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Model GK-604D

Inclinometer Readout Application

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1. INTRODUCTION

The GK-604D is made up of four components: An Inclinometer Probe, the Readout Unit, the Remote Module, and a Pulley Assembly.

1.1 Inclinometer Probe

The standard model is the 6100D digital probe (Figure 1). In addition to standard inclinometer probes, the GK-604D IRA can be used with Geokon Model 6101D Tiltmeter. (See Appendix G for more information on Model 6101D Tiltmeters.)

Figure 1 - 6100D Digital Probe

Features Include:

- Waterproof, stainless steel housing.
- Rubber cushion on base to reduce shock.
- Superior quality, hermetically sealed connector with gold plated pins.
- Protective cap for connector when not in use.
- Replaceable wheels.
- Model 6100D Digital Probes feature a built-in compass.

1.2 Readout Unit

The Readout Unit consists of a handheld field PC (Model FPC-2), running the GK-604D Inclinometer Readout Application (Figure 2).

Figure 2 - FPC-2 Running GK-604D IRA

Features Include:

- Rugged
- Reliable
- All the benefits of a Windows Mobile compatible device (Windows file system, RS-232, USB and Bluetooth connectivity)
- Long battery life
- Ease of use

1.2.1 GK-604D Inclinometer Readout Application

The GK-604D Inclinometer Readout Application (GK-604D IRA) installs and runs on a rugged handheld PC, Model FPC-2, (Figure 2) and is designed to communicate via Bluetooth with Remote Modules connected to digital MEMS probes.

Note: The GK-604D Inclinometer Readout Application will also operate on the Archer 2 and Archer Field PC from Juniper Systems, as well as the Nautiz X7 (Geokon Model FPC-1).

1.3 Remote Module

The GK-604D Remote Module is housed in a weatherproof reel enclosure containing the cable (Figure 3), which connects directly to the inclinometer probe (Figure 1). The Readout Unit and Remote Module components communicate wirelessly using Bluetooth®, a reliable digital communications solution. This simplifies the handling of the system in the field as well as simplifying the transfer of data to your PC workstation for final analysis.

For digital probes, the Remote Module is fully contained within the reel as depicted by.

Figure 3 - GK-604D Remote Module

Features Include:

- Lightweight
- Easy to use, one button operation.
- Rugged
- Lithium battery (Eight plus hours of continuous use)
- Automatic power down when the Bluetooth connection is dropped or after several minutes of inactivity.
- Reliable connection to standard inclinometer probes (shown in Figure 1) is accomplished via model 6001-2 control cable (Figure 4), which features a lightweight, polyurethane jacket and is 8 mm in diameter. The control cable contains a central stainless steel aircraft wire and has breaking strength of 500 lb.

Figure 4 - Model 6001-2 Control Cable

1.4 Pulley Assembly

A pulley assembly (Figure 5) is used to grip the control cable. The pulley places no stress on the cable markers and removes any tendency for markers to slip over the cable as when using cable holds.

Figure 5 - Pulley Style Cable Grip

The pulley assembly is designed to fit casing sold by Geokon but will also fit most casings that have an internal diameter between 82 mm (3.25") and 59 mm (2.33"). When using casing that has an approximate I.D. of 76 mm (3"), the pulley assembly may be set directly into the top of the casing without adjustment. For all other casing sizes, complete the following:

Using the screwdriver provided, turn each of the **three** adjustment screws counter-clockwise, until they are recessed enough to allow the outer collar to be removed. Figure 6 and Figure 7 shows the collar removal sequence.

Figure 6 - Turn Adjustment Screws

Figure 7 - Remove Outer Collar

Next, turn the adjustment screws clockwise until they are set so that the cable hold will fit into the casing with as little movement as possible when it is seated. (All three screws should protrude approximately the same amount; this ensures that the pulley assembly is centered in the casing.) Figure 8 shows the adjustment screws at their full extension.

Figure 8 - Adjustment Screws Extended

2. INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

2.1 Before Using the GK-604D Inclinometer Readout

The readout software runs as an application under Windows Mobile 6 operating system installed on a handheld PC (FPC-2).

- The user should familiarize themselves with the FPC-2 and the Windows Mobile OS.
- It is assumed in the instructions below that the user can launch applications from the Start button including File Explorer and the Bluetooth Settings manager.
- It is assumed that the user can tap the keyboard icon as needed and use the on-screen keyboard to enter text and numbers.
- Review the Maintenance requirements in Section 6.

If all parts of the GK-604D system were purchased as a system from the factory, continue to Section 2.2.

If the handheld PC was purchased from Geokon as a separate item (without cable and probe) refer to Section 2.5.

If using a handheld PC that was not purchased from Geokon, skip follow the instructions in Sections 2.3, and 2.4.

2.2 Initial Quick Start Sequence

The steps described in this section are an attempt to guide the user through the process of launching the GK-604D IRA, connecting to the probe, and taking a survey.

The following steps are a guide to the typical operation of the GK-604D and, if followed, should result in a successful “hole” survey being taken. **NOTE:** Always make sure that the inclinometer probe is attached to the reel before attempting the quick start sequence below.

1) Launch the GK-604D IRA by tapping on “Start” from the FPC-2 main window, tap “Programs”, then tap the GK-604D IRA icon.

2) The Main Window shown in Figure 9 will be displayed. (If prompted to create a workspace name, refer to Section 2.5)

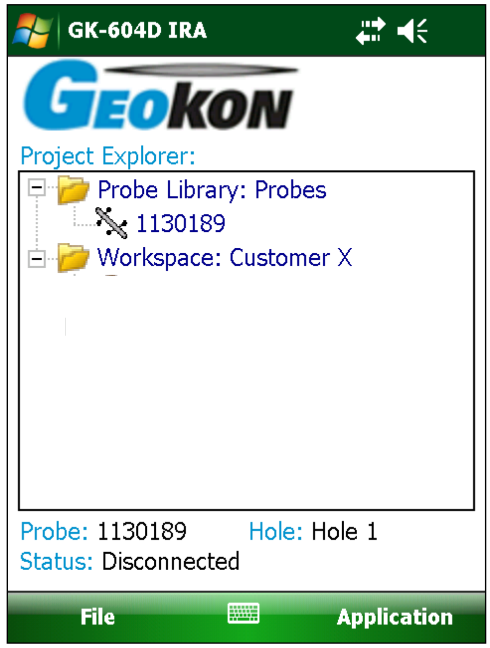


Figure 9 - User Interface

3) Tap and hold on the workspace to bring up the context menu. Select "Add Project" to create a new project within the workspace.

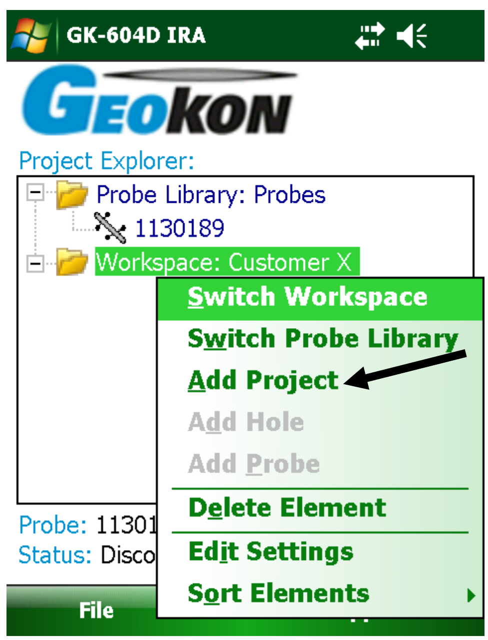


Figure 10 - Add Project

4) The Projects Settings dialog will be displayed (Figure 11).

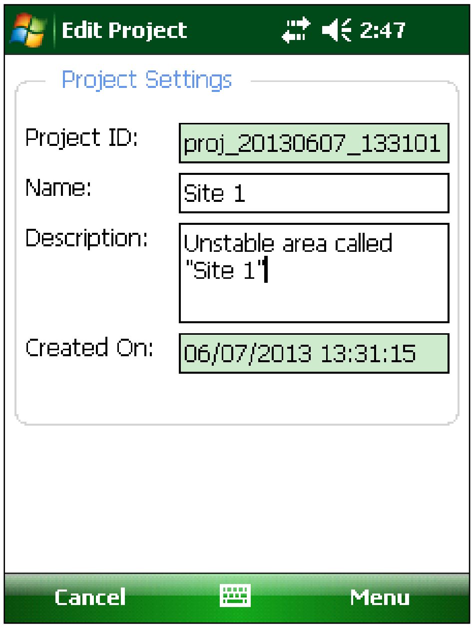


Figure 11 - Project Settings

Project Settings are as follows:
Project ID: Read-only value, generated upon project creation. Used internally by the GK-604D IRA.
Project Name: Use the on-screen keyboard to enter a unique and descriptive project name.
Description: Use the on-screen keyboard to enter a brief description pertaining to the project.
Created On: Read-only date and time value, generated when the project was created.

5) When done editing the project settings, tap "Menu" then "Save Settings".

6) After creating a project, tap and hold on the project icon to bring up the context menu. Select "Add Hole" to create a new hole within the project.

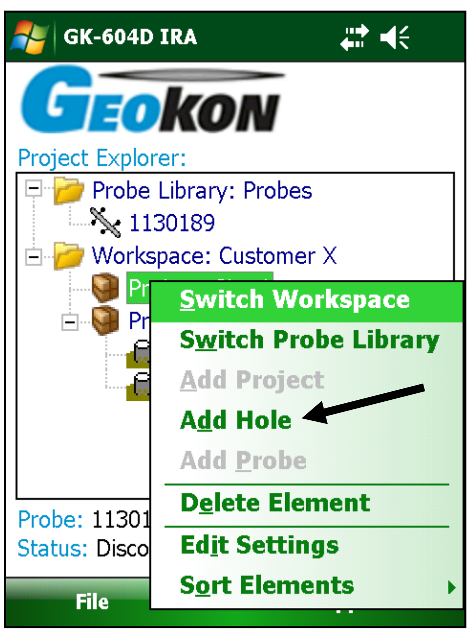


Figure 12 - Add Hole

7) The Hole Settings dialog will be displayed.

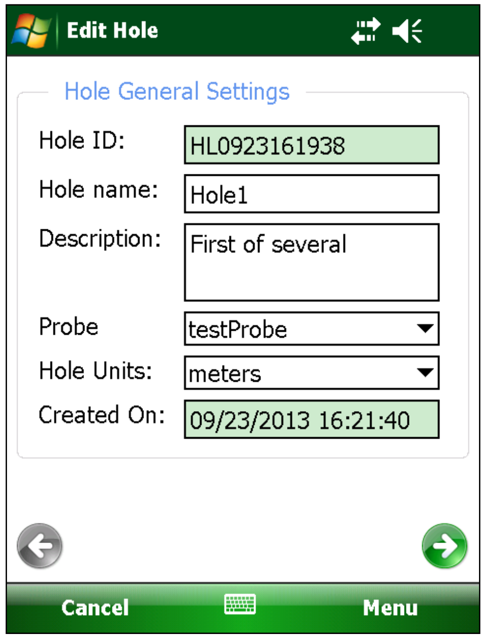


Figure 13 - Hole General Settings

The Edit Hole Settings dialog contains the following:

- **Hole ID:** Read-only value, generated when the hole was created. Used internally by the GK-604D IRA.
- **Hole name:** Tap on the keyboard icon (bottom of the screen) to bring up the on-screen keyboard. Use it to enter a unique and descriptive hole name.
- **Description:** Optional parameter. Using the on-screen keyboard; enter a brief description pertaining to the hole's location and purpose.
- **Probe Name:** Select the Probe Name from the dropdown list. This associates a hole with a particular probe. Enter "UNKNOWN" if the probe has not yet been "found".
- **Hole Units:** The units for the hole level and interval. Select either meters or feet from the dropdown list.
- **Created On:** Read-only date and time value, generated when the hole was created.

To see the second screen of the edit hole settings, tap the green arrow . The second screen contains the following:

- **Starting Level:** Using the on-screen keyboard; enter a value for the initial level of the survey for this hole.
- **Interval:** Enter an interval to be used for the survey. This value is dependent on Hole Units and is typically a half meter or two feet.
- **Top Elevation:** This optional parameter corresponds to the elevation at the top of the hole.
- **Azimuth Angle**: This optional parameter allows correction of any casing deviation from the appropriate A+ direction.

8) When done editing the hole settings, tap "Menu" then "Save Settings".

9) Select the new hole by tapping on the icon.

10) Press the button labeled "POWER ON/OFF (BLUETOOTH)" on the Remote Module. A blue light should come on and start to blink, signifying that the Remote Module is waiting to connect to the FPC-2 unit.

11) To start the connection process, tap on the Application Menu, then tap "Live Readings" (Figure 14).

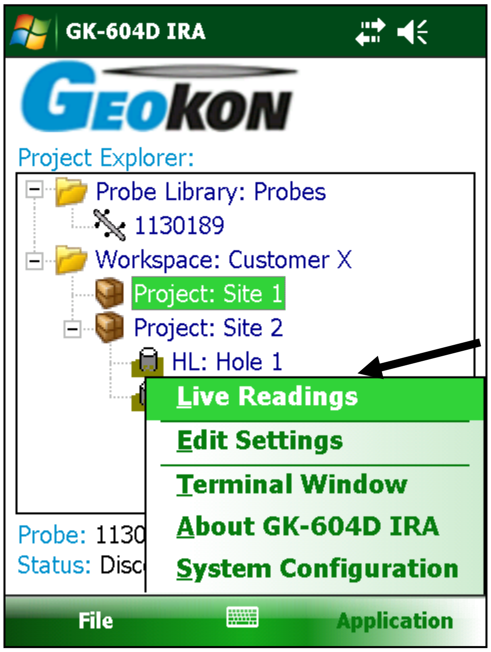


Figure 14 - Application Menu

12) After few seconds, the blue light on the Remote Module should change to a steady state blue (lit but not flashing) and the Live Readings Window will be displayed (Figure 15).

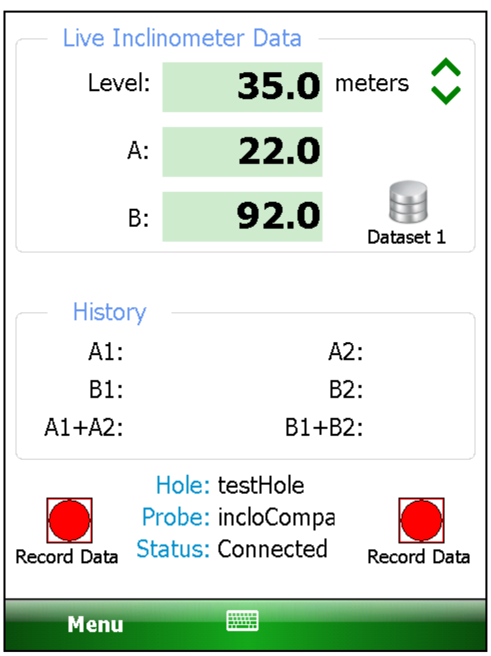


Figure 15 - Live Readings Screen

13) Refer to Section 3.3.1 for more information about taking a survey using the Live Readings window. Also, refer Appendix A.2 for information regarding the mechanical process of taking a survey.

14) After performing a survey, any saved data corresponding to a particular hole survey may be reviewed and/or reports generated by tapping the "File" menu then "View Data". See Section 3.4.3 for more information about the View Data option.

15) Raw data files may be exported to a file system folder of the user's choosing by tapping on "File", then "Export", then "Data". See Section 3.4.1.1 for more information regarding data export options.

16) To close the GK-604D IRA, tap "File" then "Exit".

2.3 Establishing Contact with the Remote Module

Geokon makes every effort to ensure that the system is completely set up and working before it leaves the factory. This includes the Bluetooth pairing between the Field PC and the Remote Module. When purchased as a system from the factory Sections 2.3 through 2.5 may be skipped.

In general, this should only need to be done once and is typically done before it leaves the factory. Follow the steps below to ensure the 'partnership' with the remote is established before using the readout software:

1) Use the Bluetooth Settings Manager on the handheld PC to set up the link to the remote. Read about setting up a Bluetooth "partnership" in Chapter 9 of the Field PC's Reference Guide. See the diagrams below for two examples of how to start Bluetooth Manager.

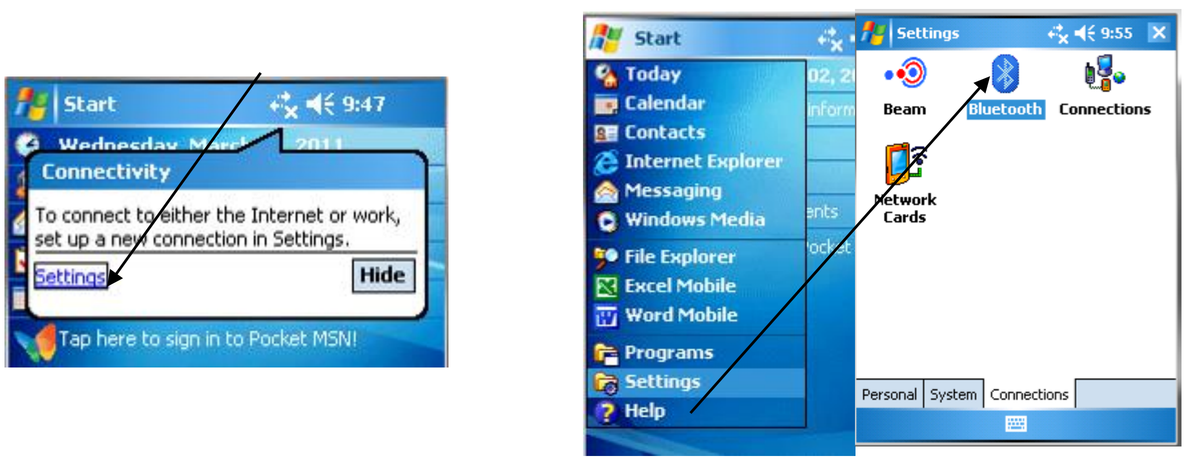


Figure 16 - Starting Bluetooth Manager

2) Once in the Bluetooth Settings Manager, click on the "Mode" tab and then make sure that the box next to "Turn on Bluetooth" is checked (Figure 17).

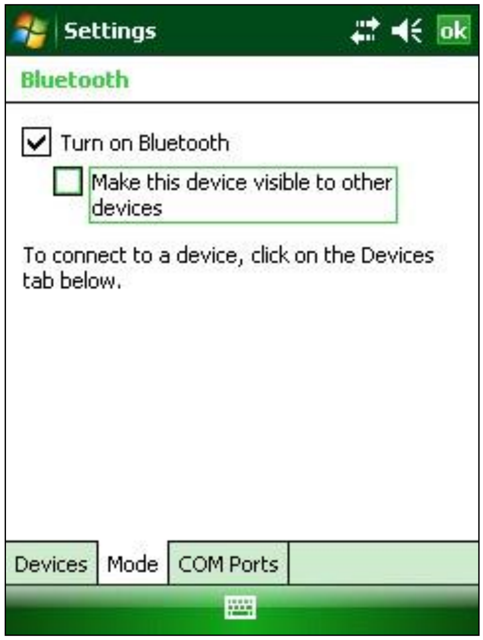


Figure 17 - Turn on Bluetooth

3) Click on the "Devices" tab. If it shows a "Geokon" device (name will start with "GK-604" and contain the remote's serial number), go to step six. Otherwise turn on the remote module (should see a flashing blue indicator on the remote) and select "Add new device…".

Figure 18 - Add New Device

4) When a suitable remote is discovered, highlight the device and tap “Next” (Figure 19).

Figure 19 - Select a Bluetooth Device

5) A prompt will be displayed for a password; tap “Next”. If a partnership with the device is successfully established the screen will momentarily display the prompt shown at the bottom of Figure 20 and then return to the Bluetooth Devices screen. Click “Cancel” on the “Enter Passcode” screen then click “Done”.

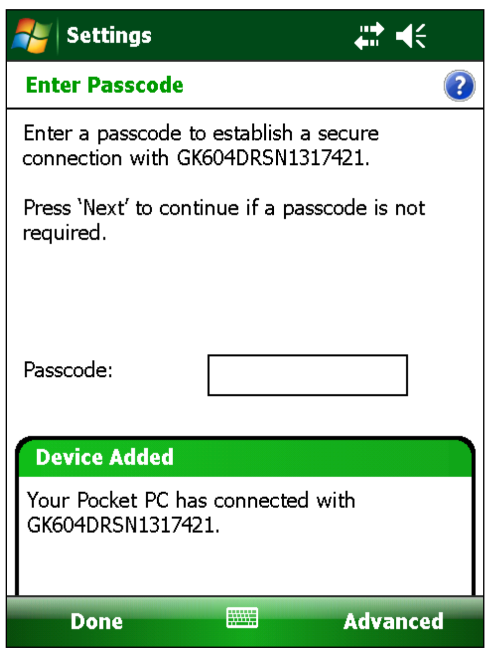


Figure 20 - Enter Passcode

6) Click on the COM Ports tab. If the “Geokon” device is already assigned to a COM Port, skip to step nine. If no COM port is assigned, select “New Outgoing Port”. In the example shown in Figure 21, there is no COM Port assigned to a “GK604” device.

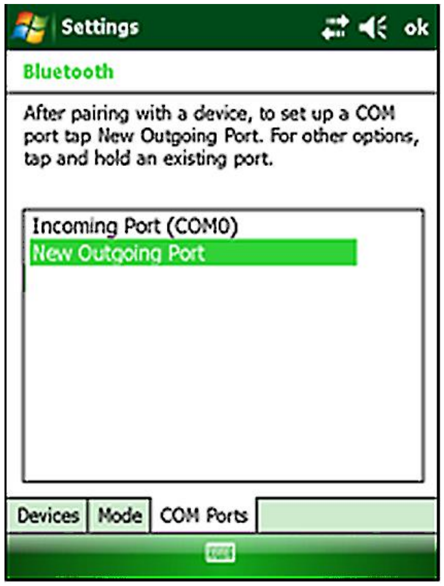


Figure 21 - New Outgoing Port

7) Figure 22 shows the devices that a COM Port may be selected for. Select the appropriate "Geokon" device from the list and tap "Next".

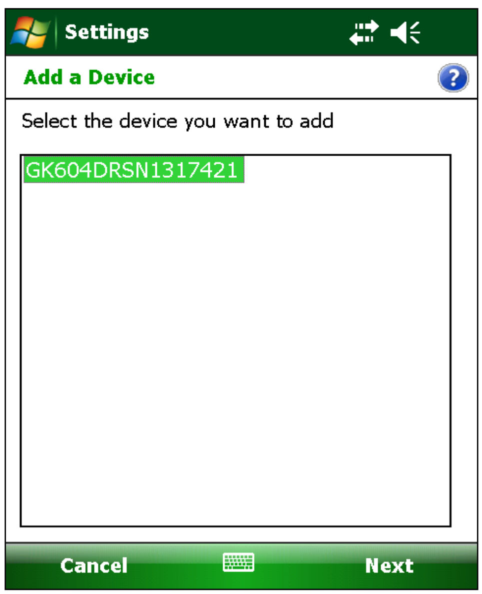


Figure 22 - Add a Device

8) From the "Port:" dropdown list, select COM6, COM7, or COM8. (The other COM Ports are used by the system and are not available.) Be sure to remember the number of the COM port as you may have to select it later in the readout software (see Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.3, as well as Figure 44). Make sure to "uncheck" the "Secure Connection" check box (Figure 23). Tap "Finish" when done to return to the Bluetooth Settings "COM Ports" screen.
*Note: If using a Nautiz X7, COM5 may be available, depending on the model.

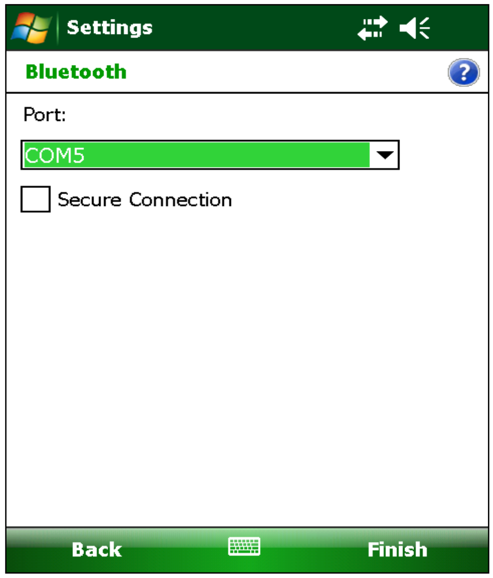


Figure 23 - COM Port Selection

9) Lastly verify that the Bluetooth device is set for Serial Port operation. From the "Devices" tab of the Bluetooth Settings manager, tap the device to be used to communicate with the remote. Figure 24 will be displayed. Ensure that the "Serial Port" checkbox is checked. Tap "Save" to complete the Bluetooth Settings.

Figure 24 - Serial Port Check Box

NOTE: After "Save" is selected, you will be brought back to the "Devices" window. There will be a "Connect" button available at the bottom of the screen. See Figure 25 below.

DO NOT USE THE "CONNECT" BUTTON TO TEST THE CONNECTION!

It will always fail after the pairing has been made successfully. Test the pairing by entering the GK-604D_IRA application.

Figure 25 - Connect Button

2.4 Installing the GK-604D IRA

The installation of the GK-604D IRA requires a Handheld device (HHD) running Windows Mobile Classic 6.0 or higher, with at least 50 Mbytes of free memory. HHD must be Bluetooth enabled and be able to assign a Bluetooth connection to a COM port. Windows .NET 3.5 Compact Framework (CF) and .NET framework English-language Messages package installed on HHD. Both "CAB" file installers are included in the GK-604D IRA installer "Zip" file, available on Geokon's website (http://www.geokon.com/digital-inclinometer-system/).

Also required is Microsoft ActiveSync version 4.5.0 or higher running on the host PC (Figure 26) or Windows Mobile Device Center if PC is running Windows 7 (Figure 27 on the following page) as well as the HHD. An active connection between the two must be established via either a physical link or Bluetooth.

Note: For customers using a PC running Window 10 operating system; Windows Mobile Device Center (WMDC) may no longer operate as it should because of an operating system update (released October of 2017) called "Fall Creator Update". If WMDC no longer launches when a mobile device is connected via USB cable or will not manually launch, the link below should help fix the issue. Please note that administrative privileges are needed to launch some of the files involved in the fix so your local IT person may need to be involved. The fix can be accessed via the following link:
https://www.handheldgroup.com/support-rugged-computers/knowledgebase-KB/22996/

Should the link above fail to fix the WMDC launch problem, the link below offers another possible solution:
http://www.junipersys.com/Juniper-Systems-Rugged-Handheld-Computers/support/Knowledge-Base/Support-Knowledge-Base-Topics/Desktop-Connection-ActiveSync-or-Windows-Mobile-Device-Center/WMDC-in-Windows-10

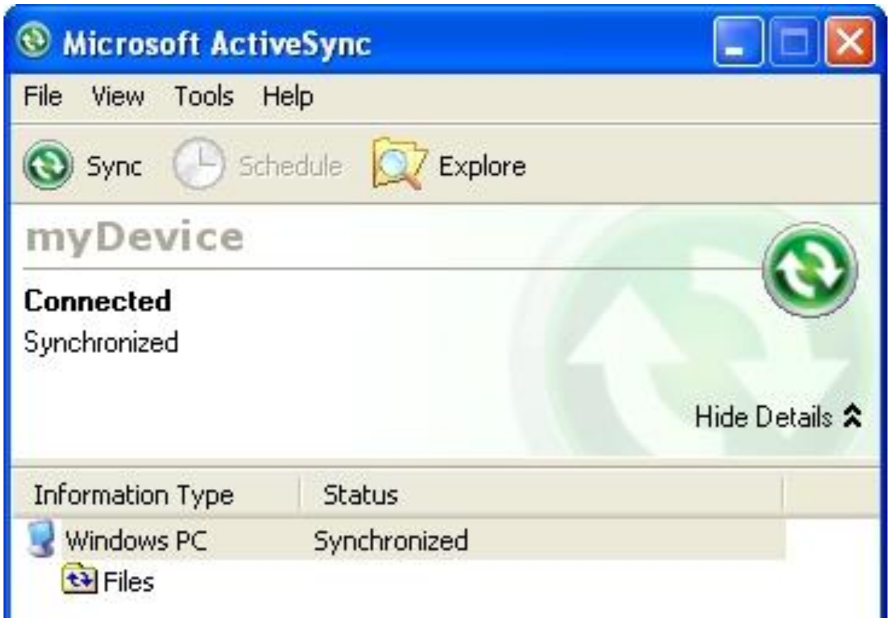


Figure 26 - ActiveSync Window Showing Active Connection

Figure 27 - Windows Mobile Device Center

2.4.1 Launching the GK-604D Installer

1) From the Windows Mobile Device Center window on a desktop PC (see Figure 27 above), click on the folder icon labeled “Browse the contents of your device” to call up an Explorer Window for the HHD (Figure 28). The procedure for ActiveSync is very similar.

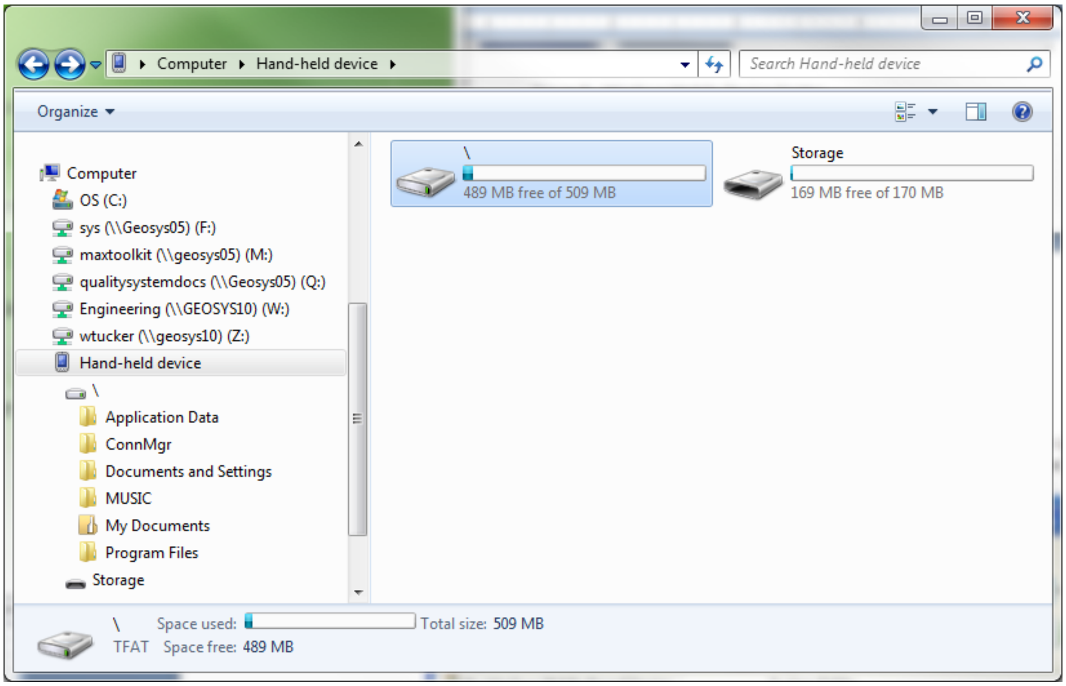


Figure 28 - Windows Explorer Window Displaying HHD Root Folder

2) In the Explorer Window, double-click the icon labeled “\” to navigate to the handheld PC’s system root shown in Figure 29.

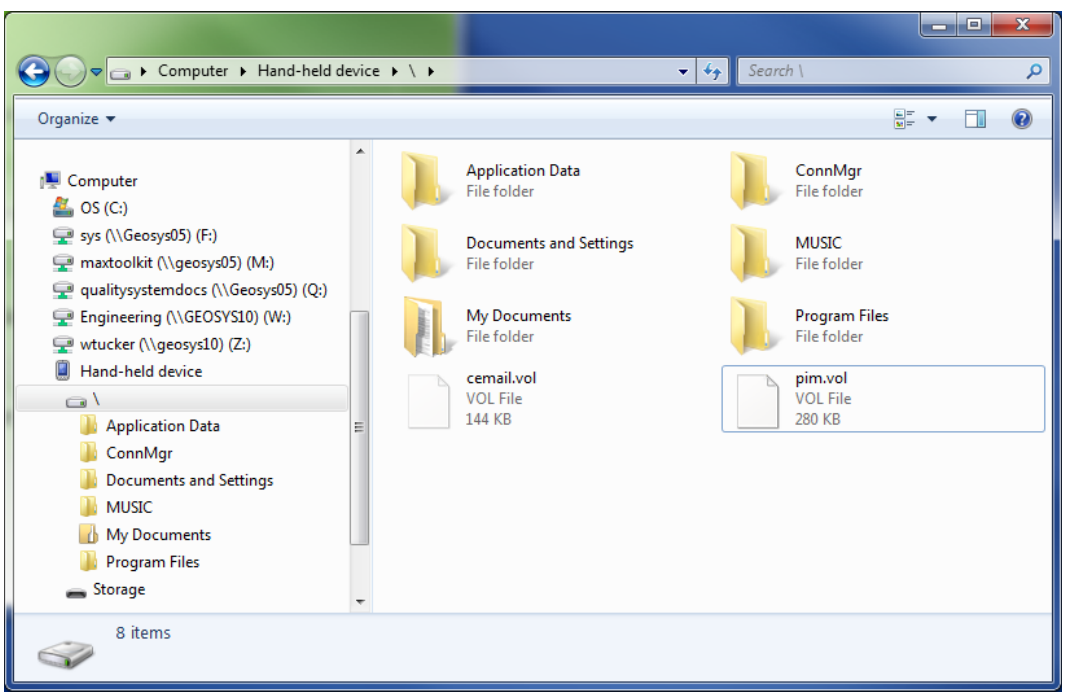


Figure 29 - Handheld Device Root Folder Contents

3) Unzip the GK-604D Installer (downloaded from Geokon's website), open a Windows Explorer window, and then navigate to the root folder of the Installation folder (Figure 30).

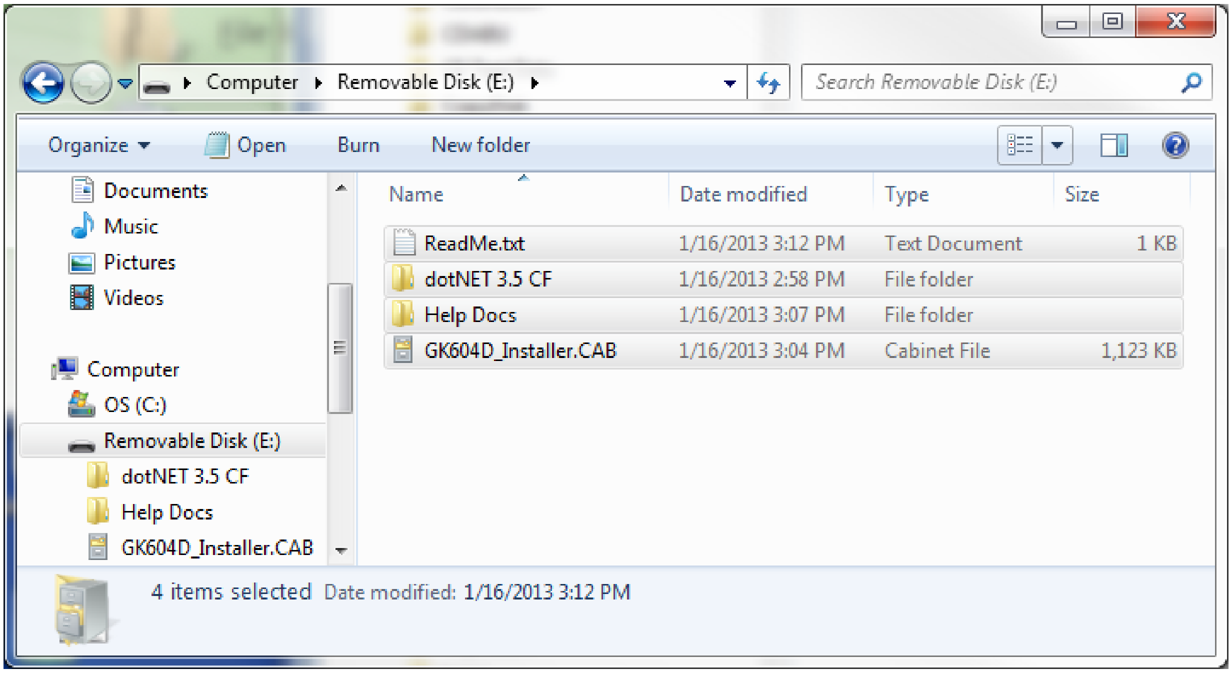


Figure 30 - Installation Folder Contents

4) Copy the file, "GK604D_Installer.CAB" from the installation folder to the HHD system root folder. From the HDD, navigate to the system root folder using File Explorer (Figure 31) and tap the file, "GK604D_Installer" to execute the installer.

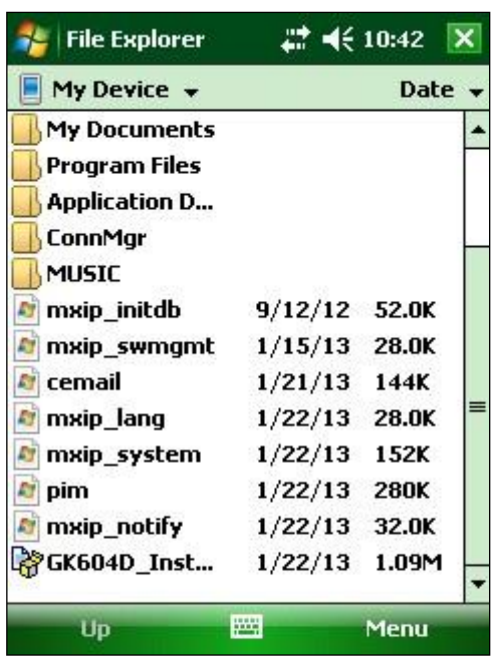


Figure 31 - GK-604D Installer at Root of HDD

5) If there is a storage card installed in the HHD then the user will be prompted to choose the location for the installation (Figure 32). It is recommended that "Device" be selected then tap "Install" with the stylus to initiate the install process.

Figure 32 - GK-604D Install Screen

6) The file, GK604D_Installer.CAB can be now deleted from the system root folder to free up memory. The GK-604D IRA is now installed and its icon should appear in "Start->Programs" (Figure 33).

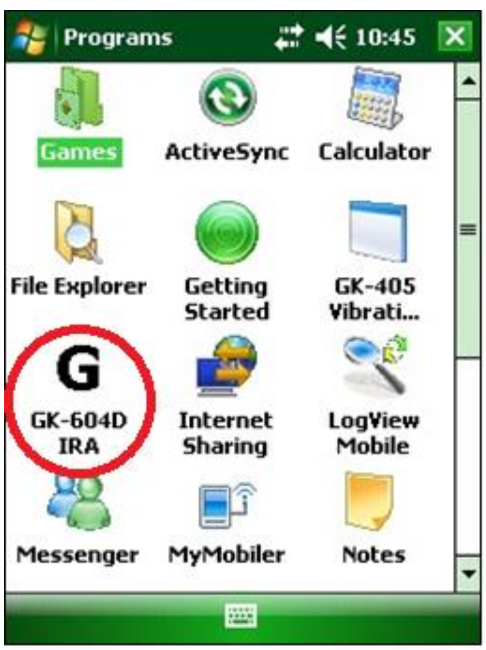


Figure 33 - GK-604D IRA Icon in Start->Program

2.5 Starting the Inclinometer Readout the first time

The readout software is launched by tapping the Start button (or clicking on Programs) and then selecting the GK-604D IRA icon (shown on the right).

If the application fails to launch and the message, "This application requires a newer version of the Microsoft .NET Compact Framework than the version installed on this device", is displayed then the .NET Compact framework that is included in the installer "Zip" file should be installed. The .NET Compact Framework installer is called "NETCFv35.wm.arm4i.cab" and is located in a folder called "dotNET 3.5 CF" (see Figure 30). Installation is very similar to installing the GK-604D IRA.

A companion package for the .NET Framework, "NETCFv35.Messages.EN.wm.cab", should also be installed at this time and is in the same folder.

When starting the GK-604D Inclinometer Readout Application (GK-604D IRA) for the first time, you will be prompted to create a workspace name (Figure 34). The workspace name can be any combination of letters and numbers and should be descriptive in nature. After creation, this name will be displayed in the Project Explorer window.

Figure 34 - Select Workspace Name

Once the name for your workspace is selected, you will be prompted to choose or create a folder on your PC where all the workspace elements will be stored (Figure 35). The default workspace location is in a folder named the same as the workspace name, under a special shared folder reserved for workspaces. For Windows Mobile devices, this folder is located at: \Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces.

GK-604D IRA appends the name of the new workspace to this shared folder and uses it as the default location for the new workspace. The user is free to select their own location, either by entering it directly, or the Browse button (...) may be used to navigate to a different folder location or to create a new folder.

This workspace location will be stored in the GK-604D IRA configuration for subsequent application access. After workspaces are created, all future user access to workspaces is always by name.

Figure 35 - Select Workspace Folder

Note: If the newly selected workspace folder contains an existing workspace, GK-604D IRA will display a dialog prompt asking the user if they want to import the workspace as is or to rename it with the previously specified new workspace name (Figure 36).

Figure 36 - Workspace Exists

Much like what was done for the initial workspace, a probe library also needs to be created before the application can fully launch. After specifying the workspace folder, you will be prompted to create a probe library name (Figure 37). The probe library name can be any combination of letters and numbers and should be descriptive in nature. After creation, this name will be displayed in the Project Explorer window.

Figure 37 - Select Probe Library Name

Once you have selected the name for your probe library, you will be prompted to choose or create a folder on your PC where all the probe library elements will be stored (Figure 38). The default probe library location is in a folder named the same as the probe library name, under a special shared folder reserved for probe libraries. For Windows Mobile devices this folder is located at: \Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Probe Libraries

GK-604D IRA appends the name of the new probe library to this shared folder and uses it as the default location for the new probe library. The user is free to select their own location, either by entering it directly, or the Browse button (...) may be used to navigate to a different folder location or to create a new folder. This probe library location will be stored in the GK-604D IRA configuration for subsequent application access. After probe libraries are created, all future user access to probe libraries is always by name.

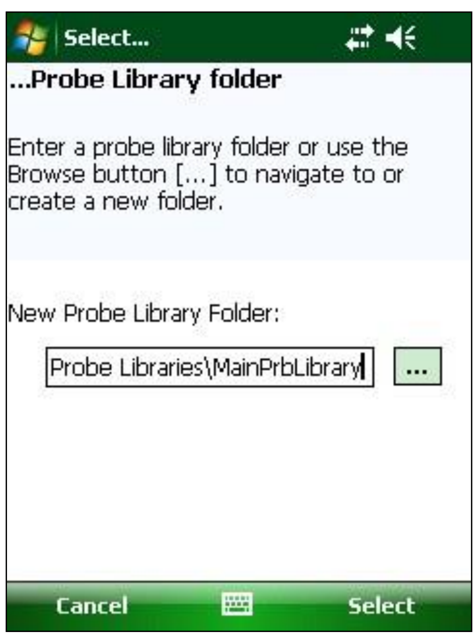


Figure 38 - Select Probe Library Folder

Note: If the newly selected probe library folder contains an existing probe library, GK-604D IRA will display a dialog prompt asking the user if they want to import the probe library as is or to rename it with the previously specified new workspace name (Figure 39).

Figure 39 - Probe Library Exists

After the initial workspace and probe library are created the GK-604D IRA will open, displaying the newly created workspace and probe library (Figure 40). New project(s) and hole configurations may be added to your workspace as well as adding new probes (settings) to the new probe library.

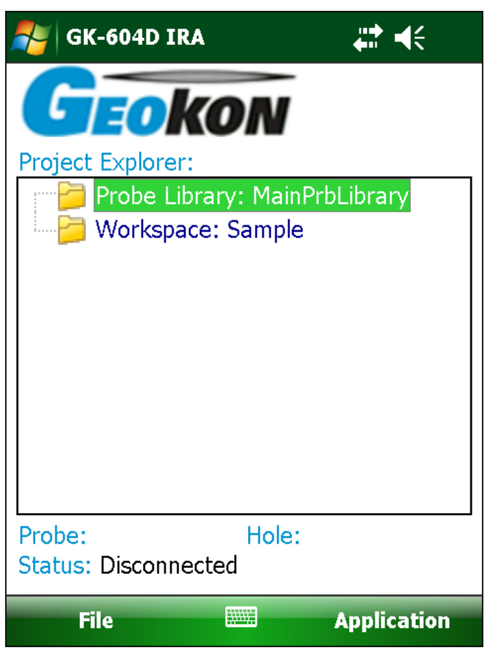


Figure 40 - Empty Workspace and Probe Library

3. USER INTERFACE

3.1 Overview

The GK-604D IRA user interface contains several navigation controls designed to make job of selecting application elements and functions easier. These navigation controls present an organizational view of the active workspace, inform the user about the state of the application, and provide the user with tools to configure and control Geokon devices.

The GK-604D IRA User Interface is comprised of several core components:
Project Explorer:
Element selection tool. Context (dropdown) menu. Covered in Section 3.2.

Application Menu:
Allows display changes, project, hole and probe configuration and connection to the remote module. Covered in Section 3.3.

File Menu:
File and project explorer element exporting, importing and restoration. Data view/reporting options. Covered in Section 3.4.

Status Area:
Displays the currently selected hole and probe as well as application status.

3.2 Project Explorer

The Project Explorer is the primary navigation mechanism for moving around the GK-604D IRA workspace and probe library. The Project Explorer presents a view of the workspace including projects and holes and a view of the probe library that includes available probes. These views reflect the hierarchical relationship between these elements.

Figure 41 - User Interface

The highest element in the workspace hierarchy tree is a project. Projects allow a GK-604D IRA user to group holes into organizational units based on the user's preference. A project can reflect a specific site where holes have been drilled such as a construction project. This organizational feature makes it easy to find hole configurations along with related data files. The list of holes defined under the project can be viewed by selecting a specific project and expanding its branch in the explorer view (click on + sign preceding project name) (see Figure 41 above).

In the hierarchy of the project explorer, holes are child elements of a project. Hole settings can be edited by selecting the desired hole in the explorer tree. Once selected, hole settings can be displayed using "Edit Settings" from the Application Menu (see Section 3.3) or by using the context menu (see Section 3.2.1 below).

Much as a project is a child element of a workspace, a probe is a child element of a probe library.

3.2.1 Context Menu

From the Project Explorer, new workspace elements can be added using the context menu. Access the dropdown menu by tapping and holding the explorer element that is to be operated on. The context menu is context sensitive in that, based on the current selection, the appropriate elements will be enabled, and others will be disabled. Figure 42 shows the dropdown menu with the menu item, "Add Hole", enabled (not grayed out) since a "project" element is selected in the Project Explorer.

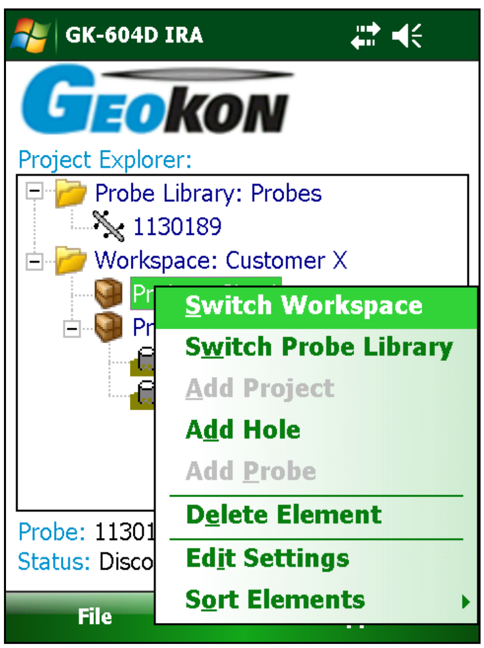


Figure 42 - Context Menu

As can be seen from Figure 42, the settings for a project explorer element can also be edited from the context menu.

Note that certain explorer elements can be sorted by newest or oldest first. The elements that can be sorted in a project explorer list are: Holes, Projects, and Probes.

3.3 Application Menu

The GK-604D IRA Application Menu (Figure 43) provides access to high level application functionality. It is in the lower, right corner of the main window frame. The “Edit Settings” menu subitem of this menu can also be accessed via the context menu. The Application Menu subitems are further described below.

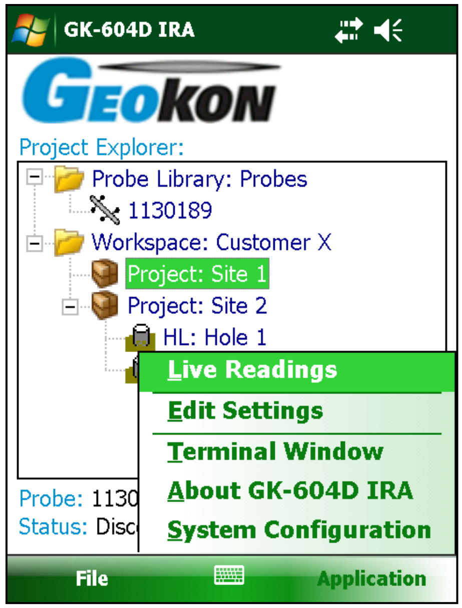


Figure 43 - Application Menu

3.3.1 Live Readings

Tapping on this menu item initiates the Remote Module connection process and after a successful connection, the Live Readings screen will be displayed (see Figure 48). Should the connection attempt fail, the window shown in Figure 44 will be displayed with suggestions for correcting any issues before retrying.

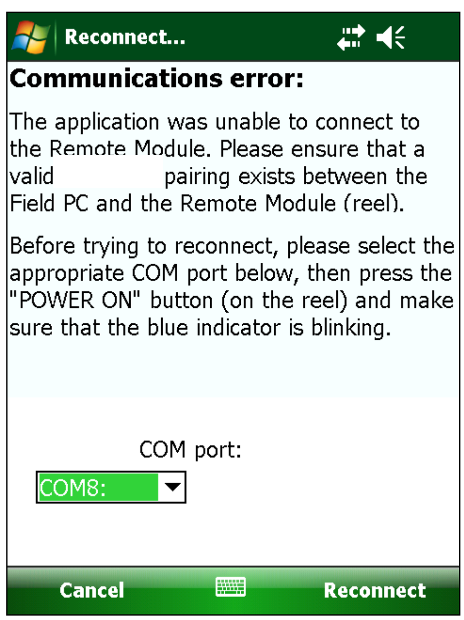


Figure 44 - Remote Module Connection Problem

Note: When attempting to connect to the Remote Module, please ensure that the "POWER ON/OFF (BLUETOOTH)" button on the Remote Module has been pressed (blue light will be blinking) before tapping on the "Live Readings" menu item.

After the Remote Module successfully connects to the FPC-2, the blue "POWER ON" indicator will transition from blinking to steadily lit and one of two possible screens will be displayed:

Screen 1 - Temporary File Data Prompt:

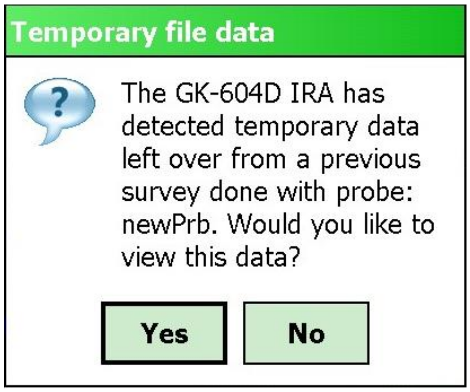
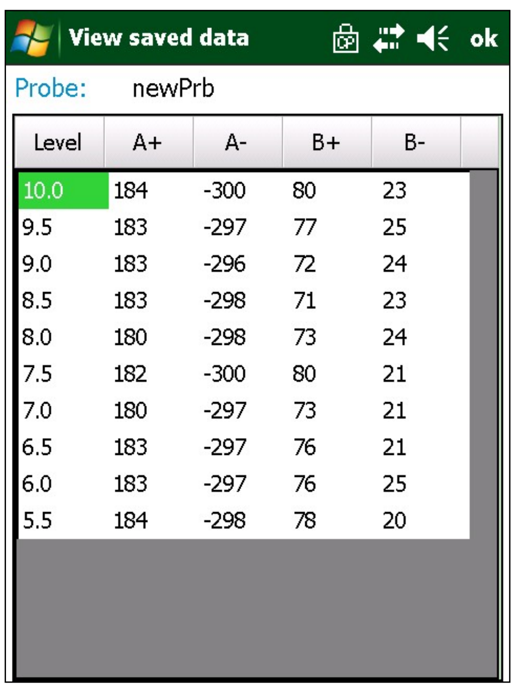


Figure 45 - Temporary File Data Prompt

Figure 45 shows the message displayed if the GK-604D detects that a previous survey was not saved. Tapping "Yes" displays the temporary data (Figure 46). Tapping "No" displays the "Load previous data" prompt (Figure 47).



Level	A+	A-	B+	B-
10.0	184	-300	80	23
9.5	183	-297	77	25
9.0	183	-296	72	24
8.5	183	-298	71	23
8.0	180	-298	73	24
7.5	182	-300	80	21
7.0	180	-297	73	21
6.5	183	-297	76	21
6.0	183	-297	76	25
5.5	184	-298	78	20

Figure 46 - View Saved Data

To dismiss the “View saved data” window tap on “ok” which will then display the “Load previous data” prompt (Figure 47). Tapping “Yes” on the Load previous data” window will load the temporary data into memory and then display “Live Readings” (Figure 48). Tapping “No” will load “Live Readings” as normal.

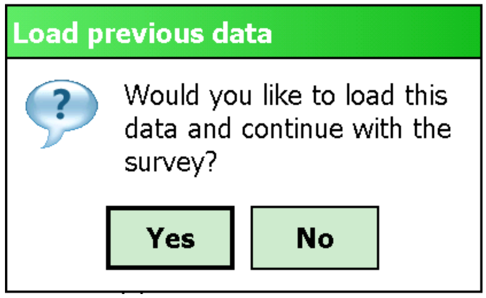


Figure 47 - Load Previous Data

Screen 2 - Live Readings Screen:

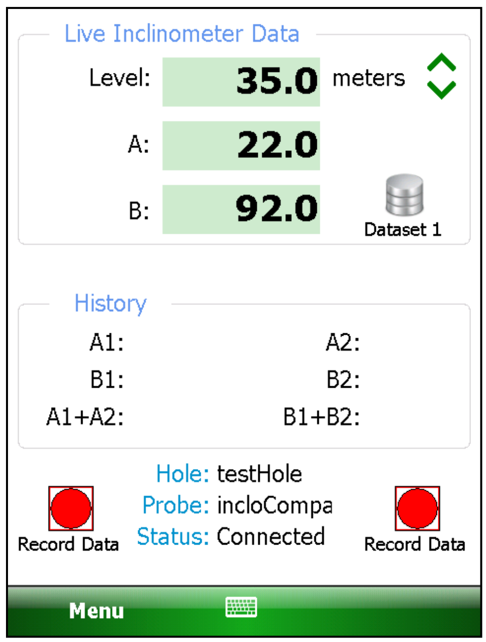


Figure 48 - Live Readings Screen

- Readings are continuously updated from the Remote Module. The data set always starts with ‘Dataset 1’ but can be switched at any time to ‘Dataset 2’ (usually after rotating the probe 180 degrees).

- At the start of a survey, the ‘Level’ is set to the “Starting Level” configured for a particular hole. Pressing either of the “Record Data” buttons (with a finger or tap of the stylus) records that set of A and B values and automatically changes the ‘Level’ (on screen) by the amount based on the hole configuration “Interval” value (see Section 4.1). The “Record Data” option can also be activated by pressing the “Enter” key on the lower-right side of the keypad.

- A “beep” sound should be heard, confirming that the reading has been stored. If no beep is heard, tap the “volume” control at the top of the screen and adjust the volume.

- Be sure to move the probe to the new level and wait for the readings to stabilize before recording the next reading.

- At any point you can scroll the 'Level' using the green up and down arrow buttons on the screen and view data stored and checksums (lower half of the screen). When done taking readings, tap "Menu" (lower-left corner of the screen), followed by "Exit Live Readings". You will be given the option to save the readings to a file (Figure 49).

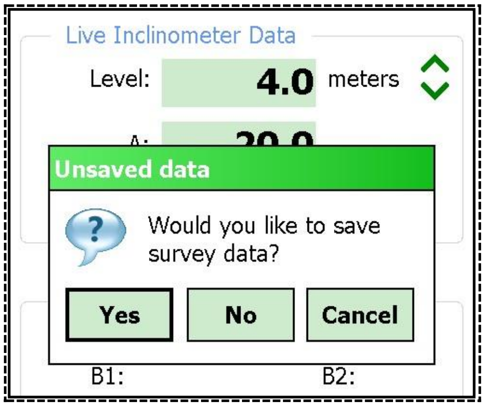


Figure 49 - Unsaved Data Prompt

  - Even if you select **No**, the readings will be saved to a temporary file and can be restored the next time "Live Readings" is entered.

  - If **Yes** is selected, you then will be given the choice of saving with the auto-increment suffix on the standard filename (Figure 50). Selecting Yes again causes the save operation to be carried out using a filename of the form: *[Hole_Name][3 digit AutoIncr_Suffix].GKN*

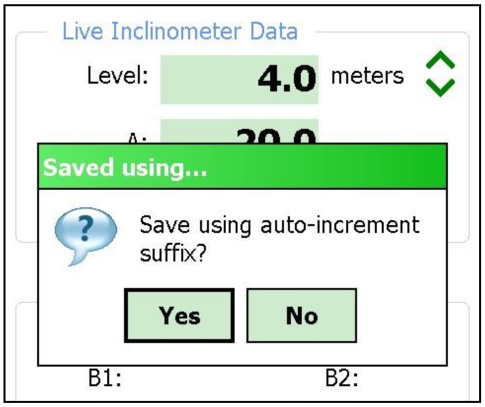


Figure 50 - Auto Increment Save

  - If **No** is selected, you will be shown the standard **File Save As** screen (Figure 51) and you can modify the file name to anything you choose. Use the stylus to click on the keyboard icon (bottom) and make the changes you desire.

Figure 51 - Save File Screen

See Section 3.3.5 (System Configuration) for more information about options that affect Live Readings and taking surveys.

3.3.1.1 Live Readings Screen Menu Options

Figure 52 shows the available options from the Live Readings "Menu" item when a Digital Inclinometer/Compass probe is detected. These options are described below.

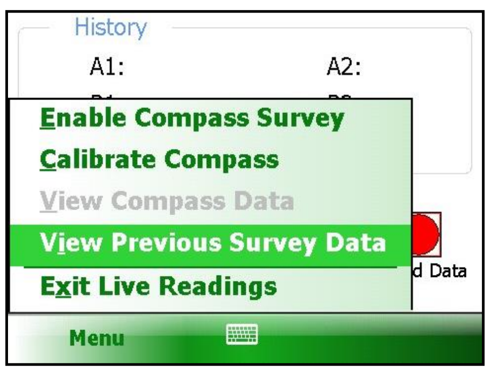


Figure 52 - Menu Option (Live Readings Screen)

Enable Compass Survey:

(NOTE: This menu item is only shown if a compass probe is detected. Though all new probes have a built-in compass, previously sold GK-604D systems must have been sold with a reel firmware version of V2.7 (or greater) AND a probe firmware version of V2.7 (or greater) to have the included compass.)

The compass sensor coupled with two axes of MEMS, Compass Survey of the selected hole at the same time as the inclinometer survey.

Tapping the menu option, “Enable Compass Survey”, will display the message shown (in red) in Figure 53 for approximately five seconds and will enable the compass survey option. This message informs the user that, with the compass enabled; an inclinometer survey will take approximately 30% longer.

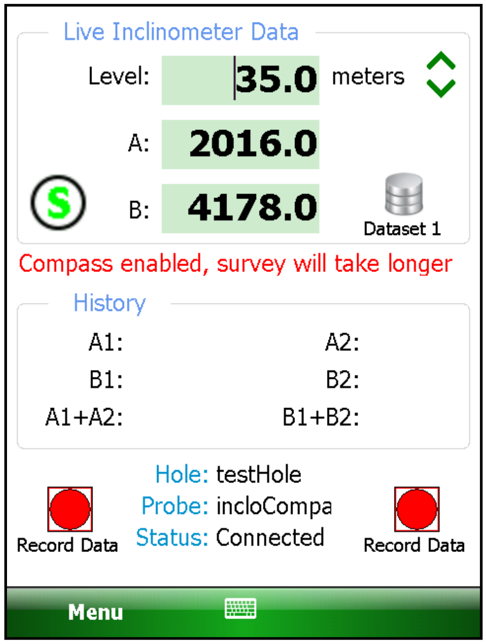


Figure 53 - Compass Enable Message

With the compass enabled, a survey is performed as normal (see Section 3.3.1) and the compass heading can be displayed at any level by tapping on “Menu->View Compass Data”, displaying the screen shown in Figure 54.

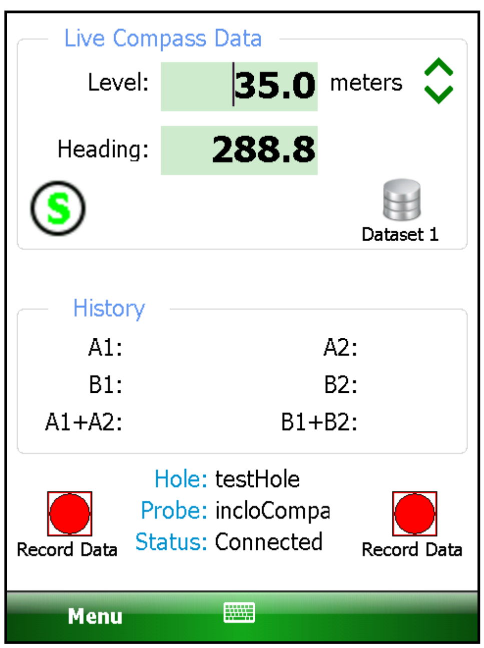


Figure 54 - Live Compass Data

While live compass data is being shown, “Live Inclinometer Data” can be redisplayed at any time by tapping on “Menu->View Inclinometer Data”.

When the survey is finished, tap "Menu->Exit Live Readings". The "Unsaved data" prompt (Figure 55) will be displayed. Tap "Yes" to save the inclinometer/compass survey data.

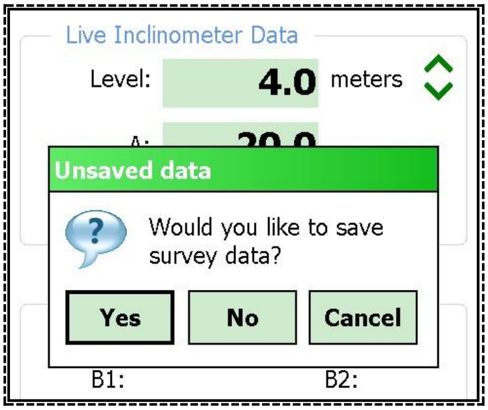


Figure 55 - Unsaved Data Prompt

The inclinometer survey data is saved into a ".gkn" file as normal while the compass survey data is saved into a ".gks" file. The ".gks" file format is supported by SiteMaster inclinometer analysis software and is very similar to standard inclinometer survey data with the following exceptions:

- **A+** data is always in degrees.
- **A-** and **B-** are always zero (0)
- **B+** data is always 90 degrees greater than **A+**

The compass data file can be viewed (select "Raw Data as Table") and/or exported for later use in analysis. See Appendix C.6 for an example ".gks" file.

Calibrate Compass:

For optimum accuracy, the digital inclinometer/compass probe should be calibrated for each site. The GK-604D IRA provides a dialog to facilitate this (see Section 3.3.1.1 and Figure 52). A compass survey does not need to be enabled to perform the calibration.

While the GK-604D IRA is connected to the probe and displaying the "Live Readings" screen, tap on "Menu->Calibrate Compass" to display the initial calibration screen (Figure 56).

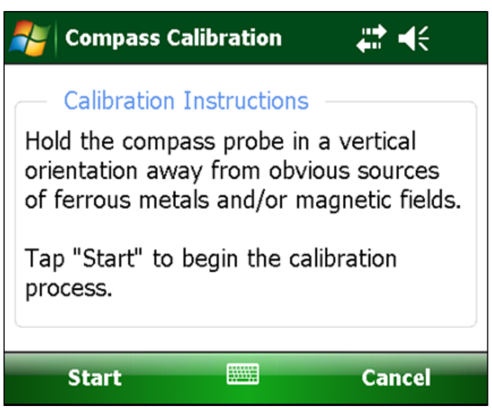


Figure 56 - Initial Calibration Screen

Tapping "Start" begins the calibration process (Figure 57).

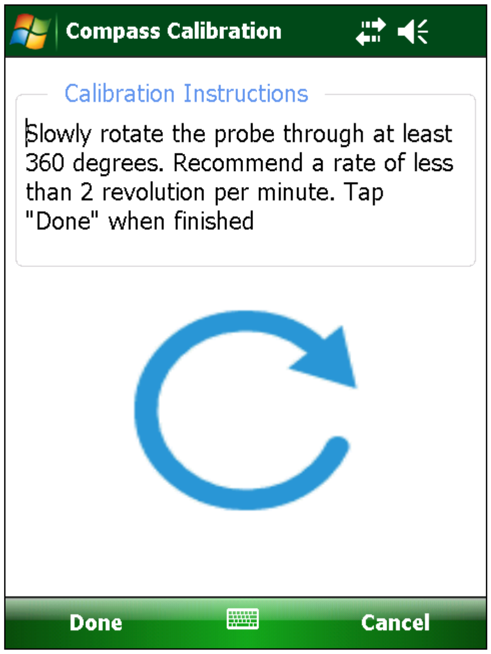


Figure 57 - Calibration Routine

As the instructions state, the probe should be held in an upright position and slowly rotated through at least 360 degrees. The large rotating blue "arrow" serves two purposes: one, it indicates to the user that the probe should be turned and two, it provides feedback that the calibration routine is still running. Tapping "Done" sends a command to the probe that calibration is finished, and the Live Readings screen is redisplayed.

View Compass Data:

When a compass survey is enabled, this menu item is also enabled, allowing the compass heading to be displayed in place of the inclinometer "A" data. This item toggles between "View Inclinometer Data" (Figure 58) and "View Compass Data" (Figure 59) depending on the data currently being viewed. This menu item is only shown if a compass probe is detected.

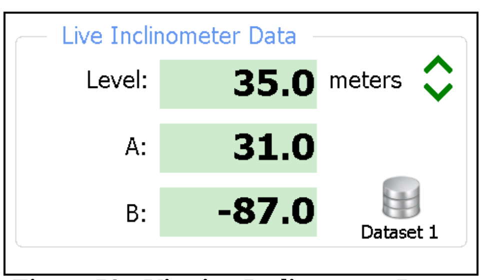


Figure 58 - Viewing Inclinometer Data

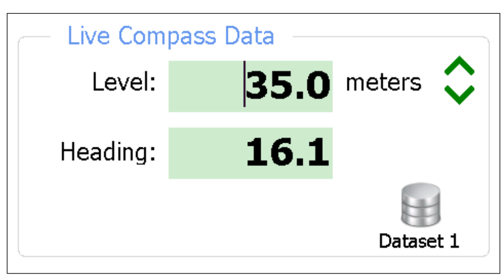
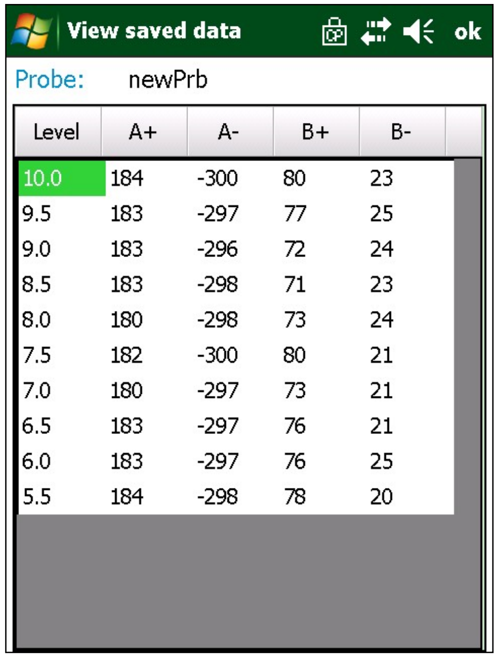


Figure 59 - Viewing Compass Data

View Previous Survey Data:

Allows viewing (and loading) of previous survey data. When tapped, the user must first select the previous survey file to view. After selecting a file, a window very similar to Figure 60 will be displayed. After dismissing this window by tapping "ok" another prompt is displayed similar to Figure 61 is displayed. Tap "Yes" to load the data or "No" to continue with the current survey.



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7.0	180	-297	73	21
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5.5	184	-298	78	20

Figure 60 - View Saved Data

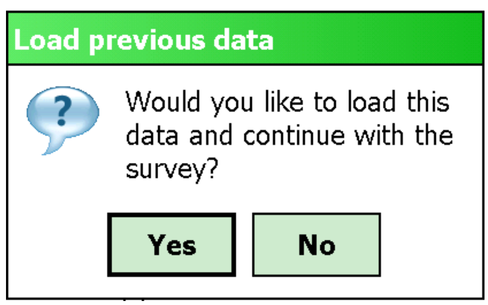


Figure 61 - Load Previous Data

Exit Live Readings:

When tapped, causes the GK-604D to prompt to save survey data, shuts down the Remote Module (reel), then exits the Live Readings screen.

3.3.2 Edit Settings

As with the Context Menu (see Section 3.2.1), tapping the "Edit Settings" menu will invoke the Settings Editor for the currently selected Project Explorer element (See Section 4 for more information on settings).

3.3.3 Terminal Window

This feature requires an active connection to a Remote Module and will attempt to connect the module when invoked. If a connection cannot be made, the window shown in Figure 62 will be displayed.

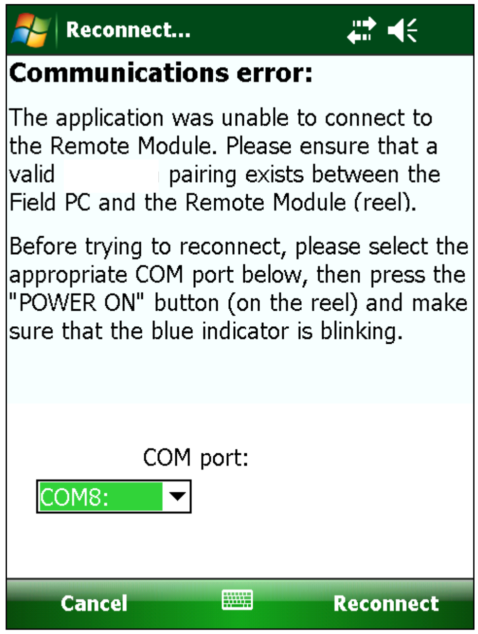


Figure 62 - Remote Module Connection Problem

If a connection can be made, the window shown in Figure 63 is displayed. Using the “Terminal Window” requires the use of the on-screen keyboard to enter simple one- or two-character commands to the Remote Module. (See Appendix D for more information regarding the Remote Module command structure.)

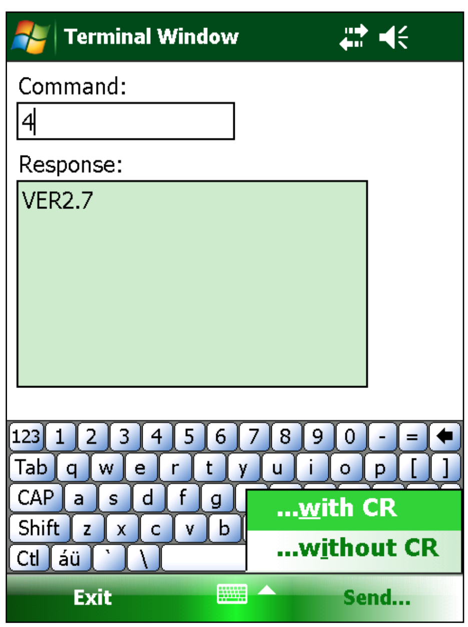


Figure 63 - Terminal Window

After typing in a command, tapping the “Return” (Enter) key will cause the command to be sent to the Remote Module. Figure 63 shows the response to a Firmware Version command (4). Alternately, tapping the “Send” menu gives the user the ability to send a character to the Remote Module with or without a Carriage Return (CR) appended to the character string (see bottom right of Figure 63). This is useful when a confirmation character is required (such as for the calibration routine) but no carriage return.

3.3.4 About GK-604D

This displays an information panel giving copyright information as well as the application version (Figure 64). Tapping on the “Remote Module Status” button will display another screen asking if a probe is connected to a Remote Module and is the Remote Module ready to connect (blue light blinking) (Figure 65).

Figure 64 - About GK-604D IRA

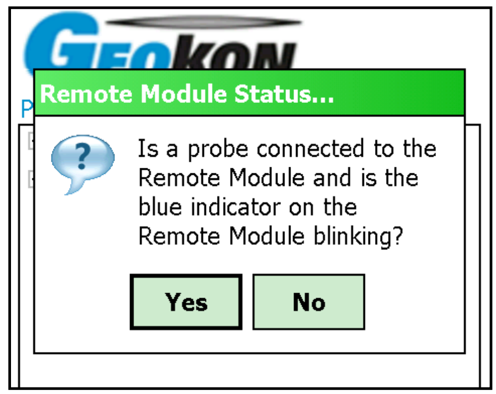


Figure 65 - Ready for Connection?

Tapping on the “Yes” button causes the GK-604D IRA to initiate the connection process with the Remote Module. If the connection is successful, the status available for a digital Remote Module and probe will be displayed (Figure 66). (NOTE: When using obsolete analog systems, only the Remote Module version and battery voltage is listed.)

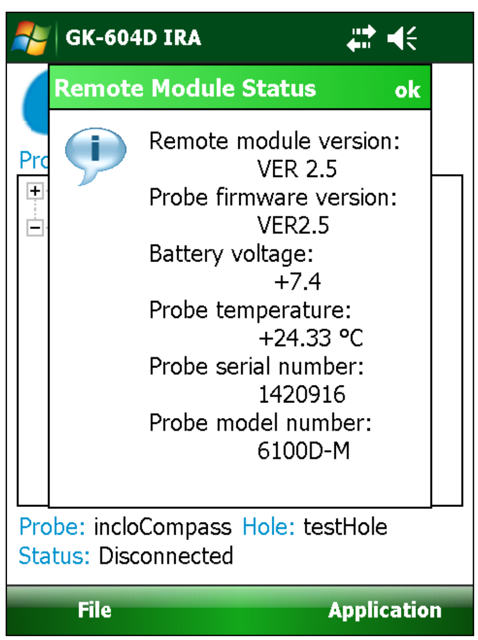


Figure 66 - Remote Module/Probe Status

3.3.5 System Configuration

This screen allows selecting options that affect how the system works and how a survey is taken (Figure 67). The subsections that follow describe each parameter in detail.

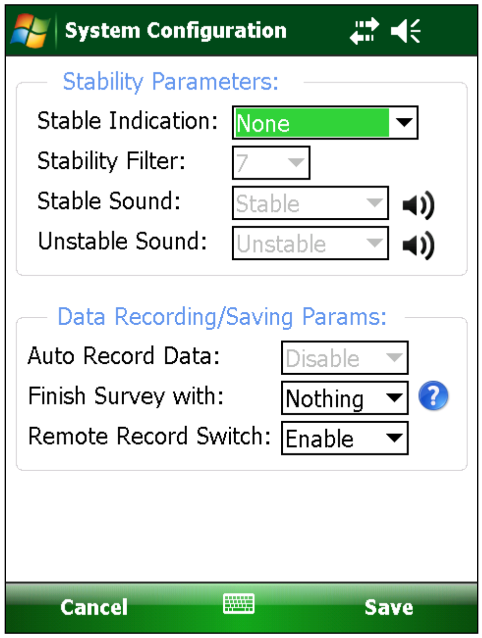


Figure 67 - System Configuration

3.3.5.1 Stable Indication

Valid choices for this selection include:

None:
When this stability indication is selected, the only indication on the Live Readings Screen of the reading's stability will be to monitor the A and B readings (Figure 68).

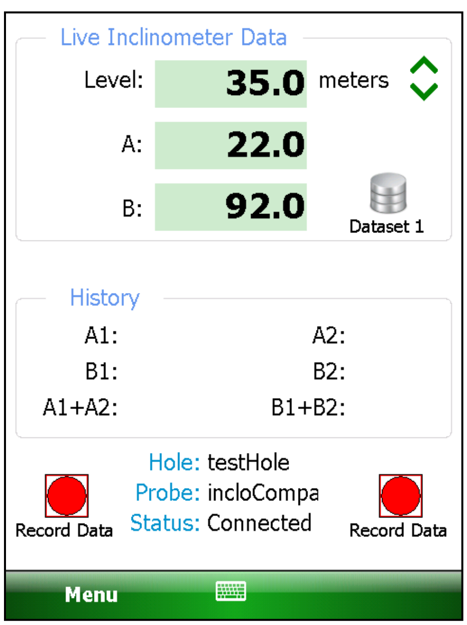


Figure 68 - Live Reading, No Stability Indication

Visual Only:
When this stability indication is selected, an icon is displayed on the Live Readings Screen, indicating whether the reading is stable or not (Figure 69 and Figure 70).

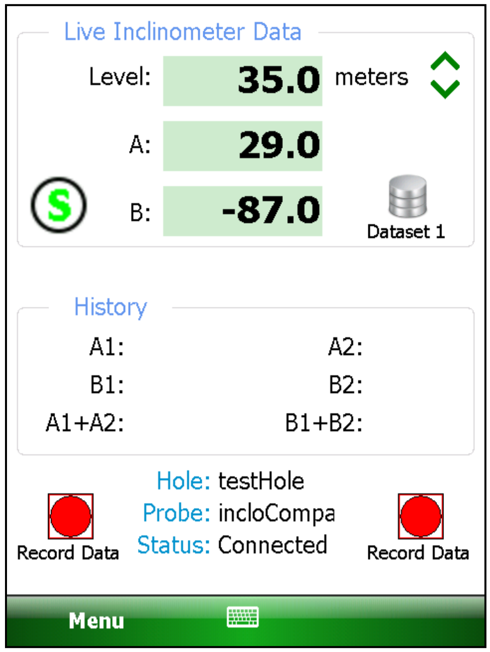


Figure 69 - Stable Indication

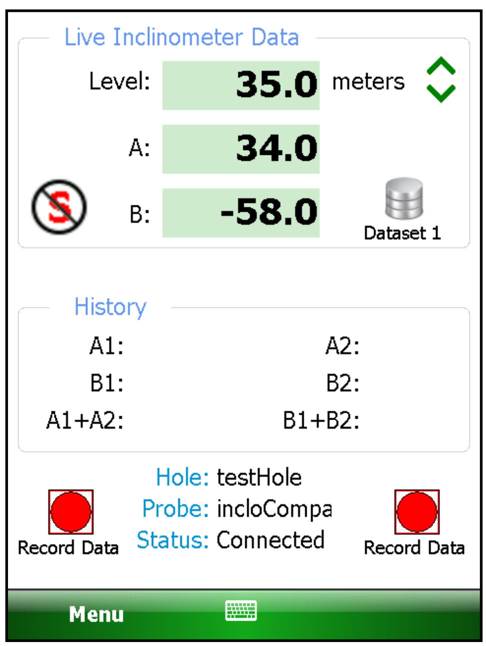


Figure 70 - Unstable Indication

Visual/Audible:
When this stability indication is selected, in addition to the icon shown in Figure 69 and Figure 70, an audible indication is played indicating the reading's stability or instability.

Selecting Visual/Audible will enable the dropdown lists for "Stable Sound" and "Unstable Sound" in Figure 67. These lists display the choices of sounds that the HHD can make when the reading in the "Live Readings" screen is determined to be stable or unstable.

Tapping on the 🔊 plays a preview of the actual sound heard.

3.3.5.2 Stability Filter

If the "Stable Indication" (see Section 3.3.5.1) selection is set to something other than "None", this parameter will be enabled, and a dropdown list will facilitate the entry of a number that is used to determine readings stability (a value less than 10 is recommended).

When taking live readings, if the difference between two subsequent readings of the A **and** B channels are less than or equal to the "Stability Filter" then the reading will be deemed stable and, if enabled, the "Stability Indication" icon (see Figure 69 and Figure 70) will be set accordingly.

3.3.5.3 Auto Record Data

If this selection is set to "Enable", upon entry into the "Live Readings" screen, the "Auto Record" feature will be enabled (Figure 71).

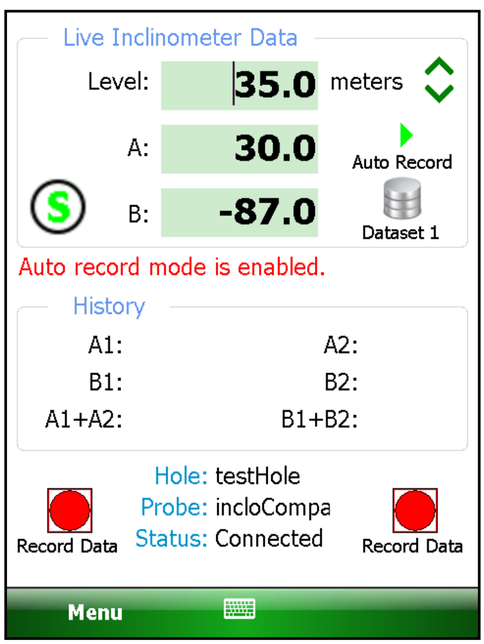


Figure 71 - Auto Record Enabled

To activate the "Auto Record" feature, tap on the 

icon. The green "Play" icon above "Auto Record" will be replaced with a red "Pause" icon and the red text status message will change to "Auto record mode is active". If the readings are stable, the first reading will automatically be recorded (Figure 72).

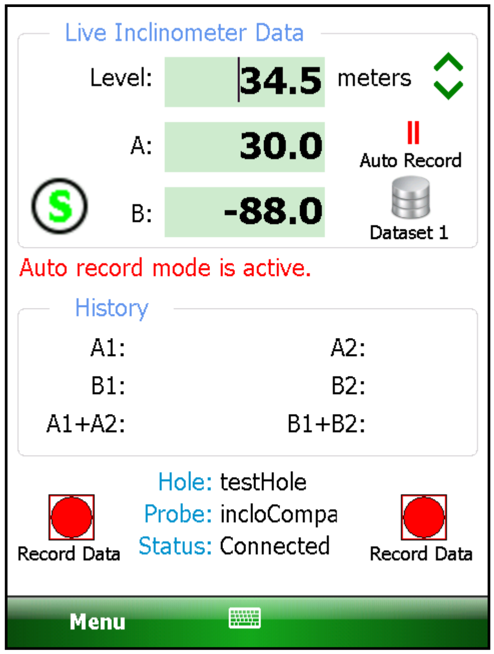


Figure 72 - Auto Record Active

The list of steps below illustrates the proper way to utilize the "Auto Record" feature. For the purpose of this example, the following is assumed:

- The handheld device is connected via Bluetooth to the Remote Module
- In System Configuration, the "Stable Indication" parameter is set to "Visual/Audible" and the "Auto Record Data" parameter is set to "Enable" (Figure 67).
- At the start of an "Auto Record" sequence, the probe should be down the casing at the starting level, in the "A+" orientation.

NOTE: An "Auto Record" survey can be paused at any time and restarted as long as the probe is moved to the proper level reflected by the "Level:" display. When an Auto Record survey is paused, the data can still be recorded in the "normal" fashion by tapping on the "Record Data" buttons.

1) Tapping on the "Live Readings" menu item displays the screen shown in Figure 71).

2) As in the normal operation, readings are continuously updated from the remote. The data set always starts with 'Dataset 1' (can be switched at any time to 'Dataset 2'). At the start, the "Level" is set to the "Starting Level", previously set in the Hole Settings screen (see Section 4.1, Figure 104).

3) Tap on the Auto Record icon to activate the "Auto Record" feature. The red status text message will change to "Auto record mode is active" and the green "Play" icon will change to the red "Pause" icon. If the readings are stable, the initial A & B readings will be taken and a "beep" sound should be heard, confirming that the readings have been stored. If no beep is heard, tap the "volume" control at the top of the screen and adjust the volume.

4) By pulling on the inclinometer cable, move the probe to the next level, ensuring that the cable marker/ferrule sits just above the cable grips in the pulley assembly, (or securely in the cable hold if one is used). Approximately one second after moving the probe, the system will determine that the readings are no longer stable. The stability icon will be set to its unstable state "S"and the "Unstable" sound selected in the "System Configuration" screen (see Figure 67) will be played.

5) Approximately two seconds after the cable marker/ferrule is locked in the cable grips, (or cable hold), the system will determine that the readings are again stable and respond by setting the stability icon to its stable state S and the "Stable" sound selected in the "System Configuration" screen (see Figure 67) will be played. Immediately following the stable sound, the current readings are stored, the record "beep" is heard, and the level is decremented by the preselected interval.

6) Repeat steps four and five until all the "A+" readings have been taken.

7) Tap the "Dataset 1" icon and observe that the red status text message will change to "Auto record mode is paused" and the "Pause" icon will change to the "Play" icon while "Dataset 1" becomes "Dataset 2" (Figure 73).

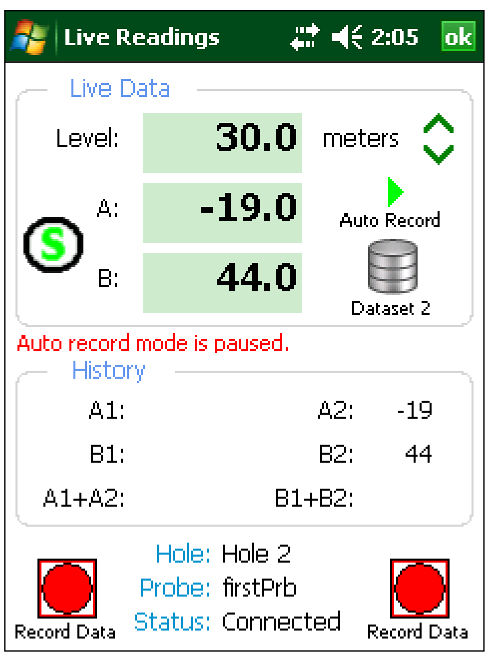


Figure 73 - Auto Record Paused, Dataset Two Selected

8) After rotating the probe 180 degrees, lower it back to the “Starting Level” appropriate for this hole. Repeat step three.

9) Repeat steps four and five until all the “A-” readings have been taken.

10) When done taking readings, tap the “Menu” item (bottom-left corner of the screen), followed by “Exit Live Readings”. You will be given the option to save the readings to a file (Figure 74).

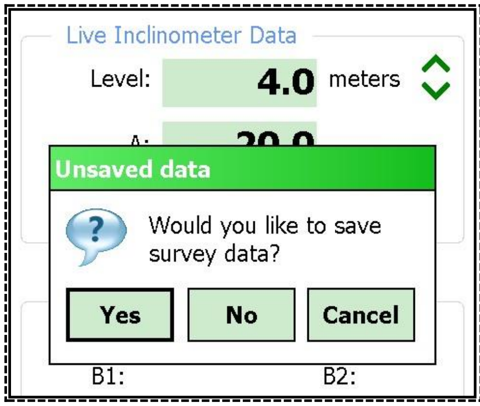


Figure 74 - Unsaved Data Prompt

11) Even if “No” is selected, the readings will be saved to a temporary file and can be restored the next time the Live Readings screen is entered.

12) If “Yes” is selected, then another dialog box will be displayed giving the choice of saving with the auto-increment suffix on the standard filename (Figure 75). Selecting “Yes” again causes the save operation to be carried out using a filename of the form: *[Hole_Name][3 digit AutoIncr_Suffix].GKN*

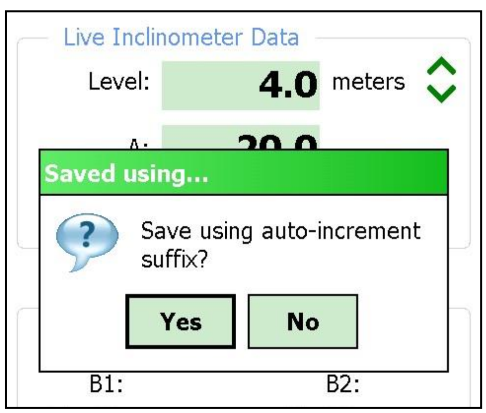


Figure 75 - Auto Increment Save

13) If “No” is selected (to the auto incrementing option) the standard **File Save As** screen (Figure 76) will be shown giving the option of modifying the file name to another name of the user’s choosing. Use the stylus to click on the keyboard icon (bottom) and make the changes desired.

Figure 76 - Save File Screen

<u>3.3.5.4 Finish Survey With:</u>

This parameter (set in the System Configuration Screen, Figure 67) deals exclusively with "unfinished" survey data files. A survey is unfinished if readings were not taken at each level from starting up to the zero level. Many surveys may not completely finish because the geometry of the probe will not allow the last reading or two to be taken while the probe is still in the casing.

Valid choices for this selection include:

Nothing:
The survey will not be filled in and will remain unfinished. "READINGS" will be modified to reflect the actual number taken. See Figure 77.

```
     :
     :
     :
#READINGS:5
FLEVEL,    A+,    A-,    B+,    B-
     5.0,    45,    12,   -87,    81
     4.5,    46,    12,   -84,    81
     4.0,    44,    12,   -85,    82
     3.5,    46,    13,   -85,    82
     3.0,    44,    13,   -86,    82
```

Figure 77 - Readings Updated to Reflect Number Taken

NaN(s):
Each missing level "row" of the survey will be filled in with "NaN(s)" which is the floating-point representation of a non-numerical value. NaN is an abbreviation for "Not a Number". See Figure 78.

```
      :
      :
      :
#READINGS:11
FLEVEL,    A+,    A-,    B+,    B-
   5.0,    32,    25,   -81,    82
   4.5,    33,    24,   -81,    82
   4.0,    30,    24,   -81,    82
   3.5,    30,    24,   -80,    81
   3.0,    29,    24,   -80,    81
   2.5,    29,    24,   -81,    81
   2.0,    30,    24,   -83,    81
   1.5,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN
   1.0,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN
   0.5,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN
   0.0,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN,   NaN
```

Figure 78 - Survey Filled with NaN(s)

Blanks:
Each missing level "row" of the survey will be filled in with blank characters. See Figure 79.

```
      :
      :
      :
#READINGS:11
FLEVEL,    A+,    A-,    B+,    B-
   5.0,    46,    17,   -86,    80
   4.5,    46,    17,   -86,    82
   4.0,    46,    14,   -86,    81
   3.5,    42,    19,   -86,    80
   3.0,    50,    18,   -86,    80
   2.5,    45,    12,   -86,    80
   2.0,      ,      ,      ,
   1.5,      ,      ,      ,
   1.0,      ,      ,      ,
   0.5,      ,      ,      ,
   0.0,      ,      ,      ,
```

Figure 79 - Missing Rows Filled with Blank Characters

3.3.5.5 Remote Record Switch:

If this parameter is "Enabled", an auxiliary switch can be used to record data points without having to tap the "Record Data" buttons on the Nautiz screen. A "remote" "Record Data" event is triggered by shorting pins seven and eight of the RS-232, DB-9 connector (Figure 80) on the Nautiz.

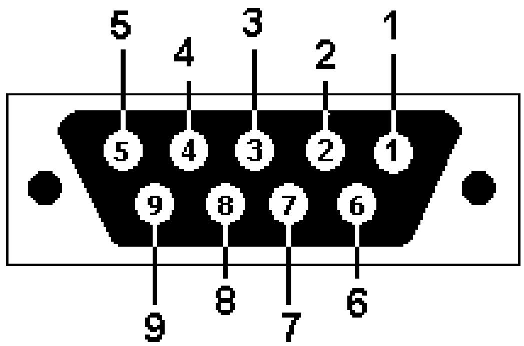


Figure 80 - Male DB-9 Housing (Female Pins)

3.4 File Menu

The file menu (Figure 81) is used to import and export Project Explorer element settings along with data export, viewing and report generation. It also is used to fully delete and/or restore previous deleted Project Explorer elements.

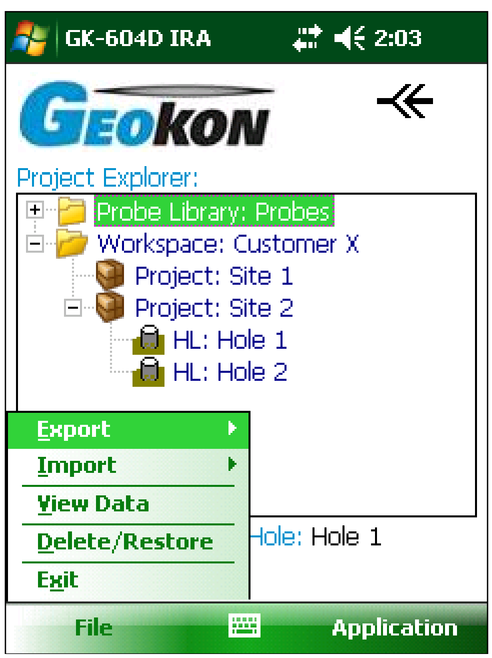


Figure 81 - File Menu

3.4.1 Export Menu

The Export menu (Figure 82) is used to export hole data and Project Explorer element settings to a folder of the user's choosing.

Figure 82 - Export Menu

<u>3.4.1.1 Export Data Menu</u>

The Export Data menu allows exporting of data from the current hole, either selected via the Project Explorer or listed in the status area. Figure 83 shows the files available for hole, "Hole1". A file may be selected by tapping and holding on the file name. When a context menu is displayed, tap on "Select" to select the file for exporting. Multiple files may be selected. Once all the desired files are selected, tap "Export" to display the Save File window (Figure 84) where a new name and folder may be specified for each file.

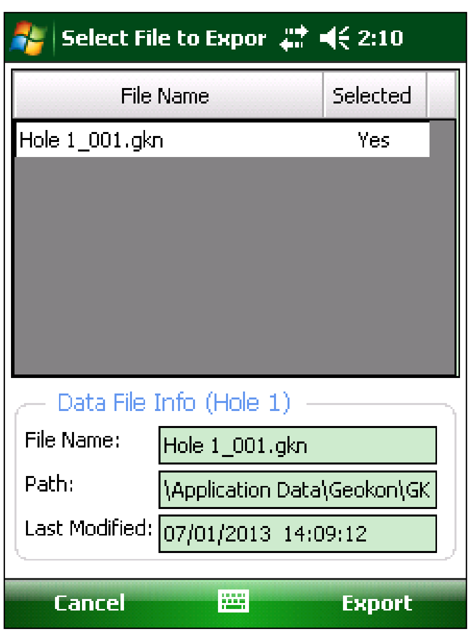


Figure 83 - Export Data Window

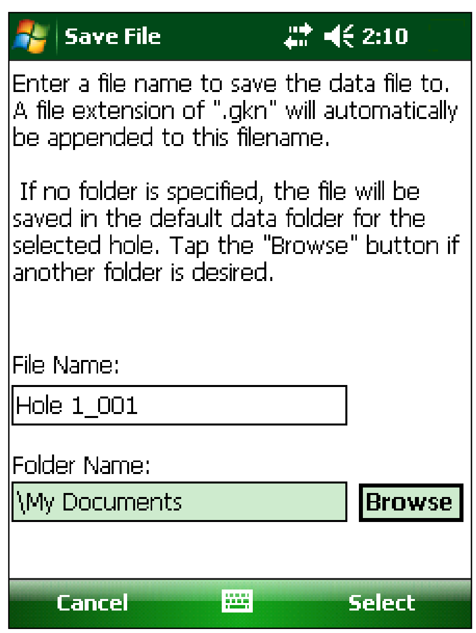


Figure 84 - Save Data File

3.4.1.2 Export Hole Settings

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select Export Path” window (Figure 85), from which a path to export the hole settings file can be selected. All files within the hole element folder are compressed into a single export file. The naming format for the hole export file is: <Selected Path> + <Hole Name> + “.lvhe”

3.4.1.3 Export Project Settings

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select Export Path” window (Figure 85), from which a path to export the project settings file can be selected. All files within the project are compressed into a single export file. The naming format for the project export file is: <Selected Path> + <Project Name> + “.lvpe”

3.4.1.4 Export Probe Settings

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select… …Probe” window (Figure 86), from which a probe can be selected. After selecting a probe, the “Select Export Path” window (Figure 85) is displayed, from which a path to export the probe settings file can be selected. The naming format for the probe export file is:
<Selected Path> + <Probe Name> + “.gkpe”

3.4.1.5 Export Probe Library

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select Export Path” window (Figure 85), from which a path to export the probe library files can be selected. All files and folders within the probe library are compressed into a single export file. The naming format for the probe library export file is: <Selected Path> + <Probe Library Name> + “.gple”

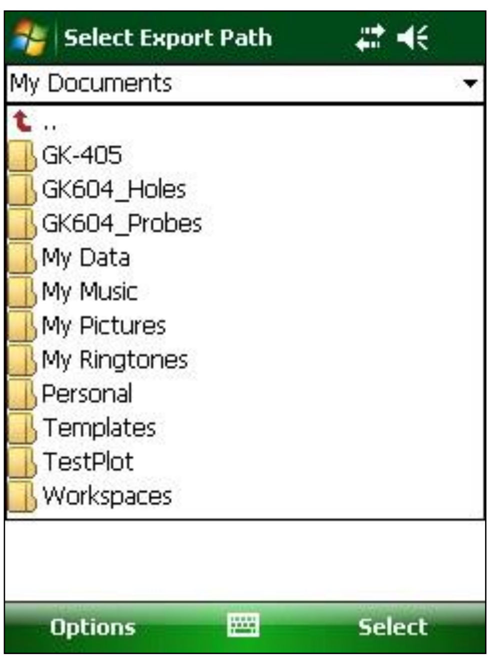


Figure 85 - Select Export Path

Figure 86 - Probe Selection Window

3.4.2 Import Menu

The Import Menu is used to import Project Explorer element settings (see Figure 87) that were previously exported using the Export Menu functions (see Figure 82).

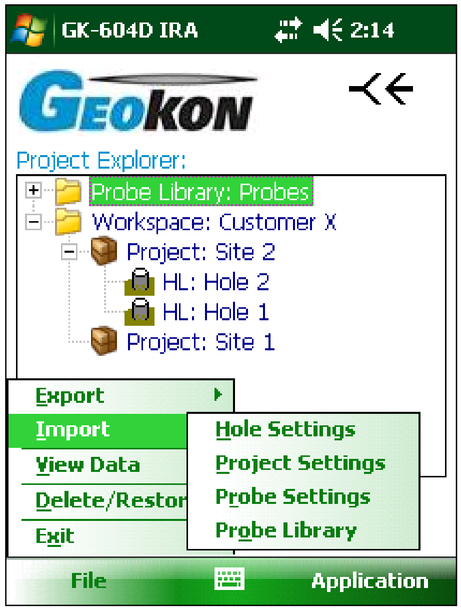


Figure 87 - Import Menu

<u>3.4.2.1 Import Hole Settings</u>

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select .LVHE File” window (Figure 88), from which a hole export file can be selected (see Section 3.4.1.2). After selection, a new “Hole” will be created in the currently selected project. This new “Hole” will contain all the settings and any data files that were contained in the hole export file. If a hole with the same name already exists in the currently selected project a message will be displayed, and the hole import will be cancelled.

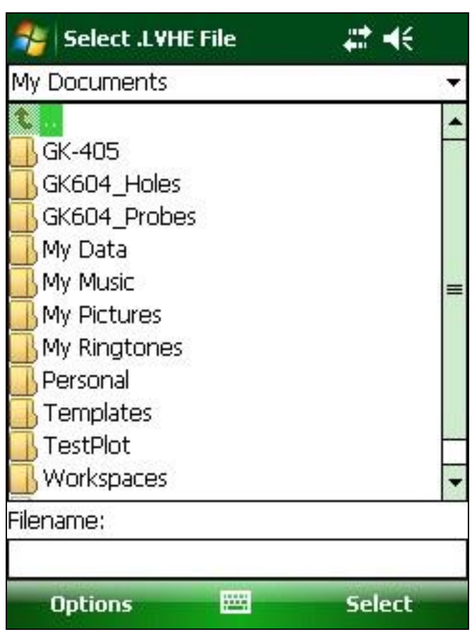


Figure 88 - Select Hole Export File

3.4.2.2 Import Project Settings

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select .LVPE File” window (Figure 89). Select a project export file (see Section 3.4.1.3). to create a new “Project” in the current workspace. This new project will contain all the settings and any “holes” that were contained in the project export file. If a project with the same name already exists in the current workspace, a message will be displayed, and the project import will be cancelled.

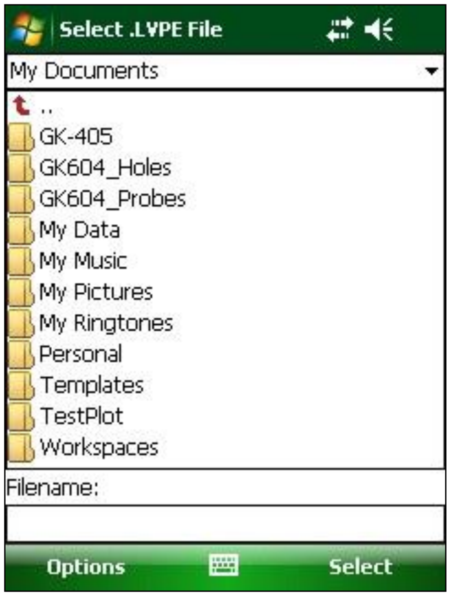


Figure 89 - Select Project Export File

3.4.2.3 Import Probe Settings

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select .GKPE File” window (Figure 90). Select a probe export file (see Section 3.4.1.4). to create a new “Probe” in the current probe library. This new probe will contain all the settings that were contained in the probe export file. If a probe with the same name already exists in the current probe library, a message will be displayed, and the probe import will be cancelled.

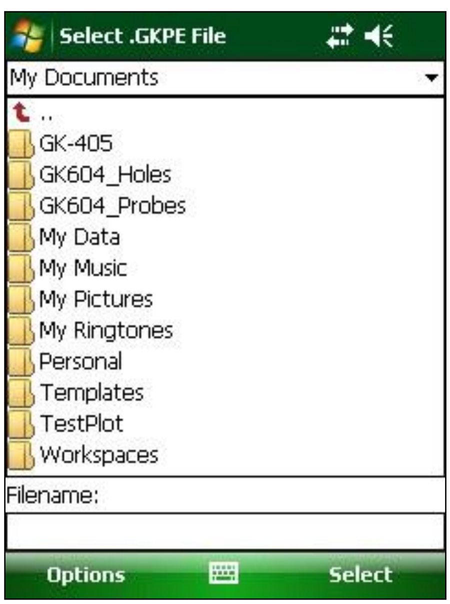


Figure 90 - Select Probe Export File

3.4.2.4 Import Probe Library

Clicking on this menu item displays the “Select .GPLE File” window (Figure 91), from which a probe library export file can be selected (see Section 3.4.1.5).

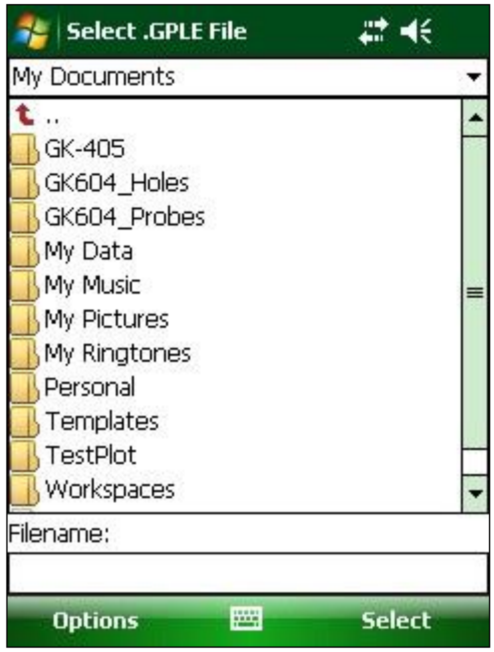


Figure 91 - Probe Library Export File

After selection, a message query will be displayed (Figure 92) asking the user if they would like to make the imported probe library the current one. Answering “Yes” to the query will replace the current probe library with the imported probe library. Answering “No” will simply add the new probe library to the list of probe libraries that the GK-604D IRA keeps track of. The new probe library can be “switched” to at a later date.

Figure 92 - Probe Library Switch

3.4.3 View Data

When the View Data Menu is clicked, the screen displayed in Figure 93 is shown. The Select View Options screen (Figure 94) is used to select a view option and data files to view a graphical or tabular report. The available "View" options are explained in the following subsections.

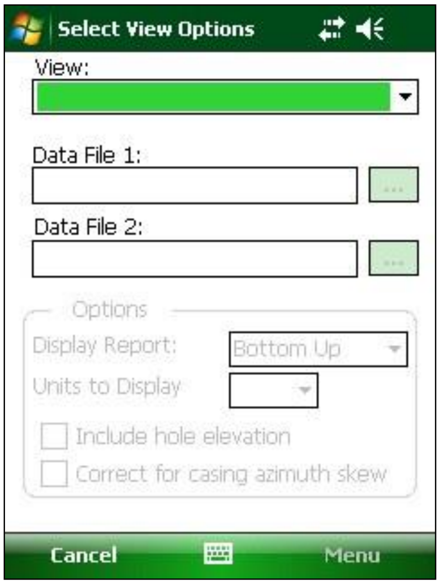


Figure 93 - Select View Options Window

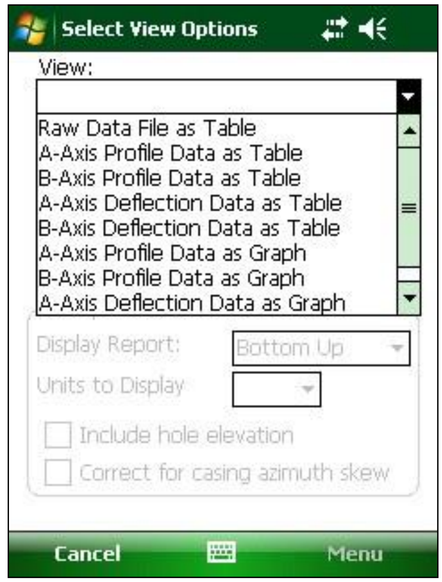


Figure 94 - View Option List

3.4.3.1 Raw Data File as Table

This selection will cause the selected "hole" raw data to be displayed or saved in tabular form. Figure 95 shows the available options for any report. Figure 96 illustrates the report as viewed on the FPC-2 unit. See Appendix C for examples of reports saved in text form. Tabular reports may also be saved in comma-separated value (.csv) or "Text" (.txt) format.

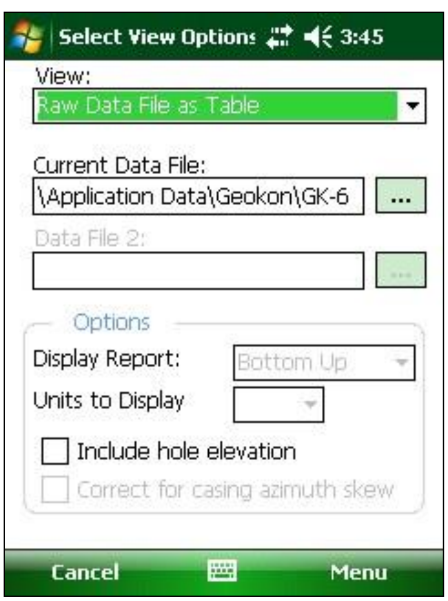


Figure 95 - Menu Options for Reports

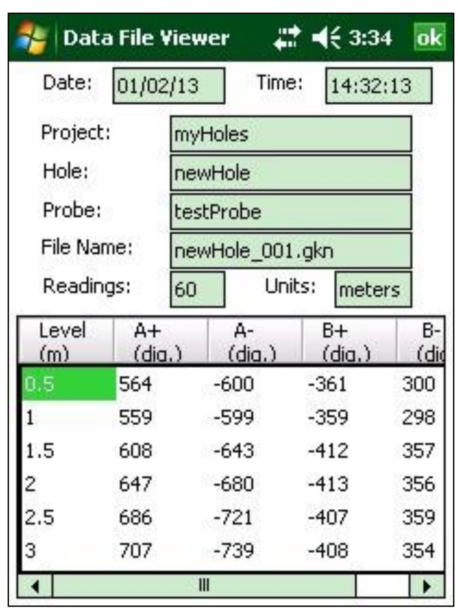


Figure 96 - Raw Data Report

<u>3.4.3.2 Axis Profile Data as Table</u>

Selecting this option allows viewing or saving hole profile data for the A or B-axis (Figure 97). The profile is calculated from the magnitude of the readings at each level.

This report lists the profile of the casing as calculated from the bottom of the casing upward or from the top down (see the Options pane in Figure 95). Tabular reports may also be saved in comma-separated value (.csv) or “Text” (.txt) format**. (**See Appendix C for an example of a profile report saved in text form.)

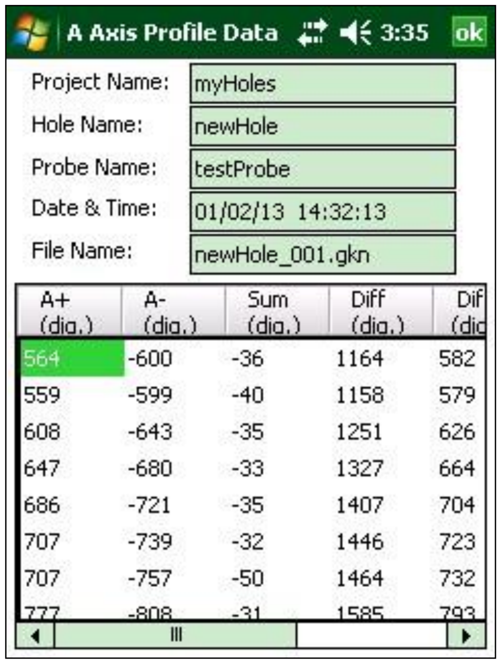


Figure 97 - Axis Profile Report

<u>3.4.3.3 Axis Deflection Data as Table</u>

Selecting this option allows viewing or saving hole deflection data for the A or B-axis (Figure 98). Deflection is determined from the accumulated change in deflection between the two selected data files at each level.

This report lists the deflection of the casing as accumulated from the bottom of the casing upward or from the top down (see the Options pane in Figure 95). Tabular reports may be saved in comma-separated value (.csv) or “Text” (.txt) format**.** (See Appendix C for an example of a deflection report saved in text form.)

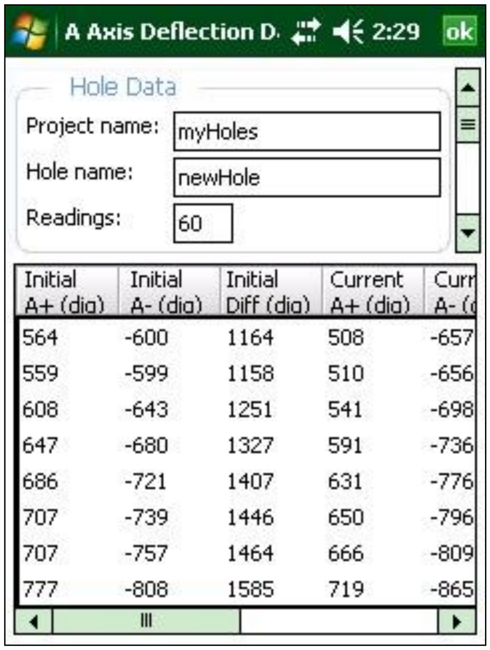


Figure 98 - Axis Deflection Report

3.4.3.4 Axis Profile Data as Graph

Selecting this option allows a graphical view of hole profile data and is useful for visualizing the actual installed characteristics (inclination, couplings, anomalies, etc.) of the casing. Figure 99 shows a typical profile plot. Tapping on the icon in the upper-left corner of the plot (a circle with a vertical line), enables a “marker” line on the plot. Moving the marker line by tapping and dragging shows corresponding X and Y values below the plot (see Figure 100). “Screenshots” of graphical reports may be saved in “.bmp” format”.

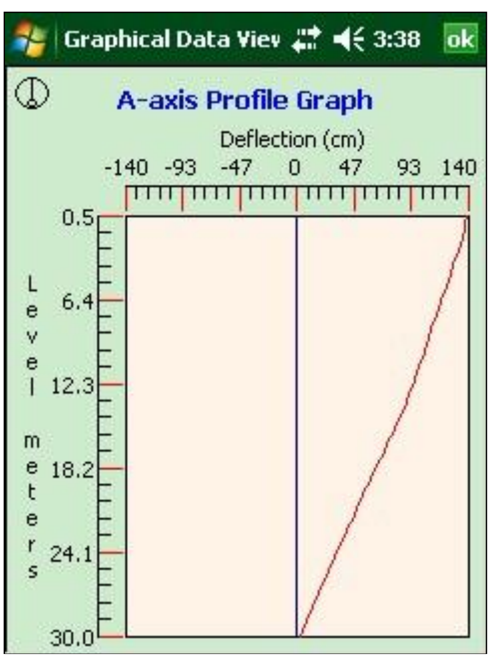


Figure 99 - Profile Plot

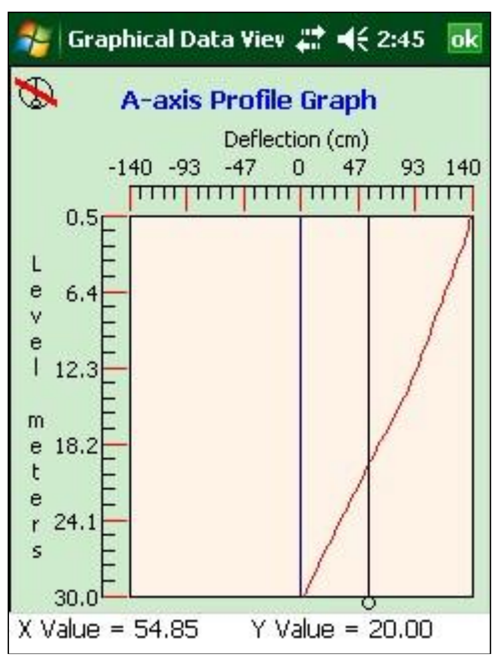


Figure 100 - Profile Plot - Marker On

3.4.3.5 Axis Deflection Data as Graph

Displays a graphical view of hole deflection data for either axis (Figure 101). This view is useful for visualizing magnitude and direction of any movement of the borehole. "Screenshots" of graphical reports may be saved in ".bmp" format".

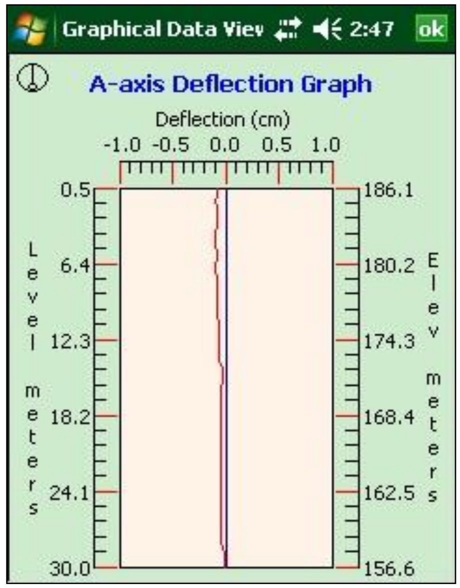


Figure 101 - Deflection Plot

3.4.4 Delete/Restore Menu

This menu allows Project Explorer elements to be permanently deleted or restored back to their original location. A special folder is reserved for storing project explorer elements that are deleted from a workspace. Data files from the currently selected hole can also be deleted. Tapping the Delete/Restore menu causes the GK-604D IRA to search this folder to see which elements are available for restoring or permanent deletion. As can be seen in Figure 102, there are holes, projects, probes and probe libraries that are stored in the special folder that can be either restored or permanently deleted. Figure 103 shows the window that is created when the "Holes" button is tapped in Figure 102.

Figure 102 - Delete / Restore Window

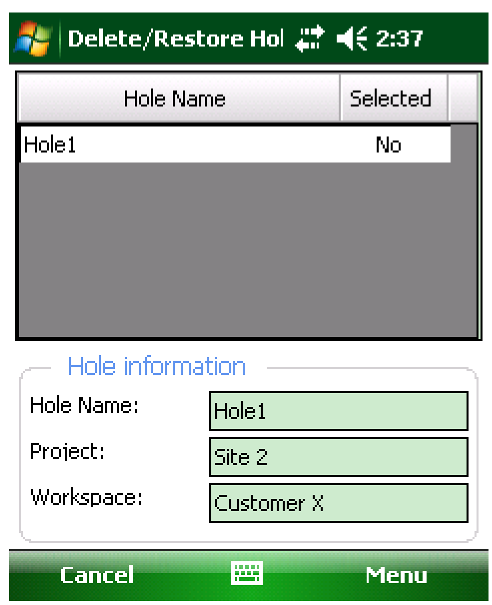


Figure 103 - Hole Delete / Restore Window

In each element delete/restore window, an element may be selected by tapping and holding on the element name. When a context menu is displayed, tap on “Select” to select the file for deleting or restoring. Multiple files may be selected. Once all the desired files are selected, tap either “Delete” or “Restore” from the “Menu” options.

WARNING! Selecting “Delete” will permanently delete the selected element and later restoration will **NOT** be possible.

3.4.5 Exit

Tapping on this menu item will cause the program to cease execution.

4. CONFIGURING PROJECT EXPLORER ELEMENTS

Each project explorer element has settings that can be configured. For some, like Workspace, Probe Library, and Project, the settings consist only of a name and description. Elements such as Holes and Probes require more configuration parameters such as English/metric units, initial level, and gauge factors. These settings can be adjusted to meet the user's needs and the specifications of the probe. The software currently supports three different probe types and as many probe and hole configurations as the Field PC can store in memory. All these can be adjusted using the Edit Settings option from the Context or Application Menu.

4.1 Hole Configuration

Figure 104 depicts the Hole General Settings, the first screen of the Edit Hole Settings dialog. When done editing, the settings can be saved via the "Menu->Save Settings" option.

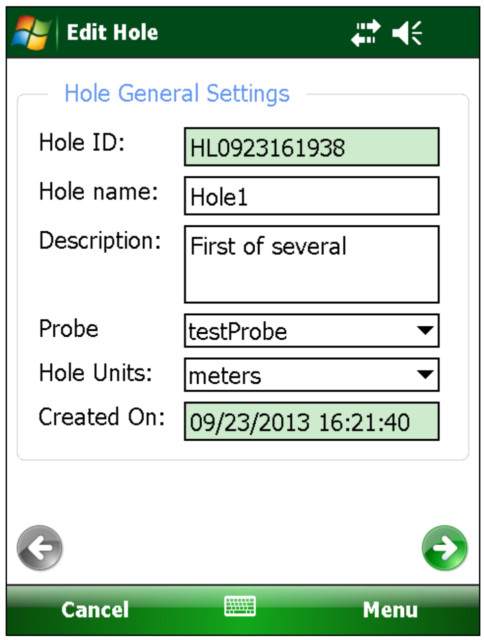


Figure 104 - Hole General Settings

Hole ID:
Read-only value, generated when the hole was created. Used internally by the GK-604D IRA.

Hole name:
Tap on the keyboard icon (bottom of the screen) to bring up the on-screen keyboard. Use it to enter a unique and descriptive hole name.

Description:
Optional parameter. Using the on-screen keyboard; enter a brief description pertaining to the hole's location and purpose.

Probe Name:
Select the Probe Name from the drop-down list. This associates a hole with a particular probe. Enter "UNKNOWN" if the probe has not yet been "found".

Hole Units:
The units for the hole level and interval. Select either meters or feet from the dropdown list.

Created On:
Read-only date and time value, generated when the hole was created.

Starting Level:
Using the on-screen keyboard; enter a value for the initial level of the survey for this hole (Figure 105).

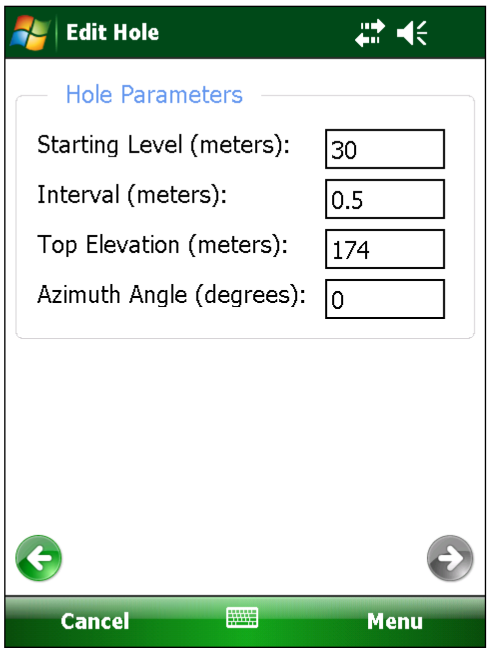


Figure 105 - Hole Parameters

Interval:
Enter an interval to be used for the survey. This value is dependent on Hole Units and is typically a half meter or two feet.

Top Elevation:
This optional parameter corresponds to the elevation at the top of the hole.

Azimuth Angle:
This optional parameter allows correction of any casing deviation from the appropriate A+ direction.

4.2 Probe Configuration

Figure 106 depicts the General Probe Settings, the first screen of the Edit Probe Settings dialog. When done editing, project settings are saved via “Menu->Save Settings” options.

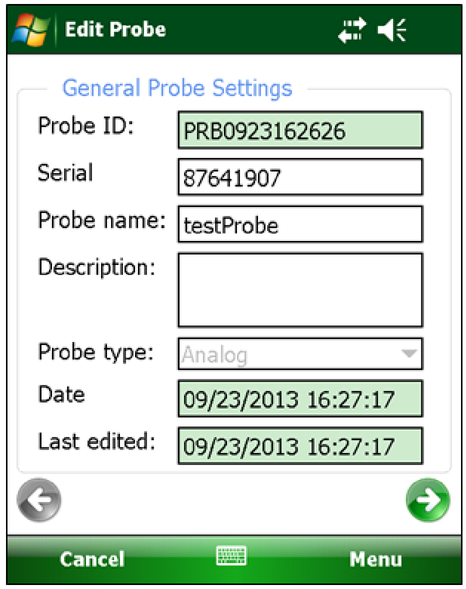


Figure 106 - Probe General Settings

Probe ID:
Read-only value, generated when the probe was created. Used internally by the GK-604D IRA.

Serial number:
Read-only parameter (Note: This is read/write parameter for the obsolete analog systems.)

Probe name:
Use the on-screen keyboard to enter a friendly name for the probe

Description:
Optional parameter. Enter a brief description pertaining to the probe

Probe type:
Select a probe type from dropdown list. Choices are: Analog, Digital, Compass, and Tiltmeter.

(NOTE: Analog mode is used only for obsolete *analog* GK-604 systems. Compass mode selects the Geokon 6005-3 Spiral Indicator Probe, which is also an obsolete model, and requires the GK-604-3 Analog Reel System or the GK-604-4 Interface Module. In this mode, the GK-604D IRA will rescale the output to properly display 0-360 degrees on the Live Readings screen. In both Compass and Tiltmeter modes, only one channel (A) is read and displayed on the Live Readings screen and only the A readings are stored in the data file.)

Date:
Read-only date and time value, generated when the probe was created.

Last edited:
Read-only data and time value, updated whenever the probe settings are modified.

Figure 107 depicts the Probe Coefficients Settings, the second screen of the Edit Probe Settings dialog. When done editing, project settings are saved via “Menu->Save Settings” options.

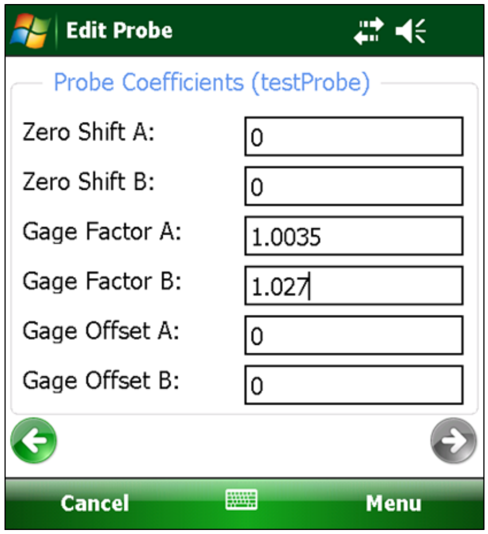


Figure 107 - Probe Coefficients

A and B Channel Zero Shift:
To compensate for any offset at zero, enter appropriate values for the Zero Shift values. See the Inclinometer Probe manual and Calibration sheet for more information. Digital probes may have these values programmed at the factory. When the probe type is set to Compass, the Zero Shift A value should be set to 200.

A and B Channel Gauge Factors:
Using the on-screen keyboard, enter appropriate numbers for the two gauge factors (see the Inclinometer Probe manual and Calibration sheet for more information). Digital probes may have these values programmed at the factory. When the probe type is set to Compass, the Gauge Factor A value should be set to 0.1.

A and B Channel Gauge Offsets:
These values are typically “0” and are occasionally needed to remove an offset from a Compass probe. Offsets are entered in engineering units using the on-screen keyboard. For a Compass probe there will be no “B” channel and the B Channel value should be left at “0”. Digital probes may have these values programmed at the factory.

When the probe type is set to Compass, the offset can be determined by taking readings (using the Live Readings screen) and determining if the compass value is ever greater than 360. If so, the Gauge Offset A value should be set to 360 – (current reading > 360). For example, if the current compass probe reading is 365 then the Gauge Offset A value = (360 – 365) = -5.

If the probe “Type” is set to Tiltmeter, the “B Channel” parameters are not used and can be left at 0. When done editing, the settings can be saved via the “Menu->Save Settings” option.
If connected to a digital Remote Module and digital probe, Zero Shift, Gauge Factor and Gauge Offset changes can be uploaded to the probe via the “Menu->Save and Upload Settings” option.

After tapping "Save and Upload Settings", the reminder window shown in Figure 108 will be displayed to ensure that the Remote Module is ready to connect.

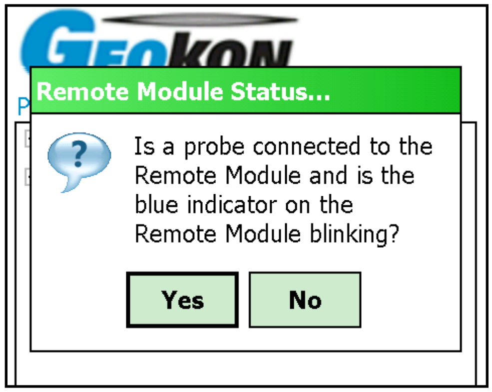


Figure 108 - Ready for Connection?

4.3 Project Configuration

Figure 109 depicts the Projects Settings dialog.

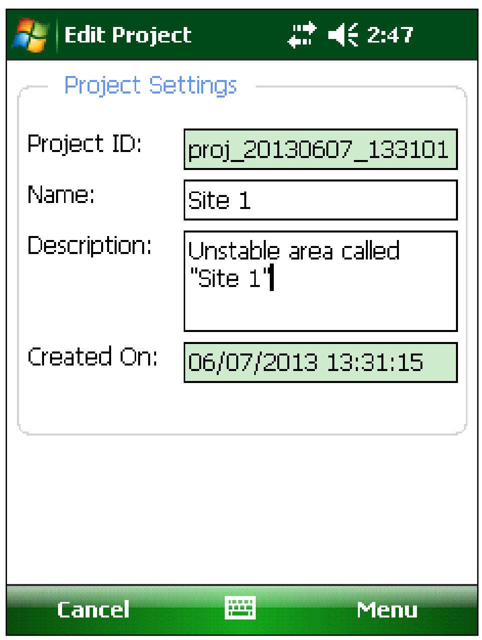


Figure 109 - Project Settings

Project ID:
Read-only value, generated upon project creation. Used internally by the GK-604D IRA.

Project Name:
Use the on-screen keyboard to enter a unique and descriptive project name.

Description:
Optional. Use the on-screen keyboard to enter a brief description pertaining to the project.

Created On:
Read-only date and time value, generated when the project was created.

5. FILES, FOLDERS AND TRANSFERRING DATA

The GK-604D IRA uses several types of files and dedicated folder locations to keep track of Workspaces and Project Explorer element configuration files, such as hole and probe configuration files and data files. The default locations and names for most of these appear in Table 1.

CAUTION! Manual editing any of the configuration files or renaming folders above may result in data loss or unexplained operation and is strongly discouraged.

Purpose	Default Folder	Filename
GK-604D IRA preferences and configuration	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\	Config.xml
Workspace repository	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces\	N/A
Probe Library repository	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Probe Libraries\	N/A
Project repository (Workspace)	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces\<WRK_SPC_FLDR>\[1]	.wkspc
Hole repository (Project)	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces\<WRK_SPC_FLDR>\<PROJECT ID>\	.proj
Hole configuration	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces\<WRK_SPC_FLDR>\<PROJECT ID>\<Hole ID>\	.hole
Data Files (per Hole)	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Workspaces\<WRK_SPC_FLDR>\<PROJECT ID>\<Hole ID>\data\	*.gkn
Probe repository (Probe Library)	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Probe Libraries\<PRB_LIB_FLDR>\[2]	.prblib
Probe configuration	\Application Data\Geokon\GK-604D\Probe Libraries\<PRB_LIB_FLDR>\<Probe ID>\	.probe

Table 1 - Folder paths and File Names

[1]<WRK_SPC_FLDR> is usually the same as the workspace name but is not required to be.
[2]<PRB_LIB_FLDR> is usually the same as the probe library name but is not required to be

5.1 File Transfer

In general, the only files generated by the GK-604D IRA that will have to be transferred are the "hole" data files, although periodically archiving others on a "master" PC is recommended. Connecting the Field PC to a desktop or laptop PC using the supplied USB cable (Type A to mini B) is straightforward and allows the user to view the Field PC's storage as a flash drive on the desktop/laptop; you can then simply drag the files around to any folder on the desktop/laptop.

- If you are using Windows XP you will need to download and install the program, "ActiveSync". This application is available for free from the Microsoft site (www.microsoft.com and search for "Active Sync download"). Once installed (generally requires a reboot), simply connect the USB cable from the Field PC and then open "My Computer" on the XP machine and see a "PDA" entry under drives. Double click on it to see the folders in the Field PC.

- If you are using Windows Vista or Windows 7, a free application called "Windows Mobile Device Center" is available on Microsoft's website. Once installed, a hardware connection between the Field PC and the desktop/laptop typically initiates the software connection.

It is not necessary to set up any 'syncing' options although it can easily be accomplished. Another Bluetooth partnership can also be set up from your desktop/laptop (assuming they have Bluetooth modules) to the Field PC and transfer files that way.
All of these options (and more) are described in the reference guide of the FPC-2 Field PC, available in the Inclinometer section of the Geokon manuals webpage:
http://www.geokon.com/manuals/

5.2 Backing up Configurations

To guard against accidental data loss and as a matter of good computer technique, critical data and configuration files should be periodically backed up.

- Entire projects can be backed up using the Project Export function from the File menu. After exporting, the resulting ".lvpe" file should be transferred to a desktop PC using the techniques described in Section 5.1

- Probe Libraries can be backed up using the Probe Library Export function from the File menu. After exporting, the resulting ".gple" file should be transferred to a desktop PC using the techniques described in Section 5.1

- Although backing up a project automatically includes any data files stored as part of the project element "hole" structure, data files can be individually backed up per hole using the Data Export function from the File menu. After exporting, the resulting ".gkn" file should be transferred to a desktop PC using the techniques described in Section 5.1.

6. MAINTENANCE

The inclinometer probe is a totally sealed unit and, as such, field adjustments are not required.

6.1 O-ring

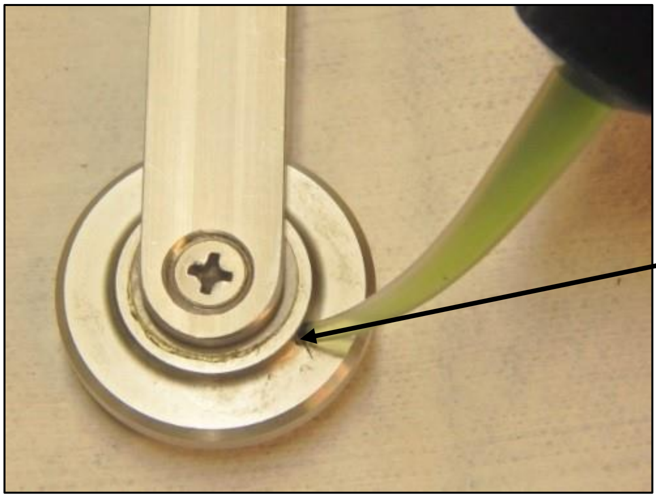
Maintenance of the 'O' ring on the connector requires that it be kept clean, as well as free of cuts and nicks. Periodic greasing with 'O' lube is recommended. A worn or damaged 'O' ring should be replaced with a new one (five 'O' rings are supplied with each new probe).

6.2 Wheel Assemblies

Wheel assemblies should be kept dry when in storage. They should be kept free of dirt by using a compressed air gun to blow away grit. **After every survey, spray the springs, pivots and axles with light oil**. **<u>This is very important and should not be neglected.</u>**

Geokon **recommends lubricating the wheel bearings after each use with waterproof grease** as shown below. This practice forces out any water or contaminates that may be present thus extending the service life.

Figure 110 - Wheel Lubricant (ADH-106 Belray Waterproof Grease Type 99540)



Grease wheels through the grease port in the wheel hub **after each use**.

Figure 111 - Greasing Wheels

6.3 Water Entry

One of the main problems encountered is failure to keep the cable and probe connectors dry. Often this is caused by failure to fully tighten the cable connector to the probe connector. This connection must be made up tight in order to compress the O-ring in the end of the probe connector. Periodically the pins of the probe connector **must** be sprayed with DEOXIT #DN5 spray contact cleaner and rejuvenator. A small spray can of this is supplied with each inclinometer probe. After each daily use, always make sure that the connectors are completely dry before replacing the protective caps. Otherwise, corrosion could result.

6.4 Zero Shift Changes

If the zero shift changes due to aging or rough handling this will not affect the quality or accuracy of the readings because the shift is removed by taking two sets of readings in the A+ and A– directions. However, if the zero shift changes by more than 5000 digits then the probe should be returned to the factory for repairs. Zero shift can be set to zero at any time using the software inside the GK-604 readout instrument (see Section 4.2).

6.5 Self Calibration Check

It is good practice to have a piece of inclinometer casing permanently fastened to a fixed immovable structure in the laboratory. This casing is used as a periodic check on the calibration of the probe. Placing the probe in the casing should give a reading that does not change with time.

6.6 Data Backup and Transfer

Remember, from time to time, to backup and remove the survey data from the Field PC. Failure to do this can cause the physical memory to run out and corrupt the system.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

7.1 Bluetooth Connection

7.1.1 "Cannot Connect…the passcode is incorrect"

"Cannot connect. Your device did not connect with GK604DRSNxxxxxxxxx. The connection failed or the passcode is incorrect."

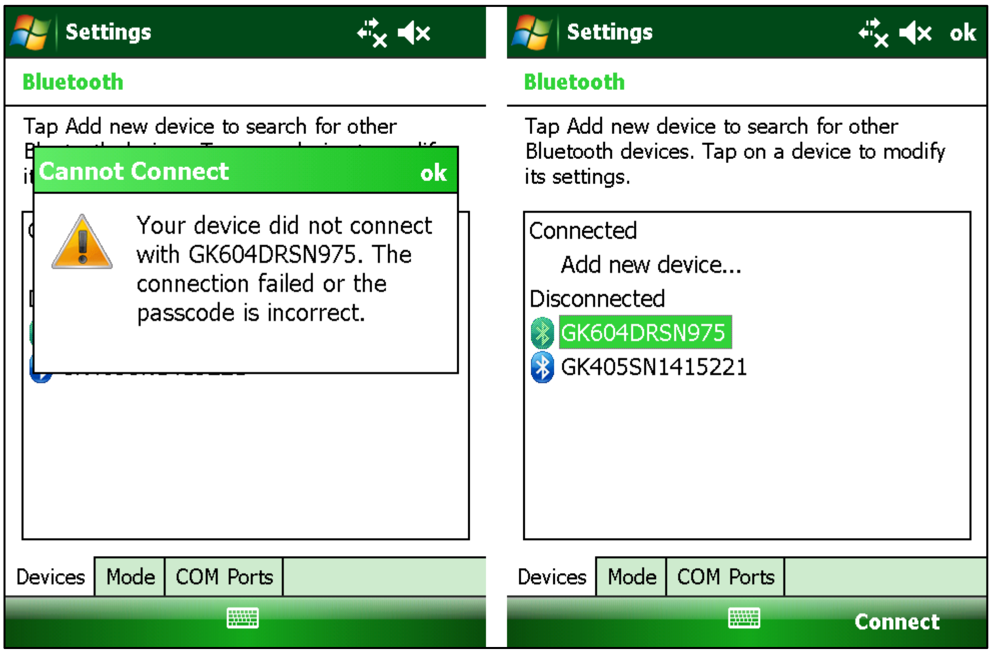


Figure 112 - "Cannot connect…the passcode is incorrect"

The most common cause of this message is by tapping the "Connect" button in the Windows Bluetooth settings window after a successful pairing has been established. This connection method will never be successful and should not be used to test the pairing. To test the pairing, use the GK-604D_IRA program.

*NOTE: If the Connect button is pressed, the pairing remains the same; it is not corrupted and does not need to be set up again.

7.1.2 "Reconnect…Communications Error"

"Reconnect…Communications error: The application was unable to connect to the Remote Module…"

If this error occurs, first verify which COM port is being used by the GK-604D by checking in the COM Port section of the Windows Bluetooth settings. Then select that Bluetooth COM Port from the dropdown box in the Communication Error window and tap on Reconnect.

If connection fails multiple times when the verified COM port is selected, perform a full power down and restart of the Field PC, and attempt to connect again through the GK-604D_IRA program.

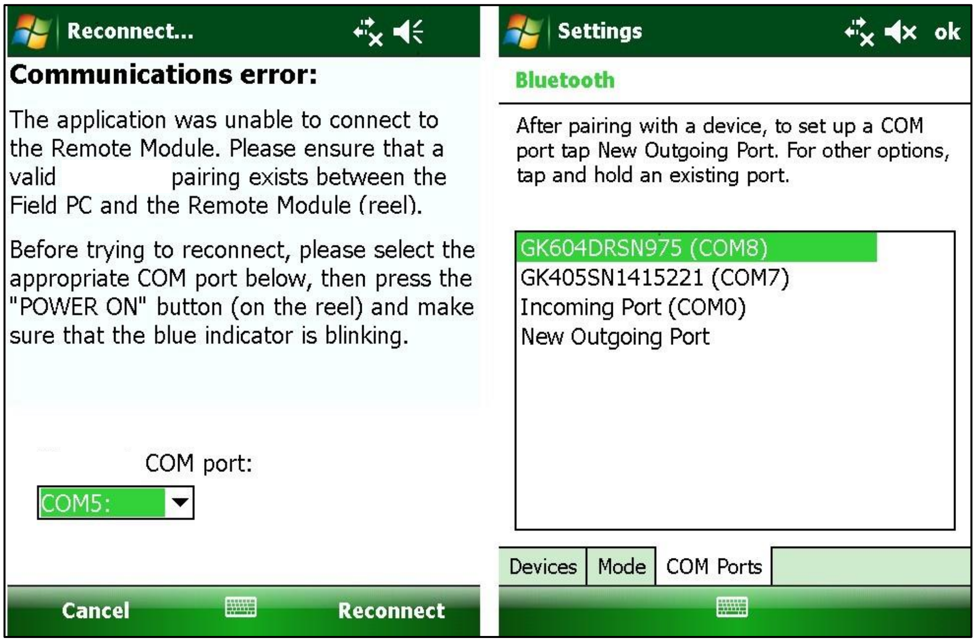


Figure 113 - "Reconnect…Communications error"

7.1.3 "Probe Error"

"Probe Error. Probe communications timeout! Try to reconnect."

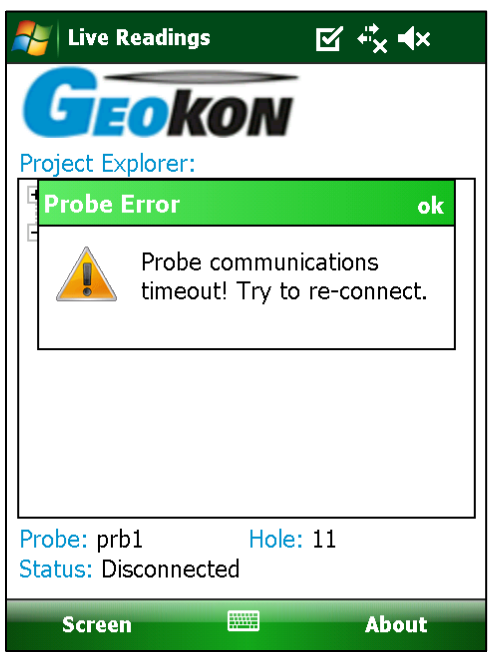


Figure 114 - "Probe error. Probe communications timeout!"

The most common cause of this error is the probe not being connected to the cable reel when Live Readings is attempted. Verify the probe is connected and attempt Live Readings again. If the error persists, there may be damage to the probe or cable.

7.2 Common Troubleshooting Solutions

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
FPC-2 does not power up	Attach FPC-2 charger for two hours, then try again.
When launched, IRA asks for a Probe Library name	Please refer to Section 2.4.
When adding a "Hole**," "**UNKNOWN**" is the only choice for "**Probe name**."**	FPC-2 may not have been purchased as part of the GK-604D system or probe was deleted from library. Please refer to Section 2.2, step 8.a.
The blue indicator light does not blink when the "POWER ON/OFF (BLUETOOTH)**" button is pressed on the Remote Module.**	Attach Remote Module charger for two hours, then try again.
After tapping on the "Live Readings**" the blue light never goes solid blue and a "**Communications error**" screen is displayed.**	Check that the Bluetooth status on the FPC-2 "**Start**" screen in "**On**." Check that there is a valid Bluetooth pairing in the Bluetooth Setting window of the FPC-2. Please refer to Section 2.3.
The GK-604D IRA appears to be "hung" or "frozen" and will not respond to any key press.	Check for a "**background**" error message. An error message may exist behind the main window that requires user input. Tap on "**Start**" and then "**Task Manager**" to see if there is another window hidden.
Blue light on Remote Module does not go off after "Live Readings" window has been exited.	If the above solution does not apply, press the "**POWER ON/OFF (BLUETOOTH)**" button on the Remote Module.

Table 2 - Common Troubleshooting Problems and Solutions

APPENDIX A. INCLINOMETER THEORY

A.1 Inclinometer Theory

In the geotechnical field inclinometers are used primarily to measure ground movements such as might occur in unstable slopes (landslides) or in the lateral movement of ground around on-going excavations. They are also used to monitor the stability of embankments, slurry walls, the disposition, and deviation of driven piles or drilled boreholes and the settlement of ground in fills, embankments, and beneath storage tanks.

In all these situations it is normal to either install a casing in a borehole drilled in the ground, to cast it inside a concrete structure, to bury it beneath an embankment, or the like. The inclinometer casing has four orthogonal grooves (Figure 115) designed to fit the wheels of a portable inclinometer probe (Figure 116). This probe, suspended on the end of a cable connected to a readout device, is used to survey the inclination of the casing with respect to vertical (or horizontal) and in this way to detect any changes in inclination caused by ground movements.

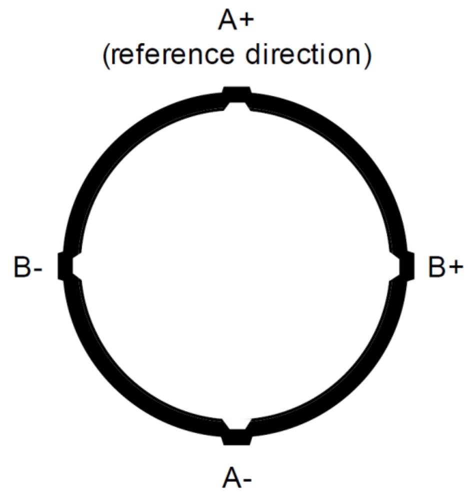


Figure 115 - Inclinometer Casing (End View)

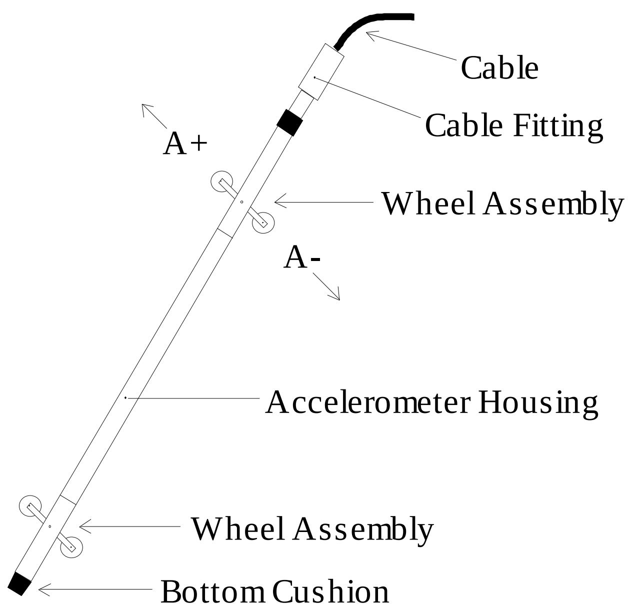


Figure 116 - Inclinometer Probe

The probe itself contains two MEMS, (Micro Electro-Mechanical Sensor), accelerometers, which flex when acted on by the force of gravity. Since the output voltage is proportional to the sine of the angle of inclination, the output is also proportional to horizontal deviation of the borehole (or the vertical deviation of a horizontal borehole).

In order to obtain a complete survey of the ground around the installed inclinometer casing it is necessary to take a series of tilt measurements along the casing. Typically, an inclinometer probe has two sets of wheels separated by a distance of two feet (English system) or half a meter (Metric system). A casing survey would begin by lowering the probe to the bottom of the casing and taking a reading. The probe would then be raised at two-foot (English system) or half a meter (Metric system) intervals and a reading taken at each interval until the top of the casing is reached. The set of readings thus generated is called the A+ readings. Marks on the cable at two-foot (English) or half meter (Metric) spacing facilitate the process. The probe is then removed from the casing, rotated through 180°, replaced in the casing, lowered to the bottom of the borehole and a second set of readings (the A– set) obtained as the probe is raised at the reading interval.

Inclinometer probes usually contain two accelerometers with their axes oriented at 90° to each other. The A-axis is in line with the wheels (Figure 116 illustrates) with the B-axis orthogonal to it. Thus, during the survey, as the A+, A– readings are obtained, the B+, B– readings are also recorded.

During the data reduction, these two sets of readings (A+, A– and B+, B–) are combined (by subtracting one set of readings from the other) in such a way that the effect of any zero offset of the force balance accelerometer is eliminated. [This zero offset is the reading obtained from the inclinometer probe when it hangs vertical. Ideally, the offset (or bias) would be zero, but usually there is a zero offset, which can change during the life of the probe. This change is most likely due to a sudden shock to the transducer caused by dropping or allowing it to hit too hard against the bottom of an installed inclinometer casing, but it can also be due to drift of the transducer or wear and damage of the wheels.

Subsequent surveys of the inclinometer casing, when compared with the original survey, will reveal any changes of inclination of the casing and locations at which these changes are taking place. Analysis of the change of inclination is best performed by computing the horizontal offset of the upper wheels relative to the lower wheels which has produced the tilting (θ) over the reading interval (L) of the survey (usually the wheel base of the probe, two feet for English systems, half a meter for Metric). At each position of the inclinometer, the two readings taken on each axis (A+, A– and B+, B–) are subtracted from each other leaving a measure of sineθ. This value is then multiplied by the reading interval (L) and the appropriate factor to output horizontal deflection in engineering units (inches for English, centimeters, or millimeters for Metric) (see Figure 117).

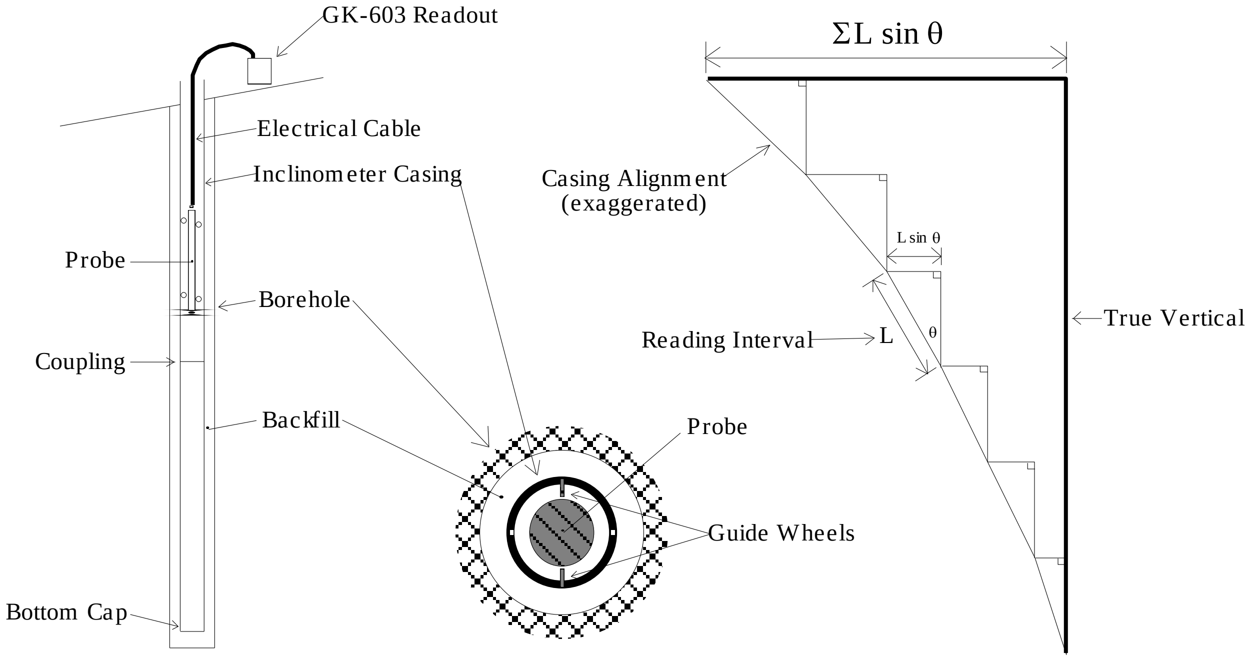


Figure 117 - Inclinometer Survey Description

When all these incremental horizontal deflections are accumulated and plotted, beginning at the bottom of the borehole, the net result is to produce a plot of the change in horizontal deflection between the time of the initial survey and the time of any subsequent survey. From such a deflection plot, it is easy to see at which depth the movement is occurring and its magnitude (Figure 118).

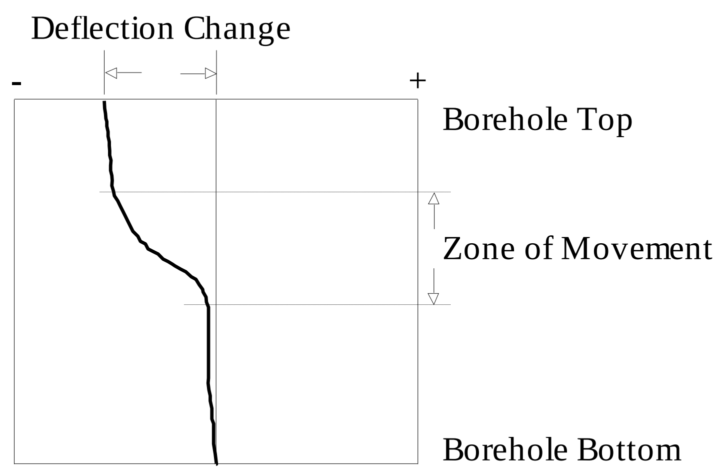


Figure 118 - Plot of Borehole Deflection

Other methods of analysis can be used but generally add little to the overall understanding of the situation. For example, using a single set of data, a profile of the borehole can be created. In addition, a plot can be made of the actual change in reading (inclination) at each measurement depth increment. A plot of this nature reveals the depths at which movement is occurring. This information can be obtained from the change in deflection curve with little difficulty.

One other analysis is the Check Sum (or Instrument Check) which can be used to measure the quality of the survey data.

The quality of the data can be impaired by any or all of the following:

- Skipping over or duplicating a reading.
- Not allowing the inclinometer sufficient time to come to rest before taking a reading.
- Not allowing sufficient time to allow the probe to reach temperature equilibrium before commencing the survey.
- Malfunction of the probe, cable, or readout device. This may be the result of shock, moisture, low battery conditions, opens or shorts in the cable or probe, etc.
- Carelessness when positioning the wheels so that the probe wheels do not rest on the same part of the casing from one survey to the next.
- Positioning the wheels so that they fall right on top of a casing joint, causing the reading to be unstable or simply erroneous.

The Check Sum analysis is performed by adding the A+, A- readings and the B+, B- readings. When this is done, the part of the reading due to the tilt is eliminated, leaving only a value that is equivalent to twice the zero offset of the inclinometer transducer.

A.2 Conducting the Survey

The following is a synopsis of the steps involved in taking a survey (see Section 3.3.1 for more details):

1) Attach the cable to the probe making sure that the connector is clean and the O-ring undamaged. Tighten the connector to ensure that the O-ring is compressed and watertight.

2) Twist the probe so that the uppermost wheel fits into the casing groove that faces the direction of the anticipated movement, (In the case of a slope this would be downhill, or, in the case of a foundation wall in the direction of the opening. This guarantees that the measured deflections will be positive. Lower the inclinometer probe to the bottom of the casing. To avoid damage to the probe be careful not to let the probe strike hard against the bottom of the hole.

3) Select the size of pulley assembly, (or cable hold), that matches the inclinometer casing and place it inside the top of the casing. Lift the inclinometer until the first cable marker passes the clamps on the pulley assembly (or sits in the cable hold if a cable hold is being used).

4) Switch on the FPC-2, turn on the Remote Module (blue light blinking) then launch the GK-604D IRA. After verifying that the handheld unit has connected to the probe, click on the “Live Readings” menu and observe the inclinometer reading. Wait until the probe temperature has stabilized and the reading does not change.

5) Make sure that the GK-604D IRA is set to Data Set 1. Take the first reading, pull up on the cable until the next cable marker sits just above the cable grips on the pulley assembly, (or in the cable hold), and, after a short pause, take another reading.

6) Continue in this way until the top marker is reached, then remove the pulley assembly, (or cable hold), and pull the inclinometer out of the hole.

7) Twist the probe through 180 degrees then lower it to the bottom of the hole. Tap the “Dataset 1” button to select “Data Set 2”.

8) Repeat steps three through six.

9) Tap on “Menu->Exit Live Readings” to save the data.

A.3 Checksums and “Face Errors” on Inclinometer Probes

Many users have expressed concern about **checksums or “face errors”** on inclinometer probes. They are concerned with the effect of the “face error” on the accuracy of the readings. The purpose of this section is to show that under normal circumstances the effect of the “face error” or checksum is negligible even with checksums as large as 2000. **The only time a problem would arise is if the face error or checksum was to change between the two halves of a survey**. **This is why it is extremely important not to bang the probe on the bottom of the borehole between survey halves, and not to handle the probe roughly while out of the hole.** The term “face error” comes from surveying terminology. It is normal for all theodolites to have a “face error” which is caused by imperfections of alignment of the collimation axis and other misalignments. These “face errors” are removed routinely by taking two readings of the theodolite: one angle is measured with the face of the vertical scale on the left of the theodolite and another with the face of the vertical scale on the right of the theodolite. The average of the two readings “face right” and “face left” gives the **true angle since the “face error” cancels out.**

Similarly, with the inclinometer probe: the “face error” arises from the fact that the axis of the inclinometer probe is not parallel with the electrical axis of the internal, force-balance, servo-accelerometer transducer. Once again, the “face error” is eliminated by taking two surveys of inclinometer readings one with the wheels of the inclinometer probe pointing in one direction and another with the wheels of the probe at 180° to the first direction. If the first set of readings are all too large by the amount of the “face error”, then the second set of readings will be too small by the amount of the “face error”. Thus, the average (or sum) of the two readings will be a measure of the true inclination, since the effect of the face error will be eliminated.

A.3.1 Effect of “Face Error” on Reading Accuracy

The “face error” or checksum can only affect the accuracy of the readings if it affects the calibration of the probe. This is possible because the output of the probe transducer is proportional to the sine of the inclination from the vertical and the sine function is nonlinear.

Imagine, for a moment, that the electrical axis of the transducer is five degrees away from being parallel with the axis of the inclinometer. This would give rise to a “face error” of 01743. (The inclinometer reader displays 20,000 sin ∅). This would cause one set of readings would be all too large by this amount and the other set of readings from a normal inclinometer survey would be too small by this amount, but the sum of the two readings would be accurate, the “face errors” having canceled out. However, if we assume that the hole is almost vertical then the transducer will be tilted at an angle of 5°. The difference in the slope of the sine function at any point is equal to the cosine of the angle at that point. The cosine of 0 ° is 1.0000 the cosine of 5° is 0.996 so that the effect of this “face error” on the calibration of the probe is to increase it by a factor of 1/0.996 = 1.004.

The practical implication of this would mean that if the apparent deflection of a borehole was 100 mm, the true deflection would be 100.4 mm. For practically all applications in the real world, the difference is insignificant and is a lot less than the differences that normally occur from survey to survey, i.e., a lot less than the precision of the inclinometer probe survey. (Lack of precision is caused by a failure to position the wheels of the probe in exactly the same place from survey to survey; failure to wait sufficiently long to allow the probe transducer to come to rest before reading; and random dirt in the inclinometer casing).

Note that the normal system accuracy of an inclinometer probe is ± 3 mm in 30 meters. By comparison, it can be seen that the normal system accuracy or precision is very much larger than the calibration error caused by the “face error” and that for all practical purposes the “face error” is of no consequence and can be completely discounted if it is less than 2000 digits.

(As another example, supposing the checksum was as large as 5000 digits. This is equivalent to a gross angular error of misalignment of almost 15 degrees. The effect on the calibration would be a little over 3 % so that the apparent deflection of 100 mm would be out by 3 mm, which again is smaller than the normal data spread due to imprecision).

A.3.2 Measurement of “Face Error”

The “face error” is the reading shown by the inclinometer probe when it is perfectly vertical. In practice, the easiest way to obtain the “face error” is to run a normal inclinometer survey, with the two sets of readings at 180°, and then to run a profile or deflection report (see Appendixes C.2 and C.3, the column labeled “Diff”). Examination of the data will reveal **the average checksum, which is equal to twice the “face error.”**

A.3.3 Setting of the “Face Error” to Zero

There are three ways of setting the “face error” to zero. None of them is necessary from the point of view of improving accuracy. These methods are detailed in the subsections below.

A.3.3.1 Mechanically

At the time of manufacture, the electrical axis of the transducer is adjusted by means of shims etc., until it points parallel to the axis of the inclinometer probe. This method suffers from the disadvantage that if the "face error" changes due to wear and tear on the probe and rough handling, or shock loading of the transducer then the probe needs to be returned to the factory for dismantling and readjustment.

A.3.3.2 Electrically

Electronic circuitry can be included in the probe so that the output of the transducer can be adjusted to zero when the probe is vertical. The disadvantage of this method is that it introduces electronic components into the inside of the probe which may alter with time, temperature and humidity and which, if the "face error" changes due to wear and tear or rough handling, will require the probe to be dismantled and the electronic circuitry readjusted. In addition, this form of correction does not really remove the "face error", it only masks it, and if the "face error" is very large, the calibration will be affected.

A.3.3.3 By Software

The best way for setting the "face error" to zero is by applying an automatic correction to the measured readings using the software capabilities of the inclinometer readout box.

The procedure for setting the face error to zero is described in Section 4.2, which covers the subject of "Zero shifts", which are the same as "face errors". The advantage of this method lies in its simplicity and the ability to set the "face error" to zero at any time without dismantling the probe. This is the method chosen by Geokon.

Another advantage of this method is that it is possible by judicious choice of the "face error" entered into the software program to make one probe give exactly the same digits output as another probe. This is sometimes thought to be desirable where probes are switched, and unbroken continuity of the raw data is desired. It is not necessary for reason of accuracy as has already been explained.

The disadvantage of this method is that, if the probe is changed, the operator must remember to change the zero shift offset in the program to accommodate the "face error" of the new probe.

A.3.4 Conclusion

It has been shown that for most practical purposes checksums of less than 2000 digits are of no consequence and can be completely ignored providing the inclinometer survey is conducted in the normal way. (i.e., two sets of readings at 180°) It has further been shown that the best method by far, for setting the "face error" to zero, is by means of the software capabilities in the inclinometer reader. This is the method chosen by Geokon.

APPENDIX B. DATA FILE FORMAT

B.1 Hole Data GKN File Format

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***
GK 604M(v1.0.1.0,01/13);2.0;FORMAT II
PROJECT  :myHoles
HOLE NO. :newHole
DATE     :01/02/13
TIME     :14:32:13
PROBE NO.:testProbe
FILE NAME:newHole_001.gkn
#READINGS:61
FLEVEL,    A+,    A-,    B+,    B-
  30.0,  1013, -1052,  -380,   320
  29.5,   945,  -985,  -377,   315
  29.0,   946,  -981,  -346,   290
  28.5,   945,  -978,  -331,   276
  28.0,   995, -1048,  -337,   278
  27.5,  1014, -1050,  -318,   263
  27.0,  1034, -1068,  -316,   265
  26.5,  1046, -1078,  -348,   288
  26.0,  1037, -1075,  -376,   326
  25.5,  1042, -1075,  -415,   366
  25.0,  1079, -1116,  -430,   366
  24.5,  1053, -1087,  -440,   378
  24.0,  1027, -1066,  -449,   385
  23.5,  1024, -1061,  -477,   413
  23.0,  1020, -1054,  -474,   422
  22.5,  1029, -1063,  -500,   448
  22.0,  1099, -1131,  -485,   437
  21.5,  1080, -1116,  -503,   439
  21.0,  1047, -1082,  -514,   462
  20.5,  1043, -1075,  -518,   454
  20.0,  1042, -1077,  -527,   469
  19.5,  1062, -1096,  -542,   480
  19.0,  1074, -1105,  -551,   487
  18.5,  1085, -1118,  -553,   490
  18.0,  1104, -1140,  -572,   513
  17.5,  1097, -1128,  -541,   483
  17.0,  1090, -1125,  -549,   500
  16.5,  1069, -1105,  -545,   493
  16.0,  1103, -1139,  -567,   497
  15.5,  1082, -1129,  -566,   506
  15.0,  1065, -1100,  -553,   495
  14.5,  1052, -1086,  -529,   467
  14.0,  1009, -1045,  -519,   452
  13.5,   956,  -991,  -534,   468
  13.0,   899,  -933,  -558,   492
  12.5,   841,  -874,  -557,   493
  12.0,   800,  -836,  -568,   499
  11.5,   778,  -808,  -547,   482
  11.0,   755,  -789,  -522,   464
  10.5,   752,  -785,  -489,   440
  10.0,   754,  -789,  -465,   409
   9.5,   766,  -802,  -433,   378
   9.0,   769,  -804,  -429,   371
   8.5,   765,  -800,  -435,   372
   8.0,   762,  -795,  -442,   379
   7.5,   785,  -819,  -441,   386
   7.0,   811,  -844,  -456,   388
   6.5,   809,  -842,  -450,   394
   6.0,   802,  -837,  -472,   414
   5.5,   786,  -817,  -464,   398
   5.0,   776,  -809,  -475,   412
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4.5,   788,  -818,  -468,   404
4.0,   777,  -808,  -447,   381
3.5,   707,  -757,  -435,   375
3.0,   707,  -739,  -408,   354
2.5,   686,  -721,  -407,   359
2.0,   647,  -680,  -413,   356
1.5,   608,  -643,  -412,   357
1.0,   559,  -599,  -359,   298
0.5,   564,  -600,  -361,   300
0.0,   565,  -600,  -359,   300
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NOTE: The date value following the "DATE:" header in the data file above is displayed in the "Short date" format from Regional Settings of the Nautiz. The time value following the "Time:" header in the data file above is always displayed as "HH:mm:ss".

APPENDIX C. TEXT REPORTS

C.1 Raw Data Text Report

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Hole Survey Raw Data Report
----------------------------------------------------------------
       Project Name:      myHoles
          Hole Name:      newHole
      Top Elevation:      186.6

          File Name:      newHole_001.gkn
       Reading Date:      01/02/13
       Reading Time:      14:32:13
         Probe Name:      testProbe
----------------------------------------------------------------
Level  A+     A-     B+     B-     Elev.
(m)    (dig.) (dig.) (dig.) (dig.) (m)
----------------------------------------------------------------
0.5    564    -600   -361   300    186.1
1             559    -599   -359   298    185.6
1.5    608    -643   -412   357    185.1
2             647    -680   -413   356    184.6
2.5    686    -721   -407   359    184.1
3             707    -739   -408   354    183.6
3.5    707    -757   -435   375    183.1
4             777    -808   -447   381    182.6
4.5    788    -818   -468   404    182.1
5             776    -809   -475   412    181.6
5.5    786    -817   -464   398    181.1
6             802    -837   -472   414    180.6
6.5    809    -842   -450   394    180.1
7             811    -844   -456   388    179.6
7.5    785    -819   -441   386    179.1
8             762    -795   -442   379    178.6
8.5    765    -800   -435   372    178.1
9             769    -804   -429   371    177.6
9.5    766    -802   -433   378    177.1
10            754    -789   -465   409    176.6
10.5   752    -785   -489   440    176.1
11            755    -789   -522   464    175.6
11.5   778    -808   -547   482    175.1
12            800    -836   -568   499    174.6
12.5   841    -874   -557   493    174.1
13            899    -933   -558   492    173.6
13.5   956    -991   -534   468    173.1
14            1009   -1045  -519   452    172.6
14.5   1052   -1086  -529   467    172.1
15            1065   -1100  -553   495    171.6
15.5   1082   -1129  -566   506    171.1
16            1103   -1139  -567   497    170.6
16.5   1069   -1105  -545   493    170.1
17            1090   -1125  -549   500    169.6
17.5   1097   -1128  -541   483    169.1
18            1104   -1140  -572   513    168.6
18.5   1085   -1118  -553   490    168.1
19            1074   -1105  -551   487    167.6
19.5   1062   -1096  -542   480    167.1
20            1042   -1077  -527   469    166.6
20.5   1043   -1075  -518   454    166.1
21            1047   -1082  -514   462    165.6
21.5   1080   -1116  -503   439    165.1
22            1099   -1131  -485   437    164.6
22.5   1029   -1063  -500   448    164.1
23            1020   -1054  -474   422    163.6
23.5   1024   -1061  -477   413    163.1
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24		1027	-1066	-449	385	162.6
24.5	1053	-1087	-440	378	162.1	
25		1079	-1116	-430	366	161.6
25.5	1042	-1075	-415	366	161.1	
26		1037	-1075	-376	326	160.6
26.5	1046	-1078	-348	288	160.1	
27		1034	-1068	-316	265	159.6
27.5	1014	-1050	-318	263	159.1	
28		995	-1048	-337	278	158.6
28.5	945	-978	-331	276	158.1	
29		946	-981	-346	290	157.6
29.5	945	-985	-377	315	157.1	
30		1013	-1052	-380	320	156.6

C.2 A-axis Profile Data Text Report

Report: A-Axis Digits and Profile in Centimeters (Bottom Up)

Project Name:	myHoles
Hole Name:	newHole
Top Elevation:	186.6
Azimuth Angle:	0.0
File Name:	newHole_001.gkn
Reading Date:	01/02/13
Reading Time:	14:32:13
Probe Name:	testProbe

Elev (m)	A+ (dig.)	A- (dig.)	Sum (dig.)	Diff (dig.)	Diff/2 (dig.)	Defl (cm)	Level (m)
186.1	564	-600	-36	1164	582	139.79	0.5
185.6	559	-599	-40	1158	579	138.34	1
185.1	608	-643	-35	1251	626	136.89	1.5
184.6	647	-680	-33	1327	664	135.33	2
184.1	686	-721	-35	1407	704	133.67	2.5
183.6	707	-739	-32	1446	723	131.91	3
183.1	707	-757	-50	1464	732	130.10	3.5
182.6	777	-808	-31	1585	793	128.27	4
182.1	788	-818	-30	1606	803	126.29	4.5
181.6	776	-809	-33	1585	793	124.28	5
181.1	786	-817	-31	1603	802	122.30	5.5
180.6	802	-837	-35	1639	820	120.30	6
180.1	809	-842	-33	1651	826	118.25	6.5
179.6	811	-844	-33	1655	828	116.19	7
179.1	785	-819	-34	1604	802	114.12	7.5
178.6	762	-795	-33	1557	779	112.11	8
178.1	765	-800	-35	1565	783	110.17	8.5
177.6	769	-804	-35	1573	787	108.21	9
177.1	766	-802	-36	1568	784	106.24	9.5
176.6	754	-789	-35	1543	772	104.28	10
176.1	752	-785	-33	1537	769	102.35	10.5
175.6	755	-789	-34	1544	772	100.43	11
175.1	778	-808	-30	1586	793	98.50	11.5
174.6	800	-836	-36	1636	818	96.52	12
174.1	841	-874	-33	1715	858	94.48	12.5
173.6	899	-933	-34	1832	916	92.33	13
173.1	956	-991	-35	1947	974	90.04	13.5
172.6	1009	-1045	-36	2054	1027	87.61	14
172.1	1052	-1086	-34	2138	1069	85.04	14.5
171.6	1065	-1100	-35	2165	1083	82.37	15
171.1	1082	-1129	-47	2211	1106	79.66	15.5
170.6	1103	-1139	-36	2242	1121	76.90	16
170.1	1069	-1105	-36	2174	1087	74.10	16.5
169.6	1090	-1125	-35	2215	1108	71.38	17
169.1	1097	-1128	-31	2225	1113	68.61	17.5
168.6	1104	-1140	-36	2244	1122	65.83	18
168.1	1085	-1118	-33	2203	1102	63.02	18.5
167.6	1074	-1105	-31	2179	1090	60.27	19
167.1	1062	-1096	-34	2158	1079	57.55	19.5
166.6	1042	-1077	-35	2119	1060	54.85	20
166.1	1043	-1075	-32	2118	1059	52.20	20.5
165.6	1047	-1082	-35	2129	1065	49.55	21
165.1	1080	-1116	-36	2196	1098	46.89	21.5
164.6	1099	-1131	-32	2230	1115	44.15	22
164.1	1029	-1063	-34	2092	1046	41.36	22.5
163.6	1020	-1054	-34	2074	1037	38.74	23
163.1	1024	-1061	-37	2085	1043	36.15	23.5
162.6	1027	-1066	-39	2093	1047	33.54	24
162.1	1053	-1087	-34	2140	1070	30.93	24.5
161.6	1079	-1116	-37	2195	1098	28.25	25

161.1	1042	-1075	-33	2117	1059	25.51	25.5
160.6	1037	-1075	-38	2112	1056	22.86	26
160.1	1046	-1078	-32	2124	1062	20.22	26.5
159.6	1034	-1068	-34	2102	1051	17.57	27
159.1	1014	-1050	-36	2064	1032	14.94	27.5
158.6	995	-1048	-53	2043	1022	12.36	28
158.1	945	-978	-33	1923	962	9.81	28.5
157.6	946	-981	-35	1927	964	7.40	29
157.1	945	-985	-40	1930	965	4.99	29.5
156.6	1013	-1052	-39	2065	1033	2.58	30

Average Channel A Offset: -17.5

C.3 B-axis Profile Data Text Report

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Report: B-Axis Digits and Profile in Centimeters (Bottom Up)
-----------------------------------------------------------------
       Project Name:      myHoles
          Hole Name:      newHole
      Top Elevation:      186.6
      Azimuth Angle:      0.0
          File Name:      newHole_001.gkn
       Reading Date:      01/02/13
       Reading Time:      14:32:13
         Probe Name:      testProbe
-----------------------------------------------------------------
Elev   B+     B-     Sum    Diff   Diff/2 Defl   Level
(m)    (dig.) (dig.) (dig.) (dig.) (dig.) (cm)   (m)
-----------------------------------------------------------------
186.1  -361   300    -61    -661   -330   -65.30 0.5
185.6  -359   298    -61    -657   -328   -64.48 1
185.1  -412   357    -55    -769   -384   -63.65 1.5
184.6  -413   356    -57    -769   -384   -62.69 2
184.1  -407   359    -48    -766   -383   -61.73 2.5
183.6  -408   354    -54    -762   -381   -60.77 3
183.1  -435   375    -60    -810   -405   -59.82 3.5
182.6  -447   381    -66    -828   -414   -58.81 4
182.1  -468   404    -64    -872   -436   -57.77 4.5
181.6  -475   412    -63    -887   -443   -56.68 5
181.1  -464   398    -66    -862   -431   -55.58 5.5
180.6  -472   414    -58    -886   -443   -54.50 6
180.1  -450   394    -56    -844   -422   -53.39 6.5
179.6  -456   388    -68    -844   -422   -52.34 7
179.1  -441   386    -55    -827   -413   -51.28 7.5
178.6  -442   379    -63    -821   -410   -50.25 8
178.1  -435   372    -63    -807   -403   -49.22 8.5
177.6  -429   371    -58    -800   -400   -48.21 9
177.1  -433   378    -55    -811   -405   -47.21 9.5
176.6  -465   409    -56    -874   -437   -46.20 10
176.1  -489   440    -49    -929   -464   -45.11 10.5
175.6  -522   464    -58    -986   -493   -43.94 11
175.1  -547   482    -65    -1029  -514   -42.71 11.5
174.6  -568   499    -69    -1067  -533   -41.43 12
174.1  -557   493    -64    -1050  -525   -40.09 12.5
173.6  -558   492    -66    -1050  -525   -38.78 13
173.1  -534   468    -66    -1002  -501   -37.47 13.5
172.6  -519   452    -67    -971   -485   -36.21 14
172.1  -529   467    -62    -996   -498   -35.00 14.5
171.6  -553   495    -58    -1048  -524   -33.76 15
171.1  -566   506    -60    -1072  -536   -32.45 15.5
170.6  -567   497    -70    -1064  -532   -31.11 16
170.1  -545   493    -52    -1038  -519   -29.78 16.5
169.6  -549   500    -49    -1049  -524   -28.48 17
169.1  -541   483    -58    -1024  -512   -27.17 17.5
168.6  -572   513    -59    -1085  -542   -25.89 18
168.1  -553   490    -63    -1043  -521   -24.53 18.5
167.6  -551   487    -64    -1038  -519   -23.23 19
167.1  -542   480    -62    -1022  -511   -21.93 19.5
166.6  -527   469    -58    -996   -498   -20.65 20
166.1  -518   454    -64    -972   -486   -19.41 20.5
165.6  -514   462    -52    -976   -488   -18.19 21
165.1  -503   439    -64    -942   -471   -16.97 21.5
164.6  -485   437    -48    -922   -461   -15.79 22
164.1  -500   448    -52    -948   -474   -14.64 22.5
163.6  -474   422    -52    -896   -448   -13.46 23
163.1  -477   413    -64    -890   -445   -12.34 23.5
162.6  -449   385    -64    -834   -417   -11.22 24
162.1  -440   378    -62    -818   -409   -10.18 24.5
161.6  -430   366    -64    -796   -398   -9.16  25
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161.1	-415	366	-49	-781	-390	-8.16	25.5
160.6	-376	326	-50	-702	-351	-7.19	26
160.1	-348	288	-60	-636	-318	-6.31	26.5
159.6	-316	265	-51	-581	-290	-5.52	27
159.1	-318	263	-55	-581	-290	-4.79	27.5
158.6	-337	278	-59	-615	-307	-4.06	28
158.1	-331	276	-55	-607	-303	-3.29	28.5
157.6	-346	290	-56	-636	-318	-2.54	29
157.1	-377	315	-62	-692	-346	-1.74	29.5
156.6	-380	320	-60	-700	-350	-.88	30

Average Channel B Offset: -29.6

C.4 A-axis Deflection Data Text Report

Report: A-Axis Change in Digits and Deflection in Centimeters (Bottom Up)

Project Name: myHoles
Hole Name: newHole
Top Elevation: 186.6
Azimuth Angle: 0.0

	--Initial Data--	--Current Data--
File Name:	newHole_001.gkn	newHole_002.gkn
Reading Date:	01/02/13	01/03/13
Reading Time:	14:32:13	13:54:50
Probe Name:	testProbe	testProbe

Elev. (m)	--Initial (digits)-- A+	A-	Diff.	--Current (digits)-- A+	A-	Diff.	Corr. Diff.	Defl. (cm)	Level (m)
186.1	564	-600	1164	508	-657	1165	1	-.09	0.5
185.6	559	-599	1158	510	-656	1166	8	-.09	1
185.1	608	-643	1251	541	-698	1239	-12	-.10	1.5
184.6	647	-680	1327	591	-736	1327	0	-.08	2
184.1	686	-721	1407	631	-776	1407	0	-.08	2.5
183.6	707	-739	1446	650	-796	1446	0	-.08	3
183.1	707	-757	1464	666	-809	1475	11	-.08	3.5
182.6	777	-808	1585	719	-865	1584	-1	-.10	4
182.1	788	-818	1606	728	-874	1602	-4	-.09	4.5
181.6	776	-809	1585	719	-865	1584	-1	-.09	5
181.1	786	-817	1603	730	-873	1603	0	-.09	5.5
180.6	802	-837	1639	747	-893	1640	1	-.09	6
180.1	809	-842	1651	753	-898	1651	0	-.09	6.5
179.6	811	-844	1655	755	-898	1653	-2	-.09	7
179.1	785	-819	1604	729	-874	1603	-1	-.09	7.5
178.6	762	-795	1557	706	-851	1557	0	-.09	8
178.1	765	-800	1565	710	-855	1565	0	-.09	8.5
177.6	769	-804	1573	714	-859	1573	0	-.09	9
177.1	766	-802	1568	711	-857	1568	0	-.09	9.5
176.6	754	-789	1543	699	-845	1544	1	-.09	10
176.1	752	-785	1537	682	-840	1522	-15	-.09	10.5
175.6	755	-789	1544	698	-844	1542	-2	-.07	11
175.1	778	-808	1586	720	-865	1585	-1	-.07	11.5
174.6	800	-836	1636	746	-892	1638	2	-.06	12
174.1	841	-874	1715	782	-929	1711	-4	-.07	12.5
173.6	899	-933	1832	843	-989	1832	0	-.06	13
173.1	956	-991	1947	900	-1047	1947	0	-.06	13.5
172.6	1009	-1045	2054	931	-1100	2031	-23	-.06	14
172.1	1052	-1086	2138	996	-1142	2138	0	-.03	14.5
171.6	1065	-1100	2165	1008	-1156	2164	-1	-.03	15
171.1	1082	-1129	2211	1038	-1185	2223	12	-.03	15.5
170.6	1103	-1139	2242	1046	-1193	2239	-3	-.05	16
170.1	1069	-1105	2174	1014	-1161	2175	1	-.04	16.5
169.6	1090	-1125	2215	1034	-1180	2214	-1	-.04	17
169.1	1097	-1128	2225	1041	-1184	2225	0	-.04	17.5
168.6	1104	-1140	2244	1048	-1196	2244	0	-.04	18
168.1	1085	-1118	2203	1029	-1174	2203	0	-.04	18.5
167.6	1074	-1105	2179	1019	-1164	2183	4	-.04	19
167.1	1062	-1096	2158	1006	-1150	2156	-2	-.05	19.5
166.6	1042	-1077	2119	985	-1133	2118	-1	-.05	20
166.1	1043	-1075	2118	987	-1131	2118	0	-.04	20.5
165.6	1047	-1082	2129	991	-1138	2129	0	-.04	21
165.1	1080	-1116	2196	1025	-1171	2196	0	-.04	21.5
164.6	1099	-1131	2230	1041	-1187	2228	-2	-.04	22
164.1	1029	-1063	2092	974	-1119	2093	1	-.04	22.5
163.6	1020	-1054	2074	965	-1110	2075	1	-.04	23
163.1	1024	-1061	2085	969	-1117	2086	1	-.04	23.5
162.6	1027	-1066	2093	972	-1119	2091	-2	-.05	24
162.1	1053	-1087	2140	998	-1143	2141	1	-.04	24.5

161.6	1079	-1116	2195	1023	-1171	2194	-1	-.04	25
161.1	1042	-1075	2117	985	-1131	2116	-1	-.04	25.5
160.6	1037	-1075	2112	982	-1130	2112	0	-.04	26
160.1	1046	-1078	2124	989	-1134	2123	-1	-.04	26.5
159.6	1034	-1068	2102	977	-1125	2102	0	-.04	27
159.1	1014	-1050	2064	958	-1105	2063	-1	-.04	27.5
158.6	995	-1048	2043	937	-1093	2030	-13	-.04	28
158.1	945	-978	1923	889	-1022	1911	-12	-.02	28.5
157.6	946	-981	1927	888	-1037	1925	-2	-.01	29
157.1	945	-985	1930	889	-1039	1928	-2	-.01	29.5
156.6	1013	-1052	2065	956	-1107	2063	-2	.00	30

C.5 B-axis Deflection Data Text Report

Report: B-Axis Change in Digits and Deflection in Centimeters (Bottom Up)

Project Name:	myHoles
Hole Name:	newHole
Top Elevation:	186.6
Azimuth Angle:	0.0

	--Initial Data--	--Current Data--
File Name:	newHole_001.gkn	newHole_002.gkn
Reading Date:	01/02/13	01/03/13
Reading Time:	14:32:13	13:54:50
Probe Name:	testProbe	testProbe

Elev. (m)	--Initial (digits)-- B+	B-	Diff.	--Current (digits)-- B+	B-	Diff.	Corr. Diff.	Defl. (cm)	Level (m)
186.1	-361	300	-661	-361	300	-661	0	.05	0.5
185.6	-359	298	-657	-361	300	-661	-4	.05	1
185.1	-412	357	-769	-413	358	-771	-2	.06	1.5
184.6	-413	356	-769	-412	355	-767	2	.06	2
184.1	-407	359	-766	-412	357	-769	-3	.06	2.5
183.6	-408	354	-762	-408	356	-764	-2	.06	3
183.1	-435	375	-810	-434	376	-810	0	.07	3.5
182.6	-447	381	-828	-447	382	-829	-1	.07	4
182.1	-468	404	-872	-468	404	-872	0	.07	4.5
181.6	-475	412	-887	-474	411	-885	2	.07	5
181.1	-464	398	-862	-464	406	-870	-8	.06	5.5
180.6	-472	414	-886	-469	411	-880	6	.07	6
180.1	-450	394	-844	-450	393	-843	1	.07	6.5
179.6	-456	388	-844	-454	386	-840	4	.07	7
179.1	-441	386	-827	-437	379	-816	11	.06	7.5
178.6	-442	379	-821	-442	378	-820	1	.05	8
178.1	-435	372	-807	-435	371	-806	1	.05	8.5
177.6	-429	371	-800	-430	369	-799	1	.04	9
177.1	-433	378	-811	-438	376	-814	-3	.04	9.5
176.6	-465	409	-874	-464	408	-872	2	.05	10
176.1	-489	440	-929	-489	439	-928	1	.04	10.5
175.6	-522	464	-986	-523	460	-983	3	.04	11
175.1	-547	482	-1029	-546	481	-1027	2	.04	11.5
174.6	-568	499	-1067	-566	502	-1068	-1	.04	12
174.1	-557	493	-1050	-557	494	-1051	-1	.04	12.5
173.6	-558	492	-1050	-557	491	-1048	2	.04	13
173.1	-534	468	-1002	-533	470	-1003	-1	.04	13.5
172.6	-519	452	-971	-519	451	-970	1	.04	14
172.1	-529	467	-996	-526	468	-994	2	.04	14.5
171.6	-553	495	-1048	-554	496	-1050	-2	.03	15
171.1	-566	506	-1072	-564	505	-1069	3	.04	15.5
170.6	-567	497	-1064	-566	508	-1074	-10	.03	16
170.1	-545	493	-1038	-540	492	-1032	6	.05	16.5
169.6	-549	500	-1049	-551	499	-1050	-1	.04	17
169.1	-541	483	-1024	-540	481	-1021	3	.04	17.5
168.6	-572	513	-1085	-571	513	-1084	1	.04	18
168.1	-553	490	-1043	-553	491	-1044	-1	.03	18.5
167.6	-551	487	-1038	-550	487	-1037	1	.04	19
167.1	-542	480	-1022	-541	481	-1022	0	.03	19.5
166.6	-527	469	-996	-529	469	-998	-2	.03	20
166.1	-518	454	-972	-517	454	-971	1	.04	20.5
165.6	-514	462	-976	-513	449	-962	14	.04	21
165.1	-503	439	-942	-502	439	-941	1	.02	21.5
164.6	-485	437	-922	-486	437	-923	-1	.02	22
164.1	-500	448	-948	-499	447	-946	2	.02	22.5
163.6	-474	422	-896	-475	422	-897	-1	.02	23
163.1	-477	413	-890	-476	414	-890	0	.02	23.5
162.6	-449	385	-834	-448	384	-832	2	.02	24
162.1	-440	378	-818	-440	377	-817	1	.01	24.5

161.6	-430	366	-796	-423	364	-787	9	.01	25
161.1	-415	366	-781	-416	366	-782	-1	.00	25.5
160.6	-376	326	-702	-377	324	-701	1	.00	26
160.1	-348	288	-636	-349	290	-639	-3	.00	26.5
159.6	-316	265	-581	-316	266	-582	-1	.01	27
159.1	-318	263	-581	-316	263	-579	2	.01	27.5
158.6	-337	278	-615	-338	275	-613	2	.00	28
158.1	-331	276	-607	-329	272	-601	6	.00	28.5
157.6	-346	290	-636	-350	293	-643	-7	-.01	29
157.1	-377	315	-692	-377	315	-692	0	.00	29.5
156.6	-380	320	-700	-379	319	-698	2	.00	30

C.6 Compass Survey Data Text Report

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GK 604M(v1.2.0.0,07/14);2.0;FORMAT II
PROJECT  :testProj
HOLE NO. :testHole
DATE     :7/22/14
TIME     :11:30:57
PROBE NO.:incloCompass
FILE NAME:testHole_012_Compass.GKS
#READINGS:71
FLEVEL,    A+,    A-,    B+,    B-
  35.0,   164,     0,   254,     0
  34.5,   164,     0,   254,     0
  34.0,   168,     0,   258,     0
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APPENDIX D. REMOTE MODULE COMMAND STRUCTURE

COMMAND	FUNCTION	SYNTAX	RETURN VALUE
0	TAKE VA READING	0	(+/-)#####
1	TAKE VB READING	1	(+/-)#####
2	TAKE BATTERY READING	2	<sp><sp>+#.#
3	TAKE -12V READING [1]	3	<sp>-12.0
4	FIRMWARE VERSION [4]	4	VER#.#
5	(see Note 2)	5	<CR>
6	(see Note 2)	6	000<sp><sp><sp>
7	TAKE +12V READING [1]	7	<sp>+12.0
8	TAKE +5V REFERENCE READING	8	<sp><sp>+#.#
9	TAKE 3.3V READING [1]	9	<sp><sp>+3.3
D	LOAD PROBE DEFAULTS [3]	D	See Example D
G	DISPLAY GAUGE PARAMETERS [3]	G	See Example G2
G	ENTER GAUGE PARAMETERS [3]	G70A/(LorP)/#/#/# or G70B/(LorP)/#/#/# See example G below	See Example G1
T	PROBE TEMPERATURE (°C) [3]	T	(+/-)##.####
V	FIRMWARE VERSION (Remote Module) [3]	V	VER #.#
#	DISPLAY PROBE SERIAL # [3]	#	See example #
#sn	ENTER PROBE SERIAL # [3]	#sn (16 alphanumeric characters or symbols)	See example #sn

Table 3 - Remote Module Commands

Notes:
[1] These commands exist only for GK-604 analog systems and are included in the digital system for compatibility.
[2] Similar to Note 1, but are for internal use only.
[3] These commands exist only for GK-604D digital system.
[4] Firmware Version (Command 4) returns the Remote Module version for analog systems and the probe firmware version for digital systems.

Example 1: LOAD PROBE DEFAULTS
Loads probe default gauge parameters (calibration factors):
<u>Command:</u> D<CR>
<u>Response:</u> GT:70A ZR:0.0000 GF:1.0000 GO:0.0000 GT:70B ZR:0.0000 GF:1.0000 GO:0.0000

<u>Channels VA and VB:</u> Linear Conversion
Zero Read Offset = 0
Gauge Factor = 1
Gauge Offset = 0
Results in digits display = 2500(Vout)

Example 2: ENTER GAUGE PARAMETERS

Enter and store gauge parameters for each axis:

<u>A-axis:</u> Linear conversion
Zero Read Offset = 0
Gauge Factor = .62
Gauge Offset = 0

<u>Command:</u> G70A/L/0/.62/0<CR>
<u>Response:</u> GT:70A ZR:0.0000 GF:0.6200 GO:0.0000 GT:70B ZR:0.0000 GF:1.0000 GO:0.0000

<u>B-axis:</u> Linear conversion
Zero Read Offset = 0
Gauge Factor = 1.005
Gauge Offset = 0

<u>Command:</u> G70B/L/0/1.005/0<CR>
<u>Response:</u> GT:70A ZR:0.0000 GF:0.6200 GO:0.0000 GT:70B ZR:0.0000 GF:1.005 GO:0.0000

Example 3: DISPLAY GAUGE PARAMETERS

Display gauge parameters stored in the probe:
<u>Command:</u> G<CR>
<u>Response:</u> GT:70A ZR:0.0000 GF:0.6200 GO:0.0000 GT:70B ZR:0.0000 GF:1.005 GO:0.0000

Example 4: DISPLAY PROBE SERIAL NUMBER

Display the serial number that is stored in the probe:
<u>Command:</u> #<CR>
<u>Response:</u> 6001-E,126543

Example 5: ENTER PROBE SERIAL NUMBER

NOTE: The GK-604D IRA uses the serial number to determine the inclinometer probe units (metric or English) by reading the model number portion of the serial number string (the part to the left of the comma). If the model number does not contain an “-E” or a “–M” then unpredictable results may occur.

Enter and store probe serial number:
(Up to 16 alphanumeric characters and symbols may be stored.)

<u>Command:</u> #sn6001-E,126543<CR>
<u>Response:</u> 6001-E,126543

APPENDIX E. DATA REDUCTION FORMULAS

E.1 Deflection Calculation

Label	Description
ZZ	Correction Angle (usually 0°).
RINT	Absolute Reading Interval in feet or meters.
IA+,IA−	Initial A-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).
PA+,PA−	Present A-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).
IB+,IB−	Initial B-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).
PB+,PB−	Present B-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).
SA	Calculated Digit Change for A-axis.
SB	Calculated Digit Change for B-axis.
M	Multiplier, where: Geokon probe / Sinco Probe Probe configuration: 2sinθ, / 2.5sinθ. Metric units, millimeters, 0.05 / 0.04 Metric units, centimeters, 0.005 / 0.004. Imperial units, inches 0.0006 / 0.00048
CA	Deflection A (in inches, English units, not corrected). Deflection A (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, not corrected).
CB	Deflection B (in inches, English units, not corrected). Deflection B (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, not corrected).
DA	Deflection A (in inches, English units, corrected for angle). Deflection A (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, corrected for angle).
DB	Deflection B (in inches, English units, corrected for angle). Deflection B (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, corrected for angle).
cos	Cosine function.
sin	Sine function.

Table 4 - Data Reduction Variables (Deflection)

$$SA = ((PA+)-(PA-))/2 - ((IA+)-(IA-))/2$$
$$SB = ((PB+)-(PB-))/2 - ((IB+)-(IB-))/2$$

Equation 1 - Change in Digits Calculation (Deflection)

$$CA = M \times RINT \times SA$$
$$CB = M \times RINT \times SB$$
$$DA = (CA \times \cos(ZZ))-(CB \times \sin(ZZ))$$
$$DB = (CA \times \sin(ZZ))+(CB \times \cos(ZZ))$$

Equation 2 - Deflection Calculation

NOTE: Accumulate (Σ) DA and DB results at each depth increment (from the bottom up or the top down) to obtain the deflection change (Figure 98).

E.2 Profile Calculation

Label	Description		
ZZ	Correction Angle (usually 0°).		
RINT	Absolute Reading Interval in feet or meters.		
A+, A–	A-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).		
B+, B–	B-axis Data in Digits (2sinθ=10000 @ 30°, 2.5sinθ=12500 @ 30°).		
SA	Calculated Digit Change for A-axis.		
SB	Calculated Digit Change for B-axis.		
M	Multiplier, where:	Geokon probe	Sinco Probe
	Probe configuration	2sinθ,	2.5sinθ.
	Metric units, millimeters,	0.05	0.04
	Metric units, centimeters,	0.005	0.004.
	Imperial units, inches	0.0006	0.00048
CA	Deflection A (in inches, English units, not corrected). Deflection A (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, not corrected).		
CB	Deflection B (in inches, English units, not corrected). Deflection B (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, not corrected).		
DA	Deflection A (in inches, English units, corrected for angle). Deflection A (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, corrected for angle).		
DB	Deflection B (in inches, English units, corrected for angle). Deflection B (in centimeters or millimeters, Metric units, corrected for angle).		
cos	Cosine function.		
sin	Sine function.		

Table 5 - Data Reduction Variables (Profile)

$$SA = ((A+)-(A-))/2$$
$$SB = ((B+)-(B-))/2$$

Equation 3 - Change in Digits Calculation (Profile)

$$CA = M \times RINT \times SA$$
$$CB = M \times RINT \times SB$$
$$DA = (CA \times \cos(ZZ))-(CB \times \sin(ZZ))$$
$$DB = (CA \times \sin(ZZ))+(CB \times \cos(ZZ))$$

Equation 4 - Profile Calculation

NOTE: Accumulate (Σ) DA and DB results at each depth increment (from the bottom up or the top down) to obtain the profile.

E.3 GTILT Users

When using GTILT with the GK-604D data files, use a Probe Constant of 10000 for both English and Metric “2.0sin” probes. For 2.5sin Units (Sinco) use a Probe Constant of 12500.

E.4 SiteMaster Users

When using SiteMaster with the GK-604D, use a Probe Constant of 20000 for both English and Metric probes.

APPENDIX F. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

F.1 GK-604D Digital System Specifications

Standard Range:	± 30°
Sensors:	Two MEMS accelerometers
MEMS Output:	Differential ± 4 VDC
6100D Probe Output:	Digital Data Stream
Probe Resolution:	24-bit
System Resolution[1]:	± 0.025 mm/500 mm (± 0.0001 ft./2 ft.)
Accuracy:	± 0.05% Full Scale (F.S.)
Linearity:	± 0.02% F.S., up to ±10°
Repeatability:	± 1 mm/30 m
Total System Accuracy[2]:	± 3 mm/30 m (± 0.125 in/100 ft.)
Temperature Range (Probe):	-30°C to 85 °C
Temperature Range (Remote Module):	-30°C to 85 °C
Temperature Coefficient:	0.002% F.S./°C
Wheel Base:	0.5 m, 1 m or 2 ft.
Length x Diameter[3]:	700 x 25 mm, 1200 x 25 mm or 32 x 1 in.
Casing Size I.D.[4]:	48 to 89 mm (1.9 to 3.5 in)
Weight (with case):	7.5 kg (16 lb.)
Shock Survival[5]:	2000 g
Battery (Remote Module):	Li-Ion, 7.4 V, 2600 mAh; >40 hours continuous operation per charge
Maximum Probe-Reel Cable Length	500 m (1640 ft.)

Table 6 - GK-604D Specifications

NOTES:

[1] ± 10 arc seconds. This resolution is true only in the range of ± 5° from vertical. Beyond this, the resolution is diminished by the cosine of the angle from vertical.

[2] Within 3° of vertical. This takes into account the accumulation of the error inherent with each reading and normal placement errors in positioning the probe inside the casing; also, the effect of debris in the casing or casing damage.

[3] The cable connector adds 150 mm to the length of the probe. The wheel diameter is 30 mm.

[4] The probe is designed for use in all standard inclinometer casing up to a maximum diameter of 89 mm (3.5 inches).

[5] The Inclinometer Probe is a highly sensitive device and should be treated with great care at all times in order to maintain calibration. In particular, the probe should be prevented from impacting the bottom of the casing with any force.

F1.1 Compass Sensor Specifications

Table 7 contains specifications for the Digital Compass sensor embedded in digital inclinometer probes.

Compass Sensor:	Anisotropic Magneto-resistive
MEMS Output:	± 4 VDC
Compass Sensor Resolution:	12 bit
Remote Module Resolution:	16 bit
Compass Sensor Accuracy:	± 2 degrees
Operating Temperature:	–30°C to 85°C (–22° to 185°F)

Table 7 - Compass Sensor Specifications

F.2 Analog Probe System Specifications (Obsolete Model)

Table 8 contains specifications for the analog probe system, which is comprised of a probe (6100-1M or 6100-1E) and the Remote Module. The Remote Module can be either a GK-604-3 (reel system) or a GK-604-4 (probe interface).

Probe Range (100% F.S.):	± 30°
Remote Module Input Range:	± 8 VDC
Sensors:	2 MEMS accelerometers
MEMS Output[1]:	± 4 VDC
Probe Resolution[2]:	.025 mm /500 mm (.0001 ft./ 2 ft.)
Remote Module Resolution:	16-bit
Repeatability[3]:	± 1 mm/30 m (± 0.05 in./100 ft.)
Total System Accuracy[4]:	± 4 mm/ 30 m (± 0.17 inch/ 100 ft.)
Remote Module Accuracy:	± 0.1% F.S.
Probe Temperature Range:	−20°C to 50°C (−4° to 122°F)
Remote Module Temp. Range:	-30°C to 50°C
Temperature Coefficient:	<.0002% F.S./ °C (<.0002% F.S./ °F)
Wheel Base:	0.5 m or 1.0 m (2 ft.)
Casing Size I.D.[5]:	48 to 89 mm (1.9 to 3.5 in)
Probe Length x Diameter[6]:	700 × 25 mm dia. (32 × 1 in dia.)
GK-604-3 Dimensions:	*(L x W x H):* 380 x 280 x 490 mm
GK-604-4 Dimensions:	*(L x W x H):* 160 x 75 x 75 mm
Weight (with case) (GK-604-1):	7.5 kg (16 lb.)
Shock Survival:	2000 g
Battery (Remote Module):	Li-Ion, 7.4 V, 2600 mAh; >16 hours continuous operation per charge
Maximum Probe-Reel Cable Length	850 m (2790 ft.)

Table 8 - Analog Probe System Specifications

NOTES:

[1] The probe outputs ±4 volts at an inclination of ±30° to the vertical. These parameters are referred to as full scale. Operation beyond this inclination is not possible with a standard MEMS probe.

[2] The resolution shown in Table 8 is only true in the range of ± 5° from the vertical. Beyond this, the resolution is reduced by a factor equal to 1/cosine of the angle from the vertical. For instance, the resolution at 0 degrees from vertical is 10.3 arc seconds and the resolution at 15 degrees from the vertical is 10.3 x 1/0.966 = 10.7 arc seconds. The figures given assume that the readout box can detect a change of output of 0.0005 VDC.

[3] The figure shown applies to the use of a single probe used repeatedly over a short space of time in a single borehole.

[4] In practice, system accuracy is controlled mainly by the precision with which the inclinometer can be positioned at exactly the same depth in the casing from survey to survey. Factors such as debris in the casing or casing damage also have an effect. The stated accuracy assumes that the surveys are conducted over a period of time, in a proper manner, and that the casing is within five degrees of vertical. Accuracy is improved by allowing the probe to reach equilibrium at each depth before taking a reading.

[5] The probe is designed for use in all standard inclinometer casing up to a maximum diameter of 89 mm (3.5 inches).

[6] The wheel diameter is 30 mm. The cable connector adds 150 mm to the length of the probe.

F.3 Field PC (FPC-2) Specifications

Processor:	806 MHz PXA310
Operating System:	Windows Mobile® 6.1 Classic
Included Software:	Microsoft® Office Mobile; multiple languages
Memory:	88.99 MB RAM
Data Storage:	4 GB internal data storage; compact Flash slot (Type I or II); SD/SDHC slot; SDIO supported; user accessible CF and SD slots
Color Display:	480 x 640 pixel, Anti-glare 3.5" VGA resolution, sunlight readable, 262K color (18 bit), TMR Technology with LED backlight
Keyboard:	Dedicated backlit numeric keypad; Four-way directional buttons using function key (Fn); discrete keys for Start, Menu Left, Menu Right, Camera, "ok", Return and Power/Suspend
Ports:	RS-232C 9-pin "D" connector; 1 x USB host and client (Mini AB USB OTG, 1.2 host, 2.0 client); 12 VDC @ 4.1 Amps Max power in;
Case:	IP67 waterproof
Environmental:	Tested to MIL-STD810F for water, humidity, sand, dust vibration, altitude, shock and temperature
Power:	Intelligent 5600 mAh Li-Ion battery; battery easily changed in the field without tools
Wireless Connectivity:	Internal Bluetooth® wireless technology option, 2.0 +EDR, Class 1, range 20 m; WLAN: Integrated 802.11b/g supports AES TKIP, WEP, WPA and WPA2
Certification & Standards:	FCC Class B; CE Mark; EN60950; RoHS compliant; FM approved Class I, Div 2
Operating Temperature:	-30 °C to 60 °C
Storage Temperature:	-40 °C to 70 °C
Shock Survival:	Multiple drops from 1.22 m onto concrete
Dimensions (L x W x H):	179 mm (7") x 97 mm (3.8") x 37 mm (1.5")
Weight:	490 g, with battery

Table 9 - Field PC Specifications

APPENDIX G. DUAL CHANNEL DIGITAL TILTMETER (MODEL 6101D)

The Model 6101D Tiltmeter (Figure 119) contains an integral battery and Bluetooth connectivity module, allowing the tiltmeter to be read directly with the FPC-2 running the GK-604D IRA. No external Interface Module is needed. The Model 6101D can also measure tilt in two axes: A and B.

Figure 119 - Model 6101D Digital Tiltmeter

The Model 6101D Portable Tiltmeter is designed to be placed on an alignment plate (Tiltplate) that has been permanently attached to the structure being monitored. (Geokon Tiltplates and model numbers are shown in Figure 120.) Measurements can be made on horizontal or vertical surfaces. The readings are taken in pairs, 180 degrees apart from each other, to eliminate any instrument bias and thereby obtain true tilt.

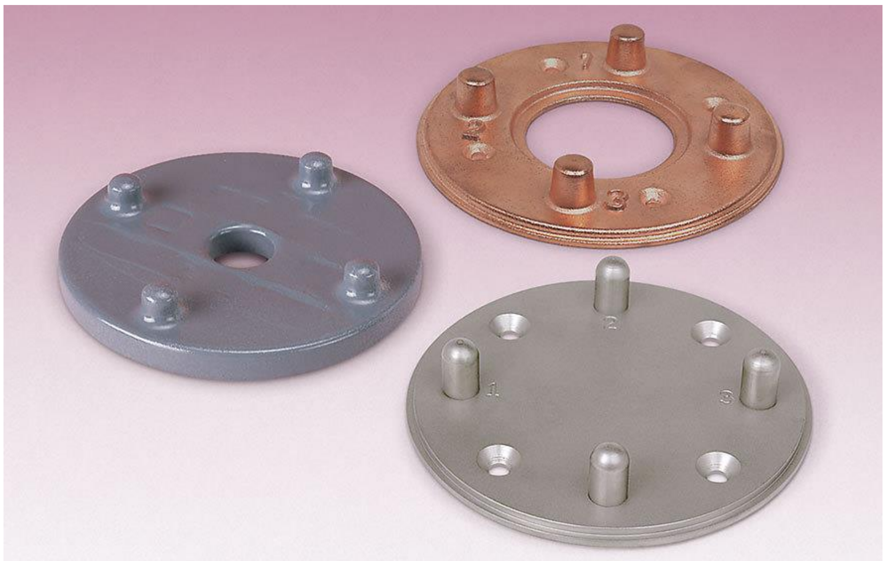

Figure 120 - Tiltplates: 6201-1C (Ceramic), 6201-1A (Copper Plated Aluminum), 6201-1S (Stainless)

It is assumed that a valid Bluetooth pairing exists between the 6101D and the FPC-2 (see Section 2.3 for more information about establishing Bluetooth pairings).

The recommended steps for connecting to and taking a reading with the Model 6101D Tiltmeter are as follows:

1) Create an initial "hole" configuration corresponding to the unique location where tilt is to be measured:
   - Using the Context Menu (see Section 3.2.1), after highlighting the Project element, select the "Add Hole" menu item to create a new configuration.
   - Since the "hole" corresponds to a physical location, be sure to name it appropriately, such as, "Location1".
   - Additional information may be entered in the "Description" field.
   - For the first location (hole) created, select "UNKNOWN" for "Probe name:".
   - The hole parameters such as "Starting Level", "Interval", "Top Elevation" and "Azimuth Angle" are not applicable for Tiltmeter operation and can be left blank.
   - Tap "Save Settings" to save the new location (hole) configuration. See Section 4.1 for more information about hole configuration.

2) Make sure that the "hole" corresponding to the location to be measured is selected in the Project Explorer.

3) Press the "ON/OFF" button on the 6101D and ensure that the blue indicator light is blinking.

4) Tap the "Live Readings" menu item from the "Application" menu to start the reading process. If a valid Bluetooth connection can be established, a dual axis, tiltmeter specific, Live Readings screen will be displayed (Figure 121).

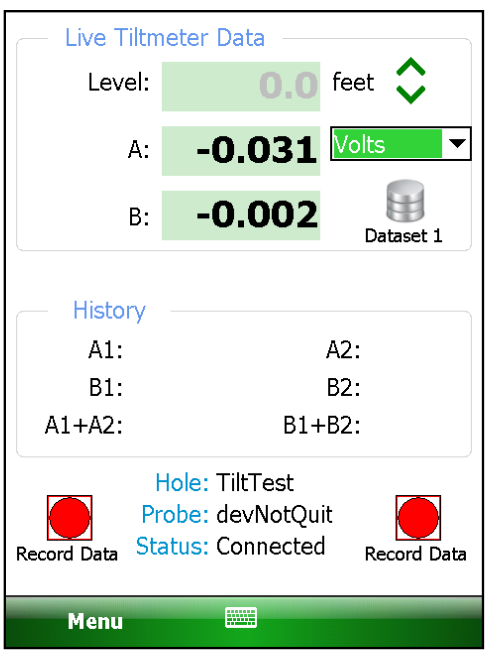

Figure 121 - Live Readings (Tiltmeter)

Note the dropdown control in Figure 121, located just to the right of the “A” value display. This allows the “A” and “B” values to be displayed in three different units, described below:

Digits:
Digit values are read directly from the 6101D Tiltmeter and are internally calculated as follows:
R1 = internal MEMS module voltage, (volts)
R0 = Zero Shift A [from internal probe configuration]
GF = Gauge Factor A [from internal probe configuration]
GO = Gauge Offset A [from internal probe configuration – usually zero]
DIGITS = (((2500 * R1) – R0) * GF) + GO

Volts:
PV = **DIGITS / 2500** [for Geokon Tiltmeters: $\pm$4V ≈ $\pm$15 degrees]

Degrees:
DEGREES = **arcsin(DIGITS / 38637.03305)**
[multiply by 180/Pi if **arcsin** produces angles in radians]

5) Align the Tiltmeter on the tiltplate in the A+ orientation, then tap “Record Data” to take the “A+” reading (see the 6101 User’s Manual). For the Model 6101D, the “B+” reading is taken at the same time as “A+”.

6) Tap the “Dataset” icon and observe that the dataset number changes to “2”.

7) Reverse the Tiltmeter orientation to A- and, again, tap “Record Data” to take the “A-” reading. For the Model 6101D, the “B-” reading is taken at the same time as “A-”. Tapping “Menu-›Exit Live Readings” will display the window in Figure 122.

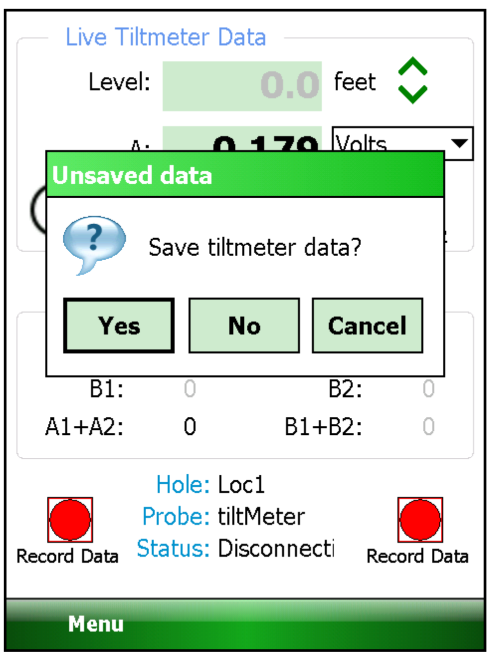

Figure 122 - Save Data Query

8) Tap the "Yes" button to start the data saving process. The "Save File" dialog (Figure 123) will be displayed, allowing the user to name the data file to save.

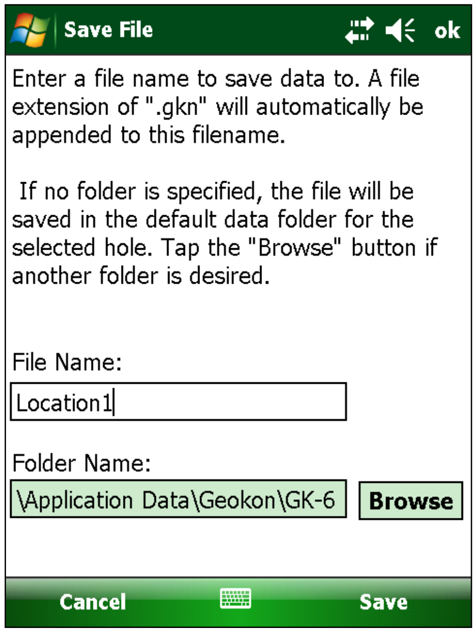

Figure 123 - Save File Dialog

9) After tapping "Save", the GK-604D IRA will determine if the file exists. If this is a new file, then the data will be written to it in a format similar to the standard Inclinometer format. If a file of the same name already exists, then the dialog shown in Figure 124 will be displayed.

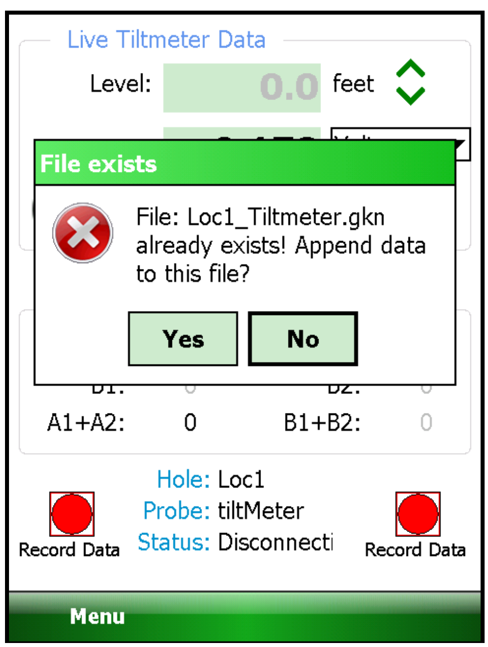

Figure 124 - File Exists Dialog

10) Tapping "Yes" on the "File exists" dialog allows multiple reads for this location to be stored in a single data file. See Appendix G.1 for an example of Dual Axis Tiltmeter data format.

11) Tapping "No" at the "File exists" dialog will again call up the "Save File" dialog (Figure 123) and another opportunity will be given to select a new file.

G.1 Dual-Axis Tiltmeter Data Format

```
***
GK 604E(v1.3.0.0,02/15);2.0;FORMAT II
PROJECT  :Site 1
LOCATION :Loc1
DATE     :02/19/15
TIME     :14:54:17
PROBE NO.:tiltMeter
UNITS    :DIGITS
FILE NAME:Loc1_Tiltmeter.gkn
    A+,    A-,    B+,      B-,      Date/Time
 -1358,  1587,    55,   -58,  2/19/15 14:50:25
 -1477,  1600,    55,   -58,  2/21/15 14:45:07
 -1458,  1557,    53,   -56,  2/23/15 14:30:15
 -1555,  1696,    57,   -51,  2/25/15 14:37:33
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APPENDIX H. COMMONLY ASKED INCLINOMETER PROBE QUESTIONS

Can inclinometer probes be swapped freely to perform surveys in the same borehole?

Immediately after leaving the factory, probes may be swapped freely as they will meet the system accuracy specification, which is ±3 mm/30 m (±.125 in/100 ft.).

Can corrections be made to the data when instruments are swapped? Such as an offset or formula?

As time passes, correcting the output of one probe to match that of another probe becomes quite difficult, and would involve a tremendous amount of time and effort spent recording, calculating, and converting every data point for every level in every survey.

Unfortunately, there is not a universal formula, any simple corrections, or offsets that can be used to correct one probe to another.

We recently sent our probe in for calibration. After receiving it back from Geokon, the old surveys do not match up with the newly calibrated probe's surveys and are showing significant displacement. It is the same probe, so why don't the surveys match?

For the same reasons that two different probes will show differences in the same borehole, a newly calibrated probe will also show differences (from its old calibration) even though it is physically the same piece of equipment. Essentially, after a recalibration you are working with a "new" probe.

How can I compare my old data with my new data?

The recommended method to check compatibility between two sets of probes is to take at least three surveys with the new probe and compare them to the most recent survey taken with the old probe. If the resulting *cumulative displacement* plots performed with the new system overlay the latest survey from the old system, consider yourself lucky. However, if you see significant differences, we recommend the following method.

From the old series of surveys performed with the original system, create a final summary of cumulative displacement and a summary of displacement vs. time. Also, create a comparison of the final survey with the old system to the initial surveys taken with the new system. Then archive these summaries and data.

Next, use one of the three surveys obtained with the new system that you feel is most accurate. Use that survey to establish a new baseline survey and start a new series. This is the most accepted method in the long term.

The reason Geokon recommends this method is that you already know the magnitude and rate of movements you were detecting with the old system. This will be based on the final cumulative displacement plot and the displacement vs. time summaries created earlier. When movements occur, you will catch them with the new series based on the new system.