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Boretrak2

Borehole deviation survey system

User manual

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INTRODUCTION



1 Customer information

1.1 Carlson Software

Congratulations on purchasing a Boretrak2 hole deviation surveying system from Carlson Software.

Founded in 1983, Carlson Software specializes in CAD design software, surveying hardware, and machine control products for the land surveying, civil engineering, construction, and mining industries worldwide, providing one-source technology solutions from data collection to design to construction.

The Boretrak2 is designed and built with Carlson's world-class levels of detail, quality and innovation.

Carlson's renowned dedication to customer service is unique in the industry.

For any technical support issues related to your Boretrak2 system contact us directly or, alternatively, contact your local Carlson-approved service and support centre. Details of all contacts are on our website: www.carlsonsw.com.

To ensure the best service when contacting Carlson about your Boretrak2, please make a note of the serial number. This can be found on the instrument (see Figure 33).

1.2 User manual

The Boretrak2 system is designed to be easy to operate. However, please take the time to read these operating instructions carefully before using the system and always them with the instrument.

This manual is divided into three main parts:

- Boretrak2 hardware: a description of all elements of a Boretrak2 system and associated accessories.
- Field operational guide: a quick guide to show a typical use of the Boretrak2 and software in the field.
- **Carlson Boretrak software**: a detailed description of all functionality and controls in the accompanying **Carlson Boretrak** software.

Carlson Boretrak software is integral to the operation of the Boretrak2. There are two versions of this software: one runs on Windows tablets and PCs, the other runs on Android-based mobile devices. The software is described in detail from section 10 onwards.

This manual is also available via the About screen in both versions of Carlson Boretrak.

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For any feedback or comments, or if there are questions about the Boretrak2 which are beyond the scope of this manual, contact Carlson Software.

1.3 Notes on probes running version 1.0 firmware

The first generation of Boretrak2 probes run firmware version 1.0.



Subsequent generations of probes with later versions of firmware feature an enhanced alignment routine with a more robust solution generated throughout each deployment. They also feature improved power management and the ability to upgrade to future firmware versions remotely, via Bluetooth.

On connection with **Carlson Boretrak** software, if your probe is identified as running version 1.0 firmware, a message appears.



Carlson recommends that users with first generation probes upgrade to the most recent version of firmware.

This upgrade is carried out at a Carlson-approved service centre. Contact Carlson for further details.



2 Boretrak2 system concepts

2.1 System overview

The Boretrak2 system is a portable, simple-to-use, borehole deviation measurement system which is valuable in many applications such as underground mining, open pit mining, quarrying, and in a variety of civil engineering applications.

The Boretrak2 probe is designed to survey the route of drilled boreholes by measuring their inclination and heading at fixed intervals along the hole.

The Boretrak2 is based on previous iterations of the Cabled and Rodded Boretrak products. The features of both old units are combined into a single all-purpose system, capable (Advanced model only) of measuring boreholes in any inclination: down, up or horizontal.

The Boretrak2 utilises a miniature inertial measurement unit (IMU) which contains a triaxial accelerometer, magnetometer, and gyro. Prior to deployment, the probe is aligned against a known orientation on a supplied jig. This establishes a starting, reference heading for the gyro. The IMU provides the Boretrak2 with an accurate heading and inclination.

The Boretrak2 probe is attached to a cable or push rods and deployed along a borehole. The system is deployed at a series of fixed intervals, most commonly 2 m. IMU data is recorded at each interval as the probe is deployed along the borehole.

In this way, the Boretrak2 builds up a 3D map of the borehole.

The Boretrak2 is not reliant on magnetic sensors and is therefore ideally suited for measuring boreholes where there may be material present which would influence a compass.

The Boretrak2 system can be rapidly deployed on site, at any inclination, and requires no specialised tools or equipment other than those supplied with the system.

2.2 Basic and Advanced models

The Boretrak2 is available in two models: Basic and Advanced. The two models are differentiated by the range of inclinations over which they can operate.

The Basic model operates over a range of +/-60° from vertically down. This model is primarily designed for applications such as quarrying and open pit mining where all holes are inclined downwards. Usually, Basic units are deployed exclusively on the supplied steel cable.

The Advanced model operates at all inclinations. This model is designed for underground mining applications where holes are drilled in all directions: downwards, horizontally, and upwards. The Advanced unit can also be deployed with the steel cable when being used downhole. However, for horizontal and uphole operations, the push rod system or Boretrak rods must be used.

Your Boretrak2 probe will have been set as a Basic or Advanced unit in the factory. If your probe is set as a Basic unit, you can purchase an upgrade to convert it into an Advanced unit. Contact Carlson for details.

2.3 Data communication and storage

During a Boretrak survey, the operator configures and controls the Boretrak2 project via **Carlson Boretrak** software which runs on a tablet or mobile device.

The Boretrak2 and the tablet running Carlson Boretrak communicate via a Bluetooth link. However, during a



deployment, this link will usually be disconnected. Therefore, before deployment, the date and time in the probe are synchronised with the date and time in the tablet. From this point, the probe starts recording IMU data into its internal memory. Readings are taken every second and the probe's LEDs visually indicate that this process is ongoing. Each sensor record in the probe is accompanied by a time stamp.

At each deployment interval, with the system held steady, the operator on the surface records a time stamp using **Carlson Boretrak**.

Once a survey has been completed, and the Boretrak2 is back on the surface, the Bluetooth link is re-established and all IMU data from the probe is automatically downloaded to **Carlson Boretrak**.

Carlson Boretrak reads the time stamps recorded on the tablet and extracts the records in the probe data which have matching time stamps.

With reference to a starting hole collar coordinate and an initial alignment heading, these raw observations are converted into a sequence of X, Y, Z coordinates. A model of the hole is then created, and a comparison can be made to a design hole or another survey of the same hole.

2.4 Carlson Boretrak software

Carlson Boretrak software acts as the survey controller which enables you to set up projects, manage holes, conduct the survey, and view results.

Versions of **Carlson Boretrak** are available to run on a Windows tablet or an Android mobile device.

Carlson Boretrak displays real-time data from the probe while the Bluetooth connection is live. During a deployment, the probe is in a borehole, so the connection is usually disconnected. The connection is automatically re-established when a hole survey is complete, and the probe has been retrieved to within Bluetooth range of the tablet.

After downloading data, a visual inspection of the hole survey is possible. You can compare the surveyed hole with design data and export the project for use in other software packages from Carlson or in third party packages.

Carlson Boretrak allows you to manage the geo-referencing of the holes, and to send final data directly from the field.

Back in the office **Carlson Boretrak** can run in **Desktop mode** on an office PC. This allows a more comprehensive data analysis to be conducted, and reports and exports can be generated.



OPERATIONAL GUIDE



3 Boretrak2 deployments – gyro introduction

The Boretrak2 is fitted with an Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) which incorporates a 3-axis MEMS-based gyro and a 3-axis accelerometer.

The IMU integrates information from both the gyro and the accelerometer, and the output orientation is determined by fusing the outputs of both these sensors through a software-based Kalman filter model.

The advanced IMU solution ensures that the attitude and orientation of the Boretrak2 probe can always be tracked as it is deployed along a borehole, whether it is pointing up, down or horizontal.

3.1 Gyro drift

The results from a gyro may drift with time. If you lay a gyro flat and absolutely still, it will output a heading. If you leave the gyro in exactly the same position, the raw heading that it outputs will gradually change, even though the gyro is not changing position or rotating. This is 'drift' and it is effectively an error that will affect raw data output from a gyro.

The results from a gyro may also drift with temperature, with severe temperature changes causing greater drift in the gyro output.

Processing in the Boretrak2 firmware and **Carlson Boretrak** software helps to mitigate these effects on the gyro in the installed IMU. The raw gyro drift over a given time is kept to a minimum and constant checks on the drift throughout the deployment ensure that temperature changes are mostly accounted for. If the accelerometers detect that the Boretrak2 is held static at any point, then the gyro is effectively locked so that any drift during this period is ignored.

However, from the moment the Boretrak2 is first aligned, the accuracy of the gyro is slowly deteriorating due to an accumulating angular error. This means that the deployment operation should be as prompt and efficient as possible.

In ideal circumstances, during operations, the drift of the gyro will be <1.0° per 30 minutes.

Each time the Boretrak2 is aligned in a known orientation, any error is reset to zero. Therefore, it is worthwhile realigning the probe as often as is practically possible during field operations.

3.2 Gyro alignment

The gyro in the Boretrak2 does not output a heading with respect to true north. The gyro can measure the angle that it is rotated through as it is deployed or as it is moved around on the surface, but it cannot determine which direction it is pointing in when it is switched on.

For this reason, we must manually define the starting, 'reference' heading of the probe at the beginning of an operation. Once we have determined this starting orientation, the gyro can then keep track of the changing heading as it is moved around and deployed.

After the Boretrak2 is powered ON, and before it is deployed, the unit must undergo an alignment which is when this starting heading is established.

During the alignment the probe should be located within the operations area, ready for the deployment to commence. The probe should be laid out horizontally (roughly +/- 20° from horizontal) on a solid, stable surface. An alignment jig is supplied to provide an easy mounting point for the probe.

The alignment lasts approximately 3 seconds. During this period, the Boretrak2 probe must be motionless. Site the probe away from areas where knocks or excessive vibration may occur. If movement is detected, the alignment



may automatically restart multiple times before it is successfully completed.

If it is suspected that the probe has moved during the alignment, or that the readings from the probe seem to be unstable immediately after the alignment, then it is essential to realign the probe.

For the purposes of a Boretrak2 survey, the reference heading is defined by the orientation of the probe, pointing in the direction of the nose cone, while it is held static in the alignment jig.

Using traditional survey techniques, establish this heading with respect to your site coordinate system while the probe is held static in the alignment jig.

The surveyed, starting heading is entered into **Carlson Boretrak** software in the **Alignment** window (see section 15.5).

If the jig is held securely in place, multiple, repeatable alignments can be taken from the same position between Boretrak2 deployments down different boreholes. Also, if required, the jig can be left in place for a surveyor to observe with their total station after the deployment has been completed. The jig heading can then be entered into **Carlson Boretrak** retrospectively (see section 14.1.4).

Note that other customised hardware devices which perform the same function as the alignment jig may be used if they are more suitable for your specific operations.

3.3 Gyro limits

The gyro is limited to measuring rates of rotation of up to 960° /sec in each axis. In practice this should not be a limiting factor providing no sudden rotational accelerations are encountered or constant rotations of greater than \sim 1.1Hz are not encountered.

If the gyro does rotate beyond its current limit, in any axis, an out-of-range error will be displayed. In this case you must retrieve and realign the probe before starting the deployment again.

Error						
Thread: Scanner	Update Categ	ory:				
Information	Advanced	1				
Gyro rotation li exceeded and longer valid. Th to be recalibrat	imit has been calibration is no he gyro will nee ted before use.	o ed				
Accept						

Figure 1 Gyro exceeded rotational speed limit

Note that this error can only be registered by **Carlson Boretrak** while the Boretrak2 probe and tablet have a live Bluetooth communications link established. If the rotation limit is exceeded while the probe is out of Bluetooth range of the tablet, then the message appears as soon as the Bluetooth connection is restored.

Any data collected since the alignment was lost will be unreliable. Therefore, whenever this message appears, you should realign the probe and repeat the survey of the hole(s) surveyed since the alignment was lost.

To avoid exceeding this rotational speed limit, once the Boretrak2 is aligned, handle the probe carefully and steadily as it is being moved into the hole. During the deployment, lower the probe carefully and steadily. If you deploy the probe on the steel cable alone, try to ensure as little rotation as possible is introduced through twist in the cable.



3.4 Gyro check

After the probe is retrieved from the hole it is possible to perform a gyro check to confirm that the dynamics, shocks and rotations experienced during the deployment have not caused the gyro to drift or lose accuracy.

As long as the Broretrak2 is still aligned, place the probe back on the alignment jig and select **Align > Verify Alignment**. An error factor is displayed to give an indication of the change in angle during the survey. See section 15.2.6.



4 Boretrak2 deployments – geo-referencing

4.1 Georeferencing a survey

When using the Boretrak2 system, it is usually the case that the absolute position and orientation of the surveyed hole will be required. For example, if deviation is detected in the borehole, in which direction is it inclined and how does this relate to other features above or below the ground?

To establish the position and orientation of the surveyed data, two values are required:

- 1. The position of the borehole collar.
- 2. The orientation of the probe during the gyro alignment.

With these two values established, when the Boretrak2 probe is deployed down the borehole, all subsequent readings can be related back to the starting position and orientation. The surveyed hole can also be referenced to any other features surveyed on the same coordinate system: for example, a quarry face or an underground tunnel.

4.2 **Position of the borehole**

The position of the borehole can be established by:

- GNSS.
- Traditional survey methods.
- A Carlson Quarryman Pro. The Quarryman Pro is used in quarrying operations to scan a quarry face and to position borehole collars.

If the collar is very wide and uneven, take care to survey to the exact point from which the deployment is to be measured.

4.3 Orientation and positioning of the alignment jig

Find a location for the alignment jig. The location must be close enough to the collar so that the Boretrak2 can be promptly deployed when the alignment is complete.

The location should be solid and not subject to movement or vibrations. Ensure the jig is roughly horizontal (ie. within 20° of level).

It is important to minimise handling of the Boretrak2 probe between the alignment and deployment. Therefore, if convenient, keep the deployment device attached to the probe while it is being aligned. This may influence where you choose to position the alignment jig, particularly if using the push rod system for deployments.

The heading of the Boretrak2 in the jig must be entered into **Carlson Boretrak**. The heading is that which is defined by the direction of the Boretrak2 from the rod adaptor to the tip of the nose cone (see Figure 2).

This heading can be established by:

- A direct survey of the jig using traditional survey methods.
- Aligning the jig along a line of known azimuth eg. along the centre of a tunnel underground, or along a shotline in a quarry.
- Aligning the jig between two points with known coordinates eg. between two surveyed hole collars. The heading between the two holes can be computed in **Carlson Boretrak** software.



 A good-quality, hand-held compass. This is the least accurate option. Stand behind the alignment jig and take a compass bearing looking along the jig in the direction that the probe is, or will be, pointing. If using a magnetic compass, ensure that the immediate area is free from external magnetic influences, such as drill rigs or mobile phones.

Note that if a compass is used, the measured bearing will be relative to magnetic north. The relationship between the magnetic bearing from the compass and any local grid north that is used for other survey data will need to be established if data from the Boretrak2 is to be used in conjunction with data from other systems such as GPS or the Quarryman Pro.

Note that the heading of the alignment jig is independent from the direction of the hole being surveyed. The measured heading provides a starting reference for the survey. Once the gyro is aligned in this heading, the gyro tracks any subsequent changes of orientation.

Establishing the reference heading of the jig can take place at any time before or after the deployment. As long as the alignment jig is not moved between aligning the gyro and surveying the heading, you can establish the reference heading when the Boretrak2 survey is not in progress.



Figure 2 Surveyed heading of the alignment jig



5 Boretrak2 deployments – a typical project in the field

The procedure outlined below is a 'quick start guide' to using a Boretrak2 in the field.

The methodology is based around a borehole survey on a quarry. The project includes importing design holes into the **Carlson Boretrak** project. The alignment jig is orientated during the survey by physically aligning it between pre-surveyed holes. The project is run on a Windows tablet.

5.1 Preparing for the survey

Before carrying out a survey, check:

- You are running the most recent release of **Carlson Boretrak**, available from Carlson's website.
- The Bluetooth function on your tablet is turned ON and the Boretrak2 probe is paired with your tablet.
- The supplied, rechargeable Boretrak2 batteries are fully charged.
- The probe, thread, batteries and deployment device are all inspected and found to be in good condition and free from damage.

Load the batteries into the Boretrak2 nose cone and screw the nose cone securely onto the probe. The Boretrak2 is now ON.

The probe LEDs start by showing solid yellow while the power is stabilising. They progress to flashing blue if there has been no Bluetooth connection, or flashing red if there has been a Bluetooth connection.

5.2 Setting up Carlson Boretrak

5.2.1 New project

Open Carlson Boretrak software. Tap New to start a new project.



Figure 3 Touch mode Home screen



The **Project** window opens.

Enter a **Project Name**. Enter the **Surveyor** and any **Notes** as required.



Figure 4 New project window

5.2.2 Import design holes

To import holes into the project, select the **Holes** tab, then tap **Import**.

Project Layer Holes A gnments	Deployments Properties	
Search: Name		
Name Easting Northing	Elevation	
Import	Add Hole	Add Pattern
	Cancel	Create

Figure 5 Project window > Holes tab

The **Browse** window appears. Navigate to find the file containing the design holes. These may be in the form of a standard ASCII text file such a *.TXT or *.CSV file, or else a Carlson *.DRL file.



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Carlson Boretrak		20210506 BT2 cert	
C:\		20210517 BT2 testing	
D:\		20210517 pipe survey	
Y:\		Face 32E 14 holes.csv	
Z:\	-	sample stations.csv	*
All (*.drl *.qph *.csv)			•

Figure 6 Import hole file

DRL files import directly into Carlson Boretrak.

To import holes from an ASCII text file, the **ASCII Import** window appears. Pre-defined import formats can be setup so that the file is directly imported into **Carlson Boretrak**. When importing for the first time, manually assign fields for the data in the *.CSV file. Tap on the header of a column then select the appropriate field from the **Data** drop down list.

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2	2	3245617.54	564322.32	56.39	15	320		10	
3	3	3245625.85	564319.43	56.36	15	320		10	
4	4	3245634.16	564316.54	56.33	15	320		10	
5	5	3245642.47	564313.65	56.37	15	320		10	
6	6	3245650.78	564310.76	56.41	15	320		10	
Fil	e Settings Show On Each Imp	port			Cancel			Import	

Figure 7 ASCII Import window



After defining the last column, click **Confirm**, then **Import**.

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	Hole Name	Easting	Northing	Elevation	Length	Heading	Inclination	^
1	1	3245609.23	564325.21	56.42	15	320	10	
2	2	3245617.54	564322.32	56.39	15	320	10	
3	3	3245625.85	564319.43	56.36	15	320	10	
4	4	3245634.16	564316.54	56.33	15	320	10	
5	5	3245642.47	564313.65	56.37	15	320	10	
6	6	3245650.78	564310.76	56.41	15	320	10	*
Fi	File Settings Show On Each Import				Cancel		Import	

Figure 8 ASCII Import window > completing the import

The design holes are loaded into the project. They are visible in the **3D View**, listed in the **Project** window **Holes** tab, and also appear in the **Project** tab.

Project	Project Holes Deployments Alignments Layers						
Search: N	Search: Name						
Name	Easting	Northing	Elevation		^		
1	2015.00m	2990.09m	50.00m	Deploy B	r i		
1	2010.00m	2995.09m	50.00m	Deploy B ⁻	r .		
1	2005.00m	3000.09m	50.00m	Deploy B	г		
2	2019.02m	2994.01m	50.05m	Deploy B ⁻	r i		
2	2014.02m	2999.09m	50.05m	Deploy B	r		
2	2009.02m	3004.04m	50.05m	Deploy B	r		
3	2023.04m	2997.94m	50.09m	Deploy B	r		
3	2018.04m	3003.09m	50.09m	Deploy B ⁻	г		
3	2013.04m	3007.99m	50.09m	Denlov B	r -		
	Import		Add Hole		Add Pattern		
Q -			Cancel		Create		

Figure 9 Project window > Holes tab

Tap **Create** to create the new project.



5.2.3 Connection

On creation of a new project, **Carlson Boretrak** automatically starts searching for a paired Boretrak within communication range.



Figure 10 Connecting to a Boretrak2

When Carlson Boretrak connects to the probe, the Control tab is populated with Boretrak controls.

If no connection is made, check:

- The Boretrak2 probe is powered ON and flashing red or blue.
- The Boretrak2 is paired to your tablet.
- Bluetooth is switched ON on your tablet.
- No other devices are connected to the same Boretrak2 probe.

Tap Find Boretraks to reattempt a connection.

5.3 Alignment

By default, the survey will start at Hole 1. Position the alignment jig so that it is lined up between Hole 1 and Hole 2 (see Figure 11). Ensure the jig is on solid ground and reasonably close to level (i.e.: within 20 degrees).

Connect the steel cable securely to the Boretrak2 probe using the deployment adaptor (see section 6.6).

Position your probe in the supplied jig. The probe can be rolled around its axis in any rotation, but the nosecone must point towards Hole 2.





Figure 11 The probe in the alignment jig aligned between two holes



Figure 12 Probe held in the alignment jig



In the Control tab, tap Align Gyro.

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Hole-05		- 🕅 Q	
Heading –	Inclina	ation –	
Segment Length	2m		-
	🔂 Align Gy	/ro	

Figure 13 Align Gyro button

Note that if the Boretrak2 probe is not stable during the alignment, the alignment may be delayed. In this case, the gyro button turns yellow. This may occur if the probe suffers vibrations or shocks during the alignment process.

The alignment will complete when the probe is stable.

The Alignment Details window appears.

In the **Azimuth** frame, select **Relative**. From the drop-down lists, select **From: 1** and **To: 2.** The heading from Hole 1 to Hole 2 is computed and used as the starting alignment heading for the survey.

Alignment Setup	Deployments Properties							
Alignment ID Alignment	Alignment ID Alignment 11:17							
Azimuth Offset								
O Heading Fr	rom 1							
Relative	• 2							
O Use Existing _{Az}	z 45.503°							
_								
Q. •	رم. • Finish							

Figure 14 Establishing a relative heading between two holes

Alternatively, you can just enter a known heading. The required heading is always that pointing along the probe towards the nose cone.

To enter a known heading, in the Alignment Details window, select Heading and enter the known heading value.



Alignment Setup Deployments Properties
Alignment ID Alignment 12:12 26.54
Azimuth Offset
• Heading Heading 26.54
○ 2-Point
○ Relative
O Use Existing
⊂. Finish

Click Finish to close the Alignment Details window.

After an alignment is complete, handle the probe with care to ensure the gyro can keep track of the changing heading and to avoid exceeding the rotation rate threshold of the gyro.

5.3.1 Probes running version 1.0 firmware

The first generation of Boretrak2 probes run firmware version 1.0. These probes must be positioned with the Boretrak logo pointing upwards when they are being aligned, see Figure 12. The software identifies when a probe running version 1.0 firmware is connected. When you initiate an alignment, a message appears prompting you to position the probe in this way.

Subsequent versions of firmware do not require the probe to be rolled in any specific way.

5.4 Deployment

In the **Control** tab, the **Align Gyro** button turns green once the heading has been aligned, and then disappears.

After a successful alignment, an **Alignment** icon appears in the top of the **Control** tab. Tap the **Alignment** icon to realign the gyro between holes (see section 15.5).

From this point onwards, the IMU tracks the orientation of the probe in relation to this starting heading. The probe logs all IMU data.

While the gyro is aligned, always handle the probe carefully and avoid knocking or sharply twisting the probe.

The icon in the top right of the **Control** tab flashes green, indicating that the probe LEDs are also flashing green. This indicates that the gyro is aligned, and the survey can commence.



Alignment icon		Nenu	LED icon
	Heading 46.01° Inclination 6.82° Segment Length 2m	Project	
	Take Reading	Measure Control	

Figure 15 The Control tab after an alignment, ready to survey

Check that Hole 1 is selected from the Hole drop down list. Select the correct Segment Length: usually 2 m.



The live **Heading** and **Inclination** values are displayed.

The **Take Reading** button is active and the deployment is ready to start.





Figure 17 Boretrak2 ready to deploy

Leave the jig in place. Pick up the Boretrak2 probe ready to deploy into Hole 1.

Tap the **Zoom to hole** button. The **3D View** zooms in on the hole selected for survey. An animated model of the Boretrak2 probe is visible at the hole collar.



Figure 18 Zoom in on the selected hole in the 3D View



Deploy the Boretrak2 probe 2 m into the borehole. The deployment distance is measured from the nose of the probe. 2m will take the probe down the borehole so that the second nodule on the steel cable is level with the hole collar.



Figure 19 Deploying the probe into the hole

With the second nodule against the hole collar, hold the probe still and tap **Take Reading**.

In the **3D View**, the probe progresses 2 m. In the **Control** tab, the current length of the hole and the number of **Segments** (readings taken) are displayed.

The Final Reading and Undo Last buttons become active.

The process of collecting Boretrak readings during the deployment is entirely manual.

- Don't forget to take a reading at every segment length (in this case, 2 m)
- o Do not take more than one reading at a segment length
- Only deploy by the selected segment length





Figure 20 Deployment in progress

If you take a reading by accident, tap **Undo Last** to go delete the last reading.

Continuing lowering the probe two metres at a time. Stop at each deployment interval, steady the probe and take a reading.

5.5 Bluetooth connection

When the Boretrak2 probe starts a survey, there is a live Bluetooth link between the probe and the tablet. While the live link is retained, data is 'silently' downloaded from the probe to the tablet, approximately every thirty seconds.

After the first reading is taken, this link is disconnected.



Figure 21 Bluetooth connection lost

With the link broken, the Reconnect button appears.

Continue with the deployment as before.



In the **3D View** all segments added after the Bluetooth link has been disconnected are shown as flashing yellow. These yellow segments are provisional and are just based on the last live reading taken. They will be updated when the Bluetooth link is reconnected, and data is downloaded from the probe at the end of the survey.



Figure 22 Readings taken while Bluetooth is disconnected

In addition, with no live Bluetooth link, the deployment displayed in the **Project** tab is shown as a warning triangle.



Figure 23 Project tree showing a warning triangle

All data must be downloaded from the probe before any analysis of the data is carried out, and before any reporting or exports are generated. Therefore, before saving and closing the project, ensure that a live Bluetooth link is re-established and all data has been downloaded.



5.6 Completing a deployment

When you feel the Boretrak2 probe touch the end of the borehole, keep the steel cable tight so that the probe remains upright with respect to the hole.

Tap **Final Reading** to take the final reading in the borehole.

The **Final Offset** controls appear.



Figure 24 End of hole controls

Commonly, when the probe reaches the end of the hole, the last deployment interval does not equal the full, userdefined **Segment Length**. In this case, while the probe is at the end of the hole, keep the cable taught and measure the distance from the hole collar back along the cable to the next measurement point, i.e. the next interval / nodule / rod joint to which you would deploy if the hole were longer.





Figure 25 Final offset at end of deployment

Enter the measured offset into the **Final Offset** field. This value is deducted from the last reading's full segment length.

In the example in Figure 24 above, 9 * 2 m readings have been taken, giving a total of 18 m. But since the last deployment was not fully down to the next nodule, the **Final Offset** is measured and entered as 0.5 m. Therefore, the surveyed hole length is:

To end the survey, tap **Finish**.

The Next Deployment controls appear.

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Records Downloaded	roject
Select Next Deployment	Measure
15x	C
Deploy to 2	ontr
Ensure probe is connected and records are downloaded before exiting	0



By default, it is assumed that the next hole to be surveyed will be the next hole in sequence in the list of holes in



the project: in this case, hole 2. Tap **Deploy to 2** to continue to the next hole.

To continue surveying to a different hole, select the required hole from the drop-down list.

The current hole switches to your selected hole and the **Control** tab is ready for the next deployment.

5.7 Bluetooth reconnection

When you tap **Finish** to end a deployment, **Carlson Boretrak** automatically re-establishes the Bluetooth link as soon as the probe is detectable by the tablet's Bluetooth antenna.

With the link restored, the Reconnect button disappears.

All records that have been logged while the Bluetooth link has not been connected are downloaded.

5.8 Realignment

For maximum survey accuracy, align the probe as regularly as possible.

During a deployment, the Alignment icon is visible at the top of the Control tab.



Figure 27 The Alignment icon

If the probe is rotated beyond the maximum rotational speed limit, the IMU loses alignment. The Probe LEDs flash red, which is reflected in the LED icon in the **Control** tab, which also turns red. The red **Align Gyro** button appears. Realign the probe and repeat any deployments which were in progress while the alignment was lost.



Figure 28 The Alignment icon when gyro alignment has been lost

When a deployment is complete, to realign the gyro, tap on the **Alignment** icon. The **Alignment Options** dialog opens.



Alignment Options X							
Gyro is currently active. Time Since Alignment: 00:12							
New	Verify	Edit					

Figure 29 Alignment Options

The Boretrak2 probe must be positioned on the alignment jig. The jig may be left in the same position as for the previous alignment, if it is still convenient to use it in that location, or it could be repositioned between the next two holes.

Tap **New** to align the probe. Proceed with deployments in subsequent holes.

5.8.1 Probes running version 1.0 firmware

The first generation of Boretrak2 probes run firmware version 1.0. If you are using a first-generation probe, it is recommended that you use the **Verify** button to check the current quality of the gyro heading. The software identifies when a probe running version 1.0 firmware is connected. When you complete a deployment, a message appears prompting you to carry out this check.

Subsequent versions of firmware have an enhanced alignment sequence which is more robust during a deployment. Even so, using the **Verify** feature can help to give confidence in the current status of the gyro if you are surveying multiple holes using a single alignment.

The Verify button is found in the Alignment Options window. See section 15.2.6 for further details.



5.9 Data analysis and deliverables

All hole coordinates and alignment headings can be edited retrospectively.

In the Project tab, click on a hole, then on the Hole Details button to edit hole coordinates and planned hole details.



From the Menu tab. Tap **Alignments**. Tap on the appropriate alignment to edit the heading, which will recompute all deployments which used that alignment.



Search: Name		
Name	Azimuth	
Alignment 12:55	45.50°	
Alignment 12:55	52.40°	
Alignment 12:55	38.90°	



To view the details of a deployment, go to the **Project** tab, tap on a specific **Deployment** and tap the **Deployment Details** button.



Figure 30 Deployment Details button

The **Deployment Details** window appears. A table shows details of each reading taken in the selected hole, including the deviation from the planned hole at each deployment depth.

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Deployment Properties									
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Ø	46.4°	6.8°	4.00m	0.41m	10.13%	11:31:34	46.03m	J	2.00m
0	46.3°	6.8°	6.00m	0.61m	10.11%	11:31:38	44.04m	J	1.50m
	46.5°	6.8°	8.00m	0.81m	10.11%	11:31:43	42.06m	J	1.00m
0	46.5°	6.8°	10.00m	1.01m	10.12%	11:31:47	40.07m	J	270 0.50m 90
S	46.0°	6.9°	12.00m	2.29m	19.06%	11:31:51	38.08m	J	0.00m
	46.0°	6.9°	14.00m	4.18m	29.82%	11:31:55	36.10m	1	
	46.5°	6.8°	16.00m	6.14m	38.34%	11:32:00	34.11m	P	
	46.5°	6.8°	17.50m	7.62m	43.53%	11:32:38	32.62m	P	190
Close									

Figure 31 Deployment Details window

2D plots show different views of the surveyed hole alongside the planned hole.

From the Menu tab, tap Reports to generate PDF reports of deployments in the project.

The report displays hole information, tabular representation of all readings, a 2D side view and a plan view of the hole.

From the **Menu** tab, tap **Exports** to export the surveyed and planned data in a choice of formats. Select the data format and then pick the specific datasets you wish to export.



5.10 Points to remember

The following points summarise some important points to remember to ensure the optimal accuracy and consistency from your Boretrak2 surveys. If you are having problems with your survey results, check that all these points have been taken into consideration.

5.10.1 All deployments

- Check that you are running the most recent release of **Carlson Boretrak**, available from Carlson's website.
- Make sure all data is downloaded after a survey. In the **Project** tab there must be no **Deployments** left showing a warning triangle.
- Handle the probe with care to ensure the gyro can keep track of the changing heading and to avoid exceeding the rotation rate threshold of the IMU.
- The Process of collecting Boretrak readings during the deployment is entirely manual. This will mean you will incur a gross error in the length of the hole (and thus in the end coordinates of the hole) if you:
 - Forget to take a reading at a segment interval
 - Take more than one reading at a segment interval
 - Enter the wrong segment interval before the deployment
 - Enter an incorrect Final Offset value.

5.10.2 Alignments

- The probe must be absolutely still when you carry out an alignment.
- The accuracy of the alignment heading determines the accuracy of the whole survey until the next alignment. Position the alignment jig carefully and carry out the heading survey (or the alignment of the jig between two known points) as precisely as possible. The required heading is that pointing towards the nose of the probe.
- Carry out a new heading alignment as often as possible. For the very best accuracy, realign before each hole. A reasonable target would be to align every three or four holes, but this will depend on the length of each deployment, the required accuracy for your project and the practical realties of positioning the alignment jig on your site.
- In the example above, the probe was aligned between two holes of known coordinates. This will often be the most convenient method of establishing the heading in a quarry environment, but there are other options depending on your project site and the facilities available to you. See section 4.3.

5.10.3 Horizontal and uphole deployments

- If you are using a push rod system or Boretrak rods to deploy the probe, the probe should be detached from the deployment device before aligning the heading on the alignment jig. This ensures that the probe can sit cleanly in the jig and that the position of the jig is not disturbed.
- For uphole deployments, you *must* use centralisers to hold the probe parallel to the sides of the hole. You may customise your own stabilisers to fit your local site requirements and hole sizes or, alternatively, contact



Carlson for advice on disposable fittings such as those shown below.



Figure 32 Boretrak2 probe fitted with centralisers for uphole deployment



HARDWARE


6 Boretrak2 hardware description

6.1 Probe



Figure 33 Boretrak probe

The Boretrak2 probe contains an inertial measurement unit (IMU). The IMU comprises a triaxial accelerometer, magnetometer, and gyro.

IMU readings are collected during a survey and stored in the probe's on-board memory. The probe also contains a real-time clock which is synchronised with the clock on your mobile device. The clock is used to timestamp all recorded data.

The Boretrak2 probe operates at any inclination. The IMU tracks the probe's orientation whether it is deployed upwards, downwards, or horizontally.

A ring of LEDs provides visible information on the status of the Boretrak2. The information conveyed is outlined below.

LED behaviour	Message signalled
Yellow solid	On power up - waiting for battery to stabilise
Blue flashing	Waiting for Bluetooth connection
Red flashing	Probe is not aligned or has lost alignment
Yellow flashing	Probe is aligned / logging is off
Green flashing	Probe is aligned / logging is on / ready to survey
Red / green flashing	For troubleshooting only
Red / blue flashing	For troubleshooting only
Red / yellow blinking	For troubleshooting only
Red / cyan blinking	Battery level too low to power up

The Bluetooth signal is broadcast through the LED window. Try to avoid holding the probe by the LED window during operations as Bluetooth communications with the mobile device may be affected.

The deployment adaptor provides a quick-release mechanism to attach to deployment devices. This connection ensures that the probe is secure during deployment and that attaching and detaching the selected deployment device is quick and efficient.



The serial number of the probe is engraved on the side of the rod adaptor.

The nose cone at the bottom end of the probe houses the batteries and should be unscrewed for transportation or for changing the batteries.

The Boretrak2 probe is ruggedised but should be handled with due care to best protect the calibrated sensors inside the housing.

6.1.1 Probe power

The Boretrak2 probe is powered by three, size "D" (LR20) rechargeable batteries. With each Boretrak2 system, Carlson supplies 10,000mAh Ni-MH rechargeable Ansmann batteries as shown below. These particular batteries have been extensively tested in the Boretrak2 probe and are strongly recommended for use in all field operations.

Ensure the batteries are fully charged prior to each day's survey operations.



Figure 34 Supplied rechargeable batteries

These batteries are contained in the removable nose cone that is screwed onto the bottom end of the probe.

Insert the batteries into the nose cone, ensuring that the positive terminals are facing the open end, as shown in Figure 35. Screw the nose cone onto the main probe using hand pressure only. The nose cone must be fully screwed home to ensure a watertight seal.



Figure 35 Positive battery terminals face out



Indications of discharged batteries are:

- The LEDs switch to solid yellow (battery too low to proceed with operations).
- The LEDs do not activate when the nose cone is fitted (battery exhausted).
- The tablet cannot establish communications with the probe as a remote Bluetooth device (battery exhausted).
- A message in **Carlson Boretrak** software indicating that the battery level is critical or that there is not enough power to turn on the IMU.

The probe is powered ON as soon as the nose cone is attached to the probe. Removing the nose cone powers the probe OFF.

Note that there is a supercapacitor in the probe which allows the Boretrak2 to keep running if power is momentarily lost due to a sudden shock, or displacement of the batteries. Therefore, to fully reboot the probe, leave the nose cone disconnected for at least 20 seconds to allow the supercapacitor to fully discharge.

As described in the table in section 6.1, when the Boretrak2 probe is powered ON, the LEDs will light up, initially yellow and then in a colour and pattern dependent on the current status of the probe.

When a survey is complete, and data has been downloaded from the Boretrak2 probe to the tablet, remove the nose cone to preserve battery life. Data is automatically deleted from the probe after it has been downloaded. If data has not been downloaded, it is stored in the probe even when the probe is powered OFF.



WARNING: only undamaged batteries should be used in the Boretrak2 probe. Prior to each use, check the condition of your battery cells. If the plastic coating around the battery is pierced, ripped or torn, do not load the battery into the probe. Dispose of the battery and source a Carlson-approved replacement.



Figure 36 An example of a battery with a damaged outer coating. This battery should not be used in the Boretrak2 probe

WARNING: dispose of used batteries sensibly. Under no circumstances must the batteries (or instrument) be disposed of by burning. Explosion may occur!

WARNING: all batteries contain highly reactive, poisonous, and corrosive chemicals, which are hazardous if released due to physical damage. Should the battery or battery charger stop working or become damaged, stop using it and source a Carlson-approved replacement.



6.2 Grease

The Boretrak2 probe incorporates a nose cone which acts as a battery compartment. This nose cone screws onto the probe and is sealed with an O-ring above the retaining thread.

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Graisse de Silicone Silikonfett	FR Graisse au silicone à usage général présentant une table volatilité et adaptée à une large plage de températures d'utilisation. Possède de hautes propriétés d'isolation et d'imperméabilisation, une bonne conductivité thermique et sert de lubritiant mécanique de qualité arisonnable.

Figure 37 Silicon grease

A tube of silicon grease is supplied with the Boretrak2. This grease should be lightly smeared on the O-ring to ensure it is kept well lubricated and the probe retains its seal. Keep grease off the retaining thread.

6.3 USB drive



Figure 38 USB drive

A USB drive is supplied with the Boretrak2 system. This is loaded with:

- Carlson Boretrak software for Windows.
- Carlson Boretrak software for Android.
- This Boretrak2 manual.



6.4 Transit case



Figure 39 Boretrak2 transit case

Components of the Boretrak2 system are contained within a dedicated transit case. The case ensures the system is protected from shocks and vibrations. When the lid is closed and the latches are snapped in place, the case is both dust-tight and water-tight (IP67).

Always pack the Boretrak2 probe and accessories into the transit case for storage and transportation.

Clean and dry the Boretrak2 probe and other accessories prior to packing them in the transit case.



6.5 Alignment jig

A gyro alignment jig is supplied with all Boretrak2 systems.



Figure 40 Gyro alignment jig (left) with probe during alignment (right)

When in use, the gyro inside the Boretrak2 must be aligned before a deployment. The gyro is not a north-seeking device so an initial starting heading must be defined. The starting heading forms the basis of all subsequent orientation data collected over the course of a deployment. During the alignment routine therefore, the probe must be held in a position where the starting heading can be surveyed.

The jig cradles the probe during this alignment and provides a baseline which can be used to survey an accurate heading.

The heading entered in **Carlson Boretrak** software should be that pointing in the direction of the nose cone of the Boretrak2 probe.

Spiked feet underneath the jig can be pushed into the ground to ensure it does not move.

A 5/8" thread in the centre of the jig allows it to be mounted on a standard survey tripod.





Figure 41 Gyro alignment jig mounted on a survey tripod

Wherever the jig is positioned, if it is held securely in place, multiple, repeatable alignments can be taken from the same position. Also, if required, the jig can be left in place for a surveyor to observe with their total station after the deployment has been completed.

Note that other customised devices which perform the same function as the alignment jig may be used if they are more suitable for your specific operations.



6.6 Deployment adaptor

The deployment adaptor allows the Borektrak2 probe to be directly connected to a variety of deployment devices.



Figure 42 Deployment adaptor

The 5/8" thread screws directly into female 5/8" threads on the supplied steel cable and on the optional push rod system.

With the deployment adaptor connected to the selected deployment device, the adaptor can be connected to the Boretrak2 probe before commencing a survey. Retract the sprung brass cuff to reveal the quick release connection pin.



Figure 43 Deployment adaptor with brass cuff un-retracted (left) & retracted (right)

To connect the deployment adaptor to the probe, hold the two at 90° angles. Push the quick release pin into the hole in the probe. Now straighten the probe so it is in line with the deployment adaptor.





Figure 45 Retracted deployment adaptor ready to connect to the probe



Figure 44 Connecting the deployment adaptor to the probe

Allow the brass cuff to spring back into place, locking the Boretrak2 probe in line with the deployment adaptor.



Figure 46 Deployment adaptor connected to the probe

To disconnect the probe, retract the brass cuff, move the probe so it is at a 90° angle with respect to the deployment adaptor and disengage the probe from the deployment adaptor.



6.7 Steel cable

The steel cable is supplied with all Boretrak2 units. This cable should be used for deployments along any borehole steep enough for gravity to pull the probe to the bottom of the hole. For shallower holes, or holes drilled horizontally or uphole, the steel cable is not suitable. In these cases, a push rod system should be used.



Figure 47 Steel cable

The standard cable is 50m long. For deployments down boreholes longer than 50m, contact Carlson Software to enquire about cables of different lengths.

A threaded brass cap on the end of the steel cable provides a connection point for the deployment adaptor.

The steel cable is marked along its length by steel nodules and distance labels every metre. These are arranged in the order:

- Yellow marker = 1m and subsequent odd metre intervals
- Red marker = 2m and subsequent even metre intervals



Figure 48 Odd (left) and even (right) metre markers

With the Boretrak2 probe connected to the cable, the first nodule along the cable from the probe is exactly 1 m from the tip of the Boretrak2 nose cone.

On the other end of the steel cable a clip gives the option to attach the wire to a belt or fixed object in case there is concern that the probe might be dropped down the borehole.



The steel wire is supplied wound into a coil and packed into a cable bag.



Figure 49 Steel cable spool in transit case

6.8 Push rod system (optional)

The push rod system is used to push the Boretrak2 probe during horizontal or uphole deployments. It is also suitable for use in shallow, downhole deployments when the hole is not steep enough for gravity to pull the probe down the hole under its own weight.



Figure 50 Push rod system

55 m of push rod is spooled in a cage held in a metal frame. The push rod is made of alkali-free fibreglass and highquality resin for flexibility and tensile strength. The exterior layer is covered with high density UV-resistant polyethylene.



The push rod is marked with nodules at one metre intervals. These nodules aid accurate deployment of the Boretrak2 probe. Even numbers of metres are marked with red nodules, odd numbers with silver.

A brass cone connector is fastened to the end of the push rod. Screw the deployment adaptor into the brass cone connector. The Boretrak2 probe can then be easily connected to the push rod.

The standard push rod has a cross sectional diameter of 9 mm. The minimum bend radius of the push rod is 30cm.

A brake lever on the side of the frame locks and unlocks the cage. Rotate the brake lever clockwise to tighten and anti-clockwise to untighten the rotation of the cage. Release the brake to deploy the push rod.



WARNING: a large amount of energy is stored in the coiled fibreglass rod. Always maintain control over the free end of the rod when the brake is not applied. Always keep the brake lever locked when the push rod is not being deployed or recovered.

WARNING: do not exceed the minimum bend radius of the push rod.

For transportation, the push rod system is supplied dismantled. The frame must be assembled on receipt, before the system is used on site.

6.8.1 Supplied parts

The following parts are supplied as part of a push rod system.



Figure 51 Push rod system - supplied parts

- 1 x Push rod frame
- 1 x Frame handle
- 1 x Wheel axle
- 1 x Brake handle
- 1 x Cable guide
- 4 x Stud feet



- 2 x Clevis pins
- 2 x Rubber wheels
- 2 x M6 x 40 mm screw with nut and washer
- 4 x M6 x 35 mm screw with washer
- 2 x M8 x 45 mm screw with nut and washer

The tools required for assembly are:

- 6 mm hex key
- 5 mm hex key

6.8.2 Assembly

Thread the brake handle onto the hub of the drum axle.



Figure 52 Assembling the push rod system - step 1

Hold the wheel axle against the push rod frame and align the holes in the axle with the holes in the frame.



Figure 53 Assembling the push rod system - step 2



Insert a M8 x 45 mm screw through both holes in the wheel axle. Secure the axle to the frame with a nut and washer. Tighten the screw with a 6 mm hex key.



Wheel axle secured with two M8 x 45 mm bolt, nut and washer sets

Figure 54 Assembling the push rod system - step 3

Slide a rubber wheel onto each side of the axle.



Figure 55 Assembling the push rod system - step 4



To secure the wheels in place, insert and secure a clevis pin through the hole on each end of the axle.



Figure 56 Assembling the push rod system - step 5

Insert the handle into the connectors at the top of the frame. Ensure the holes in the handle are aligned with the holes in the frame.



Figure 57 Assembling the push rod system - step 6



Insert a M6 x 40 mm screw through the holes in each connector. Secure the handle to the frame with a nut and washer. Tighten the screw using a 5 mm hex key.



Figure 58 Assembly of the push rod system - step 7

Thread the cable guide onto the brass connector.



Figure 59 Assembly of the push rod system - step 8



To attach the optional stud feet to the frame, turn the frame on its side so it is resting on the handle. Attach the stud feet to the frame through the 4 holes in the base of the frame. Use the M6 x 35 mm screws with washers. Tighten the screws using the 5 mm hex key.



Figure 60 Assembly of push rod frame - step 9

6.9 Boretrak rods (optional)

A series of hinged Boretrak rods may be used to push the probe in an uphole or horizontal deployment.



Figure 61 Rod rack with rods and probe attached

The rods are produced in 1 m lengths. The exception to this is the 'lead' rod which is 0.3 m long. This shorter rod attaches directly to the probe. The length of the lead rod plus the probe is equal to 1 m.



Rods are stacked in a rod rack. The rod rack can fit up to 36 rods, arranged in two stacks of 18. The rod at the bottom of each stack is fitted with a female quick-release joint. This joint can connect to the rod on the top of the next stack which is fitted with a male quick-release joint.

To connect the quick-release joints, the two rods must be held at 90° angles. The pin in the male joint is then pushed into the hole in the female joint. Once the rods are straightened out beyond 90°, the joint is locked. To disconnect the rods, they must again be held at a 90° angle and pulled apart.



Figure 62 Quick release joint

For longer deployments, further racks full of rods can be used. The rods form each stack join together in the same way as described above.

To allow the rods to be pushed, the rods are joined with uni-directional uphole links which prevent them from doubling back on themselves.



Figure 63 Uni-directional uphole link

When using the probe uphole, the length of the deployment may be restricted due to the weight of the system or the condition of the borehole. Uphole deployment is only suitable for narrow boreholes less than 100 mm diameter.



Rods can also be used for downhole deployments. In some cases, they may be helpful to prevent the probe twisting and spinning excessively. For downhole deployments, the rods can be joined with bi-directional links to make the articulation between rods more flexible.

Proper use and care of the rods is essential to ensure the safety and longevity of the equipment (see section 7).

6.10 Android devices (optional)

An Android device can run the Carlson Boretrak application and interact with the Boretrak2 probe.



Figure 64 PDA

An Android tablet or PDA can be supplied by Carlson as part of the Boretrak2 system. **Carlson Boretrak** is preloaded on any such device supplied by Carlson.

The devices supplied by Carlson change over time. Contact Carlson for details of options available. Alternatively, the customer can source a preferred Android device of their own.

A dedicated 'QuickStart guide' for any supplied Android device is loaded onto the supplied USB drive. Please read that manual before using the Boretrak2 system.

6.11 Windows tablet (optional)

A Windows tablet can run the Carlson Boretrak application and interact with the Boretrak2 probe in the field.

A Windows tablet can be supplied by Carlson as part of the Boretrak2 system. **Carlson Boretrak** is pre-loaded on any such device supplied by Carlson. Alternatively, the customer can source a preferred Windows device of their own.

Currently, the RT4 is the tablet supplied by Carlson. The RT4 is IP68 which means that it is protected against dust ingress and waterproof to at least 1 m.

Hardware touch buttons are located below the screen and can assist with navigation within Windows.

A stylus, carry strap and screen protector are supplied with the RT4.

A dedicated 'QuickStart guide' for the RT4 is loaded onto the supplied USB drive. Please read that manual before using the Boretrak2 system.



7 Regular checks and preventative maintenance

Carlson recommends that you carry out regular functional testing of the Boretrak2 system. Any damage, malfunctions or poor performance detected should be reported to Carlson. Also contact Carlson to arrange a yearly service and calibration.

Where necessary, replacement accessories such as rods and cables can be purchased from Carlson or from your local Carlson representative.

Before and after each session in the field, carry out routine checks of the system as outlined below.

7.1 Probe

Clean the probe thoroughly with warm soapy water.

Ensure that the screw threads in the nose cone and body of the probe are free of dirt, grease and grit.

Check the O-ring around the nose-cone thread. If there is any visible damage or breaks, it should be replaced with a new O-ring: size BS124 Fluorocarbon 75 (31.42 mm ID × 2.62 mm CS).

Clean any dirt from the nose cone and O-ring seal. Lubricate the O-ring with the supplied silicone grease.

Store within the specified environmental temperature limits.

Only use battery cells which are in an intact condition. Prior to each use, check the condition of your battery cells. If the plastic coating around the battery is pierced, ripped or torn, do not load the battery into the Boretrak2 probe. Dispose of the battery and source a Carlson-approved replacement.

7.2 PDA / tablet

Recharge the internal battery after use.

Check all ports and connectors to ensure that they are free from mud and water.

Ensure that any battery or memory card covers are fully closed. The device is not environmentally protected if the cover is partially open.

Store within the specified environmental temperature limits.

Wherever possible, use a dedicated carry case or neck strap to keep the device protected and secure.

7.3 Push rod

Regularly inspect the push rod for signs of damage which could cause it to fail.

The minimum bend radius of the 9mm push rod is 30cm. Do not exceed this bend radius.

7.4 Rod stack

Clean the rods by soaking thoroughly with warm soapy water.

Ensure the rod joints are clear of mud and grit to maintain the condition of the rod stack.



Check the rods and hinges prior to every deployment. Ensure that they are in good condition, that there is no apparent "twist" in the rods, and that all nuts and bolts and connecting pins are in place and secure.

The nuts and bolts used to hold the hinges in place should be periodically checked and tightened to a torque of 1.5-1.8 Nm. If necessary, a small amount of thread-locking compound (Loctite 270) can be used, but it must not be used on the hinge itself.

Should any rod approach end-of-life, or become non-functional or damaged, stop using it immediately and request a replacement from a Carlson-approved service centre.

The rods and hinges are designed to be used predominantly in the plane of the rack. They are designed to be loadbearing along their length (tensional loads) so can withstand the weight of a long Boretrak2 deployment. However, take care not to force the rods in a twisting action (torsional loads) or a lever action (transversal loads).

Side pressure, dragging the rods against the collar or excessive leverage on the rods will weaken the system and reduce rod life or even result in unexpected breakage.

7.5 Transportation

In addition to the points above, care should be taken when transporting the Boretrak2 system.

Always pack the Boretrak2 system into the transit case supplied for storage and transportation.

Clean and dry the Boretrak2 probe and other accessories prior to packing them in the transit case.

When transporting the rods, ensure they are packed into a dedicated rod case or other suitable container.

Do not allow the equipment to slide around inside transport vehicles or containers.



SOFTWARE



8 Setting up Carlson Boretrak software on an Android device

Carlson Boretrak software runs on a Windows or Android mobile device or on a Windows PC. This section describes the process of installation and setup on an Android device. Section 9 describes the same process on a Windows device.

The most recent version of **Carlson Boretrak** is always available from the downloads section of Carlson's website. Go to:

https://web.carlsonsw.com/files/updates/updates05.php

Select Carlson Boretrak for Android from the dropdown list and download the *.APK file.

8.1 Licensing and registration

Carlson Boretrak has a non-restrictive distribution license, so it may be installed on as many tablets as required.

8.2 Recommended specs

If you have opted to purchase a Boretrak2 system without a mobile device, you must supply your own device to run **Carlson Boretrak**. Before selecting such a device, please consider the following points:

- The device should run Android version 7.0 Nougat or above. Android version 5.0 Lollipop can run **Carlson Boretrak** with limited graphic capabilities.
- Any device used in the field should be highly ruggedised to withstand the harsh conditions that are typical for the applications in which the Boretrak2 hardware is used. An environmental protection rating of at least IP65 is recommended.
- The battery capacity of the device should allow you to operate for a full day in the field.
- **Carlson Boretrak** is adaptable to different sizes of screen but consider whether your operation will benefit from detailed visual analysis of data in the field. In this case, bigger tablet screens are preferable. Alternatively, the only concern in the field may be efficient data collection, in which a small PDA would suffice.
- Given the nature of Boretrak2 deployments, it is important that you should be able to attach a neck or wrist strap to the device to allow you to have both hands free when appropriate. The attachment will often need to be to a separate case which in turn contains the device.
- Features improving the readability of the screen in sunlight, and the response of the touchscreen in rain are useful.
- Users running mobile devices which have been supplied as part of a Boretrak2 system can be fully supported by Carlson. It may be more difficult to support devices which have not been tested and used by Carlson support staff.

8.3 Recommended PDA settings

On receipt of a new Boretrak2 system, no changes of any Android settings are required to run the PDA as part of the Boretrak2 system. However, it is recommended that you set the correct time and date for your region.

If you have purchased your own PDA you may wish to ensure that the settings below are reviewed and configured, depending on your operational requirements. Note that these settings differ between devices.



From the **Settings** icon:

- **Date and time**: either connect to a Wi-Fi network to synchronise time, or manually set the time and date to ensure all **Boretrak Mobile** projects are correctly time-stamped for your local region.
- More > Aeroplane mode: turn ON to disable mobile phone operation. This will help prolong battery life.
- Wi-Fi: turn OFF to prolong battery life.
- Bluetooth: must be ON to operate the PDA with the Boretrak2.
- **Display > Adaptive brightness**: turn ON to ensure the screen automatically brightens when in sunlight. Turn OFF and reduce brightness to save battery power.
- **Display > Sleep**: set to Never to ensure the screen does not turn off during operations.
- Accessibility > High contrast text: turn ON or OFF to change text visibility if appropriate. Some screens in Carlson Boretrak may appear distorted in some circumstances if this setting is switched on.
- Close all other applications when using **Carlson Boretrak**, to prolong battery life and reduce the chance of conflict.

8.4 Installing and updating Carlson Boretrak

If you have purchased a Boretrak2 system without an Android device then you must install the **Carlson Boretrak** application on your own device. Instructions for doing this are below.

Whether or not you are using your own device, future software updates may be released in which case you will also need to follow these instructions.

Please note that details of the Android screens and the installation process may change slightly depending on the specific device chosen and on the version of Android that you are using. A typical process is described below.

The new installer is supplied as an *.APK file which is loaded onto the Carlson USB drive supplied with each Boretrak2 system. Connect the device to your PC using a USB cable. Copy the *.APK file from your PC to the root drive of the device (Figure 65).

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Figure 65 Locating the Boretrak Mobile installer

On the device, tap on the **Settings** icon and select **Storage and USB > Explore**. Within the **Internal Storage** screen, navigate to the *.APK file.





Figure 66 *. APK file in Internal storage

Tap the *.APK file. The app begins installing.

An **Installing**... message appears followed by an **App Installed** message.

During the installation, the installer asks: Allow Boretrak to access this device's location?

Click Allow.

The installer asks: Allow Boretrak to access photos and media on our device?

Tap Allow.

An icon is loaded onto your Home screen. Double-tap the icon to open Carlson Boretrak.



Figure 67 Carlson Boretrak icon

8.5 Pairing a Boretrak2 probe with the PDA

The Android device and the Boretrak2 probe communicate via a Bluetooth connection. For this connection to operate, the device and Boretrak2 probe must be 'paired'.

When purchased as a complete system, the Boretrak2 is supplied ready to use, with the Bluetooth connection already established. However, if you have purchased your own device or, if you are reconfiguring a device or swapping over a probe, you may find it necessary to establish / re-establish communications.

The Boretrak2 probe must be powered ON.



In your device, tap **Settings > Bluetooth**. Ensure the Bluetooth function is turned ON.

The Boretrak2 probe is identified over Bluetooth by its serial number. To operate in conjunction with the PDA, the probe must be listed as a **Paired device** (Figure 68).

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Figure 68 The Boretrak2 in the list of available devices

All Bluetooth devices which the device can see, but which are not paired, are listed as Available devices.

Identify the correct entry in the list of available devices. Tap the serial number to pair the device with the probe.

A Bluetooth pairing request appears (Figure 69). Tap **OK**.

A pairing code is required but this will be pre-entered by default. Tap **Pair**. The device pairs with the Boretrak2 probe. When successful, the Boretrak2 probe is listed under **Paired devices**.

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Carlson-152A060 Pairing	다 Carlson-152A060	\$	
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Figure 69 Boretrak2 pairing request (left); Boretrak2 a paired device (right)

If the Boretrak2 probe is not listed under paired devices or under available devices, check that:

• The Bluetooth function is ON.



- The Boretrak2 probe is powered ON and LEDs are flashing red.
- The Boretrak2 probe is within 2 m of the device, with no obstructions between them.
- There are no obstructions over the Boretrak2 probe's LED window.

When you have checked each of these points, in the Bluetooth screen, tap **Scan** to check again for the Boretrak2 probe.

8.6 Data storage and file formats

By default, projects created in **Carlson Boretrak** on an Android device are saved in the location: <**AndroidDevice>:\Internal shared storage\Documents\Carlson Boretrak**.

Connect the device to a PC to see the projects listed in the device.



Figure 70 A Carlson Boretrak project on an Android device displayed in Windows Explorer

The default location can be changed through the Settings window > General tab (see section 11.3.1).

Note that before a project is manually saved, it is automatically saved in <**AndroidDevice**>:\Internal shared storage\Carlson Boretrak_Unsaved Projects. After the project is manually saved, it is moved to its own project subdirectory.

A dedicated folder structure is created for every **Carlson Boretrak** project. All data collected in a project is stored in the project folder or sub-folders.

The main project file is saved as *.NDV directly in the project folder. Open this file from within **Carlson Boretrak** by using the **Open** function.

Projects created in the Windows and Android versions of **Carlson Boretrak** are compatible, so the *.NDV file can be swapped between applications and devices.

Other files are stored in sub-folders:

- **Backup**: while a project is active, a backup file is stored here and continually updated. This ensures all data is secure and allows recovery in case of a hardware or software failure. Files in this folder are time/date stamped with <most_recent.ndv> being the last recorded backup.
- Exports: by default, any exports generated from a project are stored here.
- **Logs**: during data collection operations, detailed logs are kept of communications with the scanner. These may be used for support and troubleshooting.
- Reports: reports created within the app are stored here.

Data can be copied from the Android device by connecting the device to a Windows PC and using Windows Explorer.



Alternatively, in **Carlson Boretrak**, go to the **Menu** and select **Send**. A series of options are offered to send the project, or elements of it via different medium – Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, or Cell, depending on the options configured and available on your device.

If problems are encountered with the hardware, software, or any collected datasets, then it may be necessary to contact Carlson for support. In this case you may be requested to send the entire, zipped project folder. This will help to ensure the highest level of support.



9 Setting up Carlson Boretrak software on a Windows device

Carlson Boretrak software runs on a Windows or Android mobile device or on a Windows PC. This section describes the process of installation and setup on a Windows device. Section 8 describes the same process on an Android device.

The most recent version of **Carlson Boretrak** is always available from the downloads section of Carlson's website. Go to:

https://web.carlsonsw.com/files/updates/updates05.php

Select Carlson Boretrak for Windows from the dropdown list and download the *.EXE file.

9.1 Licensing and registration

Carlson Boretrak has a non-restrictive distribution license, so it may be installed on as many devices as required.

9.2 Recommended specs

Carlson Boretrak can be run in **Desktop mode** which is designed to be used in an office environment in conjunction with a standard mouse, keyboard and large monitor.

Carlson Boretrak can also be run in **Touch mode**. This mode is optimized for use in the field on a touch-screen tablet.

Carlson can supply Boretrak2 systems packaged together with a Windows tablet, suitable for field use. This tablet is pre-installed with **Carlson Boretrak** software and pre-configured to optimize performance.

Alternatively, if you are independently selecting a Windows-based tablet to run **Carlson Boretrak**, consider the following points when making your choice.

- Carlson Boretrak runs on 64-bit Windows PCs running Windows 10.
- The main compatibility requirement for Carlson Boretrak to run optimally is that the processor / GPU should be able to support Vulkan API. A list of processors and GPUs compatible with Vulkan in Windows, is shown here: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulkan (API)#Compatibility</u>. Processors which do not support the Vulkan API may run Carlson Boretrak with limited graphic capabilities.
- Any tablet used in the field should be highly ruggedised to withstand the harsh conditions that are typical for the applications in which the Boretrak2 hardware is used. An environmental protection rating of at least IP65 is recommended.
- The battery capacity of the tablet should allow you to operate for a full day in the field.
- 300 MB free space is required on your tablet's hard disk to install the software.
- 2 GB is the minimum recommendation for RAM installed in your tablet.
- Carlson recommends that you ensure that all Windows updates are current and that the latest drivers for your graphics card are installed. Failure to update components may result in video or driver errors.
- Given the nature of Boretrak2 deployments, it is important that you should be able to attach a neck strap to the tablet to allow you to have both hands free when appropriate.
- Features improving the readability of the screen in sunlight, and the response of the touchscreen in rain are useful.



• Users running tablets which have been supplied as part of a Boretrak2 system can be fully supported by Carlson. It may be more difficult to support devices which have not been tested and used by Carlson support staff.

9.3 Recommended settings in a tablet

- **Date and time**: either connect to a Wi-Fi network to synchronise time, or manually set the time and date to ensure all **Carlson Boretrak** projects are correctly time-stamped for your local region.
- Wi-Fi: turn OFF to prolong battery life.
- **Bluetooth**: must be ON to operate the tablet with the Boretrak2.
- **Display > Adaptive brightness**: turn ON to ensure the screen automatically brightens when in sunlight. Turn OFF and reduce brightness to save battery power.
- **Display > Sleep**: set to Never to ensure the screen does not turn off during operations.
- Close all other apps when using Carlson Boretrak to prolong battery life and reduce the chance of conflict.

9.4 Installing Carlson Boretrak

If you ordered a rugged tablet from Carlson as part of a Boretrak2 purchase, **Carlson Boretrak** is already loaded on the tablet.

If you are supplying your own tablet, you must install the software before using your Boretrak2 for the first time.

The **Carlson Boretrak** installer is loaded onto the USB drive packaged with all Boretrak2 systems. Updates are made available online.

The installer is supplied in the form of an *.EXE file. Double-click on the file to run the installer.



Figure 71 Carlson Boretrak setup screen

Click Install, Next and then accept the license after a careful review.

Click Install. The software and all necessary dependencies are loaded onto your tablet.

By default, Carlson Boretrak is installed at: C:\Program Files\NDEVR\Carlson Boretrak\.

An icon is loaded onto your desktop. Double-click the icon to open Carlson Boretrak.





Figure 72 Carlson Boretrak icon

9.5 Pairing a Boretrak2 probe with the tablet

The Windows tablet and the Boretrak2 probe communicate via a Bluetooth connection. For this connection to operate, the tablet and Boretrak2 probe must be 'paired'.

When purchased as a complete system, the Boretrak2 is supplied ready to use, with the Bluetooth connection already established. However, if you have purchased your own tablet, or if you are reconfiguring a device or swapping over a probe, you may find it necessary to establish / re-establish communications.

The Boretrak2 probe must be powered ON.

In your tablet go to **Settings > Bluetooth** & other devices. Ensure the Bluetooth switch is turned ON.



Figure 73 Settings > Bluetooth and other devices

The Boretrak2 probe is identified over Bluetooth by its serial number. To operate in conjunction with the PDA, the probe must be listed under **Other devices**.

Tap Add Bluetooth or other device. The Add a device window appears.





Figure 74 Add a device

Tap Bluetooth. Windows searches for all Bluetooth devices within range. Your Boretrak2 probe appears on the list.



Figure 75 Select the Boretrak2 probe

Tap the Boretrak2 probe on the list. Windows connects to the probe and the devices are paired.

9.6 Data storage and file formats

A **Carlson Boretrak** project is saved as an *.NDV file. You can open this file from within **Carlson Boretrak** by using the **Open** function. Alternatively, double-click on the file in Windows Explorer to automatically open the selected project inside **Carlson Boretrak**.

Projects created in the Windows and Android versions are compatible, so the *.NDV file can be swapped between applications and devices.

By default, projects created in Carlson Boretrak are saved in the location:

C:\Users\<username>\Documents\Carlson Boretrak.



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Figure 76 A Carlson Boretrak project in Windows Explorer

The default location can be changed through the **Settings** window (see section 11.3.5).

Note that before you manually save the project, it is automatically saved in the temporary location:

C:\Users\<username>\Documents\Carlson Boretrak_Unsaved Projects.

Once you have manually saved the project, it is moved to the default Carlson Boretrak directory.

Other files are stored in sub-folders underneath the default Carlson Boretrak directory:

- **Backup**: while a project is active, a backup file is stored here and continually updated. This ensures all data is secure and allows recovery in case of a hardware or software failure. Files in this folder are time/date stamped with *<most_recent.ndv>* being the last recorded backup.
- **Logs**: during data collection operations, detailed logs are kept of communications with the scanner. These may be used for support and troubleshooting.
- Exports: a default folder to contain exports can be defined in the Settings window (see section 11.3.5).

If problems are encountered with the hardware, software or any collected datasets, then it may be necessary to contact Carlson for support. In this case you may be requested to send the *.NDV file for further analysis and troubleshooting. This will help to ensure the highest level of support.

Access the project location from within **Carlson Boretrak** by tapping **Browse** in the **Menu** tab (see section 13.1). Windows File Explorer opens at the address of the active project.



10 Carlson Boretrak - Introduction

Carlson Boretrak is designed to offer control over the Boretrak2 system and to provide versatile functionality for collecting, managing and reviewing data collected during field operations.

Carlson Boretrak runs on a Windows tablet / PC or on an Android device. The detailed description of the software in this manual focuses on the Windows version, but both versions run in an almost identical way.

Some additional notes on differences in the Android version are in section 17.

10.1 Viewing modes

On a Windows device, **Carlson Boretrak** is designed to be used with a choice of two viewing modes: **Touch** and **Desktop**.

The mode can only be selected when first starting up the software. A **Desktop** button is available on the **Touch** mode **Home** screen (section 11). A **Touch** button is available in the **Desktop** tool bar when first starting the software (section 16).

The option to swap modes is only available prior to opening an existing project or starting a new project. Once a session has begun, to swap modes, you must first close the software down and then reopen to access the relevant button.

Unless specified, screenshots in this manual show Carlson Boretrak being used in Touch mode.

10.1.1 Touch mode

Touch mode is optimised to be used on a touch-screen tablet. It is recommended that **Touch** mode be used when collecting data in the field. The relevant controls for controlling the Boretrak2 deployment are made easily accessible through large format buttons. Features less used in the field are kept clear from the main interface. Some functionality such as editing is not available in **Touch** mode.

In Touch mode, dedicated on-screen keyboards and number pads appear at any time manual data entry is required.

The keypads include buttons to progress to the next field or to go back to the previous field. The number pad can also be used as a calculator if required.

10.1.2 Desktop mode

When a project has been completed, the data is usually viewed and analysed back in the office. In this case, if you are using a larger format laptop or desktop computer then select **Desktop** mode.

Desktop mode has a more traditional Windows interface and is intended for use with a standard keyboard and mouse.

Desktop mode makes use of extra screen space by making more information available on-screen, and by allowing multiple viewing windows to be shown simultaneously.

More functionality for editing the data is accessible through the **Desktop** mode (see section 16).



11 Touch mode – Home screen

When Carlson Boretrak is first opened in Touch mode, the Home screen appears.



Figure 77 Touch mode Home screen

11.1 New

Tap New to create a new, Carlson Boretrak project.

The **Project** window opens (see section 14.1). Edit the details as required. You can enter hole positions in advance, give the project an appropriate name and change the default folder location.

By default, the project is named < Project YY-MM-DD HH MM>.

Tap Create to accept the entered details and create a new project.

Carlson Boretrak immediately runs an auto-detect process to identify any Boretrak2 probe which has been paired to the tablet and which is currently powered ON.

When a Boretrak2 is identified, the connection is made.

The **Hole Setup** window appears (see section 14.2.1). Enter your hole coordinates, or just accept the default values. Tap **Finish**.

The main **Touch** mode interface appears with the **3D View** on the left-hand side of the screen and the **Control** tab on the right-hand side.

The probe is displayed graphically on screen, located at the newly generated station. The Boretrak2 deployment is now ready to begin.





Figure 78 New project - ready to deploy

To import existing data into the project, open the **Menu** tab and select **Open**.

11.2 Open

From the Home screen, tap Open to open an existing Carlson Boretrak project. An Open dialog appears.

Select the appropriate project from the recent files list. Alternatively, tap **Browse Files** to open an **Open File** windows dialog. Browse to the project location and select the *.NDV file to open the project in **Carlson Boretrak**.

On opening a project, you can reconnect to a Boretrak2 via the **Find Boretraks** button on the **Control** tab (see section 15) or through the **Project Details** window (see section 14.1).


11.3 Settings

Tap **Settings** to view or edit software configuration settings. The **Settings** window appears.

There are tabs along the side of the screen which group together different categories of controls.

11.3.1 General

The General tab collects together settings affecting the general operation of Carlson Boretrak software.

General	User Name		
Boretrak	Ant's FZ-G1		
Units	Use GPS Language		
Interface	English	• Edit	
Graphics	Updates		
Hole	Check for Update		
Imports	Other		\mathcal{H}
Exports	Create Background		
Keystrokes			
	Reset to Defaults		Accept

Figure 79 Settings > General

- User name: enter the name of the operator. This appears on reports and saved project information.
- Use GPS: this feature allows Carlson Boretrak to interact with Carlson Surv-PC when using a GNSS system to survey the position of collar coordinates. Turn ON the Use GPS switch to activate the **Projections** tab in the Settings window.

Note that the GPS integration is currently a beta feature which is available to use on the understanding that it is still under development. Contact Carlson for further information.

- Language: select from the list of available language options. If you would like to see additional language options in the list, please contact Carlson to make a request.
- **Updates: Carlson Boretrak** automatically checks for new versions when the tablet is connected to a network. If a new version is available, hit the update button to download and update the software version.
- Reset to Factory Defaults: restores Carlson Boretrak software to the state of a fresh installation.
- Create Background: creates a 'Carlson' desktop wallpaper for your device.



11.3.2 Boretrak

The Boretrak tab collects together settings specifically concerning the operation of the Boretrak2.

Hole Naming Format	Row Naming Format
[station_label]-[station_number]	* Row-[row_number] *
Use Last Reading Dialog	Auto Download
Ascii Downloads	Auto Disconnect
Low	High
*Note: This setting changes the minimum qu	ality factor before a gyro-based boretrak reading is
considered invalid. For rough deployments, v factors may be acceptable. For smooth deplo	vhere ease of use is valued over precision, lower quality yments, where a very high degree of precision is necessary,
a higher quality factor may be preferred.	
Maintenance Password:	
Reset to Defaults	Accept
	Hole Naming Format [station_label]-[station_number] Use Last Reading Dialog Ascii Downloads Gyro Quality Factor Low *Note: This setting changes the minimum qu considered invalid. For rough deployments, v factors may be acceptable. For smooth deplot a higher quality factor may be preferred. Maintenance Password: Reset to Defaults

Figure 80 Settings > Boretrak

- Automatic naming hole: select the naming convention for new holes. The **Custom** option allows you to specify a project or site-specific hole-naming convention.
- Automatic naming row: select the naming convention for new rows. The **Custom** option allows you to specify a project or site-specific row-naming convention.
- **Use last reading dialog**: toggles the nature of the deployment procedure when the probe reaches the end of a hole.
 - **On (default)**: standard Boretrak procedure reach the end of the hole, take the last reading, then enter an offset value.
 - **Off**: standard C-ALS procedures reach the end of the hole, enter a custom deployment interval, then take the last reading.
- **Auto Download**: toggles the auto download feature ON (default) and OFF. If this feature is off then the downloads from the probe to the device must be manually triggered.
- **Auto Disconnect**: toggles the auto disconnect feature ON (default) and OFF. If this feature is on then the probe will automatically disconnect from the tablet as soon as a deployment is started.
- ASCII downloads: this feature is for support and troubleshooting purposes only.
- Gyro Quality factor: this feature is for support and troubleshooting purposes only.
- Maintenance Password: this feature is for support and troubleshooting purposes only.



11.3.3 Projection

The **Projection** tab is only visible if the **Use GPS** switch in the **General** tab is turned ON. The **Projection** tab allows you to set the geodetic parameters of the GPS data being used.

Settings					-
Conoral	 Select Projection 	n			
General	Search by	Coordinate System *	Authority	Area	-
Boretrak	Name 🔻	ISN93 / Lambert 1993	EPSG:3057	Iceland	
Projection	Search	IRENET95 / UTM zone 29N	EPSG:2158	Ireland	
Units Folders		IRENET95 / Irish Transverse Mercator	EPSG:2157	Europe - Ireland (Republic and Ulster) - onshore	-
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	- Equ		X2 786046.927m	Y2 964701.594m	I.
			WGS84 Bounds		٣
	Rese	t to Defaults		Accept	

Figure 81 Settings > Projection

Note that the GPS integration is currently a beta feature which is available to use on the understanding that it is still under development. Contact Carlson for further information.



11.3.4 Units

General	Spatial					
Boretrak	Metric Imperial		ENH -		•	
Units	Unit			Surface Area / Volume		
Folders	Meters (m)		*	Square Meters (m	2)	-
Interface						
Graphics				Cubic Meters (m ³)	•
Hole	Angular					
Imports	Unit		Heading		Incline	
Exports	Degrees (°)	+	0 Facing North	*	Horizontal - 90	*
Keystrokes	Decimal Degrees	•	Clockwise	•	Upward Positive	•
	Additional Units					
	Deployment Length					
	Meters (m)					•
						•

The Units tab allows you to set the units of measurement for your project.



- Metric: tap to set all units to default metric measurement units.
- Imperial: tap to set all units to default imperial measurement units.
- Select the coordinate system from:
 - \circ **ENH**: Easting, Northing, Height (x, y, z)
 - \circ **NEH**: Northing, Easting, Height (y, x, z)
 - WSH: Westing, Southing, Height (x, y, z)
 - **XYZ:** Easting, Northing, Height (x, y, z)
 - **YXZ:** Northing, Easting, Height (y, x, z)
- Unit: select from:
 - o Metres
 - o Feet
 - o US Survey Feet
 - o Inches
 - o Centimetres
- Surface area unit



- o Square Feet
- Square Metres
- Square Yards
- Square Inches
- Square Kilometres
- Volume Unit
 - o Cubic Feet
 - Cubic Metres
 - Cubic Yards
 - Cubic Inches
 - o Litres
 - o US Gallons
- Angular unit:
 - o Decimal degrees
 - Degrees minutes
 - Degrees, minutes, seconds
 - Radians
 - Gradians (gons)
- **Heading**: define the 0° reference direction:
 - North
 - o East
 - o South
 - o West
- Define the direction of horizontal angle measurement:
 - o Clockwise
 - Anti-clockwise
- Inclination Unit: define the angle define by a horizontal inclination:
 - Horizontal = 90°
 - Horizontal = 0°
- Define the direction of vertical angle measurement:
 - Upward positive
 - Downwards positive



- **Deployment Length**: define the units used to deploy the Boretrak2:
 - o Meters
 - o Feet
 - US Survey Feet
 - o Inches
 - o Centimeters



11.3.5 Folders

The Folders tab defines the storage location of Carlson Boretrak projects on your tablet.

General Boretrak Units Folders Interface	 Use Project Files Projects are saved as individual .ndv files with user-specified external folders for backups and logs Project Root Folder C:\Users\Ant's FZ-G1\Documents\Carlson Boretrak\ 	• Use Project Folders Projects are saved as folders with backups, logs, and exports inside the project folder
Graphics	Choose Folder	Browse Folder
Hole	Log Folder	
Imports	C:\Users\Ant's FZ-G1\Documents\Carlson Boretrak\Logs\	
Exports	Choose Folder	Browse Folder
Keystrokes	Default Export Root	
	Choose Folder	Browse Folder
	Backup Folder	
	C:\Users\Ant's FZ-G1\Documents\Carlson Boretrak\Backu	ips\
	Choose Folder	Browse Folder
	Auto-Save Duration 5m0s	

Figure 83 Settings > Folders

By default, **Carlson Boretrak** uses project files, as described in section 9.6. The **Use Project Files** radio button is selected by default.

Files are stored in the folder listed below:

- **Project Root Folder**: stores the main NDV project file.
- Log Folder: stores the log files for troubleshooting & diagnostics.
- Default Export Root: stores data files exported from the main project.
- Backup Folder: stores ongoing backup files which ensure that no data is ever lost.

To change the default location in which projects, logs, exports or backups are stored, tap the appropriate **Choose Folder** button. To view the contents of a folder, tap the appropriate **Browse Folder** button. Windows Explorer opens, showing the contents of the selected folder.

Select **Use Project Folders** to collect each project in a folder together with the corresponding logs, exports reports and backups.



11.3.6 Interface

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	O Moveal	ble Tabs				
	Touch Setti	ngs				
	C Sound		Fullscreen			Keypad
	Speech	1	Show Exit			

Figure 84 Settings > Interface

- UI scale: select a scale to ensure a best fit for Carlson Boretrak on your tablet.
- Text scale: select a scale to ensure a best fit for Carlson Boretrak on your tablet.
- Animation Speed: control the appearance of transitions between various tabs, controls, and windows.
- **Icon pack**: change the appearance of all icons though out **Carlson Boretrak**.
- Screen layout Bottom section: in Desktop mode, activates a frame at the bottom of the screen for scan information.
- Screen layout Moveable tabs: allows side tabs to be undocked.
- Screen layout tabs on left: position tabs on the left-hand side of the screen.
- Screen layout tabs on right: position tabs on the right-hand side of the screen.
- Touch settings Keypad: activate the onscreen keypad for data entry.
- **Touch settings Fullscreen**: toggle between fullscreen mode and window mode.
- Touch settings Sound: toggle sound affects ON and OFF.
- Touch settings Speech: toggle spoken reports during a deployment ON and OFF.
- Touch settings Show exit: enable or disable the Exit button in the Menu tab and the Home screen.



11.3.7 Graphics

	The Graphics ta	ab collects setting	s relating to gra	phics performance.
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General	Px Thickness			Default Colors
Boretrak	Near Plane	0.01	*	By-Value Max
Units	Far Plane	1000.00	•	By-Value Mid
Folders	Frame Rate	60 FPS	•	By-Value Max 📕
Interface	Anti-Aliasing			Background
Graphics				
Hole				
Imports				
Exports				
Keystrokes				
	Reset to D	Defaults	Accept	

Figure 85 Settings > Graphics

- Pixel thickness: change the thickness of lines displayed in the 3D View.
- Near plane: the closest distance from your viewpoint that is rendered in the 3D View.
- **Far plane**: the furthest distance from your viewpoint that is rendered in the **3D View**. Large distances can be displayed but may be at the expense of the rendered resolution.
- Frame rate: the number of frames to be displayed in the **3D View** per unit of time is expressed in frames per second (fps).
- **Anti-aliasing**: by default, the anti-aliasing check box is ticked on. You may wish to untick the check box if you are troubleshooting graphics display issues on your mobile device.
- **Default colours**: select the colours which are used to shade the survey data and models in the project. Background selects the background colour for the **3D View.** The **Max, Mid** and **Min** values refer to different qualities depending on the colour scheme selected.



11.3.8 Hole

The **Hole** tab deals with default settings for hole creation. All settings can also be configured on an individual holeby-hole basis through the **Hole Details** window (see section 14.2).

General	Default Hole Location	Hole Text
Boretrak	E 3000.000m N 5000.000m	Show Title
Units	н 50.000m	Show Ranges
Folders	Enabled Heading Options	Show Axes
Interface	None	MS Shell Dlg 2
Graphics	C Known Heading	8.00 ¢ 😗 🖪 <u>U</u> I
Hole	O Back Point	
Imports	© 2-Point Azimuth	Hole Linework
Exports	Relative	Default Decoration
Keyetraliaa	Optional Features	Circular 👻
Keystrokes	Show Line Of Sight	O Show Ranges
	Custom Prism	Show Axes
		Max Radius
		5.000m

Figure 86 Settings > Hole

- **Default Hole Location**: defines the coordinates which are used when a hole is automatically generated by **Carlson Boretrak**. These can be changed at any time before or after a survey. You may find it convenient to enter default station coordinates which are close to those of your local mine coordinate system.
- **Enabled Heading Options**: toggle ON or OFF the following options. When toggled ON, they appear in the alignment window:
 - None: heading is set to zero.
 - Known Heading: manually enter a heading value.
 - **Back Point**: manually enter a 'back point'. A heading is computed from the back point to the currently selected hole collar.
 - **Two Point**: manually enter a back point and a front location. A heading is computed from the back point to the front location.
 - **Relative**: Select two hole collars. A heading is computed between the two holes.
- **Optional Features**: these features are not currently active.
 - o Custom Prism
 - Show Line of Site
- Hole Text: sets elements of the appearance of a hole collar in the 3D View.
 - Show Title: labels the hole.
 - Show ranges: labels the ranges from the hole collar.
 - **Show Axes**: labels the XYZ axes centred on the hole collar.



- Font controls: customise the font used for the hole labels.
- Hole Linework: Sets elements of the appearance of a hole collar in the **3D View**.
 - **Default decoration**: select the default appearance of a hole collar in the **3D View**. Either a square grid or a circular target centred on the hole.
 - Range Lines: displays range rings centred on the hole collar.
 - Show Axes: displays axes centred on the hole collar.
 - o Max radius: sets the maximum radius to which the range lines expand during a deployment.

11.3.9 Imports

The **Imports** tab lists all file formats which can be imported into **Carlson Boretrak**. Tap on any import to define default options for each format.

These settings can also be altered during each individual import.

11.3.10 Exports

The **Exports** tab lists all file formats which can be exported from **Carlson Boretrak**. Tap on any export to define default options for each format.

These settings can also be altered during each individual export.



11.3.11 Keystrokes

The Keystrokes tab lists common actions in **Carlson Boretrak** and allows you to assign shortcut keys to each of these actions. This enables you to utilise hardware buttons on your mobile device to activate actions such as taking a reading or finishing a hole.

General	Main Actions			
Boretrak	Save	CTRL+S	Save As	SHIFT+CTRL+S
Units	Open Project	CTRL+O	Undo	CTRL+Z
Folders	Redo	CTRL+Y	Help	CTRL+H
Interface	Settings	CTRL+ESC		
Graphics	Boretrak Com	mands		
Hole	Take Reading	SPACE	Undo Readi	
Imports	Next Hole	I EXE	Finish Ho	I CTRL+EXE
Exports	Calibrate Gyro	I EXE	Toggle Loggi	^{ng} IL
Keystrokes	Download Data	l D	Edit Col	ar I C
	Segment Length	CTRL+D	Select Next Ho	I SPACE
	Offset Dropdown	l D	Offset Nump	ad I CTRL+D
	Temperature Info	IT	Battery Ir	fo IB
	Zoom to Hole	12	Zoom to Pro	
	Toggle Connection	11		

Figure 87 Keystrokes

To assign a shortcut key, tap on any of the existing shortcut buttons in the **Keystroke** tab. Press the button or combination of buttons you would like to use for the associated action. This shortcut now replaces the previous shortcut key.

You can assign the same button to actions which are encountered at different stages of a deployment operation. For example, a Function key may be assigned to 'Take Reading' and also to 'Download Data' as these actions are never offered as onscreen options at the same time.



11.4 About

About		×
About Manuals License		
	Carls BREAK NEW G	ON round
	Carlson Boretrak	
	1.2.9	
Carlson Boret	rak Carlson Viewer Carlson	File Manager
1.2.9	1.0.0.12525 1.0.0.12	2525
	🔁 No Updates Available	
	NDEVR 2022	
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Tap the **About** button to access help documentation and program information.

Figure 88 About window

There are three tabs at the top of the About window: About, Manuals and License.

11.4.1 About

The **About** tab displays details of **Carlson Boretrak** including the version number which should be quoted during any support query to Carlson.

If your tablet is connected to the internet, the **Update** button reports any new software versions that are uploaded to Carlson's website. If available, tap the **Update** button to download the new version.

11.4.2 Manuals

The Manuals tab provides access to this Boretrak2 software manual.

11.4.3 License

Displays the end-user license agreement.

11.5 Light / Dark

Three colour themes are available for **Carlson Boretrak**. During in-field operations, whether it be underground or in bright sunlight, you may find that one theme gives a clearer view of the screen.

Tap the Light / Dark button to change the theme to toggle between Light, Dark and Black.





Figure 89 Carlson Boretrak Home screen with Light (left), Dark (centre) and Black (right) colour themes

11.6 Desktop

Tap the **Desktop** button to change to **Desktop** mode. **Carlson Boretrak** automatically restarts and opens in **Desktop** mode (see section 16).

11.7 Exit

Tap the Exit button to close Carlson Boretrak.



12 Touch mode – screen layout



In **Touch** mode, a standard screen layout is composed of the elements outlined below.

Figure 90 Touch mode screen layout

Note that you may use the options in the **Settings** window to modify the appearance from the default layout shown in this manual (see section 11.3.8).

Also note that the screen will look different depending on the model and screen-size of the device on which **Carlson Boretrak** is running.

12.1 3D View

The main **3D View** window shows all data graphically as it collected in real-time. This includes deployments, stations and design holes.

Initially the **3D View** shares the screen space with one of the function tabs. Retract the active function tab to switch the **3D View** to full screen (see section 12.4).

Navigation in the **3D View** is by intuitive dragging and tapping or, alternatively, by mouse.

- Zoom in / out: pinch / expand gestures with two fingers; roll the scroll wheel on a mouse.
- **Rotate**: drag with a finger; click and drag with a mouse. The centre of rotation is the point at which you first touch the screen to rotate.
- **Pan**: hold and drag with a finger; click and drag with the right button on a mouse.

Elements visible in the **3D View** are outlined below.



12.1.1 Background colour

The background colour is black by default. Change the background colour in the **Settings** window (see section 11.3.7).

12.1.2 Boretrak2 model

A model of the Boretrak2 is shown on screen while the Bluetooth connection is live. Once the gyro has been aligned, the internal sensors allow the model to be correctly orientated in real-time, showing the heading and inclination of the probe. As the Boretrak2's LEDs change colour, this is also reflected in the **3D View**.



Figure 91 Boretrak2 model

12.1.3 Holes

Holes represent hole collars which have been positioned with surveyed coordinates or with arbitrary coordinates generated within **Carlson Boretrak**. In the **3D View**, the location of these coordinates is marked by a **Hole** graphic.





Figure 92 Stations and associated features displayed in the 3D View

The **Hole** is the point at which the deployment begins. By default, these are represented in the **3D View** by concentric circles which expand as the deployment progresses.

The Hole graphic includes text identifiers, grid lines or concentric circles, and an X (green), Y (blue), Z (red) axis.

The display of **Hole** graphics can be reconfigured in the **Settings** window > **Hole** tab (see section 11.3.8).

The Project tab contains controls to turn Holes on and off in the 3D View window (see section 14).

12.1.4 Planned holes

A **Planned hole** is attached to a specific **Hole**. **Planned holes** can be configured in the **Hole Details** window (see section 14.2). **Planned holes** can be compared to surveyed holes to compute a deviation value along the length of a deployment.

The **Planned hole** is displayed in the **3D View** as a solid blue line.

12.1.5 Deployments

A **Deployment** is attached to a specific **Hole**. As the Boretrak2 is deployed, Boretrak readings are taken. These readings are all visible on-screen as they are recorded.

You can thus trace the deployment of the probe, from the hole collar to the end of the hole, and see any deviation in the borehole.

If the Boretrak2 probe has lost Bluetooth connection with the tablet during a deployment, then any Boretrak readings that have been recorded are shown as flashing yellow. This indicates that the displayed data is provisional and must be updated by downloading the data recorded in the probe.

If the data has been downloaded, or if it was recorded with a live Bluetooth connection between the probe and the tablet, the **Deployment** is displayed a series of grey, 1 m sections.



The **Deployment Details** window shows further information about the deployment (see section 14.3.1).

The **Project** tab contains controls to turn deployments on and off in the **3D View** window (see section 14).

12.1.6 Bounding box

A bounding box appears around the active station or deployment. The bounding box shows the geographic limits of the data.

Which dataset is 'active' at any given time is determined by:

- The deployment which is currently in progress.
- Tapping on an item in the **3D View**.
- Selecting an entity in the **Project** tab.

12.1.7 Imported data

Any pre-existing data imported into the project can be viewed alongside data generated by the Boretrak2 within a project.

The Project tab contains controls to turn imported data on and off in the 3D View window (see section 14.1.1).

12.2 3D View tabs

Two **3D Views** can be open but only one is 'active' and displayed in the **3D View** window at any time. Each **3D View** is contained within a tab which is arranged, by default, along the left-hand side of the screen. For example, you may wish to have one view set as a top down, orthographic view, and another a perspective view for free rotation.



The active **3D View** tab is identified by a blue highlight.

Tap the tab **Delete 3D View** button to delete a **3D View** tab.



12.3 View buttons





Figure 94 3D View buttons

These buttons are described below.

12.3.1 Vertical and horizontal compass

The vertical compass and horizontal compass are side bars in the **3D View** which can be give a live readout of the direction and inclination in which you are viewing the data. Tap **Vertical and horizonal compass** to open a dialog.



Figure 95 Vertical and horizontal compass dialog

Use the **Vertical Compass** and **Horizontal Compass** switches to turn on the side bars in the **3D View**. If one of the compasses is switched on, the **Vertical** and **horizonal compass** button moves to the top right of the **3D View**.



Figure 96 Vertical and Horizontal compasses switched on

12.3.2 View control

The **View** control provides pre-defined view of all data currently active in the **3D View**. To zoom to pre-defined views of specific scans, deployments, or stations, use other zoom buttons in the **Control** tab or in the **Project** tab.



Tap View to open the View dialog.



Figure 97 View dialog

A choice of **Perspective** or **Orthographic** view is available.

- In **Perspective** view, the data can be freely rotated. Objects which are far away are smaller than those nearby. A perspective viewpoint gives more information about relative distances and is often easier to view as it is familiar from our real-life view of the world.
- In **Orthographic** view, the data is viewed from a fixed perspective. All edges perpendicular to the view direction appear in proportion, at the same scale. Uniform perspective is particularly useful when analysing data to see the floor level or the shape of a void from fixed viewpoints.

You cannot rotate data when **Orthographic** view is selected. The default rotating action will pan the data instead.

When the **Orthographic** view is selected, gridlines are projected onto the **3D View**. The **Vertical Ruler** and **Horizontal Ruler** are displayed along the side and top of the screen, respectively.

An **Orthographic options** button appears in the top left of the **3D View**. Tap the **Orthographic options** button to open the **Orthographic options** dialog.



Figure 98 Orthographic view options

• **Show Grid**: toggles the background grid off and on.



- Lock Grid: holds the grid squares constant as you zoom in and out of the **3D View**. With Lock Grid switched off, the grid resizes depending on the zoom level.
- **Vertical Ruler**: shows a bar along the side of the **3D View.** This displays grid coordinates if you are viewing from the top of the data, or the height if you are using a side view.
- Horizontal Ruler: shows a bar along the top of the **3D View** which displays grid coordinates.

The **View** dialog offers six pre-defined views:

- Top
- Bottom
- Front
- Back
- Left
- Right

Tap a pre-defined view to all active data from this angle. If you are using **Perspective** view, you can immediately rotate the data from the selected, pre-defined view.

12.3.3 Drag action

Determines the effect of dragging your finger, stylus or mouse on the **3D View**.

- Orbit: rotates data in the 3D View. This is the default action when using Perspective view.
- Pan: pans data in the 3D View. This is the default action when using Orthographic view.
- Look: sets the centre of rotation to be your current viewpoint, so you can look around the scene from a fixed location.
- **Zoom**: zooms in when you drag up the screen and zooms out when you drag down the screen.

12.4 New

Tap New to start a new Carlson Boretrak project.

A message window opens: 'Do you want to save changes? All unsaved edits will be lost'.

- Tap **Save** to save all changes in your existing project and continue to create a new project.
- Tap **Discard** to reject any changes in your existing project and continue to create a new project.
- Tap **Cancel** to cancel the new project operation and remain in your current project.

Tap **Save** or **Discard** and the **Project Details** window opens (see section 14.1). Enter the required details for your new project and tap **Accept** to create the project.

To connect to a Boretrak2 probe, open the **Control** tab and click **Find Boretraks** (see section 15).



12.5 Function tabs

By default, on the right-hand side of the screen, are four function tabs which allow control of the Boretrak2 probe, provide data viewing and analysis tools, and enable management of the project.



Figure 99 Function tabs

Tap the required tab to make it active.

The active function tab is identified by a blue highlight.

Tap the active function tab to retract it and switch the **3D View** to a full screen display.

The function tabs are each outlined in the following sections.

- Menu tab: see section 13.
- Project tab: see section 14.
- Control tab: see section 15.
- Measure tab.



13 Menu tab

Menu Project New Open Import Save T: Measure Save As Export Browse Contro Alignments Holes Project Reports General Light Settings About Exit

The Menu tab contains buttons which offer project level and software level functions.

Figure 100 Menu tab

13.1 Open

Tap Open to open an existing Carlson Boretrak project. An Open dialog appears.

Select the appropriate project from the recent files list. Alternatively, tap **Browse Files** to open an **Open File** windows dialog. Browse to the project location and select the *.ndv file to open the project in **Carlson Boretrak**.

On opening a project, you can reconnect to a scanner via the **Find Scanner** button on the **Control** tab (see section 15) or through the **Project Details** window (see section 14.1).

13.2 Import

Tap **Import** to import other files into your active **Carlson Boretrak** project. These files may contain pre-existing data such as surveyed points, solids or linework. This data can be used as a backdrop to data collected with the Boretrak2.

Currently supported file types are:

- **E57:** Lidar point cloud data
- LAS: LAS scan data file
- LAZ: LAZ compressed scan data file
- DXF: Autodesk DXF



- DXF: Deswick DXF
- **DWG:** AutoCAD drawing file
- DRL: Carlson borehole data format
- XML: LandXML
- **OMF:** Open Mining Format
- MDL: Carlson Model Format
- NDV: Carlson Boretrak project. Merge data from an existing project with the data in your current project.
- TIN: Carlson triangulation format
- **OBJ:** Wavefront Object
- **PLY:** Polygon library
- **STL:** Stereolithography
- DAE: Collada
- CSV: Hole ASCII. Imports hole collar information in a user-defined ASCII format.
- *.*: Hole ASCII. Import hole collar information in a user-defined ASCII format.
- *.* Point ASCII. Import survey points in a user-defined ASCII format.

13.3 Save

Tap Save to save all changes in your existing Carlson Boretrak project.

Note that a backup project is continually saved in the **Backup** sub-directory in the project folder (see section 11.3.1).

If you have not yet manually saved a project, the project is automatically saved in the **_Unsaved Projects** folder (see section 9.5).

13.4 Save As

Tap Save As to save the project under a different name or in a different location on your tablet.

13.5 Export

Tap **Export** to export data from the active project. A file dialog opens. Select the location where you wish to save the data, the file name and the file type.

Tap **Save**. Depending on the file type selected, an appropriate export dialog opens. Confirm the specific data within the project that you wish to export and configure any export options as required.

After accepting all settings, tap **Export** to generate the export.



13.6 Browse

Tap Browse to open Windows File Explorer at the location where the active project is stored (see section 11.3.1).

13.7 Alignments

Tap **Alignments** to open the **Alignments** window. All alignments in a project are listed and can be examined and edited (see section 14.1.4).

13.8 Holes

Tap **Holes** to open the **Holes** window. All holes in a project are listed and can be examined and edited (see section 14.1.2).

13.9 Project

Tap **Project** to open the **Project Details** window. The **Project Details** window contains information about the project, holes, deployments and alignments that have been carried out within the current project (see section 14.1).

13.10 Reports

Tap **Print** to print out the views in all **3D View** tabs. A **Print** window opens.

Configure any print settings and tap **Print** to print the views to file or to a printer.

13.11 Light / Dark

Tap **Dark** / **Light** / **Black** to toggle between the two themes. During in-field operations, whether it be underground or in bright sunlight, one or other of the themes may give a clearer view of the screen.

You may also need to change the background colour to improve visibility in certain lighting conditions (see section 4.4.4).

13.12 Settings

Tap Settings to view or edit software configuration settings. The Settings window appears (see section 11.3).

13.13 About

Tap **About** to access help documentation and program information (see section 11.4).

The version number of the software is shown in the **About** screen and should be quoted during any support call with Carlson.



13.14 Exit

Tap Exit to exit Carlson Boretrak.

A message window opens: 'Do you want to save changes? All unsaved edits will be lost'.

- Tap **Save** to save all changes in your existing project and exit **Carlson Boretrak**.
- Tap **Discard** to reject any changes in your existing project and exit **Carlson Boretrak**.
- Tap Cancel to cancel the new project operation and remain in your current project.



14 Project tab

The Project tab contains a record of all data collected or imported within the active Carlson Boretrak project.



The list of elements in the **Project** tab expand indefinitely as more stations are added, scans are recorded, and data imported.

Each element in the **Project** tab (other than the project itself at the top of the **Project** tab) can be selected and acted upon using buttons which appear directly underneath the element.



Figure 102 Details, Visible/Invisible, Zoom and Export buttons

The buttons which appear are:

- **Details**: opens a relevant window or tab, which shows information about the selected element and, where appropriate, offers functionality to configure or analyse the element.
- Visible / invisible: toggles the selected element, and all elements nested beneath it in the **Project** tab, on and off in the **3D View**.
- **Zoom**: zooms in to the extents of the selected element, and all elements nested beneath it in the **Project** tab. Use the drop-down list to select a pre-set view:
 - Тор
 - o Bottom
 - o Front



- Back 0
- Left 0
- Right 0
- Export: exports the selected element and, by default, all elements nested beneath it in the Project tab. Individual elements can be switched on or off during the export process.

Each element in the **Project** tab (other than the project itself at the top of the **Project** tab) has a context menu, accessed by right-clicking the element.



Figure 103 Project tab context menu

The context menu items differ slightly depending on the element selected, but all context menus include:

- Export: export the selected element and each element underneath it in the project tab.
- Hide / Make visible: toggle the selected element visible / invisible in the 3D View. All items directly under the selected element are also made visible / invisible.
- Delete: delete the selected element. All items directly under the selected element will also be deleted.
- Hide everything else: leaves only the selected element, and all items directly underneath it, visible in the 3D View.
- Deploy here: begins a Boretrak deployment from the selected element.

The list of items that may appear in the **Project** tab are listed below.

14.1 Project

At the top of the **Project** tab is the **Project** element.





Tap the **Project Details** button to open the **Project Details** window.

Rocky Qu	arry Face 32E	×
Project	Holes Deployments Alignments Layers	
Directory	C:\Users\Ant's FZ-G1\Documents\Carlson Boretrak\	
Project Name	Rocky Quarry Face 32E	
Surveyor	Ant's FZ-G1	
Notes		
Survey of 1-12 upho 13 - 24 ho	24 holes at east end of drive 34/S ble brizontal	
0.	Close	

Figure 105 Project Details > Project

The Project Details window contains tabs.

14.1.1 Project tab

Enter into the **Project** tab details of the project.

- **Directory**: displays the current location of the project. If required, edit the directory path in the text entry box, or tap the **Browse** button to the right to select a different address in which to save the project.
- **Project Name**: displays the name of the project. If required, edit the project name in the text entry box. The project name will also be the name of the *.NDV project file and the project directory.
- Surveyor: enter the name of the surveyor responsible for the project.
- Notes: enter any project notes.

14.1.2 Holes tab

The **Holes** tab provides tools for managing the holes in the project.



Rocky Quarry Face 32E						×
Project	Holes Deplo	oyments Aligr	nments Layer	ſS		
Search: Na	ame					J
Name	Easting	Northing	Elevation			^
1	2005.00m	3000.09m	50.00m	Deploy BT		
2	2009.02m	3004.04m	50.05m	Deploy BT		
3	2013.04m	3007.99m	50.09m	Deploy BT		
4	2017.06m	3011.94m	50.11m	Deploy BT		
5	2021.08m	3015.89m	50.14m	Deploy BT		- 1
6	2025.10m	3019.84m	50.17m	Deploy BT		
7	2029.12m	3023.79m	50.20m	Deploy BT		
8	2033.14m	3027.74m	50.23m	Deploy BT		*
	Import		Add Hole		Add Pattern	
Q					Close	

Figure 106 Project Details > Holes

A **Hole** defines the position of the hole collar. The XY coordinates of the hole should mark the point on the collar where the probe is deployed. The Z value should mark the elevation to which each deployment interval is measured.

A list of all holes in the active project is displayed. The list shows the station name followed by the station coordinates and a **Deploy** button.

To edit a hole in the list, tap on the appropriate hole to open the **Hole Details** window (see section 14.2.1).

To start a survey from a specific hole, tap the **Deploy BT** button next to the appropriate station.

In the **3D View**, the location of these coordinates is marked by a hole graphic.

Tap **Import** to add holes from a file to the project. The file may be a Carlson *.DRL file, or a *.CSV text file. The text file may contain hole name, row name, coordinates, hole names and reference headings. Navigate to the appropriate location and select a file. The **Hole ASCII Import Properties** window opens. Define the columns in the file and tap **Import**. The holes are added to the list in the **Project** window > **Hole** tab.

Tap **Add Hole** to manually add a single hole to the project. The **Hole Details** window appears (see section 14.2.1). Enter the hole parameters as required.

Tap Add Pattern to add a pattern of holes to the project. The Pattern window opens.



Pattern					
Drill Pattern Properties					
Size	Spacing	Row Offset			
12	3.000m	Aligned Staggered			
Row Count:	Row Spacing:	Skew			
3	3.000m	1.000m			
Auto Naming Hole Name Format					
[row_letter]-[hole_number]		*			
Row Name Format					
Row-[row_number]		•			
Location					
Offset	ilt: 90.0000° R	tow Azimuth: 177.0000°			
E 54026.000m					
H 51.650m					
Center		•			
	Cancel	Create			

Figure 107 Pattern window

Configure details of your desired hole pattern:

- Hole count: number of holes per row
- Row count: number of rows
- Hole spacing: measurement along the row between holes
- Row spacing: measurement between each row
- Row offset:
 - Aligned: holes in a row are aligned with holes in the next row
 - Staggered: holes in each alternate row are offset with respect to the next row
 - **Skew:** holes in each row are offset with respect to the next row in an accumulating fashion. Enter an offset distance in the text entry box.
- Hole name format: select how each hole in the pattern should be named
- Row name format: select how each row should be named
- Location offset: the coordinates of the first hole in the first row
- Tilt: the slope angle along each row
- Row azimuth: the heading of all rows, measured from hole 01 to subsequent holes

Tap Create to create the hole pattern.





Figure 108 A hole pattern in the 3D view and Project tab

A **Pattern** element is added in the **Project** tab. Under the **Pattern** are **Row** elements, and under each **Row** are the **Holes**.

Tap the Pattern Details button to access the Pattern window for further editing of the layout of the rows and holes.

14.1.3 Deployments tab

The **Deployments** tab lists the Boretrak2 deployments which have been carried out in the active project.

Ro	Rocky Quarry Face 32E					
Pr	Project Holes Deployments Alignments Layers					
Sea	rch: Nam	e			1	
	Hole	Name	Bottom Easting	Bottom Northing	Bottom Elev	
זור	1	Deployment-1	2006.03m	3001.08m		
٦IF	1	Deployment-2	2006.50m	3001.52m		
٦٢	2	Deployment-1	2009.71m	3004.70m		
٦٢	9	Deployment-1	2032.44m	3034.40m		
•					÷.	
	Find Missing Records					
Q	Close					

Figure 109 Project Details > Deployments

A list of all deployments in the active project is displayed. Each row in the list of deployments displays the **Hole** from which the deployment was made, the **Name** of the deployment and the, the coordinates of the end of the deployment.

Tap on a deployment to open the appropriate **Deployment Details** window (see section 14.1.3).

If data is missing from any of the deployments, tap the **Find Missing Records** button. Carlson Boretrak trawls through unutilised records that have been downloaded from a Boretrak2 and analyses whether they match up with the missing records in the listed deployments.

In the **3D View**, the deployment is marked by a deployment graphic (see section 12.1).



14.1.4 Alignment tab

The Alignments tab lists the Boretrak2 alignments which have been carried out in the active project.

Rocky Quarry Face 32E X					
Project Holes	Deployments	Alignments Layers			
Search: Name		/			
Name	Heading				
Alignment 11:17	45.50°				
Alignment 11:38	311.00°				
Q		Close			

Figure 110 Project Details > Alignments

An Alignment marks an alignment event carried out during field operations.

The list shows the Name of the alignment, followed by the Azimuth that has been manually input or computed.

To edit an alignment in the list, tap on the appropriate alignment to open the **Alignment Details** window. Edit the details as required.

Calibration Jig	X
Calibration Setup Deployments Properties	
Calibration ID Calibration Jig	
None Heading 56.500°	
Back-Pt	
Relative	
Use Existing	
Close	

Figure 111 Alignment Details

Note that if the heading is edited, all data collected using the selected alignment will be affected by this edit. Each deployment will rotate around its collar position by the number of degrees by which the heading has changed.

14.1.5 Layers tab

The Layer controls provide tools to manage the layers into which the data in the 3D View is divided.



Rocky Quarry I	Rocky Quarry Face 32E			
Project Holes	Deploymer	nts Alignments Laye	rs	
Search: Name			1	
Name	Visible	Display Settings		
TEXT	\checkmark	Background Contra: -		
DEPLOYMENT	\checkmark	Background Contra: -		
Alignment 11:17	\checkmark	Default ·		
PLANNED	\checkmark	Solid Color ·		
Alignment 11:38	\checkmark	Default ·		
Q -			Close	

Figure 112 Project Details window > Layers tab

Layers are created for text, for each alignment, deployments, planned holes and for imported datasets.

- Tick or untick the Visible check box to turn the layer on or off in the 3D View.
- The display options of each layer can be changed in the **Layers** tab. Select a colouring option from the **Display Settings** drop down list. This selection overrides any colour settings for individual entities within the layer.
- Restore settings for individual entities within a layer by selecting the blank entry from the **Display Settings** drop down list.

14.2 Hole

Each **Hole** in a project has its own element in the **Project** tab. There may be multiple **Holes** in a **Project** and they may be setup in advance of field operations.



Figure 113 Hole element

The Hole may have one Planned and one or more Deployment elements nested beneath it.

- The Hole Visible / invisible button toggles all these elements on and off in the 3D View.
- The Hole Zoom button positions the extents of all these elements within the 3D View.
- The Hole Export button exports data from all these elements.

Tap the **Hole Details** button to open the **Hole Details** window. The **Hole Details** window has four tabs, described below.



14.2.1 Hole Setup tab

9			×			
Hole Deployments Prope	Hole Deployments Properties					
Hole 9 Survey Point E 2037.160m N 3031.690m H 50.260m	Planned De None Angles Target Depth 23.000m	eployment Incline 15.000°	Heading 305.000°			
		I Default	Set For All			
Q -			Close			

The Hole Setup tab provides controls to configure the hole.

Figure 114 Hole > Hole Setup

Enter a name for the hole in the **Hole** text field.

Enter the collar coordinates in the **Survey Point** text fields.

The **Planned** frame enables the setup of planned or 'design' hole properties. A surveyed deployment can be compared with the planned hole to establish the deviation along the length of the surveyed hole.

One **Planned hole** can be set up for each **Hole** in a project. The settings are mirrored in the **Deployment Details** window > **Planned** tab (see section 14.3.1).

The **Planned** hole can be set up using manually entered angles, or by entering coordinates for the end of the hole. Use the radio buttons to select between these options.

- None: no Planned Hole is attached to the selected Hole.
- Angles: enter a Depth, a Heading angle, and an Incline angle to establish the Planned Hole.
- **Target**: enter the X,Y,Z coordinates of the end of the hole to establish the **Planned Hole**. The Depth is adjusted automatically.

To use the same planned hole values for holes which are created subsequently within the active project, tap **Make this default**. If a new hole is created, these planned hole values are applied when the **Angles** or **Target** radio buttons are selected.

To apply the same planned hole values to all holes which already exist in the active project, tap **Apply to existing holes**.



14.2.2 Deployments tab

The **Deployments** tab lists the Boretrak2 deployments which have been carried out from the selected hole.

1				×		
Но	le Deployment	s Properties				
Sea	rch: Name					
	Name	Bottom Easting	Bottom Northing	Bottom Elevation		
זור	Deployment-1	2006.03m	3001.08m	38.09m		
717	Deployment-2	2006.50m	3001.52m	32.62m		
	Deploy BT					
Q	Close					

Figure 115 Hole > Deployments

A list of all deployments made from the selected **Hole** are displayed. Each row in the list of deployments displays the **Name** of the deployment and the coordinates of the end of the deployment.

To view details of a deployment in the list, tap on the appropriate deployment to open the **Deployment Details** window (see section 14.1.3).

14.3 Deployment

Each **Deployment** in a project has its own element in the **Project** tab. There may be multiple deployments underneath a single **Hole**.

- The Deployment Visible / invisible button toggles all these elements on and off in the **3D View**.
- The Deployment Zoom button positions the extents of all these elements within the **3D View**.
- The Deployment Export button exports data from all these elements.

Note that the **Deployment** element in the **Project** tab is shown as a warning icon until all data from that deployment has been downloaded. Data from any deployment should not be accepted until the warning icon has changed to the standard **Deployment** icon.



Figure 116 Deployment icon before all data is downloaded (left) and after download (right)

Tap the **Deployment Details** button to open the **Deployment Details** window.

14.3.1 Deployment Details

The **Deployment Details** window outlines results from the selected deployment.


Deployment-2 X									
Dep	Deployment Properties								
Resu	ults 🛛 E	ditor	Visuals						Plan View Front View Side View
	Az	Inc	Length	Dev	Dev %	Time	Elevatior	Edit	■ Deployment-2 ■ Plan
	46.6°	6.8°	2.00m	0.20m	10.15%	11:31:30	48.01m		
	46.4°	6.8°	4.00m	0.41m	10.13%	11:31:34	46.03m		2.00m
0	46.3°	6.8°	6.00m	0.61m	10.11%	11:31:38	44.04m		1.50m
	46.5°	6.8°	8.00m	0.81m	10.11%	11:31:43	42.06m		1.00m
	46.5°	6.8°	10.00m	1.01m	10.12%	11:31:47	40.07m		270 900m 90
0	46.0°	6.9°	12.00m	2.29m	19.06%	11:31:51	38.08m		0.00m
0	46.0°	6.9°	14.00m	4.18m	29.82%	11:31:55	36.10m		
\bigcirc	46.5°	6.8°	16.00m	6.14m	38.34%	11:32:00	34.11m		
Ø	46.5°	6.8°	17.50m	7.62m	43.53%	11:32:38	32.62m		190
									160
Q -									Close

Figure 117 Deployment > Results

Results tab

The **Results** tab displays a table containing details of each Boretrak reading that was taken during the selected deployment. One row represents one reading. Columns in the table display:

- **Downloaded**: A blue tick indicates that this reading has been successfully downloaded. A download symbol indicates that the data is provisional and that the download has not yet occurred.
- Az: recorded azimuth / heading of the Boretrak2 probe
- Inc: recorded inclination of the probe.
- Length: distance travelled along the hole, as measured using the Segment Length (see section 15.4) and the number of readings taken. The last reading also takes the Offset value into account (see section 5.6).
- **Dev**: the deviation of the **Deployment** from the **Planned Hole**. This is a horizontal straight-line distance between the two. Only shown if there is a **Planned hole** associated with this **Hole**.
- **Time**: the time at which the reading was taken.
- **Elevation:** the absolute Z value of the reading, computed from the starting collar position.



• Edit: tap the Edit button to edit the reading. The Edit Segment window appears. Use these controls with caution as they allow the editing of surveyed data.

Edit Segment 1						
Length 2	Length 2.000m					
Roll	Roll 231.570°					
Pitch	173.156°					
Azimuth	Azimuth 0.198°					
Straighten Delete						
Done						

Figure 118 Edit Segment window

- Length: edit the length of the segment.
- **Roll, Pitch, Azimuth:** edit the orientation of the segment.
- Straighten: if there is an obvious kink in the hole then this control can be used to smooth the path
 of the deployment. This may have occurred due to irregularities along the side of the hole, or due
 to readings being taken while the probe was still moving. The heading and inclination of the selected
 reading is adjusted with reference to the adjacent reading(s) to smooth the path of the deployment.
- **Delete**: click to delete the selected reading. You may know that an additional reading was taken accidently and that it must be deleted.

Tap **Done** to register the edits. Note that subsequent segments in the deployment will shift so that they remain connected to the selected segment.

Editor tab

The **Editor** tab provides controls which allow editing of the **Deployment**. Use these controls with caution.



Deployment-2					
Deployment Properties					
Results Editor Visuals					
Segments					
Segment Length 000m Final Offset 500m					
Planned Deployment					
O None Incline Heading					
• Angles 8.000° 1.000°					
O Target					
Depth – ()– – ()	-				
10.000m					
I Default Set For All					

Figure 119 Deployment Details > Editor tab

- Segments: these controls concern the deployment intervals used during the deployment.
 - Segment Length: edit the deployment interval that was used for the deployment.
 - **Final Offset**: edit the offset that was entered after the last reading taken during the deployment.
- Planned deployment: adjust the parameters of the Planned hole (see section 14.2.1).

Visuals tab

The Visuals tab contains controls which change the appearance of the **Deployment** in the **3D View**.

Deployment-2			
Deployment Properties			
Results Editor Visuals			
Deployment Layer Color Type			
Background Contrast+ •			
	• Model		

Figure 120 Deployment Details > Visuals tab



- **Deployment Layer Colour**: select the method by which the deployment is coloured. Three colours can be defined with values related to the selected method.
- **Type**: select the graphical appearance of the selected deployment:
 - Hidden: hides the deployment.
 - **Model**: displays the deployment as a series of 1 m rods.
 - **Polyline**: displays the deployment as a polyline.
 - **Tube**: displays the deployment as a tube with a user-defined diameter.

2D Views

The 2D Views show graphical views of the **Deployment**, together with the associated **Planned Hole**.



Figure 121 2D Views: Plan View (left) and Side View (right)

- **Plan View**: shows a plan view of the deployment against a radial plot centred on the hole collar.
- Front View: shows a side view of the deployment. With Heading: Hole Azimuth selected, the Front View displays a perspective along the heading of the deployment ie the deployment hole is heading directly into the screen. With Heading: North/East selected, the view is looking North.

A Lock Axis button toggles the Y axis scale to be the same as that of the X axis, or to be 'best fit' for the space.

• Side View: shows a view from a perspective perpendicular to that of the Front View.



15 Control tab

The **Control** tab provides direct control of the connected Boretrak2 probe. This section outlines the **Control** tab functions and layout when aBoretrak2 is connected and a deployment is being prepared or is in progress.

15.1 Connection to a Boretrak2

15.1.1 Autodetect routine

Carlson Boretrak has an autodetect routine to establish if there are any Boretrak2 probes visible to the tablet's Bluetooth. Any probe which is powered on and paired with the tablet is detected.

The autodetect routine can be started automatically by tapping **New** from the **Touch** mode **Home** screen and creating a project.

Alternatively, if you open an existing project and want to connect to a Boretrak2 probe, tap the **Find Boretraks** button in the **Control** tab to initiate the autodetect routine.

The Find Boretraks button is present on the Control tab in the following situations:

- If you have opened **Carlson Boretrak** in **Desktop** mode. Click **New** to start a new project. Enter any required details in the **Project Details** window and tap **Accept**.
- If you have opened an existing project and are viewing data without a connection to a scanner.
- If you are in an existing project and have lost connection with a scanner or have tapped the **Disconnect Device** button.

Once the autodetect routine has been initiated, **Carlson Boretrak** searches through all available Bluetooth connections for any Boretrak2 probe which has been paired with the tablet.



Figure 122 Auto connection in progress

If no connection is made, check:

- The Boretrak2 probe is powered ON and flashing red or blue.
- The Boretrak2 is paired to your device.
- Bluetooth is switched ON on your device.
- No other devices are connected to the same Boretrak2 probe.

Tap Find Boretraks to reattempt a connection.



15.1.2 Connected

On detection of a Boretrak2 probe, **Carlson Boretrak** runs through checks to establish that communications with the Boretrak2 are sound and to read information from the probe.

With all checks complete, a graphic of the Boretrak2 probe appears in the **3D View** attached to the default **Hole**.

The **Control** tab becomes active, displaying deployment controls. These controls are outlined below.



Figure 123 Control tab - Boretrak2 probe just connected

15.2 Probe status

A series of icons displays the current probe status. The icons are rearranged depending on the current stage of the survey

When Carlson Boretrak first connects to a probe, there four icons are displayed.



Figure 124 Probe status prior to an alignment being carried out.







Figure 126 Probe status while the probe is aligned

15.2.1 Probe Details icon

Tap the **Probe Details** icon to access technical data about your Boretrak2 probe. If you contact Carlson for support, you may be asked to access this page.

15.2.2 Temperature icon

Tap the **Temperature** icon to view the current probe temperature. The icon is green while the Boretrak2 probe is operating within its temperature limits. This icon does not appear when connected to some models of BT2.

15.2.3 Battery

Tap the **Battery** icon to view the current battery status. The icon is green while the Boretrak2 probe's batteries are operating within their voltage limits.

15.2.4 LED light icon

The LED light icon reflects the colour of the LED light on the Boretrak2 probe. The LED light icon should be green before you start a deployment.

Note that when the probe is deployed, the Bluetooth connection between the probe and the tablet is usually lost. In this case the LED light icon is not updated unit this connection is re-established.

15.2.5 Reconnect button

The **Reconnect** button appears if Carlson Boretrak loses connection with the Boretrak2 probe. This happens by default once a deployment has started. It may also happen if the battery is exhausted.

Tap **Disconnect** to manually disconnect from the probe. This control now becomes the **Reconnect** button.

During normal operations when the probe is deployed down a borehole, the probe will usually lose connection. When the probe is recovered and is within range of the tablet, the Bluetooth link is automatically re-established. If this fails to happen, tap **Reconnect** to manually reconnect the tablet with the probe.

15.2.6 Alignment icon

The **Alignment** icon appears only when the Boretrak2 probe is aligned, and logging has been started. Tap on the icon to realign the probe or to verify the current alignment.



Tap on the icon. The green **Alignment** button appears.

Tap the **Alignment** button. The **Alignment Options** dialog opens.

Alignment Options X				
Gyro is currently active. Time Since Alignment: 00:12				
New Verify Edit				

Figure 127 Alignment options

The time since the last alignment is displayed.

- Tap **New** to carry out another alignment. Return the probe to the alignment jig before proceeding. You may wish to carry out a new alignment regularly after each hole, or after every few holes, depending on the length of the holes and the time taken.
- Tap **Verify** to check how much the gyro has drifted since the last alignment. To verify the alignment, the alignment jig must be unmoved since the previous alignment was taken.



Figure 128 Verify Alignment

Place the probe back on the jig, in the same orientation. The jig must not have been moved since the last alignment.

Tap OK. The current heading is compared to the user-defined alignment heading from the last alignment.

Alignment Drift
The device has drifted 0.96° since Alignment. Alignment drift is within recommended tolerance.
OK

Figure 129 Alignment Drift

• Tap **Edit** to change the name or heading of the current alignment. The **Alignment** window appears (see section 15.5.1). Edit the details of the current alignment as required.



15.3 Hole controls



15.3.1 Hole drop down

The active hole is displayed in the Hole drop-down list.

Tap the **Hole** drop-down list to see all holes in the active project. From the list, tap **New Hole** to create a new hole within the current project. The **Hole Details** window appears from where you can configure the new hole (see section 14.2.1).

15.3.2 Hole details

Tap the **Hole Details** button to open the **Hole Details** window. Edit details of the active hole including name, coordinates and view options (see section 14.2).

15.3.3 Zoom to hole

Tap the **Zoom** button to zoom to a view of the active hole and all data that has been collected from that hole. Tap the **Zoom** drop-down list to access pre-defined views of the hole.

15.4 Segment length

During deployments, the Boretrak2 probe is lowered at fixed intervals. At each interval, the probe is held steady while a Boretrak reading is taken. Use the **Segment length** drop-down to define this deployment increment.

Segment Length	2m -	
		_

Figure 131 Segment length

In the drop-down list are three options

- 1 m.
- **2** m: this is the default for the first reading taken in a deployment.
- Custom: this activates the number-pad so that you can enter a user-defined distance.

The selected option cannot be changed after a deployment has been started.



15.5 Gyro Controls

The Gyro controls enable you to control the alignment of the gyro.



Figure 132 Align Gyro button

The probe uses a gyro – contained within an IMU - to navigate during a deployment. An alignment is required to initialise the gyro heading.

15.5.1 Align Gyro button

The gyro requires alignment before you can proceed. Press the **Align Gyro** button to carry out the gyro alignment.

Note that during this stage, the probe must be absolutely stable and free from movement and vibration. The probe must also be positioned in a known heading. The alignment jig is supplied with a Boretrak2 system to stabilise the probe and provide a baseline for the heading to be established.

The alignment takes approximately three seconds.

A message appears: "Are you sure you want to align the Gyro?". Tap Yes.

The Alignment window appears.

Calibration 12:39	×
Calibration Setup Deployments Properties	
Calibration ID Calibration 12:39	
Azimuth	
None Heading 0.000°	
Heading	
Back-Pt	
2-Point	
Relative	-
Use Existing	
	Close

Figure 133 Alignment window

To name the alignment, enter a name in the Alignment ID text field. By default the name is Alignment hh:mm.

The heading of the alignment jig can be entered in the **Azimuth** frame. Note that the different methods listed under **Azimuth** are determined by the configuration of settings in the **Settings** window > **Hole** tab (see section 11.3.8). Some methods may be disabled if they are considered redundant for your operations.

The available methods are listed below.

• **None**: a default value of 0.00 degrees is used for the heading.



- **Heading**: If you have surveyed in the alignment jig and computed a heading, select the **Heading** radio button and enter the surveyed value.
- **Back Point**: manually enter a 'back point' coordinate. A heading is computed from the back point to the hole collar.
- **Two Point**: manually enter a back point and a front location. A heading is computed from the back point to the front location.
- **Relative**: If you have lined up the alignment jig between two holes which have been defined in your project, select the **Relative** radio button. Select two hole collars from a **To** and a **From** drop down list. A heading is computed between the two locations.
- **Use Existing**: select a previously used alignment from a drop down list. The heading is copied from the selected alignment.

Tap Close to close the Alignment window.

The **Align Gyro** button changes to yellow while it is aligning, then to green when it has aligned.



Shortly after the gyro has aligned, the **Gyro Align** button disappears and an **Alignment** icon appears at the top of the **Control** tab (see section 15.2.6). The gyro is aligned and functional.



Note that if, during the survey, the probe is moved beyond the limitations of the gyro (i.e. a faster than the 960°/second maximum rotation rate) then an error message appears. The **Alignment** icon turns red and the gyro must be realigned on the alignment jig.

Error				
Thread: Scanner Update Category:				
Information	Advanced	L 🕨		
Gyro rotation limit has been exceeded and calibration is no longer valid. The gyro will need to be recalibrated before use.				
Accept				

Figure 135 Gyro exceeded rotational limit message

Note that this error can only be registered by Carlson Boretrak while the Boretrak2 probe and tablet have a live



Bluetooth communications link established. If the rotation limit is exceeded while the probe is out of Bluetooth range of the device, then the message appears as soon as the Bluetooth connection is restored.

Any data collected since the alignment was lost will be unreliable. Therefore, whenever this message appears, you should realign the probe and repeat the survey of the hole(s) surveyed since the alignment was lost.

Throughout a **Gyro** deployment, the **HDG** value shown in the **Live display** (see section 15.6) is taken directly from the gyro. The reference '0.0°' heading for any survey is based on the initial alignment.

Full details of the Boretrak2 operations and procedures are outlined in section 5.

With the alignment complete, the **Deployment** controls appear.



Figure 136 Control tab after aligning the gyro, before the first reading has been taken

15.5.2 Realign / check alignment

While the gyro is aligned, the **Alignment** icon is displayed in the top right of the **Control** tab. Tap the **Alignment** icon to realign, or to check the alignment.

An Alignments Options dialog opens.

Alignment Options X				
Gyro is currently active. Time Since Alignment: 00:12				
New Verify Edit				

Figure 137 Alignment Options



- Tap **New** to carry out another alignment. Return the probe to the alignment jig before proceeding. You may wish to carry out a new alignment regularly after each hole, or after every few holes, depending on the length of the holes and the time taken.
- Tap **Verify** to check how much the gyro has drifted since the last alignment. To verify the alignment, the alignment jig must be unmoved since the previous alignment was taken.



Figure 138 Verify Alignment

Place the probe back on the jig, in the same orientation. The jig must not have been moved since the last alignment.

Tap OK. The current heading is compared to the user-defined alignment heading from the last alignment.

Alignment Drift				
The device has drifted 0.96° since Alignment. Alignment drift is within recommended tolerance.				
ОК				

Figure 139 Alignment Drift

• Tap **Edit** to change the name or heading of the current alignment. The **Alignment** window appears (see section 15.5.1). Edit the details of the current alignment as required.

15.6 Live display

The Live display shows data from the probe's sensors and from the deployment.



Figure 140 Live display after first aligning the gyro

After the gyro is first aligned, the heading and inclination are displayed.

• **Heading**: shows the probe's live heading. This is the direction the probe is pointing when seen from above.



The heading is defined by the initial alignment.

• Inclination: the inclination of the probe with respect to gravity.

Live data from the gyro can only be displayed while Carlson Boretrak is connected to the Boretrak2. After the first reading is taken, they are disconnected. Thereafter, the live display shows the deployment status.



Figure 141 Live display after the first reading

- Segments: the total number of readings taken, irrespective of the Segment Length set for each reading.
- **Length**: shows the distance the probe has been deployed from the collar during the active deployment. This value is computed by multiplying the number of readings taken by the **Segment Length** selected.

Note that the counting of the segments is a purely manual exercise: if you mistakenly forget to take a reading or take multiple readings at any stage of the deployment, then the **Length** will be incorrect.

15.7 Logging

With the gyro aligned, the **Boretrak2** probe automatically starts logging data.

While there is a live Bluetooth connection, data is 'silently' downloaded from the probe to the tablet, approximately every thirty seconds.

When the Bluetooth connection is *not* live, the probe stores all logged data internally. When the Bluetooth link is then re-established, the probe downloads all stored data to your tablet. If the Bluetooth link has been down for a long period of time, there may be a substantial amount of data to download. In this case you may see a **Downloading data** message. Thereafter, while the Bluetooth connection is live the regular short downloads will continue.

15.8 Deployment controls

When the Boretrak2 probe is deployed by the amount selected in the **Segment length** drop down list, tap **Take Reading** to take the first reading along the hole.

After the first reading the Final Reading and Undo Last buttons are active.





Figure 142 Control tab after the first reading has been taken

Continue the deployment. At each stage:

- lower the probe by the selected increment
- hold the probe steady
- tap Take Reading to register that the probe has been dpeloyed by the Segment length distance
- hold the probe steady while the Hold still message is showing.
- Tap **Undo Last** to remove a Boretrak reading that has been taken mistakenly.

When you feel the Boretrak2 probe touch the end of the borehole, keep the steel cable tight so that the probe remains upright with respect to the hole.

Tap **Final Reading** to take the final reading in the borehole.

15.9 Final offset controls

After the **Final Reading** button has been tapped, the **Final Offset** controls appear.



5			
1	• 🕅 Q •		
Segments 9	Length 17.5m		
Final Offset			
0.50m · ②			
5 Undo	Finish		

Figure 143 Final Offset controls

15.9.1 Final offset

Commonly, when the probe reaches the end of the hole, the last deployment interval does not equal the full, userdefined **Segment Length** (see section 15.4).



Figure 144 Final offset measurement



In this case, while the probe is at the end of the hole and the cable is kept taught, measure the distance from the hole collar back along the cable to the next measurement point, i.e. the next interval / nodule / rod joint to which you would deploy if the hole were longer. Enter this value into the **Final Offset** field. This value is deducted from the last reading's full segment length.

15.9.2 Undo

Tap **Undo** to return to the deployment. This may be required if you accidently tapped **Final Reading** during a deployment.

15.9.3 Finish

When the Final Offset is entered, tap Finish to complete the deployment.

Retrieve the probe from the borehole. **Carlson Boretrak** attempts to reconnect to the probe. As soon as the connection is established, data is automatically downloaded from the probe to your device.

15.10 Next Deployment controls

The Next Deployment controls appear when a deployment is completed.



Figure 145 Next Deployment controls

15.10.1 Records downloaded

A message shows that data is downloading, or that it has been downloaded.

15.10.2 Select Next Deployment

Select the next hole to survey. By default, the listed hole is the next hole sequentially within the project. To select a different hole, use the **Select Next Deployment** drop-down list to select the required hole.

Use the **Next** and **Previous** arrows to progress to an adjacent hole or select a hole from the drop-down list.



15.10.3 Deploy to...

To begin the deployment to the selected hole, tap **Deploy to...**

15.10.4 New Alignment

While you are between holes, consider carrying out a new alignment of the gyro. See section 15.5.2.



16 Desktop mode

When a project has been completed, the data is usually viewed and analysed back in the office. In this case, if you are using a larger format laptop or desktop computer then select **Desktop** mode.

Desktop mode has a more traditional interface and is intended for use with a standard keyboard and mouse.



Figure 146 Desktop mode

All the same functionality is present in the **Desktop** mode, although the UI is arranged slightly differently...

16.1 Menu bars

The controls in **Desktop** mode are arranged into buttons in the menu bars. There are three menu bars which can be selected by clicking the menu bar tabs.





16.2 Home

The **Home** menu bar includes all the controls which are present in the **Menu** tab in **Touch** mode (see section 13). In addition to these controls are:



• **Touch button**: A **Touch** button is available when first starting the software. The option to swap modes is only available prior to opening an existing project or starting a new project. Once a session has begun, to swap modes, close the software down and reopen to access the relevant button.



- **Panel button**: changes the arrangement of **3D View** windows in the interface. Click the panel button to be offered a choice of:
 - o 1 Panel
 - o 2 Panel
 - o 3 Panel left
 - o 3 Panel right
 - o 4 Panel



• Log button: access detailed logs for troubleshooting and support purposes.



• **Undo / redo**: after any editing or deleting data in the current project, undo or redo individual operations or a sequence of operations.

16.3 Layer controls

The Layer controls provide tools to manage the layers into which the data in the 3D View is divided.





Layer controls

Layers are created for text, for each alignment, deployments, planned holes and for imported datasets.

Tap List to open the Layer tab in the Project window (see section 14.1.5). Alternatively, the same operations can be carried out from the toolbar:

- Use the **Current Layer** drop down to select a layer
- Toggle the Visible / Invisible button to turn the layer ON or OFF in the 3D View.
- Select a colouring option from the Display Settings drop down



17 Android version

This manual has focused on the operation of **Carlson Boretrak** software on a windows tablet. As noted, a version of the software is also available for Android mobile devices.

The interface and operation are almost identical and projects created in one version can be transferred and worked on in the other version.

A few minor differences are outlined below.

17.1 Storage

The default storage location for projects is in *Device*/Documents/Carlson Boretrak.

17.2 Screen size

Android mobile devices are extremely diverse in terms of their screen size. Customise the **Carlson Boretrak** user interface for your specific device, using **Settings > Interface > Scale**. Change the **UI** and **Text** scales to optimise the use of screen space on your device.

17.3 Screen layout

The **Carlson Boretrak** interface auto-rotates along with the rest of the Android environment as the device is moved from portrait to landscape modes.

17.3.1 Portrait mode

In portrait mode, only one tab can be viewed at any one time. The **3D View** appears as an additional tab (**View**) on the right-hand side of the screen.



Figure 148 Portrait mode - Project screen (left), View screen (right)



The Menu, Project and Control tabs are the same as the Windows version.

17.3.2 Landscape mode

In landscape mode, the **Carlson Boretrak** interface has the same arrangement on an Android device as on a Windows tablet.



17.4 3D View

By default, navigation in the **3D View** is conducted as follows:

- **Zoom in / out**: pinch / expand gestures with two fingers; roll the scroll wheel on a mouse.
- **Rotate**: drag with a finger; click and drag with a mouse. The centre of rotation is the point at which you first touch the screen to rotate.

To 'pan' data in the **3D View**, use the **Drag action** control.



Figure 150 Drag action control

The Drag action control determines the effect of dragging your finger on the 3D View.

- Orbit: rotates data in the 3D View. This is the default action when using Perspective view.
- Pan: pans data in the 3D View. This is the default action when using Orthographic view.



- **Look**: sets the centre of rotation to be your current viewpoint, so you can look around the scene from a fixed location.
- **Zoom**: zooms in when you drag up the screen and zooms out when you drag down the screen.

17.5 Sending projects

If your Android device has Wi-Fi or cellular connectivity you can share a project via any means available to your device.

From the Menu tab, select Send.



Your device will offer all available methods of sharing the current project. These may include apps such as **Android Beam**, **Gmail** or **Drive**. Select the appropriate app to send the *.NDV file to a location or contact.



PRODUCT INFORMATION



18 Product specifications

Construction		
Probe	Stainless steel	
Downhole cable	5mm plastic-coated steel cable with metre markers	
Push cable	9mm fibreglass rod with aluminium frame and reel	
Physical	Weight	Dimensions
Probe (including batteries)	3.1 kg	710 mm × 40 mm (Length × Diameter)
System in case with 50 m steel cable and optional Android device	13.3 kg	625 mm × 500 mm x 218 mm
Sensors		
Build	IMU with 3-axis gyro, accelerometer & magnetometer	
Deployment range (Basic)	Downhole only: +/- 60° from vertically down	
Deployment range (Advanced)	Full 360° range	
Gyro rotational limit	Configurable: typically 960° per second	
Inclination accuracy	+/- 0.1°	
System deployment accuracy*	Final position to within 1% of hole depth	
Power		
Probe	3 × 1.5 V "D" cells (LR20)	
Environmental		
IP degree of protection (probe)	IP68 (pressure rated to 30 bar, equivalent to 300 m water depth)	
Operating temperature (probe)**	-10 °C to +60 °C	
Storage temperature (probe)**	-20 °C to +70 °C	

* Proved under Carlson test conditions.

**The probe operating & storage temperature may be limited by the choice of battery.



19 System information

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19.1.7 Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics

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The Boretrak2 probe is suitable for use in all locations other than those allocated in residential environments and those directly connected to a low-voltage power supply network which supplies buildings used for domestic purposes. The Boretrak2 probe does not use radio- frequency energy for the treatment of material, for inspection/analysis purposes, or for transfer of electromagnetic energy.



CAUTION: This equipment is not intended for use in residential environments and may not provide adequate protection to radio reception in such environments.

19.1.8 FCC (USA only)

19.1.9 Information to the user (47CFR section 15.19)

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19.1.10 Information to the user (47CFR section 15.21)

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19.1.13Battery safety

The Boretrak2 is supplied with non-rechargeable alkaline batteries (3 × Duracell LR20 1.5 V). The probe also contains a CR 2032 3 V 220 mAh lithium coin cell. The PDA contains a lithium polymer battery (4500 mAh).

- Do not attempt to recharge the probe batteries.
- Please dispose of waste batteries in accordance with your local environmental and safety laws.
- Replace the batteries only with the specified type.
- Ensure that all batteries are inserted with the correct polarity.
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight.
- Do not heat or dispose of batteries in a fire.
- Do not short-circuit or force discharge the batteries.
- Do not introduce a metal connection between the batteries in the nose cone and the external metal housing.
- Do not disassemble, pierce, deform or apply excessive pressure to the batteries.
- Do not swallow the batteries.
- Keep the batteries out of the reach of children.
- Do not get batteries wet.
- If a battery is damaged, exercise caution when handling it.

19.1.14 Battery disposal



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Contains Transmitter Module FCC ID: T9J-RN42

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/ TV technician for help.

19.1.16 Bluetooth module: Canada compliance

Contains Transmitter Module IC: 6514A-RN42

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