



Thank you very much for choosing us as your timing equipment provider. We are grateful for your business and will do everything in our power to make sure you have the best possible experience with us. To that end, here are some tips and instructions to help make your rental experience easier.

Contacting Us:

We are committed to providing the best customer service. If you have a problem or question do not hesitate to call us at 404-915-4558. That number is attended at all times even at night and on the weekend. Additionally, you can find a bunch of information on our website's download section including a zip file with dozens of AMB help files and training manuals for both Orbits 3 and Orbits 4. In addition, you scorekeeper can download a copy of our GP Sports transponder table which they can upload into your copy of Orbits to automatically load all of our transponder numbers into your system. This allows you to use the short numbers (GP1, GP2, etc.) on our labels instead of the long 7 digit number on the front of the transponder.

Shipping:

Attached to this sheet is your return UPS label(s). Please keep all the packing materials that came with the shipment. When you are done, repack the equipment as it came to you. Place the attached label(s) over the label from the incoming shipment and remove or mark over all other stickers placed on the box by UPS. In accordance with your contract, you must have the equipment scanned into the UPS system at an authorized UPS facility by close of business on _____.

Protecting the Equipment:

As you know, you are responsible for all loss and damage to our equipment. However, the last thing we want is for you to have to replace equipment. Here are some tips to help prevent that occurrence.

First, the charging cases are expensive and full of electronics. They do not handle moisture or dirt well. We have included a plastic sorting tray with each rented case. Please do not transport the transponders to the grid, pits, or infield in the charging case. Charge the transponders in a safe, clean, dry place and then place them in the sorting tray to transport them to the area of the track at which they are needed. Keep the charging cases in a locked, clean, dry place during the event to prevent loss or damage.

Also, please be careful when connecting the power cord to the charging case. Both the pins and the plug can be damaged if they are not aligned properly during connection. Be sure to connect them gently.

While transponders are damaged in crashes, they are far more likely to be damaged by having the plastic holding clip fall off the car onto the track. It is a good idea to have your tech or grid person check the security of the zip ties or other fasteners used to connect the clip to the car on each vehicle. Racers sometimes do a poor job of securing the clip to the car and a little quality control here goes a long way toward keeping you transponder replacement bill down.

The transponders are pretty durable with normal use. However, the tabs on the end of the transponders can be damaged or broken off do to rough handling. This usually occurs when someone tries to yank the transponder off the clip with the cotter pin still attached. Be sure to remove the transponders from the clips with care.

Avoiding Late Fees and Hassles

One of the biggest hassles to fix is when your customer leaves without returning a transponder. Remember, you are responsible for replacing all lost and damaged transponders no matter what the cause. Requiring each user to leave their driver's license as a deposit or sign a contract with a credit card number are both good protocols to insure returns. In addition, placing reminder signs at the exit of the speedway can help the absentminded.

Decoders

If you rent a decoder from us the IP number of the decoder is on the label on the top of the decoder. Remember with a TranX2 decoder you must set the IP address of the computer manually in the network settings of your Windows software for the decoder to connect properly. If you set your computer IP address at 192.168.10.9 and the subnet mask at 255.255.0.0 any of our decoders will connect to that computer. Your scorekeeper should be familiar with this, however, if you have any questions you can give us a call.



Computers

All of our computers are manufactured by Dell and have Windows XP since we feel it works better with Orbits than Vista does. All of our computers are loaded with both Orbits 4 SP1 and Orbits 3 so your scorer can use the one with which they are most comfortable. All computers come with the crossover cable to connect directly to the decoder. If you wish to place the decoder on a network make sure that you use a normal network cable to connect the decoder to the hub and not the crossover cable.

At the end of your event, remember to use the back-up feature in Orbits to make a back-up of your data on a flash drive or disk. We remove all data from each computer between rentals so we will not have a copy of your data. The next time you use Orbits you can import that data and have all of you old results, classes, and racers loaded automatically.

Waking Transponders

GP Sports Timing ships most transponders in sleep mode without a charging case. A transponder in sleep mode looks like it is not charged (the LED light does not blink) but it is actually transmitting in a reduced energy mode. This allows the charge on the transponder to last longer. A transponder in sleep mode will lose about ½ day of charge for every day in sleep mode.

It only takes a couple of seconds to wake up each transponder from sleep mode so it makes sense to leave the transponders in sleep mode until right before you need to use them. There is no provision to put the transponders back to sleep after you wake them. Once they are awake you leave them that way until your event is complete. There is no need to put them back to sleep before you ship them back. They will run out of charge during return shipment.

To wake up a transponder follow the following steps:

1. Plug in the small charger in the blue box included in the box of transponders.
2. Take a transponder and put it in the charger by matching the pins on the back of the transponder to the metal leads in the charging cradle.
3. A second or two after the transponder is in the powered charger it will start blinking red. As soon as this happens you can take the transponder out of the cradle and it will start blinking green. It is now awake and ready for use.
4. Wake up the rest of the transponders in the same manner.

As a confirmation, you have been shipped _____ transponders. Without a charging case it not as obvious that a transponder is missing because there isn't an assigned space for each transponder in the box. Please make sure you have accounted for all transponders before making the return shipment.

We hope you have a successful event and thanks again for choosing GP Sports Timing!