

## 1. IP67 LOW-PROFILE BATTERY POWERED TRACKING

The **Outback** is a low-profile, rugged 3G (*NextG*) GPS tracking device that has been designed for tracking containers, trailers, skip bins, and other assets where super-long battery life is required without sacrificing the frequency of updates and performance.

The **Outback** roams onto cellular networks across the globe giving you global coverage of your assets movements at a low SIM card data cost. Communications with the device are two-way, allowing the **Outback's** behaviour and update rates to be changed Over-The-Air (*OTA*) including being able to be switched into '*Recovery Mode*'.

By utilising the latest technology, the **Outback** operates in ultra-low power modes. With an incredible battery life of up to 5 years the **Outback** can be attached to assets and tracked without needing to change batteries.

The option of using extended temperature range batteries allows the **Outback** to be used in extreme climates that other tracking devices simply cannot operate in.



### 1.1. Hardware Features

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##### Low-profile IP67 rugged housing

The IP67 rated housing is made of sturdy ABS/Polycarbonate plastic to survive bumps and knocks and to survive many years in the sun and weather.

It is low-profile making it easier to mount in the corrugation on containers or concealed on the underside of a trailer – for example.

The housing screws together for easy assembly, and has 2 convenient mounting tabs. It also has '*strap slots*' allowing the **Outback** to be cable tied or metal strapped to an asset.

Dimensions: 225mm x 65mm x 30mm  
 Weight: 500 grams with batteries

<b>Batteries</b>	<b>C-Cell size</b>	The <b>Outback</b> uses standard 'C-Cell' size batteries which provide a perfect balance between size and capacity
	<b>Alkaline</b>	Low cost off-the-shelf alkaline batteries can be used in the <b>Outback</b>
	<b>Extended LTC</b>	For applications that require extreme temperature or extra long-life Lithium-Thionyl-Chloride ( <i>LTC</i> ) batteries can be used
	<b>Sleep Current</b>	5uA ( <i>yes, that is micro-amps</i> )
<b>Battery Life with Adaptive-Tracking</b>	<p>The <b>Outback</b> can be set to use Adaptive-Tracking technology where the accelerometer and GPS data are used to intelligently work out if it is moving and to send frequent / live updates, and to scale the update rate down to once per day if the asset is stationary - to preserve battery life.</p> <p>5 years @ one position per day</p> <p>Typically, 2 to 5 years with Adaptive-Tracking</p>	
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	<p>-40°C to +85°C <sup>1</sup></p> <p>For extreme low-temperatures the <b>Outback</b> must be fitted with LTC batteries.</p>	
<b>High sensitivity GPS</b>	<p>UBLOX MAX8 GPS module</p> <p>Supports concurrent GPS and GLONASS</p> <p>72 channel high sensitivity receiver</p> <p>-167dBm industry leading tracking performance</p> <p>Optimal hot-start performance</p> <p>AssistNow Offline aiding data for extremely fast time-to-first-fix and performance in urban canyon environments</p>	
<b>GLONASS</b>	<p>The <b>Outback</b> uses both the GPS and GLONASS positioning systems simultaneously.</p> <p>This allows the device to use <b>twice the number of satellites</b> to get a position fix – <i>making it faster and more accurate.</i></p>	
<b>Low noise GPS amplifier</b>	<p>GPS signals are boosted by a special low-noise amplifier (<i>LNA</i>)</p> <p>This allows the <b>Outback</b> to operate where normal units will fail to receive GPS signal – like in a container stack!</p>	
<b>3G (NextG) with roaming</b>	<p>The <b>Outback</b> can be manufactured for specific markets around the world with cellular modem modules approved by all the major networks, and can roam across networks</p>	
	<b>3G Modem – EU</b>	850 / 900 / 2100 EMEA / APAC / Latin America
	<b>3G Modem - NA</b>	850 / 1900 / AWS North America
	<b>3G Modem (Global Option)</b>	800 / 850 / 900 / AWS / 1900 / 2100 Global coverage at a higher cost

	*enquire for other bands and LTE / 4G options
<b>Certifications</b>	In progress
<b>Internal Antennae</b>	Internal GPS and cellular antennae tuned by the RF laboratories to ensure optimal performance.
<b>3 axis accelerometer</b>	<p>The 3-axis accelerometer allows the <b>Outback</b> to 'sleep' in an ultra-low power state yet still wakeup when movement occurs.</p> <p>The accelerometer can also be used to detect extreme G-Force events such as an accident or abuse of the asset, for example - <i>dropping a container</i>.</p>
<b>Magnetic Tamper Detect</b>	
<b>Flash memory</b>	<p>The <b>Outback</b> has sufficient memory to store over 50,000 records in its flash memory. Normally the data will be sent to the server immediately but if the device is out of range then there is sufficient space to ensure that no data is lost – for many months!</p> <p>The flash memory is also used to store parameters, GPS aiding data, geo-fences and other important information that needs to be securely stored.</p>



## 1.2. Firmware Features

Firmware Smarts	
<b>Recovery Mode</b>	The <b>Outback</b> can be remotely switched into Recovery Mode which switches the device to do live tracking and reporting – <i>so that you can get your asset back!</i>
<b>Auto-APN</b>	Auto-APN allows the <b>Outback</b> to analyse the SIM card and select the correct APN details from a list that is pre-loaded in the device's firmware. This means that the <b>Outback</b> can be shipped world-wide without requiring specialist setup for SIMs.
<b>Text Message Setup</b>	The <b>Outback</b> can also be sent text messages to setup the APN, server and other details

<b>Multi-APN for Roaming</b>	The <b>Outback</b> can be configured to roam across multiple networks and to automatically use the different APN details for the roaming networks.
<b>AssistNow Offline</b>	The <b>Outback</b> will track successfully where other devices just give up. This fantastic technology allows the GPS to predict which satellites are in orbit above it and to dramatically reduce the time-to-first-fix of the GPS, and the overall performance of the GPS, especially in <i>'urban canyon'</i> or forested environments.
<b>G-Force Events</b>	The <b>Outback</b> uses the built-in accelerometer to detect high-G impacts such as accidents and drops and reports these events to the server for emergency alerting.
<b>Geo-Fences</b>	The <b>Outback</b> has the capacity to hold hundreds of geo-fences that can be downloaded to it from the server and updated <b>Over-The-Air</b> . The <b>Outback</b> can use this geo-fence information to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement arrival and departure alerts</li> <li>• Implement <i>'No-go'</i> and <i>'Keep-out'</i> areas</li> <li>• Disable data communications within intrinsically safe areas</li> <li>• Reduce power by not trying to communicate when out of range, for example: <i>on a ship at sea where there is no cellular communications</i></li> </ul>

### 1.3. Device Management – OEM Server

All iTRAKasset devices are fully managed Over-The-Air (OTA) via our OEM Server web interface. The OEM Server seamlessly manages:

- Device firmware – firmware updates can be done remotely
- Network (*administrator*) parameters relating to critical communications
- System parameters, including GPS parameters, IO configuration, logging options and general device behaviour settings
- GPS and GLONASS AssistNow Offline aiding data files
- Remote debugging of devices, including being able to trace data, view detailed debug message logs, and view a live trace of the server debug messages
- Remote disconnect and reboot of devices
- Driver list downloads to devices – this allows for the Driver Identification on the device to check if the RFID tag / username / PIN is valid, and for specific drivers to be allowed to drive / operate particular vehicles, for example based on licences or permits.
- Geo-fence syncing with the devices – this allows the device to do advanced in-cab alerting and monitoring such as geo-fence arrival and departure, speed limit alerting, dangerous intersection warnings, turn on warning lights inside a geo-fence, and disable communications inside intrinsically safe zones such as gas plants.
- Provides a command and message queueing platform to the devices and is incorporated into the remote management and debugging applications

### Data Connectors

The OEM Server provides Data Connectors that forward data records on to the software platform of your choice, including iTRAKassets own Telematics Guru and GPS Log Book platforms.

More information on the OEM Server can be found at <http://www.itrakassets.com>

If you would like to integrate the **Outback** into a software system, then please contact **iTRAKassets** for more information on our integration protocols.

## 1.4. Committed to Quality

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We take pride in designing each of our products with the goal of providing the best performance and reliability possible in the price range of that product. *'Engineered to outperform'*.

Not all GPS tracking devices operate with the same level of performance or reliability, especially when exposed to extreme conditions in the field. In addition we only use the highest quality parts and the latest assembly and quality control techniques to ensure the reliability and long life of our products.

Every device is individually tested at production, and our batteries are individually tested with full charge / discharge cycle tests before being fitted into our devices.

All iTRAKassets devices are covered by a one year manufacturer's warranty.

## 1.5. Contact Information

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