AggPS Autopilot Systems

Steering options for precise, automated agricultural vehicle guidance

Now, more than ever speed and accuracy are key to increasing the output from your farm. With this in mind Trimble has developed several AgGPS® Autopilot™ guidance systems that automatically steer your tractor, combine, or sprayer so you'll work faster and more efficiently than ever before. Crop beds go in straight the first time, and every time. No more guess rows and no more overlap.

Simple to use

The Autopilot systems are steered by Trimble's high performance GPS-based Navigation Controller that connects to your vehicle's power steering mechanism. Using the in-cab display you can select from straight, curve, pivot, and headland field patterns and view the operating parameters. Once the Autopilot system lines up the vehicle at the beginning of a row, the automated steering guides the vehicle smoothly down the row. The display or lightbar provides visual feedback on your course—it's that simple.

Works on all terrain

Uniquely the AgGPS Autopilot systems work on slopes as well as level ground. Inertial measurement technology corrects for roll and pitch of the vehicle to insure you are where you want to be, even in rolling or sloping terrain.

Productivity and profitability

Autopilot systems free you to concentrate on in-field applications such as bed preparation, planting, spraying, spreading, cultivating, and even harvesting! From strip till, no till, irrigation, or dry farm, the Autopilot systems will reduce driver stress and save time and money.

Accuracy options

The Autopilot systems give you the choice of precise GPS receivers, either Differential GPS (DGPS) or Real-time Kinematic (RTK) depending on your accuracy and budget requirements*.



AgGPS Autopilot DGPS system: This option gives you a choice of DGPS signals. Omnistar HP (High Performance) service with +/- 2-4 inch pass to pass accuracy, or free SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS or US Coastguard beacons) which give +/-10 inches pass to pass accuracy

AgGPS Autopilot RTK system: This option gives you sub-inch pass to pass accuracy. This system requires a GPS base station that is set up within six miles, or line-of-sight of your farm that broadcasts highly accurate GPS positions to the system on the tractor via a robust radio-link.

Display options

The AgGPS 170 Field Computer running AgGPS FieldManager software is a top-of-the-line field information management solution. The simple to use interface offers you record-keeping, field mapping, variable rate management, land leveling, and soil sampling.

The AgGPS EZ-Guide® Plus lightbar guidance system is the first system to combine crystal-clear guidance LEDs, a sunlight-readable LCD screen and integrated GPS, all within a slim profile lightbar. The EZ-Guide Plus lightbar will also store three vehicle configurations allowing farmers to quickly swap their Autopilot system components from vehicle to vehicle.

- Automatically and consistently steers a selection of field patterns
- Automatically compensates for rolling terrain
- Extends operational hours
- Minimizes driver fatigue
- Improves field efficiency:
 eliminates guess rows,
 minimizes skips and overlap

Expandability

And, best of all you can start simple, with a Trimble® EZ-Guide Plus lightbar system then, when you are ready for more precision—upgrade to one of the AgGPS Autopilot systems. The choice of products, and accuracy will match any operational or accuracy requirement you have.

*See the accuracy comparison table on the reverse to easily compare the accuracy options.



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Standard features

- · Steers consistently straight rows
- · Usable on hilly or flat land; inertial unit compensates for roll and pitch
- Ultra-simple operation: push button to engage, turn wheel to disengage
- · Lightbar guidance to help you through each turn
- Allows operation up to 24/7 in any condition—dark, fog, dust
- Rugged components proven in harsh environments
- · Expandable functionality
- · Built to Trimble's high standards for quality and reliability
- · Competitive pricing

Performance characteristics¹

Selection of receiver determines DGPS correction source applicability. Available services are:

Receiver		DGPS source
AgGPS EZ-Guide Plus		WAAS
AgGPS 114		OmniSTAR
AgGPS 124		Beacon
AgGPS 132		OmniSTAR, Beacon
AgGPS 2520i	mniSTAR, OmniSTAR HP, I	RTK (Local Base Station)

Accuracy comparison table

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CORRECTION SYSTEM	COST OF SIGNAL	BENEFITS	TYPICAL CROP TYPES	
Free DGPS (WAAS/EGNOS, Coast Guard Beacon)	Free	+/- 10 inches pass-to- pass accuracy; ideal for many tillage and spraying operations.	Broadacre, row crop tillage	
OmniSTAR HP (High Perfomance)	Annual subscription —partial year and other discounts are available	Available everywhere Pass-to-pass accuracy of +/- 2-4 inches; suitable for many field operations; good replacement for row markers.	Broadacre and row crop	
Real Time Kinematic (RTK) on-farm base station	One time cost for base station Free to use on all roving vehicles one system is installed In some areas, commercially-owned RTK base station relay networks offer subscription services	No ongoing subscription fees, set up costs only Excellent for operations requiring accuracy and repeatability of +/- 1 inch Rapid signal acquisition	Broadacre, row crop, and speciality crops	

Specifications subject to change without notice.

Configuration capabilities

(Configurable by user with lightbar menu items and remote keypad)

Parameter set to

Field operations
Swath width
Implement offset
Steering aggressiveness Current field and/or soil conditions
System
Language ² English or Spanish
UnitsInches, feet, centimeters or meters
LED brightness
LED spacing mode Linear or scaled
LED spacing Interval Desired interval in current units
LED end distance
End of row alarm
(10 to 100 meters)
Text message None (A-B Good/Crosstrack Error, or
Swath # (Swath 1R/Crosstrack Error)
Lightbar orientation Dash or Ceiling
Driver alert timeout
(Deadman's switch)

Display options

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		EZ-GUIDE PLUS	AgGPS 170		
HARDWARE	Color	-	√		
	File storage	-	√		
FUNCTIONS	Manual Guidance	√	√		
	Auto Guidance	√	√		
	Rate Control	-	√		
	FieldLevel	-	√		
AUTO GUIDANCE PATTERNS	Straight A-B	√	√		
	Pivot	√	√		
	Identical Curve	√	√		
	Adaptive Curve	√	√		
	Headlands	√	√		

- 1 Refer to the datasheet for AgGPS 114, 124, 132, or 252 receivers, as applicable, for full performance information.
- 2 French, German, Italian, and Portuguese languages are also available when using the AgGPS EZ-Guide Plus display option.

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