, the geometry and DOP may be poor.

Set your GPS application to ignore positions with a poor DOP value. You can choose to filter positions based on PDOP (Position Dilution of Precision) or HDOP (Horizontal Dilution of Precision). PDOP is a measure of the horizontal and vertical quality of the GPS positions, whereas HDOP is just a measure of the horizontal precision (x and y coordinates). Select HDOP rather than PDOP if you want to ensure positions are accurate horizontally, and when vertical accuracy is less important.

Trimble recommends a maximum PDOP setting of 6, or a maximum HDOP setting of 4.

Satellite elevation

When a satellite is low on the horizon, satellite signals must travel farther through the atmosphere. This results in a lower signal strength and delayed reception by the GPS receiver, which can cause errors in calculating the position.

Set the elevation field in your data collection software to ignore satellites that are low in the sky. Trimble recommends a minimum elevation setting of 15°.

Occupation time at a point

Occupation time is the time spent at a point logging GPS positions.

For point features, remain at the feature and log a number of GPS positions to obtain an averaged position. When collecting line and area features, collect them using averaged vertices.

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**Differential GPS**

Use differential GPS to correct errors in your collected data. Differential GPS (DGPS) requires two or more receivers. One receiver, called the *reference station*, is located at a known point to determine the GPS measurement errors and compute corrections to these errors. An unlimited number of mobile GPS receivers, called *rovers*, collect GPS data at unknown locations within the vicinity of the reference station. Errors common at both the reference and rover receivers are corrected with DGPS either in real time or during postprocessing.

**Real-time DGPS**

In real-time DGPS, the reference station calculates and broadcasts the error for each satellite as each measurement is received, enabling you to apply corrections while in the field and collect accurate GPS data.

Real-time DGPS sources include external beacon and radio sources, as well as Satellite Based Augmentation Systems (SBAS) such as WAAS in the US and EGNOS in Europe, and Virtual Reference Station (VRS™) systems. SBAS and VRS systems use multiple reference stations in a network to calculate the DGPS corrections which are then delivered to the user from a Geostationary satellite (SBAS) or from a radio or cell phone (VRS).

Factors that affect real-time DGPS accuracy include how often the corrections are updated, how far you are from the reference station, and whether the coordinate system used by the correction source matches the coordinate system used by the GPS receiver.

**Postprocessed DGPS**

In postprocessed DGPS, the collected GPS data is transferred to an office computer, and measurements from the reference station are downloaded. Postprocessing software such as the GPS Pathfinder Office software or the Trimble GPS Analyst extension for ESRI ArcGIS software is used to differentially correct the collected data.
Postprocessed DGPS typically uses only one reference station, however, when differentially correcting data collected with GeoXH receivers using H-Star technology, you can select multiple reference stations to correct the file against for improved accuracy.

Factors that affect the accuracy of postprocessed DGPS include the type of receiver and antenna used at the reference station, the distance between the reference station and the location where the rover data was collected, the accuracy of the reference station position, and the logging interval at the reference station.

For more information, refer to the documentation provided with your postprocessing software.

**Postprocessed real-time DGPS**

Postprocessed DGPS positions are generally more accurate than DGPS positions obtained in real time. You can postprocess your files in the GPS Pathfinder Office software or the Trimble GPS Analyst extension to improve the accuracy of your collected data if you collect any of the following:

- H-Star data using a GPS receiver with H-Star technology (a GeoXH handheld or a GPS Pathfinder ProXH™ receiver)
- GPS positions using the TerraSync software
- GPS positions using the Trimble GPScorrect extension for ESRI ArcPad software
- GPS positions using an application developed using the GPS Pathfinder Tools SDK

*Note* – For more information about GPS and DGPS, go to [www.trimble.com/gps](http://www.trimble.com/gps) and review the All About GPS tutorial.
Power

When fully charged, the internal battery of the handheld provides enough power for a full working day using GPS. To extend the time between charges, use the optional vehicle power adaptor (P/N 61235-10) or the external power kit (P/N 57123-00). Use the support module with the AC adaptor (P/N 61234-00) supplied with the international adaptor kit to recharge the internal battery.

Safety warnings

Battery safety

WARNING – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is powered by an internal rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. Charge and use the battery only in strict accordance with the instructions provided.

To prevent injury or damage:
- Never attempt to remove, replace, or repair the battery yourself.
- Do not damage the battery.
- Do not store or leave your device near a heat source such as near a fireplace or other heat-generating appliance, or otherwise expose it to temperatures in excess of 70°C (158°F) such as on a vehicle dashboard. When heated to excessive temperatures, battery cells could explode or vent, posing a risk of fire.
- Do not use the handheld if the battery appears to be leaking.
- If the battery requires attention, send the handheld to your local Trimble Service center.
- Discharge the handheld before disposing of the battery. When disposing of the battery, be sure to do so in an environmentally sensitive manner. Adhere to any local and national regulations concerning battery disposal or recycling.
**AC adaptor safety**

**WARNING** – To use AC adaptors safely:
- Use only the AC adaptor intended for the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Using any other AC adaptor can damage your product and may void your warranty. Do not use the AC adaptor with any other product.
- Make certain that the input voltage on the adaptor matches the voltage and frequency in your location.
- Make certain that the adaptor has prongs compatible with your outlets.
- AC adaptors are designed for indoor use only. Avoid using the AC adaptor in wet outdoor areas.
- Unplug the AC adaptor from power when not in use.
- Do not short the output connector.
- There are no user-serviceable parts in this product.
- Should damage to the AC adaptor occur, replace it with a new Trimble AC adaptor (P/N 61234-00).

**Charging the internal Lithium-ion battery**

The rechargeable Lithium-ion battery is supplied partially charged. Charge the battery completely before using it for the first time. If the battery has been stored for longer than six months, charge it before use. Trimble recommends charging the battery for eight hours to recharge it fully.

An international adaptor kit is provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. To charge the handheld’s internal battery, use the international adaptor kit connected to either the support module or the optional serial clip.

*Note* – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is not compatible with the AC adaptor or support module supplied with previous versions of the handheld (and vice versa). You must use the AC power adaptor (P/N 61234-00) and support module (P/N 53500-00) provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.
To charge the internal battery using the support module:

1. Use the AC power adaptor to connect the support module to mains power.
2. Place the handheld in the support module.
3. Leave for up to eight hours to recharge.

Note – The Power settings screen always shows 100% power for the backup battery. The handheld does not have a backup battery installed.

Using the support module with the AC power adaptor recharges the internal battery. In the office, leave the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld in the support module to conserve the battery.

If you are not going to use the handheld for some time, either keep the handheld connected to mains power to keep it charged, or charge the battery to approximately 30% and then switch it off. For more information, see Storage, page 102.

Using external power

Use the optional serial clip to connect the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to an external power source. Depending on the optional accessories that you have purchased, you can use mains power, the external power kit, or a vehicle's battery to supply power to the handheld.

To connect to an external power source:

1. Attach the serial clip (P/N 53550-00) to the handheld.
2. Plug the appropriate cable into the power port on the serial clip.
Note – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is not compatible with the serial clip supplied with previous versions of the handheld. You must use the gray serial clip (P/N 53550-00) provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.

3. Connect the other end of the cable to the external power source.

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Note – You must use the vehicle power adaptor (P/N 61235-10) or the Lithium-ion battery supplied with the external power kit (P/N 57123-00) provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. These components are not compatible with previous versions of the GeoExplorer series handheld. Likewise, the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is not compatible with the 12V vehicle power adaptor or the 12V lead acid camcorder battery supplied with the external power kit used with previous versions of the handheld.

Recharging from an external power source

By default, the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld recharges its internal battery from any external power source that is connected. Recharging the battery draws more power from the external source than is used to power the handheld.
Suspend mode

When you press the **Power** button to turn off the handheld, the handheld goes into Suspend mode. This is a low-power mode that maintains the main memory contents but does not allow you to operate any of the handheld’s functions. The handheld appears to be turned off. The integrated GPS receiver is turned off and any application using GPS is disconnected.

To turn on the handheld when it is in Suspend mode, press the **Power** button. The handheld is ready for operation. There may be a delay of up to 30 seconds while the integrated GPS receiver automatically reactivates.

You can configure the handheld to automatically enter Suspend mode when it has been idle for a specified time. By default, the handheld is set to enter Suspend mode if the handheld is not used for three minutes.

**To change the time to enter Suspend mode:**

1. Tap \[ Settings \] / System / Power.
2. Tap the Advanced tab.
3. From the On battery power group, select the **Turn off device if not used for** check box and select the idle time from the drop-down list.
4. Tap OK.
Conserving power

Although the handheld battery can operate for a full day without recharging, you should try to conserve battery power as much as possible. Follow these tips to reduce power consumption:

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<td>• Turn off the integrated Bluetooth or wireless LAN radios whenever you are not using them. For more information, see Using the Bluetooth Radio, page 72 and Using the Wireless LAN Radio, page 87.</td>
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<td>• Do not use the backlight, unless required. To turn off the backlight, press the Display button. You can also set the backlight to automatically turn off if the handheld has been idle for a specified time. For more information, see Backlight, page 100.</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> – Trimble GPS field applications override any automatic settings and keep the backlight on while connected to the GPS receiver. Press the Display button to turn off the backlight.</td>
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<td>• Disconnect from the integrated GPS receiver when GPS data is not required, using the application’s Disconnect or Deactivate GPS option. When you disconnect from GPS, the integrated GPS receiver switches off and stops drawing power.</td>
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<td><strong>Note</strong> – Do not disconnect from GPS if you will be reconnecting within about five minutes. A GPS application can take up to 30 seconds to reactivate the integrated GPS receiver, so disconnecting to save power can cost time.</td>
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Memory

The handheld has two types of memory:

- **main memory** is similar to the RAM in a computer, and is used for running programs.
- **flash disk** is similar to the hard disk in a computer, and is used for storing programs and data.

All devices powered by Windows Mobile 5.0 software have persistent storage. All registry settings and data are stored on the non-volatile disk memory. RAM is not accessible for saving data, and is only used for running programs.

To check the memory capacity on the handheld, tap \[\text{Settings / System / Memory}\]. The Storage and Program columns show the current memory available, and the total memory (disk and RAM) that is already in use.

SD memory cards

To save data in an alternative location to the flash disk, the handheld has a **Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card** slot. You can use SD memory cards to make copies of information and to securely transfer data to and from another device with an SD slot.

**CAUTION** – Static electricity can harm electronic components inside the handheld. To prevent static damage:
- Discharge static electricity from your body before you touch any of the handheld’s electronic components, such as a memory module. You can do so by touching an unpainted metal surface.
Note – Do not store data to an SD memory card that you will require if the card is removed, for example an application. Data saved to an SD memory card is only available when the card is inserted in the handheld.

To insert an SD memory card:
Place the handheld on a dust-free indoor surface.

**CAUTION** – The presence of any dust or moisture in the SD slot may adversely affect the device and void your Trimble warranty. To prevent dust or moisture entering the SD slot:
- Make certain that the SD door is attached correctly when you are using the handheld outdoors.
- When inserting or removing an SD card, place the handheld on a dust-free indoor surface.

1. Unscrew the stylus cap to access the screwdriver.

![ SDS card and screwdriver](image)

2. Use the screwdriver to undo both screws on the SD door.
3. Insert the SD memory card into the SD slot.

**Note** – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld does not support SDIO (SD input/output) memory cards or SDHC (high capacity SD) memory cards.

4. Reattach the SD door, insert both screws and tighten. Ensure that it is attached correctly.
5. Replace the stylus cap.
To remove an SD memory card:
1. Remove the SD door (see steps 1 through 2 above).
2. To eject the SD card from the SD card slot, push the card in.
   The card pops out.
3. Remove the card and, if you want to, insert a new SD card.
4. Reattach the SD door, insert both screws and tighten.
5. Replace the stylus cap.

**Backing up data**

Documents and program files that are stored on the flash disk are not affected by power loss or resetting. However, you can still lose data if you accidentally delete or overwrite it.

**CAUTION** – Windows Mobile 5.0 software does not include a Recycle Bin. When you delete files from the flash disk, they are deleted permanently.

To protect your data, Trimble recommends that you regularly copy important data to your office computer or to an SD memory card.

**To back up files:**
1. Connect the handheld to the computer using the Windows Mobile Device Center or ActiveSync technology.
2. Do one of the following:
   - In the *Windows Mobile Device Center* window, click *Connect without setting up your device* and then click *File Management*.
   - In the *Microsoft ActiveSync* window, click *Explore*.
   A Windows Explorer-type window opens, showing the contents of the handheld.
3. Browse to the location of the files that you want to back up.
4. Select the files that you want to back up, and then copy them to the computer or to your SD memory card.
To restore files from a backup on a computer:
1. Connect the handheld to the computer using the Windows Mobile Device Center or ActiveSync technology.
2. Copy files from the backup copy on the computer or your SD memory card to the handheld, overwriting the existing files.

Resetting the handheld

If the handheld stops responding to the stylus, or the screen goes blank, you may need to reset it.

Tip – If the screen is blank, low contrast may be the cause. Press the Display button to turn on the backlight.

To reset the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld, hold down the Power button for 5 seconds to perform a soft reset.

If that does not work, hold down the Power button for 15 seconds to perform a soft reset and turn off the handheld. Then press the Power button to turn it on again.

Note – Files stored on the flash disk are not affected by a reset.
Internet and Network Connections

You can connect to the Internet and your corporate network to browse the Internet or intranet, send and receive e-mail and instant messages, and access files on the network.

This section provides information on:
- connection methods
- setting up a dial-up modem connection (see page 66)
- setting up a VPN server connection (see page 67)
- setting up a mail service (see page 68)
- connecting to the Internet (see page 69)
- connecting to work (see page 70)
- managing connections by ending, removing or changing existing connections (see page 71)

Connection methods

You can connect to the Internet or a network using an external modem or mobile phone connected to the handheld using Bluetooth technology or the optional serial clip.

The simplest connection method is a wireless LAN (Local Area Network) connection using the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld’s integrated wireless LAN radio (see Connecting to the Internet, page 69 and Connecting to work, page 70). For more information, see Setting up a wireless LAN connection, page 88.

You can also connect to the internet or a network using **cabled Ethernet**. For more information, see Using Cabled Ethernet, page 90.
Setting up connections

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has two groups of connection settings: My ISP and My Work Network. My ISP settings are used to connect your device to the Internet, and My Work Network settings can be used to connect to any other private network, such as a corporate intranet you use at work.

You can set up a connection to store the configuration details for connecting to a particular computer or network, so that you do not have to enter these details each time you connect.

Set up a new dial-up modem connection or a Virtual Private Network (VPN) for each computer or network that you want to access remotely.

Setting up a dial-up modem connection

Before you begin, obtain the following information from your Internet Service provider or wireless service provider:

- ISP server phone number or access point
- user name and password

To set up a dial-up connection to an ISP or network:

1. Tap / Settings / Connections / Connections.
2. From either the My ISP list or the My Work Network list, tap Add a new modem connection.
3. Enter a name for the connection.
4. From the Select a modem list, select a modem and then tap Next.
5. Enter the dial-up phone number for the connection.
6. If required, enter the user name, password and domain provided by the ISP or network administrator.
7. You should not need to configure advanced settings. However, if you want to change the connection preferences, tap **Advanced**.

8. Tap **OK**.

9. Tap **Finish**.

**Tip** – If you cannot connect with the default configuration or TCP/IP settings, contact your ISP or network administrator.

### Setting up a VPN server connection

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection helps you to securely connect to servers, such as a corporate network, using the Internet. Before you begin, obtain the following information from your network administrator:

- user name and password
- domain name
- TCP/IP settings
- host name or IP address of the VPN server

To set up a VPN server connection to a network:

1. Tap **Settings / Connections / Connections**.

2. From the **My Work Network** list, tap **Add a new VPN server connection**.

3. Follow the instructions in the Make New Connection wizard.

4. Tap **Finish**.
Setting up a mail service

To connect to a mail server for sending and receiving e-mail, you need to create a mail service in the Messaging software. If you need to connect to different mailboxes, set up and name a different service for each connection.

*Note* – The Messaging software supports only the POP3 and IMAP4 protocols for incoming mail, and SMTP for outgoing mail.

To set up a mail service:

1. Tap / Messaging.
2. Tap *Menu / Tools / New Account*.
3. In the *Name* field, enter a unique name for the account. Tap *Next*.
4. Follow the steps in the Setup wizard, using the connection details supplied by your ISP or network administrator.

*Note* – You cannot change the account name later.

*Tipp* – To receive TerraSync data files by e-mail, tap *Options* and in the last page select the *Get full copy of messages* option from the drop-down list, as well as the *Get attachments* option if it is displayed.

5. Tap *Finish*.
6. Tap *OK* to download mail immediately, using a previously configured dial-up or wireless network connection.
Connecting to the Internet

Connect to the Internet using either:

- the wireless LAN connection you have set up and the handheld’s internal wireless LAN radio.
- the dial-up modem connection you have set up and an external modem or mobile phone connected to the handheld using Bluetooth technology or the optional serial clip.

To automatically connect to the Internet, start using the desired program, for example Internet Explorer Mobile.

To manually connect to the Internet:

1. Set up either a wireless LAN connection (see page 88) or a dial-up modem connection (see page 66).
2. If you are using a wireless connection, remove the handheld from the support module.
3. If you are using a dial-up modem connection, connect to the external modem or mobile phone using either a Bluetooth connection (see Pairing with a Bluetooth device, page 75), or the optional serial clip (see Connecting to external devices, page 93).
4. Go to the Connection settings page, tap and hold the connection you want to use, and tap Connect.
   If required, enter your user name, password, and domain, and then tap Connect.
5. Start using the desired program. For example, start Internet Explorer Mobile to browse the Web or an intranet. Use Messaging to send and receive e-mail. For more information, refer to the Help.
Connecting to work

Connect to a work network or intranet using either:

- the wireless LAN connection you have set up and the handheld’s internal wireless LAN radio.

- the dial-up modem or VPN server connection you have set up and an external modem or mobile phone connected to the handheld using Bluetooth technology or the optional serial clip.

To **automatically** connect to the network, start using the desired program, for example Windows Explorer Mobile.

**Note** – *If you have set up more than one wireless network connection, you may need to manually select the connection you want to use.***

**To manually connect to work:**

1. Set up a wireless LAN connection (see page 88), a VPN server connection (see page 67), or a dial-up modem connection (see page 66).

2. Remove the handheld from the support module.

3. Establish a physical connection between the handheld and the network. If you are using:

   - a wireless LAN connection, bring the handheld within range of the network so that the handheld’s internal wireless LAN radio can locate it.

   - an external modem or mobile phone, connect it to the handheld using either a Bluetooth connection (see Pairing with a Bluetooth device, page 75), or the optional serial clip (see Connecting to external devices, page 93).

4. Go to the Connection settings page, tap and hold the connection you want to use and then tap **Connect**.

5. If required, enter your user name, password, and domain and then tap **Connect**.

6. Start using the desired program. For example, Windows Explorer Mobile to locate files on the network. For more information, refer to the Help.
Managing connections

You can change connection settings or remove existing connections. You can also end a connection at any time.

Ending a connection

To minimize mobile phone or Internet provider connection charges and to free resources on the handheld, end a connection when you have finished using it.

To end a connection when connected using a modem or VPN, tap on the title bar and then tap Disconnect.

Changing connection settings

To change settings for a dial-up modem or VPN server connection:
1. Tap / Settings / Connections / Connections.
2. From the My Work Network list, tap Manage existing connections.
3. Depending on the type of connection, tap either the Modem or VPN tab.
4. Select the connection and then tap Edit.

Deleting a connection

To delete a dial-up modem or VPN server connection:
1. Tap / Settings / Connections / Connections.
2. From either the My ISP or My Work Network list, tap Manage existing connections.
3. Depending on the type of connection, tap either the Modem or VPN tab.
4. Tap and hold the connection you want to remove, and tap Delete.

Tip – To delete a wireless LAN connection, see page 88.
Using the Bluetooth Radio

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has an integrated Bluetooth radio that you can use to establish a wireless connection to other Bluetooth devices that are within range.

Using a Bluetooth connection, you can communicate with devices such as mobile phones, desktop computers, other handhelds, and laser rangefinders. You can also communicate with peripheral devices that use Bluetooth adaptors instead of serial or USB connections.

This section provides information on:
- Bluetooth hosts and clients (see page 72)
- deactivating the Bluetooth radio (see page 73)
- enabling Bluetooth wireless connections (see page 74)
- pairing with other Bluetooth devices (see page 75)
- accessing Bluetooth services as a client (see page 77)
- providing Bluetooth services as a host (see page 82)
- beaming files to other devices (see page 85)

Bluetooth hosts and clients

The handheld can be used as a client or as a host, and can act as both at the same time.

To communicate using a Bluetooth connection, a client device scans the Bluetooth radio frequency to "discover" other Bluetooth devices. Once it has discovered a host, the client selects the service that it will use. A service defines what type of information can be transferred to or from the host, and how. A client can connect to a number of different services provided by different hosts. The number of active connections at any one time affects the speed of the connections.
Deactivating the Bluetooth radio

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is shipped with Bluetooth wireless technology activated. To use the Bluetooth radio, you need to turn it on (see Enabling Bluetooth wireless connections, page 74). You may need to deactivate the Bluetooth radio in the handheld if the country in which you are working does not approve the use of Bluetooth wireless technology. If you are unsure about whether the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld’s Bluetooth radio is approved for use in your country, check with your Trimble reseller.

Use the Radio Activation Manager software to deactivate the Bluetooth radio, or to reactivate the Bluetooth radio if it has been deactivated.

The Radio Activation Manager software runs on an office computer.
The latest copy of the software is available for download from the Trimble website. Go to www.trimble.com/support.shtml, click the link for your receiver (GeoXH, GeoXM, or GeoXT), click Downloads, click GeoExplorer 2005 Series and then click Radio Activation Manager.

**Enabling Bluetooth wireless connections**

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is shipped with Bluetooth wireless technology activated.

Use the Bluetooth control to turn on the integrated Bluetooth radio, scan for and pair with other Bluetooth devices, and configure host services on the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.

To open the Bluetooth control, tap / Settings / Connections / Bluetooth.

**Turning on the Bluetooth radio**

To use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld as a Bluetooth host or client, you must turn on the Bluetooth radio.

To turn on the Bluetooth radio:

1. Tap / Settings / Connections / Bluetooth.
2. In the Mode tab, select the Turn on Bluetooth option. This enables the integrated Bluetooth radio.

*Note* – If the integrated Bluetooth radio is deactivated, the message No Bluetooth hardware appears.

*Tip* – To conserve power, turn off the Bluetooth radio when it is not in use.
Enabling Flight mode

Aviation authority regulations can restrict the use of radios on board aircraft. You may be required to turn off the handheld or radios. When Flight mode is enabled, the handheld cannot send or receive Bluetooth or wireless LAN signals.

To enable Flight mode, do one of the following:

- Tap \(\text{Settings} / \text{System} / \text{Power} / \text{Wireless}\) tab. Select "Wireless signals off (Flight mode)."
- Tap in the title bar and then tap "Turn on flight mode."

Making the handheld discoverable

If you want to pair with another Bluetooth device, or if you want to use the handheld as a host device, you need to make the handheld Discoverable. A discoverable device can be detected by other devices when they scan.

To make the handheld discoverable:

1. Tap \(\text{Settings} / \text{Connections} / \text{Bluetooth}\).
2. In the Mode tab, select the "Make this device discoverable to other devices" check box.

Pairing with a Bluetooth device

Pairing the handheld with another Bluetooth-enabled device creates a permanent security bond between the devices, which helps to exchange information securely between the devices. The paired relationship is established when two devices create and exchange a link key. Once the relationship is established, the handheld and the
other Bluetooth device only need to have their Bluetooth radios turned on to exchange information; they do not need to be in discoverable mode.

**To pair with a Bluetooth device:**

1. Make sure that the handheld and the Bluetooth device you want to pair with are within five meters of each other, and that Bluetooth is in Discoverable mode on both devices.

2. Tap / Settings / Connections / Bluetooth and then tap the Devices tab.

3. In the Devices list, tap New Partnership. The handheld searches for other Bluetooth devices and displays them in the list.

4. Tap the name of the device you want to pair with and then tap Next.

5. In the Passkey field, enter a passkey of between 1 and 16 characters and tap Next.

6. Enter the same passkey on the other device.

7. In the Display Name field, change the name of the device if required.

8. Select the services you want to use with this device. For more information, see the table on page 77.


**Tip** – You only need to pair the handheld with a device before you connect to the device for the first time.
Accessing Bluetooth services as a client

You can use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld as a Bluetooth client. A Bluetooth client uses services offered by Bluetooth host devices that are within range.

When you connect to a Bluetooth service on a host device, a virtual serial port is created on the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. Like a physical port, the virtual serial port sends and receives data using the RS-232 serial communication protocol.

For example, you can connect the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to a Trimble GeoBeacon receiver to receive real-time differential GPS corrections from a DGPS beacon network. The GeoBeacon receiver is the host and the handheld is a client using that service.

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld can connect to the following services:

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<td>ActiveSync</td>
<td>Enables an ActiveSync connection to a computer.</td>
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<td>Dial-Up Network (DUN)</td>
<td>Connects the handheld to a mobile phone or modem for dial-up network or Internet access.</td>
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Setting up a connection to a Bluetooth serial port service on a paired device

*Note – Use this method for devices that can be paired by exchanging passkeys. If you cannot pair the devices (for example, if you cannot enter a passkey on one of the devices because it does not have a keyboard or it does not have a pre-programmed passkey) see Setting up a connection to a Bluetooth serial port service on a non-paired device, page 78.*

To set up the connection:

1. Pair the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld with the device you want to connect to (see Pairing with a Bluetooth device, page 75).
2. In the Bluetooth manager, tap the COM Ports tab.
3. Tap New Outgoing Port.
4. Select the paired device you want to set up the connection to and then tap **Next**.
5. Select the COM port on the GeoExplorer handheld to use for the connection.
6. Clear the **Secure Connection** check box.
7. Tap **Finish**.

To connect to the device, run the application that will use the serial port service and select the COM port you selected for this connection.

**Setting up a connection to a Bluetooth serial port service on a non-paired device**

Unlike other Bluetooth connections, you can set up a client serial port connection without first pairing the devices. This means you can set up serial port connections with a device that does not have a keypad for entering a PIN and which otherwise you would not be able to pair with, such as the GeoBeacon receiver.

To set up the connection:

1. Make sure that the **host** Bluetooth device is Discoverable.
2. In the Bluetooth control, tap the **Serial Ports** tab.
3. Add a new **client** serial port, or change the settings for an existing one.
   - To change the settings for an existing client serial port, tap and hold the name of the serial port in the **Client Serial Ports** list.
   - To add a new client serial port, tap **New** in the **Client Serial Ports** list.

The list immediately shows any paired devices that have a serial port profile exposed. The Searching icon appears, and the handheld scans for any other Bluetooth devices that are within range and that expose the serial port profile. Tap the name of the serial port you want to set up and then tap **Next**.
4. The *Set up the Bluetooth device* dialog appears. The name of the host device is in the *Name* field. Edit the *Name* field if required.

5. From the *Port* list, select an available COM or BSP port on the handheld. The next available port is selected as the default.

   **Note** – *If the application that will use this service cannot recognize BSP ports, select a COM port.*

6. Normally, the host device handles authentication and encryption. If you require these options, and the host cannot be configured, select the *Authentication* and *Encryption* check boxes.

7. Tap *Finish*. The client serial port you have just set up is listed under *New* in the Client Serial Ports list, with the assigned port indicated.

   To connect to the device, run the application that will use the serial port service and select the COM port you selected for this connection. If the host requires authentication, you must enter a passkey to connect.

**Setting up a connection to a Bluetooth ActiveSync service**

Instead of a physical connection using a serial or USB cable, you can use Bluetooth to connect to ActiveSync technology on a Bluetooth-enabled office computer.

   **Note** – *Not all Bluetooth stacks support ActiveSync connections. Check with your PC manufacturer for compatibility.*

   **Note** – *The exact steps required may vary depending on the office computer.*
To establish an ActiveSync connection:

1. From the Bluetooth user interface on the desktop computer, identify the virtual COM port of the host Bluetooth Serial Port or Local Service and ensure that this is enabled. In this example, the virtual COM port is COM5.

2. Start ActiveSync on your desktop computer.


4. Select the Allow connections to one of the following check box.

5. From the list, select the COM port that you selected in Step 1 and then click OK.

Note – You must correctly configure the Bluetooth host serial port and ActiveSync on the office computer before attempting to form a Bluetooth connection from the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld to the office computer.

6. Make sure the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is set to Discoverable mode (see Making the handheld discoverable, page 75).

7. Tap / Settings / Connections / Bluetooth and then tap the Devices tab.
8. In the Devices list, tap New Partnership. The handheld searches for other Bluetooth devices and displays them in the list.

9. Tap the name of the computer you want to connect to and then tap Next.

10. When prompted, enter a passkey on the handheld and then enter the same passkey on the office computer that you are connecting to.

11. In the list of services provided by the computer, select the ActiveSync check box and then tap Finish.

To connect to the ActiveSync service:

1. On the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld, tap Programs / ActiveSync.

2. Tap Menu and then select Connect via Bluetooth.

**Setting up a connection to the Internet using a Bluetooth-enabled device**

For e-mail and Internet access, you can use Bluetooth wireless technology to connect to a Bluetooth-enabled mobile phone or modem.

If the handheld is running TerraSync software, you can use Bluetooth wireless technology to connect the handheld to a VRS™ (Virtual Reference Station) network. A mobile phone provides the modem.

To set up a Bluetooth dial-up connection to the Internet:

1. Pair the handheld with the mobile phone you intend to connect to, selecting the Dialup Networking service if it is not already selected (see Pairing with a Bluetooth device, page 75).

2. On the handheld, tap Settings / Connections / Connections.
3. Select *Add a new modem connection.*

4. Enter the name for the connection and select Bluetooth for the modem type. Tap **Next.**

5. Enter the phone number to dial and then tap **Next.**

*Note – If you need to configure the baud rate or other custom settings for the connection, tap **Advanced.***

6. Tap **Connections / Manage existing connections** then tap and hold the connection you just created and then select **Connect.**

The phone should now dial the configured number.

7. Run the TerraSync software and then set up an external real-time correction source:
   a. In the **Type** field, select either Single Base or VRS as required.
   b. For the connection method, select Internet and then enter the IP address that you will connect to.

The next time you connect to the real-time correction source in the TerraSync software, the handheld uses a Bluetooth connection to the mobile phone to dial into the base station or VRS.

For more information, refer to the *TerraSync Software Reference Manual.*

**Providing Bluetooth services as a host**

You can use the predefined Bluetooth host services on the handheld, or create additional serial port services.

To provide a host service, turn on the Bluetooth radio (see page 74) and make the device Discoverable (see page 75). If the service is a serial port service, you may need to add or configure the service (see Setting up a host serial port service below). Other host services do
not require any configuration because they use either pre-assigned ports, or use the My Documents folder for file transfers. Other services already have authentication and encryption enabled.

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld provides the following host services:

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<td>Basic Imaging</td>
<td>Allows the client to preview, browse, and copy JPEG image files, and to send JPEG files to the handheld.</td>
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<tr>
<td>File Transfer</td>
<td>Allows a client to browse, copy, paste, and delete files and folders on the handheld.</td>
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*Note – You cannot transfer files between two GeoExplorer 2005 series handhelds, as the client file transfer profile is not supported. The handheld supports file transfers as a host device only.*

### Setting up a host serial port service

A serial port service creates a virtual serial port on the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld, enabling you to connect to another Bluetooth device without using a physical COM port and cable. Like a physical port, the virtual serial port sends and receives data using the RS-232 serial communication protocol.

*Note – Trimble GPS field applications can connect to BSP ports as well as to COM ports. However, some other applications do not recognize BSP ports. If a client device is unable to connect to a serial port service that uses a BSP port, configure the service to use a COM port instead.*

To add or configure a host serial port service:

1. Make sure that the **client** Bluetooth device is Discoverable.
2. Make the handheld Discoverable (see page 75) and then tap the Serial Ports tab.
3. Add a new **host** serial port, or change the settings for an existing one.
   - To change the settings for an existing host serial port, tap and hold the name of the serial port in the Host Serial Ports list.
– To add a new host serial port, tap New in the Host Serial Ports list.

4. The Setup the Bluetooth Device dialog appears.

5. In the Name field, enter a unique name, or for an existing host serial port, edit the name if required.

6. From the Port list, select an available COM or BSP port on the handheld. By default, the next available port is selected.

7. The Authentication check box is selected by default. When the host connects to this service, the Enter PIN dialog appears. Enter a PIN (passkey) in this dialog and then enter the same PIN on the client.

Note – Authentication helps to ensure that your data remains secure. However, if you enable authentication, only client devices that support PIN entry will be able to connect to the service.

8. The Encryption check box is selected by default, so that data transferred using this service will be encrypted.

9. Tap Finish to return to the Serial Ports tab. The new host serial port is listed in the Host Serial Ports list, with the assigned port indicated.
Applications on the handheld can now use the COM or BSP port that you selected for this service. For example, to provide NMEA messages from the integrated GPS receiver to a Bluetooth client, use the GPS Connector software to redirect the NMEA output on COM2 to the virtual serial port or Bluetooth port that you have assigned to this service.

*Note* – *Trimble recommends that you establish the Bluetooth connection before* you supply data to a service.

**Beaming files to or from another device**

You can beam files, contacts, tasks, and appointments between the handheld and another device.

**To receive beamed files from another device:**

1. Make sure the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is set to Discoverable mode (see *Making the handheld discoverable, page 75*).
2. Tap / Settings / Connections/ Beam.
3. Select the *Receive all incoming beams* check box and then tap OK.
4. When another device attempts to beam a file, a message appears asking if you accept the file. To receive the file, tap Yes.

*Note* – *All incoming files are automatically saved in the My Documents folder on the handheld.*
To send beamed files to another device:

1. Make sure that the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld’s integrated Bluetooth radio is turned on (see page 74).

2. On the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld, open File Explorer and go to the file you want to send.

3. Tap and hold the file, and then select Beam File. The handheld scans for nearby devices.

4. Tap the device you want to send the file to. The file is sent to the device.

A message reports Done or Failed, depending on the outcome of the file transfer.
Using the Wireless LAN Radio

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has an integrated wireless Local Area Network (LAN) radio that you can use to receive data anywhere within the range of a wireless LAN access point. Wireless LAN is sometimes referred to as wireless Ethernet.

A wireless LAN connection can be used to connect to the Internet (at broadband speeds), and to connect to 802.11b standard Ethernet networks within range of an available wireless LAN access point. Access points are also known as “hotspots”.

This section provides information on:

• enabling and disabling the wireless LAN radio
• enabling Flight mode
• setting up a wireless LAN connection
• connecting to a network using a wireless LAN connection

Enabling and disabling the wireless LAN radio

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is shipped with the integrated wireless LAN radio enabled. You can disable (that is, turn off) the radio, for example, if you want to conserve power.

To disable the wireless LAN radio:

1. Tap / Settings / System / Power.
2. Select the Wireless tab and then clear the Wireless Network Driver check box.

To re-enable the radio, repeat steps 1 through 2 above, selecting the Wireless Network Driver check box.

The wireless LAN icon in the title bar indicates that the wireless LAN radio is enabled.
Enabling Flight mode

When Flight mode is enabled, the handheld cannot send or receive Bluetooth or wireless LAN signals.

To enable Flight mode, do one of the following:

• Tap / Settings / System / Power / Wireless tab. Select Wireless signals off (Flight mode).
• Tap in the title bar and then tap Turn on flight mode.

Setting up a wireless LAN connection

Use the Network Cards settings page to set up wireless LAN connections to networks.

To set up a wireless LAN connection:

1. Make sure that the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld’s wireless LAN radio is enabled (see page 87).
2. Tap / Settings / Connections / Network Cards.
3. Select the Wireless tab.
   Any networks that you have already configured are displayed in the list of preferred networks.
4. To add a new network, tap Add New. To change the settings for an existing network, tap the network.
5. Enter the name of the network and other connection details.
   – To use authentication, tap the Network Key tab and select the authentication method from the Authentication list.
   – To use data encryption, select an encryption method from the Data encryption list.
- To automatically use a network key, tap *The key is automatically provided*. Otherwise, enter the network key.
- For increased security, tap the 802.1x tab and configure additional authentication information.

6. Tap **OK** to return to the *Configure Wireless Networks* page.

7. From the *Networks to access* drop-down list, select the types of network you want to connect to. Options are *All Available*, *Only access points* or *Only computer-to-computer*.

8. Tap **OK**.

To delete a wireless LAN connection, tap and hold the connection in the *Wireless* tab and then select *Delete*.

**Connecting to a network using wireless LAN connectivity**

To automatically connect to a network or access point using the wireless LAN connection you have set up:

1. Remove the handheld from the support module, as the handheld prioritizes a USB connection over a wireless LAN connection.

2. Bring the handheld within range of the network or access point.

   When a wireless LAN is detected, the access point icon on the title bar is animated, and a notification message appears.

3. Start using the desired program, for example Windows Explorer Mobile.

If you are within range of more than one network or access point that you have set up wireless LAN connections to, you may need to **manually** select the connection you want to use (see *Connecting to the Internet*, page 69 and *Connecting to work*, page 70).
Using Cabled Ethernet

The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld provides the option of connecting the handheld to the Internet, a network, or an office computer using a cabled Ethernet connection.

Note – ActiveSync version 4.0 and later does not support connections to an office computer using cabled Ethernet technology. If you want to synchronize the handheld and an office computer, you will need to use a support module USB or a Bluetooth connection (see Connecting to a Computer, page 31).

Connecting to the Internet or a network

You can use a cabled Ethernet connection to connect the handheld to a network port (or “hub”) and transfer files to and from the network. You can also use the network port to browse the Internet.

For most network connections, you will be able to connect directly to the network, without first setting up the connection using the software on the handheld.

To connect to a network using a cabled Ethernet connection:

1. Place the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld in the support module.
2. Detach the USB cable from the support module, if it is connected.
3. Connect one end of a standard straight-through cable to the RJ-45 socket on the support module, and the other end of the cable to the network port.
   The handheld automatically connects to the network, and a dialog appears on the handheld indicating the connection is active.
4. To go to a location on the network, tap / Programs / File Explorer and use the input panel to enter the path and filename of the folder.
Connecting to an office computer

You can use a cabled Ethernet connection to connect the handheld to an office computer and transfer files to and from the computer.

Note – If you want to synchronize the handheld and an office computer, you will need to use a support module USB or a Bluetooth connection (see Connecting to a Computer, page 31).

To connect to a computer using a cabled Ethernet connection:

1. Place the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld in the support module.
2. Detach the USB cable from the support module, if it is connected.
3. Connect one end of a standard *cross-over* cable to the RJ-45 socket on the support module, and the other end of the cable to the computer.
4. Configure the handheld to connect to the computer.

To configure the cabled Ethernet connection to a computer:

1. Tap / Settings / Connections / Network Cards.
2. Select the Network Adaptors tab.
3. From the list of adaptors, tap the SMC LAN91C111 adaptor.
   The settings page for the selected adaptor appears.
4. If required, change the server information to match your requirements.
5. Tap OK.
   A message appears indicating that the new settings will be applied the next time the adaptor is used, and that you must reset the handheld. Tap OK.
6. Press and hold the Power button for five seconds to perform a soft reset and activate the new settings.
Using the Serial Clip

The optional serial clip (P/N 53550-00) attaches to the communication swipes on the back of the handheld. When the serial clip is attached, it adds a serial port (COM1) to the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.

*Note – The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is not compatible with the serial clip supplied with previous versions of the handheld. You must use the gray serial clip (P/N 53550-00) provided with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld.*

You can use the serial clip to:

- supply external power from the external power kit or a vehicle's battery (see Using external power, page 57).
- recharge the internal battery from an external power source (see Using external power, page 57).
- receive differential corrections from an external real-time correction source, such as a Trimble GeoBeacon or Beacon-on-a-Belt (BoB™) receiver, or a DGPS radio
- receive GPS data from a Trimble GPS Pathfinder series or GPS Pathfinder Pro series receiver
- connect to an external modem or mobile phone for wireless Internet access
- connect to other external devices, such as a laser rangefinder
- connect to a computer to supply GPS data (for example, when running the Trimble GPS Analyst extension for ESRI ArcGIS software on a laptop)

*Note – When connecting to an office computer using the serial clip, you cannot use ActiveSync technology to establish the connection or synchronize data. To use ActiveSync, you need to use a support module USB or a Bluetooth connection (see Connecting to a Computer, page 31).*
Attaching the serial clip

The serial clip must be screwed onto the handheld.

*Note – When the serial clip is attached, you cannot place the handheld in the support module.*

**To attach the serial clip to the handheld:**

1. Line up the communication swipes on the handheld with the pins on the serial clip.
2. Lower the handheld onto the serial clip.
3. Use the screws supplied with the serial clip to secure it to the handheld.

*Note – If you attached the handstrap using the screws provided in the handstrap kit (PN 61280-00), then you must remove those screws before attaching the serial clip.*

Connecting to external devices

You can use the serial clip instead of the support module to connect to a computer. The serial clip also provides a serial port to connect to other devices.

**To connect to an external device:**

1. Attach the serial clip to the handheld.
2. Plug the null modem cable into the serial (COM) port on the serial clip.
3. Connect the other end of the cable to the serial port on the external device.

To connect to a device that does not have a serial port, such as an external modem or mobile phone, use a cable that has a DE9 connector on one end, and the appropriate connector for the other device on the other end. A suitable cable may be supplied with the external device.

For more information about using an external modem or mobile phone to access the Internet, see Internet and Network Connections, page 65.
Personalizing your Handheld

Use the controls in the Settings screen to customize the handheld. The following are examples of the controls that are available.

Buttons

Application buttons (and the associated softkeys) can be programmed to perform one of the following types of actions:

- run a selected application, for example Messaging or Calendar.
- act as a software button, for example an OK/Close button or a scroll button.
- view a selected screen, or part of a screen, for example return to the Today screen or launch the Context menu or Input panel.

Use the Buttons control to assign an application to run, or to perform an action when you press the left or right application button (or softkey).

To open the Button control:

- Tap 🗂️ / Settings / Personal / Buttons.

To specify an action for the button:

1. Tap the Program Buttons tab.
2. Tap a button in the list to select it.
3. From the Assign a program drop-down list, select the action you want to occur when you press the button or tap the softkey.
4. Tap OK.
Personalizing your Handheld

**Today**

Use the Today control to change the display theme that controls the appearance of the Today screen, and to customize which items appear on the Today screen.

**Appearance**

You can use a theme to customize the background picture on the Today screen, the color of the title and menu bars, menus, and messages.

**To change the display theme:**

1. Tap \Settings\ / Personal / Today.

2. Tap the Appearance tab.

3. Do one of the following:
   - To use a predefined theme, select it from the list.
   - To select the picture that you want to display in the Today screen background, select the Use this picture as the background check box. Then tap Browse to search for a file on the handheld.

4. Tap OK.

*Note* – A high contrast display theme is available for free download from the Trimble website. Go to www.trimble.com/support.shtml, click the link for your receiver (GeoXH, GeoXM, or GeoXT), click Downloads, click GeoExplorer 2005 Series and then click the link for the high contrast theme.
Items

You can choose the items that appear on the Today screen, and the order that they appear in.

To change the items that appear on the Today screen:
1. Tap / Settings / Personal / Today.
2. Tap the Items tab.
3. Select or clear the check boxes to display or hide the Today screen items.
4. Use the Move Up and Move Down buttons to change where the selected item appears on the Today screen.
5. Tap OK.

Device Lock

Use the Device Lock option on the Today screen to lock the screen. Stylus taps on the screen will not work while the device is locked. Tap the Unlock softkey in the menu bar and then tap Unlock to unlock the device.

Alternatively, you can help to keep your data secure by requiring a password each time the handheld is turned on. Tap / Settings / Personal / Password to set a password or to change password settings.
Sounds and Notifications

Use the Sounds and Notifications control to set preferences for the speaker volume and system sounds.

To open the Sounds and Notifications control:

- Tap / Settings / Personal / Sounds and Notifications.

To turn sounds on or off:

1. Tap the Sounds tab.
2. Select or clear the check boxes to enable or disable categories of sounds.
3. If you select the Screen taps or Hardware buttons check boxes, select the Soft or Loud option to control the volume of the sounds.
4. Tap OK.

You can use predefined schemes to customize sounds, or you can create your own sound schemes.

To specify a sound scheme:

1. Tap the Notifications tab.
2. From the Select an event drop-down list, select an event.
3. Select from the available options the type of notification you want to receive for the selected event.
4. Tap OK.
Screen

Use the Screen control to align the touch screen or to change the appearance of text on the screen.

To open the Screen control:
- Tap / Settings / System / Screen.

To change the screen settings:
1. Tap the General tab.
2. To change the orientation of the screen, select an option in the Orientation group.
3. To start the alignment sequence for the touch screen, tap Align Screen. For more information, see page 25.
4. Tap OK.

Using ClearType font smoothing can make text easier to read on the screen.

To enable ClearType:
1. Tap the ClearType tab and select the Enable ClearType check box.
2. Tap OK.

To change the size of text on screen:
1. Tap the Text Size tab.
2. Tap and drag the slider control to the left to make text smaller, or to the right to make text larger.
   The example text below the slider shows how the text will appear on screen.
3. Tap OK.
**Power**

Use the *Battery* tab to check the battery level, the *Wireless* tab to turn off all wireless signals from the handheld, and the *Advanced* tab to set the idle time before Suspend mode is activated. For more information, see *Enabling Flight mode, page 75* and *Suspend mode, page 59.*

**Backlight**

The backlight makes the screen easier to read in low light, but uses extra power. Use the Backlight control to configure power-saving settings for the backlight.

To open the Backlight control:

- Tap **Settings / System / Backlight.**

**To turn off the backlight:**

1. To automatically turn off the backlight when the handheld is idle and is using *battery power,* tap the *Battery Power* tab. Select the *Turn off backlight* check box and select a time from the drop-down list.

2. To automatically turn off the backlight when the handheld is idle and is using *external power,* tap the *External Power* tab. Select the *Turn off backlight* check box and select a time from the drop-down list.

*Note – The Display button on the handheld overrides settings in the Backlight control. To turn on the backlight again, use the Display button.*

3. Tap **OK.**
To change the brightness:

1. Tap the Brightness tab.

2. Tap and drag the slider control to the left to make the backlight darker, or to the right to make the backlight brighter.

3. Tap OK.
Use and Care

When using the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld:

- Keep the outer surface free of dirt and dust.
- Keep the communication swipes, the external antenna port, and the SD card slot free of dirt and dust (see SD memory cards, page 61).
- Protect the touch screen from pressure and sharp or abrasive objects. Trimble recommends applying a screen protector to the device.

Servicing

If the handheld requires servicing, contact your local reseller.

Cleaning

To clean the handheld, wipe it with a clean dry cloth. Do not immerse the handheld in water.

Storage

If you are not going to use the handheld for some time (for example, three months or more), Trimble recommends that you partially charge the battery and then turn off the handheld instead of leaving it in Suspend mode.

To prepare the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld for storage:

1. Transfer any data that you need to a desktop computer.
2. Charge the battery to approximately 30% and then remove the handheld from the support module.
3. Hold down the Power button until the handheld turns off (about 15 seconds).
4. Store the handheld at room temperature.
To use the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld after storage:
1. Press the **Power** button to turn on the handheld.
2. Recharge the internal battery using the support module (see Charging the internal Lithium-ion battery, page 56).
Troubleshooting

This section describes problems that can occur when using the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld and explains how to solve them. The following categories of problems are covered:

- backlight issues (see page 105)
- connection issues
  - ActiveSync connections (see page 105)
  - Windows Mobile Device Center connections (see page 107)
  - network connections (see page 108)
  - wireless LAN connections (see page 108)
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<td>Trimble GPS field applications keep the backlight on while connected to the GPS receiver. Press the Display button to turn off the backlight.</td>
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<td>Backlight does not come on</td>
<td>The Backlight is not set to turn on in the Backlight control. Tap ☰ / Settings / System / Backlight to view the Backlight control, and make sure that:</td>
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| when screen is tapped or button is pressed | • the Turn on backlight when a button is pressed or the screen is tapped check box is selected.  
• the brightness is not set to Dark in the Brightness tab. |
| Screen is blank or hard to see | Backlight is off  
Press the Display button to turn on the backlight.  
Backlight level needs to be adjusted  
Open the Backlight control and adjust the backlight level (see Backlight, page 100). |

Connection issues

ActiveSync connections

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| ActiveSync technology will not connect to the handheld | Connection not initiated automatically  
Remove the handheld from the support module, and then place it in the support module again. Alternatively, in the ActiveSync software on your computer, tap File / Get Connected. |
| ActiveSync does not recognize the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld | Restart the desktop computer. Remove the handheld from the support module, reset it (see Resetting the handheld, page 64) and then replace it in the support module. |
| An incompatible version of ActiveSync software is installed | ActiveSync version 4.0 and later is compatible with the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld. If you do not have ActiveSync version 4.0 or later installed on your computer, you can install it from the GeoExplorer 2005 Series Getting Started Disc. You can also download the latest version from the Microsoft website at www.microsoft.com/windowsmobile/activesync/default.mspx. |
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| Windows Mobile Device Center will not connect to the handheld          | **Connection not initiated automatically**  
Remove the handheld from the support module, and then place it in the support module again. Alternatively, in the Windows Mobile Device Center software on your computer, select Mobile Device Settings / Connection Settings.  

**The Windows Mobile Device Center software does not recognize the GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld**  
Restart the desktop computer. Remove the handheld from the support module, reset it (see Resetting the handheld, page 64) and then replace it in the support module.  

**Connection not enabled in ActiveSync on the handheld**  
On the handheld, tap Programs / ActiveSync / Menu / Connections. Make sure that the Synchronize all PCs using this connection check box is selected, and that the correct option is selected.  

**Connection not enabled in Windows Mobile Device Center on the computer**  
In the Windows Mobile Device Center software on your computer, select Mobile Device Settings / Connection Settings. If you are using the support module, make sure that the Allow USB connection check box is selected from the drop-down list. If you are using a Bluetooth connection, make sure that the correct port for Bluetooth is selected. Then open the Bluetooth control on the handheld, view the partnership from the Devices tab, and in the services list make sure that the ActiveSync check box is selected.  

**Your connection settings conflict with network settings or VPN client software**  
If you are using the support module, use the USB to PC utility to change the connection method the handheld uses to connect to the Windows Mobile Device Center on the computer. Tap / Settings / Connections / USB to PC Utility. Clear the Enable advanced network functionality check box. The handheld stops using the default RNDIS method to connect to the Windows Mobile Device Center.
## Network connections

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<td>When setting up a peer-to-peer ad-hoc network with a WEP encryption, set a Network Key, rather than leaving the key blank to be provided automatically.</td>
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## Wireless LAN connections

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<td>Cannot connect to a secure site, or configure an Internet connection</td>
<td>The date on the handheld is incorrect</td>
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<td>Check that the handheld has the date set correctly on the Today screen. If the date is incorrect, tap the clock icon on the today screen and adjust the date and time.</td>
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<td>Within range of more than one network, you are not connecting to the network you would prefer to use</td>
<td>The radio is connecting to the first network signal it has received</td>
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<td>Tap [Settings/Connections/Network Cards]. Tap and hold the network you would prefer to use and then select Connect.</td>
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<td>You are not able to respond to the 'New Network Detected' notification</td>
<td>The 'New Network Detected' notification appears but the menu bar and soft key options are not displayed</td>
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<td>Some applications are not fully compatible with all features of the Windows Mobile 5.0 software. Use the application buttons on the keypad, as they map to the soft keys in the menu bar. To dismiss the notification, press the right application button on the keypad. To connect to the network, press the left application button. Alternatively, select a Windows Mobile application from the Start menu, such as the Today screen or File Explorer, and the menu bar and soft keys will be displayed correctly.</td>
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# Bluetooth wireless technology

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<td><strong>Cannot discover a nearby Bluetooth device</strong></td>
<td><strong>The integrated Bluetooth radio is not activated</strong>&lt;br&gt;The handheld's Bluetooth radio has been deactivated. If Bluetooth wireless technology is allowed where you are working, use the Radio Activation Manager software to re-activate the radio (see Deactivating the Bluetooth radio, page 73).&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>The device is out of range</strong>&lt;br&gt;Move the devices closer to each other and then scan again.</td>
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<td><strong>Bluetooth is not enabled on one or both devices</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make sure that the Bluetooth radio is turned on, on both the handheld (see Enabling Bluetooth wireless connections, page 74) and the other Bluetooth device.</td>
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<td><strong>The device has not been made Discoverable</strong>&lt;br&gt;Make sure that the Bluetooth device has been made Discoverable.</td>
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<td><strong>Bluetooth radio has lost the connection</strong>&lt;br&gt;Turn off the Bluetooth radio on the handheld and then turn on the Bluetooth radio (see Enabling Bluetooth wireless connections, page 74).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cannot detect a host serial port service</strong></td>
<td><strong>GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld can only discover one host serial port service</strong>&lt;br&gt;Although multiple host serial port services can be configured on a handheld, when another handheld is connected as a client, the client handheld can only detect the first serial port service configured on the host. To avoid this, make sure the host serial port service you want to use is the first host serial port service listed on the host.</td>
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<td><strong>The COM or BSP that you assigned to a serial port service is not available in your application</strong>&lt;br&gt;The application cannot recognize ports if they are added after the application opens&lt;br&gt;Exit from the application, add the port and then run the application again.</td>
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<td><strong>The application cannot recognize BSP ports</strong>&lt;br&gt;Use a COM port instead of a Bluetooth Serial Port (BSP) for this service.</td>
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### Bluetooth connection fails while in use

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<td>Bluetooth device has moved out of range</td>
<td>Move the devices closer to each other. The devices should reconnect automatically. If they do not, select the Bluetooth device in the Devices tab. Tap and hold the device name and select Delete. Tap New to discover the device again.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bluetooth radio has lost the connection</td>
<td>Turn off the Bluetooth radio on the handheld and then turn on the Bluetooth radio (see Enabling Bluetooth wireless connections, page 74).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bluetooth file transfer interrupts connection</td>
<td>When you transfer large image or data files, other Bluetooth connections may stop responding. To avoid problems, close other Bluetooth connections before transferring large files.</td>
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### Bluetooth radio turns off unexpectedly

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<td>The handheld’s Bluetooth radio has crashed and turned itself off</td>
<td>Use the handheld’s Bluetooth control to turn on the radio again and, if required, reinitiate the connection. If this does not resolve the issue, turn off the Bluetooth radio and then restart both the handheld and the connected Bluetooth device to reinitiate the connection with both radios in a fresh state.</td>
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### GPS receiver issues

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<tr>
<td>No GPS position</td>
<td>The integrated GPS receiver is not activated Use the Connect or Activate GPS command in your GPS field software to open the GPS COM port and activate the integrated GPS receiver. For more information, see Using GPS, page 39.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Incorrect configuration of serial COM port</td>
<td>When supplying GPS to an external device using the COM 1 serial clip, set the baud rate to the high-speed TSIP setting: 38400, 8, 1, Odd.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GPS COM port is already in use</td>
<td>Only one application at a time can have the port open (unless you have configured NMEA on COM 2 to be assigned to a COM port using the GPS Connector utility). Exit the software that is using the GPS COM port and then retry in your application.</td>
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<td><strong>No GPS position</strong></td>
<td><strong>Using wrong GPS COM port</strong>&lt;br&gt;Connect to COM2 if your GPS field software uses NMEA messages, or COM3 for TSIP messages. For information on which protocol to use, check the documentation for the application.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Not enough satellites are visible</strong></td>
<td><strong>Move to a location where the receiver has a clear view of the sky and ensure the antenna is not obstructed.</strong>&lt;br&gt;Alternatively, adjust the GPS settings to increase productivity. For more information, refer to the Help provided with your GPS field software.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>External antenna connected but not receiving data</strong></td>
<td><strong>The handheld can take up to two seconds to detect that an optional external antenna has been connected or disconnected</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NMEA data includes autonomous positions</strong></td>
<td><strong>Integrated GPS receiver outputs autonomous positions when real-time corrections are unavailable</strong>&lt;br&gt;Configure your NMEA application to filter out non-DGPS positions.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>GPS Connector reports “Unknown”</strong></td>
<td><strong>The GPS Connector software may report “Unknown” on COM 3</strong>&lt;br&gt;This should not interfere with operation of the handheld.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Error Code 5 appears</strong></td>
<td><strong>A receiver timeout error has occurred, caused by issues with communications to the receiver</strong>&lt;br&gt;However, a <em>false</em> connection failure/timeout is sometimes reported if the GPS receiver was connected when the device is Suspended and then Resumed. The dialog reporting Error Code 5 may appear before the GPS receiver has had a chance to complete the connection, and often the connection occurs just after the dialog appears.&lt;br&gt;To resolve this issue, close the dialog and if the handheld does not automatically connect to the receiver, try to connect to the receiver again.&lt;br&gt;If repeated attempts to connect to the receiver fail, contact your Trimble representative.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Handheld “locked up”</strong></td>
<td><strong>You have connected an external antenna while your Trimble GPS field software is not running or is not currently displayed</strong>&lt;br&gt;To avoid this issue, either connect the external antenna GPS field software when the handheld is turned off, or while your Trimble GPS field software is running and displayed on the screen.</td>
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# Real-time DGPS issues

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| Not receiving SBAS real-time corrections | SBAS satellite is obstructed from view  
Check the location of the SBAS satellite in the Skyplot section of your GPS field software, and if possible move to a different location.  
You are outside the WAAS, EGNOS, or MSAS coverage area  
Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) satellites are tracked in the Continental United States including Alaska, and in southern parts of Canada.  
European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (EGNOS) satellites are tracked in Europe.  
MTSAT Satellite-based Augmentation System (MSAS) satellites are tracked in Japan.  
If you have selected satellites that are not available at your location, you cannot use SBAS corrections. |
| Not able to track a new or a specific SBAS satellite | You are not using the latest SBAS configuration (.ini) file  
1. To download the software, go to [www.trimble.com/support.shtml](http://www.trimble.com/support.shtml), click the link for your receiver (GeoXH, GeoXM, or GeoXT), click Downloads, click GeoExplorer 2005 Series and then click SBAS.INI.  
2. To specify the satellites you want the receiver to track or to ignore, select the Custom option in the Tracking Mode field in the Integrated SBAS Settings form of your Trimble GPS field software. |
| Not receiving real-time corrections from external source | No physical connection  
Connect the external real-time source to COM1 using the optional serial clip (P/N 53550-00), or to a Bluetooth port on the handheld.  
Not connected to real-time COM port correctly  
In the Real-time Settings section of your GPS field software, select the serial (COM) or Bluetooth (BSP) port that the real-time source is connected to.  
Note – If you are using a non-Trimble application, use the GPS Connector software to create a connection between the COM or BSP port and the integrated GPS receiver’s real-time GPS COM port (COM4).  
Incorrect port settings  
Change the port settings to match those used by the external source. |
### Power issues

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| Handheld does not turn on | Battery is flat  
Recharge the internal battery (see Charging the internal Lithium-ion battery, page 56). |
| Handheld charge state incorrectly reported | Internal temperature has risen above the allowed range for charging the battery  
Remove the handheld from any external heat sources (for example, sunlight), and allow an hour for the internal temperature of the handheld to cool again before placing the handheld in the support module. |
| Battery power percentage bar not shown in Power control | Battery has 0% power  
Recharge the internal battery (see Charging the internal Lithium-ion battery, page 56). Once the battery level is above 0%, the battery power percentage bar reappears. Tap ﬁ / Settings / System / Power / Battery to view the level of power remaining in the battery. |
## SD card issues

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<td>Handheld does not recognize an SD memory card</td>
<td>Occasionally the handheld does not recognize a Secure Digital (SD) memory card when the card is inserted into the SD card slot, or it fails to recognize the SD card currently inserted. To resolve this issue, press the <strong>Power</strong> button for 5 seconds to reset the handheld. The GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld does not support SDHC (high capacity) memory cards.</td>
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## Touch screen issues

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| Touch screen does not respond to stylus taps | **Touch screen is incorrectly aligned**  
Hold down both the **Display** button and the **Start** button for two seconds to start the alignment sequence. |
| GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has locked up | Deleting directories containing certain types of files may cause the unit to lock up and stop responding to screen taps. Reset the handheld (see **Resetting the handheld**, page 64). To remove any problematic files, remove the files first, and then the directory. |
| Screen is blank or hard to see               | **GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld is turned off or is in Suspend mode**  
Press the **Power** button to turn on the handheld. |
|                                             | **Backlight is off**  
Press the Display button to turn on the backlight. |
|                                             | **Backlight level needs to be adjusted**  
Open the Backlight control and adjust the backlight level (see **Backlight**, page 100). |
|                                             | **GeoExplorer 2005 series handheld has locked up**  
Reset the handheld (see **Resetting the handheld**, page 64). |
|                                             | **Unable to see parts of an application window when screen is in landscape orientation**  
Some applications have been designed for portrait orientation only. To view the entire application window, change the screen display to portrait. |
### Serial clip issues

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| **Handheld does not recognize serial clip is attached** | The handheld needs to be reset  
Press the **Power** button for 5 seconds to reset the handheld. |
| **Unable to receive information from COM 1** | Handheld is connected to an external device using the serial clip  
Removing and then reconnecting the serial clip, or suspending and resuming the handheld while it is connected to an external device using the serial clip, may cause connection issues with the external device.  
To resolve this issue:  
- If the handheld is connected to a real-time correction device such as a GeoBeacon receiver, wait for the RTCM connection to time out (this is the length of time specified in the *Real-time Age Limit* field of your GPS field software). After timing out, the connection should automatically resume.  
- If the handheld is connected to a cellphone, you need to manually end the connection. Tap ✘ in the title bar, tap **Disconnect** and then end the call on the cellphone. |
| **A 'New Modem Detected' notification appears** | This notification appears the first time you connect the serial clip after resetting the handheld  
Tap **Dismiss** to close the notification. |
| **Handheld resumes when serial clip is removed** | Removing the serial clip while the handheld is in Suspend mode may cause the handheld to resume  
To return the handheld to Suspend mode, press the **Power** button. |
| **'Unidentified USB device' notification appears** | A serial clip is unevenly connected to the device  
To continue, cancel the notification. |
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