

# Welcome

Thank you for purchasing our GPS module! Follow these step-by-step instructions to set up your module quickly and ensure it operates correctly.

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# **Before You Begin**

# **Check Package Contents:**

Ensure all items listed in the "What's Included" section are present and undamaged.

# **Requirements:**

**Power Supply:** A 12V DC power supply with a maximum output of 1A. **Internet Access:** A network connection via Ethernet is required for initial setup.

**Ajax Hub:** Ensure your Ajax Hub is powered on and operational. **Windows PC:** Required for network setup and configuration.

# **Safety Precautions:**

- Handle the module with care to avoid static damage.
- Do not expose the module to moisture, extreme temperatures, or direct sunlight.

# **Hardware Installation**

## **Place the Module:**

Position the **Trace GPS Module for AJAX** in a stable and secure location, ensuring it is not exposed to moisture or extreme temperatures.

# **Connect the GPS Antenna:**

Attach the GPS antenna securely to the GPS port on the module. Position the antenna where it has a clear view of the sky for optimal signal reception.

# **Connect the Cellular Antenna:**

Attach the cellular antenna securely to the designated port on the module.

# **Connect the Ethernet Cable:**

Plug one end of the Ethernet cable into the module's Ethernet port. Connect the other end to a router or network switch.

# **Power Up the Module:**

Connect the 12V 1A power supply to the power port on the module. Once powered, verify that the **CHR light flashes white**, indicating the module is operating correctly.

# Do Not Connect the Backup Battery Yet:

The LiPo backup battery will be connected during a later step.

# **Connecting to the Network**

## **Download Required Software:**

- On your Windows PC, navigate to <u>https://www.tracebytested.com.au/software-download</u>.
- Download and install the following:
  Npcap: Ensure you have the correct version.
  Trace Tool: The software required for configuring your module.
- Once installed, open the **Trace Tool**.

## **Detect the Module:**

- In the **Trace Tool**, wait for the **Devices Available** tab to display your GPS module.
- If no results are shown, click **Refresh** to scan again.
- If no device is found, please refer to the Troubleshooting page for further assistance.

# Enter Ajax Login Credentials:

• Once the module appears under **Devices Available**, enter the Ajax login credentials connected to the hub you want to link this module to.

**Note:** You can reset these credentials at any time if you decide to link the module with a different hub.

# Verify Successful Connection:

- After entering the correct Ajax login credentials, the **Trace Tool** will display a success message.
- Once successful, you may disconnect the Ethernet cable.

# **Restart the GPS Module:**

To apply the changes, press the **Reset** button on the module **once**. Refer to Figure 1 for the location of the reset button.

# **Powering the Module with Backup Battery**

## Check Battery Polarity:

- Before connecting the battery, ensure the **positive side** of the lead is on the **Right**. (Figure 2)
- Refer to the polarity markings printed on the PCB for guidance.
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## Connect the LiPo Backup Battery:

• Attach the LiPo backup battery securely to the battery port. Ensure the connection is snug but do not force it.

## Verify Battery Connection:

• Once the battery is connected, check that the **CHR light flashes white**, confirming that the backup battery is properly connected.

## **Battery Charging:**

- The module is designed to charge the battery while connected to the main power.
- Once the battery is fully charged, the CHR light will remain solid.

## **Test Battery Operation (Optional):**

- To test the backup functionality, temporarily disconnect the 12V power supply.
- Verify that the module continues operating using the backup battery.

#### **Reconnect Main Power:**

• Reconnect the 12V power supply once testing is complete to ensure the module operates using the primary power source.

# **Testing with Ethernet Connection**

#### **Prepare the Module:**

• Ensure the GPS antenna, 12V power supply (or backup battery), and Ethernet cable are properly connected to the module.

#### Wait for Connection:

• Leave the module connected and wait between **60 seconds to 2 minutes** to ensure it connects to the internet and the GPS antenna calibrates correctly. Connection time depends on internet speed.

#### Trigger a Panic Event:

• Use your preferred method to trigger a panic event (e.g., SpaceController, Keypad, Button, or the Ajax app).

#### **Receive the Panic Notification:**

• You should receive a panic notification within **1-20 seconds**, depending on internet speeds.

**Note:** For the first triggered event, it is normal for the GPS data to be blank due to initial calibration. This will resolve itself within the next 2 panic presses.

#### **Completion and Recommendations:**

- You are now successfully set up!
- We recommend waiting at least **60 seconds between panic presses** to avoid duplicate events, especially in cases of slower internet connections.

# **Testing with Cellular Connection**

## **Disconnect Ethernet and Restart:**

- Disconnect the Ethernet cable from the module.
- Press the **Reset** button once, as shown in **Figure 1**, to restart the module and switch to cellular operation.

## **Prepare the Module:**

• Ensure the GPS antenna, 12V power supply (or backup battery), and cellular antenna are properly connected.

## Wait for Cellular Connection:

- Wait **10 seconds** after the reset with the Ethernet disconnected. The GPS module will automatically switch to cellular mode, and the **STAT light** will illuminate.
- A few seconds after the **STAT light** illuminates, the module will attempt to connect via the SIM card. The **NET light** will start to flash once the SIM network is initiated and will continue to flash while the module is operational.

# Trigger a Panic Event:

• Use your preferred method to trigger a panic event (e.g., Space Controller, Keypad, Button, or the Ajax app).

## **Receive the Panic Notification:**

• You should receive a panic notification within **1-20 seconds**, depending on cellular signal strength and internet speeds.

**Note:** For the first triggered event, it is normal for the GPS data to be blank due to initial calibration. This will resolve itself within the next 2 panic presses.

## **Completion and Recommendations:**

• You are now successfully set up for cellular operation! We recommend waiting at least **60 seconds between panic presses** to avoid duplicate events, particularly in areas with weaker cellular signals.

# Troubleshooting

## No Device Detected in the Trace Tool:

- Ensure the Ethernet cable is connected directly to the modem, not the PC.
- Check the Ethernet port lights on the GPS module:

**Solid Green**: Indicates the module is powered but not connected to Ethernet. **Orange**: Indicates the Ethernet connection is active.

- If the green light is not present, please contact support.
- Reset the module by pressing the **Reset** button once and wait **60** seconds for it to boot correctly.
- Press the **Refresh** button on the Trace Tool, and the module should be found.

## No GPS Data in Panic Notifications:

- Ensure the GPS antenna provided with the module is securely connected.
- If using your own antenna, ensure it is an active antenna capable of GPSM.
- Position the GPS antenna with a clear view of the sky.
- Wait for the GPS module to calibrate (this may take up to **2 minutes** for the first connection).
- Trigger another panic event after calibration completes.

## No Internet or Cellular Connection:

#### For Ethernet:

• Ensure the Ethernet cable is properly connected to both the module and the modem.

#### For Cellular:

• Ensure the SIM card is active, inserted correctly, and has sufficient data allowance.

- Ensure a cellular antenna is connected correctly and fit for purpose. If necessary, upgrade to a stronger antenna or use a longer cable to position it in a location with better signal strength.
- Check that the **STAT** and **NET** lights indicate proper operation:

STAT light: Illuminates when cellular mode is enabled.

**NET light**: Flashes when connected to the cellular network.

• Restart the module by pressing the **Reset** button.

## **Delayed or Missing Notifications:**

- Check your internet connection speed and reliability (Ethernet or cellular).
- Confirm that the module's Ajax hub credentials were entered correctly in the Trace Tool.
- Test your internet connection speeds if possible. Slow or laggy speeds may result in duplicate or missing responses.

## Battery Issues:

- Ensure the LiPo backup battery is securely connected with the correct polarity.
- Verify that the **CHR light** flashes during charging and remains solid when fully charged.
- If the battery does not charge, check the 12V power connection or replace the battery.

# **Duplicate Panic Notifications:**

- Avoid triggering panic events within **60 seconds** of each other to prevent duplicate notifications.
- Test your internet connection speeds if possible. Slow or laggy speeds may also result in duplicate responses.

# Email or Password Is Incorrect When You Press Apply:

- This error indicates that there is no user registered with AJAX using those login credentials.
- The email or password entered is incorrect.
- The user does not have an AJAX hub or is not linked to a hub.

• The user is not an admin and does not have the required permissions. Ensure the user has the appropriate access level, which can be configured in the AJAX app.

## How to Reset Credentials on GPS Module to Re-Use:

- Connect the module to the same network as your computer.
- Open the Trace Tool, scan for the device, and once found, hit the **Reset Settings** button.
- Enter the new login credentials and apply them.

# Login / Account User Error:

- The login credentials must be from a registered AJAX USER account.
- This device will not work for **COMPANY** or **INSTALLER** accounts for now.

## Still Having Issues?

- Refer to the FAQ and Support section at <u>https://www.tracebytested.com.au/contact-4</u>.
- Contact our support team via email or phone for further assistance.



# Figure 2.

