

# Outback A320/A321 Smart Antenna User Guide

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# **Chapter 1: Introducing the Outback A320/321**

A320/321 Overview
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## A320/321 Overview

The Outback A320/321 smart antennas offer fast, portable, professional-level accuracy in a rugged, all-in-one enclosure. The A320/321 comprises the following models:

- Outback A320™ Smart Antenna
- Outback A321<sup>™</sup> Smart Antenna

**Note:** When referring to both the Outback A320 and the Outback A321 this manual uses the term A320/321. When referring to one antenna or the other this manual uses the name of the specific antenna (A320 or A321).



Figure 1-1: A320/321 smart antennas

The A320/321 smart antennas offer versatile, portable solutions with centimeter-level accuracy powered by Hemisphere GPS' Eclipse™ II multifrequency GNSS receiver technology.

With the Eclipse II GNSS OEM module, RTK performance is scalable. Utilize the same centimeter-level accuracy in either L1-only mode, or employ the full performance of fast RTK over long distances with L1/L2 GNSS signals. Hemisphere GPS' exclusive SureTrack™ technology ensures your RTK rover is making use of every satellite it is tracking, even satellites not tracked at the base. Benefit from fewer RTK dropouts in congested environments, faster reacquisitions, and more robust solutions due to better cycle slip detection. SureTrack also removes concerns with mixing GNSS data from various manufacturers. Even if your base is only L1/L2 GPS, SureTrack with GLONASS at your rover delivers complete GNSS performance.

The durable enclosures house the receivers, antennas, and optional radio modems, all in one package. They can be powered through various sources, making the A320/321 ideal for a variety of applications, where:

- A320 is designed to be mounted on a variety of roving machines and vehicles for kinematic positioning and navigation applications
- A321 can be used as a portable base station mounted on a tripod or riser, includes a full graphic display with menu selection keys, and can log data to a standard USB flash drive

# **Key Features**

Key features of the A320/321 include:

- Centimeter-level accuracy using Eclipse II technology in a rugged, all-in-one enclosure
- Improved GNSS performance, particularly with RTK and GLONASS applications through the implementation of SureTrack technology
- Eclipse II RTK engine capable of converging at long range baselines up to 50 km (radio link dependent)

**Note:** The 400 MHz radio link limits RTK distances. See "Typical Distance Performance" on page 30 for more information.

- High-precision positioning in RTK, L-band, and SBAS/DGPS modes
- Supports NMEA 2000<sup>®</sup>, NMEA 0183, binary, and USB for communication with external devices
- Compatible with RTK reference networks through RTCM v3 or CMR/CMR+ corrections
- SBAS satellite ranging technology increases the number of satellites in view for greater speed and reliability
- SureTrack technology for fewer RTK dropouts in congested environments, faster re-acquisitions, better cycle slip detection, and the assurance that even if the base supports only GPS the rover will process GLONASS signals to deliver complete GNSS performance
- Internal radio bay supports Microhard radios

The A320/321 supports a variety of communication protocols for communicating with navigation systems, data loggers, CAN systems and other devices. See Appendix A, "Technical Specifications" for a list of communication protocols supported by the A320/321 (Table A-3 on page 58) as well other technical specifications.

# What's Included

The parts included in your A320 or A321 kit depend on the configuration you purchased. All kits include the following:

- A320 or A321 antenna
- · Power and data cables
- Mounting hardware
- Battery and charger (portable base station kit only)
- User Guide and Quick Reference Guide

Contact your Outback dealer for questions about the parts included in your kit.

## **Ports and Connections**

## **A320 Ports and Connections**

Figure 1-2 shows the ports and connections for the A320 and Table 1-1 provides additional information about each port/connection.



Figure 1-2: A320 ports and connections

Table 1-1: A320 ports and connections

Port	What to connect	
Radio antenna port	External antenna (radio connector)	
Power/data port (circular connector)	External power/data cable; allows you to supply power to the A320 as well as communicate with external devices via CAN (NMEA 2000), NMEA 0183 serial, and binary	

## **A321 Ports and Connections**

Figure 1-3 shows the ports and connections for the A321 and Table 1-2 provides additional information about each port/connection.

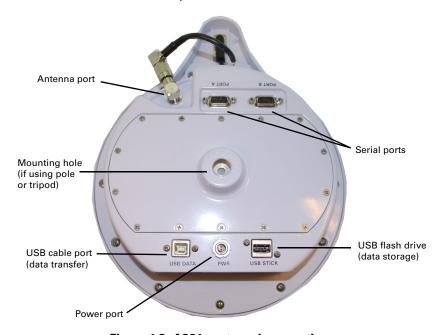


Figure 1-3: A321 ports and connections

Table 1-2: A321 ports and connections

Port	What to connect	
Radio antenna port	External antenna (radio connector)	
Serial port	External serial devices	
	DB9 connection that allows you to update software or set advanced configuration options. Both DB9 serial ports can be used at the same time; for example, you can use Port A to receive RTK corrections while using Port B to output NMEA messages.  For information on outputting NMEA messages refer to the Hemisphere GPS Technical Reference (go to www.hemispheregps.com/support and click the GPS Reference icon).	
USB cable port	USB data cable	
	Advanced service and applications, supporting a direct connection to a PC via USB cable.	
USB data port	USB flash drive (port is labeled 'USB STICK')	
Power port	External power cable	
Mounting hole	Pole or tripod mount	

# **Display Panel**

This section describes the display panel on the A320 and the A321 and provides information on the LED indicators that are common to both the A320 and A321.

## **A320 Display Panel**

The A320 display panel consists of LED indicators for power, GPS, and DGPS.

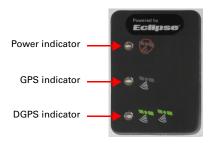


Figure 1-4: A320 display panel

Refer to the following sections for more information on using the control panel:

- "LED Indicators" on page 7
- "Connecting the A320 to External Devices" on page 13
- "Operating the A320" on page 38

## **A321 Display Panel**

The A321 display panel allows you to select menu options and view power and GPS status.

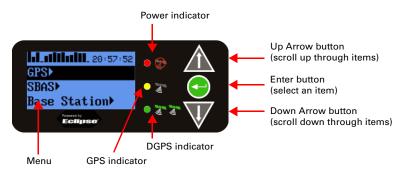


Figure 1-5: A321 display panel

Refer to the following sections for more information on using the control panel:

- "LED Indicators" on page 7
- "Powering the A321" on page 16
- "Operating the A321" on page 47

#### **LED Indicators**

The A320/321 uses LEDs to indicate power, GPS lock, and DGPS position. There is a corresponding icon to the right of each LED. Table 1-3 describes each LED indicator.

Table 1-3: LED display

LED	Function	LED Color	Description	
• 🐑	Power	Red	Power on	
<u> </u>	GPS	Yellow	GPS lock	
	DGPS	Green	DGPS position     Solid LED indicates differential position achieved     Blinking LED indicates broadcast (A321) or reception (A320) of differential corrections	

# **Radio Options**

The following radio configurations are available for the A320/321.

- No radio kit (basic version)
- Microhard radio kit

To purchase an optional radio, contact your Outback Guidance dealer.

For information on configuring a Microhard radio see the following:

- "Configuring Your A320/321 400 MHz Microhard Radio" on page 22
- "Configuring Your A320/321 900 MHz Microhard Radio" on page 32

# **Obtaining Product Updates**

Contact your Outback Guidance dealer or Outback Guidance Customer Service to obtain product updates for A320/321 firmware, software (such as Remote Control), and GPS applications.



# Chapter 2: Installing the A320/321

Installing the A320 Installing the A321

This chapter provides instructions for installing your Outback A320/321. It includes the following sections:

A3	320	A321	
•	Selecting the proper antenna location	Mounting the A321	
•	Routing and securing the cables	Powering the A321	
•	Mounting the A320	<b>Note:</b> The A321 is pre-configured for use as	
•	Connecting the A320 to an Outback S3	a base station in an RTK system. The	
•	Connecting the A320 to external devices	provided kit includes everything you need to set up and begin using your base station.	
•	Powering the A320		

# Installing the A320

This section covers the following topics:

- Selecting the proper antenna location (below)
- Routing and securing the cables (below)
- Mounting the A320
- Connecting the A320 to an Outback S3
- Connecting the A320 to external devices
- Powering the A320

## Selecting the Proper Antenna Location

Proper antenna placement is critical to positioning accuracy.

To select the proper antenna location:

Place the antenna with an unobstructed view of the skv.

> Note: An obstructed view of the sky may impair system performance. The GPS engine computes a position based on measurements from each satellite to the internal GPS receiver.



Ideal antenna placement on vehicle

- 2. Mount the antenna on, or as close as possible to, the center of your point of measurement.
- 3. Position the antenna as high as possible.

# **Routing and Securing the Cables**

Consider the following when routing cables:

- Do not run cables in areas of excessive heat
- Do not expose cables to corrosive chemicals
- Do not crimp or excessively bend cables
- Do not place tension on cables
- Coil up excess cable in the cab of the vehicle
- Secure along the cable route using plastic tie wraps as necessary
- Do not run cables near high voltage or strong RF noise and transmitter sources

WARNING: Improperly installed cables near machinery may cause injury or death.

### **Mounting the A320**

The A320 features a built-in magnetic mount. Simply place the A320 on your vehicle in the appropriate location. See "Selecting the Proper Antenna Location" on page 11.

## Connecting the A320 to an Outback S3

You can use the A320 in the following Outback Guidance equipment configurations:

- A320 and S3
- A320 and S3 with Outback eDriveTC
- A320 and S3 with Outback eDriveX

The following diagram displays the cable connections for the A320, S3, and eDriveX or eDriveTC.

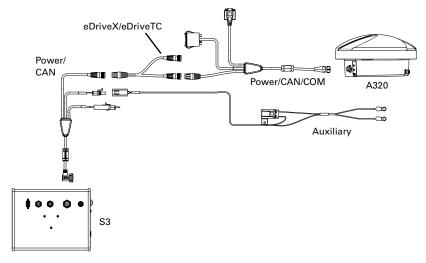


Figure 2-1: A320 cable connections

#### A320 and S3

To connect the cables:

 Using the A320 power cable connect the A320 to the "Console" end of the S3 power/CAN cable.

**Note:** The Y cable is not required in this configuration.

#### A320 and S3 with eDriveTC

To connect the cables:

- Disconnect the "Console" end of the S3 power/CAN cable from the eDriveTC console.
- 2. Using the Y cable connect the eDriveTC console to the S3 power/CAN cable.
- Using the A320 power cable connect the A320 to the open end of the Y cable.

#### A320 and S3 with eDriveX

To connect the cables:

- Disconnect the "Console" end of the S3 power/CAN cable from the eDriveX harness.
- 2. Using the Y cable connect the eDriveX harness to the S3 power/CAN cable.
- Using the A320 power cable connect the A320 to the open end of the Y cable.

### **Connecting the A320 to External Devices**

The A320 can communicate with a variety of external data loggers, rate controllers, yield monitors, or other devices. The external device must be connected through the DB9 serial port of the A320 power cable.

**Note**: See your Outback Guidance dealer or visit the online store at www.outbackguidance.com to select a suitable adapter cable.

## Powering the A320

To power the A320:

- 1. Turn on the power switch on the A320 power cable.
- 2. Check the functionality of the A320 by monitoring the Power LED.

**AWARNING:** Do not apply a voltage higher than 36 VDC. This will damage the receiver and void the warranty.

# **Installing the A321**

This section covers the following topics:

- Mounting the A321
- Powering the A321

## **Mounting the A321**

You can mount the A321 in either of the following ways, depending on the kit you purchased:

- Fixed base station using the included mounting bracket
- Portable base station using the included tripod stem and adapter



A321 with fixed/pole mounting hole

#### **Fixed Base Station Mounting**

Fixed base station kits for the A321 include a right angle mounting bracket. After you mount the bracket you screw the A321 onto the bracket.

To mount the A321 as a fixed base station:

- Attach the mounting bracket to a secure location using the supplied hardware.
- Thread the center hole of the A321 onto the bolt that is permanently fixed to the mounting bracket.

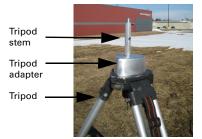


### **Portable Base Station Mounting**

Mount the A321 to the tripod using the provided tripod adapter.

To mount the A321 as a portable base station:

- Thread the provided tripod stem onto the tripod adapter.
- Mount the tripod adapter unit onto the tripod, leaving the adapter loose on the tripod.



- 3. Thread the center hole of the A321 onto the tripod stem.
- 4. Position the A321 in the desired orientation and tighten the adapter onto the tripod.



## Powering the A321

Depending on the parts included in your A321 kit you can the power the A321 via either of the following:

- 110/220 V AC power cable
- Power cable (terminated with battery clips) to connect to a 12 V battery\*
   \*You can use a 12 V car battery or, if you purchased a portable base station kit, you can use the included 12 V battery

The A321 is automatically "on" upon connecting a power source.

**Note:** The following procedure describes how to connect the A321 to a 12 V car battery using the power cable (terminated with battery clips) included in some A321 kits. If your kit includes the 110/220 V AC power cable connect the power cable to a suitable power source in step 2.

To connect a power source to the A321:

- 1. Connect the provided power cable to the A321's power port. See Figure 1-3 on page 5 for the location of the power port.
- Attach the positive and negative leads at the opposite end of the power cable to the positive and negative terminals of a car battery.

**Note:** If you purchased the portable base station kit, the connection to the 12 V battery is the same as shown at right.







Check the Power LED on the A321 – a red LED indicates a successful connection and the A321 has power. See "LED Indicators" on page 7 for more information on the display panel LEDs.





# Chapter 3: Operating the A320/321

Using the Menus
A320/321 Radio Configuration Overview
Configuring Your A320/321 400 MHz Microhard Radio
Configuring Your A320/321 900 MHz Microhard Radio
Operating the A320
Operating the A321

This chapter provides an overview of using the menu system as well as basic configuration and operation instructions for your A320/321:

- For using your A320 see "Operating the A320" on page 38
- For using your A321 see "Operating the A321" on page 47

# **Using the Menus**

The A321 includes a menu system you access from the display panel; see "A321 Display Panel" on page 6 for a brief overview. Although the A320 does not include a menu system accessible from its display panel, you can use Hemisphere GPS' Remote Control software to perform many of the same tasks that you can with the A321's menu system. Even though the A321 has a physical display panel, you can use Remote Control with the A321 as well.

**Note:** The following sections refer to the A321 physical display panel or the A320 or A321 using Remote Control software.

## **Obtaining and Setting Up Remote Control Software**

Remote Control is available from the Outback Guidance website.

- 1. Open a web browser and go to www.outbackguidance.com.
- 2. Navigate to Support > Precision > Software.
- 3. Click the Remote Control link and save the download to your PC.
- 4. Install the software.

To use Remote Control software you must connect your A320/321 to your PC (on which Remote Control is installed) using a serial cable. Just power on your receiver and start Remote Control and you can begin using the software.

# Comparing Remote Control Software to the A321 Physical Display Panel

Figure 3-1 shows the physical display panel of the A321 alongside the Remote Control software display panel.

**Note:** There is a slight delay (a second or so) when using Remote Control (the screen may not refresh immediately).



A321 display panel



Remote Control display panel

Figure 3-1: A321 display panel vs. Remote Control display panel

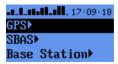
## **GNSS Signal Level Display**



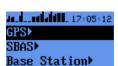
Figure 3-2: A321 menu

As shown in Figure 3-2 the channel bars above the menu visually display each channel's tracking status (one bar section for each channel) as follows:

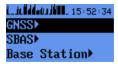
When tracking L1 GPS only, each bar represents L1 GPS.



 When tracking L1/L2 GPS, each bar is two separate bars (starting from the left, first bar for L1 GPS, second bar for L2 GPS)



 When tracking L1/L2 GPS and GLONASS, each bar is four separate bars (starting from the left, first bar for L1 GPS, second bar for L2 GPS, third bar for L1 GLONASS, fourth bar for L2 GLONASS)



**Note:** If you have a GLONASS subscription, the first menu item on the Top menu is **GNSS**. If you do not have a GLONASS subscription, the first menu item is **GPS**.

## **Navigating the Menus and Selecting Menu Items**

Whether you are using the physical display on the A321 or you have an A320 or A321 connected to a PC and are running Remote Control, on startup the Top menu appears.



Figure 3-3: Top menu

The A320/321 front panel contains three soft buttons: Up Arrow, Enter, and Down Arrow (see Figure 3-4).

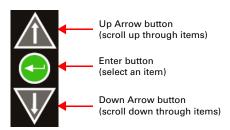


Figure 3-4: Menu buttons

In addition to selecting items you can return to previous menu levels using the following menus items:

- Select **Back** to return to the previous menu level
- Select **Top Menu** to return to the Top menu

Table 3-1 describes the indicators that appear to the right of specific menu items.

Table 3-1: Menu item indicators

Indicator	Purpose	Example
Display	Go to the indicated submenu This indicator also appears to the right of the "Back" and "Top Menu" menu items.  • Pressing Enter when "Back" is selected	<ol> <li>On the Top menu press the <b>Down Arrow</b> button to highlight System Setup. The Display indicator appears to the right of System Setup.     </li> <li>Press <b>Enter</b> to display the System Setup menu.</li> </ol>
indicator returns you to the previous menu.  • Pressing Enter when "Top Menu" is selected returns you to the Top menu.		3. Press the <b>Down Arrow</b> button again to highlight the Display Format option and then press <b>Enter</b> . The items on the Display Format menu appear and the Select indicator appears to the right of Disp Update (the first item on the Display Format
	Scrolls within a menu to highlight an option to select.	menu).  4. Press <b>Enter</b> on the Disp Update item. The Display indicator changes to the Select indicator.
Select indicator		<ol> <li>Press the Up Arrow or Down Arrow button to scroll through the available options (such as 1Hz and 5Hz).</li> </ol>
		6. Press <b>Enter</b> on the highlighted option to select it. That option is now the setting for the menu item and the Select indicator changes back to the Display indicator.

#### Menu and Menu Item Selection in This User Guide

For many instructions in this User Guide the following example illustrates the nomenclature used for navigating the menus.

"On the Top menu select **Data Logging > Config**" is the equivalent to saying "On the Top menu select **Data Logging** and press **Enter**. Then select **Config** and press **Enter**."

When making selections for a menu item, such as selecting Yes or No for Auto-Name (Data Logging > Config menu), the instructions will indicate to select the menu item and press Enter to allow you to then select an option for that menu item and then press Enter again to select that option.

#### **Entering Alphanumeric Characters**

Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow buttons to enter alphanumeric characters (for example, when entering a job name or a subscription code).

To enter alphanumeric characters:

At the prompt, press the **Down** Arrow button to scroll to the desired character.

The character appears on a black background when the prompt is active.

Press Enter to select the character. The prompt moves to the next character.





3. Press Enter when done.

# Top Menu Overview

Refer to Appendix B, "Menu Map" for a complete menu map for the following options on the Top menu:

- GPS/GNSS
- Differential corrections (menu item will be the selected differential source, such as SBAS or Autonomous)
- Base Station (A321 only)
- Config (configuration) Wizard
- System Setup
- Data Logging

# A320/321 Radio Configuration Overview

If your A320/321 antenna has an optional radio use the information in this section to configure the A320/321 to set the following:

- Radio mode of operation
- Channel/frequency
- Power

**Note:** The radio mode and channel/frequency of the A320 rover must match that of the A321 base station for the A320 rover to successfully receive the broadcasted RTK messages.

Some configuration steps will differ slightly depending on the type of radio you have installed in your A320/321.

- If you have a Microhard 400 MHz radio installed go to "Configuring Your A320/321 400 MHz Microhard Radio" below.
- If you have a Microhard 900 MHz radio installed go to "Configuring Your A320/321 900 MHz Microhard Radio" on page 32.

Additionally, for the 400 MHz radio you can encrypt RTK data using the Microhard radio static mask (see page 28).

# Configuring Your A320/321 400 MHz Microhard Radio

## **Setting the Radio Mode of Operation**

The radio mode refers to a Hemisphere GPS-proprietary mode or a number of industry-standard compatible modes—see Table 3-2 on page 24 for more information on supported radio modes.

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the mode. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its mode.

Complete the following steps to set the radio mode:

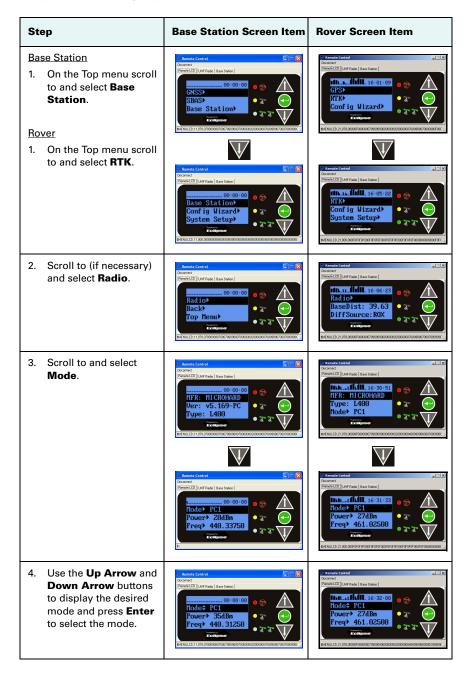


Table 3-2 describes the available radio modes. Pac Crest provides a configuration tool that allows you to view the parameters in the Description column; therefore, select the mode you need based on these parameters (PC1 and PC3 differ only by the FEC parameter: ON or OFF).

**Note:** Hemisphere GPS recommends PC1 for most applications. You should only use PC3 if your are trying to maintain compatibility with an existing Pac Crest network.

Table 3-2: 400 MHz Microhard radio modes

Mode	Description	Comment	
PC1	9600 bps link rate, GMSK, FEC ON, Scrambling ON	Compatible with Pac Crest and Satel. This is the most common mode of operation and generally provides the best distance performance. Throughput is limited to approximately 5600 bits/sec.	
PC2	Future mode, current	tly not supported	
PC3	9600 bps link rate, GMSK, FEC OFF, Scrambling ON	Compatible with Pac Crest. This mode provides slightly inferior distance performance compared to PC1, but provides better throughput of approximately 8300 bits/ sec.	
PC4	Future mode, currently not supported		
HGPS	16000 bps link rate, FEC OFF, Scrambling ON	This mode is similar to PC3, but provides better throughput of approximately 14000 bit/sec, while still maintaining excellent sensitivity. This mode also allows setup of network repeaters and retransmissions.	

# **Setting the Frequency**

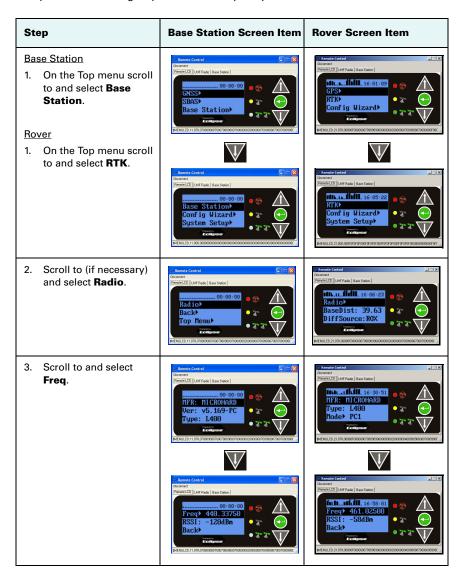
AWARNING: You must obtain a valid radio license for your jurisdiction before using the A320/321 with 400 MHz radio. Only set the radio to the frequency and power you are licensed to use at your location.

Each A321 base station and A320 rover in a network must be configured to operate on the same frequency.

You can set the frequency to any value between 410 MHz and 480 MHz. The frequency must be a multiple of 0.0125 MHz (12.5 kHz). If you enter an invalid frequency, it will be rejected with an "INVALID" error.

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the frequency. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its frequency.

Complete the following steps to set the frequency:



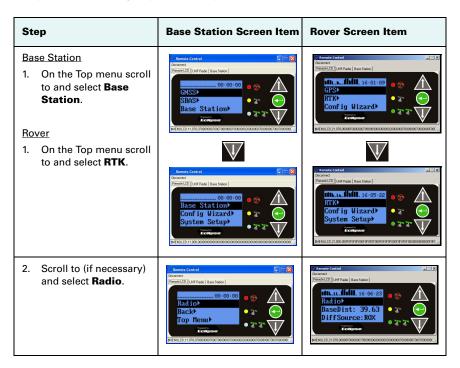
#### Step **Base Station Screen Item Rover Screen Item** To set the frequency: a. Use the Up Arrow .**II....NII.III.** 16:59:07 **☑61.02500 MHz** and Down Arrow 40.31250 MHz I: -58dBm buttons to set the first digit and then press **Enter**. After pressing Enter the next digit to the right is highlighted. b. Repeat step a for each digit. Note: When you press Enter to set the last digit, the frequency is set and the select indicator changes to the display indicator (you can now use the Up Arrow and Down

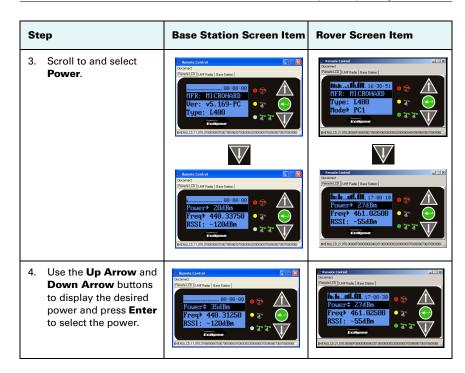
# **Setting the Power**

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the power. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its power.

Arrow buttons to highlight other Radio options such as Type and RSSI).

Complete the following steps to set the power:





The A321 is capable of transmitting at an output power ranging from 0.1 W (20 dBm) up to 5 W (37 dBm) in 1 dB increments. Hemisphere GPS recommends that you set the power to the highest level allowable by your license.

If battery life is a concern, you may want to start with the highest allowable power setting on the A321 base station and back it off to the lowest level that still provides adequate RF coverage for your location.

The radio is the main contributor to battery drain; therefore, backing off on the transmit power allows for significantly longer discharge times. Table 3-3 lists typical A321 power consumption.

Table 3-3: Typical A320/321 power consumption

Radio TX Power Setting Typical Total Outback A321 Power Consumption		Typical Battery Discharge Time of 18Ah SLA Battery
20 dBm (0.1 W)	7.2 W	31 hours
27 dBm (0.5 W)	9.0 W	25.0 hours
30 dBm (1 W)	10.4 W	21.5 hours
33 dBm (2 W)	12.6 W	17.5 hours
35 dBm (3 W)	14.1 W	15.5 hours
37 dBm (5 W)	18.0 W	11.8 hours

Table 3-3: Typical A320/321 power consumption (continued)

Radio TX Power Setting	Typical Total Outback A321 Power Consumption	Typical Battery Discharge Time of 18Ah SLA Battery
Receive mode only	5.7 W	39 hours

**Note:** Typically the rover (A320) is always in receive mode and the base station (A321) is always in transmit mode.

## **Encrypting RTK Data Using the Microhard Radio Static Mask**

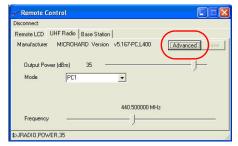
When configuring a Microhard radio you can set the static mask to encrypt (require a password to access) RTK data. The default static mask for the 400 MHz radio is blank (no static mask).

Before you set the static mask, make sure you are running the latest version of Remote Control software. To obtain the latest version of Remote Control, visit www.outbackguidance.com and navigate to **Support > Precision > Software**.

You can connect to the A320/321 via Remote Control or a terminal window.

#### **Setting the Static Mask Using Remote Control**

- Connect to the A320/321 on Port A.
- Start Remote Control and on the UHF Radio tab click
   Advanced.

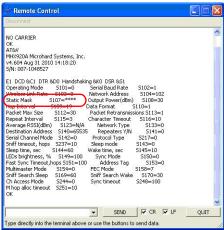


This takes the radio offline, passes through to the radio data port, and presents the current radio configuration (shown at right).

The static mask is parameter S107 and is shown in the output as:

Static Mask S107=\*\*\*\*

 Type ATS107=xxxxxxxx in the drop-down box and then press Enter (or click SEND) to change the static mask, where xxxxxxxx represents the static mask you want to use.
 If successfully set, the radio will reply with OK.



- 4. Send the command AT&W to save the settings.
- 5. Click **QUIT** to return to normal operating mode.

**Note:** To remove the static mask (remove encryption) repeat the above procedure but in step 4 type ATS107= in the drop-down box (do not type anything after the "=").

#### Setting the Static Mask Using a Terminal Window

- 1. Connect to the A320/321 on Port A.
- Start the terminal program on your PC. Make sure the baud rate of your PC port matches that of the A320/321.
- 3. Send the command \$JRELAY, PORTC, \$MENUREPLY, A
- 4. Send the command \$JRELAY, PORTC, \$JRADIO, PROGRAMMODE to take the radio offline, pass through to the radio data port, and present the current radio configuration.

The static mask is parameter S107 and is shown in the output as:

Static Mask S107=\*\*\*\*

- 5. Type ATS107=xxxxxxxx to change the static mask: where xxxxxxx represents the static mask you want to use. If successfully set, the radio will reply with OK.
- 6. Send the command AT&W to save the settings.
- 7. Type QUIT (uppercase) to return to normal operating mode.

## **Typical Distance Performance**

Distance performance is dependent on several factors including:

- Base station antenna height
- Base station antenna gain
- Cable losses
- Base station transmit power
- Rover antenna gain
- Rover antenna height
- Receiver (rover) sensitivity
- Terrain

Hemisphere GPS' high performance 400 MHz radio solution, when properly installed, can provide up to 30 km of RTK coverage from one base station location. Figure 3-5 approximates the distance performance you can expect.

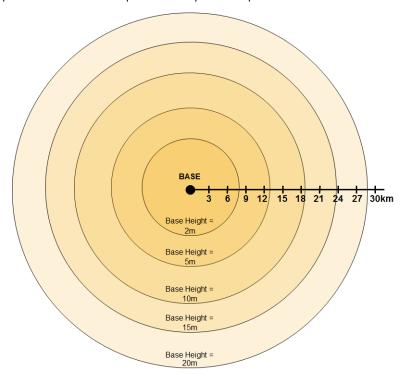


Figure 3-5: Typical RTK distance performance vs. base station antenna height above ground

The expected range is based on the following assumptions:

- · Gently rolling hills
- Medium to low vegetation
- High quality, low loss RF cables at base station
- Base station uses Hemisphere GPS recommended 5 dBi antenna
- Base station Tx power is set to 3 W
- Rover antenna height is 3 m above ground level
- Frequency of operation is 450 MHz
- Mode of operation is PC1 (9600 bps GMSK, FEC ON)

As shown in Figure 3-5 base station antenna height is key to RTK performance. When installing your base station, find a location on a structure, preferably at the highest elevation available.

At 2m (6ft) base antenna height above ground, typical RTK distance performance is approximately 8 km (5 mi). However, as you raise the base station antenna, this range improves dramatically. At 20 m (65 ft) above ground level, rovers can expect to typically receive RTK corrections at distances up to about 28 km (17 mi).

It is important to use high quality RF cable at the base station. Hemisphere GPS provides high-quality RF cables in lengths of 15, 30, or 45 m.

Normally, the A321 will be located close to ground level, while the 400 MHz UHF antenna will be mounted on a structure several meters above ground. This requires a fairly long run of cable. Figure 3-6 illustrates the typical degradation in distance performance (for four different base station antenna heights) as you use longer runs of RF cable.

#### Typical Base-Rover Communication Range vs. Cable Length

Based on CCIR Path Loss Model - Plots show distance vs. cable length for four different base antenna heights. Transmitter is 450 MHz at 3 W. Rover antenna height is 3 m.

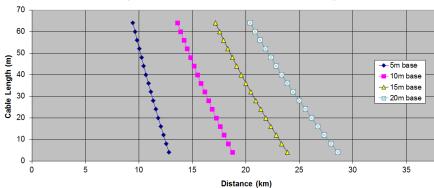


Figure 3-6: Typical RTK distance performance vs. RF cable length at base station for four base station antenna heights above ground

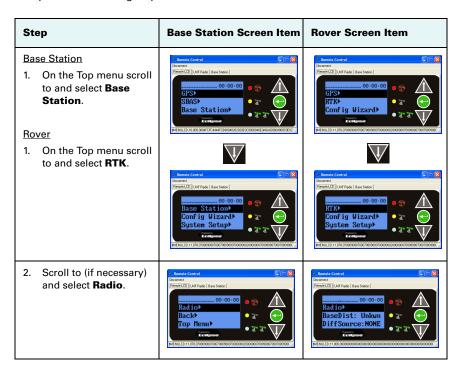
# Configuring Your A320/321 900 MHz Microhard Radio

#### **Setting the Radio Mode of Operation**

The radio mode refers to a number of Hemisphere GPS-proprietary modes that are optimized for certain message types and environments. See Table 3-4 on page 33 for more information on supported radio modes.

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the mode. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its mode.

Complete the following steps to set the radio mode:



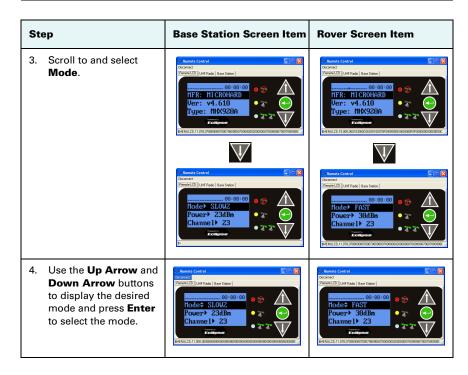


Table 3-4 describes the available Hemisphere GPS-proprietary radio modes. Hemisphere GPS recommends FAST mode for most applications.

**Note:** The Microhard MHX920-FS 900 MHz radio is proprietary and will not communicate with other RTK manufacturers' equipment.

Table 3-4: 900 MHz Microhard radio modes

Mode	Description	Comment
SLOW	19200 bit/s RF link rate with forward error correction (FEC)	Compatible with previously-released MHX920-SL1 (Part No. 808-1003-000) radio kit. Lowest data throughput of all the modes. Not recommended for new installations.
		SLOW is required for use on older 900 MHz radios available from Hemisphere GPS.
SLOW2	19200 bit/s RF link rate with no FEC	Improved data throughput over SLOW mode. Suitable for use in low-noise environments with A320/321.
FAST	115200 bit/s RF link rate with no FEC	Superior data throughput allows RTK messages to be rebroadcast multiple times per second. Provides the best performance in most applications.  FAST is required for GLONASS on the A320/A321.

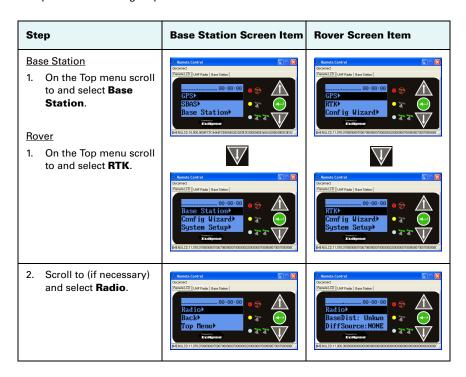
### **Setting the Channel**

You can set the channel to any value between 1 and 100.

Each A321 base station and A320 rover in a network must be configured to operate on the same channel.

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the channel. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its channel.

Complete the following steps to set the channel:



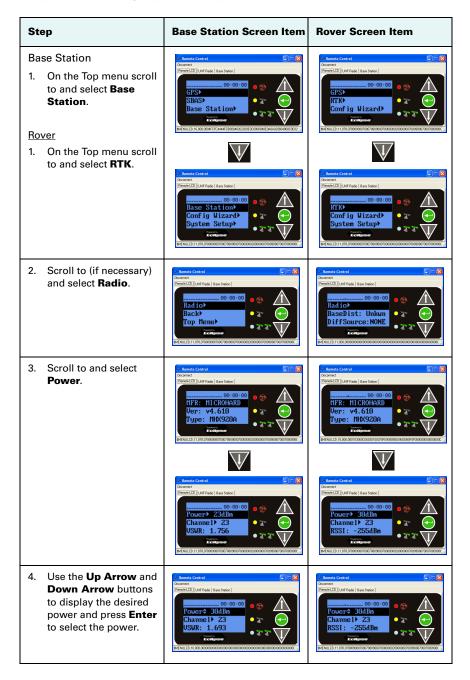
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**Note:** When you press Enter to set the last digit, the channel is set and the select indicator changes to the display indicator (you can now use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow buttons to highlight other Radio options such as Type and RSSI).

## **Setting the Power**

**Note:** The following steps show how to use Remote Control software to set the power. Follow the same steps if using the actual menu on the A321 to set its power.

Complete the following steps to set the power:



The Microhard MHX920-FS radio in the A321 is capable of transmitting at an output power ranging from 0.1 W (20 dBm) up to 1 W (30 dBm) in 1 dB increments. Hemisphere GPS recommends that you set the power to the maximum (1 W / 30 dBm) for most applications.

Table 3-5: Typical A320/321 power consumption

Radio TX Power Setting	Typical Total Outback A321 Power Consumption	Typical Battery Discharge Time of 18Ah SLA Battery
20 dBm (0.1 W)	7.2 W	31 hours
27 dBm (0.5 W)	9.0 W	25.0 hours
30 dBm (1 W)	10.4 W	21.5 hours
Receive mode only	5.7 W	39 hours

**Note:** Typically the rover (A320) is always in receive mode and the base station (A321) is always in transmit mode.

## **Checking VSWR**

Voltage standing wave ratio (VSWR) provides an indication of any RF cabling or antenna problems and can be read on the base station menu interface.

VSWR has the following characteristics:

- The lower the number the better.
- Anything below 2 generally indicates the cabling and antenna are installed correctly.
- If the value is above 2, check that the cable and antenna are securely installed and that there is no visible damage.

The VSWR reading is updated approximately every 30 seconds.

## **Checking RSSI**

Received signal strength indicator (RSSI) is a status update of the strength of the signal received at the rover, and can be read on the rover's menu interface.

- The higher the number the better (for example, -90 is better than -100).
- Typically, an RSSI of -100 and better is acceptable for reliably receiving RTK messages from the base station.



• If the value is below -100, steps should be taken to improve signal strength. The best way to do this is to raise the height of the base station antenna.

## Operating the A320

#### **Quick Start**

Initial startup may take from 5 to 15 minutes, depending on your geographic location. For example, it may take up to 5 minutes to receive a full ionospheric map from SBAS to ensure optimum accuracy.

 Verify the A320 and all connected systems are powered on. When you turn the switch on the power cable to the "ON" position the red LED illuminates (indicating power).



See "LED Indicators" on page 7 for more information on the A320 LED indicators.

- 2. Enter a receiver authorization code (optional). See "Adding Additional Receiver Authorizations" on page 38.
- Configure GPS options. See "Configuring GPS Settings with Outback S3" below.
- Activate L-band service (optional). See "Activating L-Band Service" on page 46.
- Wait for the A320 to converge on a differential signal. A green LED indicates DGPS. You are ready to begin using your A320.



### Configuring GPS Settings with Outback S3

Configuring the A320 for use with an S3 involves the following steps:

- (Optional) Adding additional receiver authorizations, such as RTK or GLONASS, after purchase (see page 38)
- 2. Setting basic configuration options (see below)
- 3. (Optional) Activating L-band service (see page 46)

You must connect the A320 to the S3 and power on both the A320 and the S3 before using the S3 to configure the A320.

#### **Adding Additional Receiver Authorizations**

The A320 allows you to add additional authorizations, such as RTK or GLONASS, after purchase.

To add additional receiver authorizations:

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
On the S3 touch the <b>Setup</b> screen tab. The Setup screen appears.	Setup

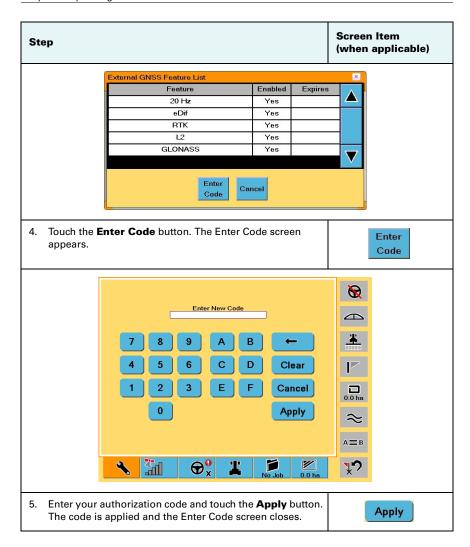
#### Screen Item Step (when applicable) 8 Update S3 Firmware L1.04 A1.22 System Update Export ECU ECU Logs Display Defaults anguage English Codes Touch Screen ECU Log Numbe 520 **А**=В O x 2. Touch the **Codes** button. The Codes screen appears. Codes 8 4 Applications Serial Number 909486 Subscription-System Display A320 Serial Number 1840924 A320 Subscription 20 Hz eDif RTK L2 GLONASS 0.0 ha Codes $\approx$

3. Touch the **A320 Subscription** field. The External GNSS Features List window appears.

A320 Subscription

20 Hz eDif RTK L2 GLONASS

A = B



#### **Setting Basic Configuration Options**

Using the GPS screens on the S3 you can set the following options on your A320:

- DGPS application type, such as SBAS, RTK, or L-band
- Baud rate and NMEA (output) message rates
- Radio (optional) set the mode of operation and frequency of the A320's internal radio

**Note:** If using the A320 with a non-Outback product, refer to the Hemisphere GPS Technical Reference (go to <a href="https://www.hemispheregps.com/support">www.hemispheregps.com/support</a> and click the GPS Reference icon). The Technical Reference lists the commands needed to change baud rates, radio parameters, NMEA message output rates, and applications.

**Note:** The GPS Only button on the GPS Setup screen and the Use All GNSS button on the NMEA screen work together as follows:



To use GPS and GLONASS for positioning and NMEA message output, the Use All GNSS button must be orange and the GPS ONLY button must be blue.



- If the Use All GNSS button is blue (regardless of the color of the GPS Only button), GLONASS is not used for positioning or NMEA message output.
- If the Use All GNSS button is orange and the GPS Only button is orange, GLONASS is not used for positioning or NMEA message output.
- If the GPS Only button is orange, the Use All GNSS button can be toggled but does not change any functionality.

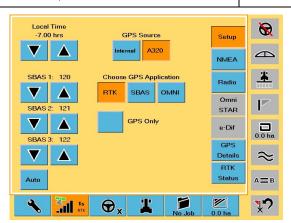
To set the DGPS application type on the S3:

#### Step

#### Screen Item (when applicable)

On the S3 touch the GPS tab. The GPS Setup screen appears. Depending on what GPS screen you viewed previously, you may need to touch the Setup button to display the GPS Setup screen.

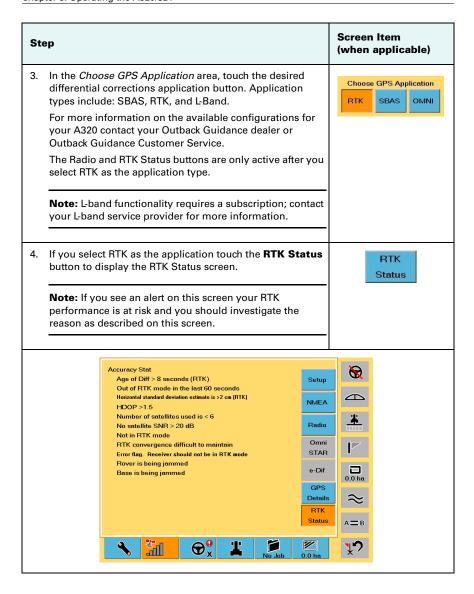




Note: For information on the GPS Only button see the Note at the top of this page.

In the GPS Source area verify A320 is selected (button is 2. orange).



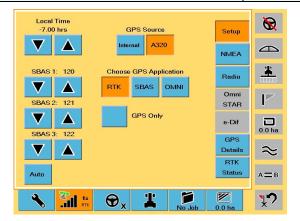


To set the A320 baud rate and NMEA (output) message rates:

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
On the S3 touch the <b>GPS</b> screen tab. The GPS Setup screen appears.	0s 3d

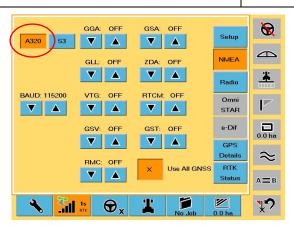
#### Step

## Screen Item (when applicable)



Touch the NMEA button. The NMEA screen appears.
 If necessary touch the A320 button in the upper left of the screen to display NMEA settings for the A320.





Note: For information on the Use AII GNSS button see the Note at the top of page 41.

Touch the BAUD Up Arrow or Down Arrow button to cycle through the available baud rates.



 For each message output rate you want to set touch the desired message **Up Arrow** or **Down Arrow** button to cycle through the available rates (GLL message arrows shown at right).



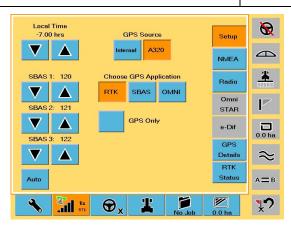
To set the radio mode and frequency:

#### Step

## Screen Item (when applicable)

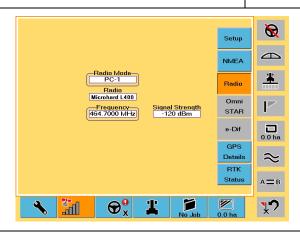
 On the S3 touch the GPS screen tab. The GPS Setup screen appears. Depending on what GPS screen you viewed previously, you may need to touch the Setup button to display the GPS Setup screen.





- 2. Verify the following:
  - A320 is selected in the GPS Source area
  - RTK is selected in the Choose GPS Application area
    and then touch the Radio button. The Radio screen
    appears with the radio type in the non-editable Status field
    (in the screen following, Microhard L400 appears in the
    Status field). The Radio Mode and Frequency fields are
    editable.

Radio



#### Step

## Screen Item (when applicable)

- 3. To set the radio mode:
  - Touch the Radio Mode field. The Radio Mode window appears.



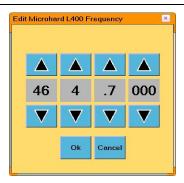


b. Select the desired mode and touch Ok.



- 4. To set the frequency:
  - Touch the **Frequency** field. The Edit Frequency window appears.





 Touch the Up Arrow and Down Arrow buttons to set each segment of the frequency value and touch Ok.



### **Activating L-Band Service**

The A320 is enabled for L-band service; however, you must first contact your L-band service provider to activate the service.

To activate L-band service:

Step		Screen Item (when applicable)
1. Verify the are power	A320 is connected to the S3 and that all systems ed on.	
	the vehicle is stationary and the antenna has a of the sky.	
<ul> <li>3. Using the GPS Details screen below perform the following:</li> <li>a. Monitor the number of satellites tracked in the Sats Tracked field to ensure a proper GPS signal.</li> <li>b. Locate the Serial Number field and contact your L-band service provider to activate service for your region.</li> <li>Typically it takes up to 15 minutes for the activation to take effect; however, some activations may take longer.</li> <li>c. Monitor the value in the STDEV field to confirm a converged signal. Contact your L-band service provider to determine how long this may take.</li> <li>You can operate the vehicle while waiting for a converged signal but you will experience decreased accuracy.</li> <li>If you turned on the A320 in the same location you turned it off with a converged L-band signal, the time required to reach maximum accuracy is reduced.</li> </ul>		
	Time 11:50:10AM Latitude 33:557448 Longitude 377.39 m Speed 0.0 kph Heading 0.00°  1	©

4. When the system converges on an L-band signal, you are

ready to use your L-band service.

## **Operating the A321**

On startup the A321 displays the Top menu. You can access all the setup menus from the Top menu. The A321 menu system is designed for easy setup and configuration of the unit in or out of the field.

This section includes the following topics:

- Begin using the A321 (below)
- Operating modes fixed base station vs. portable base station (page 49)
- Setting the A321 as a fixed base station (page 49)
- Setting the A321 as a portable base station (page 53)
- Setting an alternate reference point (page 53)
- Managing configurations (page 54)
- USB data logging (page 55)

#### **Begin Using the A321**

Complete the following steps to begin using the base station:

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
Plan the base station location. The A321 base station automatically uses its current location as the reference point. Place the base station in a location:	
With an unobstructed view of the sky	
At least 50 meters (160 feet) from any obstructions	
Figure 3-7: Location of the	
Select the desired radio channel/frequency.     Base and rover configurations must match (for 900 MHz radios you set the channel; for 400 MHz	

radios you set the frequency).

#### Screen Item Step (when applicable) On the Top menu, select Base Station > Radio. The Radio screen displays the radio MFR: MICROHARD manufacturer, version number, and channel/ Version: v3.1092 frequency. Channel 1 Press Enter to select the Channel field. \_\_\_\_00 : 00 : 00 c Channel 1 VSWR: 3.904 Back Use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow buttons to select the desired channel and Channel‡ Z then press Enter to save. Back d. Select **Back** to return to the previous menu. 3. Wait for RTK lock (maximum accuracy). The .**I.\_IIIIIII**\_21:06: screen will cycle through the following displays. Time To Go: 28 DiffTx DFX Show Reference▶ Note: It takes 3 - 5 minutes for the base station to achieve RTK lock in an unknown location. It Countdown to typically takes the base station less than 60 position lock seconds to achieve RTK lock in a known location. **-1.\_111**11111.21:04: Converged You are ready to use your A321 base station. DiffTx DFX Show Reference Position lock |-|\_-||||-||||\_21:00 Res rms: σ-a: 0.2m σ-**b**: 0.2m **GPS Position** Status screen

#### **Base Station Operating Modes**

The A321 can operate in two base station modes:

#### Fixed (permanent) base station mode

Typical Use: If year-after-year A-B line repeatability is expected for controlled traffic farming, you must use this option from the first use.

#### Portable base station mode

Typical Use: Quick and easy solution for temporary job or one-time-only contract site.

A fixed location ensures the A321 uses the same reference coordinates every time and they do not unintentionally change; otherwise, an unwanted jump in the rover's offset position from one RTK session to the next may occur (such as a tractor following an A-B line that is offset by several centimeters up to several meters from one RTK session to the next).

Fixed mode is intended for an A321 that is permanently mounted in a fixed location (such as on a radio tower or other permanent structure), where you are satisfied with its coverage and you will use it for RTK coverage of the same area from day to day, season to season.

If you install the A321 within 50 m of the fixed coordinates, it will use these reference coordinates for its RTK solution. The reference coordinates remain the same (are not affected by a power cycle or excessive drift in GPS solution) until you manually change them. The A321 will never use an alternate reference location. If the current solution drifts more than 50 m from these reference coordinates the A321 stops broadcasting the RTK message.

As shown in Figure 3-8, you use the FixedLoc menu setting to set your A321 as a fixed base station (set to YES) or a portable base station (set to NO).





Fixed base station mode

Portable base station mode

Figure 3-8: Operating modes (FixedLoc setting)

To navigate to the FixedLoc setting:

From the Top menu, select Base Station > Reference > FixedLoc.

## Setting the A321 as a Fixed Base Station

When setting a fixed location for your base station you have the following options:

- Entering new reference information manually
- Using the unit's current position
- Using an average of the unit's current position (averaging occurs for 300 sec)

**Note:** In areas of ionospheric activity re-averaging the unit's position (third bullet above) may provide the most reliable location information.

#### **Manually Entering Fixed Coordinates**

You can manually enter base station coordinates before or after installing the A321. For example, if you know the exact installation location and you first enter the coordinates, the person installing the A321 can simply install it and power it up.

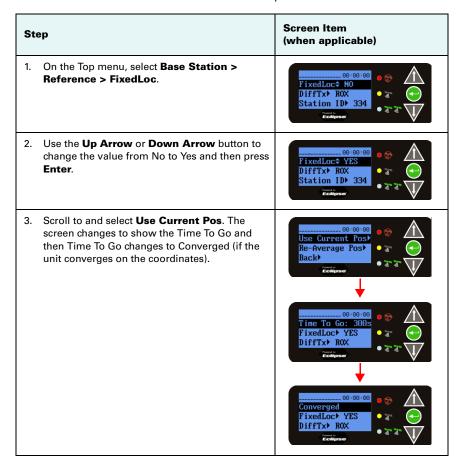
To fix the base station location to a manually-entered coordinates:

Sto	ер	Screen Item (when applicable)
1.	On the Top menu, select Base Station > Reference > FixedLoc.	FixedLoc* NO DiffTx ROX Station ID 334
2.	Use the <b>Up Arrow</b> or <b>Down Arrow</b> button to change the value to Yes and then press <b>Enter</b> .	FixedLoc÷ YNS DiffTx > ROX
	<b>Note:</b> For information on entering/editing values see "Navigating the Menus and Selecting Menu Items" on page 19.	Station ID 334  Francisco  Fortugado
3.	Select <b>Enter New</b> . Lt, Ln, and Hgt are displayed with Lt highlighted.	Enter Neul Use Current Post Re-Average Post
4.	Enter the desired coordinate information: latitude (Lt), longitude (Ln), and height (Hgt).	00:00:00 34.00000000° h-112.00000000° hgt 0.000 m
5.	Scroll to and select <b>Set Reference</b> . The screen changes to show the Time To Go and then Time To Go changes to Converged (if the unit converges on the coordinates).	Set Reference Back Top Henu
		Time To Go: 380s FixedLock YES DiffTx* ROX
		Converged FixedLoc YES DiffTx ROX

#### **Setting the Base Station Fixed Location to Its Current Location**

Note: You should only use this option after the A321 is installed and has converged.

To set the base station fixed location as the current position:



#### Setting the Base Station Fixed Location to an Average of Positions

**Note:** You should only use this option <u>after</u> the A321 is installed.

The A321 re-averages its position for 5 minutes (300 seconds) and assigns this new position to its permanent reference coordinates.

To set the base station fixed location to an average of positions:

Ste	ер	Screen Item (when applicable)
1.	On the Top menu, select <b>Base Station &gt; Reference &gt; FixedLoc</b> .	FixedLoc No DiffTx ROX Station ID 334
2.	Use the <b>Up Arrow</b> or <b>Down Arrow</b> button to change the value from No to Yes and then press <b>Enter</b> .	FixedLocy YES DIFFTX ROX Station ID 334
3.	Scroll to and select <b>Re-Average Pos</b> . The screen changes to show the Time To Go and the A321 counts down from 300 seconds to zero, after which Time To Go changes to Converged (if the unit converges on the coordinates).	Re-Average Post Backton Henut
		Time To Go: 380s FixedLoc YES DiffTx ROX
		Converged FixedLoc YES DiffTx ROX

## **Setting the A321 as a Portable Base Station**

To set the A321 as a portable base station:

St	ер	Screen Item (when applicable)
1.	On the Top menu, select <b>Base Station &gt; Reference &gt; FixedLoc</b> .	FixedLoc÷ YES DiffTX ROX Station ID) 334
2.	Use the <b>Up Arrow</b> or <b>Down Arrow</b> button to change the value from Yes to No and then press <b>Enter</b> .	FixedLoc No DiffTx ROX Station ID 334

## **Setting an Alternate Reference Point**

To set an alternate reference point:

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
On the Top menu, select Base Station >     Reference > Set New Reference > En     New.	
2. Enter the desired coordinates.	101111 111121105:45 151°01060560 1114°02403116 1050471 m

## **Managing Configurations**

The A321 Configuration Wizard allows you to:

- Save a configuration
- Return to a saved configuration
- Delete a saved configuration

### Saving a Configuration

To save a configuration:

Sto	ер	Screen Item (when applicable)
1.	On the Top menu, select <b>Config Wizard &gt; Proceed Wizard &gt; Create New</b> .	Proceed Vizard Delete Saved Use Previous
2.	Select Enter Name, use the Up Arrow and Down Arrow buttons to enter a name, then press Enter.	Enter Name Back Propries
3.	Scroll to and select <b>Save to Location</b> .	Save to Location Not Used1 Not Used2
4.	Scroll to the desired location (such as Not Used1) and press <b>Enter</b> to save.	

#### **Returning to a Saved Configuration**

To return to a saved configuration:

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
On the Top menu, select Config Wizard > Use Previous.	Use Previous Cancel Proceed Wizard

Step	Screen Item (when applicable)
Scroll to the desired configuration and press     Enter to select it.	ABC JOB1 Not Used3  Entires

#### **Deleting a Saved Configuration**

To delete a saved configuration:

St	ер	Screen Item (when applicable)	
1.	On the Top menu, select <b>Config Wizard</b> > <b>Delete Saved</b> .	Delete Saved Use Previous Cancel Legislater	
2.	Select the desired configuration and press <b>Enter</b> to delete it.	ABC JOB1	
	Note: Once you press Enter, the saved configuration is permanently deleted.	Not Used3	

## **USB Data Logging**

When you insert a USB flash drive into the A321, the Data Logging menu indicates you can start recording (logging data) and displays the free space on the flash drive (see Figure 3-9). When you start logging data the "Start Recording" indicator changes to "End <filename>."





With no USB flash drive inserted

With USB flash drive inserted

Figure 3-9: USB flash drive indicators on Data Logging menu

**AWARNING:** Stop data logging before removing the USB flash drive from the Outback A321. Failure to do so may result in a loss of data.



## **Appendix A: Technical Specifications**

Table A-1 through Table A-6 provide the sensor, horizontal accuracy, communication, power, environmental, and mechanical specifications for the A320/321.

Table A-1: GPS/GNSS sensor specifications

Item	Specification
Receiver type	GNSS L1 and L2 RTK with carrier phase
Channels	12 L1CA GPS 12 L1P GPS 12 L2P GPS (with subscription code) 12 L2C GPS (with subscription code) 12 L1 GLONASS (with subscription code) 12 L2 GLONASS (with subscription code) 3 SBAS or 3 additional L1CA GPS 1 L-Band
SBAT tracking	3-channel, parallel tracking
Update rate	10 Hz standard, 20 Hz available (with subscription)
Timing (1PPS) Accuracy:	20 ns
Startup time	< 60 s typical (no almanac or RTC) < 30 s typical (almanac and RTC) < 10 s typical (almanac, RTC and position)
Maximum speed	1,850 kph (999 kts)
Maximum altitude	18,288 m (60,000 ft)
Differential options	SBAS, Autonomous, External RTCM, RTK, L-band

**Table A-2: Horizontal accuracy** 

Item	Specification	
	RMS (67%)	2DRMS (95%)
RTK <sup>1,2</sup>	10 mm+1 ppm	20 mm+2 ppm
L-band high precision service <sup>1,3</sup>	0.1 m	0.2 m
SBAS (WAAS) <sup>1</sup>	0.3 m	0.6 m
Autonomous, no SA <sup>1</sup>	1.2 m	2.5 m

**Table A-3: Communication specifications** 

Item	Specification	
	A320	A321
CAN	1x	N/A
USB	1x USB-A	1x USB-B
Serial	2x	2x (Bluetooth adapter support)
PPS	1x	1x

Table A-3: Communication specifications (continued)

Item	Specification	
Data I/O protocol	NMEA 0183	NMEA 0183, binary, NMEA 2000 binary
Correction I/O protocol	Hemisphere GPS proprietary, RTCM v2.3 (DGPS), RTCM v3 (RTK), CMR, CMR+ <sup>4</sup>	

#### **Table A-4: Power specifications**

Item	Specification		
Input voltage	9 - 36 VDC		
Power consumption	(With no radio) 5 W @ 12 VDC +/-10%		
	(With radio)	400 MHz radio	900 MHz radio
	Radio TX power setting	Power consumption	
	20 dBm (0.1 W) 27 dBm (0.5 W)	7.2 W 9.0 W	7.2 W 9.0 W
	30 dBm (1 W)	10.4 W	10.4 W
	33 dBm (2 W) 35 dBm (3 W)	12.6 W 14.1 W	N/A N/A
	37 dBm (5 W) Receive mode only	18.0 W 5.7 W	N/A 5.7 W
Current consumption	400 mA @ 12 VDC (with n	o radio)	

#### **Table A-5: Environmental specifications**

Item	Specification
Operating temperature	-30° C to +65° C (-22° F to +149° F)
Storage temperature	-40° C to +85° C (-40° F to +185° F)
Enclosure	IP67, EP455
Compliance	FCC, CE

#### **Table A-6: Mechanical specifications**

Item	Specification
Dimensions	150 mm H x 244 mm D (5.9 in H x 9.6 in D)
Material	Magnesium alloy/plastic
Mount	Screw/magnetic mount or 5/8" tripod mount
Enclosure	Waterproof, dust proof
Weight	1.8 kg (4.0 lbs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Depends on multipath environment, number of satellites in view, satellite geometry, and ionospheric activity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Depends also on baseline length.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Requires a subscription from L-band service provider.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Receive only, does not transmit this format.



## **Appendix B: Menu Map**

Top Menu GPS/GNSS Menu SBAS Menu Base Station Menu Config Wizard Menu System Setup Menu Data Logging Menu

## **Top Menu**

Use the Top menu to access the submenus.

If you have a GLONASS subscription, the first menu item on the Top menu is

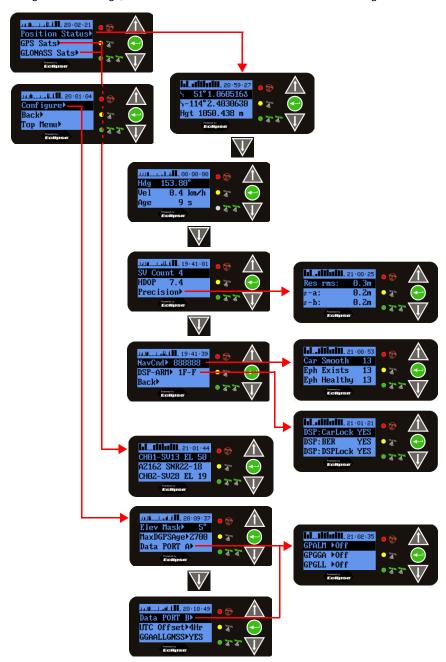
#### **GNSS**

If you do not have a GLONASS subscription, the first menu item on the Top menu is **GPS** 



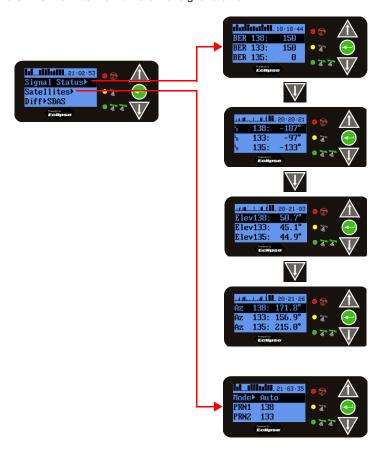
### **GPS/GNSS Menu**

Use the **GPS/GNSS** menu to view position status, individual satellite data, or to change GNSS settings, such as the elevation mask or maximum DGPS age.



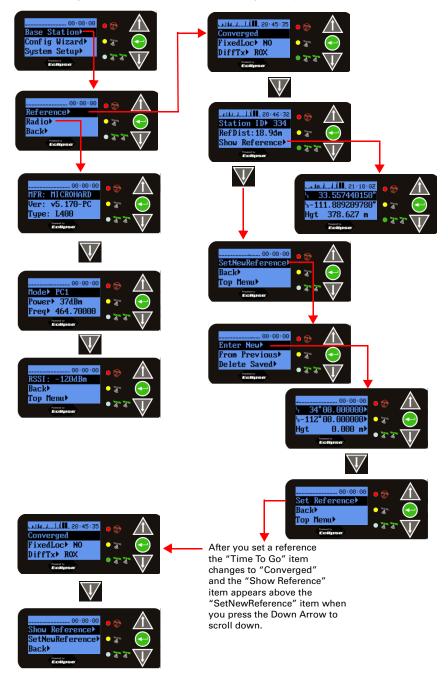
## **SBAS Menu**

Use the **SBAS** menu to view differential signal status.



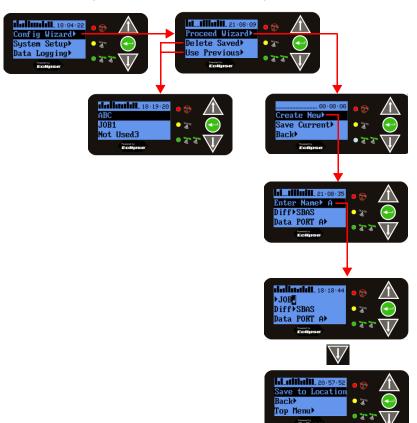
#### **Base Station Menu**

Use the **Base Station** menu to view radio details, set an alternate reference point, return to using your current position, or re-average your position.



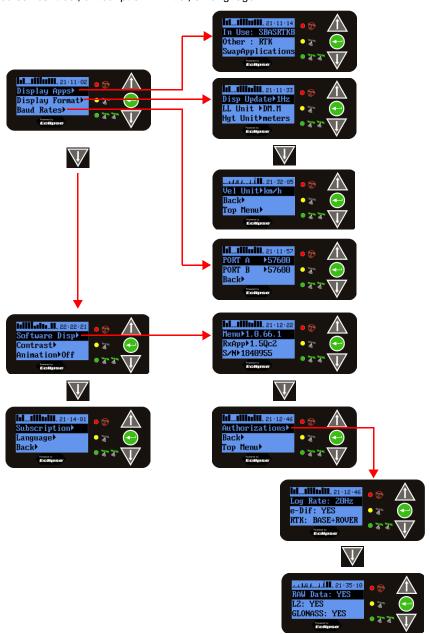
## **Config Wizard Menu**

Use the **Config Wizard** menu to work with configurations (save a configuration, return to a saved configuration, and delete a saved configuration).



## System Setup Menu

Use the **System Setup** menu to configure basic system options, including the differential type, display format (units, update rate of the display), baud rates, display screen contrast, subscription number, or language.



## **Data Logging Menu**

Use the **Data Logging** menu to log job data. Tasks include naming your data log, selecting whether to include receiver information in the log file, selecting the file type of your log file, and starting and stopping your log file.





# **Appendix C: Using Remote Control**

Starting Remote Control Radio Tab Base Station Tab Remote Control is a free Hemisphere GPS software application you can use to set up and configure an A320/321. To obtain Remote Control visit

www.outbackguidance.com and navigate to Support > Precision > Software.

## **Starting Remote Control**

Before starting Remote Control you must connect the A320/321 to your PC via serial cable. Connect one end of a serial cable to the serial port of the A320/321 and connect the other end of the cable to your PC.

- 1. Start Remote Control.
- Click the **Connect** button to display a list of all available serial ports on your PC.
- Click the appropriate port. Remote Control searches for and finds the receiver and automatically requests information from the receiver.



Remote Control includes three tabs:

- Remote LCD Displays the same information (menu, LEDs, and buttons) as on the A321 display. For detailed information on the menu, LEDs, and buttons see "Display Panel" on page 6. If you are using an A320, you can still use the Remote LCD tab via the serial port connection.
- Radio Allows you to set radio parameters.
- Base Station Allows you to set up multiple base station locations and manually set the reference station locations stored in the receiver. See "Base Station Tab" on page 72 for more information.

### Radio Tab

The Radio tab is only enabled if your A320/321 includes an internal radio.

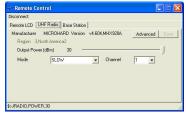
#### Microhard Radio Installed

The Radio tab for Microhard radios allows you to edit specific radio parameters related to the configuration of the device.

The Radio tab looks similar to one of the following, depending on your installed radio:







900 MHz radio installed

There are predefined modes of operation for the radios. See Table 3-2 on page 24 and Table 3-4 on page 33 for more information on the radio modes.

The radio in the unit is self-configuring based on the application being used. The radio is automatically set up as a:

- Rover (receiving) radio for units running the RTK application
- Base (transmitting) radio for units running the SBASRTKB application

Note: Press the Save button to keep any changes you make on the Radio tab.

#### **Advanced Radio Control**

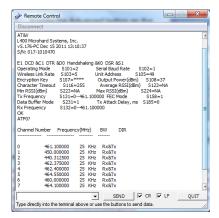
The Advanced Radio Control option allows you to access the internal radio directly via radio manufacturer's radio commands. When using Remote Control, the software checks for a specific registry key. If it is present, the Advanced button on the Radio tab is enabled.



**Note:** Only advanced users should edit these parameters. Setting incorrect values may cause radios to stop communicating with one another.

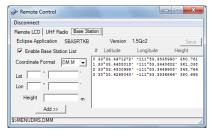
To edit internal radio parameters:

- On the Radio tab click the Advanced button (see figure above). This takes the radio offline and displays the Remote Control configuration screen (shown at right). You can edit any configurable parameter in the radio.
- Enter the appropriate command in the text box and then click the SEND button.
- 3. When complete, click the **QUIT** button to return to the Radio tab.



### **Base Station Tab**

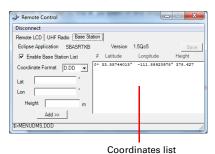
The Base Station tab allows you to set up multiple base station locations and manually set the reference station locations stored in the receiver. The A321 supports up to 32 base station coordinates. The receiver must be running the SBASRTKB application and you must have an RTK subscription for the function to be enabled.

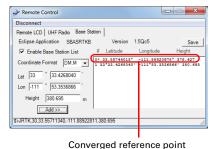


Upon connecting to the receiver, Remote Control automatically queries the receiver for its list of known coordinates.



After a successful query Remote Control displays a list of existing base station coordinates. If the receiver has converged on a reference point, the converged coordinates will appear with a \* next to the #, as seen below.





Once the coordinates list is populated you can perform the following tasks:

- Add coordinates
- Import or export coordinates
- Delete coordinates

**Note:** You must click the **Save** button before exiting Remote Control to save your changes (adding, deleting, and importing coordinates).

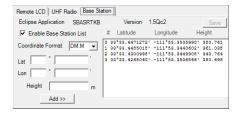
If you do not want the receiver to have the base station coordinate list active, clear the **Enable Base Station List** check box.

You can change the coordinate format between decimal degrees (DD.D), degrees and decimal minutes (DM.M), or degree minutes and decimal seconds (DMS). Any change to this value also affects the coordinates displayed on the LCD.

#### **Adding Base Station Coordinates**

To add coordinates to the list:

- Make sure the Enable Base Station List check box is selected.
- Select the appropriate format from the **Coordinate Format** drop-down list.
- Enter the desired latitude, longitude, and height values in the Lat, Lon, and Height fields.



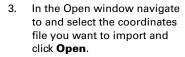
- Click the Add button. The new coordinates point (Lat/Lon/Height) is added to the coordinates list.
- 5. Click the **Save** button to save your changes.

#### **Importing/Exporting Base Station Coordinates**

Importing and exporting the coordinates list is compatible with previous legacy base station applications.

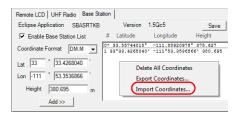
To import coordinates from a file:

- Make sure the Enable Base Station List check box is selected.
- Right-click the coordinates list, and from the pop-up menu click Import Coordinates.



The coordinates from the file are added to the coordinates list on the Base Station tab.

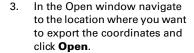
4. Click the **Save** button to save your changes.



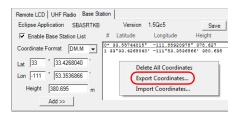


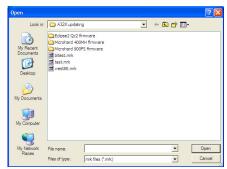
To export coordinates to a file:

- Make sure the Enable Base Station List check box is selected.
- Right-click the coordinates list, and from the pop-up menu click Export Coordinates.



The coordinates are exported.





#### **Deleting Base Station Coordinates**

To delete a coordinates point from the list:

- Make sure the Enable Base Station List check box is selected.
- In the coordinates list select the coordinates point you want to delete (the coordinates point is highlighted).



Right-click the coordinates point you selected, and from the pop-up menu click **Delete #<coords #>**.

The coordinates point is deleted.

Click the Save button to save your changes.

To delete all coordinates from the list:

- Make sure the Enable Base Station List check box is selected.
- Right-click the coordinates list, and from the pop-up menu click **Delete All** Coordinates.

The coordinates are deleted.

Click the **Save** button to save your changes.



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