PowerTap Joule™ GPS
User Guide

Joule GPS is compatible with any ANT+™ compatible power meter, speed sensor, cadence sensor, or heart rate sensor.
This device complies with part 15 of FCC Rules and Rss-210 of IC Rules. Operation is subjected to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or tv interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user authority to operate the equipment.
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CHAPTER 1: STARTING OUT

Thank you for purchasing the PowerTap Joule GPS. This user guide is just one of the resources to help you understand all the features the Joule GPS has to offer.

Please visit www.PowerTap.com to:

- Learn more about the Joule GPS and the PowerTap system of products
- Register all PowerTap products and activate warranty
- View instructional videos
- Sign up for the PowerTap newsletter—your source for the latest news and technical updates from PowerTap

UNPACKING JOULE GPS

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COMPATIBILITY

Joule GPS is compatible with any ANT+™ power meter, heart rate sensor, cadence sensor, speed sensor, or combination speed/cadence sensor.
The Joule GPS is powered by energy from a rechargeable battery. To charge the battery, plug into a computer or AC wall adapter (#7060 not included). Typical battery charge lasts approximately 20 hours of operation.

Should the battery become completely discharged (no partial charge remaining), plug the Joule GPS into a computer or AC wall adapter, press the reset button on the back panel of the Joule GPS, and the charging process should begin.
CHAPTER 2: JOULE GPS OVERVIEW & SETUP

DASHBOARDS

When the Joule GPS is turned on you are presented with one of 5 Dashboard screens (3 dashboards displaying various Metrics, 1 dashboard displaying completed intervals, and 1 dashboard displaying the GPS map). Pressing the Enter button allows you to scroll through all of the Dashboard screens. Dashboard 1, by default, is initially set to display 6 metric windows in the configurable area. Other screens can appear between the Metric Dashboards and the GPS Map Dashboard, depending on what features you are using (e.g. Training and Workouts, Navigating to a Waypoint, Following a Route, etc...).

- To view the Main Menu from any Dashboard, press and hold the ENTER button for 3 seconds.
- To return to the Dashboard from any Menu press and hold the ENTER button for 3 seconds.
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MAIN MENU
Enter the Main Menu to stop and save Rides, to review ride History, create/edit/select/pair Sensors, to use the Training features and functions, to define individual Users, and configure the Device. Access to the main menu can be gained while viewing any Dashboard by pressing and holding the Enter button. Use the (+) and (-) buttons to scroll to your selection.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec.

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Main Menu

RIDE
Resume Ride
Stop and Save
Stop and Delete

HISTORY
Last Ride
Select a Ride
Report - Max
Report - Totals

SENSOR
Select a Bike
NEW BIKE
Add a Bike
Manual Zero

TRAINING
Workouts
Auto Interval
Countdown

NAVIGATION
Waypoints
Routes
GPS Status
Compass

USER
Select a User
NEW USER
Add a User

DEVICE
Date and Time
Display
Memory
Averages
Altimeter
About Joule

TIP: Once you have entered the menu system (holding Enter button down for 3 seconds) the Interval button will act as the “back” button. Each time it is pressed you return to the previous screen. Also, at the bottom of every menu screen, there is a “Back to…” previous screen selection choice.
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USER

The Joule GPS allows sharing of the same device with multiple users (i.e. Rachel, Jim, Bob). Each user can have multiple bikes (e.g. TT bike, Road bike, MTB); each bike can have multiple sensors associated with it (e.g. PowerTap, Cadence, HR strap, Speed). A default User is already defined within the Joule GPS. You can either edit the settings associated with that User or create a new user by selecting Add a User.

**TIP:** When editing within a data field, the ENTER button allows you to enter, then move forward in the field; the INTERVAL button allows you to move backwards; the PLUS/MINUS buttons allow you to pick a letter or number. Moving to the end of the field and pressing ENTER twice exits the field.
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SENSORS & PAIRING

Pairing is a term used to describe the association of your Joule GPS with a particular sensor that is broadcasting an ANT+™ signal (e.g. a PowerTap hub, a Heart Rate strap, a remote cadence sensor, a remote speed sensor, etc.). Sensors can be shared between bikes (e.g. a heart rate strap). Each User can define multiple bikes. Each bike may have one or more sensors associated with it. Use unique names when creating additional bikes. For example: Jim’s Racing Bike, Jim’s MTB, My TT Bike, etc.

To add another bike:
- Select “Add a Bike,” enter a unique name and the weight of the bike.
- Associate the sensors with the bike. Make sure all the sensors are awake and broadcasting (briefly spin PowerTap wheel, wear HR strap):
- Select “Pair All” to pair all sensors in range and awake (PowerTap hub, Heart Rate strap). Sensors can also be paired individually by selecting each sensor.

TIP: The Joule pairs to sensor(s) closest to the device first. Hold the Joule within 12” of PowerTap hub when pairing in the presence of other sensors.

For more information on Sensors, see chapter 4.
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BUTTONS and SCREEN
There are three buttons on the sides of the Joule GPS and one large button below the screen. The screen is divided into 3 display areas. The top area, Title Bar, displays time, temperature, compass, and battery level. The large middle section, displays user-selected metrics and can be configured to show 3 to 6 windows. The lower section shows complimentary metrics associated with the highlighted metric.

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| [ENTER] button | * Press once to move through each Dashboard  
* Hold for 3 seconds - Go to Menu  
* In Menus, press to selects menu item  
* In Menus, hold for 3 seconds to go to Dashboard |
| [PLUS] button | * Shifts selected metric or “highlight box” to the right and down  
* Hold for 3 seconds - Begins metric rotation |
| [MINUS] button | * Shifts selected metric or “highlight box” to the left and up |
| [INTERVAL] button | * Press to mark intervals  
* Hold for 3 seconds - Go to Interval view  
* Hold for 3 seconds - Go to Ride view  
* In Menus, press to go back to previous screen |
| [INTERVAL] button + [PLUS] button | * Press together to put the Joule to sleep |
| [INTERVAL] button + [PLUS] button | * Press together to “find” sensors that may have been lost or were not awake when the Joule powered up. |
CHAPTER 3: DASHBOARDS

DASHBOARD 1
The Dashboards display various metrics, summaries and navigation information that can be easily customized. When a new metric is highlighted, the detailed view changes to show the related complimentary metrics.

**TIP:** All dashboards are fully customizable from 3-6 metric windows per dashboard (See Chapter 7) and any of 23 metrics to choose from. See Appendix C for full list of metrics.
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DASHBOARD 2
Dashboards can be customized to display from 3 to 6 metric windows. The example on previous page displayed 6. The example below, Dashboard 2, displays 4 metric windows. Each window can display any of 23 metrics, plus even more related/complimentary metrics. See Appendix C for a full list of metrics.

### DASHBOARD 2

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**Selected Metric**

- **Metric 1**: WATTS
- **Metric 2**: HR
- **Metric 3**: MPH

**Detail Views**

- **A**: WATTS
- **B**: HR
- **C**: MPH
- **D**: RIDE TIME

**Selected Metric Detail Views**

- **A**: WATTS
- **B**: HR
- **C**: MPH
- **D**: Total Miles

Press [ENTER] to advance through Dashboards

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**[ENTER]**

Press [ENTER] to advance through Dashboards
**CHAPTER 3: DASHBOARDS**

**DASHBOARD 3**
Dashboard 3 is configured to display 3 metric windows (default configuration). Press the Plus (+) or Minus (-) button to highlight a different Metric. See Appendix C for a full list of metrics.

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**DASHBOARD 3**

**METRIC 1**

- **RIDE TIME**: 1:06:45
- **SPD**: 25
- **GRADE**: 5%
- **MILES**: 26.00
- **KJ**: 380

**Detail View:** 2 Complimentary Metrics

**TIP:** By holding down the + [PLUS] button for 3 seconds, any of the three related metrics can be rotated into the primary dashboard metric position. For example: To see total Distance traveled as the main metric, instead of Ride Time, press the [PLUS] key until the highlighted metric is Ride Time. Next, hold the [PLUS] key down for 3 seconds, continue holding the button down while the metrics are rotating. release the button when the desired metric is the primary or highlighted metric.
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INTERVALS DASHBOARD
Intervals are useful for viewing ride data specific to a section of a ride, such as a hill or other period of high intensity riding. Press the Interval button to begin an Interval. Press it again to end the current interval and begin another interval. Press and Hold for 3 seconds to go from Ride View to Interval View; Press and Hold again to return to Ride View.

INTERVALS SUMMARY
Interval Dashboard contains a summary of your Intervals.

[Diagram showing the dashboard layout with various metrics and intervals]

Press • [ENTER] to advance to the Intervals Dashboard.
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NAVIGATION or GPS MAP DASHBOARD
The Dashboard associated with Navigation is a GPS map with a current position indicator and a rendering of the path ridden to that point in time. The screen may also display waypoints (▲), interval markers (□), and a pacing icon (△), depending upon which navigation feature is being used. To zoom the map in or out, press the PLUS (+) and MINUS (-) buttons. Various zoom levels range from 75 meters to 80 kilometers (250 ft to 50 miles). Two configurable metric windows display at the top of the screen. When following a route, information related to total route distance or distance to the next turn appears above the metrics.

Press • [ENTER] to advance through Dashboards, to the Map screen.

GPS MAP Dashboard

TIP: The GPS signal locking process can take anywhere from less than a minute to several minutes, depending on weather, environmental conditions and/or when the last time the device was powered up. See Appendix D for detailed information on GPS signals.
CHAPTER 4: SENSORS

SENSOR OVERVIEW
The Sensor section of the Joule GPS menu is the gateway to all bicycle and sensor associations. In this area you can define and pair various sensors (e.g. power meter, heart rate strap, speed, cadence, PowerCal, PowerBeam, etc.). You can create a “bike” with a specific group of sensors. Or, if you have already created a bike or two, you can select which bike description to “use” (i.e. which bike you are about to ride), or which bike description to “edit.” You can also get access to utilities related to calibration, such as calibrating the torque of a particular power meter or calibrating the Resistance Unit (RU) of a PowerBeam indoor trainer.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Sensors; Press [ENTER]; Scroll to the bike to Use or Edit; Select the bike Press [ENTER]; Press +[PLUS] for Use, −[MINUS] for Edit.
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DEFINING A BIKE
Display the bike definition screen either by selecting an existing bike to edit or by adding a new bike. The bike definition screen contains the name, weight of the bike, and links to any associated sensors. Also, the bike definition can be deleted here.

FROM DASHBOARD
Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Sensors; Press •[ENTER]; Scroll to either an existing bike to edit or to “Add a Bike” to create a new bike. Press •[ENTER]

ACTION | OPTION
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Define a New Bike | Select “Add a Bike.” Edit the default name, weight, and pair the sensors, either using Pair All or individually.
Activate Existing Bike | Select the bike name, choose Use (press the +[PLUS] button), and the bike will be activated (checkmark near bike name). Hold the [ENTER] button down for 3 seconds to return to dashboard or back out of menus to dashboard using the [INTERVAL] button.
Edit an Existing Bike | Select the bike name, choose Edit (press the -[MINUS] button), and the bike definition screen will appear.
Manual Zero | A shortcut for power meter calibration. See information later in this chapter.
ASSOCIATING SENSORS
For sensor association, there are two options: Pair All or Pair Individually.

**PAIR ALL**

Name: Bike1
Weight: 17.0
Pair All: Power Sensor
Power Sensor: Power1
Cadence Sensor: None
Speed/Combo: None
Heart Rate Sensor: HeartRate1
RU Sensor: None

Delete Bike: Back to Sensors

**PAIR INDIVIDUALLY**

Name: Bike1
Weight: 17.0
Pair All: Power Sensor
Power Sensor: Power1
Cadence Sensor: None
Speed/Combo: None
Heart Rate Sensor: HeartRate1
RU Sensor: None

Delete Bike: Back to Sensors

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<td>Pair All</td>
<td>Select “Pair All” when setting up a new bike. The Joule GPS will scan for all sensors awake and present. Upon finding a sensor the Joule will display the ID, and ask to use the sensor or not. Selecting Yes (press the +[PLUS] button), will link the sensor to the new bike definition. The Joule will continue to scan for other sensor types. Select No (press the -[MINUS] button) and the Joule will continue to scan for more of the same sensor type before looking for another type of sensor. Also, Pair All will use the next available default sensor name for each sensor type linked to a bike definition.</td>
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<td>Pair Individually</td>
<td>To pair sensors individually, scroll to each sensor, using the +[PLUS] or -[MINUS] button. Selecting the sensor name will display a menu of sensor names (the name will “&lt;none&gt;” indicates no sensor has been linked to the bike definition). Select “&lt;new sensor&gt;” to scan for an awake and present sensor. When the Joule finds a sensor of this type it will display the ID, and ask to use the sensor or not. Selecting Yes (pressing the +[PLUS] button), will link the sensor with the new bike definition. Select No (pressing the -[MINUS] button) and the Joule will continue to scan for the same sensor type.</td>
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<td>Link Named Sensor</td>
<td>Scroll to and select the sensor name. A menu of default or edited sensor names will appear. Scroll to a predefined sensor, select it. You will be asked to Use it or Edit it. Selecting “Use” will link the sensor to the bike definition.</td>
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### SENSOR TYPE DETAILS

Once you have navigated to the Sensor detail screen, you will notice each sensor type has some attributes that are shared and some that are unique to the sensor. Below are the detail screens for the various sensors supported.

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<td><strong>Overview</strong></td>
<td>For each type of sensor the detail screen displays items common to all sensors, including activation and pairing functions, an editable name and an editable I.D.. If you know the I.D. of a particular sensor you can manually enter it into the I.D. field. Otherwise, the “Start Pairing” option will fill it in automatically when pairing completes.</td>
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<td><strong>Power</strong></td>
<td>If your power meter is a hub-based power meter, like a PowerTap, the wheel circumference can be entered here. The default wheel size of 2096mm represents a 700x23 wheel. Ignore circumference if your power meter is not hub-based. Auto Zero and Manual Zero options refer to calibration and are discussed in the next pages.</td>
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<td><strong>Heart Rate</strong></td>
<td>The PowerCal option is automatically set during the paring process when it is determined the HR strap is a PowerCal.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Speed/Combo</strong></td>
<td>The type of speed sensor is determined automatically during the pairing process (either a combination speed and cadence sensor or a speed-only sensor). Enter the circumference of your wheel. The default wheel size is 2096 mm (700x23).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cadence</strong></td>
<td>No additional options.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>RU</strong></td>
<td>Resistance Unit or RU is associated with CycleOps PowerBeam trainers and indoor cycles.</td>
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CALIBRATION, AUTO and MANUAL ZERO

There are many environmental factors that can affect the accuracy of a power meter. Temperature, humidity, and circuit resistance are part of the measurement, but none of them remain constant while riding. A power meter must account for those changes to remain accurate. Auto-zero recalibrates the power meter over and over during a ride to keep the measurements from drifting. Use the Auto or Manual Zero options in the Power Sensor screen to calibrate your power meter, assuring you are getting the most accurate power data all time.

**TIP:** The accuracy of any power meter is dependant on many variables, especially temperature. Fluxuations in temperature affect the internal strain guages, which affects the reported torque value (power is calculated from torque). The PowerTap Auto Zero feature continually adjusts the calibration of your device, compensating, in real time, for environmental factors like temperature, assuring that you have the most accurate power data throughout your ride.
CHAPTER 4: SENSORS

CALIBRATION, PowerBeam

Once you are paired with the PowerBeam there are two options available to calibrate the device: Rolldown calibration or Manual Calibration. There is also an option to reset the most recent calibration back to the factory default values.

### Rolldown

The RU Roll Down calibration screen will flash the “Pedal to...” message until the wheel speed is in the specified range. Once in range the clock will begin to count down. Continue pedaling, keeping the speed in range for entire countdown. This will allow the tire temperature and pressure to stabilize. Once the timer goes to zero. Stop pedaling and let the wheel spin down.

### Manual

You have the option to use the Manual calibration screen when another power meter is present on the bike. Begin pedaling to see power values from both the RU and the power meter. Spend about 2 minutes just pedaling to warm up the tire once it is clamped against the roller. Use the +[PLUS] and -[MINUS] buttons to increase/decrease the value of the RU Watts. Pedal at a consistent power while calibrating. Be sure to give the RU time to adjust with each increase/decrease. The calibration delta number does not correspond to a Watt value. It is there to simply assist visually during the action of increasing or decreasing the RU Watt value.

### Reset

Reset to Default will reset all values to the factory default calibration.
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NAVIGATION OVERVIEW

The Navigation section of the Joule GPS menu allows you work with a variety of features including Waypoints, Routes, Compass calibration, etc. Waypoints assist with remembering and navigating to a particular location. Routes allow you to follow a particular predefined path. Waypoints can be created directly on the Joule GPS and stored on the Joule or in the PowerTap PowerAgent software application (available on both Mac and PC). Routes can be created from previous rides in PowerAgent and uploaded to the Joule. Routes can also be created on one of the many mapping sites on the Internet, imported into PowerAgent and uploaded to the Joule. The Joule GPS also has a magnetic compass, which operates whether the GPS signal is available or not.

See Appendix D for more detailed information on the GPS (Global Positioning System).
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WAYPOINTS

For the purposes of the Joule GPS, waypoints are single specific locations on earth. Your home can be a waypoint. Your favorite trail head or cafe can be a waypoint. The Joule GPS can create, delete, select, and store waypoints. Each waypoint you create is stored on the device. Each waypoint is listed by its name, a distance and heading from your current location. A waypoint labeled “Start” is always in the list and represents the starting point of your ride. You can select a waypoint in your list to navigate to or create a waypoint representing your current location by selecting New Waypoint.

TIP: The heading arrow is accurate as long as the compass has been calibrated. The calibration typically only has to be done once, when you first receive the unit. For more information, refer to Compass Calibration toward the end of this chapter.
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WAYPOINTS, continued

To navigate to a particular waypoint, select it from the list. At this point you can navigate to it, rename it or delete it. Selecting the Navigate To option will take you the GPS Map Dashboard. The name of the waypoint will be listed at the top of the screen along with the distance to the waypoint, from your current position, along a straight line, in the direction indicated by the heading arrow.

Press • [ENTER] to advance through the Menus. Once Waypoint is selected the Distance To and the Heading to the waypoint is displayed on the GPS Map Dashboard.
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ROUTES
Routes allow you to navigate an unfamiliar path. Routes also allow you to train using the pace of a previous ride as a measurement of your pace during the current ride, over the same course. Routes can be created from previous rides and copied onto the Joule GPS using the PowerTap PowerAgent software. Routes can also be created using your favorite mapping web site, exported from the site, imported into PowerAgent and copied to the Joule GPS. For those routes that have associated turn by turn navigation data, the Joule GPS will display upcoming turn information on the Map dashboard as each turn approaches. Routes created from a previous ride will have associated pacing data. As you follow a route with pacing data a small icon (△), “the ride partner,” will appear along the route. This icon represents the pace of the ride from which the route was created.

FROM DASHBOARD

FROM DASHBOARD

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Ride
History
Sensors
Training
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Navigation
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Paoli Loop
Ironman WI
Belleville Loop
Horribly Hilly 100

Back to Main Menu

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Back to Navigation
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ROUTES, continued
Select a Route to ride or delete from your list of routes. If the route you select to ride has associated Turn by Turn directions, a Route dashboard will appear in your list of dashboards. The Route dashboard will display the heading, the distance, and direction to the next map point. The route is also displayed on Map Dashboard. If the route does not have turn by turn directions associated with it, the route will appear on the Map dashboard but the Route dashboard will not appear in the list of dashboards.

Press • [ENTER] to advance through the Menus. Once Ride Route is selected the Turn by Turn Route Dashboard will be displayed. Pressing • [ENTER] again will display the Route on the GPS map screen.

- **Route Dashboard**
  - **Heading**
  - **Direction of next turn**
  - **Distance to next map point (turn)**

- **GPS Map Dashboard**
  - **Position indicator**
  - **Start**
  - **Pacing icon**

- **Paoli Loop Route**
  - **Name**
  - **Paoli Loop**
  - **Length**
  - **24.45 mi**
  - **Location**
  - **1.2 mi NE**
  - **Delete Route**
  - **Back to Routes**

- **Paoli Loop Route Dashboard**
  - **DIST TO**
  - **12**
  - **HDG TO**
  - **0**

- **Route Information**
  - **N** 0.00 mi →
  - **W** 0.62 mi ↑
  - **W** 3.84 mi ←
  - **NW** 0.24 mi ←
  - **W** 0.29 mi ←
  - **S** 1.40 mi →
CHAPTER 5: NAVIGATION

GPS STATUS
Information related to your GPS signal can be checked in the GPS Status area. Your GPS signal can be set to Active or Off. The current accuracy of your position is estimated in meters. Accuracy improves as the device locks onto more than 4 satellites. The exact location of your position in Latitude and Longitude notation (i.e. degrees, minutes, seconds) is displayed. Also, the current altitude as calculated by the Joule GPS barometer.

TIP: Your current location is listed as a latitude and longitude pair. The numbers making up the pair are in degrees, minutes, and seconds. The letter associated with the number is a compass point, North, South, East, West. When viewing a map, latitude lines run horizontally; longitude lines run vertically, converging at each pole, widest at the equator.

Lines of Latitude are numbered from zero degrees to 90°, north and south. These numbers can be subdivided into minutes and seconds for greater granularity. 0° Latitude is the Equator, the imaginary line that divides the earth into north and south hemispheres.

Lines of Longitude, also numbered in degrees, subdivided in minutes and seconds. 0° Longitude is the Prime Meridian, established 1884, an imaginary line that runs through Greenwich, England. From the Prime Meridian, the lines of Longitude run 180° east and 180° west until they meet in the Pacific Ocean, making up the imaginary line known as the International Date Line.

Using the Latitude/Longitude numbered pair you can describe any location on Earth. In fact, the example in the menu above is the location of Saris Cycling Group, near Madison, Wisconsin.
CHAPTER 5: NAVIGATION

COMPASS

The Joule GPS contains a magnetic compass. The arrow near the right side of the Title bar on the dashboard points North, regardless of your direction of travel. It is good practice to calibrate the compass upon receipt of the device as well as after each firmware upgrade.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Navigation; Press •[ENTER]; Select Compass; Press •[ENTER] Select Calibrate; Press •[ENTER] Place the unit on a flat surface. Rotate two full turns slowly.

Cancel

Select Calibrate, Press •[ENTER]
CHAPTER 6: RIDE HISTORY REPORTS

HISTORY REPORTS

The Joule GPS can create and display reports comparing one of your rides to the average of what you have done over a previous time frame. History reports by the last ride or any selected ride are compiled and compared to averages over 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 8 weeks, 6 months or 12 months prior to the selected ride. The data is either averaged by Date or by Ride (see explanation below). Compared information includes Power, Heart Rate, Time in zones, Climbing, watt per kilogram Surges and more. Note: the averages do not include the selected ride.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to History; Press ▼[ENTER] ; Select a report.

Press ▼[ENTER] to scroll to each report:
  Summary 1 & 2
  Pwr Detail 1 & 2
  Work
  Peak Pwr 1 & 2
  Time in Zones
  Climbing
  Surges
  Press [INTERVAL] to view previous report.

Average by Date gives the average for the whole time period. Every non-riding day during the given period of time will be calculated as zero.

Averages by Ride gives the average by the total number of rides for the given time period. If only 3 rides were completed during a 2 week period the average will be given for 3 rides.
HISTORY REPORTS, Continued

There are two types of ride history reports: A History Report comparing Maximum values of the selected ride with Maximum values over the specified time frame. Also, a History Report comparing the totals achieved in the selected ride with Totals over the specified time frame. For more information on the details of the report, see appendix A.

Maximum History reports allow for comparison of the maximum values achieved in a selected time frame to the average achieved in that same time frame. Note: Max view is the max values achieved for each report metric over the average of two weeks, four weeks, etc.

Totals History reports allow for comparison of the totals achieved in a selected time frame to the averages achieved in that same time frame. Note: Total view is the total values achieved for each report metric over the average of two weeks, four weeks, etc.
CHAPTER 7: TRAINING

TRAINING using WORKOUTS

The Joule GPS has a robust set of features that assist in training. These features include the ability to create and follow a Workout, either outdoor or indoor; set up Auto Intervals based on time, distance or GPS position; and the ability to set a Countdown reminder using time, distance or quantity of work. Create the workout script using the PowerTap PowerAgent application software. Within PowerAgent, the workout can be created manually or converted from a previous ride activity, then transferred to the Joule GPS. The Joule GPS is compatible with the PowerBeam Pro Trainer.

When the user selects a workout from the above list, that workout is initiated. The workout info and segments are displayed as the Workout dashboard in the list of dashboards.

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<th>PWR ZONE</th>
<th>WATTS</th>
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<td>Warmup</td>
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<td>Effort 1</td>
<td>0:10:30</td>
<td>150-200W</td>
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<td>Effort 2</td>
<td>0:06:30</td>
<td>1:10:00</td>
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<tr>
<td>CoolDown</td>
<td>0:05:00</td>
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CHAPTER 7: TRAINING

TRAINING with PowerBeam PRO using Scripted WORKOUTS

Workouts for the PowerBeam Pro can be imported to the Joule GPS from Power Agent. Within this “scripted” workout, resistance can be based on target slope (mimicking the resistance of a specific grade or incline), target power (a specific resistance value in terms of watts), power range (resistance within a range of wattage values) or power zone (a number representing a range of power values). The length of each segment can be based on distance or time. To initiate a scripted workout, select Workouts, then scroll down to the name of the workout and select it.

NOTE: A workout with a slope-based segment will only appear when the Joule GPS is communicating with a PowerBeam Pro.

You can also ride a power-based workout outdoors as well as with any trainer.

Manual Slope and Manual Power are only displayed in the Workouts menu if the Joule GPS is paired to and communicating with a PowerBeam Pro.
CHAPTER 7: TRAINING

TRAINING with PowerBeam PRO using Manual WORKOUTS

Manual or “unscripted” workouts are exclusively available when using the PowerBeam Pro. When paired to a PowerBeam Pro, two choices appear in the Workouts menu, along with any named workout files. Titled “Manual Slope” and “Manual Power,” the choices represent Target Slope Mode and Target Power Mode, respectively. Entering either of these areas allows the user to set the PowerBeam resistance to mimic a specific slope (grade or incline) percentage or a specific power value. The +[PLUS] and -[MINUS] buttons can be used to increment or decrement the resistance value.

NOTE: Upon selecting Manual Slope or Manual Power, the Joule GPS assumes control of the paired PowerBeam Pro without a workout script. At this point, resistance must control the via the device +[PLUS] and -[MINUS] buttons.

Also, Manual Slope and Manual Power are only displayed in the Workouts menu if the Device is paired to and communicating with a PowerBeam Pro.
CHAPTER 7: TRAINING

TRAINING using AUTO INTERVAL

Auto Interval allows you to set the Joule GPS to record intervals automatically during your ride based on an amount of time which has passed, or a distance traveled, or passing a specific GPS position point. The interval is automatically marked and will appear on the Interval dashboard. Select Off to turn Auto Interval off.

FROM DASHBOARD

MODE  AUTO INTERVAL  MENU OPTION

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<tr>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Select Distance, scroll to and enter the amount of distance you want to travel before the interval is marked.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>Select Time, scroll to and enter the amount of time that you want to pass before the interval is marked.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Position</td>
<td>Select Position, scroll to Position Option, press •[ENTER]. Choose either Current Position or First Interval to set the GPS position of where the interval will be marked. Current Position indicates that each time you pass your current position on earth an interval will be marked. Choosing First Interval indicates that the position marker will be set when you press the interval button the first time. Each time you pass that point on earth an interval will be marked.</td>
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TIP: Use Auto Interval in Position Mode when participating in a criterium or cyclocross event to automatically count each lap. Set the Position Option to First Interval prior to warmup. When you get to the start line press the interval button, indicating an interval will be marked each time you pass this point (within 20-30 meters of the point).
CHAPTER 7: TRAINING

TRAINING using COUNTDOWN

Countdown allows you to set the Joule GPS to notify you when a specific distance has been traveled; a specific amount of time has passed; or a specific amount of work has been completed (measured in kilojoules). In order to use the Countdown feature you must select the Countdown metric for display in one of your Dashboards. See chapters 3 and 8, and Appendix C for more information on setting display metrics.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Training; Press •[ENTER] ; Select Countdown,

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MODE</th>
<th>COUNTDOWN MENU OPTION</th>
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<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>Select Distance, scroll to and enter the amount of distance to travel before being notified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>Select Time, scroll to and enter the amount of time that should pass before being notified.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kilojoules</td>
<td>Select KJs, scroll to and enter the amount of kilojoules of work completed before being notified. Note: Kilojoules Countdown only applies when power measurement is present.</td>
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CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE Overview, DATE & TIME

The final choice on the Main Menu has to do with configuring the device itself. This includes time and date settings; display settings (dashboard configuration, lighting, sleep, language and units); device memory management, data recording control, odometer management, display smoothing and averaging, the altimeter offset and information about the Joule GPS itself, such as firmware version numbers.

FROM DASHBOARD

Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Device; Press \[ENTER\]; Select an option,

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<th>Menu Input Option</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Set from GPS</td>
<td>Yes/No. Yes means the time is set from GPS data. No means the time is set manually.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time Zone</td>
<td>Auto or UTC time. Select Auto to set the time zone automatically. Select the associated UTC time zone for your area to set the time zone manually. When operating the Joule GPS near the boundary of a Time Zone, the Auto setting may not work well. To avoid inconsistencies, Select the UTC time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daylight Savings</td>
<td>Yes/No. Yes means Daylight Savings Time is active in your current location and the clock will be adjusted accordingly. No means Daylight Savings Time is not active.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clock Format</td>
<td>12/24. Set the clock to display 12 hour or 24 hour format.</td>
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TIP: Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is basically “world time.” UTC time zones begin at Longitude 0 (zero), the Prime Meridian. Example: In the United States, Central Standard Time is 6 hours less than UTC time (UTC minus 6 or UTC-6); Pacific Standard Time is 8 hours less UTC time (UTC-8). When Daylight Savings Time is in effect, subtract 1 hour from U.S. UTC values. In Europe, Central European Time is 2 hours more (UTC+2). In Asia, Hong Kong Time is 8 hours more (UTC+8).
CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE DISPLAY

All of the Dashboard configuration, lighting levels, sleep, language, metrics, and units can be set in the Device Display area. You can determine the number of dashboards to display, as well as the number and type of metric associated with each dashboard. See Appendix C for a full list of all metrics.

DISPLAY MENU | MENU INPUT OPTION
---|---
Dashboard | Change number of metric display windows & individual metrics within each Dashboard
Show Map | Yes/No. Yes to display Map Dashboard. No to not show in list of Dashboards.
Edit | Select metrics to be displayed above map on Map Dashboard.
Backlight Level | 0-4. Level of backlight brightness.
Smart Backlight | Yes/No. Yes means, when the device is on, the backlight is on continually, at the specified level, between sunset and sunrise. The GPS location is used to determine when sunrise and sunset occur. The backlight functions normally with button presses between sunrise and sunset.
Contrast | 0-5. Level of screen contrast.
Backlight Timeout | Off - Always On
Sleep Time | 3-10 min
Language | En, De, Fr, It...
Units | English/Metric
CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE MEMORY
The Memory page allows the user to monitor and manage the space available on the Joule GPS as well as set some recording and saving attributes. Also the odometer value can be monitored, updated or reset. Ride summary data, used for history reports (Chapter 5), and complete Ride files can be cleared here.

FROM DASHBOARD
Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Device; Press [ENTER]; Select an option,

MEMORY MENU

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Record Control</th>
<th>Speed/Heart Rate. Sets when data will be recorded. Select Speed to record whenever speed is present (via either the hub, a speed sensor or the GPS) and greater than 3.6 kph (2.2 mph). Select Heart Rate to record when a heart rate is present.</th>
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<tr>
<td>End Ride Time</td>
<td>15, 30, 60, 90 minute and Never options for auto saving a ride once it is ended. For example: Selecting the 30 min option would cause the ride to automatically save after 30 minutes of inactivity. “Never” means the user will save manually.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Odometer</td>
<td>Displays total miles or kilometers accumulated since device was put in service or since last reset. This number is editable by selecting it and pressing [ENTER]; Increase/decrease each digit using +/- buttons; Enter moves to next digit. Press Enter twice at end of field to exit field. Select Reset Odometer to reset ride time, and total Kilojoules of work to zero.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memory Remaining</td>
<td>The amount of ride storage space available, in terms of ride time.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear Ride Memory</td>
<td>Clears all ride files from device. Does not clear ride history data used for reports.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear History</td>
<td>Clears all ride history data (no data available for reports).</td>
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CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE AVERAGING
The Device Display Averaging page allows you to adjust the way some data is presented during a ride. Averaging, or sometimes referred to as “smoothing,” refers to taking the raw second-by-second values for power and/or cadence, and averaging those values over a specified time frame prior to display. The result is a smoother or steadier value displayed to the rider, over the duration of the ride. The raw data is still written to the ride file.

Another setting associated with Device Averaging is calculating and presenting averages with or without values of zero. For example, many people like to view their average cadence while not including time spent coasting. Setting “Cadence w/ Zeros” to No will result in calculating average cadence without zero values anytime it is displayed on the device. Again, the raw data written to the ride file will include zeros.

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Press & Hold 3 sec. to enter Menus. Scroll to Device; Press [ENTER]; Select an option, 

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Averaging Menu

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<tr>
<td>Power, Cadence Averaging</td>
<td>Selecting 1,3,5,10 or 30 seconds sets the amount of time the raw second-by-second value will be averaged prior to displaying. The greater the time selection, the steadier the value displayed, the slower the response to a change in power or cadence. The default is 1 second, meaning display the data without averaging.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Power, Cadence w/ Zeros</td>
<td>Selecting Yes or No sets the Joule to calculate averages related to power or cadence with or without zeros. The default is Yes, calculate averages with zeros.</td>
</tr>
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CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE ALTIMETER

The Joule GPS contains a barometric Altimeter that allows you to monitor your current altitude, also referred to as current elevation. Selecting Altimeter in the Device menu shows the current altitude, as calculated from the barometer. You may set a known value for “home” altitude or the elevation of the starting point of the ride, and adjust the value of the current altitude to this known value.

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ALTIMETER MENU

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<td>Current Altitude</td>
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<tr>
<td>Home Altitude</td>
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<td>Use Home Altitude?</td>
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NOTE: The barometer in your Joule GPS is very sensitive to barometric pressure. If weather patterns are changing, resulting in a rising or falling barometer, the current elevation value will also change. The less stable the weather the less stable the elevation value. However, even if the weather is not clear and windless, it is the pressure differentials that are used to calculate elevation gains and losses, not the actual elevation change. The resulting calculation, during the relatively short time frame of any particular ride, is accurate.
CHAPTER 8: DEVICE MENU

DEVICE ABOUT JOULE
This screen contains information about the Joule GPS, including the version of firmware currently running on the device and the number for Customer Support, typically available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.

FROM DASHBOARD

Main Menu
- Ride
- History
- Sensors
- Training
- Navigation
- User

Device
- Date and Time
- Display
- Memory
- Altimeter
- About Joule

About Joule
- Firmware Version 19.076
- Designed in Madison, WI by Saris Cycling Group
  800-783-7257
CHAPTER 9: DATA & DOWNLOADS

DOWNLOAD
To further configure the Joule GPS and customize the dashboards, install PowerAgent software from www.PowerTap.com/poweragent. PowerAgent also allows you to download and analyze your ride data, as well as upload your ride to different social media and social fitness sites.

CHAPTER 10: FAQ & TROUBLESHOOTING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
For the most current FAQ’s and troubleshooting please visit the customer support section of our website, www.PowerTap.com.
CHAPTER 11: IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS and NOTES

- Keep eyes on the road. Do not become overly engaged with display.
- We recommend getting familiar with the computer functions while stationary.
- The computer and chest strap are water resistant, not waterproof. Avoid sustained water contact and do not deliberately place in water or under high-pressure sprays.
- Avoid spraying the unit directly with solvent. Do not use thinner or other solvents to clean parts.
- Failure to adhere to these precautions may cause premature failure or incorrect operation of the unit and may void the warranty.

Other Important Notes:
- Battery Life: The Joule GPS has a rechargeable battery that will last a significant amount of time when fully charged. However, some features of the Joule will use more power than others:
  - Displaying the GPS Map Dashboard for extended periods of time can impact battery life, as a lot of processing power is required to keep the live map display up to date.
  - Setting the backlight to “always on” will impact battery life, although the Joule is still very efficient in terms of power usage when the backlight is in use.
  - Setting the backlight time out to a long period of time (something more than 30 seconds) will impact battery life, depending on how often buttons are pushed, causing the backlight to go on.
  - Setting the Smart Backlight option could impact battery life if a significant amount of time is spent using the device at night.
- GPS signal lock time can vary depending on environmental conditions. See Appendix D for more detailed information on GPS signal locking.
## JOULE GPS FEATURES

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<td>Altitude</td>
<td>Percent Grade (Current, Average)</td>
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<td>Battery Level Indicator (sensors, Joule GPS)</td>
<td>Power (Current, Average, Maximum)</td>
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<td>Power Zone (Current, Average)</td>
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<td>Current Heading</td>
<td>Ride Distance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance Remaining in Workout</td>
<td>Ride Time</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance to Next Route Point</td>
<td>Speed (Current, Average, Maximum)</td>
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<td>Distance to Ride Partner</td>
<td>Surge Count (w/kg, ranges: 4-6, 6-8, 8+)</td>
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<td>Heading to Next Route Point</td>
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<td>Heart Rate (current, average, maximum)</td>
<td>Time of Day</td>
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<td>VAM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peak Power (5 second, 5 minute, 20 minute)</td>
<td>Watts per Kilogram (Current, Average, Maximum)</td>
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# CHAPTER 12: FEATURES AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR JOULE GPS

## JOULE GPS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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<td>Barometric Altimeter</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Battery</td>
<td>Rechargeable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Battery Life</td>
<td>Approximately 20 hours</td>
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<td>40L x 30W (mm)</td>
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<td>Dot matrix (128x160)</td>
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<td>Interval button</td>
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<td>Mount Type</td>
<td>Stem/Handlebar, Front</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operational Temperature</td>
<td>0-140 F degrees</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ride History</td>
<td>1 year</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ride Memory</td>
<td>Approximately 80 hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unit Dimensions</td>
<td>78L x 53W x 26D (mm)</td>
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<td>Water Resistant</td>
<td>Yes, IPX 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight</td>
<td>70 grams</td>
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CHAPTER 13: Warranty

WARRANTY
In the event that warranty service is required, original sales receipt may be required.

The Joule is warranted to the original retail purchaser to be free from defects in materials and workmanship. Warranty coverage is valid to the original purchaser only and proof of purchase will be required.

- Electronics
  - 1 year
  - 2 years (Europe)

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER:
- Normal wear and tear.
- Any damage, failure or loss caused by accident, misuse, neglect, abuse, improper assembly, improper maintenance or failure to follow instructions or warnings in User Guide.
- Use of products in a manner or environment for which they were not designed.

LIMITATIONS
The foregoing warranties are in lieu of and exclude all other warranties not expressly set forth herein, whether expressed or implied by operation of law or otherwise, including, but not limited to, warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Saris Cycling Group shall in no event be liable for incidental or consequential losses, damages or expenses in connection with its exercise products. Saris Cycling Group’s liability hereunder is expressly limited to the replacement of goods not complying with this warranty or, at Saris Cycling Group election, to the repayment of an amount of the purchase price of the exercise product in question. Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of implied warranties or incidental or consequential damages, so the preceding limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.

PROCEDURES
Warranty service will be performed by Saris Cycling Group or an authorized Saris Cycling Group Dealer. The original purchaser must provide proof of purchase. Service calls and/or transportation to and from the Authorized Saris Cycling Group Dealer are the responsibility of the purchaser.

- Saris Cycling Group will have the option to repair or replace any product(s) which requires warranty service.
- Saris Cycling Group will replace any unit that is structurally defective with a new unit or replace the unit with a unit of equal value.
- In the event a product cannot be repaired, Saris Cycling Group will apply a limited credit reimbursement toward another PowerTap product of equal or greater value.
Summary Report Definitions

Ride Time
Time of ride defined as any time spent moving. Note: time spent stopped can be included if Joule Mode settings are changed from speed record control to heart rate record control.

MI/KM
The ride length from start to finish measured in miles or kilometers.

KJ
Kilojoule (1000 Joules). A Joule is unit of work equal to the work done by a force of 1 newton to move an object a distance of 1 meter. Kilojoules are a common unit used to express the total volume of work accomplished during a given workout, ride, or exercise bout. Kilojoules are used to express the total training load. One Joule per second equals 1 watt. The average power output in watts multiplied by the time in seconds divided by 1000 equals the total amount of work, during the specified time frame, in kilojoules.

TEMP C/F
The current temperature measured by the Joule’s internal sensor.

AV WATTS
1. Average power during a ride. 2. A common unit used to express effort or intensity amongst cyclists. Note: Average calculation may or may not include zeros (time spent coasting or with no power) depending on Joule’s set up. By default, zeros are included. For 2 WK, 4 WK rolling averages are time weighted over the selected period.

AV CAD
Average pedal revolutions per minute during a ride. Note: Average calculation may or may not include zeros (time spent coasting or with no power) depending on Joule’s set up. By default, zeros are included. For 2 WK, 4 WK rolling averages a time-weighted average over the selectable time period is used.

AV MPH/KPH
Average speed in miles per hour or kilometers per hour during a ride.

AV HR
Average heart rate in beats per minute during a ride. Note: For 2 WK, 4 WK rolling averages, a time weighted average over the selectable time period is used.
Appendix A: HISTORY REPORT DEFINITIONS

Power Detail Report

AV WATTS
1. Average power during a ride. 2. A common unit used to express effort or intensity amongst cyclists. Note: Average calculation may or may not include zeros (time spent coasting or with no power) depending on Joule’s set up. By default, zeros are included. For 2 WK, 4 WK rolling averages a time weighted average over the selectable time period is used.

MX WATTS
Maximum power in watts during a ride. Note: For 2 WK, 4 WK rolling averages a time weighted average over the selectable time period is used.

ZERO WATTS
Cumulative ride time when Power is zero displayed in absolute minutes or as percentage of total ride time.

NORMALIZED POWER
An estimate of the power that you could have maintained for the same physiological “cost” if your power output had been perfectly constant. The formula for calculating NP was developed by Training Peaks.

AV W/KG
Average power in watts divided by rider weight in kg during a ride.

MX W/KG
Maximum power in watts divided by rider weight in kg during a ride.
Appendix A: HISTORY REPORT DEFINITIONS

Work Report and Peak Power Report

KJ
Kilojoule (1000 Joules). A Joule is unit of work equal to the work done by a force of 1 newton to move an object a distance of 1 meter. Kilojoules are a common unit used to express the total volume of work accomplished during a given workout, ride, or exercise bout. Kilojoules are used to express the total training load. One Joule per second equals 1 watt. The average power output in watts multiplied by the time in seconds divided by 1000 equals the total amount of work, during the specified time frame, in kilojoules.

KJ/HR
Average Kilojoules per hour during a ride.

TSS
Training Stress Score estimating the total amount of glycogen burned on a ride.

IF
Ratio of the normalized power to threshold power. Joule uses the mid-point between the threshold zone (zone 3) and the race pace zone (zone 4) as the threshold power value.

Peak Power
The highest average power output that can be held for a given duration. 2. For most individuals a peak sustainable power or peak power output lasting 4 to 8 minutes is equivalent to an intensity that elicits their VO2 max, or maximal capacity to consume oxygen. 3. For most individuals a peak sustainable power output lasting 20 to 40 minutes is equivalent to an intensity that elicits their lactate threshold or a value of blood lactate 2 to 3 mm above their baseline blood lactate. 4. For most individuals a peak sustainable power output lasting 40 minutes to 2 hours is equivalent to an intensity that elicits their lactate threshold, or a value of blood lactate just above to 1 mm above their baseline blood lactate. 5. In cycling, the peak sustainable power for any given duration is analogous to their best performance for a given time. For example, a runner might have a personal best of 5 minutes in a mile run and 35 minutes in a 10 KM run, whereas a cyclist might have a personal best or peak sustainable power of 300 watts for 5 minutes and 240 watts for 35 minutes.
Appendix A: HISTORY REPORT DEFINITIONS

Time in Zones Report

Training Zones
1. Discrete bins or intervals specific to a particular energy or physiological system. From short maximal efforts to long maximal efforts these energy systems run along a continuum from anaerobic to aerobic metabolic pathways. Common reference points for this continuum include the power at lactate threshold and power at VO2 max.

Recovery Zone (Zone 1)
1. An easy exercise intensity where there is minimal stress or strain on the body. 2. On a 1 to 10 rating of perceived exertion scale, the recovery zone corresponds to a 1 to 2 or “really easy” to “easy”. 3. On a 6 to 20 rating of perceived exertion scale, the recovery zone corresponds to a 6 to 10 or “very very light” to “very light.” 4. An exercise intensity dependent solely on aerobic metabolism of primarily fat. 5. An exercise intensity that can be held for an indefinite time frame.

Endurance Zone (Zone 2)
1. A moderate exercise intensity where there is some stress or strain on the body. 2. On a 1 to 10 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to 3 to 4 or “moderate” to “sort of hard”. 3. On a 6 to 20 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 10 to 13 or “fairly light” to “somewhat hard.” 4. An exercise intensity depending on the aerobic metabolism of both fat and carbohydrate. 5. An exercise intensity that can be held as long as the athlete were supplied with an influx of carbohydrate (i.e., allowed to eat).

Lactate Threshold (LT) Zone (Zone 3)
1. A hard intensity zone marked by a sudden increase in breathing rate. 2. On a 1 to 10 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 5 to 7 or “hard” to “really hard.” 3. On a 6 to 20 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 13 to 16 or “somewhat hard” to “very hard”. 4. A range of exercise intensity beginning at a slight inflection or rise in the blood lactate over a resting baseline to an intensity corresponding with a blood lactate 2 to 3 mm above a resting baseline. 5. A demarcation between aerobic metabolism to a mix of anaerobic and aerobic metabolism. 6. An all out exercise intensity that can be held between 40 minutes to 2 hours depending on the availability of stored carbohydrate or glycogen within the body.
Appendix A: HISTORY REPORT DEFINITIONS

Time in Zones Report...Continued

Race Pace Zone (Zone 4)
1. An extremely hard or all out intensity zone. 2. On a 1 to 10 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 7 to 8 or “really hard” to “really really hard.” 3. On a 6 to 20 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 16 to 18 or “very hard” to “very very hard.” 4. An exercise intensity dependent primarily on the aerobic and anaerobic metabolism of carbohydrate. 5. An all out exercise intensity that can be held between 10 minutes to 30 minutes.

Max Zone (Zone 5)
1. An all out or maximal intensity zone. 2. On a 1 to 10 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to a 9 to 10 or “really really hard” to “maximal.” 3. On a 6 to 20 RPE scale, an intensity corresponding to an 18 to 20, or “very very hard” to “maximal.” 4. An exercise intensity that elicits the body to reach its maximal capacity to consume oxygen (i.e., an exercise intensity that elicits VO2 max). 5. An all out or maximal effort that can be held between 2 to 8 minutes or an average of 4 minutes.
Appendix A: REPORT DEFINITIONS

Climbing and Surges Report

M/FT GAIN
The total vertical distance in feet or meters traveled or climbed over a given distance ridden.

AV% GRADE
The rise or vertical increase in elevation divided by the run or horizontal distance traveled multiplied by 100 \( \text{rise} \div \text{run} \times 100 \).

M/FT LOST
The total vertical distance in feet or meters descended over a given distance ridden.

VAM
1. The rate of vertical ascent in meters per hour. Note: At an 8% grade, a rate of ascent of 1800 meters per hour requires a power output of 6.3 watts per kg and is considered the upper limit for climbing speed in professional cyclists. To compare that with age group racers and recreational riders, their VAM on the same grade would be around 1064 and 560 m/hr, respectively.

Surges
A surge is a sudden, short acceleration lasting a minimum of 3 seconds within a particular “power to weight” or w/kg zone. The value displayed is the number of surges occurring within a w/kg zone. Once a surge is recorded in a w/kg zone, the rider’s current w/kg power value must drop at least 0.1 w/kg below the minimum of the zone before a new surge can be considered. For this metric to be calculated correctly, the rider’s weight must be accurate, as listed in the User section of the Main Menu on the Joule GPS.
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Appendix D: GPS OVERVIEW

Understanding GPS Signal Acquisition and Signal Strength

Overview:
The Global Positioning System, GPS, originally developed for military purposes, was deployed over the span of years beginning in the 1980s, completing deployment in 1995. Today the GPS system is primarily used for civilian applications. Within the next 5 to 6 years there will be 3 fully independent Global Navigational Satellite Systems in service - the United States will continue to provide and improve GPS, the European Union will complete deployment of their system, GALILEO and Russia will complete deployment of their system GLONASS.

The GPS is a constellation of 32 fully operational satellites orbiting the earth in 6 different orbital planes, with 5 to 6 satellites per orbit. At any one time 24 of the satellites are considered “in service.” The others are available in case one of the 24 needs to come offline for maintenance issues. The satellites circle the earth at an attitude of 20,180 kilometers (about 12 miles). Each orbit takes about 12 hours, but due to the earth’s rotation, each satellite returns to it’s starting point above earth in just under 24 hours. The 6 orbital planes, including the number and spacing of satellites in each plane are designed to ensure that there are a minimum of 4 satellites in view of any location on earth at any time. Typically there are more than 4. The more satellites a receiver locks onto, the more accurate the position data. Receivers positioned in higher latitudes will typically “see” less satellites. The master control station for the entire GPS network is located in Colorado. There are 5 additional monitoring stations around the world.

GPS Signal Strength:
GPS signal strength can be affected by many conditions. These include weather, the environment, receiver movement, and the orbital position of the satellites. This is especially noticeable at the point in time when the receiver is attempting to get a full GPS lock (typically means the receiver is locked onto a minimum of 4 satellites for accurate location data).

- When considering the weather, the signal strength is affected by the density of any clouds. Heavy rain or snow clouds can be a negative when it comes to GPS signal locking. This type of atmosphere tends to slow the locking process. The best conditions are cloudless sunny days or partial high, thin cloud cover.

- Environmental considerations include whether the receiver is in a mountainous or flat area, urban or rural area, under a tree canopy, or some combination of the above. Mountainous topography can include deep valleys or
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can be hard to receive a satellite signal when not much sky is visible. Similarly, in urban areas, tall buildings, sometimes referred to as urban canyons, can cut down on the amount of viewable sky. Also, in rural areas, where the receiver may be under tree-lined roads or trails, the density of the tree canopy could have an effect on the GPS signal. The best environmental conditions for a GPS signal would be flatter terrain, rural areas, with lots of open sky, and light to nonexistent tree cover.

• The global satellite network itself can also affect the GPS signal. As mentioned earlier, the GPS network consists of 24 satellites in 6 different orbits around the earth. There are brief times during the day where a “coverage hole” over a particular geographical area may exist due to the location of each satellite in its orbit at that particular point in time. In this case, the user of the receiver may just need to wait a few minutes for more satellites to move into that geographical area.

• Receiver movement can have an affect on the initial GPS signal lock. Typically, it is better to keep the receiver unit stationary while the unit is trying to complete the lock of the GPS signal. If movement is necessary during the locking process, the process may take more time to complete. This occurs because, as part of the locking process, distances to each satellite are being calculated. Any significant movement would cause the distance to change and thus a recalculation.

• The GPS signal is a radio frequency (RF) signal. Anything that affects RF can have an impact on GPS signal reception. Indoors, this can mean the thickness of the walls around the receiver, the roof over the receiver, or the type of material the roof or walls are constructed from. Outdoors, this can mean paying attention to events that can affect electro-magnetic radiation (EMR), like solar flares from the Sun. Solar activity, like the weather, is tracked and predicted, by various organizations. On days when a major solar flare produces a huge EMR blast toward the earth, your GPS signal will be affected.

Technical Details, Cell Phones:
As mentioned above, the GPS network was designed prior to the 1980s. The transmission rate from satellite to a receiver on the ground is only 50 bits per second. In perfect weather conditions, once a communication is established with the first satellite, it takes a minimum of 30 seconds to receive the initial information, a 1500 bit message block.
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Understanding GPS, continued

A receiver will need to lock on a minimum of 4 satellites to get an initial good position location. In order to find other satellites the receiver will reference a copy of a data file, containing position data of all other satellites in the system. This file is commonly referred to as the almanac file. Each satellite is in constant communication with the other satellites in the system. Each satellite continually gathers up-to-date position data of the other satellites. This information becomes the bulk of the almanac file. Receivers typically keep their copy of the almanac file updated without notice to the user.

However, receiver almanac files can become out of date by moving great distances between powering up the device or not powering it up for a long time. If this is the case, downloading a completely new copy of the almanac will take approximately 12.5 minutes under good sky conditions (the almanac file is approximately 25 message blocks in size, downloading at 50 bits/sec). Once the first satellite is locked, the almanac file is determined to either already be up-to-date or a new one is downloaded, the receiver begins to look for and lock other satellites. The complete lock process is accelerated at this point because finding additional satellites is much quicker once the receiver knows where to look for them via position info from the now up-to-date almanac data.

Cell phones acquire a GPS lock faster than other receivers. Most of the newer phones use what is called A-GPS, or Assisted GPS technology. This is in essence a hybrid communication technology that allows the receiving cell phone to acquire a GPS signal lock quickly using assistance from other technologies. Assisting technologies include cell tower triangulation, the high speed data transmission link between the phone and the tower, and the fact that the tower, in a fixed position, is always locked onto and monitoring the GPS satellite constellation, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Leveraging these technologies, the cell phone can acquire a GPS signal lock quickly compared with other receivers communicating directly with the satellites at 50 bits per second.