

D-90360 Atlas User Manual

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Warning: PARACHUTING IS A HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY THAT CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.

An altimeter is a device subject to malfunction, even when properly designed, built, assembled, maintained, and used. Do not rely upon an altimeter for your safety. Your altimeter must only be considered as an aid when checking your altitude. A visual cross reference with the ground should be used in combination with any altimeter.





Scope

This manual describes the setup and operation of Atlas.

For information on the companion software the Neptune Maintenance Utility, see *D-90107 User Manual, NMU*.





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Altimaster Atlas is the next generation of digital skydiving instruments. It is Micro-USB rechargeable, has an anodized machined aluminum case, a toughened glass lens, raised buttons recessed into the case for protection, and is waterproof for up to six feet for one hour. Atlas has eight selectable alarm groups and alarms can be set as freefall or canopy alarms. Measurement units can be set independently. The altitude can be displayed in feet or metres, the date can be displayed in US or International format, the temperature can be displayed in °C or °F, and the speed can be set mph or kmh. Atlas comes with all of the accessories needed for a variety of mounting options.

Altimaster Atlas is manufactured exclusively by <u>Alti-2, Incorporated</u>.

This guide supports the most current version of Atlas firmware ONLY.

To check your Atlas's current firmware version, go to **Menu > Demo Mode > Show Screens.** The second screen will show both the serial and version numbers. Be sure to exit the demo by pressing the middle key until you see a screen that says **Demo Finished. Press any key to continue.**

Altimaster Atlas	
Overall Dimensions	2.44" x 1.69" x .47"
Weight:	1.4 oz (without mount)
Temperature	-20° C to +60° C
Max Depth (Waterproofing)	6 feet 1 hour
Body Material	Machined Aluminum
Battery Type	Rechargeable Lithium Ion

The current version of Atlas firmware is on our website.

Firmware Updates

Just as your personal computer programs are regularly updated, you should keep your Atlas up to date. Not only will you get the latest features, but also regular system updates that will help keep your Atlas running smoothly. Firmware updates are always free.

Firmware updates are provided via the Neptune Maintenance Utility (NMU) embedded in Paralog[®]. For Atlas firmware updates, visit <u>http://forum.altimaster.com</u> and download the latest version of Paralog[®]-NMU.





Atlas and the Neptune Maintenance Utility (NMU) have a considerable number of options and facilities covering alarm settings, log book, manual mode, DZ and AC names, contrast, flip, backlight, etc. There are hundreds of combinations of settings, and it is impossible to cover each one in detail. We have attempted to cover the basics of all functions, however, if you have ANY problems or questions, please call or e-mail us. We will do our best to help you get the most out of your Atlas.

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Our support forum is a great source of Alti-2 product information; we highly recommend joining us there: <u>http://www.alti-2.com/forum.php</u>

Altimaster Field Support

Our global network of Altimaster Field Support Reps can assist you with many things:

- Update your Atlas
- Help you set up your computer to do updates yourself
- Provide spare parts for any Altimaster altimeter
- Act as a direct link between you and us
- Troubleshoot problems you are having with any Altimaster product

You can find Altimaster Field Support members on drop zones around the world. A complete list of our current Altimaster Field Support members is online: <u>http://www.alti-2.com/forumdisplay.php?23-Altimaster-Field-Support</u>

If you are interested in becoming an AFS Rep, please visit our info page and send us an e-mail telling us why!







Before using your new Atlas for the first time, charge it overnight.

There are two ways to charge your Atlas:

- Use an AC Wall Charger with the USB cord.
- Plug the USB cord into your computer.

We recommend charging your Atlas no more than once a week, charging more frequently will reduce longevity of battery life.







Before using your computer to charge your Atlas, the USB Drivers should be installed. See Computer Setup on page 11.

Using the USB cable supplied, connect Atlas to the computer.

The charge is complete when the battery indicator stops flashing.



Your Atlas may "sleep" after the charge is complete, if left unattended for 30 minutes or more. In that case, the screen will go blank. Press any button to wake it up.

When it wakes up, the battery indicator may at first read empty. This is normal; the battery is being tested. The indicator will begin to read properly in about two seconds.





The basics...

- The top and bottom buttons up and down, increase and decrease
- The middle button select and go back

The details...

- The menu scrolls and wraps. So, once you scroll and reach the end of the menu items it wraps and goes back to the first item in the menu
- Use the top and bottom buttons to go up and down within a menu
- Use the top and bottom buttons to increase or decrease a value
- Holding the top or bottom buttons causes their action to repeat, except in the Jump Log
- In the Jump Log, press and hold the top button to view a previous jump; press and hold the bottom button to view the next jump
- To select an item press the middle button and release
- To go back to the previous screen press the middle button and hold it until the screen changes









If you wish to use your Atlas as a visual altimeter, we suggest you use the hand mount provided.

The finger webbing goes between the back plate and the Atlas in its mount. Then, use the screws provided to secure the back plate to the mount (note: do not over tighten). Finally, route the strap through the opening of the finger webbing as shown.



If you wish to wear your Atlas on your wrist like a watch, use the wrist mount provided.

The strap goes between the back plate and the Atlas in its mount. Then, use the screws provided to secure the back plate to the mount (note: do not over tighten).

Do not use the hand mount and wrist mount together. Use one or the other.







As an audible, Atlas is designed for mounting inside the helmet – most modern skydiving helmet designs have pockets in the liner on one or both sides specifically for this purpose. Rounded edges and corners incorporated into Atlas' design are intended to keep it comfortably fitted near the ear.



Insert Atlas into the helmet's audible pocket with the speaker hole facing inward (toward the ear). Failure to do so may result in inaudible alarms.

Ensure that the speaker and pressure sensor holes remain unobstructed by items such as adhesive $Velcro^{TM}$ or tape. The foam liner of the helmet should not interfere with either function.





Atlas uses a micro USB cable to link to your computer.

With the USB connection you can:

- Load custom settings from Paralog[®]-NMU
- Download the log book to Paralog[®]
- Charge the Atlas battery
- Update the Atlas firmware

Paralog[®]-NMU provides some functions not available on Atlas's menus:

- Speed Group setup
- Alarm Tone programming
- Name list setup for Drop Zones, Aircraft Types, and Alarm Group Names
- Canopy screen format toggle
- Student Mode controls

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Download and install the USB drivers and Paralog[®]-NMU. If you are using older versions of Windows, write down the file path for the location where the drivers were installed. You will need it later.

If you are installing on a Mac running OS X v10.10 or later, please read the one page insert packaged with Atlas.







Plug the USB cable into Atlas as shown.

Plug the USB cable into your computer; it will detect that new hardware is present. The installation wizard will start.

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Using older versions of Windows, if the Found New Hardware Wizard starts, you may be asked if you want to use Windows Update to search for a driver. Select **No** and click **Next** to continue. You will then see the screen at left.

Select **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)** and supply Windows with the location noted in an earlier step.



If you see a warning message like this, please select **Continue Anyway**.











Menu > Clk/Timers > Set Time







Menu > Clk/Timers > Set Date







Menu > Log Admin > Set Next Jump







Menu > Log Admin > FFTime

Atlas calculates and displays your accumulated freefall time. If you need to adjust this figure, use the steps below.







Menu > Log Admin > CPTime







Main Menu > Alarms

Atlas has eight groups of programmable alarms, each with three individually selectable alarm altitudes.

There are two types of alarms from which to choose: freefall and canopy. You may have one freefall alarm group and one canopy alarm group enabled at the same time.

On the Ground screen there is a symbol indicating what kinds of alarms are enabled.

ŗ	Freefall and Canopy Alarms On On the Ground screen, the underlined alarm icon (musical note) indicates that freefall and canopy alarms are activated.
7	Freefall and Canopy Alarms Off You should disable alarms if you are using your Atlas as a visual altimeter. The alarm icon will change on the Ground screen to show that the alarms have been disabled.
Ļ	Only Freefall Alarms On The alarm icon without underline indicates that only freefall alarms are activated.
(NP	Only Canopy Alarms On The canopy alarm is indicated with the abbreviation CNP.





Main Menu > Alarms

To navigate to the selections that control these options, scroll down the Alarms menu past Edit Alarms.

To disable all alarms, select **Disable All Alrms** from this screen.



Canopy Alarm Volume Level







Main Menu > Alarms

Select CP Alarm <u>Edit Atms</u> Disable Al Alrms Disable FF Alrm Disable CP Alrm CP Alrm Lvi Nrmi	When you enter the Alarms menu, the currently active FF and Canopy alarm groups and the pre-set alarm altitudes will appear. Scroll to and select Edit Alarms .
FF2 FF3 FF4 Swoop1 Swoop2	To change the altitudes of a group, select it from the list. Atlas comes with the alarm group names set to FF1, FF2, FF3, FF4, Swoop1, Swoop2, Swoop3, and Swoop4. If you set up different names with Paralog [®] -NMU, they will be shown here. If you use Format NVRAM, this list will
Name: FF1 Type: F-1F- ME: S00011 A12: 4000 ft A12: 2500 ft Save	Scroll to and select the altitude you want to change. Press the middle button to start the process of changing the altitude.
Chg Alarm Alt	Use the top and bottom buttons to change the alarm altitude. Once you have the correct altitude, press the middle button to highlight OK .
Name: FF1 Type: FreeFau Aitt: 5500 ft Ait2: 4000 ft Ait2: 2000 ft	Repeat the process for the other Alarm Altitudes and once all values are set, scroll to and select Save . The new alarm settings are now active.





Freefall Alarm Altitude Spacing

Freefall alarms may be set no closer than 500 feet/150 metres.

The first freefall alarm may not be set at more the 20,000 feet/6095 metres.

Altitudes are adjustable in 100 foot/30 metre increments.

The third freefall alarm is the "hard deck" alarm. It may not be set lower than 1000 feet / 300 metres.

These rules affect the range of choices that Atlas gives you. For example, if the third alarm is set for 1500 feet, and the first alarm is set for 4500 feet, the second alarm is adjustable from 2000 to 4000 feet, in 100 foot increments.

Canopy Alarm Altitude Spacing

Canopy alarms may be set no closer than 100 feet/30 metres.

The first canopy alarm may not be set at more the 20,000 feet/6095 metres.

Altitudes are adjustable in 10 foot/5 metre increments.

The third canopy alarm may not be set lower than 100 feet/30 metres.

For example, if the third alarm is set for 600 feet, and the first alarm is set for 4500 feet, the second alarm is adjustable from 700 to 1400 feet, in 10 foot increments.

The canopy alarms start sounding 150 feet/50 metres before the altitude you set. The tone finishes sounding just as your reach the set altitude.





Menu -> Alarms -> Edit Alarms -> Selected Alarm -> Type

Each of the eight alarm groups can be set to either the Freefall or Canopy type.







Menu -> Logbook

Every time your Atlas logs a jump, it increments the Odometer and Total jump counts, and records a Summary of the jump that you can review right on the screen, as well as a Profile. You can download the Summaries and Profiles to a computer. Up to 2500 Summaries can be stored, and 200 Profiles.

Each Summary shows the date and time of the jump, the total freefall and canopy times, exit and deployment altitudes, the average speed, the speeds at four altitudes, and more.

The speeds shown in each summary are calculated at four altitude ranges, called Speed Bands. The altitudes of the bands are normally 12,000, 9,000, 6,000 and 3,000 feet, starting 500 feet before each altitude, but can be changed using Paralog[®]-NMU.

While viewing the jump summaries:

- Hold the top button to get to the previous jump.
- Hold the bottom button to get to the next jump.

Each Profile is a detailed record of a jump. Profile data cannot be viewed directly on Atlas, nor can you see Profile data directly using Paralog[®]-NMU. Atlas stores the 200 most recent jump profiles. Paralog[®] uses profile data to make calculations, and to create graphs and charts.





Menu -> Logbook -> View



The third Summary screen shows all four speed band values, the drop zone, and the aircraft used.



Hold the middle button to return to the Logbook screen.

Press the top button to return to the second Summary screen.

Or, hold the top button to go to the first Summary screen of the previous jump.

Or, hold the bottom button to go to the first Summary screen of the next jump.





Menu -> Logbook -> GoTo







Menu -> Logbook -> Del

Alarms Clk/Timers DZ/AC Setup Display Opt Log Admin	On the Menu screen, scroll to and select Logbook.
Jun 1 H 100052 COm 00403 COm 1 COm 1	If the jump number shown is not the jump you want to delete, use the GoTo function (see previous page) to navigate to the desired jump.
Ler: 5 FF: 00140 CP.t.:: 01323 ODura: 5 View 4 St	Scroll to and select Del .
Delete Jump 4 Cincel	Select OK to delete this jump. Or, scroll to and select Cancel to avoid deleting this jump.





Menu > Log Admin > Odometer

Every time you log a jump, the Odometer increments.

You might want to reset it at the beginning of a weekend of jumping. Follow the steps below to reset the Odometer.







Menu > DZ / AC Setup > Select DZ

Paralog[®]-NMU allows you to list up to 32 drop zone names and load them into your Atlas.

Once the drop zone names are loaded into your Atlas, you can select the drop zone for the next jump. Your logs will reflect the selected drop zone.







Menu > DZ / AC Setup > Select AC

Paralog[®]-NMU allows you to list up to 32 aircraft names and load them into Atlas.

Once the aircraft names are loaded into your Atlas, you can select the aircraft for the next jump. Your logs will reflect the selected aircraft name.







Menu > Clk/Timers > Set Load Timer

Set an alarm to remind you that your next load is ready to go.







Menu > Clk/Timers > Set Alarm Clock



After selecting **Clk/Timers** from the Menu screen, scroll to and select **Set Alarm Clk**.

The hours and minutes appear highlighted. Press the middle button to select hours.



Note: the time is always set in 24 hour format.

Use the top and bottom buttons to change the hours.

Press the middle button to move on to minutes.

Use the top and bottom buttons to change the minutes.

Press the middle button to complete the time selection.



Select **OK** and save the new alarm clock setting.

Or, scroll to and select **Cancel** to exit without saving your changes.





Menu > Clk/Timers > Set Sleep Timer

Setting the Sleep Timer allows you to turn your Atlas off for a specified period. This is handy for airline travel – while asleep, Atlas will conserve battery power until you arrive. Cancel the Sleep Timer when you arrive and before jumping.







Menu > Display Opt > Chg. Contrast > Inc. / Dec.





To decrease contrast, scroll to **Dec. Contrast**.

Press and hold the middle button to decrease the contrast level.

Scroll to and select **OK** to save the new contrast setting.

Or, scroll to and select Cancel to exit without saving your changes.





Backlight

Menu > Display Opt > Backlight Off

An electroluminescent backlight is included for night jumps. The backlight will only illuminate continuously during freefall and under canopy. Since the backlight is a heavy drain on the battery charge, we recommend that you leave it *disabled* unless you are actually making a night jump. Before a night jump, fully charge the battery to ensure that your Atlas will have the full power throughout your entire jump. Please be advised that the alarms and backlight cannot operate simultaneously. **Therefore, if on a night jump and using Atlas as a visual altimeter, the alarms** <u>must be disabled</u> in order for the backlight to remain on throughout the entire jump. If the alarms are not disabled, the backlight will go out each time an alarm sounds (freefall and canopy alarm groups).







Menu > Display Opt > Flip LCD

If you want to wear your Atlas on your opposite hand, flip the display so that the menu and buttons appear as desired.







Menu > Display Opt > 12/24Hr Time Fmt







Menu > Display Opt > USA Date Fmt / Intl Date Fmt







Menu > Display Opt > Disp Alt in (ft/m)







Menu > Display Opt > Disp Tmp (F/C)







Menu > Display Opt > Log Spd in mph/kmh







Menu > Demo Mode > Alarms

Demo Mode allows you to hear the alarm tone associated with each alarm altitude.

If you have customized any of the alarm tones using Paralog[®]-NMU, you can hear the custom tones using Demo Mode. The "Hard Deck" alarm, **Alarm3**, is always a constant tone.

Demo Mode also provides you with a set of screens designed to illustrate what you see when your Atlas starts up, as well as what you see during a jump.



On the Menu screen, scroll to and select **Demo Mode**.



Scroll to and select the alarm tone you wish to hear.

Alarm1 is the first alarm you hear in a jump sequence.





Menu > Demo Mode > Show Screens



On the Menu screen, scroll to and select **Demo Mode**.



To see a demonstration of what your Atlas will look like during a normal jump, select **Show Screens**.

Pressing any key will advance you through all screens of the Demo Jump.

You will see, in this order:

- Boot up logo
- Serial number & firmware version
- Ground screen
- Altitude
- Climb Mode
- Freefall
- Canopy





Menu > Training

When you select any of the Training simulations, your Atlas will display a screen that looks like Freefall Mode, starting at exit altitude. At deployment altitude, it will switch to a Canopy Mode screen, and descend according to the selected training speed.

Training Mode allows you to simulate three types of jumps: High Speed Malfunction, Low Speed Malfunction & Normal Jump.

CAUTION: Use Training Mode for ground training only.







Menu > Manual Mode

In Manual Mode your Atlas performs as a simple visual altimeter. The display will NOT time out after 30 minutes. Jumps will not be logged. Alarms will NOT sound. You cannot connect to Paralog[®]-NMU while in Manual Mode.

When you start Manual Mode you are asked to enter the current altitude.







Menu > Cancel Manual

Once you enter Manual Mode your Atlas remains in that mode until you cancel it.

Automatic functions will resume; the display will again time out after 30 minutes.







Menu > DZ/AC Setup > Set DZ Offset

If you take off from one place but jump into another place at a different elevation, you can use the DZ Offset function so that your Atlas shows the correct altitude during your skydive.









Once the target altitude is set, use the top and bottom buttons to select if the target DZ is lower or higher.

Confirm your choice by pressing the middle button.

This screen shows that the target DZ is 100 feet lower than takeoff.



Once you confirm your Offset, the Ground Screen will show you the DZ Offset to the right of this symbol.





Menu > DZ/AC Setup > Zero DZ Offset







Menu > DZ/AC Setup > Im on Gnd

If your Atlas reports climbing when you are in fact on the ground, follow the steps below.

Telling your Atlas that you are on the ground is useful if, for example, you drive up a hill and then get in the aircraft a short time later. The unit may not have updated the DZ altitude since climbing the hill. Selecting **Im on Gnd** causes the unit to fix the DZ at the current altitude. It will then continue to update as normal.





Scroll to and select **Im on Gnd**. After selecting, you will return to the Ground screen.





Menu > DZ/AC Setup > Im on a Jmp

Use the **I'm on a Jump** function to keep your Atlas in its regular skydive sequence. For example, if you climb very slowly to a low altitude, then hold for several minutes to wait for weather, your Atlas may think you are not in a skydiving aircraft, and reset to Ground Mode.







Menu > Log Admin > Del All Logs

To empty your logbook, follow the steps below.

The next jump number will be set to one, the Odometer will be reset, Drop Zones and Aircraft Types marked Used will now be unmarked, and the accumulated Freefall and Canopy times will be set to zero.

No other settings are affected. Your alarm setup remains the same.

If you want to clear ALL the settings while deleting the logbook, use the **Format NVRAM** function on the **System Admin** menu.







Menu > Log Admin > Enable/Disable Logs

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ODom 0 EF. 0:01:00 CP. 0:03:00 DELAILOGS EFTERMINES	If logging is enabled, Disable Logs will appear at the bottom; otherwise, Enable Logs will appear. To change the current setting, scroll to and select Disable Logs or Enable Logs .
Logs Enabled Disable Logs	This picture shows the current setting of Enabled. Selecting OK will cause logging to be disabled. Scroll to and select Cancel if you want logging to continue.
ODome 0 FFree 0:01:00 OP free 0:03:00 Def AI Logs FFE DEMICES	This picture shows the current setting of Disabled. Selecting Enable Logs , and then OK on the next screen, will cause logging to start with the next jump. Scroll to and select Cancel if you do not want logging to start.
\mathbb{V}	On the Ground Screen, you see this symbol if logging is enabled.
ND LG	Or, you see this symbol if logging is disabled.





Menu > System Admin > Format NVRAM

Formatting NVRAM:

- 1. Clears the jump log
- 2. Sets Next Jump Number to 1
- 3. Sets factory defaults for all settings
- 4. Validates the process for reading and writing the memory where the jump logs and settings are kept.







Menu > System Admin > Show Status

If you happen to have a performance issue with your Atlas, during a call or email dialog with Alti-2 customer service we may ask you to read the numbers listed on the **Show Status** screen. This will assist us with diagnosing the problem.







Menu>System Admin>SW Reset

During a call or online dialog with Alti-2 customer service we may ask you to use the **SW Reset** function. Selecting this causes the main program to restart.



On the Menu screen, scroll to and select System Admin.



Select **SW Reset**, and then select **OK** to restart the main program. Atlas will show you the **Alti-2** greeting screen, then the firmware version and unit serial number will appear. After a few seconds Atlas shows the Ground Screen, and then the screen blanks. Press any button to bring the screen back into view.

If you selected **SW Reset** and don't want to restart the main program at this time, scroll to and select **Cancel** to return to the **System Admin** menu.

If for some reason you are unable to access the SW Reset function in your Atlas, there is a Reset button located on the end of the unit.



Gently insert the end of a paper clip, or similar thin utensil, press and hold the reset button for five to eight seconds.

After releasing the button, it may take up to 20 seconds for Atlas to power back on.

You will then see the boot up logo screen.





CAUTION: Salt deposits must be removed from the filter after submersion in salt water. Failure to remove salt deposits may lead to the filter becoming blocked and serious lag may occur in freefall as a result.

To remove salt deposits submerge the altimeter in clean fresh water for approximately 10 minutes. Agitate occasionally. Remove from water, shake off excess, and allow to air dry.

Use a can of compressed air to gently remove water from the USB connector.

Do NOT touch the filter. Doing so may cause irreparable damage to your Atlas.

The speaker cavity is sealed internally. If water comes out of that area, keep shaking until there appears to be no more water in the speaker cavity.





If your Atlas behaves abnormally or unusually, discontinue use IMMEDIATELY and contact Alti-2.

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http://www.alti-2.com/forms.php?do=form&fid=2

Disassembly

Atlas cannot be disassembled by the user. Unless specifically described here, all maintenance on Atlas should be performed by Alti-2 Inc.

General Cleaning

Wipe Atlas with a damp cloth.

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