# TRAXX

OWNER'S MANUAL



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# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the TRAXX developed by KAT Inc. TRAXX is the first and unique sophisticated device in the world, which has Vehicle performance meter and Safety alarm feature with Radar & Laser detection. The TRAXX scrambles all police laser speed measurement devices and operates automatically.

We are pleased to have you as a valued customer and hope you will be delighted with your TRAXX. This manual provides all the information you need for putting the TRAXX to work for you.

**Note:** Always obey all local and federal laws when using this device to measure the performance of your vehicle. Use only in designated areas with care and do not take your eyes off the road when you measure acceleration. TRAXX records the results after the run. We are not responsible for any accident or injures that occur while using this device. Drive safely.

# FEDERAL AND LOCAL REGULATIONS

The FCC passed the Communications Act in 1934 to give all citizens the right to receive all types of radio transmissions. The same radio frequencies used by police radar are also used by other devices, such as automatic door openers, burglar alarms and some amateur radio equipment.

Since the TRAXX is just a radio receiver tuned to a specific portion of the public radio spectrum, it is protected under this act.

Some local, state and federal regulations may prohibit the use of this detection device. Please check with authorities regarding the use of this device before operating it.

Warning: Turn OFF Laser Scrambler in states where it is prohibited.

# WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE





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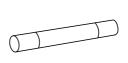
WINDSHIELD BRACKET & SUCTION CUPS



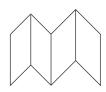
HOOK AND LOOP FASTENER TAPE



POWER CORD & FUSE

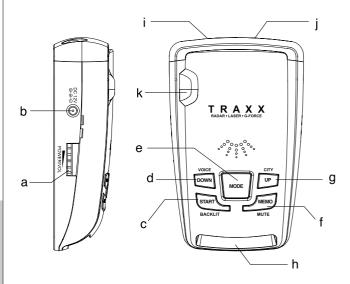


SPARE FUSE



TICKET REBATE

# **CONTROL AND BUTTONS**



- a. Power on/off and Volume Control
- b. DC 12V Power Input Jack
- c. Start Button/ Backlit Button
- d. Down Button/ Voice on/off Button
- e. Mode Button
- f. Memory Button/ Mute Button
- g. Up Button/ City Button
- h. Display
- i. Front Laser Detection Lens
- j. Radar Antenna
- k. Rear Laser Detection Lens

# INSTALLATION

For the best performance of acceleration features, mount TRAXX on the windshield centered between driver and passenger. TRAXX must be positioned straight across the vehicle. Do not angle the device toward the driver. The front of the device does not have to be perfectly level. This device automatically compensates for mounting angles up to 30 degrees from level.

Adjust the device on its windshield bracket until it is approximately level. It is important that the device stays in position during use. If the device moves too easily, attach suction cups firmly.

For the best performance of radar detector feature, select the proper location for the device where it has a direct view of the road. The radar antenna and laser lens are located behind the rear panel of the device. The antenna and lens should not be obstructed by metal or metallic surface and should be pointed at the horizon for accurate long range detection.

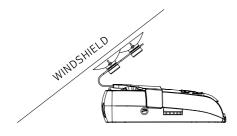
- $\cdot$  Choose a location that does not block the driver's vision.
- · Mount the device in a level position.
- Do not mount the device behind metal surfaces, windshield antenna, wiper blades, ornaments or mirrored glass.
- Headed windshields, currently available as an option on some Ford or GM vehicles act as an impenetrable barrier to radar signals.
- · Do not mount the device where the driver or passenger might collide in the case of an abrupt halt.

**Note**: Whichever mounting method you choose, remember to place the device out of view when you leave your vehicle. This keeps the device out of sight from thieves and prevents exposure to extremely high temperatures.

**Caution**: On some newer model cars, a plastic safety coating has been applied to the windshield. The suction cups may leave permanent marks on the windshield once they are removed. Check your vehicle owner's manual to see if your car has the plastic safety coating.

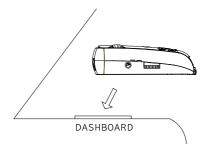
# Windshield Mounting

- 1. Attach bracket to windshield
- 2. Bend bracket for correct detection angle
- 3. Plug power cord into the device
- 4. Attach bracket to device
- 5. Plug power cord into cigarette lighter



# Dashboard Mounting

- 1. Peel protective paper off one side of hook-loop
- 2. Tape on device's bottom
- 3. Peel top paper off
- 4. Place device on dash board
- 5. Plug power cord into the device and cigarette lighter



# Power and Volume Control

The TRAXX is designed to operate on most DC12V negative ground vehicle electrical system. The power cord provided with the device has a cigarette light socket plug at one end and a small connector at the other.

To turn on the TRAXX, connect power and rotate the wheel controller, located on the side of the device, until you hear it click. To turn it off, rotate the wheel controller in the opposite direction. You can control volume level with this wheel.

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# **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The TRAXX measures the performance of your vehicle by sensing acceleration forces. It uses a three-axis accelerometer to measure acceleration. This digital three-axis accelerometer sensor tracks your vehicle's acceleration and cornering forces. This device analyzes data and calculates corrected G-Forces for the G Meter operation, speed and distance data. The result is the most accurate.

The TRAXX provides distinct visual and voice alerts to warn you of the presence of X, K and all kinds of Ka band radar guns in the front and rear of you. This model also provides the benefit of 'undetectability' by alerting you to the presence of VG-2 (Radar detector-detector). The unit also scrambles all laser devices.

The TRAXX has Safety alarm mode for safe driving. You can set safety level of lateral G-force. TRAXX gives warning sound and visual blinking whenever you exceed your level setting.

# WHAT CAN IT MEASURE AND DETECT?

- TRAXX can measure the followings:
  - 1. Time to go from 0 to 60MPH (0 to 100Km)
  - 2. Speed at the end of 1/4 mile (400m)
  - 3. G-Force
  - 4. Peak and Average Horsepower
- TRAXX can detect the followings:
  - 1. X, K and Superwide Ka band radar guns
  - 2. Laser guns (Laser speed monitoring devices)
  - 3. VG-2 undetectability
  - 4. Laser Scrambler

# SET-UP

If this is the first time the device is powered since installation or if the orientation has changed, please move the vehicle to a level place and calibrate the three-axis accelerometer. Press Mode button to go G-FORCE mode and complete calibration by pressing START button.

To accurately measure horsepower, the correct vehicle weight and the correction factor for the vehicle must also be entered to allow a horsepower calculation. To enter set-up mode, press MEMORY button for three (3) seconds at any mode of GFORCE / 0 TO 60/ 1/4mile except Radar Detector mode until default weight of 2000lbs shows in the display. Please enter your vehicle weight and each correction factors.

SET-UP ITEM	MIN	MAX	DEFAULT	STEP
VEHICLE WEIGHT (LBS)	25	16000	2000	5
HP FACTOR	1.00	2.00	1.00	0.01
HP MIN SPEED (MPH)	10	60	30	1
HP MAX SPEED (MPH)	30	100	50	1

# SET-UP FOR METRIC USE

You can set up your TRAXX for US or Metric unit and calculate engine power in HP or PS (metric horsepower). When pressing 'DOWN' button and turn on the Power at the same time, it displays current engaged mode. Press UP/DOWN button to toggle 'US' or 'METRIC' and press 'MEMORY' button to select. The factory default is 'US'. Please enter its metric calculation factor. When 'US' or 'METRIC' is changed each other, its measurement will be changed as follows.

- US: Time to go from 0 to 60MPH / METRIC: 0 to 100Km
- US: Speed at the end of 1/4 mile / METRIC: 400m

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SET-UP ITEM	MIN	MAX	DEFAULT	STEP
VEHICLE WEIGHT (KG)	10	7000	900	2
HP FACTOR	1.0	2.0	1.0	0.01
HP MIN SPEED (KPH)	15	100	50	1
HP MAX SPEED (KPH)	50	160	80	1

**Warning**: Changing any of this SET UP between US and Metric deletes all stored data in the memory and user's setting such as vehicle weight and vehicle correction factor. Please do SET-UP process whenever you change it.

# Vehicle Weight

You must enter the weight of your vehicle. This information is available in your vehicle's manual. You should add the weight of the driver, passengers and cargo plus any additional equipment added to the vehicle.

Press the UP or DOWN button until the correct weight is shown. Holding either button for 1 second causes the weight to change rapidly. Press Start button to store the setting.

2000lbs

900kg

# Horsepower Factor

This is a correction factor you can set for an approximate conversion from wheel horsepower to engine horsepower. Factory default is 1.00.

The TRAXX is affected by drive train losses, rolling resistance and aerodynamic drag which determine the vehicle's

performance. Manufacturers' ratings list a higher engine horsepower which is not reduced by these other real-world factor so you may need to increase the wheel horsepower readings to approximately correlate to higher engine horsepower.

After storing vehicle weight, it automatically goes to Horsepower Factor. Display flashes previously set value. Press the UP and DOWN buttons until the vehicle correction shows in the display. Press Start button to store the setting.

HPF 1.00

**PSF 1.00** 

# Horsepower Speed Range

You must select the speed range for horsepower calculations. The TRAXX will calculate the average horsepower over this range and the peak horsepower within this range.

The setup item HP MIN SPEED sets the speed that the TRAXX starts measuring horsepower. The setup item HP MAX SPEED sets the speed that the TRAXX stops measuring horsepower.

After storing horsepower factor, it automatically goes to this Speed Range. Display flashes previously set value. Set the minimum speed for the average horsepower measurement by pressing the UP or DOWN buttons. Press START button to store it. Set the maximum speed for the average horsepower measurement by pressing the UP or DOWN buttons. Press Start button to store it.

HPmin 30

PSmin 50

HPmax 50

PSmax 80

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The maximum of the HP MIN Speed cannot exceed the minimum of the HP MAX speed.

The device enters G-Force mode after setup and the display shows the current G-Force reading. G-Force can be zeroed at any time by pressing START button.

# **ACCELERATION MODE OPERATION**

TRAXX has two operation modes, which are COMBO and ACCELEROMETER.

**Combo mode**: There are four(4) operations in Combo mode. Press Mode button to select Radar Detector mode or G Force mode or 0-60 Mile mode or 1/4 Mile mode.

If the TRAXX receives Radar or Laser signal when it is in accelerometer operation, it stops measurement and gives Radar or Laser warning. We recommend you to select Radar Detector mode while driving.

Accelerometer mode: There are three(3) operations in Accelerometer mode. Press mode button to select G-Force mode or 0-60 Mile mode or 1/4 Mile mode. Radar-Laser detection is not active in Accelerometer mode. We recommend you to enter Accelerometer mode when you measure acceleration.

COMBO	ACCELEROMETER
RADAR DETECTOR MODE	G-FORCE MODE
G-FORCE MODE	G-I OKCE MODE
0 TO 60 MILE / 0 TO 100Km	0 TO 60 MILE / 0 TO 100Km
1/4 MILE / 400 METER	1/4 MILE / 400 METER

The factory default is Radar Detector mode in Combo.

Press Mode button for three(3) seconds to change the mode between COMBO and ACCEL FROMETER.

# CALIBRATION

Calibration is performed automatically when you press START button at G-FORCE mode.

# • 0 to 60 MILE MODE / 0 to 100KM MODE

Your vehicle must be stopped before you perform any measurement. Pressing start Button to perform an internal calibration. After the calibration is completed successfully, its display shows 'READY' with blinking:

READY

The measurement begins as soon as the vehicle starts moving and the display shows the elapsed time until 60 MPH (100km) is reached. Then it shows the time to reach 60 MPH (100km).

4.75 sec

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Pressing the UP or DOWN button once causes the display to show average horsepower between the two speeds chosen in setup.

HPavg289

PSavg293

Pressing the UP or DOWN button again shows the peak horsepower reached during the measurement.

HPpk 306

**PSpk 310** 

# • 1/4MILE MODE / 400M MODE

Pressing Start Button to perform an internal calibration. After the calibration is completed successfully, its display shows 'READY' with blinking:

READY

The measurement begins as soon as the vehicle starts moving and the display shows current elapsed time. At the end of 1/4 mile (400m), the speed reached is displayed.

96MPH

154KPH

Pressing the UP or DOWN button causes the display to show the time for 1/4 mile (400m).

14.35sec

Pressing the UP or DOWN button causes the display to show average horsepower between the two speeds chosen in setup.

HPavg289

PSavg293

Pressing the UP or DOWN button shows the peak horsepower reached during the test.

HPpk 306

**PSpk 310** 

# G-FORCE

Pressing the MODE button until the display shows G FORCE.

The display shows the number of horizontal and forward Gs. The right indicator is sideways acceleration with the arrow indicating direction. The left is forward acceleration. The '+' shows up when speed is increasing and '-' shows up when speed is decreasing.

+.24 ← .34

# ERROR MESSAGES WITH VOICE

- · The display scrolls with 'TILT ERR Adjust Mounting' with voice of 'Tilt error, adjust mounting'
- → Please check its mounting and calibrate again. It should be tilted more than 30 degrees during calibration.
- The display scrolls with 'ERR Must be stationary' with voice of 'Must be stationary'
- → There is vibration during calibration.
- · The display scrolls with 'DecelerationERR' with voice of 'deceleration error'
- → The speed should be decelerated during measurement. Please accelerate the vehicle speed during measurement.

# **BUTTON OPERATION FOR ACCELERATION MODES**

# MODE BUTTON

Press MODE button for three (3) seconds to go COMBO or ACCELEROMETER mode.

Press MODE button to select Radar Detector mode or G Force mode or 0-60 Mile mode or 1/4 Mile mode in COMBO mode.

Press MODE button to select G Force mode or 0-60 Mile mode or 1/4 Mile mode in ACCELEROMETER mode.

# START BUTTON

Press START button at each mode for internal calibration.

# MEMORY BUTTON

At the end of 0 TO 60 MILE (0 to 100Km) and 1/4 MILE (400m) measurement, press the MEMORY button until the desired memory location, MEMORY#1~MEMORY#5 shows in the display. Then press START button to store the new measurement information. The measurements are stored in memory.

Press the MEMORY button to check stored measurement at the MEMORY#1~#5, which it toggles from MEMORY#1 to #5 by pressing the MEMORY button, at any time except Radar Detector mode and a measurement is not running. Press the UP and DOWN button to scroll the measurement data. Press START or MODE button to exit the MEMORY mode.

Press MEMORY button for three (3) seconds to enter set-up.

# UP AND DOWN BUTTONS

Press UP or DOWN buttons to review data from the MEMORY.

# SAFETY ALARM MODE OPERATION

You can set safety level of lateral G-force. Hold down MEMORY button and turn on the Power to set up Safety Alarm mode.

- a. The TRAXX displays safety mode on/off: 'SA ON' or 'SA OFF'
- b. Select 'SA ON' or 'SA OFF' by using UP/DOWN buttons. When voice mode is off, 'On' gives "one beep" and 'Off' gives "two beeps".

SA ON

SA OFF

c. Press Memory button to set 'On' or 'Off'. If you select 'Off' by pressing Memory button, the unit exits the safety alarm mode.

If you select 'On' by pressing Memory, it displays Safety Alarm Level. Press 'UP/DOWN' button to adjust the Gforce level. Long button press makes fast level adjustment. Press Memory button to exit this mode.

d. Factory default is Safety Alarm 'On' and level is '0.6G'. The level can be set minimum 0.2G to maximum 2.0G. Safety alarm 'On'/'Off' and level are stored in the memory. SA 0.6

TRAXX gives warning sound and visual blinking if your vehicle exceeds level during a right or left turn.

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# RADAR DETECTOR MODE OPERATION

# CITY/ HIGHWAY MODE

When TRAXX is in Radar Detector mode, it displays 'HIGHWAY' or 'CITY'. To toggle HIGHWAY/CITY mode, press UP button. In City mode, X band is not detected and K/Ka band sensitivity is lowered. The CITY mode can reduce false alerts, which caused in urban areas by automatic door openers and alarm systems.

CITY

HIGHWAY

# BACKLIGHT ON/OFF

Press START button to turn on/ off the backlight at Radar Detector mode.

# VG-2 SELECT

Hold down the START button for three seconds. It will disengage VG-2 feature. To engage it again, press START button for three seconds.

VG2-ON

VG2-OFF

# SELECT TONE

Hold down the MEMORY button for three seconds. The TRAXX will change tone to ALTO or SOPRANO.

**ALTO** 

SOPRANO

# MUTE MODE

Mute can be used when you manually turn the audio alert off. Press MEMORY button to silence the alert sound. To restore audio alarm, press MEMORY button again.

MUTE ON

**MUTE OFF** 

# VOICE ON/OFF

Press DOWN button to turn off voice messages. To restore voice messages on, press DOWN button again.

VoiceOn

VoiceOff

# RADAR/ LASER ALERT DISPLAY

When TRAXX receives each Radar, Laser and VG-2 signal, it displays a detection band with voice alarm. The signal strength level of Radar is displayed as follows.

X Band Detection

X bb

K Band Detection

Ka Band Detection

Ka▶ ▶

LASER Detection

LASER

VG-2 Detection

VG-2

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# TEST MODE

Hold down UP button for three seconds, the TRAXX will demonstrate how it operates when each radar and laser signal is detected.

# X Band signal detected operation

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# K Band signal detected operation

K▶

K **▶** ▶

K • • • • • •

# Ka Band signal detected operation

Ka▶

Ka▶▶

Ka**▶▶▶**▶▶

# Laser signal detected operation

LASER

# VG-2 signal detected operation

VG-2

# **TROUBLESHOOTING**

### If the device does not turn on:

- Check the power cord. Be sure all power connectors are properly installed.
- 2. Check the fuse that controls power to the cigarette lighter socket. See your vehicles owner's manual
- The cigarette lighter socket might be dirty. Clean it with fine emery cloth to ensure a good and clean connection.
- 4. Vehicle electrical problem exists.
- 5. Make sure that the volume control is in the ON position.

**Caution :** Do not place any metal object other than the cigarette lighter or a cigarette lighter plug in the cigarette lighter socket.

# If the device gives a false Radar/Laser alert when the vehicle hits or bumps:

- 1. Check the vehicle's electrical system, including main battery cable and alternator connections.
- Install a filter capacitor(470uF. 25volts) on the back of the cigarette lighter socket, across the power connections.

# If the receiving Radar/Laser signals are weak:

- 1. Check the angle of device.
- 2. Point device to the horizon.
- 3. Radar antenna / laser sensor is obstructed.
- 4. Relocate the device.

# LASER SCRAMBLER OPERATION

# HOW DOES THE LASER SCRAMBLER WORK?

Lider sends out laser pulses and measures how long it takes to hit your car and come back. From the speed of light it can determine your range. It sends out several more pulses and calculates your speed from the change in distance over time. The TRAXX transmits pulses electronically timed at 100 feet apart. This only allows the Lidar to see up to 100 feet so it is unable to calculate your speed.

# LASER SCRAMBLER SELECT

- a. Hold down "CITY" button and turn on the TRAXX to select laser scrambler on/off.
- b. The TRAXX displays current scrambler selection with blinking, which is 'SCR ON' or 'SCR OFF'.

SCR ON

SCR OFF

c. You can change current selection by pressing UP/DOWN button. If you change the selection to 'SCR ON', it gives 'one beep'. If you change the selection to 'SCR OFF', it gives 'two beeps'. After changing it, press MEMORY button to save and exit. Factory default is laser scrambler ON. The laser scrambler on/off is stored in the memory.

COMPLETE TICKET REBATE REGISTRATION CARD AND MAIL TO K.A.T. INC. WITHIN 30 DAYS.

# **FCC INFORMATION**

This product has been designed and certificated to comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by K.A.T. Inc. may void your authority to use this product.

# **FEATURE MEMORY**

The TRAXX will automatically remember your settings when the unit is turned off or removed from the power. All features selected are retained in memory.

- a. STORED TEST DATA AT MEMORY (#1~#5)
- b. BACKLIT ON/OFF
- c. BEEP SOUND (SOPRANO-ALTO)
- d. HIGHWAY-CITY
- e. COMBO-ACCELEROMETER MODE
- f. VOICE ON-OFF
- a. VG-2 ON-OFF
- h. LASER SCRAMBLER ON-OFF
- i. SETUP DATA
- i. CALIBRATION DATA
- k. SAFETY ALARM ON-OFF
- I. SAFETY ALARM LEVEL

# **FACTORY RESET**

Press DOWN button for five (5) seconds to enter Factory Reset. When the display is blinking 'RESET', press START button to reset all data to factory default. If you do not want factory reset, press MEMORY button to exit.

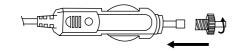
- Clear all measurement data
- Set-up items
- Calibration data

# Factory reset default:

- a. BACKLIT ON
- b. SOPRANO
- c. COMBO MODE
- d. HIGHWAY
- e. VOICE ON
- f. VG-2 ON
- a. LASER SCRAMBLER ON
- h. SETUP DATA DEFAULT
- i. CALIBRATION DATA DEFAULT
- i. SAFETY ALARM ON

# REPLACING FUSE

To replace the fuse, unscrew the top of the plug. Remove and check the fuse to see if it has blown. If it has, replace it.



# **SPECIFICATIONS**

# RADAR

Receiver Type: Dual conversion superheterodyne Antenna Type: Linear polarized. self-contained

Antenna

Device Type: Frequency discriminator Frequency of Operation: 10.525GHz/+50MHz(X-Band)

 $24.150GHz/\pm 100MHz(K-Band)$ 34.700GHz/±1,300MHz

(Ka Super Wideband)

# LASER

Receiver Type: Pulsed laser signal receiver

Detector Type: Digital signal processor pulse width

discriminator

Optical Sensor: Dual convex condenser lens and high

> speed photo diode detector  $905\pm50$  nanometers(nm)

# **ACCELEROMETER**

Sensor:  $Tri-axis(X,Y,Z) \pm 2G$ 

# **GENERAL**

Operating Temperature Range: -20°C ~ +70°C Storage Temperature Range: -30°C ~ +100°C

Power Requirements: 12V to 15V DC, 150mA, negative ground

Dimensions: 1.2" (H) x 2.9" (W) x 4.6" (L)

Weight: 4.0 ounces

\*Specifications are typical. Individual units might vary. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

# LIMITED WARRANTY

The manufacturer warrants your TRAXX against all defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of the original purchase, subject to the following terms and conditions: The sole responsibility of the manufacturer under this Warranty is limited to either repair or, at the option of the manufacturer, replacement of the TRAXX. There are no expressed or implied warranties, including those of fitness for a particular purpose of merchantability, which extend beyond the face hereof. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

# **SERVICE**

If you wish to return the TRAXX, please contact KAT Inc.

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