

# **Operating Instructions**

## for non-touch terminals

# TRACK-Leader



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Read and follow these instructions. Keep these instructions in a safe place for later reference. Please note that there might be a more recent version of these instructions on the homepage.

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## 1 For your safety

1.1 Basic safety instructions



Please read the following safety instructions carefully before using the product for the first time.

• Read the operating instructions for the agricultural device which you want to control by using the application.

## 1.2 Intended use

The software may be only used in connection with implements and machines. The software may only be used away from public roads, during field operations.

## 1.3 Layout and meaning of warnings

All safety instructions found in these Operating Instructions are composed in accordance with the following pattern:

<b>A</b>	
<u> </u>	This signal word identifies medium-risk hazards, which could potentially cause death or serious physical injury, if not avoided.



	NOTICE
	This signal word identifies actions which could lead to operational malfunctions if performed incorrectly. These actions require that you operate in a precise and cautious manner in order to produce optimum work results.
	There are some actions that need to be performed in several steps. If there is a risk involved in carrying out any of these steps, a safety warning appears in the instructions themselves.
	Safety instructions always directly precede the step involving risk and can be identified by their bold font type and a signal word.
nple	1. NOTICE! This is a notice. It warns that there is a risk involved in the next step.
	2. Step involving risk.
	User requirements
	<ul> <li>Learn how to operate the terminal correctly. The terminal may not be operated by anyone who has not read the Operating Instructions.</li> </ul>

• Please read and carefully observe all safety instructions and warnings contained in these Operating Instructions and in the manuals of any connected vehicles and farm equipment. When using parallel guidance only



## 2 Operating procedures

In this section, you will find several overviews of steps that help you to process a field using the TRACK-Leader application. These overviews show you the steps that can be performed sequentially and the sections in which they are explained in detail.

Before you begin, you have to configure the software. The configuration is described in the Configuration [ $\rightarrow$  67] section and in the operating instructions for the terminal: If you are operating the terminal for the first time, configure the terminal and the TRACK-Leader application, and then return to this section.

The following operating scenarios are possible:

- 1. TRACK-Leader for simple parallel guidance. For example: TRACK-Guide without additional apps.
- 2. TRACK-Leader for parallel guidance and section control. For example: COMFORT-Terminal with SECTION-Control
- 3. TRACK-Leader for parallel guidance and simultaneous rate control using a prescription map in shape format.
- 4. Task management with tasks in ISO-XML format.

## 2.1 When using parallel guidance only

This chapter is of interest to you if you have a simple system without an ISOBUS job computer. For example, the TRACK-Guide II terminal without additional applications. You can also operate other terminals according to these instructions, as long as you do not connect an ISOBUS job computer and the ISOBUS-TC application remains deactivated.

- 1. Drive to the field.
- If you have already processed this field in the past, load its field data [→ 61]. If you want to
  process a new field, you must ensure that no other field data is loaded. In this case, you must
  discard [→ 65] the opened record.
- 3. If you have a prescription map [→ 50], you can import it now.
- 4. Deactivate the "SECTION-Control" parameter on the "Settings" | "General" [→ 68] screen.
- 5. On the "Setting" | "Machine profiles" [→ 85] screen, select the profile corresponding to the machine combination you are using. Or create a new machine profile.
- 6. Prepare a new navigation [→ 22].
- 7. Start a new navigation [ $\rightarrow$  20].
- If you are using a GPS receiver that works with EGNOS or WAAS, set the reference point. [→ 25]
- 9. Starting the recording. [→ 42]
- 10. Create the first AB line [ $\rightarrow$  35].
- 11. Mark the field boundary (optional).
- 12. Process the field on parallel tracks. To do so, use the light bar [ $\rightarrow$  40].
- 13. If you are approaching an obstacle, you can mark its position [ $\rightarrow$  45].
- When the work is completed, save the data [→ 60] or export it for later processing in a GIS application [→ 61].

## 2.2 When using SECTION-Control

This section is of interest to you if you have an implement with an ISOBUS job computer and want SECTION-Control to control the sections of the implement.

- 1. Drive to the field.
- If you have already processed this field in the past, load its field data [→ 61]. If you want to
  process a new field, you must ensure that no other field data is loaded. In this case, you must
  discard [→ 65] the opened record.
- 3. If you have a prescription map [ $\rightarrow$  50], you can import it now.
- 4. Activate the "SECTION-Control" parameter on the "Settings" | "General" screen. [→ 68]
- 5. Prepare a new navigation [→ 22].
- 6. Start a new navigation [ $\rightarrow$  20].
- If you are using a GPS receiver that works with EGNOS or WAAS, set the reference point. [→ 25]
- 8. Starting the recording. [→ 42]
- 9. Create the first AB line [ $\rightarrow$  35].
- 10. Mark the field boundary (optional).
- 11. Mark the headland [ $\rightarrow$  43] (optional).
- 12. Process the field on parallel tracks. To do so, use the light bar [ $\rightarrow$  40].
- 13. If you are approaching an obstacle, you can mark its position [ $\rightarrow$  45].
- 14. When the work is completed, save the data [→ 60] or export it for later processing in a GIS application [→ 61].

#### 2.3

### When using the task management ISOBUS-TC

If you plan your ISO-XML tasks with the help of a Farm Management Information System (FMIS) on a PC and then want to work with the display, you will need to use the ISOBUS-TC application.

In this case, you must not save data in the TRACK-Leader application. All information generated while working will be transferred directly to ISOBUS-TC and saved on the SD-Card in the file with the task.

The biggest difference compared to operation without ISOBUS-TC lies in the starting and termination of a navigation as well as the storage location of the data. Other functions are operated as described in these instructions.

- 1. Open the TRACK-Leader application.
- 2. If you are using an implement with an ISOBUS job computer, activate the "SECTION-Control" parameter on the "Settings" | "General" screen [→ 68]. If not, deactivate this parameter.
- 3. Open the ISOBUS-TC application.
- 4. Start a task. To do so, read the ISOBUS-TC operating instructions.
- 5. When the task has been started, open the TRACK-Leader application.

When using the task management ISOBUS-TC



- If you are using a GPS receiver that works with EGNOS or WAAS, set the reference point. [→ 25]
- 7. If you are not using SECTION-Control, start the recording [ $\rightarrow$  42].
- If you are using SECTION-Control, activate the automatic mode [→ 48] of SECTION-Control or operate the implement manually.
- 9. Create the first AB line. [→ 35]
- 10. Mark the field boundary (optional).
- 11. Process the field on parallel tracks. To do so, use the light bar [ $\rightarrow$  40].
- 12. If you are approaching an obstacle, you can mark its position. [ $\rightarrow$  45]
- 13. When the work is completed, terminate the task in the ISOBUS-TC application.

## 3 About these Operating Instructions

## 3.1 Applicability

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These Operating Instructions apply to all ME modules of the TRACK-Leader application. You can find the software version from which these Operating Instructions apply in the Imprint.

## 3.2 Target group of these Operating Instructions

These Operating Instructions apply to all users of the TRACK-Leader software and related additional modules.

## 3.3 Layout of operating instructions

The operating instructions explain step by step how you can perform certain operations with the product.

We use the following symbols throughout these Operating Instructions to identify different operating	g
instructions:	

Type of depiction	Meaning
1.	Actions that must be performed in succession.
2.	
⇔	Result of the action.
	This will happen when you perform an action.
⇔	Result of an operating instruction.
	This will happen when you have completed all steps.
	Requirements.
	In the event that any requirements have been specified, these must be met before an action can be performed.

## Layout of references

If any references are given in these Operating Instructions, they appear as:

Example of a reference: [→ 11]

References can be identified by their square brackets and an arrow. The number following the arrow shows you on what page the section starts where you can find further information.



## 4 **Product description**

TRACK-Leader is a modern system enabling drivers of agricultural vehicles to keep exact lanes in the field.

The system has a modular design, so that the user can add further functions.

## 4.1 Performance description

Available functions of the software are subject to a license purchased for the modules.

There are two module types:

- Basic module: Prerequisite for additional modules.
  - TRACK-Leader
- Additional modules: can be combined as required.
  - SECTION-Control
  - TRACK-Leader TOP
  - VARIABLE RATE-Control

4.1.1	TRACK-Leader
	Module type: Basic module. This is the prerequisite for all other modules.
Requirements	<ul> <li>To use this module, you need to meet the following preconditions:</li> <li>Plug-in "TRACK-Leader" must be enabled.</li> <li>License "TRACK-Leader" must be activated.</li> </ul>
	To learn how to activate plug-ins and licenses, read the installation and operating instructions to the terminal.
Functions	<ul> <li>The following functions will be available after activation:</li> <li>Display of parallel guidance lines.</li> <li>Display of parallel guidance lines in headland.</li> <li>Marking of obstacles located in the field.</li> <li>Warning of obstacles marked.</li> <li>Warning of reaching a field boundary.</li> <li>Saving of work results in two formats.</li> <li>SECTION-View – display of sections which the operator must switch on and off by hand to avoid overlaps.</li> </ul>
4.1.2	SECTION-Control
	Module type: Additional module.
	With SECTION-Control you can specify for any connected job computer what parts of the agricultural implement it shall switch off, so that you avoid overlaps. This can be for example sections when working with a sprayer.
Requirements	<ul> <li>To use this module, you need to meet the following preconditions:</li> <li>Plug-in "TRACK-Leader" must be enabled.</li> <li>License "TRACK-Leader" must be activated.</li> <li>License "SECTION-Control" must be unlocked.</li> </ul>

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	Product description
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	<ul> <li>The terminal must be connected to an ISOBUS job computer supported by SECTION-Control or to a SC Box from Müller-Elektronik.</li> <li>The ISOBUS job computer must be configured.</li> </ul>
Functions	<ul><li>The following functions will be available after activation:</li><li>GPS-based section control.</li></ul>
4.1.3	TRACK-Leader TOP
	Module type: Additional module.
	With TRACK-Leader TOP you can specify how a Reichhardt steering job computer shall steer the vehicle, so that it follows the guidance lines set up through TRACK-Leader.
Requirements	<ul> <li>To use this module, you need to meet the following preconditions:</li> <li>Plug-in "TRACK-Leader" must be enabled.</li> <li>License "TRACK-Leader" must be activated.</li> <li>License "TRACK-Leader TOP" must be unlocked.</li> <li>A steering job computer must be fitted, installed and configured on the tractor.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>TRACK-Leader TOP works with steering job computers of the Reichhardt company: Steering ECU PSR, starting from software version 02-148</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Support for TRACK-Leader TOP must be activated on the steering job computer.</li> </ul>
Functions	<ul><li>The following functions will be available after activation:</li><li>Automatic steering of vehicle along defined guidance lines.</li></ul>
4.1.4	VARIABLE RATE-Control
	Module type: Additional module.
Requirements	<ul> <li>To use this module, you need to meet the following preconditions:</li> <li>Plug-in "TRACK-Leader" must be enabled.</li> <li>License of "VARIABLE RATE-Control" must be unlocked.</li> <li>The ISOBUS job computer must support this function. It currently works <b>only</b> with one job computer: with ME sprayer job computer.</li> </ul>
Functions	<ul> <li>With "VARIABLE RATE-Control", you can:</li> <li>Import prescription maps in shp format. [→ 50] You can then use a maximum of one prescription map at a time.</li> <li>Transmit target values from prescription maps to a job computer.</li> </ul>
4.2	Using test licenses
	On new terminals, a 50-hour test license is activated on all modules that are not activated.
	You can test each module for 50 hours. The time starts running only once you have activated a module.
	After 50 hours have passed, all functions for which the test license has expired will be deactivated.
Procedure	This is how you can check how long you can use a test license:
	1. Open the starting screen of TRACK-Leader.



2. Press the "Information" button:



3. In the table you can see for how many hours you can still use a test license.

## 4.3 Start screen layout

The start screen appears when you open the TRACK-Leader application and no navigation has been started.



TRACK-Leader Start screen

The Start screen allows you to:

- Switch to further screens.
- Read the status of the GPS signal.
- View the activated machine profile.
- View the name of the field currently being treated.

Function icon	Function
Navigation	<ul> <li>Opens the preparation screen. From here you can:</li> <li>Start or continue the navigation [→ 20]</li> <li>Select the guidance mode [→ 38]</li> </ul>
	Appears instead of the "Navigation" function button if navigation with SECTION-Control is not possible.
	If you press this button, a message appears that mentions the cause.
	<ul> <li>Possible causes:</li> <li>SECTION-Control is activated [→ 68], but no ISOBUS job computer is connected.</li> <li>Test license has expired.</li> <li>You are working without ISO-XML tasks, but the "Work with ISO-XML?" parameter is activated in the ISOBUS-TC application. Read more in chapter: Cooperation with the ISOBUS-TC application [→ 32]</li> <li>You are working with ISO-XML tasks and have not started a task.</li> <li>You have connected the terminal to a new ISOBUS job computer without re-starting the terminal.</li> </ul>

Information on the work screen

Function icon	Function	
	<ul> <li>The device arrangement in the ISOBUS-TC application is incomplete.</li> </ul>	
Storage	Opens the "Storage" screen.	
Settings	Opens the "Settings" screen.	
Information	Opens the "Info" screen.	

#### 4.4

### Information on the work screen

As soon as you start the navigation, the work screen appears. From here you can perform all other tasks which you will need during the field work.

The information shown on the work screen varies depending on whether the SECTION-Control [→ 68] parameter is set to "yes" or "no".



Information on the work screen





#### **Guidance lines**

Guidance lines are lines which help the driver keep parallel tracks.

There are three types of guidance line:

- AB line This is the first guidance line. This is always marked on the terminal screen with the letters A and B.
- Activated guidance line this is the guidance line which the vehicle just follows. It is marked in blue.
- Not activated guidance lines guidance lines not activated.

#### **Position of GPS receiver**

The center of the gray arrow above the working bar corresponds to the position of the GPS receiver.

#### Working bar

The working bar symbolizes the agricultural implement. This consists of multiple rectangles. Each rectangle corresponds to a section. The color of the rectangle can change while working.

See also: Using SECTION-View [→ 41]

#### Counter and status information



Information in counter area

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Controls on the work screen



1	Working mode of SECTION-Control	4	Defined degree of overlap
2	Current speed The speed is tracked based on the GPS position and can differ from that in the job computer.	5	Total size of the field within field boundaries. Only if you have marked the field boundary.
3	Area counter - Area where the product is still to be applied if you have marked the field boundary. - Area where the product has been already applied if you have not marked any field boundary.		

#### **Field boundary**

The Field boundary [ $\rightarrow$  28] tells the software the exact position of the field and is the base for calculating the total size of a field.

#### Traveled areas and areas where the product has been applied

The areas to the rear of the vehicle icon are marked in green. This green color can have any of the following meanings, depending on the configuration:

Traveled areas

If you are only using TRACK-Leader, the traveled area is marked. This is marked regardless of whether or not the vehicle applied product during this travel.

- Areas where product has been applied

If you are using SECTION-Control, the areas where the product has been applied are marked. Surfaces over which the vehicle travels but where no product has been applied are therefore not marked.

If you want the software only to mark areas where the product has been applied in green, proceed as follows:

- Activating SECTION-Control
- or
  - Mount and activate the tool work position sensor
     The work position sensor detects if an agricultural device is in work position, and transmits this information to the terminal.

#### **GPS** connection status

Shows the status of the DGPS connection.

See also: Checking the DGPS signal quality [→ 27]

### 4.5 Controls on the work screen

This section will provide you with an overview of most of the function icons that can appear on the application work screen, as well as their function.

Controls on the work screen



### Function icons on the navigation screen

#### First page

Function icon	Function / Section with more information			
·	Field boundary [ $\rightarrow$ 28]- Mark the field boundary.			
	the field boundary.			
·	Deleting the field boundary [→ 31]			
13 22 22	Changing the display of the work screen [→ 31]	The whole field will be displayed.		
NC NC		Vehicle surroundings will be displayed.		
	Working on headlands [→ 43]	Icon is deactivated because a field boundary is missing.		
·		Calls up a screen where the guidance lines can be defined on the headlands.		
	Select a working width [→ 48]			
<b>C</b>	Only appears if the connected implen	nent has more than one working width.		
	For example, on sprayers with two bo liquid fertilizer and seed.	example, on sprayers with two booms or on seed drills that can spread both fertilizer and seed.		
	Show next guidance line set. [→ 39]			
1	Only appears in guidance modes "Multi A-B" and "Multi smoothed contours			
	Function icons appear only when SECTION-Control is deactivated	Starting track recording [→ 42]		
Ē	sensor.	Cancel the marking of the applied area		
ботим	Changing the working mode of SECTION-Control [→ 48]			
MANU	SECTION-Control will change the working mode.			
B	Creating the AB line [ $\rightarrow$ 35]	reating the AB line [→ 35]		
P.	The exact appearance of the flags wil been activated.	l depend on the guidance mode that has		
B	Deleting guidance lines [→ 38]			
	Press the function button for three seconds.			

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Function icon	Function / Section with more information	
	Guidance lines will be deleted.	
000	Shows the second page with function icons.	
J.	Exits the work screen and terminates the navigation.	

#### Second page

Function icon	Function / Section with more information		
·	Marking obstacles [→ 45] Screen with obstacle marking appears.		
· 3D	Changing the work screen [→ 31]	the work screen [→ 31] 3D view will be activated	
· 2D		2D view will be activated	
	<ul> <li>Function icons to set the reference point and for calibrating the GPS signal:</li> <li>Setting a reference point [→ 25]</li> <li>Calibrating GPS signal [→ 26]</li> </ul>		
	Moving guidance lines [→ 38] Guidance lines will be shifted to the current position of the vehicle.		
000	Shows the first page with function icons.		
Ś	Exits the work screen and terminates the navigation.		

Initial start-up



## 5 Basic control principles

5.1	Initial start-up		
Procedure	1. 🔍 - Switch on the terminal.		
	2. Wait until all applications and job computers have been loaded.		
	3. Open the "Selection menu" application.		
	<ul> <li>Select "TRACK-Leader".</li> <li>⇒ The starting screen will appear:</li> </ul>		
	⇒ You have now started TRACK-Leader.		
	5. Read now how to configure TRACK Leader. [→ 67]		
5.2	Starting navigation		
	<ul> <li>There are two ways of starting a navigation:</li> <li>From the TRACK-Leader application, if you are working without ISO-XML tasks.</li> <li>From the ISOBUS-TC application, if you are working with ISO-XML tasks.</li> </ul>		
Possible problems	<ul> <li>If you are unable to start the navigation, and the grayed-out icon appears on the start screen, this can be due to the following reasons:</li> <li>SECTION-Control is activated, but no ISOBUS job computer is connected.</li> <li>You are working without ISO-XML tasks, but the parameter "Work with ISO-XML?" is set to "Yes" in the ISOBUS-TC application.</li> <li>You are working with ISO-XML tasks and have not started a task.</li> <li>You have connected the terminal to a new ISOBUS job computer without re-starting the terminal. (Error message: Device allocation is not set.)</li> </ul>		
5.2.1	Without an ISO-XML task		
Procedure	☑ You have configured the "SECTION-Control" parameter. [→ 68]		
	☑ If you are working with an ISOBUS job computer, it has to be connected to the ISOBUS.		
	If you are working without an ISOBUS job computer, you have to select the corresponding machine profile [→ 85] for the implement.		
	☑ You have set the "Work with ISO-XML?" parameter to "No" in the ISOBUS-TC application.		
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1. Open the TRACK-Leader application.



 $\Rightarrow$  The following screen appears:

Machine: Default Field:	<b>3</b>	Navigation
		Storage
DGPS	(Č)	Settings
		Information

⇒ If the text "..." appears instead of "Navigation", you have not fulfilled one of the preconditions.

2.		Storage - Press	
	⇒ "Storage	" screen appears.	

- 3. You must now decide whether you want to process a field for the first time, or if you want to work on a field whose field boundaries you have already marked.
- 4. If you want to process a new field, you must ensure that there is no previous recording in the

to discard the opened recording. storage. Press  $\Rightarrow$  No field is displayed on the screen.

5. If you want to process a field for which field data has already been saved, press the button and load the field data from the USB memory device.

 $\Rightarrow$  The field that you have loaded appears on the screen.



6.

- Exit the "Storage" screen.

⇒ The application start screen appears.

7. Switch to the preparation screen.

	Navigation
8.	- Start a new navigation, or:
9.	- Continue with the loaded navigation.
	⇒ The work screen appears. This will only contain the icon for the vehicle or also loaded field boundaries and processed areas - depending on what you have done on the "Storage" screen.

icon appears in the center of the display screen, there is no connection to the ⇒ If the GPS receiver, and you will not be able to continue work. Install and configure a GPS receiver.

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Procedure



- To find out about the information appearing on the work screen, read this chapter: Information on the work screen [→ 15]
- 11. To find out what you should do next, read this chapter: Operating procedures [→ 8]

#### 5.2.2 With an ISO-XML task

Use this method if you are using the "ISOBUS-TC" application.

- If you are working with an ISOBUS job computer, it has to be connected to the ISOBUS.
  - ☑ If you are working without an ISOBUS job computer, you have to select the corresponding machine profile [→ 85] for the implement. In addition, you can configure the working width of the implement in the "Tractor ECU" application. See: Terminal operating instructions.
  - ✓ You have configured the "SECTION-Control" parameter. [→ 68]
  - ☑ You have set the "Work with ISO-XML?" parameter to "Yes" in the ISOBUS-TC application.
  - Start a task in the "ISOBUS-TC" application. You can read how to do this in the ISOBUS-TC operating instructions.
  - 2. Open the TRACK-Leader application.
    - $\Rightarrow$  The work screen appears with all of the data for the ISO-XML task.
    - ⇒ If the work screen does not appear, this means that you have not fulfilled a number of the preconditions.
    - ⇒ If the <sup>→→</sup><sup>1</sup> icon appears in the center of the display screen, there is no connection to the GPS receiver, and you will not be able to continue work. Install and configure a GPS receiver.
  - To find out about the information appearing on the work screen, read this chapter: Information on the work screen [→ 15]
  - 4. To find out what you should do next, read this chapter: Operating procedures [→ 8]

## 5.3 Preparing navigation

When you press the "Navigation" button on the Start screen, the so-called preparation screen will appear. You will need to set a number of parameters here

Swathwidth	12.00 m	
Line Spacing	12.00 m	
Guidance mode	Parallel	
Pattern interval	1	S

Preparation screen

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#### Controls

Function icon	Meaning
	Starts a new navigation. The vehicle movements will be deleted.
	Continues to work on the field which is displayed on the "Storage" screen.

#### Parameter

Parameter	Explanation
Working width	Will be taken from the connected ISOBUS job computer or a machine profile.
Line Spacing	Distance between guidance lines.
Guidance mode	See: Selecting the guidance mode [ $\rightarrow$ 38]
Pattern interval	With this parameter, you can set the interval at which the guidance lines are displayed in bold.
	This will make it easier for you to drive along each second or third track.
Spreading distance	Only appears with fertilizer spreaders.
	See: Machine parameters [→ 89]
Working length	Only appears with fertilizer spreaders.
	See: Machine parameters [→ 89]

### 5.4

## Calibrating DGPS

DGPS means "Differential Global Positioning System".

This system is used to determine the position of the vehicle.

When should you calibrate?	<ul> <li>If and when you calibrate the signal is dependent on the signal you use:</li> <li>If your GPS does not use a correction signal, you will need to calibrate the GPS signal every time before starting work. The more precisely you do this, the more precisely your system will operate. Conversely, the less precise the GPS calibration, the less precisely the system might be able to determine the position of the vehicle.</li> <li>When using an RTK correction signal, you need neither set a reference point nor calibrate the GPS signal. The position of the tractor is continuously corrected by the RTK provider by means of a correction signal.</li> </ul>
Problem description	Throughout the course of the day, the Earth rotates and the satellites change their position in the sky. The calculated position of a point will as a result shift. This shift means that the position will after a certain time no longer be up-to-date.
	This phenomenon is called a "drift", and can be minimized.

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For your purposes, this means that all of the field boundaries and guidance lines which you create during a day will have shifted after a few hours.

Solution to the problem

By using an RTK system.

There are several ways to compensate for drift:

- Using the reference point By setting the reference point and calibrating the GPS signal each time before starting work. A free option for farmers who work with EGNOS, WAAS or other DGPS signals that have a precision of approx. +/- 30cm.
- It also briefly helps to shift the guidance lines.
- By using a correction signal. A chargeable service provided by the GPS provider. Only for use in conjunction with a very accurate GPS receiver. The GPS signal must be re-calibrated automatically and at regular intervals.

#### What do you need a reference point for?

A reference point will enable you to compare your actual GPS coordinates with the saved GPS coordinates and compensate for any drift (displacement).

A fixed permanent point on the ground is needed for calibrating the GPS signal. This is the so-called reference point. When the GPS signal is calibrated, the stored coordinates of the Reference point are compared and matched with the current coordinates.



Left - field with calibrated GPS signal; Right - field with no calibrated GPS signal

If you do not set a reference point nor calibrate the GPS signal each time before starting work, the following will happen:

- The saved GPS coordinates for the field boundary, guidance lines, etc. will differ from the actual values.
- As a result, you may miss applying the product over areas in the field which are outside of the field boundaries according to the GPS.

In order to ensure maximum precision:

- **1.** Set a reference point for each field at the first product application.
- 2. Before processing a field for which you have already set the reference point, calibrate the GPS signal.
- **3.** If the field is large and you will process this over several hours, perform a calibration on the GPS signal.



5.4.2

#### Setting a reference point

The coordinates of the GPS receiver are crucial when setting the reference point. If you do not want to dismantle the GPS receiver each time, you must always set the vehicle in the same position. This means that the GPS receiver is also in the same position.

When setting the reference point, you will require a fixed point whose position will not alter over time. For example, this can be a tree, a landmark or a manhole cover.

This point is required in order to position the tractor in exactly the same position for future GPS signal calibrations.

#### NOTICE

Data loss due to the lack of a reference point

If you are unable to locate the reference point in the future, the recorded data will be unusable.

• Always remember the precise position of the reference point for each field!

The illustration below shows a possible position of the tractor when setting the reference point:



Tractor when setting the reference point

	GPS receiver on the roof of the tractor cab	*	Position of the reference point
1	Distance between the GPS receiver and the X-axis point on the roadside	2	Distance between the GPS receiver and the Y-axis point on the roadside
	Line from a fixed permanent point over the road		

#### Procedure

☑ You are processing a field for the first time.

- 1. Identify a fixed permanent point at the entrance to the field. For example, this can be a tree, a landmark or a manhole cover.
- 2. Draw a line from the fixed permanent point over the road.
- 3. Position the tractor such that both of its front wheels are on the line.
- Note the distance between the point and the tractor. This distance must always be the same for future GPS calibrations.

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5. Start a new navigation.



- 8. Press
  - ⇒ The program determines the current position over a period of 15 seconds, and saves this as the "Reference point". The reference point must be set precisely at the position of the GPS antenna.
  - ⇒ In doing so, any existing reference points and signal calibrations are deleted.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The work screen then displays the reference point icon beneath the vehicle icon:  $\mathbb{R}$
- $\Rightarrow$  You have now set the reference point.

### 5.4.3 Calibrating GPS signal

When calibrating the GPS signal, the GPS receiver must be in the exact same position as that when setting the Reference point.



Position of the GPS receiver in relation to the reference point when calibrating the GPS signal

*	Position of the reference point
	GPS receiver on the roof of the tractor cab

When should you calibrate?

You will need to calibrate the GPS signal in the following instances:

- Each time before starting work
- When you find that a deviation is shown on the screen even when driving down a swath.

function icon



#### Procedure

- **1.** Drive to the reference point at the entrance to the field.
- Position the tractor with both of its front wheels on the line. The tractor must be positioned at the same angle as when the reference point was set. The

Checking the guality of the GPS signal

distance from the fixed permanent point on the roadside must be the same as when the reference point was set.

3.	00	- Press.		
4.		- Press.		
5.		- Press.		
	⇔	The program will need 15 seconds to determine reference point overwrites the old calibration.	the current pos	sition. Re-calibrating the
	₽	GPS Calibration		
		Calibration is active! Drift: 0.670 m Age: 0.00 h		
		ready!		
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The GPS calibration screen now displays the following parameters:

Drift

Displays the reference point drift since the reference point was set. All field data will be shifted by this value. The drift is re-calculated when the GPS signal is calibrated.

Age

How many hours have passed since the GPS signal was last calibrated. Hundredths of a hour are displayed behind the decimal point. For example: 0.25 h = one quarter of an hour = 15 minutes

## Checking the quality of the GPS signal

The better the GPS signal, the more TRACK-Leader can work precisely and reliably. The quality of the GPS signal depends on several factors:

- On the model of the GPS receiver;
- On the geographical location (correction satellites are not available in some areas of the world);
- On local shadowing in the field (trees, mountains).



Information on the work screen



1	Current quality of the GPS signal	3	Bar chart Indicates the quality of the connection. The higher the number of blue bars, the better the connection.
2	Number of connected satellites		

#### Quality of the GPS signal

Quality	Description
RTK fix	Highest precision.
RTK float	Ca. 10 to 15 cm path to path accuracy, TerraStar-C.
DGPS	GPS with correction signal. Depending on the GPS receiver and configuration: WAAS, EGNOS, GLIDE or other.
GPS	Weak and imprecise signal.
INV	No GPS signal. Working is not possible.

#### 5.6 **Field boundary**

You can mark the field boundary so that the system knows the outline of a field. The field boundary appears on the screen as a red line that is drawn around the field.

It is not mandatory to mark the field boundary. All modules of the application also work without field boundaries. However, their use offers several advantages:

- The total field area and applied area can be determined.
- The terminal warns you when you are approaching the field boundary.
- The headlands can only be shown on the screen if the field boundary is entered.
- With marked field boundaries, the sections can be automatically switched off when they leave the field. This is particularly practical for field sprayers with large working widths.

There are several options for marking the field boundary.

- Directly on the terminal: [→ 28]
  - While working with an implement.
  - When driving around the field with the tractor or another vehicle (quad bike).
- Importing the field boundary: [→ 31]
  - Import of survey data in shp format.
  - Import of older TRACK-Leader records.
  - Import of field boundaries drawn on the PC.

#### 5.6.1 Marking the field boundary by driving around the field

To be able to mark the field boundary directly on the terminal, you must drive around the field. The more precisely you drive around the field, the more precisely the sections can be switched afterwards in the boundary area.

The precision of the GPS signal is very important:



- If you can, use the most precise GPS signal possible, for example, RTK.
- If you are working with DGPS, calibrate the GPS signal every 15 minutes. To do this, interrupt

the recording ( icon) and drive to the reference point. After calibration, drive back to the spot where you interrupted driving around the field.

#### Basic procedure - without ISOBUS job computer and without SECTION-Control

Procedure

To drive around the field if you are working without an ISOBUS job computer and without SECTION-Control:

- ☑ The "SECTION-Control" parameter is deactivated.
- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$  You have selected an machine profile that is suitable for your vehicle.
- 1. Start a new navigation.
- 2. If you are working without RTK, set the reference point or calibrate the GPS signal.



- 3. Press on this function icon to tell the terminal that the implement is working. If a working position sensor is installed on the implement (or tractor) and it is configured in the machine profile, this icon does not appear. In this case, the terminal automatically detects that the implement is working.
- 4. Switch on the implement and put it into working position.
- 5. Drive around the field. In doing so, try to drive directly at the field edge with the outer part of the implement. If you notice that the working width is different than the implement width, stop and correct the "Working width" parameter in the machine profiles. While driving around the field, you can even set this parameter a little higher and then drive with a constant distance to the field edge.

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After the first few centimetres, you will see on the screen that the area behind the vehicle icon is marked in green. The green colour marks the applied area:



- **6.** Drive around the entire field.
- 7. Stop when you have completed the route around the field.



- Press this function icon to mark the field boundary surrounding the area marked in green.
- ⇒ A red line drawn around the field is now shown on the navigation screen. This is the field boundary.
- $\Rightarrow$  The calculated field area now appears in the counter area.
- ⇒ Because you are positioned near the field boundary, the terminal starts to beep and the warning "Field boundary" appears on the screen.

You can save the marked field boundary.

#### Driving around the field with SECTION-Control

If you are working with SECTION-Control, proceed almost in the same way as described in the basic procedure.

Important:

- An ISOBUS job computer must be connected.
- Before marking the field boundary, activate the "SECTION-Control" parameter in the settings.





The \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ function icons are replaced by this icon \_\_\_\_\_\_. In Step 3 of the basic procedure, you have to activate the automatic mode of SECTION-Control. The applied area will be automatically marked as soon as the implement is working.

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## Driving around the field with a tractor, quad bike or a different vehicle without implement

In many cases, it is better to drive around the field with a vehicle that is not pulling an implement.

Important:

- You have to install the terminal and the GPS receiver on the vehicle.
- You need a machine profile for the quad vehicle. In doing so, enter the position of the GPS receiver and the working width very precisely.
- Half of the working width corresponds to the distance from the centre of the vehicle to the field boundary. Maintain this constant distance while driving around the entire field.

#### 5.6.2 Importing a field boundary

You can import the field boundary from an external program. This can be older field boundaries that you have created with a different terminal, or data from a survey company. The source is not important. It is only important that the boundary was drawn very accurately.

The file must have the following properties:

- File format: shp
- Standard: WGS84

The following section will show you how to import the field boundary. Field data in shp format (shape)  $[\rightarrow 61]$ 

5.6.3 Deleting the field boundary

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Procedure



- Press down for three seconds.
- $\Rightarrow$  The field boundary marked with red line will be deleted.

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#### Changing the work screen

You can change the display of the work screen in several ways.

Controls

Control element	Function
	Zoom in and out.
. 22	Display the whole field.
	Display vehicle surroundings.
· 3D	Activate 3D view
· 2D	Activate 2D view.



#### 5.8

## Inputting data

The data input screen is used to input data.

Save as	
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The data input screen when saving

Function icon	Function
×.	Delete character
Aa	Switch between upper and lower case
•	Cancel input
<ul> <li>·</li> </ul>	Confirm input

Procedure

Controls

- Select the desired characters.



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- Transfer the desired characters.
- $\Rightarrow\,$  The characters have been applied. The cursor shifts one position forward.
- 3. Input further characters.
  - Once you have entered all of the characters, confirm the input.

## 5.9 Cooperation with other applications

### 5.9.1 Cooperation with the ISOBUS-TC application

You can use TRACK-Leader together with the ISOBUS-TC application.

This has the following advantages:

• You do not need to load or import any field data with TRACK-Leader. If you start a task in ISOBUS-TC, all field data will be directly transferred to TRACK-Leader.

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- You can work by using prescription maps that are integrated in a task.

If you are using both applications, please note the following:

1. Always start the task in the ISOBUS-TC application when working with TRACK-Leader.

### Activating and deactivating cooperation with ISOBUS-TC

If you do not want to use the ISOBUS-TC application, deactivate the processing of ISO-XML tasks:

- 1. Open the ISOBUS-TC application.
- **2.** Open the "Settings" screen.



- 3. Configure the "Work with ISO-XML?" parameter.
- 4. Restart the terminal.

### 5.9.2 Cooperation with job computers

If you want to switch the sections with the job computer, you must activate the SECTION-Control [→ 68]function.

In this case, TRACK-Leader adopts almost all of the parameters for the connected implement from the ISOBUS job computer.

For example:

- Working width
- Number of sections
- Geometry of the implement

The job computer receives the following information from TRACK-Leader:

- Commands to switch on/off sections (SECTION-Control)
- Target rate (from the prescription map or from an ISO-XML task)

### 5.9.3 Cooperation with TRACK-Guide Desktop

TRACK-Guide Desktop is a free program for PCs.

This allows you to:

- View work results
- Print reports for your customers

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Report

You can find TRACK-Guide Desktop in the "Download" section of the website below: www.lacos.de



## 6 Parallel guidance TRACK-Leader

## 6.1 Using guidance lines for parallel guidance

Guidance lines are parallel lines which are displayed on the terminal screen. These help you to treat the field in parallel lines.

The first guidance line which you lay out on the terminal is called the AB line. On the terminal screen, these are usually marked with the letters A and B. All further guidance lines will be calculated and designated on the basis of the AB line.

The path of the AB line will be saved after the first drive-over, which you must perform manually. The operation of the terminal will depend on the guidance mode that you have chosen.

#### 6.1.1 Straight guidance lines

Procedure

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- ☑ "Parallel" guidance mode is activated. [→ 38]
- 1. Position the vehicle at the starting point of the desired AB line.
- 2. Set the f
  - Set the first point.
  - $\Rightarrow$  Point A appears on the terminal screen.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The first flag is colored green on the function icon.



3. Drive to the other side of the field.



- Set the second point.
- $\Rightarrow$  Point B appears on the terminal screen.
- $\,\Rightarrow\,$  The second flag is colored green on the function icon.
- $\Rightarrow$  Points A and B are connected with a line. This is the AB line.
- ⇒ Further guidance lines are displayed to the left and right of the AB line.

Using guidance lines for parallel guidance



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	⇒ 0.00 ha or 10.00 ha
6.1.2	Guidance lines as a curve
Procedure	☑ "Smoothed contour" or "Identical contour" guidance mode is activated. [→ 38]
	<ol> <li>Position the vehicle at the starting point of the desired AB line.</li> <li>Point A appears on the terminal screen.</li> <li>Drive to the other side of the field. You do not need to drive in a straight line when you do this.</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>⇒ During the drive, a line will be drawn behind the vehicle on the terminal screen.</li> <li>4. → Point B second point.</li> <li>⇒ Point B appears on the terminal screen.</li> <li>⇒ Points A and B are connected with a curved line.</li> </ul>
6.1.3	Guidance lines using a compass
Procedure	☑ Guidance mode "A+" is activated.
	<ol> <li>Position the vehicle at the starting point of the desired AB line.</li> <li>Press the function button:</li> <li>⇒ The data input screen appears.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Input the direction of the compass that the guidance lines should point towards. You can input a value between 0° and 360°.</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>4. Confirm using "OK".</li> <li>⇒ Multiple parallel guidance lines are drawn on the terminal screen, and these all run in the direction which you have entered.</li> </ul>
6.1.4	Multiple guidance lines
	If you need to change the direction of treatment several times in the field, you can lay out up to five

AB lines.
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A field which is to be treated using multiple guidance lines.

Procedure

- ✓ "Multi smoothed contours" or "Multi A-B" guidance mode is activated.
- 1. Lay out the first AB line. Make sure that the function icons which you are using for this purpose are labeled with a number between 1 and 5. This is the number of the guidance line set.
- 2. Apply the product to the field along these guidance lines.



- Change the guidance line set. The number of the next guidance line set is always shown on the function icon.
  - $\Rightarrow$  All guidance lines disappear.
  - $\Rightarrow$  A new number appears on the function icons.
- 4. Now lay out a new AB line in any direction.
- 5. Apply the product to the field along these guidance lines.
- AB 6. If you press the function button 1 again, the number on the function icon will be increased and you will be able to lay out a new AB line. If you do not lay out a new AB line, the existing AB lines will be displayed consecutively.

6.1.5

Guidance lines as circles

Procedure

Circle" guidance mode is activated.

1. Position the vehicle at the outer edge of the field, next to the circular irrigation equipment.



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- Set the first point.
- 3. Drive at least halfway around the circumference of the field.



- Set the second point.

⇒ Circular guidance lines appear on the terminal screen.

#### Adaptive guidance lines

Procedure

6.1.6

- Adaptive contour(s) manual" or "Adaptive contour(s) auto" guidance mode is activated.
- 1. Position the vehicle at the starting point of the desired AB line.



Set the first point.

3. Drive to the other side of the field. ⇒ A line is drawn behind the arrow icon.

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	4. • Mark the turn maneuver in "Adaptive contour(s) manual" guidance mode.
	<ul> <li>5. Make a turn in "Adaptive contour(s) auto" guidance mode. The system will automatically notice that you are turning.</li> <li>⇒ New guidance lines appear to the left and right of the drawn line.</li> </ul>
	6. Follow the new guidance line.
6.1.7	Deleting guidance lines
	You can delete guidance lines and create new ones at any time.
Procedure	<ul> <li>Press any of the following function buttons for approx. 3 seconds:          <ul> <li></li></ul></li></ul>
6.1.8	Moving guidance lines
	Use this function if you are indeed on the desired line of travel but the position of the tractor is shown beside the track on the terminal.
	<ul> <li>This function only operates in the following guidance modes:</li> <li>Parallel</li> <li>Smoothed contour</li> <li>Identical contour</li> </ul>
Procedure	<ul> <li>You have now started a navigation</li> <li>Press.</li> <li>+ Keep pressed for three seconds to move the guidance lines to the current position.</li> <li>The guidance line is then shifted.</li> </ul>
6.1.9	Selecting a guidance mode
	The guidance mode determines how the guidance lines are applied and how these run over the field.
Procedure	1. Change to preparation screen.           Navigation
	2. Click on "Guidance mode".
	3. Select required guidance mode.
	4. Confirm input.

The following guidance modes are available:



#### - "Parallel" guidance mode



This guidance mode allows you to work the field in parallel, straight lines.

• "A+" guidance mode



This guidance mode allows you to manually input the geographical direction in which the guidance lines should be laid. To do this, simply input the direction in degrees (between 0° and 360°), and the guidance lines are automatically laid, parallel to each other.

<u>"Smoothed contour" guidance mode</u>



In "Smoothed contour" guidance mode, the the curvature of each guidance line curve is altered to straighten the guidance line as you move across the field. The guidance lines are straight in the direction of travel.

"Identical contour" guidance mode



In identical contour guidance mode, there is no variation in the curvature. Only use this mode for gentle curves.

The disadvantage of this guidance mode is that the distance between the guidance lines will eventually become too large. It will then no longer be possible to apply the product onto the field accurately using the path to path process.

If you notice excessive distances between the guidance lines, delete the guidance lines and create a new A-B guidance line.

"Multi A-B" guidance mode



This guidance mode allows you to lay out up to five AB lines. For example, in order to be able to treat an L-shaped field.

"Multi smoothed contours" guidance mode



This guidance mode allows you to lay out up to five AB lines as smoothed contours.

#### "Circle" guidance mode



This guidance mode allows you to lay out circular guidance lines in order to treat fields which are equipped with circular irrigation equipment.

"Adaptive contour(s) manual" guidance mode



In this guidance mode, the path of the vehicle is recorded during each crossing. The next guidance line is only laid out after a turn. This will be an exact copy of the last crossing. You must press a button before each turn.

"Adaptive contour(s) auto" guidance mode • This mode functions in the same way as "Adaptive contour(s) manual", but the terminal automatically recognizes that you are turning.

## Using the screen light bar

The screen light bar is provided in order to help the driver to follow the guidance line. This indicates to the driver when he has moved off the track and also once he has returned to the track.

The following types of screen light bars are available:

- The screen light bar in graphic mode
- The screen light bar in text mode
- SECTION-View

In addition to the screen light bar, a direction arrow appears on the screen, which indicates the correct steering direction.

Procedure

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To enable the screen light bar:



Press repeatedly until the screen light bar appears in the header of the screen.



#### The screen light bar in graphic mode



Screen light bar – graphic mode

The screen light bar in graphic mode consists of two bars:

- The current deviation from the guidance line is displayed in the lower bar.
- The deviation is displayed at a specific distance in the upper bar. See the "Preview [→ 71]" parameter.

Each circle indicates a specific deviation in centimeters. See the "Sensitivity [→ 71]" parameter.

As the angle of travel can vary for technical reasons, the sensitivity value is doubled for display in the preview bar.

When steering, the aim should be to ensure that the central squares remain lit.

## 6.2.2 The screen light bar in text mode

In text mode, the screen light bar indicates how many meters you are from the guidance line. This also indicates the direction which you must steer in order to return to the trace. There is no preview in text mode.



Screen light bar - text mode

## 6.3 Using SECTION-View

SECTION-View is a schematic display of the working width and the sections. This displays the vehicle as an icon and can replace the screen lightbar.

6.2.1





SECTION-View in the header and as a working bar

If you are working without an ISOBUS job computer, you can use the display to help you when switching sections. If you are working with an ISOBUS job computer, the sections are actuated automatically. The colors tell you their current status.

Colour	You have to do:
Gray	The recording is deactivated.
	Beneath the section, the field has already been processed, or the vehicle is stopped.
Yellow	The recording is deactivated. The ground beneath the section is unprocessed.
Red	Switch off the section. The recording is activated.
Blue	Switch on the section. The recording is activated.

6.4

## Starting track recording

You do not need to read this chapter if:

- SECTION-Control is activated
- You have an operating position sensor

If you do not use SECTION-Control or have not mounted any tool operating position sensor, the terminal will not know when your equipment (e.g. sprayer) is working and when it is not. You will therefore need to tell the system when you begin the task.

Recording the tracks enables you to see the parts of the field which you have already traveled through on the screen.

Procedure

☑ You have now started a navigation.



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- Record movements.

 $\Rightarrow$  The function icon changes its appearance:

⇒ A green track appears behind the tractor icon. It is marking your tracks.



6.5

In the headland you can lay out guidance lines which will guide you around the field.

Advantages:

- You can apply product in the headland after applying the product in the center of the field. In this way, no spray residue remains on the tires after product application in the headland.
- SECTION-Control switches off the boom sections which are in the headland area when the product is being applied onto the field.

Restrictions:

• When working with headlands, the TRACK-Leader TOP automatic steering system cannot be used. The driver must steer the vehicle himself, manually.

Function icon	Alternative function icon	The software is in this state when the icon appears	This happens when you press the function key next to the icon
		The field boundary has not been recorded.	Cannot be pressed.
		Headland is not activated. First appears when the field boundary has been marked.	Calls up a menu in which you can define the headland.
·	• <b>X</b>	You can now apply the product inside the field. SECTION-Control only applies product in the interior of the field. Sections will be switched off when passing over to a headland. Parallel navigation within the field is activated.	Guidance lines are displayed in the headland.
·		Now you can apply the product to the headland.	Parallel navigation within the field will be activated. Hold down the function button for three seconds in order to delete the headland.

Parameter

You must set the following parameters:

"Headland width"

Input here how wide the headland should be. You can input the working width of the widest machine as a basis, for example the sprayer.

## "Guidance line distance"

Here, input how widely separated from each other the guidance lines should be. This normally corresponds to the working width of the used working equipment.

• "Half width mode" Parameter for seeders only.



Set the parameter to "yes" when you want to lay out guidance lines for the sprayer with the seeder and thus lay out both guidance lines in a single drive-over.

In this mode, the guidance lines are laid out in such a way that the seeder can only work with only half of the working width during the first or second driver.



#### Procedure

- A field with field boundaries is loaded.
- 1. Start a new navigation.
  - ⇒ A field with field boundaries and an unmarked headland is displayed.



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- Call up the parameters for the headland.
   ⇒ The parameters are displayed.
- 3. Enter the parameters.
- 4. "OK" Confirm the inputs.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The headland area is marked in orange on the work screen.

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- 5. Apply product in the interior of the field.
  - ⇒ Once the product has been applied, the interior of the field is green and the headland orange:



- ⇒ Guidance lines are displayed in the headland.
- 7. Apply product on the headland.

6.



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## Marking obstacles

When there are obstacles in your field, you can mark their position. In this way, you will always receive a warning before any collision can occur.

You can mark obstacles while working in a field.



You will be warned of an obstacle in the following cases:

- If the obstacle will be reached in 20 seconds or earlier.
- If the distance between the obstacle and the vehicle is smaller than the working width of the agricultural device.

The warning always consists of two elements:

- A graphical warning in the upper left-hand corner of the work screen
  - "Field boundary"
  - "Obstacle"
- Acoustic signal



## 🕂 CAUTION

#### Obstacles

The software can warn you about obstacles. It cannot brake nor avoid the obstacles.

#### Obstacles

Function icon	Chapter with more infor- mation	Effects
· Ass	Marking obstacles [→ 45]	Screen with obstacle marking appears.
		Obstacle will be shifted.
A.		Obstacle will be placed in selected position.

#### Procedure

☑ You have now started a navigation.



- 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Press



 $\Rightarrow$  The following screen will appear:



The screen shows a schematic representation of vehicle with driver, obstacle and distance between obstacle and GPS receiver.

3. Set the distance between the obstacles and tractor point by using the arrows.

As TRACK-Leader knows the position of the tractor, it can calculate the obstacle position in the field.



4.

- Save obstacle position in the field.

 $\Rightarrow$  The obstacle now appears on the work screen.

6.6.1

### **Deleting obstacle markers**

Procedure



1.

- Press down for three seconds.

 $\Rightarrow$  All obstacles will be deleted.



## 7 Switching sections with SECTION-Control

## 7.1 **Activating SECTION-Control** Procedure To be able to automatically switch the sections of a connected ISOBUS job computer, you must proceed as follows: 1. Activate the "SECTION-Control" parameter. [→ 68] 2. Connect an ISOBUS job computer to the ISOBUS. 3. Configure the settings for this job computer. $[\rightarrow 72]$ **4.** Start a navigation. [→ 20] 7.2 Changing the operating mode of SECTION-Control If SECTION-Control is activated, you can work in two modes: Automatic mode In the automatic mode, the system switches the sections on and off automatically. Manual mode In the manual mode, you always have to switch the sections on and off manually. Controls Switching between the manual and automatic mode AUTO To see which mode is activated, look at the work screen:

	Automatic mode is activated.
MANU	Manual mode is activated.

7.3

## Operating implements with several application lines

If you are using a job computer in which several application lines are configured, SECTION-Control can recognize these automatically.

For example, this could be the case for the following implements:

- Sprayer with two booms
- Seeders that spread fertilizer in addition to seed

SECTION-Control enables individual configuration of the switching behaviour for each application line. For this reason, there is a profile for each application line on the "Settings" | SECTION-Control" screen. [→ 72]

On the navigation screen, the results for all of the application lines cannot be displayed simultaneously. This would make the display unclear. You must therefore activate a application line manually. The area it applied is marked in green on the screen.

All areas that are processed by the other application lines are recorded in the background. As soon as you activate a different application line, you will also see its work results.

Procedure

This is how to activate a application line:

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- ☑ The implement has two working widths.
- SECTION-Control is activated.
- A navigation is started.



Generative Configure crop sprayer booms/implements" screen appears.

- 2. Select the working width that should be displayed. SECTION-Control can only automatically control the sections of this working width.
- 3. "OK" Confirm
- $\Rightarrow$  The navigation screen displays the work results for the selected working width.

Prescription map with an ISO-XML task



## 8 Working with prescription maps

A prescription map is a detailed map of a field. In this map the field is split up into areas. The prescription map contains information on how the product(s) are to be applied in each area of the field.

When the prescription map has been loaded, the terminal checks via GPS coordinates of the vehicle what application rates are needed according to the prescription map and transfers this information to the appropriate ISOBUS job computer.

The terminal can open prescription maps in two formats:

- ISO-XML
  - The prescription map must be added to an ISO-XML task on a PC.
  - The prescription map can only be used in combination with an ISO-XML task through the ISOBUS-TC application.
  - Up to four prescription maps can be used simultaneously in one task. This way, for implements that have more than one metering system, you can use a prescription map for each system.
  - The format is supported by all ISOBUS job computers, regardless of their manufacturer.
- shp format (shape)
  - The VRC module of TRACK-Leader is used to open prescription maps in shp format.
  - Only one prescription map can be used at a time.
  - It only works with field sprayer job computers from Müller-Elektronik.

Müller-Elektronik offers a PC program for converting prescription maps from shp format into ISO-XML format. It is called "SHP-ISO-XML Configurator" and can be downloaded from the ME Internet page.

## 8.1 Prescription map with an ISO-XML task

Procedure

- 1. In the Farm Management Information System (FMIS), create an ISO-XML task with one or several prescription maps.
- 2. Transmit the task to the terminal. You can find more information in the ISOBUS-TC instructions.
- **3.** Open the task in the "ISOBUS-TC" application. Depending on the configuration, you may have to verify whether the target rate has be properly set.
- 4. Start the task in the "ISOBUS-TC" application.
- 5. Open TRACK-Leader.
- 6. Drive to the field.
- Open the TRACK-Leader application.
   ⇒ You can see the coloured prescription map on the screen.

## 8.2 Editing shp prescription maps with VARIABLE RATE-Control

### 8.2.1 Basic processes

To be able to work with prescription maps in \*.shp format, you need to:

1. Set up a prescription map on the PC.

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	2. Copy the prescription map to the USB memory device.
	3. Import the corresponding prescription map by using TRACK-Leader.
	4. Select a format for the prescription map.
	5. Adjust the prescription map to current needs.
	In the chapters below you will learn how to take these steps.
8.2.2	Creating prescription maps
	You can create a prescription map in the FMIS or using other PC applications.
	<ul><li>Each prescription map must include at least the following files:</li><li>Shp</li><li>Dbf</li><li>Shx</li></ul>
8.2.3	Copying prescription maps to the USB memory device
	Copy all prescription maps to folder "applicationmaps" on the USB memory device.
8.2.4	Importing prescription maps
	You can import a prescription map created on a PC from the USB memory device.
	Import the prescription map before starting work.
Procedure	You have created the "applicationmaps" folder on the USB memory device.
	All prescription maps that you want to import are stored on the USB memory device in the "applicationmaps" folder.
	<ol> <li>Switch to the "Storage" screen:</li> <li>Storage</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>2. → The "Background data" screen appears.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Glick on the "Prescription maps" line.</li> <li>⇒ The "Prescription maps" screen appears.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4. → The "Choose prescription map" screen appears.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>5. Click on the line with the name of the prescription map you want to import.</li> <li>⇒ TRACK-leader will check whether it recognizes the file format.</li> <li>⇒ If the format is not recognized, you have to create a new format. Read how to do so in the following chapter:Creating new prescription map formats [→ 52]</li> <li>⇒ If the format is recognized, the "Choose format" screen appears immediately.</li> <li>⇒ The format selected by the software appears in the "Format" line.</li> </ul>
	6. Press "OK" to load the prescription map with this format.
	7. Press "New" to load the prescription map with a new format.

#### Prescription map format

Each prescription map is structured like a table.

The "format" function tells the TRACK-Leader software in which column of the prescription map the values, used later as the "Rate" for the work, are located.

#### Creating new prescription map formats

You need to create a new format when importing a prescription map with a structure not recognized by the software.

The formats will be stored directly in internal storage of the terminal. You have to create them separately for each terminal.

Column:	ic	ł	<		
id id	attrvalue	objekt	wert	einheit	
1.00	0.00	0.00	156.00	0.00	
2.00	0.00	0.00	172.00	0.00	Righ
3.00	0.00	0.00	191.00	0.00	$\succ$
4.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	ок
5.00	0.00	0.00	188.00	0.00	
6.00	0.00	0.00	167.00	0.00	5
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Screen "New Format"

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(2)       Box for column selection       (5)       Data in the table Data come from the shp file         (3)       Table headlines Column headlines are defined when creating the prescription map with the PC software.       (5)	1	Screen name	4	Denotation of selected column
3 Table headlines Column headlines are defined when creating the prescription map with the PC software.	2	Box for column selection	5	Data in the table Data come from the shp file
	3	Table headlinesColumn headlines are defined when creatingthe prescription map with the PC software.		

#### Controls

8.2.5

Control element	Function
	Select column name
Left	Scroll to the left if the table is bigger than the screen.
Right	Scroll to the right if the table is bigger than the screen.
ОК	Confirm your choice

#### Procedure

This is how you create a new format for the prescription map.

- ☑ You have chosen a prescription map.
- ☑ The "Choose format" screen has been called up.
- 1. Press "New".

⇒ The following screen will appear: "New Format"

2. In the "Column" line, choose the denotation of the column containing required values.



	<ul> <li>Press "OK" to confirm the choice.</li> <li>⇒ The following screen will appear: "Format name"</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>4. Enter the name of the new format.</li> <li>⇒ The following screen will appear: "Unit"</li> </ul>
	5. Choose the unit containing the values in the prescription map.
	<ul> <li>6. Press "OK".</li> <li>⇒ The following screen will appear: "Choose format".</li> <li>⇒ The name of the new format appears in line "Format".</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Press "OK".</li> <li>⇒ The prescription map will be loaded. This process can take a bit longer if the prescription map is large.</li> </ul>
	$\Rightarrow$ The following screen will appear: "Prescription maps"
	Selecting from prescription map formats
Procedure	This is how you select an available prescription map format:
	☑ You have chosen a prescription map.
	☑ The "Choose format" screen has been called up.
	<ol> <li>Press "Format".</li> <li>⇒ The "Format" line will be marked in blue.</li> </ol>
	2. Select required format.
	<ul> <li>Press "OK" to confirm the choice.</li> <li>⇒ The prescription map will be loaded.</li> </ul>
	$\Rightarrow$ The "Prescription maps" screen will appear.
	Deleting prescription map formats
Procedure	You can delete a format as follows:
	The "Prescription maps" screen has been called up.
	<ol> <li>Press "Format".</li> <li>⇒ The "Formats" screen will appear.</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Press "Format".</li> <li>⇒ The line with the format name will be marked in blue.</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Select the format you want to delete.</li> </ol>
	4. Confirm your choice.
	<ul> <li>Fress to delete selected format.</li> <li>⇒ The following message will appear: "Do you really want to delete this format?"</li> </ul>
	6. Confirm.
	$\Rightarrow$ The format will be deleted.



8.2.6	Adjusting prescription maps to current needs
	<ul> <li>After importing the prescription map, you can:</li> <li>Change all values by a certain percentage point.</li> <li>Change selected values by an absolute number.</li> </ul>
Procedure	This is how to change all of the values at once:
	☑ You have chosen a prescription map.
	The "Prescription maps" screen has been called up.
	<ul> <li>✓ You can see a prescription map on the screen.</li> <li>1 Change all of the target rates simultaneously.</li> <li>⇒ The data input screen appears.</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Enter by how many percentage points all target rates shall be changed. Using the +/- symbol, you can define whether the rate should be increased or reduced.</li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Press "OK" to confirm the input.</li> <li>⇒ The "Prescription maps" screen appears.</li> </ul>
	$\Rightarrow$ In the "Rate" column, all values will be adjusted by the percentage points entered.
Procedure	This is how to change a selected value:
	☑ You have chosen a prescription map.
	The "Prescription maps" screen has been called up.
	☑ You can see a prescription map on the screen.
	<ol> <li>Turn the rotary button.</li> <li>⇒ In the "Rate" column, a blue frame marking a cell appears.</li> </ol>
	2. Aark the rate to be changed.
	3. $\rightarrow$ The data input screen appears.
	4. Enter a new value.
	<ul> <li>5. Press "OK" to confirm the input.</li> <li>⇒ The "Prescription maps" screen appears.</li> </ul>
	$\Rightarrow$ The new value appears in the cell you have changed.

## 9 Automatic steering

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You can use the TRACK-Leader app to provide guidance lines for the following steering system:

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## **Basic safety instructions**

Always pay attention to the following safety instructions when you are using automatic steering:

- As the driver, you are responsible for the safe use of the steering system. The system is not used to replace the driver. To avoid lethal accidents, or dangerous injuries by rolling vehicles, never leave the driver's seat when the steering job computer is switched on.
- The steering system cannot drive around obstacles. The driver must always observe the driven route and must manually steer around obstacles.
- The steering system does NOT control the driving speed of the vehicle. The driver must always
  control the forward speed himself, so that he works at a safe speed and the vehicle does not get
  out of control or roll over.
- The steering system takes control of the vehicle steering if it is activated when testing, calibrating, and working. If it is activated, the steering parts of the vehicle (wheels, axles, articulation points) can behave unpredictably. Before you activate the steering system, make sure that there are no people or obstacles near the vehicle. This prevents death, injuries or material damage.
- The steering system may not be used on public roads or in other public areas. Make sure that the steering job computer is switched off before driving onto a road or in a public area.

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- Read the enclosed "PSR ISO TOP" directions for use before beginning to use the system. Pay
  particular attention to the information in the "Safety" section.
  - Proceed with extreme care, particularly when using the automatic steering!
  - Disable the automatic steering whenever anyone comes within 50 meters of the vehicle or farming equipment while it is operating.

All function icons that you need for automatic steering control are displayed directly on the screen.

Fu	Inction on	Alternati- ve func- tion icon	Description
5	AUTO		TRACK-Leader TOP automatic steering is deactivated or unavailable.
5	AUTO	<b>*</b>	The steering job computer is mounted and configured, but an error has occurred. Check the error message in the PSR application.
	AUTO		Activate automatic steering. The automatic steering can be activated, but is not yet active.



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Function icon	Alternati- ve func- tion icon	Description
MANU .		Deactivate automatic steering. The automatic steering is active.
Ģ	<b>←</b> ·	Steer vehicle to the left. The function key does not operate when TRACK-Leader TOP is deactivated.
└>·	<b>→</b> ·	Steer vehicle to the right. The function key does not operate when TRACK-Leader TOP is deactivated.

## 9.2.1 Operator tasks

The driver must perform the following tasks:

- The driver must pay attention to safety. The automatic steering system is blind. It cannot tell if anyone is approaching the vehicle. It cannot stop or take evasive action.
- The driver must brake and accelerate.
- The driver must perform turning.

## 9.2.2 Activating and deactivating automatic steering

	<b>Risk of traffic accident</b> If automatic steering is ON, the vehicle may drive off the road and cause an accident. This may lead to human injury, or even fatalities.
	<ul> <li>Disable the automatic steering before traveling on public roads.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Move the steering motor away from the steering wheel.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>The automatic steering does not operate in the following cases:</li><li>In "Circle" guidance mode;</li><li>When guidance lines in the headland are activated.</li></ul>
	You will need to steer the vehicle manually in these situations.
Procedure	You can activate automatic steering as follows:
	You must have configured the steering job computer and TRACK-Leader TOP.
	You must have laid out the guidance lines.
	☑ You must have positioned the vehicle on a line of travel, and enabled a guidance line.
	☑ The function icon appears in the work screen
	<ol> <li>Move the steering wheel motor to the steering wheel. (only for systems with a steering wheel motor.)</li> </ol>



	<ul> <li>2. → Press.</li> <li>⇒ The function icon is replaced with the following function icon:</li> <li>⇒ The automatic steering is enabled.</li> <li>3. When driving in the vehicle, the steering wheel motor controls the vehicle in such a way that it proceeds along the active guidance line.</li> </ul>		
Procedure	The are several ways of disabling the automatic steering:		
	1. Move the steering wheel.		
	or: Press.		
	⇒ The automatic steering will be disabled.		
	$\Rightarrow$ The function icon is replaced with the following function icon:		
9.2.3	Moving guidance lines		
	The automatic steering drives the vehicle along the active guidance line.		
	If the guidance line activated no longer matches the real position of the vehicle due to a GPS signal drift, you can manually move the guidance line.		
	<ul> <li>You have two options:</li> <li>You can move the guidance line for one drive over the field. After turning, the old position will be restored.</li> <li>You can move the guidance line permanently.</li> </ul>		
Procedure	This is how you move the guidance line for one drive:		
	☑ The function icon appears in the work screen		
	<ol> <li>or press to drive the vehicle in parallel with the activated guidance line.</li> <li>⇒ Next to the function icons, information is displayed about how far and in which direction the</li> </ol>		
	guidance line is to be moved:		

 $\Rightarrow$  The vehicle will be steered.

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	2. The vehicle will drive parallel to the guidance line until another guidance line is activated.
Procedure	This is how you will move the guidance line permanently:
	<ul> <li>You have now started a navigation</li> <li>1</li></ul>
	See section: Moving guidance lines [-+ 38]
9.2.4	Turning
	When turning, the driver must take control of the steering and steer himself.
Procedure	You can make a turn as follows when automatic steering is enabled: ☑ The work screen displays the function icon: . The automatic steering is enabled.
	<ul> <li>1. Take hold of the steering wheel and perform the turning yourself.</li> <li>⇒ The automatic steering is disabled automatically as soon as the steering wheel is moved.</li> <li>⇒ The function icon is replaced with the following function icon:</li> <li>2. Turning.</li> <li>⇒ The next guidance line is then activated if the angle between itself and the vehicle is smaller than the set "Line acquisition angle" parameter.</li> </ul>

3. Activate the steering until the next guidance line is activated.

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# 10 Storage

	Every time you work on a field, a large amount of data is produced. We call it "Field data" here. The field data must be saved so you can use it in the future.
Data type	<ul> <li>Field data consists of the following information:</li> <li>Field boundaries</li> <li>Reference point</li> <li>Guidance lines</li> <li>Areas where product has been applied</li> <li>Marked obstacles</li> </ul>
Formats	<ul> <li>The terminal can save the field data in two formats:</li> <li>ngstore format - This is the terminal's internal data format. It is used as a standard and contains all of the field data. [→ 60]</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The ngstore format is different on non-touch terminals and on touch terminals. You cannot exchange the data between a touch terminal and a non-touch terminal. An alternative is described in the following section: Data exchange between touch and non-touch terminals [     → 64]</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The files are located in the "ngstore" folder.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>On a PC, you can only open ngstore data with the TRACK-Guide Desktop application. [→ 33]</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>shp format or kml format - These are standardised formats that are used by many GIS programs.</li> <li>[→ 61]</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The terminal can convert field boundaries, the position of obstacles and applied areas from the ngstore format into shp or kml format and save them to the USB memory device.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The terminal can also save the field data in shp format:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The files are located in the "GIS" folder.</li> </ul>
Memory device	All field data will be saved together on the USB memory device.
ISOBUS-TC	If you process tasks with the ISOBUS-TC application, you must not save the field data in TRACK- Leader. The data will be automatically saved together with the task in the Taskdata.xml file.

10.1 "Storage" screen





1	Name of the loaded recording	4	Counters: Unworked areas / entire area
2	Field boundary	5	Unworked area
3	Recorded tracks Areas that have been worked.		

#### Function icons on the "Storage" screen

Function icon	Function
	Loads a stored recording from the "ngstore" folder.
	Saves the opened recording in the "ngstore" folder.
	Loads the field boundary, obstacle points from the GIS folder, or shp prescription maps from the prescription map folder.
	Saves the field boundary and obstacles in the GIS folder.
×	Deletes the opened recording.
S.	Exits the screen

#### 10.2 Field data in ngstore format

#### Saving field data

Procedure

10.2.1

1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.



 $\Rightarrow$  The main area shows you the currently loaded and/or treated field.

2.	~	- Press.

 $\Rightarrow$  The data input screen appears.

3. Enter a name under which the field data shall be saved.

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- ⇒ The data is saved in the "ngstore" folder on the USB memory device.  $\Rightarrow$  The field will be deleted from the Overview.
- 4. If you want to continue to treat the field directly, you will need to load this.



#### Loading field data

Procedure

10.2.2

## 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.



 $\Rightarrow$  An overview of the field will appear on the "Storage" screen.

The loaded field contains all of the field data that was created during the previous task. If you want to continue the task, you can leave all data as is. However, you can also delete some of the displayed data: for example, the applied areas, the field boundary or the guidance lines.

You can find out how to delete field data here:

- Applied areas [→ 22];
- Field boundary [→ 31];
- Guidance lines [→ 38]

## 10.3 Field data in shp format (shape)

You can convert all of the directly created or loaded ngstore field data into shp format.

When converting into shp format, three files with field data are created. Each file contains the following field data:

- Field boundaries
- Obstacle points
- Applied areas In this file, the total applied area is divided into zones. If the terminal was working
  with an ISOBUS job computer, the used target rate is saved for each zone. This type of data can
  be used to create an as applied map with the GIS program. This, in turn, can be converted into a
  prescription map.

The applied areas can only be converted into shp format. However, they cannot be opened again.

Each data type is saved in a separate shp file. The terminal inserts a corresponding name addition:

- \_boundary = File with the field boundary
- \_obstacles = File with the obstacle points
- \_workareas = File with the applied areas

#### Converting field data into shp format

Procedure

10.3.1

1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.



⇒ The data input screen appears.



- 3. Enter a name under which the field data shall be exported.
- $\Rightarrow$  The data is saved in the "GIS" folder on the USB memory device.

10.3.2

#### Importing field boundaries and obstacle points in shp format

Procedure

- ☑ All of the data that you want to import are in the "**GIS**" folder on the USB memory device. The folder may not have any sub-folders.
- ☑ The data to be imported is in WGS84 format.
- 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.



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Туре	actual	
Background areas		
Obstacle lines	-	
Obstacles	-	
Prescription maps	-	
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- 3. To load a field boundary, click on "Background areas". To load the position of obstacles, click on "Obstacle points". If you want to import both, you must do so one after the other. The "Obstacle lines" menu point does not have a function.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The following screen will appear:



The left column shows the names of the files containing the field data. The right column shows the GIS field data types. The naming of the files depends on you and the used GIS system.

4. Mark the line containing the required data.



⇒ The background data is loaded.



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If you want to work on the field with this field boundary, you can now start a new navigation.

## 10.4 Reorganizing data

The aim of reorganizing your data is to speed up the operation of the terminal.

The data saved on the USB memory device are sorted so that the terminal can access this data more rapidly.

Procedure

- 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.
- 2. Press.
  - ⇒ The "Load record" screen will appear.
- 3. Press.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The "data administration" screen will appear.
- 4. **1** Click on "data rearrangement".
- 5. The following message will appear: "Ready".



## 10.5 Viewing recorded tracks

You can view and check the recorded tracks to see if you have left anything out.

Function iconMeaningImage: Image: Im

Procedure

Controls

- 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen
- 2. Load the desired field.

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- or Continue pressing the function key.
- 5. **5.** Turn the rotary button.
  - $\Rightarrow$  The selection is then shifted.



## 10.6 Deleting fields from the USB memory device

You can delete entire fields with all related field data from the USB memory device.

#### Procedure

You can delete a field as follows:

- 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.
- 2. Press.
  - $\Rightarrow\,$  The "Load record" screen will appear.
  - Mark the file with the field to be deleted.
  - Delete marked file.
     ⇒ The following message will appear: "Really delete this record?::"
- 5. Confirm.
- $\Rightarrow$  The name of the file containing the field data is removed from the table.

## 10.7 Deleting recorded tracks

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You can delete the recorded tracks for all saved fields. The other field data [ $\rightarrow$  59] will not be deleted.

You can perform this step at the end of the season, for example.

Procedure

1. Switch to the "Storage" screen.

2. Press.

 $\Rightarrow$  The "Load record" screen will appear.

- Mark required field.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Press.
- 5. The "data administration" screen will appear.
- 6. - Click on "delete recorded tracks".
   ⇒ The following message will appear: "All recorded tracks will be deleted! Continue?"

7. Confirm.

## 10.8

## Data exchange between touch and non-touch terminals

If you have been working with a non-touch terminal (e.g.: Track-Guide II) until now and now want to switch over to the touch terminal, pay attention to the following for the transfer of data:



- Data from the "ngstore" directory is not compatible with both terminal types. You cannot open the
  ngstore files from a non-touch terminal directly with the touch terminal. However, you can
  convert the field boundaries and obstacles from a terminal into shp format and then open them
  with a different terminal. You can find the instructions below.
- In software versions up to 04.08.01, the non-touch terminals saved the shp files in the "Navguideexport" folder. The files are saved in the "GIS" folder only as of newer software versions.

Procedure

To import field data using a non-touch terminal:

1. On the non-touch terminal, open the "Storage" screen in TRACK-Leader.



- Load the recording for a field from which you want to transfer field data.



3.

- Convert the opened recording into GIS format.
- ⇒ The field data will be saved on the USB memory device in the "navguideexport" folder. As of SW version V04.09.17, the folder is named "GIS".
- 4. Repeat this procedure for all the fields from which you want to transfer the field data.
- 5. Connect the USB memory device to a PC.
- 6. Rename the "navguideexport" folder into "GIS". As of SW version V04.09.17, the folder is already named "GIS".
- 7. Insert the USB memory device into the touch terminal.
- 8. Open the "TRACK-Leader" application.
- 9. Tap "Storage".

10. Open the field boundary in shp format.

11. → Save the opened recording.
 ⇒ The field boundary is saved in the "ngstore" folder.

In this way, you can also transfer data from touch terminals to the non-touch terminal.

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## **Discarding field data**

When discarding field data, all information in the temporary memory of the terminal is deleted.

You must delete the field data after work is completed to be able to work on a new field.

# NOTICE Data loss Once field data is discarded, it cannot be retrieved. • Save all important field data before discarding this. 1. Switch to the "Storage" screen:

Procedure







 $\Rightarrow\,$  The field data for the currently loaded field are discarded.

## 11 Configuration

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This section clarifies all settings which you have to configure.

All configuration parameters can be found in the "Settings" screen. They are grouped as follows:

- General Parameters that affect all of the TRACK-Leader modules.
- TRACK-Leader Parameters that are used to configure the parallel route. The parameters are therefore required for all modules.
- SECTION-Control Parameters that are used for automatic section control.
- TRACK-Leader TOP Parameters for TRACK-Leader TOP automatic steering
- Machine profiles Saved profiles for implements and vehicles in your fleet.

The number of appearing parameter groups depends on which module was activated in the "General" menu.

You have	to configure	the following
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Module	Section
TRACK-Leader	Configuring "General" settings [→ 68]
	Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP [→ 70]
SECTION-Control	Configuring "General" settings [→ 68]
	Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP [→ 70]
	Configuring SECTION-Control [→ 72]
TRACK-Leader TOP	Configuring "General" settings [→ 68]
	Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP [→ 70]
	Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP [→ 84]
VARIABLE RATE-Control	No additional settings are needed [→ 50]

Procedure

This is how you open the configuration screens:

1. Switch to the "Settings" screen



⇒ The following screen will appear:

Settings

Settings		
Selection		
TRACK-Leader		
TRACK-Leader TOP		
SECTION-Control		
Machine profile		
	S.	

- 2. Click on the line with the desired application.
- $\Rightarrow$  A list of parameters appears.

The following sub-chapters provide an explanation of these parameters.



In this menu you can set the terminal on the screen and activate some functions.

#### **SECTION-Control**

This parameter determines whether automatic section switching is activated or deactivated.

When a task is started in ISOBUS-TC, this parameter cannot be changed.

Possible values:

"Yes"

SECTION-Control is activated. Ag equipment data such as working width are automatically transferred from the connected job computer.

Precondition: An ISOBUS job computer must be connected.

"No"

SECTION-Control is deactivated. Only the parallel guidance TRACK-Leader is activated. When no ISOBUS job computer is connected, you must create a profile for each machine. See: Machine profiles  $[\rightarrow 85]$ 

#### **TRACK-Leader TOP**

With this parameter, you can activate the support of the Reichhardt TRACK-Leader TOP automatic steering.

Possible values:

"Yes"

Automatic steering is activated.

"No"

Automatic steering is deactivated.

#### Acoustic warnings

This parameter determines whether a warning tone sounds when in the vicinity of field boundaries and recorded obstacles.

Possible values:

- "Yes"
- "No"

#### Acoustic warnings at field boundaries (Ac.Warning at field boundaries)

With this parameter, you can deactivate the acoustic warning when approaching the field boundaries, for example, in order to be able to work the headlands without distracting sounds. For work outside of the headlands, reactivate this parameter.

Possible values:

- "Yes" Acoustic warnings are activated
- "No" Acoustic warnings are deactivated

#### **Trace transparency**

This parameter determines whether and how overlaps are displayed on the screen.

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Possible values:

- **-** "0"
  - Overlaps are not displayed.
  - "1" "6" Intensity of colors with which overlaps are marked.
- **-** "3"
  - Default

#### Show grid

Displays a grid on the navigation screen.

The distances between the grid lines will differ according to the input working width. The grid lines are aligned along the North-South and East-West axes.

#### Map orientation

This parameter defines what should be rotated when steering is applied: the background map or the vehicle icon.

Possible values:

"Vehicle fixed"

The vehicle icon on the terminal screen remains immobile.

• "Field fixed" The vehicle icon on the terminal screen moves. The background map remains immobile.

#### Smoothen course

If the GPS receiver mounted on the roof of the tractor cab swings sharply, the tracks displayed on the screen can appear very jagged.

The "Smoothen course" option smoothens out the displayed tracks.

The requirements differ depending on the GPS receiver.

Possible values:

- "Yes"
  - DGPS receivers A100 or A101

If you are using TRACK-Leader TOP and the receiver is connected to the steering job computer.

- DGPS/GLONASS receivers AG-STAR or SMART-GL

Always.

- "No"
  - DGPS receivers A100 or A101

If you are not using TRACK-Leader TOP and the receiver is connected to the terminal.

#### Run demo mode

Starts a simulation of the application.



## 11.2 Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP

#### Guidance line numbering

This parameter determines whether and how the implemented guidance lines are numbered.

Possible values:

"absolute"

The guidance lines have fixed numbers. The AB line contains the number 0. The guidance lines to the left and right of the AB line will be numbered.

"relative"

The guidance lines are re-numbered each time that the vehicle activates a new guidance line. The activated guidance line always has the number 0.

#### Pattern interval mode

If you are using the "Pattern interval" function, you can set whether the marking of the guidance lines to be applied should change during work.

"Absolute" – the initially marked guidance lines always remain marked, even if you are following
a different guidance line that is not marked:



 "Relative" – with this setting, all of the markings are shifted as soon as you follow a line that was not previously marked:

**Possible settings** 

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#### Sensitivity

Sets the sensitivity of the lightbar.

How many centimeters of deviation are required for a LED to light on the lightbar?

Default value: 30 cm
 This value means a sensitivity of 15 cm to the left and 15 cm to the right.

#### Preview

This parameter determines the number of meter in front of the vehicle at which the preview display of the screen lightbar will calculate the future position of the vehicle.

Default value: 8 m

#### Line acquisition angle

With this parameter, you can determine the angle up to which the system activates a guidance line. If the angle between the vehicle and the guidance line is smaller than the set value, the guidance line will be activated. If the angle is larger, the guidance line will be ignored.

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Terminal response for a set line acquisition angle of 30°

1	Angle between the vehicle and the guidance line = 30°	Angle between the vehicle and the guidance line = $60^{\circ}$
	The guidance line will be activated.	The guidance line will not be activated.
2	Angle between the vehicle and the guidance line smaller than 30° The guidance line will be activated.	

- Default value: 30 degrees
- Value for TRACK-Leader TOP: 85 degrees

#### Dist. contour points

Points are continuously saved when recording the AB line in contour mode. The more the points, the more precise the drawn guidance line. This does however slow down the operation of the terminal.

The parameter defines the distance between the points. The optimal value can differ per field, and per vehicle.

- Default: 500 cm

## 11.3 Configuring SECTION-Control

In this configuration step, you will configure the section control for your ISOBUS job computer.


The application recognizes every ISOBUS job computer by means of its ISO-ID and sets up an individual profile for each of these. You can therefore configure different parameters for your fertilizer applicator and for your seeder or sprayer.

Procedure

☑ The "SECTION-Control" parameter in the "General" menu is activated.

1. Switch to the "SECTION-Control" screen:



### SECTION-Control

- A list of the profiles for all ISOBUS job computers that have been connected to the terminal is shown. A new profile will be created whenever you connect a new ISOBUS job computer to the terminal.
- 2. Use the rotary button to click on the ISOBUS job computer for which you want to configure SECTION-Control. The connected job computer is marked with a green point.
   ⇒ A lists of the set parameters appears.
- 3. Set the parameters. You will find explanations of these on the following pages.

# Parameters for SECTION-Control

# Degree of overlap

The degree of overlap when processing a wedge-shaped area.

The set "Degree of overlap" is influenced at the outer sections by means of the "Tolerance of overlap" parameter.





50 % degree of overlap



100 % degree of overlap

Possible values:

0 % degree of overlap

- 0 % When exiting an appliedarea, each section is only switched on when the vehicle has completely exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 1 % over the treated area.
- 50 % Each section is only switched on when exiting an area where the product has been applied, when 50 % of the vehicle has exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 50 % over the treated area. At a "Degree of overlap" of 50 %, the "Tolerance of overlap" function has no effect.
- 100 % Each section is only switched on when exiting an area where the product has been applied, when 1 % of the vehicle has exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 100 % over the treated area.

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# Tolerance of overlap

Use this parameter to define a permissible overlap. The outer sections are only activated when the overlap is greater than the value of this parameter.

The "Tolerance of overlap" only applies to the outermost left and right sections. No other sections are affected by this parameter.

The following illustrations show how the "Tolerance of overlap" parameter acts with a "Degree of overlap" of 0 %. The set tolerance of overlap can be seen underneath the illustrations.



Tolerance of overlap for 0 % degree of overlap – in both cases the work was done with a 25 cm overlap.

In this case, the section is immediately	(1)	Tolerance of overlap 0 cm	(2)	Tolerance of overlap 30 cm
	$\smile$	In this case, the section is immediately	$\smile$	In this case, the section is not switched off, as
switched off. the current overlap is lower than 30 cm.		switched off.		the current overlap is lower than 30 cm.

If you have set the "Degree of overlap" parameter to 100 %, the "Tolerance of overlap" parameter plays a vital role when leaving an area already processed. This is relevant for example when turning in headland which has already been processed.



Tolerance of overlap for 100 % degree of overlap - in both cases the applied area was exited by 25 cm.



Tolerance of overlap 30 cm The tolerance of overlap enables avoiding unnecessary overlaps. The right section is only switched on when the applied area is exited by more than 30 cm.

Possible values:

**Recommendation**: If you are working with DGPS, the tolerance of overlap should not be less than 30 cm. For implements with wide sections, e.g. with fertilizer spreaders, set the value accordingly high:

- Tolerance 0 cm

The outer section is switched off when it is located only minimally over an applied area. If it leaves this area only minimally, it is switched on again.



Other value

The outermost section is switched on or off when the overlap exceeds the value.

 Maximum value Half of the section width of the outermost section.

### Field boundary overlap tolerance

Use this parameter to prevent sections from being activated at the field boundary in the event of a minimum overlap.

This parameter functions in the same way as "Tolerance of overlap", but is only applied when the field boundary is exceeded.

Before making any change to this distance, make sure that this is safe for the environment and the surroundings under current circumstances.

### **Overlapping nozzles**

This parameter is only applicable to sprayers with an individual nozzle switching function. This is not even displayed on other systems.

Use the parameter to set the number of nozzles which should operate in overlapping mode.

### Delay

Delay is the period of time that elapses between the transmission of an order by the terminal and the implementation of the order by the implement.

This time can differ for each implement.

There are two parameters for the configuration:

- "Delay on start" (when switching on)
- "Delay on stop" (when switching off)

If you have an ISOBUS job computer which transfers delay times to SECTION-Control, you must not change these parameters. In this case, the text "ISO" appears as value.

Example

If a section of a sprayer passes over an area that was already processed, it must be immediately switched off. To do this, the software sends a signal to the section valve to switch off. This causes the valve to be shut off and the pressure in the hose drops. This lasts until there is no further flow from the nozzles. The duration is approx. 400 milliseconds.

As a result, the section applies an overlap for a period of 400 milliseconds.

In order to prevent this, the "Delay on stop" parameter must be set to 400 ms. Now, the signal is sent to the section valve 400 milliseconds earlier. As a result, the application can be interrupted or restarted at exactly the right moment.

The illustration below shows how the delay function works. The illustration shows actual behavior, not the indication on the screen.





Delay on stop is set to 0. A too brief delay time results in overlapping application.

1 At this point, the section valve receives a gignal to shut off.	At this point, the sprayer stops application.
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Possible values:

"Delay on start"

Enter the delay when switching a section on. If the section reacts too late to the switch-on signal, increase the value.

e.g.

- 400 ms solenoid valve manifold
- 1200 ms electrically actuated valve manifold
- "Delay on stop"

Enter the delay when switching a section off. If the section reacts too late to the switch-off signal, increase the value.

e.g.

- 300 ms solenoid valve manifold
- 1200 ms electrically actuated valve manifold

# Machine model

This parameter determines the way and means in which the working bar should track the GPS receiver.

Possible values:

- "self propelled"
  - Settings for self-propelled agricultural equipment.
- "trailed"
  - Settings for agricultural equipment towed by a tractor.
- "deactivated"

Settings for mounted implements.

### Screen lightbar

Screen lightbar type.

Possible values:

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"Deactivated" Deactivates the screen lightbar

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- "Graphic Mode"
   Activates screen lightha
- Activates screen lightbar in graphic mode "Text mode" Activates screen lightbar in text mode
- "SECTION-View"
   Activates SECTION-View

# Area of application

This parameter serves to deactivate application when turning in vineyards.

If the angle between the guidance line and the vehicle is greater than 30°, the system assumes that the vehicle is turning. In this case, the application is terminated on all sections.

Restrictions:

- Only functions in the following guidance modes: Parallel, contour modes, A+
- If a headland is marked, the function is deactivated
- If the "Machine model" parameter is set at "trailed" for the used implement, the angle between the guidance line and the trailed implement will be used instead of the angle between the tractor and the guidance line.

Possible values:

- "Standard" Function is deactivated.
- "Viticulture" Function is activated.

# Implement offset

You can use this parameter to adjust the offset of the working width towards the left or the right. Enter the number of cm by which the center of the working width is shifted from the center of the tractor.



Left: Tractor with an implement; Right: Tractor with two implements

1	Implement offset: Distance between the center of the tractor and the center of the total	2	Total working width
	working width.		

Possible values:

- Enter a positive value, e.g.: 90 cm If the equipment is offset to the right.
- Enter a negative value, e.g.: -90 cm If the equipment is offset to the left.

Mode of operation

If this parameter is allocated any value other than 0, the following occurs:

 A red guidance line appears on the work screen, which is drawn at a distance from the blue guidance line.



- The working bar is shifted to one side. The blue guidance line runs exactly in the middle.

After setting the implement offset, you have to operate the TRACK-Leader slightly differently:

1. Steer the vehicle such that the arrow is always following the red line. The center of the working bar then follows the blue guidance line.





# 11.3.1 Calibrating Delay on start and Delay on stop

This section is intended for advanced users.

Before reading the section:

- Learn how to operate the terminal.
- Learn how to operate the SECTION-Control.

The standard values of parameters "Delay on start" and "Delay on stop" are set for work with most sprayers.

When should you calibrate?

These parameters must be calibrated in the following cases:

- If you are using an implement with SECTION-Control.
- If the agricultural device switches too late or too early when driving on an area where the product has been already applied.
- If the agricultural device switches too late or too early when leaving an area already where the
  product has been already applied.

In the sections below you will learn how to calibrate the parameters.

The sections and examples are given for sprayers. For different agricultural devices, please proceed accordingly.

### **Calibration phases**

Calibration consists of several phases:

- 1. Calibration preparations
- 2. Drive through the field for the first time
- 3. Drive through the field for the second time
- 4. Marking the application borders
- 5. Calculating correction values
- 6. Correcting the "Delay on start" and "Delay on stop" parameters

The phases are explained in detail in the following chapters.



# **Calibration preparations**

You will need the following equipment and personnel in order to perform the calibration:

- Two observers two people who will mark the areas where the product has been already applied with stakes.
- Tools for marking the areas where the product has been applied:
  - Barrier tape, approx. 200 300 m
  - 8 stakes for marking on the field
- Sprayer with tank loaded with clean water.

### First drive through

In this phase of the calibration, you will need to travel across the field along a single track.

The illustration below shows the points which must be marked before and after the travel. Instructions on how to do this are given below the illustration.



Results of the first drive through

(1)	Stakes	(3)	Stakes
$\smile$	To mark the outer ends of the sections prior to	$\smile$	To mark the outer ends of the sections after
	travel		travel
2	Barrier tape between the stakes Marks the borders of travel		

Procedure

To prepare the field for delay calibration:

- 1. Start a new navigation with SECTION-Control.
- 2. Position the sprayer at the start of the travel. The travel must not be positioned close to the field boundary, in order to give you sufficient space for the second travel.
- 3. Extend the boom.
- 4. Mark the ends of the outer sections with stakes.
- 5. Travel 100 to 200 meter in a straight line before beginning to apply the clean water.
- 6. After 100 to 200 meter, stop and switch off the sprayer.
- 7. Save the travel in the TRACK-Leader. This will enable the calibration to be repeated.
- 8. Mark the ends of the outer sections with stakes.
- 9. Connect the stakes with barrier tape. This marks the borders of travel across the field.
- 10. Fix the barrier tape to the ground with stones or earth.
- ⇒ You have now performed the first travel, and marked the application borders.

### Second drive through

In this phase, you will need to apply the product over the area where you applied with the first track at a 90° angle. You then have to check if the sprayer is switching on too early or too late. In doing so, it is important that you drive at a constant speed and remember this speed.

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•	<b>Injury from the driving sprayer</b> Observers who are assisting with the calibration are at risk of being struck by the boom.	
	• The observers should be made properly aware of this risk. Such hazards should be explained to them.	
	• Ensure that the observers maintain a sufficient distance from the spray boom at all times.	
	<ul> <li>Stop the sprayer immediately if an observer is too close to the sprayer.</li> </ul>	

In this phase, you will require the help of one or two people. These people will observe the driving and behaviour of the sprayer, and mark out the application borders.

They should be appropriately trained and warned of the potential dangers.

The illustration below shows where the observers must stand and the objectives that they must achieve.



### Travel 2

1	Position of Observer 1	3	This line marks the position at which the nozzles should begin spraying when the vehicle exits the area where the product has been applied.
2	Position of Observer 2	4	This line marks the position at which the nozzles should stop spraying when the vehicle enters the area where the product has been applied.

### Procedure

- ☑ The tank is filled with clear water.
- ☑ The observers should stand at a safe distance from the boom of the sprayer.
- ☑ Navigation is started. The first drive record is loaded.
- SECTION-Control should be in automatic mode.
- 1. Position the sprayer at a distance of approx. 100 meter from, and an angle of 90° to the applied area.
- 2. Drive at a constant speed (e.g.: 8 km/h) over the area that has already been applied. Remember the speed at which you were driving. Apply the water as you do so.
- **3.** The observers must stand on the previously marked boundaries of the applied area at a safe distance from the boom.
- 4. The observers must observe the points at which the sprayer stops and starts spraying, as it passes along the already applied points.

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⇒ You will now know how the sprayer behaves when travelling along an area where the product has been already applied.

You may wish to repeat this process several times in order to ensure better accuracy of the results.

### Marking the application borders – for Delay on stop

In this phase, you will need to mark where your sprayer stops application when you enter an area where the product has been already applied. You must also determine where application should stop in the future.

This will tell you whether the sprayer is switching off too early, or too late.

The illustrations below show the lines which you will need to mark in the field in order to be able to calculate the "Delay on stop" parameter.



Lines for the "Delay on stop" parameter. Left: Sprayer switches off too late. Right: Sprayer switches off too early.

P Distance between desired application line Z and actual application line X	Х	Actual application line This is where the sprayer stops application.	
		Z	Desired application line This is where the sprayer should stop application. A slight overlap of 10 cm should be planned due to the pressure release time.

In both cases (left and right), the "Delay on stop" parameter is incorrectly set:

- Left: Sprayer switches off too late. The delay period must be extended.
- Right: Sprayer switches off too early. The delay period must be reduced.

Procedure

- 1. Compare the markings in the field with the calculations.
- ⇒ You now know whether the sprayer is switching off too early, or too late.

### Marking the application borders - for Delay on start

In this phase, you will need to mark where your sprayer begins application when you exit and where the product has been already applied. You must also determine where application should begin in the future.

This will tell you whether the sprayer is switching on too early, or too late.

The illustrations below show the lines which you will need to mark in the field in order to be able to calculate the "Delay on start" parameter.



Lines for the "Delay on start" parameter. Left: Sprayer switches on too late. Right: Sprayer switches on too early.

Ρ	Distance between desired application line Z and actual application line X	Х	Actual application line This is where the sprayer begins application.
		Z	Desired application line This is where the sprayer should begin application. A slight overlap of 10 cm should be planned due to the pressure build-up time.

In both cases (left and right), the "Delay on start" parameter is incorrectly set:

- Left: Sprayer switches on too late. The delay period must be extended.
- Right: Sprayer switches on too early. The delay period must be reduced.

### Procedure

- 1. Compare the markings in the field with the calculations.
- $\Rightarrow$  You now know whether the sprayer is switching on too early, or too late.

### **Calculating correction values**

In the final phase, you have determined:

- Which parameters must be altered.
- Whether the current delay must be increased or reduced.

You must now calculate the number of milliseconds by which to adjust the incorrectly set parameter.

To do this, you will need to calculate a so-called correction value.

In order to be able to calculate the correction value, you need to find out how fast the sprayer was travelling. This speed must be entered in cm/milliseconds.

The following table lists a number of speeds and their conversion into cm/ms:

Speed in km/h	Speed in cm/ms
6 km/h	0.16 cm/ms
8 km/h	0.22 cm/ms
10 km/ h	0.28 cm/ms

Procedure

The correction value should be calculated as follows:

### 1. [Distance P]: [Speed of sprayer] = Correction value

2. The currently set "Delay on start" or "Delay on stop" parameter must then be corrected by this value.



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# Changing the delay parameter

You must now adjust the "Delay on start" and "Delay on stop" parameters.

Procedure	<ol> <li>Alter the parameters using the following rule of thumb:         <ul> <li>If the sprayer switches on too late, it needs more time. The delay period must be extended.</li> <li>If the sprayer switches on too soon, it needs less time. The delay period must be reduced.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	<ul> <li>Calculate the new value for the delay parameter.</li> <li>Perform this step separately for the "Delay on start" or "Delay on stop" If the sprayer switches on or off too late:</li> <li>Extend the current delay period by the correction value</li> <li>If the sprayer switches on or off too early:</li> <li>Reduce the current delay period by the correction value</li> </ul>
Example	A sprayer traveled at a speed of 8 km/h. This corresponds to 0.22 cm/ms.
	After the second travel, the distance P was measured. The distance was 80cm.
	The "Delay on stop" parameter is currently set to 450ms.
	The sprayer was switched off too late when traveling over an area where the product has been already applied. Point Z lied in front of Point X along the direction of travel. The lines were marked as in the illustration below:  P  When travelling over the area where the product has been already applied, the sprayer switched off too late  Men travelling correction values:  Distance P1 : [Speed of sprayer] = Correction value
	80 : 0,22 = 364
	<ol> <li>Calculate the new value for the "Inactivity of OFF" parameter. As the sprayer switches off too late, "Delay on stop" must be increased by the correction value: 364 (correction value) + 450 (set "Delay on stop") = 814 (new "Delay on stop")</li> </ol>
	3. Insert value 814 for the "Delay on stop" parameter.
Example	A sprayer traveled at a speed of 8 km/h. This corresponds to 0.22 cm/ms.
	After the second travel, the distance P was measured. The distance was 80cm.
	The "Delay on stop" parameter is currently set to 450ms.
	The sprayer switched off too early when traveling over an area where the product has been already applied. Point Z lied in front of Point X along the direction of travel. The lines were marked as in the illustration below:





When traveling over an area where the product has been already applied, the sprayer switched off too early.

- Calculating correction values: [Distance P] : [Speed of sprayer] = Correction value 80 : 0,22 = 364
- Calculate the new value for the "Inactivity of OFF" parameter. As the sprayer switches on or off too early, "Delay on stop" must be decreased by the correction value: 450 (set "Delay on stop") - 364 (correction value) = 86 (new "Delay on stop")
- 450 (Set Delay on stop) 504 (conection value) 60 (new Delay
- 3. Insert value 86 for the "Delay on stop" parameter.

# 11.4 Configuring TRACK-Leader TOP

The following parameters must be set in order to use TRACK-Leader TOP:

# **GPS** receiver height

Distance between GPS receiver and the ground.

Required for: TRACK-Leader TOP

# **PSR** reaction speed

PSR reaction speed and aggressiveness of the automatic steering. The higher the value, the sharper the steering movements.

The aim of these settings is to ensure that the vehicle finds the track fast enough, but still drives calmly and does not over-steer constantly.

	(2)
Examples of different PSR reaction speeds	
1 The steering responds too slowly	2 The steering responds too rapidly

You can adjust the value to specific local conditions prior to work commencement:



- When the ground is wet and makes steering more difficult, increase the value.
- When the ground is dry and makes steering easy, reduce the value. .

The value set here will also appear in the start screen of the PSR application (steering job computer):



#### **Machine profiles** 11.5

Each agricultural equipment, for which you use the terminal, can have different parameters. You can create profiles for equipment settings, so that you avoid setting the parameters every time you start your work.

In the "Machine profiles" area you can enter the parameters of connected agricultural equipment and save them as profiles.

You will need the machine data in the following instances:

- When SECTION-Control is deactivated
- When the terminal is not connected to any job computer.

11.5.1	Creating new machine profiles
	"Machine" here means a combination of a vehicle and an agricultural equipment.
Example	If you have two tractors and two implements in your fleet, you possibly have to create four profiles:

- Tractor A and a trailed sprayer
- Tractor B and a trailed sprayer .
- Tractor A and a trailed fertilizer
- Tractor B and a trailed fertilizer

Always create all combinations which you actually need as machine profiles. You can save up to 20 machine profiles.

# ☑ The "SECTION-Control" parameter in the "General" menu is deactivated.

1. To switch to the "Machine profiles" screen:



- 4. Confirm input and save. ⇒ The "Machine profiles" screen will appear.
- 5. Set machine parameters.

#### 11.5.2 Selecting from machine profiles

Before you start work, you have to select the equipment profile from your fleet. You select the machine from the machine profiles.

Procedure



Procedure

1. To switch to the "Present machine profile" screen:



Settings
| Machine profiles | Present machine profile

- ⇒ The "Present machine profile" screen will appear. In this screen all machine profiles you have saved are listed.
- ⇒ The activated machine profile is marked with a green point.

2.

4.

- I Click on required machine profile.
  ⇒ The "Machine profiles" screen will appear.
- **3.** Check machine parameters.



- Leave the screen as soon as the parameters are the current ones.
- $\Rightarrow\,$  The required machine profile will be activated.
- ⇒ The name of the machine profile activated appears on the starting screen on line "Machine".

# 11.5.3 Machine parameters

You will need the machine parameters in the following instances:

- When you want to create a machine profile for a new machine
- When you want to edit a machine profile

On the pages below you will find the explanation of all machine parameters.

# Working width

This parameter shows the working width set for an implement.

# No. of sections

Enter the number of sections that can be switched off on the implement. On a sprayer, they are the section valves; on a fertilizer spreader or a seeder, they can be half widths.

This parameter serves to transmit the proper number of sections to the SECTION-View [ $\rightarrow$  41] module, so that you can switch the sections manually.

Each section appears as part of the working bar on the screen.

# Sections

Opens a screen where you can enter the width of the individual sections on the implement.

# Degree of overlap

The degree of overlap when processing a wedge-shaped area.

The set "Degree of overlap" is influenced at the outer sections by means of the "Tolerance of overlap" parameter.









0 % degree of overlap

50 % degree of overlap

100 % degree of overlap

Possible values:

- 0 % When exiting an appliedarea, each section is only switched on when the vehicle has completely exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 1 % over the treated area.
- 50 % Each section is only switched on when exiting an area where the product has been applied, when 50 % of the vehicle has exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 50 % over the treated area. At a "Degree of overlap" of 50 %, the "Tolerance of overlap" function has no effect.
- 100 % Each section is only switched on when exiting an area where the product has been applied, when 1 % of the vehicle has exited the area. When travelling across an area where the product has been applied, the section is first switched off when the section extends up to 100 % over the treated area.

# **Tolerance of overlap**

See here  $[\rightarrow 74]$ 

# Field boundary overlap tolerance

See here [→ 75]

# **GPS** receiver left/right

Here, enter the distance to the left or to the right from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle or tractor on which the GPS receiver is installed.



Position of the GPS receiver



(1)	Longitudinal axis of the vehicle	(2)	GPS receiver
$\sim$		$\sim$	In this case to the right of the longitudinal axis
			of the vehicle

The position of the GPS receiver which you have entered in the Tractor-ECU application will be ignored by TRACK-Leader if you use the machine profile. You must therefore ignore the values from the Tractor-ECU application at this point.

Possible values:

- Enter a negative value, e.g.: 0.20m
   if the GPS receiver is positioned to the left of the longitudinal axis.
- Enter a positive value, e.g.: **0.20m** If the GPS receiver is positioned to the right of the longitudinal axis.

# **GPS** receiver front/rear

Distance of the GPS receiver from the application point. The treatment point may for example be the boom of a sprayer. For a fertilizer applicator, this is the spreader discs.

The position of the GPS receiver which you have entered in the Tractor-ECU application will be ignored by TRACK-Leader if you use the machine profile. You must therefore ignore the values from the Tractor-ECU application at this point.

Possible values:

- Input a negative value, e.g.: 4.00m
- if the GPS receiver is positioned to the rear of the application point.
- Input a positive value, e.g.: 4.00m
   if the GPS receiver is positioned in front of the application point.

# **Operating position sensor**

Is a tool operating position sensor mounted on the vehicle?

The tool operating position sensor is a sensor which recognizes that an agricultural device is set and delivers this information to the terminal. The sensor is available for many tractors and can be reached via the signal socket.

Possible values:

- "Yes"
- "No"

# Inverted sensor logic

Is the sensor logic of the tool operating position sensor inverted?

- "Yes" Product application recording begins when the tool operating position sensor is not occupied. This will end when the operating position sensor has been occupied.
- "No" Product application recording begins when the tool operating position sensor is occupied. This will end when the operating position sensor is no longer occupied.

# Machine model

This parameter determines the way and means in which the working bar should track the GPS receiver.

Possible values:



"self propelled"

Settings for self-propelled agricultural equipment.

- "trailed" Settings for agricultural equipment towed by a tractor.
- "deactivated" Settings for mounted implements.

# Screen lightbar

Screen lightbar type.

### Possible values:

- "Deactivated"
   Deactivates the screen lightbar
- "Graphic Mode"
   Activates screen lightbar in graphic mode
- "Text mode"
  - Activates screen lightbar in text mode
- "SECTION-View" Activates SECTION-View

# Implement type

Use this parameter to define the type of agricultural equipment.

The following implement types are available:

- Sprayer
- Fertilizer
- Planter/Seeder
- Harvester
- Non specific system

# Spread pattern for a fertilizer

If you want to ensure precise application when moving on a headland or an application area, you can specify a spread pattern for your fertilizer.

Use the following parameter to define the spread pattern for a fertilizer:

"Spreading distance"

This is the distance between the spreader discs and the center of the spread pattern. Spreading distance = (working length/2) + (distance between the switch-off line and spreader discs)

• "Working length" Distance between the switch-off line and switch-on line in the spread pattern.





The "spreading distance" and "working length" parameters

1	Spreader discs	4	Switch-on line When this line moves away from the headland, the application is started.
2	Switch-off line When this line reaches the headland, the application is stopped.	5	Spreading distance
3	Working length Distance between the switch-off line and the switch-on line.		

### Procedure

This is what you have to do so that the parameters appear in the list:

- 1. Set the "Implement type" parameter to "Fertilizer".
  - ⇒ The "spreading distance" and "working length" parameters are displayed in the menu.

# Implement offset

You can use this parameter to adjust the offset of the working width towards the left or the right. Enter the number of cm by which the center of the working width is shifted from the center of the tractor.



Left: Tractor with an implement; Right: Tractor with two implements

1	Implement offset: Distance between the center of the tractor and the center of the total	2	Total working width
	working width.		

Possible values:

- Enter a positive value, e.g.: 90 cm If the equipment is offset to the right.
- Enter a negative value, e.g.: -90 cm If the equipment is offset to the left.

Mode of operation

If this parameter is allocated any value other than 0, the following occurs:

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- A red guidance line appears on the work screen, which is drawn at a distance from the blue guidance line.
- The working bar is shifted to one side. The blue guidance line runs exactly in the middle.

After setting the implement offset, you have to operate the TRACK-Leader slightly differently:

1. Steer the vehicle such that the arrow is always following the red line. The center of the working bar then follows the blue guidance line.



Guidance lines for implements with offset

1	Red guidance line - marks the center of the tractor	3	Blue guidance line - marks the center of the working width
2	Arrow - marks the position of the GPS receiver	(4)	Working bar

# 12 Procedure for dealing with error messages

Error message text	Possible cause	How to fix the problem	
Caution! The storage could not be initialized. If the problem still persists after a restart, please contact ME customer service.	The database could not be created on the data medium.	Restart the terminal.	
Active profile cannot be removed!	An attempt was made to delete the currently selected machine profile.	Select another machine profile and then delete the desired machine profile.	
An error has occurred while reorganizing the storage.	The data medium was removed during reorganizing.	Re-insert the data medium and re-start the reorganization	
	The data medium is full.	Delete unnecessary data from the data medium and try again.	
	The data medium is damaged.	Use a new data medium.	
Could not find DGPS configuration file!	The internal file containing the DGPS settings could not be found.	Contact our Service team in order to reinstall the software.	
The test phase is expired. Please contact	The test phase is expired.	Request a license.	
your dealer.		Unlock the software.	
No USB memory device is inserted!		Insert the USB memory device.	
Export failed!	The data medium was removed before or during the export.	Re-insert the data medium and re-start the export.	
	Writing is not allowed on the data medium.	Disable write protection on the data medium.	
	The data medium is full or damaged.	Delete unnecessary data from the data medium and try again.	
Error!		Contact Customer service.	
GPS signal has been lost!	The serial connection to the GPS receiver has been interrupted.	Check and re-connect the cable connections to the GPS receiver.	
	The position can no longer be determined.		
GPS signal too weak!	The GPS signal quality is too weak, most likely due to obstructions.	Check the mounting of the GPS receiver and your current position. The receiver must be in open view to the sky.	
No DGPS available!	No DGPS is available due to signal obstruction.	Check the mounting of the GPS receiver and your current position. The receiver must be in open view to the sky.	
	No DGPS is available due to a failure of	Check the general availability of the	



Error message text	Possible cause	How to fix the problem	
	the correction data service, e.g. EGNOS, WAAS.	service. For EGNOS / WAAS, check and set the proper correction satellites.	
No compatible format found for this prescription map. Please create a new format.	No suitable format could be found using the prescription map content. No compatible format has been created.	The major formats have been provided. Other formats can be incorporated by the users themselves.	
No profile available!	No machine profile is available!	Create a new machine profile.	
Could not read DGPS configuration from GPS receiver!	The serial connection to the GPS receiver has been interrupted.	Check and re-connect the cable connections to the GPS receiver.	
Could not read e-Dif configuration from GPS receiver!	The serial connection to the GPS receiver has been interrupted.	Check and re-connect the cable connections to the GPS receiver.	
Could not read data from tilt module!	The serial connection to the GPS TILT module has been interrupted.	Check and re-connect the cable connections.	
Saving failed!	The data medium was removed before or during saving.	Re-insert the data medium and re-start the save process.	
	Writing is not allowed on the data medium.	Disable write protection on the data medium.	
	The storage medium is full or damaged.	Delete unnecessary data from the data medium and try again.	
Invalid status!		Contact Customer service.	
Unknown error!	You want to work with SECTION-Control, but there is no connected job computer that supports SECTION-Control.	Connect a suitable job computer or deactivate SECTION-Control.	
No sections have been recognized!	No sections are configured in the ISOBUS job computer. Or the connected ISOBUS job computer does not support SECTION-Control.	If possible, configure the sections on the job computer. If the job computer does not support SECTION-Control, you cannot use it.	
The implement does not have a swath width!	The working width or geometry have not been configured in the ISOBUS job computer.	Configure the ISOBUS job computer. Correctly set the working width in the job computer; contact the implement manufacturer.	
No task started!	You have configured the ISOBUS-TC to work with ISO-XML. Therefore, TRACK- Leader expects a task.	Start task in ISOBUS-TC or deactivate the use of ISO-XML in ISOBUS-TC.	
	No task was started in ISOBUS-TC.		
No valid device data recognized!	The working width or geometry have not been configured in the ISOBUS job	Configure the ISOBUS job computer.	

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Error message text	Possible cause	How to fix the problem
	computer.	
RTK signal lost!	No RTK signal is available due to signal obstruction.	The GPS receiver and base station must be in open view to the sky.
	No mobile network reception.	
	You are too far away from the base station (or from a different signal source).	
The device data is still loading.	If this message appears for a long time, the terminal is connected to a job computer that is not responding.	Connect a different job computer to the terminal. It is possible that you cannot use SECTION-Control with this job computer, because the job computer does not support SECTION-Control.
	The list of connections in the ISOBUS-TC app was not configured. Read the instructions for the terminal.	Configure the list of connections in ISOBUS-TC.
No implement recognized!	TRACK-Leader has not received any information through the connected job computer or there is no connected job computer.	Connect a job computer that supports SECTION-Control



# 13 Notes