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# Safety Information

Always follow the instructions that accompany a Warning or Caution. The information they provide is intended to minimize the risk of personal injury and/or damage to property. In particular, observe safety instructions that are presented in the following format:



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**WARNING** – This alert warns of a potential hazard, which, if not avoided, can cause severe injury.

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**CAUTION** – This alert warns of a hazard or unsafe practice which, if not avoided, can cause injury or damage.

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**Note** – *An absence of specific alerts does not mean that there are no safety risks involved.*

## Warnings



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**WARNING** – During the Deadzone calibration, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel. To avoid injury, be prepared for sudden vehicle movement.

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**WARNING** – Before beginning calibration, ensure that the vehicle is in an open field free of obstacles and objects where you can evaluate the settings. During some calibrations, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel

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## Cautions



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**CAUTION** – When laptops are run off a power inverter and connected to the serial port of the NavController, the performance of the NavController is impaired. When you perform critical operations (especially calibration), disconnect laptops from the power inverter and run the laptop on battery power instead. If you do not require communication between the laptop and the controller, disconnect the laptop from the serial port. You can then use the power inverter without affecting the system.

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**CAUTION** – Obstacles in the field can cause collisions, which may injure you and damage the vehicle. If an obstacle in the field makes it unsafe to continue any calibration, stop the vehicle and turn the steering wheel to disengage the system.

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## BASICS OF AUTOPILOT TOOLBOX

- ▶ Features of Autopilot Toolbox
- ▶ Installation requirements
- ▶ Connect and start
- ▶ Close the Autopilot Toolbox II software

This manual describes the operation of the Trimble® Autopilot™ Toolbox II, software version 4.0.1.

## Features of Autopilot Toolbox

You can use the Autopilot Toolbox II software to:

- ▶ Set up or edit an existing Autopilot system (see [Autopilot system settings, page 21](#))
- ▶ Save and restore an Autopilot system setup (see [Chapter 8, SAVE / RESTORE FILES](#))
- ▶ Display serial number and firmware version information (see [Chapter 7, VIEW INFORMATION](#))
- ▶ View basic diagnostics on the main sensor connections (see [Chapter 5, VIEW DIAGNOSTICS](#))
- ▶ Load a vehicle database file (see [Loading an external VDB file, page 73](#))

## Installation requirements

You can install the software on a desktop computer or laptop that is running the Microsoft® Windows® XP, Windows Vista® or Windows 7 operating system.

The Autopilot Toolbox II software is fully compatible with version 4.0 or later of the Autopilot controller firmware.

## Connect and start

1. Connect the laptop to the diagnostic connector of the NavController. This is a DE9 serial connection. It is recommended that you use a computer with either:
  - An embedded serial connector.
  - A Dell computer (with a legacy adapter).

**Note** – *USB-to-serial adapters can be problematic. If you must use a USB-to-serial connector, Trimble recommends SeaLevel, P/N 2105R (available at <http://www.sealevel.com/store/2105r-usb-to-1-port-rs-232-db9-serial-interface-adapter.html>).*

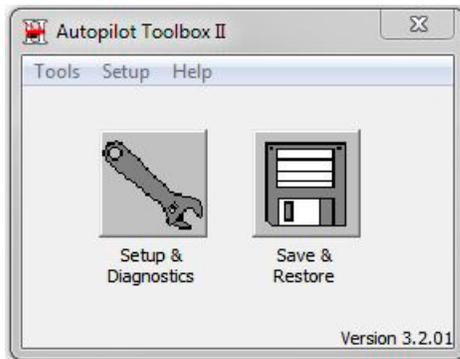
2. On the laptop or desktop computer, launch the Autopilot Toolbox II software from the desktop icon created during installation.
3. If you are using a power inverter:
  - a. Read the warning message that displays and then click **OK**.
  - b. Perform the appropriate action.



**CAUTION** – When laptops are run off a power inverter and connected to the serial port of the NavController, the performance of the NavController is impaired. When you perform critical operations (especially calibration), disconnect laptops from the power inverter and run the laptop on battery power instead. If you do not require communication between the laptop and the controller, disconnect the laptop from the serial port. You can then use the power inverter without affecting the system



The main screen appears:



4. Click the appropriate icon for the required action:

Click	To ...
	Configure Autopilot settings (see <a href="#">Autopilot system settings, page 21</a> )
	View Diagnostics (see <a href="#">Chapter 5, VIEW DIAGNOSTICS</a> )
	Save / restore settings (see <a href="#">Chapter 8, SAVE / RESTORE FILES</a> )

## Close the Autopilot Toolbox II software

In the main screen, do one of the following:

- ▶ Select *Tools / Exit*.
- ▶ Click the **X** button in the top right-hand corner of the screen.



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## INITIAL CONFIGURATION

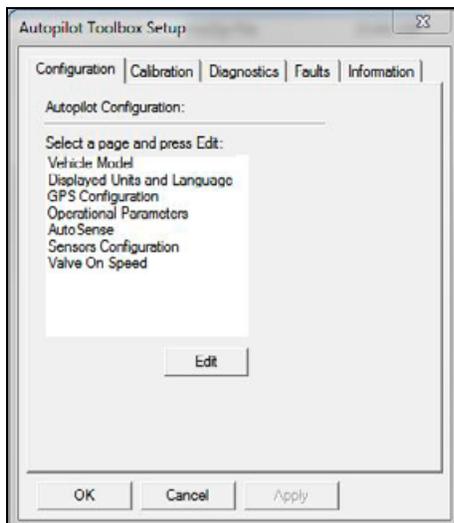
- ▶ Configuration tab
- ▶ Calibration tab
- ▶ Diagnostics tab
- ▶ Faults tab
- ▶ Information tab

The Autopilot Toolbox II software has five tabs that are used as follows:

- ▶ *Configuration* tab: Configure the system initially as well as edit settings later.
- ▶ *Calibration* tab: Calibrate the Autopilot items that are specific to the vehicle you have selected.
- ▶ *Diagnostics* tab: View diagnostics and troubleshoot issues.
- ▶ *Faults* tab: View, refresh, clear and save faults.
- ▶ *Information* tab: View information about the Autopilot system.

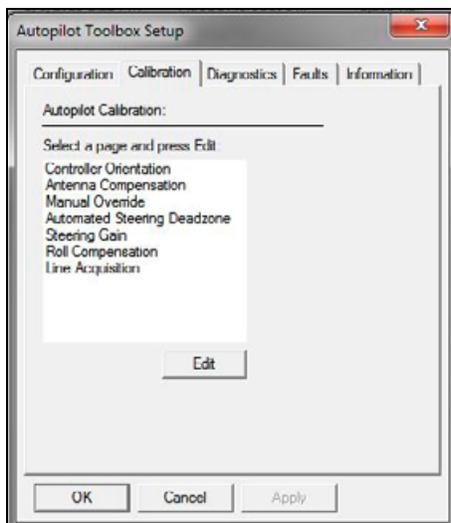
## Configuration tab

This tab shows a list of settings. Select the required setting and then click **Edit**. See [Autopilot system settings, page 21](#)).



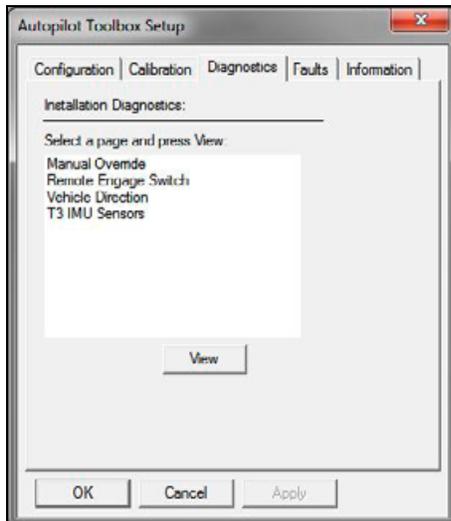
## Calibration tab

This tab shows a list of calibrations display. Select the calibration that you want to carry out and then click **Edit**. For information about each calibration, see [Calibration by vehicle type, page 26](#).



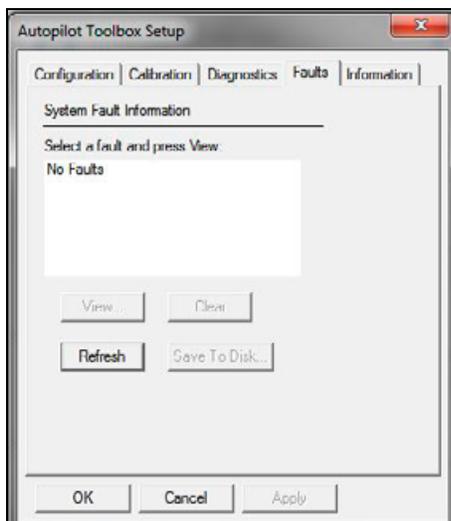
## Diagnostics tab

This tab shows diagnostic and troubleshooting issues. Select the diagnostic option required and then click **View**. See [Chapter 5, VIEW DIAGNOSTICS](#).



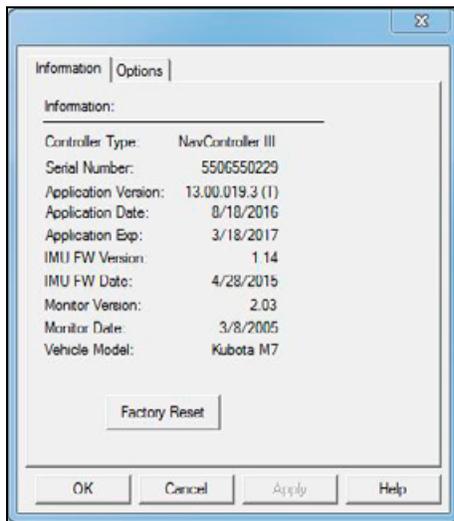
## Faults tab

This tab allows you to view fault messages and save faults. See [Chapter 6, SYSTEM FAULTS](#).



## Information tab

This tab allows you to view information about the Autopilot system. See [Chapter 7, VIEW INFORMATION](#).





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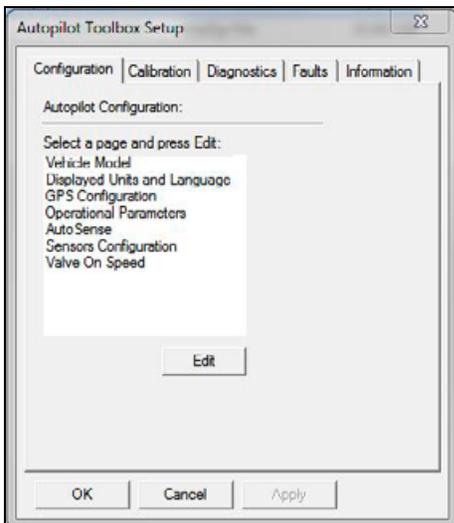
## AUTOPILOT SETTINGS

- ▶ Autopilot system settings
- ▶ Configuration options

From the Autopilot Toolbox Setup screen, you can set up and / or edit any Autopilot setting.

# Autopilot system settings

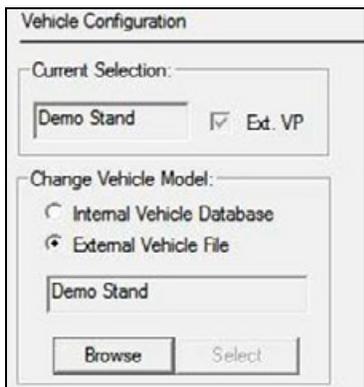
- To initially set up the Autopilot system or edit its settings, at the main screen click  The *Autopilot Toolbox Setup* screen appears:



- In the *Configuration* tab, select the item to configure and then tap **Edit**.

## Configuration options

### Vehicle Model (Vehicle Configuration)

	Settings	Explanation
	Current Selection	The currently chosen vehicle/
	Change (Select) Vehicle Model	Select one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal Vehicle Database: Not recommended</li> <li>External Vehicle File. If you select this option:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Click <b>Browse</b>.</li> <li>Find the VDB file you want to load. Select it and then click <b>Open</b>.</li> <li>At the confirmation message, click <b>Select</b>.</li> <li>At the reset message, click <b>OK</b>.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> The NavController will reset the vehicle profile and the vehicle model you chose now shows as the Current Vehicle Model.

See also [Chapter 8, SAVE / RESTORE FILES](#).

## Display Units and Language

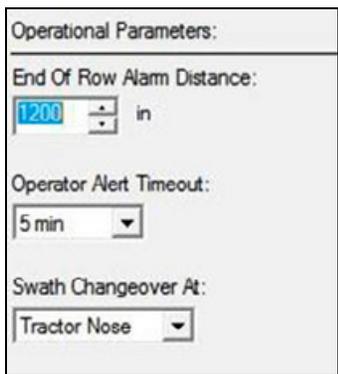
	Settings	Explanation
	Language	Language for the Autopilot Toolbox and lightbar
	Units	Unit type for the Autopilot Toolbox and lightbar

## GPS Receiver Configuration

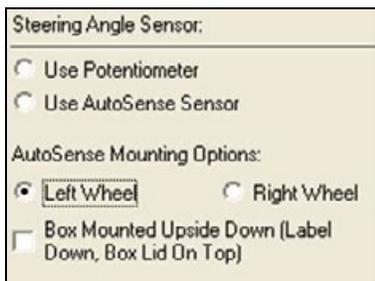
**Note** – For the Trimble FmX<sup>®</sup> integrated display, the CFX-750<sup>™</sup> display and the TMX-2050<sup>™</sup> display, GPS is set up in the display.

	Settings	Explanation
	Receiver Type	Shows the receiver type selected by the user or detected by the Autopilot system.
	GPS Correction Type	If Auto-configure receiver is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selected: This list will contain only the valid correction sources for the receiver being used</li> <li>Not selected: This list will contain all possible choices for correction.</li> </ul>
	Auto-configure receiver on startup	When selected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The system automatically detects the receiver type</li> <li>The <i>Receiver Type</i> list can not be selected.</li> </ul> When not selected: Any changes in the GPS Correction Type list will not be transmitted to the receiver in use, so the receiver will not switch correction modes.
	Enable HP Autoseeding	

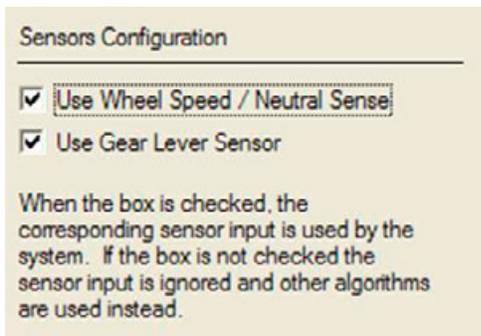
## Operational Parameters

Settings	Explanation
	<p>End of Row Alarm Distance Controls how far from the end of the swath the End of Row warning appears. Increase this value to cause the warning to display earlier. This is useful if the operator is likely to be distracted (for example, by monitoring other equipment during operation).</p> <hr/> <p>Operator Alert Timeout How often a warning displays after there is a lack of operator interaction. <b>Note – The Operator Alert Timeout cannot be disabled.</b></p> <hr/> <p>Swath Changeover at <b>Note – For CFX-750, FMX and TMX-2050, swath changeover is determined by the display, not the NavController.</b></p> <p>When turning at the end of a row, the Autopilot system determines the closest swath to the vehicle. This setting selects the point on the vehicle from which the calculation is made. If the GPS antenna is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behind you: Select Tractor Nose</li> <li>At the front of the cab (ahead of you): Select GPS Antenna/</li> </ul>

## AutoSense (Steering Angle Sensor)

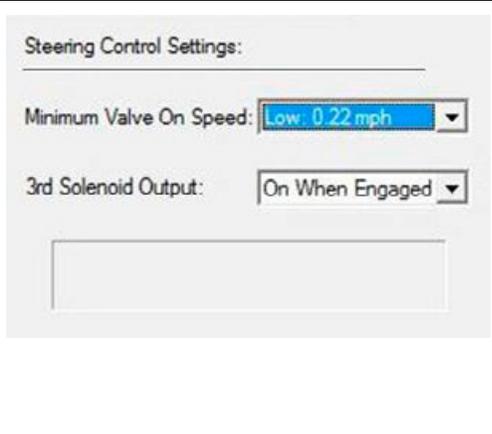
Settings	Explanation
	<p>Steering Angle Sensor Choose which device is used by the angle sensor: Potentiometer or AutoSense sensor.</p> <hr/> <p>AutoSense Mounting Options Which wheel the AutoSense device is installed on: Left Wheel or Right Wheel.</p> <hr/> <p>Box Mounted Upside Down (Label Down, Box Lid on Top) If the device box is mounted upside down, select the <b>Box Mounted Upside Down</b> checkbox. Otherwise, leave the check box clear. <b>Note – If the AutoSense device orientation is not entered correctly, the Autopilot system steering may be affected.</b></p>

## Sensors Configuration

Settings	Explanation
	<p>Use Wheel Speed / Neutral Sense When not used (not checked), the system enters low speed operation.</p> <hr/> <p>Use Gear Level Sensor When not used (not checked), the system uses a vehicle direction estimator.</p>

## Steering Control Settings

Steering Control controls the minimum velocity at which the Autopilot system will command the hydraulic valve or send curvature commands over CAN.

	Settings	Explanation
 <p>Steering Control Settings:</p> <p>Minimum Valve On Speed: <span>Low 0.22 mph</span></p> <p>3rd Solenoid Output: <span>On When Engaged</span></p>	<p>Minimum Valve On Speed</p>	<p>Minimum velocity at which the system will command the hydraulic valve or send curvature commands over CAN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal: .4 m/s - .9 mph - 1.4 km/hr</li> <li>• Low: .1 m/s - .223 mph - .36 km/h</li> <li>• Ultra-Low: .02 m/s - .044 mph - .072 km/hr</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> – Speeds below 300 meters/hour may require a steering potentiometer. Some Autopilot interfaces utilizing a CANbus connection may not allow operation down to this speed. Check your vehicle user guide for minimum speed capabilities.</p>
	<p>3rd Solenoid Output</p>	<p>When a NavController III is being used, the third solenoid output can be configured to output full 12 volt PWM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On When Engaged: 12 volts will be output when the system is engaged and above the Minimum Valve on Speed.</li> <li>• Off: No electrical signal will be output.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> – This option is not available if you are using NavController II or earlier.</p>



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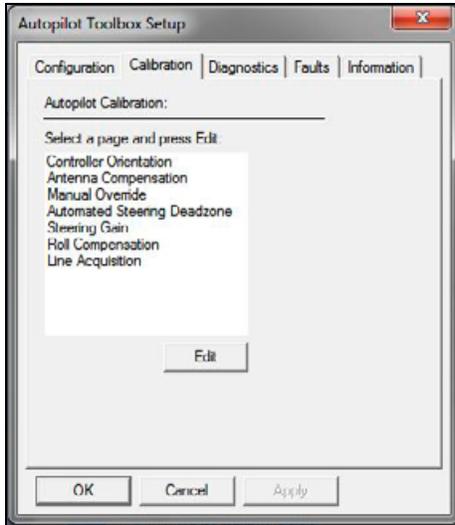
## CALIBRATING THE AUTOPILOT SYSTEM

- ▶ Calibration by vehicle type
- ▶ Controller orientation
- ▶ Antenna compensation calibration
- ▶ Automated Steering Deadzone (DZ) calibration
- ▶ John Deere SIU-200 Steering Interface calibration
- ▶ Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration
- ▶ OnSwath settings on the TMX-2050 display
- ▶ Manual Override Bias calibration
- ▶ Manual Override Sensitivity calibration
- ▶ Proportional Steering Gain calibration
- ▶ Pump Response calibration
- ▶ Roll Offset calibration
- ▶ RPM Sensor calibration
- ▶ Steering Center Bias calibration
- ▶ Steering Pump Knees calibration
- ▶ Steering Sensor calibration
- ▶ Track Spacing calibration
- ▶ Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics (Auto-calibration)

Before completing the Autopilot setup, you must perform calibrations specific for each vehicle type.

## Calibration by vehicle type

The types of calibration required will depend on the type of vehicle model you select. The Autopilot Toolbox II software automatically shows the appropriate options for the selected vehicle in the calibration list on the *Calibration* tab.



**WARNING** – Before beginning calibration, ensure that the vehicle is in an open field free of obstacles and objects where you can evaluate the settings. During some calibrations, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel and sometimes the movement is abrupt. To avoid injury, be prepared for sudden vehicle movement.



**CAUTION** – Obstacles in the field can cause collisions, which may injure you and damage the vehicle. If an obstacle in the field makes it unsafe to continue any calibration, stop the vehicle and turn the steering wheel to disengage the system.

## Front wheeled / articulated steered tractors, combines, sprayers

Calibration	Explanation
Controller orientation calibration	Required to properly associate the outputs of the controller's gyros with the direction of the vehicle. See <a href="#">Controller orientation</a> , page 29.
Antenna compensation	Required to compensate for antenna height. See <a href="#">Antenna compensation calibration</a> , page 30.
Roll offset correction	Required to compensate for static roll caused by minor variations in controller and GPS receiver mounting. See <a href="#">Roll Offset calibration</a> , page 46.
Line acquisition aggressiveness	Adjusts adjust how aggressively the vehicle approaches the line. See <a href="#">Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration</a> , page 33.
Manual Override Sensitivity	Should only be adjusted from its default value if the operation of the manual function is unacceptable. See <a href="#">Manual Override Sensitivity calibration</a> , page 43.

**Note** – Only for vehicles with a pressure transducer for the manual override function.

Calibration	Explanation
Steering Sensor	Required to convert the sensor output into commands for steering full left, full right, and any position in between. See <a href="#">Steering Sensor calibration, page 51</a> .
Automated Dead Zone	Required to learn the dead zones where no steering results from system commands to the tractor hydraulics. See <a href="#">Automated Steering Deadzone (DZ) calibration, page 31</a> .
Proportional Steering Gain (PGain)	Only required if system steering performance is unsatisfactory. See <a href="#">Proportional Steering Gain calibration, page 44</a> .

## Calibration sequence

After you calibrate the Manual Override Sensitivity, perform additional calibrations in this sequence:

1. Steering Sensor
2. Automated DeadZone
3. Proportional Steering Gain

## Tracked tractors

**Note** – No track performance calibration is required if the system is installed on a Cat MT 700/800 series equipped with the ISO option. Required calibration is controller orientation, antenna compensation and roll correction.

Calibration	Explanation
Controller orientation calibration	Required to properly associate the outputs of the controller's gyros with the direction of the vehicle. See <a href="#">Controller orientation, page 29</a>
Antenna compensation	Required to compensate for antenna height. See <a href="#">Antenna compensation calibration, page 30</a> .
Roll offset correction	Required to compensate for static roll caused by minor variations in controller and GPS receiver mounting. See <a href="#">Roll Offset calibration, page 46</a> .
Line acquisition aggressiveness	Adjusts adjust how aggressively the vehicle approaches the line. See <a href="#">Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration, page 33</a> .
Manual Override Sensitivity	Should only be adjusted from its default value if the operation of the manual function is unacceptable. See <a href="#">Manual Override Sensitivity calibration, page 43</a> . <b>Note</b> – Only for vehicles with a pressure transducer for the manual override function.
Track spacing	The distance from the centerline of the left track to the centerline of the right track. See <a href="#">Track Spacing calibration, page 52</a> .

## Hydraulically steered tracked tractors (Cat Challenger 35, 45, 55 or E series)

Calibration	Explanation
Controller orientation calibration	Required to properly associate the outputs of the controller's gyros with the direction of the vehicle. See <a href="#">Controller orientation, page 29</a>
Antenna compensation	Required to compensate for antenna height. See <a href="#">Antenna compensation calibration, page 30</a> .
Roll offset correction	Required to compensate for static roll caused by minor variations in controller and GPS receiver mounting. See <a href="#">Roll Offset calibration, page 46</a> .
Line acquisition aggressiveness	Adjusts adjust how aggressively the vehicle approaches the line. See <a href="#">Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration, page 33</a> .
Manual Override Sensitivity	Should only be adjusted from its default value if the operation of the manual function is unacceptable. See <a href="#">Manual Override Sensitivity calibration, page 43</a> . Only for vehicles with a pressure transducer for the manual override function.
Track spacing	The distance from the centerline of the left track to the centerline of the right track. See <a href="#">Track Spacing calibration, page 52</a> .
RPM Sensor	Required to verify the RPM sensor output is correct. See <a href="#">RPM Sensor calibration, page 49</a> .
Pump Response	Required to verify and optimize the response of the hydraulic steering pumps. See <a href="#">Pump Response calibration, page 46</a> .
Steering Pump Knees	Required to determine the compensation for deadband in the steering pumps. See <a href="#">Steering Pump Knees calibration, page 50</a> .

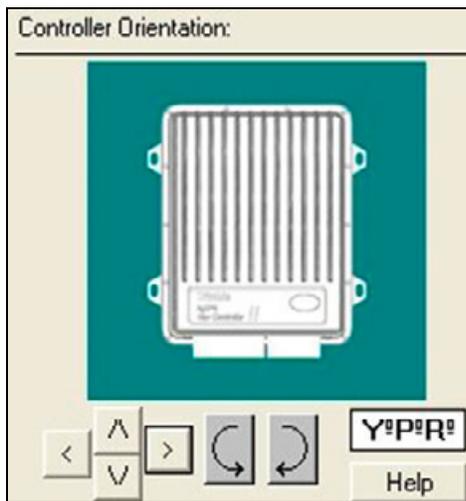
## John Deere SIU-200 Tracked tractors and Sugar Cane Harvesters

**Note** – *John Deere Tracked vehicles that only use the ISO CAN interface use the controller orientation and calibrations for antenna compensation, roll offset calibration, and line acquisition. For the vehicles that use the ISO interface, refer to the Autopilot supported platforms list for vehicle model numbers.*

Calibration	Explanation
Controller orientation calibration	Required to properly associate the outputs of the controller's gyros with the direction of the vehicle. See <a href="#">Controller orientation, page 29</a>
Antenna compensation	Required to compensate for antenna height. See <a href="#">Antenna compensation calibration, page 30</a> .
Roll offset correction	Required to compensate for static roll caused by minor variations in controller and GPS receiver mounting. See <a href="#">Roll Offset calibration, page 46</a> .
Line acquisition aggressiveness	Adjusts adjust how aggressively the vehicle approaches the line. See <a href="#">Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration, page 33</a> .
Track spacing	The distance from the centerline of the left track to the centerline of the right track. See <a href="#">Track Spacing calibration, page 52</a> .

Calibration	Explanation
Manual Override Bias	Sets the biased neutral value for the Steering potentiometer input on John Deere Tracked Machines (both tractors and sugar cane harvesters). See <a href="#">Manual Override Bias calibration, page 42</a> .
Steering Center Bias (00, 10, and 20 series machines)	Determines the center voltage that is necessary for controlling the electronic steering interface. See <a href="#">Steering Center Bias calibration, page 49</a> .
Steering Interface Calibration	On 00, 10, and 20 series tracked tractors, this flashes the appropriate interface voltage calibration on the SIU-200 box. For 30 and RT series tractors, this calibration maps the steering wheel voltage through the range of motion.

## Controller orientation

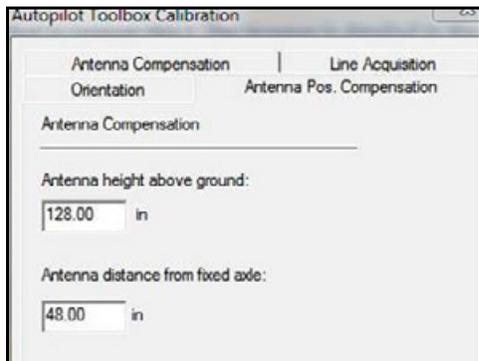


To enter the controller orientation, do one of the following:

- ▶ Click the buttons to flip and rotate the image to match the position of the NavController as though you are looking down on the vehicle from above. The top of the screen represents the direction of the nose of the vehicle.
- ▶ Click **Y°P°R°** to enter the yaw, pitch, and roll values (for advanced users). When these values are entered, the image of the controller will change to reflect these new values.

**Note** – If the Y°P°R° values are not in 90° increments, the graphical representation of the controller is not displayed.

## Antenna compensation calibration

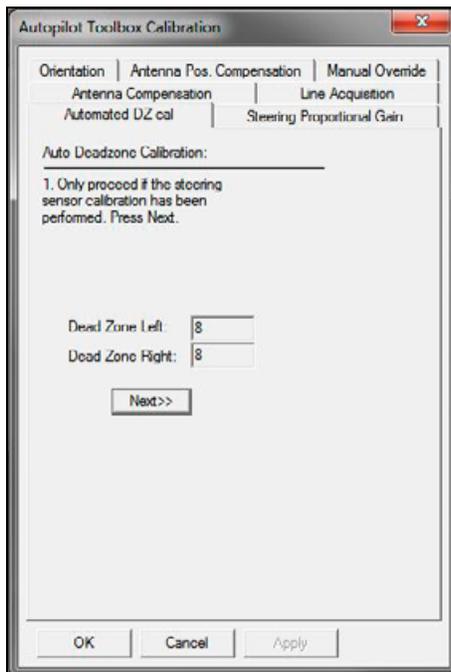


**Note** – The Autopilot system must be completely set up, the software properly configured, and proper GPS reception enabled before the Antenna Roll Compensation procedure can be performed. Read and understand the complete documentation before attempting this procedure.

**Note** – If multiple GPS technologies will be used (for example, RTK and WAAS), use the technology with the highest accuracy when performing roll correction.

Settings	Explanation
Antenna height above ground	With the tractor on a flat, level surface, measure the distance from the ground to the base of the GPS receiver (or antenna) and enter this value.
Antenna distance from fixed axle	With the tractor on a flat, level surface, measure the distance from the fixed axle to the center of the GPS receiver (or antenna) and enter this value. Enter a negative value if the GPS receiver antenna is to the rear of the fixed axle. The nose of the vehicle is considered the forward direction.

## Automated Steering Deadzone (DZ) calibration



**WARNING** – During the Deadzone calibration, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel. To avoid injury, be prepared for sudden vehicle movement.

The automated dead-zone calibration procedure runs a series of tests on the valve and steering hydraulics to determine the point at which steering actuation occurs. During each repetition of the test, one side of the steering system is calibrated independently by slowly increasing the command to the valve while looking for wheel actuation.

**Note** – *The steering sensor calibration must be performed before you run this procedure.*

**Note** – *The vehicle will turn to either the right or the left in an uncontrolled manner during the calibration, perform the test in a large field that is free of hazards. To minimize the effect of ground conditions on the results, the field should ideally consist of smooth soil that is loose but firm.*

Obstacles in the field can cause collisions, which may injure you and damage the vehicle. If an obstacle in the field makes it unsafe to continue a particular phase of the automated dead-zone calibration, stop the vehicle to abort the phase and turn the steering wheel to disengage the system. Reposition the vehicle and continue from the current test phase.

1. To ensure good system performance, ensure the hydraulic fluid is at nominal operating temperature when you run this procedure.

On some vehicles with large reservoirs, it may take several minutes (or longer) for the fluid to reach operating level, especially if the implement circuit is lightly loaded. Review the vehicle documentation to determine if the hydraulic fluid temperature can be displayed on a vehicle console. If the calibration is performed while the system is still cold, re-run both the deadzone and proportional gain calibration procedures again once the system is at operating temperature.

2. Read the instructions for screens 1 through 3 on the screen and select **Next** for each screen.
3. At the screen for step 4, drive slowly in first gear with the engine RPMs at the normal operating level of the vehicle (or maximum).

When an AutoSense device is installed, drive the vehicle in a straight line for at least one minute before you start the automatic dead-zone calibration. This ensures that the gyro meters are able to align to provide the proper steering angle value. If you drive in circles for one minute, the automated deadzone calibration will produce an incorrect result. You can combine driving in a straight line and turning, as long as the accumulated straight line driving time is at least one minute.

4. Select **Test Right**.
5. Continue through each screen, following all instructions.

**Note** – *When you calibrate the deadzone, drive in a straight line for at least five seconds immediately before you select **Turn Left** or **Turn Right**.*

Each time you select either **Turn Left** or **Turn Right**, the system engages and slowly increases the steering command to the side of the valve that corresponds to the button label. The wheels will move slowly in the direction that they are commanded and stop. It is not necessary for the wheels to cover a large angle for the calibration to be working.

During the automated deadzone calibration process, the Autopilot system steers the tractor for part of the procedure. While this calibration occurs, the Autopilot Toolbox II software displays a progress indicator. After each left or right phase of the calibration process, the software prompts you before beginning the next phase. The software also indicates whether the next phase will turn the vehicle left or right.

To minimize the total amount of space needed for the complete calibration, you can reposition the tractor between the phases of the test. If the available flat, smooth space is extremely limited, re-align the vehicle after each segment of the calibration.

To reposition the vehicle, wait until the software prompts you that the next phase is ready to begin, and then:

- Look at the screen to determine whether the next phase will require a left or right turn.
- Reposition the vehicle so that the turn will use the space that you have available.
- Acknowledge the prompt to begin the next phase.

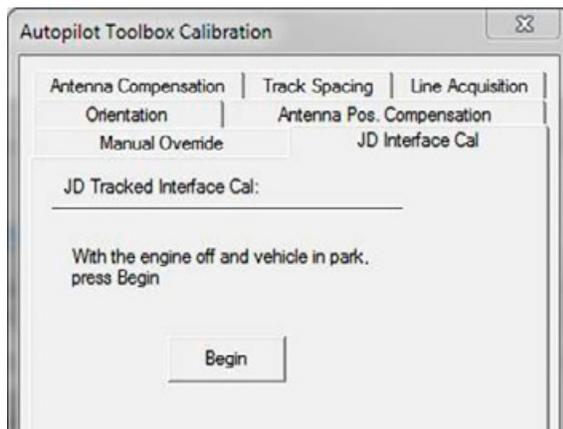
## Error messages

If a calibration cycle is unable to complete successfully, an error message will display.

Error Message	Explanation
Disengage Detected	One of the following happened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual Override was detected</li> <li>• A fault was detected</li> <li>• A system warning that results in in a disengage was not cleared</li> <li>• A liability warning was not cleared</li> </ul>
Vehicle Moving Too Slow	The vehicle was moving too slowly for the calibration cycle to successfully finish. Make sure the vehicle is moving at least 0.8 kph (0.5 mph) during each calibration cycle.
Steering Close To End Stops	Before the calibration cycle could complete, the measured steering angle approached the end stops. Retry, and if the problem persists, instead of centering the steering at the start of each cycle, try turning the steering in the opposite direction to that which is being tested so that the calibration procedure has a greater range to test over.
Valve Connectors Could Be Swapped	The calibration test sensed the steering turning in the opposite direction to what was expected. Retry, and if the problem persists either the valve connectors are swapped or the steering sensor calibration was performed incorrectly.  If the problem persists, contact Technical Support.

Error Message	Explanation
No GPS	A GPS receiver must be connected and outputting positions in order to run the calibration procedure.
No Steering Response Detected	During the calibration cycle, insufficient movement was sensed in order for the calibration to complete. If the problem persists, the hydraulic installation could be faulty.
Unable To Determine DZ: Try Again	A problem occurred when trying to compute dead zone. Retry, and if the problem persists, contact Technical Support.
Software Problem Detected	An internal software anomaly occurred. Retry, and if the problem persists, contact Technical Support.

## John Deere SIU-200 Steering Interface calibration



- ▶ For 00, 10, and 20 series tracked tractors: This calibration flashes the appropriate interface voltage calibration on the SIU-200 box. Follow the brief on-screen instructions.
- ▶ For 30 and RT series tractors: This calibration maps the steering wheel input voltage through the range of motion. On-screen instructions walk through the steps of moving the steering wheel left and right to determine the voltage range of the steering potentiometers.

## Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration

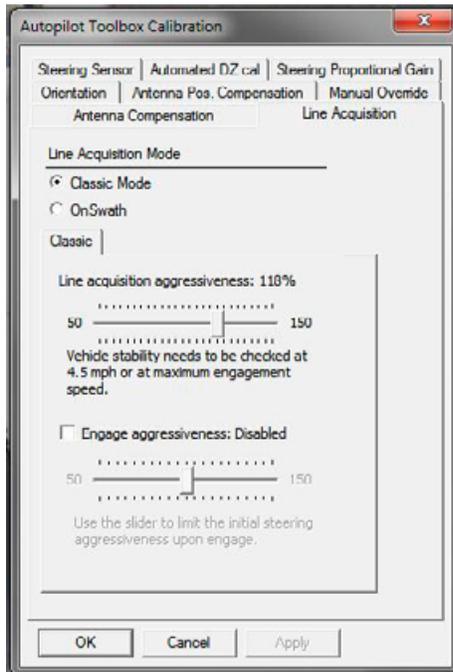
Line acquisition controls how fast the guidance system attempts to steer the vehicle onto the current guidance line. There are two line acquisition modes: Classic and OnSwath. With a:

- ▶ High setting: The vehicle approaches the line quickly, but may overshoot the line and drive into instability.
- ▶ Low setting: The vehicle steers onto the line more slowly, but is less likely to overshoot the line.

**Note** – Ensure that you test the line acquisition performance at, below, and above the speed specified at the bottom of the screen. This value changes depending on the Line Acquisition Aggressiveness setting selected.

## Classic Mode

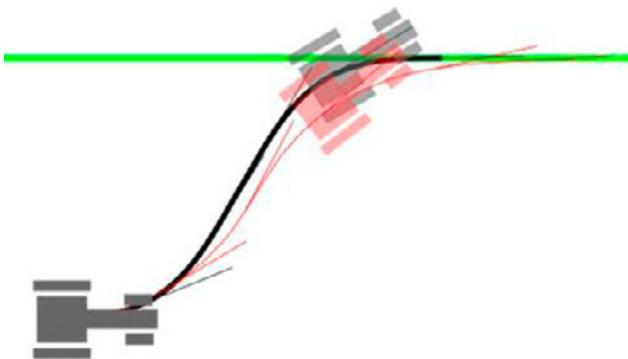
The *Classic Mode* is without the optional OnSwath feature.



Classic Mode Settings	Explanation
Line acquisition aggressiveness	How fast the guidance system attempts to steer the vehicle onto the current guidance line.
Engage aggressiveness:	Disabled: Normal response will occur upon engagement Enabled: The engage response can be adjusted to operator preference

## OnSwath Mode

OnSwath Mode is an optional feature that allows you to customize line acquisition to the vehicle, operation and operator preference. Provides more controlled, predictable and repeatable line acquisition. In the following graphic, the bold black line shows acquisition with OnSwath mode. The thin red lines show acquisition with Classic mode.

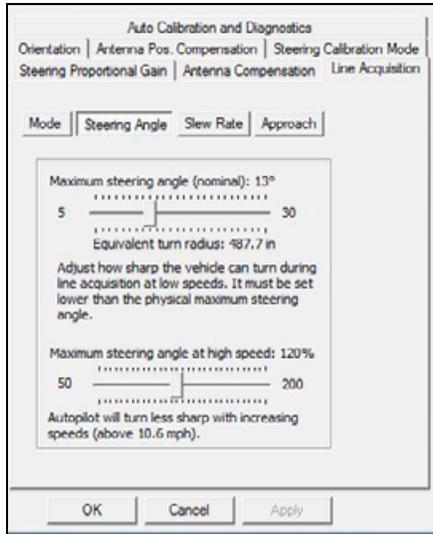


For instructions on using OnSwath™ advanced line acquisition settings with the TMX-2050 display, see [page 40](#).

**Note** – OnSwath requires: NavController II 6.0 or higher and AP Toolbox version 3.02 or higher. For compatible vehicle types, see the latest version of Autopilot supported platforms.

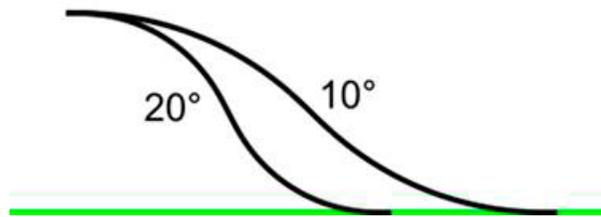
**OnSwath Mode Settings** Explanation

Steering Angle Settings



The steering angle (or turn radius) used when acquiring a guidance line. A wider angle creates a sharper turn.

- Maximum steering angle (nominal): How sharply the vehicle turns during line acquisition at low speeds. Sets the desired steering angle (turn radius) the system will use during line acquisition. This is not a hard limit and may be exceeded. The value must be set to less than the physical maximum steering angle of the vehicle. A good starting point is 50-75% of the physical maximum. The default values for the vehicle profile are in this range.

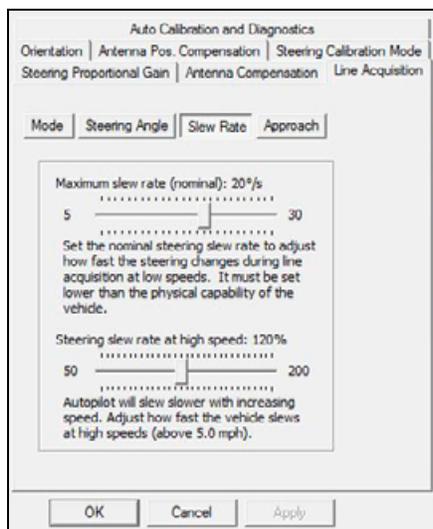


**Note** – Do not set this too high. Too high of a value will cause poor performance.

**Note** – This setting affects the sharpest angle between the vehicle and a towed implement.

- Maximum steering angle at high speed: How much the Autopilot will reduce the steering angle used at higher speeds. The speed noted below the slider indicates when a reduction in steering angle will start to occur.
  - Lower aggressiveness values: Autopilot will limit the sharpness of high speed turns more, to maintain smoother, more stable operation.
  - Higher aggressiveness values: Autopilot will use the nominal maximum steering angle until the indicated speed is reached.

Slew Rate Settings



How quickly the vehicle steers. The maximum slew rate (nominal) is the slew rate the Autopilot system will assume the system is capable of and will plan for during line acquisition.

- Maximum slew rate (nominal): Adjust how quickly the steering changes during line acquisition at low speeds.

**Note** – This must be set lower than the physical capacity of the vehicle or instability may occur. Lowering this value may help with vehicle jerk and oscillations.

A value that is:

- Lower: Better for vehicles with poor hydraulic performance.
- Higher: Increases the rate at which the steering angle (turn radius) changes, up to the vehicle's physical capabilities.
- Steering slew rate at high speed: The Autopilot system will reduce the slew rate at speeds above the displayed value.

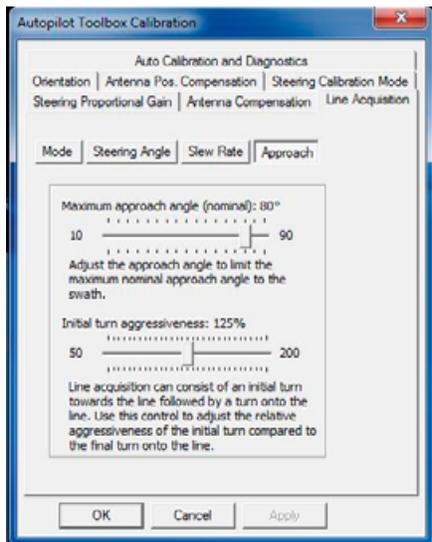
**Note** – Lowering this value may help with vehicle jerk and oscillations.

A value that is:

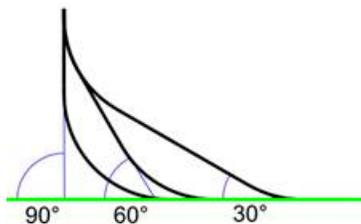
- Lower: Reduces the slew rate at high speeds more. This leads to smoother and more stable operation.
- Higher: Reduces the slew rate at high speeds less. The speed noted below the slider indicates where the slew rate reduction will begin.

OnSwath Mode Settings Explanation

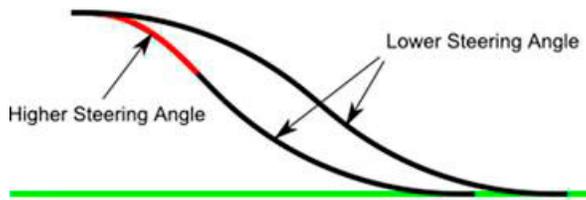
Approach Angle Settings



- Maximum approach angle (nominal): The desired approach angle that the Autopilot system will drive to the line if adequate space is available. If space is not available, the angle may not be achievable. The following graphic shows possible paths to the line based on different approach angles.



- Initial Turn Aggressiveness: Adjusts how sharp or smooth the initial turn toward to the line will be in comparison to the final turn onto the line. This affects only the initial turn towards, while the final turn onto the line is not affected.



If the value is:

- Lower: The initial turn will be smoother and more gradual.
- Higher: The initial turn will be harder and sharper toward the line.

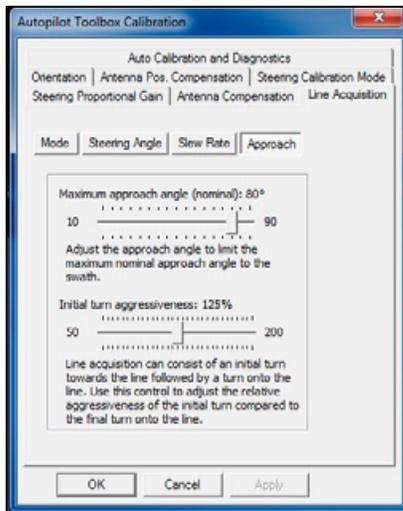
## Calibration steps



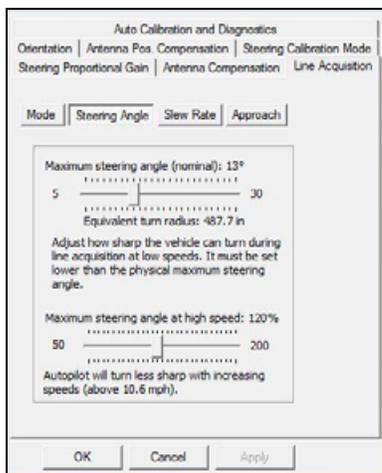
**WARNING** – Before beginning calibration, ensure that the vehicle is in an open field free of obstacles and objects where you can evaluate the settings. During some calibrations, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel and sometimes the movement is abrupt. To avoid injury, be prepared for sudden vehicle movement.

When following the steps below, adjust the settings while evaluating the performance as the vehicle turns onto the line.

1. Set the maximum approach angle.
  - a. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Approach* sub-tab:



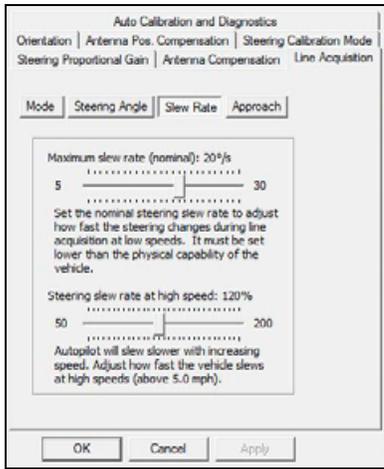
- b. Set the Maximum approach angle (nominal) to the swath first. This value can be changed later, with little effect on the other settings.
2. Set up the low speed settings.
  - a. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Steering Angle* sub-tab.



Set the Maximum steering angle (nominal). Evaluate the turn onto the line at low speed. It is recommended to stay below 6.5 km/h (4 mph).

A good starting point for Maximum steering angle (nominal) is approximately 50-75% of the machine's physical capabilities. For example, a typical wheel tractor might have a maximum steering angle of 35 to 40 degrees. Profiles come with default values that are a good starting point for the vehicle.

- b. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Slew Rate* sub-tab:



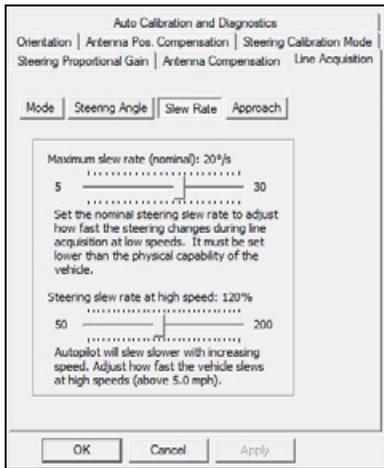
Set the Maximum steering angle (nominal) for the vehicle. A good starting point is around half or below half of the capability of the machine. For example, a typical wheel tractor might have slew rates between 20 and 35 degrees per second. A good starting value would be 10 degrees per second. The vehicle profiles for OnSwath have, by default, suitable starting values for the vehicle.

If the slew test is available (part of the Steering Gain Calibration - see [Proportional Steering Gain calibration, page 44](#)), the slew rate can be approximated by measuring the slew time from hard left to hard right while the vehicle is moving slowly forward at operating RPM.

The slew rate is the angle change (full left to full right) divided by the slew time. For example, if the maximum steering angle is 35 degrees and the slew time is 2000 milliseconds, the slew rate is 70 degrees / 2 seconds = 35 degrees per second.

**Note** – *This method is strictly an approximation. It is not the actual steady state slew rate of the vehicle. Actual performance of the vehicle during line acquisition will have many factors including, but not limited to, terrain, hydraulic load, tire size, soil conditions, and engine RPM.*

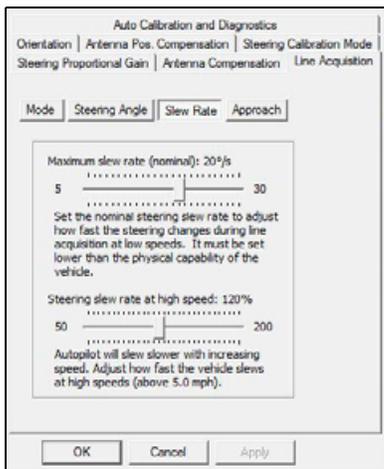
3. Set up the high speed settings.
  - a. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Steering Angle* sub-tab.



Set the Maximum steering angle at high speed to achieve the desired turn and turn rate at higher speeds. The speed at which these settings start taking effect is indicated. Evaluate line acquisition performance at increasing speeds for the most demanding scenarios (for example, end of row turns). Keep increasing the speed until either:

- The maximum operating speed is reached. You may choose to increase the aggressiveness values for faster line acquisition. Ensure that operation is stable and safe at any given speed.
- The system becomes unstable or too aggressive. Reduce the high speed aggressiveness values until the indicated speeds match or are lower than the unstable/too aggressive operating speed. Reevaluate performance. Reduce further if necessary.

- b. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Slew Rate* sub-tab.

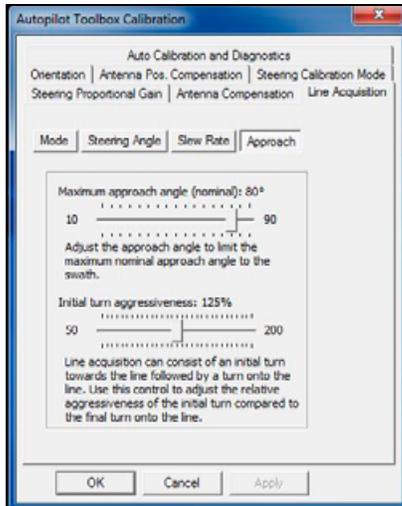


Set the Steering slew rate at high speed to achieve the desired turn and turn rate at higher speeds. The speed at which these settings start taking effect is indicated. Evaluate line acquisition performance at increasing speeds for the most demanding scenarios (for example, end of row turns). Keep increasing the speed until either:

The system becomes unstable or too aggressive. Reduce the high speed aggressiveness values until the indicated speeds match or are lower than the unstable/too aggressive operating speed. Reevaluate performance. Reduce further if necessary.

The maximum operating speed is reached. You may choose to increase the aggressiveness values for faster line acquisition. Ensure that operation is stable and safe at any given speed.

4. Set the initial turn aggressiveness.
  - a. At the *Line Acquisition* tab, select the *Approach* sub-tab.



- b. Set the Initial turn aggressiveness.
  - c. After the desired performance for the turn onto the line has been achieved, this setting can be used to make the initial turn towards the line aggressiveness, while not changing the turn onto the line. If you increase the Initial turn aggressiveness will make the turn toward the line more aggressive, reducing the overall time needed to acquire the line.

## OnSwath settings on the TMX-2050 display

**Note** – This procedure is recommended only for advanced users. Make sure you read the entire procedure before beginning.

The TMX-2050 display maintains the master configuration on the NavController. To transfer any changes you make in Autopilot Toolbox II, you must complete the following procedure. If you do not complete this procedure, the display will overwrite any changes in the vehicle selection or the power cycle.

1. Check the list of the VDB supported platforms (version 6.0) to confirm that OnSwath is available for the vehicle. Note which profile is used for your vehicle. (The OnSwath profiles are included in the TMX-2050 display firmware version 1.6 or later. For display firmware prior to version 1.6, you must import the correct profile to the display from a USB drive.)
2. Power up the display and the NavController.
3. For an existing installation, the vehicle must be recalibrated. For this reason, Trimble recommends you make a note of the controller settings, measurements and roll calibration values.
4. Load the OnSwath VDB.
5. For displays with firmware prior to version 1.6:
  - a. Create the appropriate file structure. Create a folder on your USB drive named **AgData**. Inside the AgData folder, create a folder named *Vehicle Profiles*.
  - b. Copy the VDB version 6.0 or later for your vehicle to the *Vehicle Profiles* folder on the USB drive.
  - c. On the TMX-2050 display at the *Controller Settings* screen, change the vehicle profile origin to Import from USB.

- d. Tap **Retrieve Vehicle Profile** and select the profile you copied to the USB drive.
  - e. Verify the controller orientation and measurements of the profile.
  - f. Save the vehicle profile. At the *Summary* screen, tap .
6. For displays with firmware version 1.6 or higher:
    - a. On the TMX-2050 display, go to the Vehicle Type list.
    - b. Select any vehicle type other than your vehicle.
    - c. Select your vehicle type. (You must repeat the whole select and setup, beginning with the Vehicle Type and completing the entire setup.)
    - d. Follow the normal process of setting up the vehicle. Make sure to verify the controller orientation and vehicle measurements.
  7. Power off the display and NavController.
  8. Power on the display and NavController.
  9. If the display shows a message that the NavController was configured by another display or device:
    - a. Navigate to the *Guidance/ Selection* screen.
    - b. Tap **Vehicle Profile Origin** and change the origin to Import from the NavController.
    - c. Tap **Retrieve Vehicle Profile**. Wait for the profile to be retrieved.
    - d. Tap **Next** until you reach the *Summary* screen.
    - e. At the *Summary* screen, tap .
    - f. Power off the system and then power it on.
  10. Use the TMX-2050 display to calibrate the vehicle.
  11. After the calibration is complete, tap .
  12. Connect the NavController to Autopilot Toolbox II.
  13. At the *Autopilot Toolbox Setup* screen, select the *Calibration* tab. The *Autopilot Toolbox Calibration* screen appears.
  14. Select the *Line Acquisition* tab.
  15. Set up OnSwath as part of the Line Acquisition calibration. See [Line Acquisition Aggressiveness calibration, page 33](#).

**Note** – Test your OnSwath settings and make any changes while in the *Autopilot Toolbox Calibration / Line Acquisition* screen. Do not close this screen if you are adjusting or testing settings.

16. Once the OnSwath settings meet your requirements, tap **OK** at the *Autopilot Toolbox Calibration* screen. This screen closes and the TMX-2050 display is notified of the changes you made with Autopilot Toolbox II. The display will:
  - Recognize the changes can be imported
  - Apply the display's master configuration to the NavController

**Note** – Any changes made to the OnSwath settings at the *Autopilot Toolbox Calibration* screen will not be saved after exiting from either the setup/configuration/calibration pages or the advanced configuration. You must import settings from Autopilot Toolbox II each time you make changes in the Autopilot Toolbox II.

On the TMX-2050 display, a message notifies you:

- The display is being configured by another device or display
  - You must import the configuration from the NavController
17. Tap **OK** to close the message.
  18. Change the master configuration of the TMX-2050 display to include the OnSwath setting in Autopilot Toolbox II:

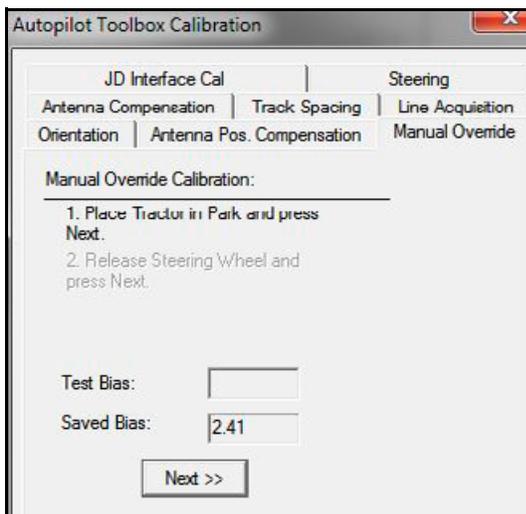
- a. Wait for the TMX-2050 display to re-establish communications with the NavController.
- b. Wait for the satellite indicator to turn green in the lower left corner on the screen.
- c. At the display, go to the *Vehicle* panel.



- d. Make sure the vehicle you are setting up for OnSwath is selected. Tap **Edit**.
- e. Navigate to the *Guidance/ Selection* screen.
- f. Tap *Vehicle Profile Origin* and change the origin to Import from the NavController.
- g. Tap **Retrieve Vehicle Profile**. Wait for the profile to be retrieved.
- h. Tap **Next**.
- i. Verify the controller settings, vehicle settings and measurements.
- j. At the *Summary* page, tap  to save the vehicle configuration.
- k. At the *Vehicle* panel, tap **Select** to select the vehicle you just saved. This will send the updated master configuration with all changes to the NavController.
- l. Wait for communications to be re-established with the NavController.
- m. After communications are re-established, shut down and restart the TMX-2050 display and NavController.

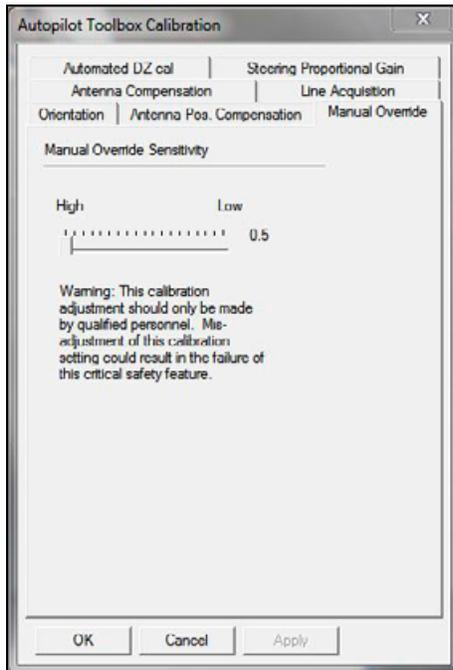
**Note** – When OnSwath is enabled and saved in the TMX-2050 display, the classic line acquisition adjustments in the display will not function. If you want to use Classic mode, use Autopilot Toolbox II to change back to this mode and re-import the configuration from the NavController again.

## Manual Override Bias calibration



ManualOverride Bias sets the biased neutral value for the Steering potentiometer input on John Deere Tracked Machines (both tractors and sugar cane harvesters) if the voltage changes from this value,the system manual overrides.

## Manual Override Sensitivity calibration



The Manual Override Sensitivity slider controls how much force is required to override the system by turning the steering wheel. This setting only applies to pressure transducer and encoder based manual override systems. Flow switches are not adjustable as they are either active or not active.

The default sensitivity setting provides a balance between rapid activation of the override function and rejection of steering wheel motion due to incidental contact (for example, due to travel in a rough field).



**WARNING** – Before beginning calibration, ensure that the vehicle is in an open field free of obstacles and objects where you can evaluate the settings. During some calibrations, the system moves the vehicle's steering wheel and sometimes the movement is abrupt. To avoid injury, be prepared for sudden vehicle movement.

**Note** – The Manual Override Sensitivity calibration is only valid for those platforms employing a pressure transducer or quadrature encoder for the manual override function. The Autopilot Toolbox II software automatically detects whether or not the vehicle configuration includes this type of sensor, and provides this option if required.

**Note** – Trimble strongly recommends that this calibration be performed only if it is determined that the default sensitivity is unacceptable under all conditions. Be very careful not to choose a sensitivity setting that is either too sensitive or not sensitive enough. In either case the manual override function may cease to function properly if not correctly adjusted. On some platforms, it may be possible to set the sensitivity so low that the manual override function will not detect any steering wheel motion. Avoiding this case should be a top priority.

Do the following to re-evaluate each new setting. You can also evaluate the performance of the manual override feature under conditions of loading and/or activities which may affect the pressure of the hydraulic system. For example, you can turn on the auxiliary hydraulics while you evaluate the manual override sensitivity.

1. Set up the Autopilot system with a job loaded and tracking live satellites.
2. With the vehicle not moving, engage the system into automatic mode.

- Turn the steering wheel and assess whether the manual override feature is at an acceptable level of sensitivity. The criteria generally used includes evaluating how far and how rapidly the steering wheel needs to be turned before the manual override function causes the system to be disengaged.

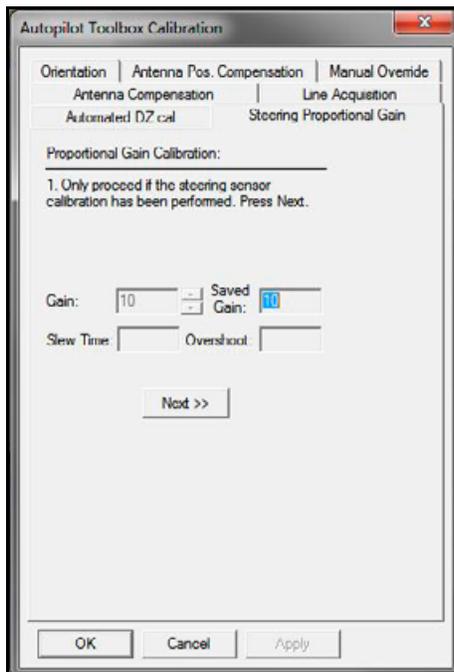
To adjust the setting, move the slider to the left (increase sensitivity) or right (decrease sensitivity). The value to the right of the slider shows the current setting. The total range is 0.5 to 2.5 (where 0.5 is the most sensitive setting and 2.5 is the least sensitive).

If you change the slider setting, the new setting is transmitted to the Autopilot controller when you click **OK**.

- If the steering wheel has to be turned too far or too rapidly, use the calibration slider to increase the sensitivity of the function. If the manual override function is activated even for incidental contact (for example, motion) of the steering wheel, use the slider to decrease the sensitivity.

Use the above method to re-evaluate each new setting. You can also evaluate the performance of the manual override feature under conditions of loading and/or activities which may affect the pressure of the hydraulic system. For example, you can turn on the auxiliary hydraulics while you evaluate the manual override sensitivity.

## Proportional Steering Gain calibration



**Note** – If you use the New Installation Wizard to perform this calibration, click the highest Next button to go to the next calibration screen. The Back, Next and Exit set of buttons are for the Installation Wizard and not the steps for each calibration.

The PGain setting is a compromise between fast steering response and stability. Modifications to PGain affect two steering characteristics:

- ▶ Slew Time: The amount of time the front wheels take to move from the far left to the far right position and vice versa.
- ▶ Overshoot: The percentage by which the front wheels exceed the commanded angle before they settle on the correct value.

Altering these settings may correct slight variations in your vehicle due to valve current response, friction, and hydraulic fluid viscosity.

High PGain values decrease the slew time and increase the overshoot. This provides rapid responses, but can cause the steering to exhibit signs of instability, like a tendency to excessively overshoot.

Low PGain values increase the slew time and decrease the overshoot. This improve the stability but can introduce significant delays in the steering response and can cause the vehicle to oscillate from side to side.

When you run the calibration, ensure that:

- ▶ You perform this procedure on a hard, level surface that is free of obstructions.
- ▶ You follow the instructions presented on each page.
- ▶ Your vehicle speed is between 1 and 3 mph at an engine RPM sufficient to provide adequate hydraulic flow.

**Note** – *The automated deadzone calibration must be performed immediately before you run the PGain calibration, even if the automatic deadzone calibration has been performed in the past.*

**Note** – *The steering sensor calibration must be completed before you attempt to perform the proportional gain calibration procedure, and ONLY when the Autopilot system performance is less than satisfactory.*

1. You may increase proportional gain to the point just before any one of these occur:
  - Slew times no longer decrease (a low value is desired)
  - Overshoot exceeds 5–8% (depending on vehicle).
  - Wheels noticeably shake near end stops or while engaged driving through the field.
2. Turn the front wheels completely to the right to begin the test. (The test is for the stop-to-stop position).
3. Select **Turn Left**. Both turn buttons will be grayed out while the wheels slew.

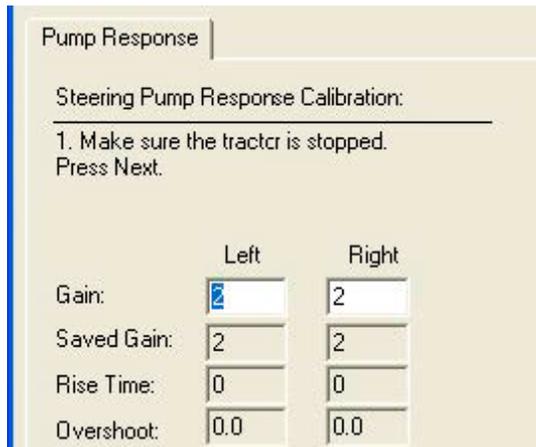
**Note** – *The optimum gain setting has short slew time (short millisecond reading) and low overshoot percentage (less than 10%).*

4. Test various gain settings, while you monitor the vehicle performance and the values for Slew Time and Overshoot for the Turn Left phase.
5. Use the increment/decrement controls to adjust the Gain value (if desired).
6. Turn the front wheels completely to the left.
7. Select **Turn Right**. Both turn buttons will be grayed out while the wheels slew.

**Note** – *The optimum gain setting has short slew time (short millisecond reading) and low overshoot percentage (less than 10%).*

8. When the best gain value is located, select **Next** to save the value in controller memory, or select **Back** to restart the calibration procedure.

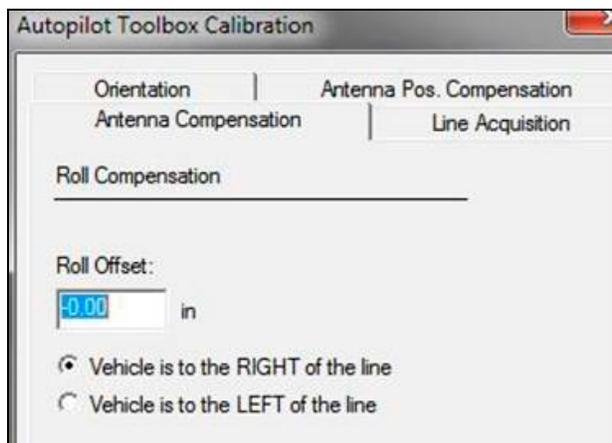
## Pump Response calibration



	Left	Right
Gain:	2	2
Saved Gain:	2	2
Rise Time:	0	0
Overshoot:	0.0	0.0

The Pump Response calibration verifies and optimizes the response of the hydraulic steering pumps. Follow the on-screen instructions to perform this procedure.

## Roll Offset calibration



Two different measurement methods are offered for calculating the roll offset:

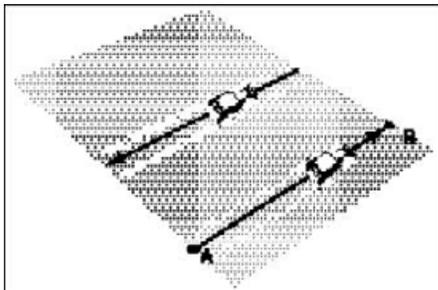
- ▶ Tire track offset method
- ▶ Flag offset method

Choose the method which best matches your conditions.

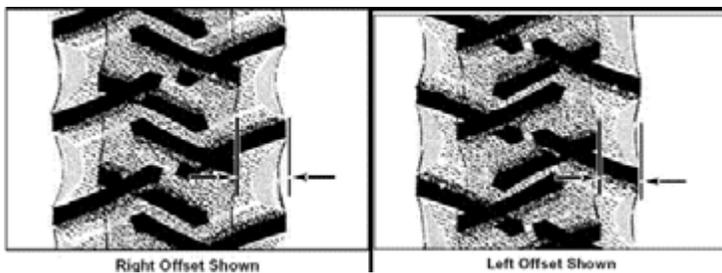
### Roll correction: Tire track offset method

1. Remove any implement from the tractor for this test.
2. Drive the tractor to a relatively flat field where soil conditions will make tire impressions visible and where passes of at least 402 m (1320 ft) in length can be made.
3. Reset the Roll Offset value to 0 (zero) before performing the procedure.
4. Create an AB Line. (The job file does not have to be stored.)

5. To create a clean set of tire tracks in the field, start a new pass away from the area where the AB Line was created. When the system is stable, engage automatic steering mode and allow the Autopilot system to complete the pass.
6. At the end of the pass, turn the tractor around to return along the same pass from the opposite direction.



7. Engage automated steering mode and allow the system to complete the pass.
8. At the end of the return pass, stop the tractor and confirm that its current position is directly on the AB line (there is no cross track error).
9. Park the tractor and exit the cab to evaluate the tire track pattern between the first and return paths.
10. Measure the difference between the track passes and record the distance in inches. Also note whether the return pass is to the left or the right of the original pass.



11. Record the results.

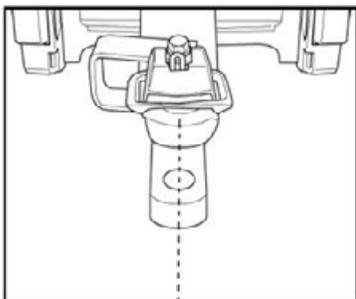
Test Run	Offset Distance (inches)	Offset Direction
1		
2		
3		

**Note** – The offset should be consistently to the left or right.

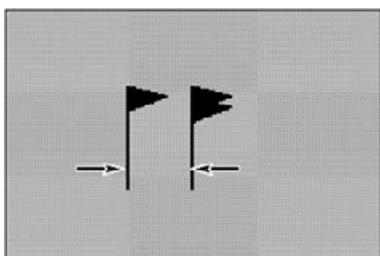
12. Repeat Steps 5 to 11 two more times for a total of three test runs. Record the offset distance in inches and the left or right direction of offset for each test run.
13. Average the results of the three runs: Total the offset distances from the three passes and divide by 3.
14. Enter the average offset value for the Roll Offset.

## Roll correction: Flag offset method

1. Remove any implement from the tractor for this test.
2. Drive the tractor to a relatively flat field where passes of at least 402 m (1320 ft) in length can be made.
3. Reset the Roll Offset value to 0 (zero) before performing the procedure.
4. Create an AB Line. (The job file does not have to be stored.)
5. Start a new pass. Engage automatic steering mode when the system is stable. Stop the tractor midway through the pass. Confirm that the current tractor position is directly on the AB Line (there is no cross track error).  
Park the vehicle and exit the cab. Use the hitch pin hole in the drawbar as a guide to insert a flag in the ground to mark the tractor centerline for this pass.



6. Complete the pass with the tractor. Turn the tractor around to return along the same pass from the opposite direction.
7. Engage automatic steering mode. Stop the tractor midway down the pass with the drawbar pin location very close to the marker flag. Confirm that the current tractor position is directly on the AB Line (there is no cross track error).
8. Park the tractor and exit the cab. Use the hitch pin hole in the drawbar as a guide to insert a second flag in the ground to mark the tractor centerline for this pass.  
Note whether the second pass is to the left or the right of the first pass.
9. Measure the difference between the flag markers for the two passes.



Right Offset Shown

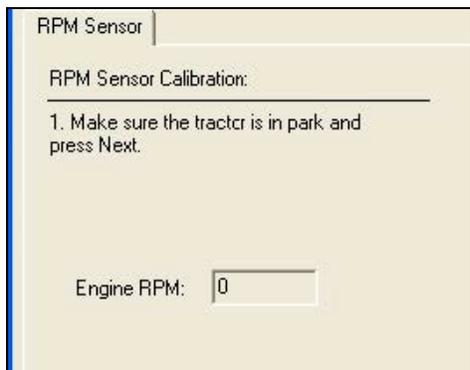
10. Record the distance in inches. Also record whether the return pass is to the left or the right of the original pass..

Test Run	Offset Distance (inches)	Offset Direction
1		
2		
3		

**Note** – *The offset should be consistently to the left or right.*

11. Repeat Steps 5 to 10 two more times for a total of three test runs. Record the offset distance in inches and the left or right direction of offset for each test run.
12. Average the results of the three runs: total the offset distances from the three passes and divide by 3.
13. Enter the average offset value for the Roll Offset.

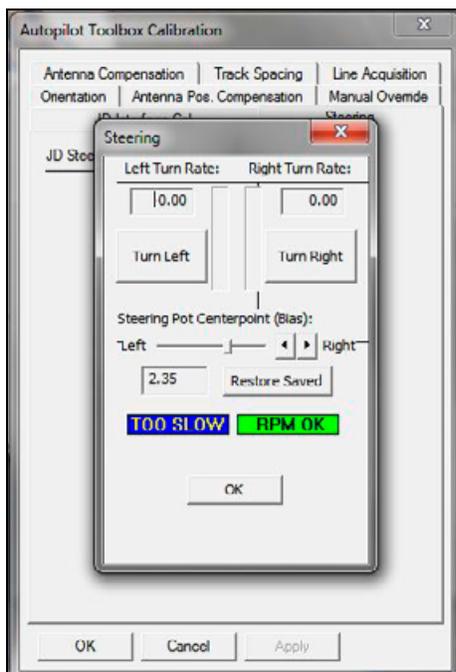
## RPM Sensor calibration



The RPM Sensor calibration verifies that the RPM sensor output is correct.

If the Engine RPM value is not close to the actual engine RPM, follow the on-screen instructions to adjust the sensor output.

## Steering Center Bias calibration



For 00, 10, and 20 series John Deere tractors, the Steering Center Bias calibration determines the center voltage, which is necessary for controlling the electronic steering interface.

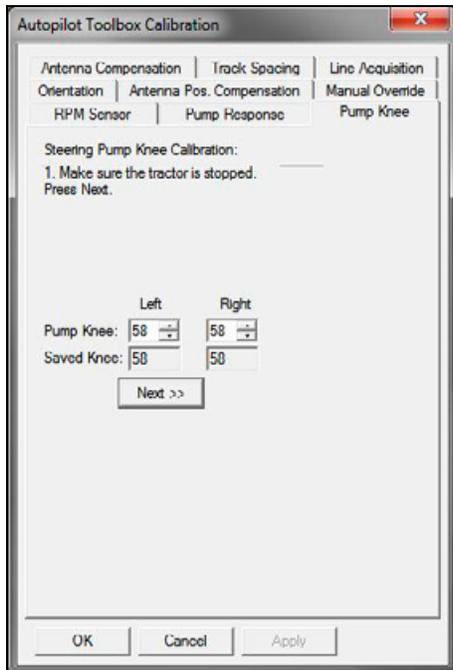
This calibration is not used for 30 and RT series vehicles that use the interface box.

Successfully calibrating the center voltage setting ensures that the Autopilot system steering is balanced for left and right steering commands.

The steering center bias test requires the vehicle to be in motion. To avoid injury, be prepared for vehicle movement.

The instructions for this calibration test span several screens. Follow the on-screen instructions.

## Steering Pump Knees calibration

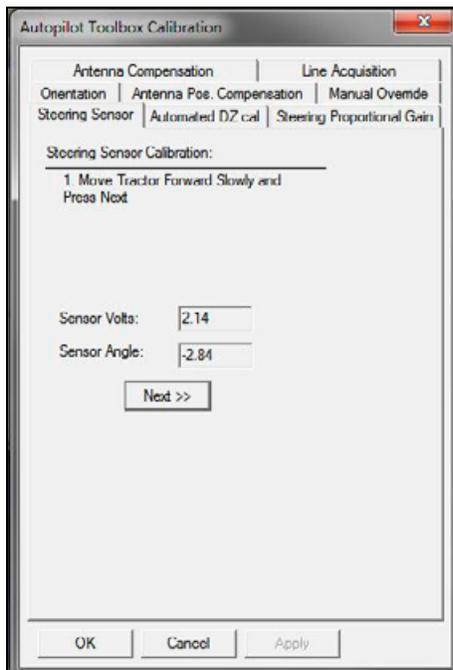


The Steering Pump Knee calibration procedure determines the compensation for deadband in the steering pumps.

This calibration requires the vehicle to be in motion. To avoid injury, be prepared for vehicle movement.

The instructions for this calibration test span several screens. Follow the instructions presented on each screen.

## Steering Sensor calibration



The steering sensor calibration is required to convert the voltage output of the steering sensor into an equivalent steering angle measurement.

**Note** – Only perform the steering sensor calibration if a rotary potentiometer is installed on the vehicle. If the steering angle sensor is set to Autosense, the Steering Sensor calibration will not display.

**Note** – Complete this calibration before attempting to calibrate the steering deadzone or roll correction procedures.

When you run the calibration, ensure that you:

- ▶ Perform this procedure on a hard, level surface that is free of obstructions.
- ▶ Follow the instructions presented on each page.
- ▶ Drive the tractor at a speed that exceeds 1.6 kph (1 mph).
- ▶ Watch the Sensor Angle value to ensure:
  - A symmetrical angle reading at the steering extremes while you manually steer the wheels to the full right and full left.
  - The angle reading is near zero while you manually steer the wheels straight ahead. If the angle is not zero when driving straight ahead, an offset bias will be present when the system is operating.

To run the steering sensor calibration:

1. Start the calibration process by moving the tractor forward slowly. The *Sensor Volts* value updates. Select **Next**.

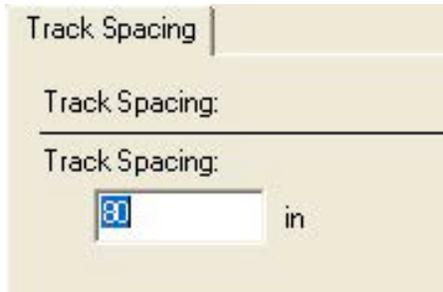
**Note** – If you use the *New Installation Wizard* to perform this calibration, click the highest *Next* button to go to the next calibration screen. The *Back*, *Next* and *Exit* set of buttons are for the *Installation Wizard* and not the steps for each calibration.

2. Turn the steering wheel to the full left turn position and select **Next**.

If the steering wheel is not turned to the full left position, or if the steering sensor requires adjustment or replacement, an error message displays.

3. Turn the steering wheel to the full right turn position and select **Next**.  
If the steering wheel is not turned to the full right position, or if the steering sensor requires adjustment or replacement, an error message displays.
4. Steer the vehicle straight and select **Next**.
5. Select **Next** to continue and accept the calibration, or select **Restart** to discard the last calibration and to return to Step 1.

## Track Spacing calibration



Track spacing is the distance from the centerline of the left track to the centerline of the right track.

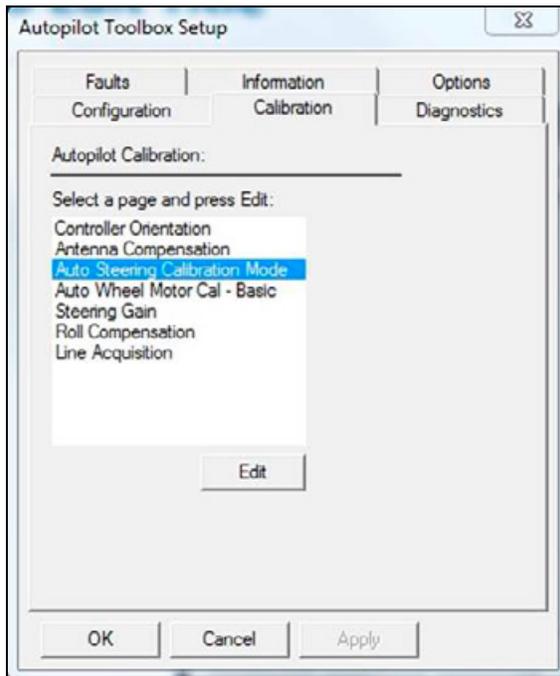
## Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics (Auto-calibration)

Autocalibration mode in the Autopilot Toolbox software is an alternate method to calibrate steering sensors and deadzones on some vehicle types. It is the required method for formally calibrating vehicles using the Danfoss PVED-CLS valve and vehicles using APMD

### Opening the Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics screen

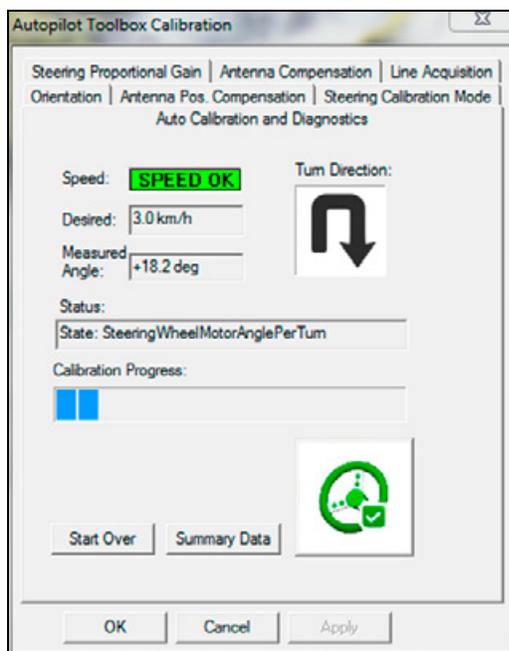
To navigate to the *Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics* interface page:

1. Select *Tools / Setup and Diagnostics* and then click the *Calibration* Tab.
2. Select *Auto Steering Calibration Mode* and then click **Edit**.

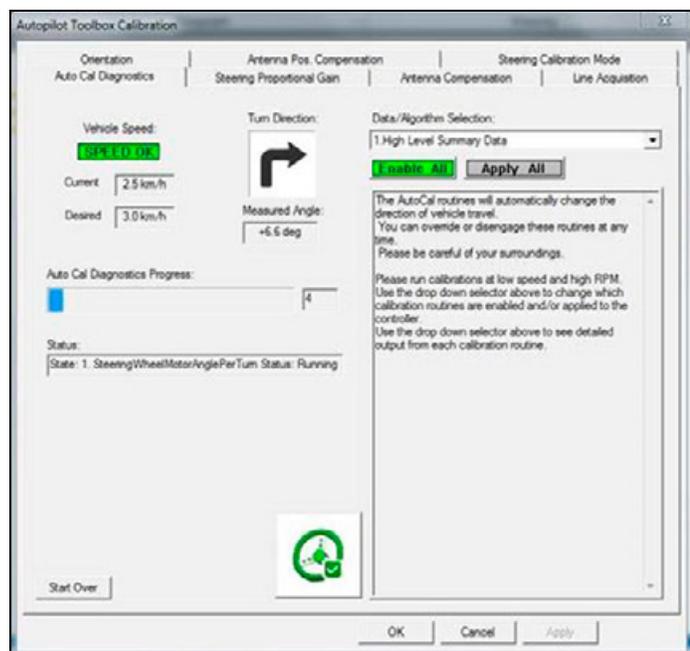


3. Select *AutoCal Basic* or *AutoCal Advanced* instead of *Classic* and then click **OK**.
4. Select *Auto Cal Diagnostics - Basic* or *Auto Cal Diagnostics - Advanced* and then click **Edit**.

The following images show the Autopilot Toolbox interfaces while running:

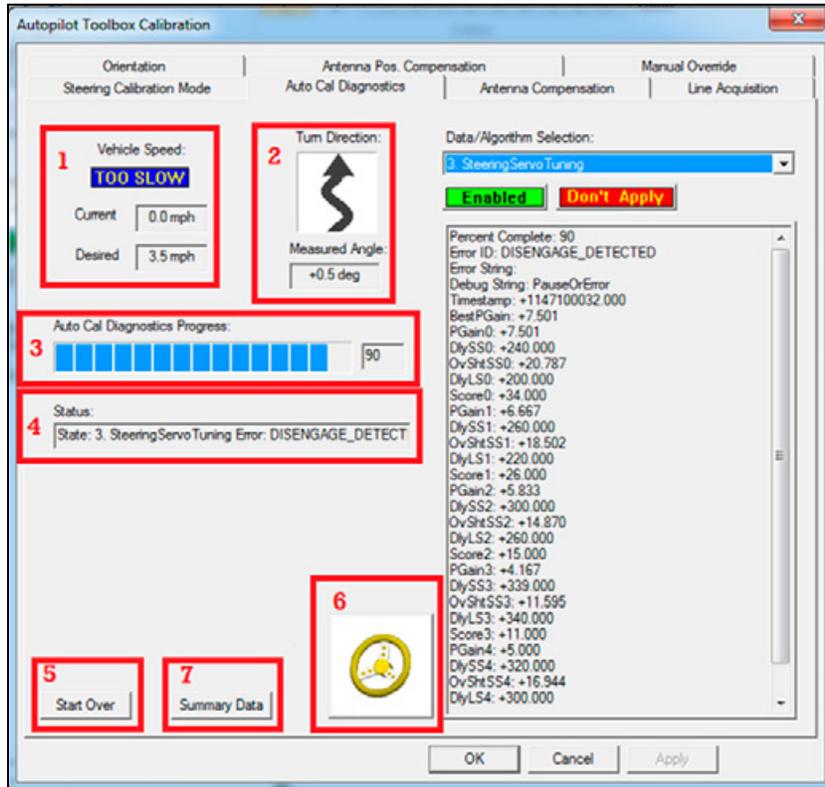


**Autopilot Toolbox Basic Interface**



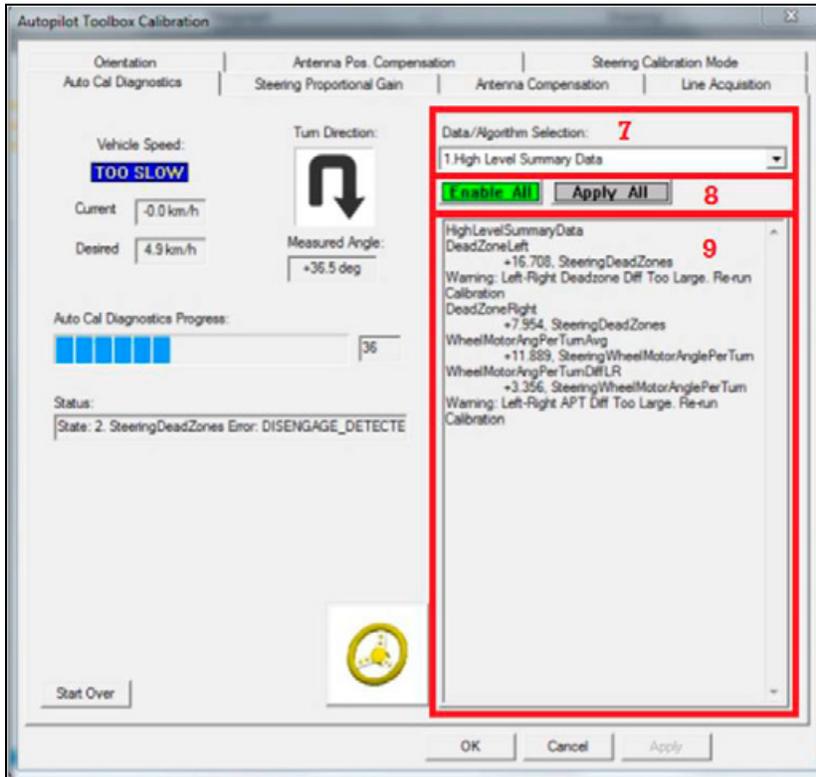
**Autopilot Toolbox Advanced Interface**

## High-level status and controls



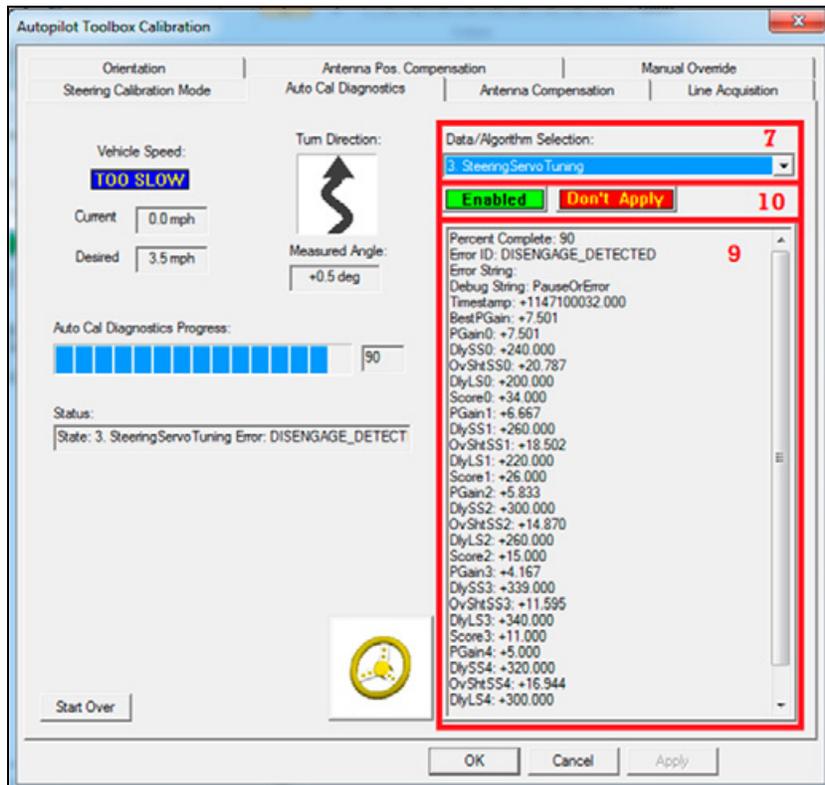
Number	Name	Description
1.	Vehicle Speed Information.	Each calibration routine has an allowed range of vehicles speeds, and a desired vehicle speed. These controls should be used by the operator to adjust the speed to maximize the accuracy of the procedure.
2.	Turn Direction.	Shows the operator the next expected movement of the steered wheels.
3.	Auto Cal Diagnostics Progress.	Graph showing completion percentage of the whole automatic calibration and diagnostics process.
4.	Status.	Indicates the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current calibration routine that is running or paused.</li> <li>If the running routine is running, paused, or has an error.</li> </ul> You can use the drop-down procedure selector to show the error ID and error description.
5	Start Over Button	Use this button to reset the automatic diagnostics calibration process to the beginning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One click restarts the current running procedure.</li> <li>Two clicks restarts the whole process.</li> </ul>
6	Run/Pause Calibration Button.	If this button is yellow, the calibration process is not running, and pressing it will command the system to start or continue the calibration process. If this button is green, the calibration process is running, and pressing it will pause it. The user can also disengage the calibration process by overriding with the steering wheel.
7	High Level Summary Data Button (Only Available in Basic Mode).	Retrieves and displays the high level summary output data from all procedures in a pop-up window. See <a href="#">High-level summary output data and controls (Advanced Mode only)</a> , page 55.

## High-level summary output data and controls (Advanced Mode only)



Number	Name	Description
7	Output Data Selector - High Level Performance Data.	Use the drop-down menu is used to select which data you want to see. The default selection is to show the high level performance data, which is a summary of the individual procedure results.
8	Control buttons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Enable All</b> button. If this button is clicked, it will select or deselect all compatible calibration procedures to be run on the next pass through the calibration process.                             <p><b>Note –</b> When power is removed and then applied to the guidance controller (that is, key cycle the machine), all procedures default to enabled.</p> <p><b>Note –</b> When all compatible algorithms are enabled, this button is green. Otherwise, this button is grey, even though some of the procedures may be enabled.</p> </li> <li> <b>Apply All</b> button. If this button is clicked, and it is green, the results of all completed procedures will be applied either immediately (if they've already completed), or after the next time they complete. If the button is grey, then some of the procedure results may still be applied when they complete.                             <p><b>Note –</b> When power is removed and then applied to the guidance controller (i.e. key cycle the machine), all procedures default to "Apply Results".</p> <p><b>Note –</b> Once the results have been applied to the controller, the procedure cannot be reversed.</p> </li> </ul>
9	Output data window	Displays the selected output data. High level summary data includes the parameter name, value, name of the procedure that estimated it, estimated performance grade (if available), and any warnings associated with the value (if applicable).

## Individual procedure data and controls



Number	Name	Description
7	Output Data Selector - Specific Procedure	Use the drop-down menu is used to select which data you want to see. It can be used to select the output from a specific procedure. When a specific procedure's data is chosen, it shows more detailed information than the High Level Performance Data.
9	Output data window	Displays the selected procedure's output data.
10	Control Buttons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Enabled/Disabled</b> button. Click this button to set it to either <b>Enabled</b> or <b>Disabled</b>. If the selected calibration procedure is <b>Enabled</b>, it will be run on the next pass through the calibration process; otherwise, it will be skipped.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> – When power is removed and then applied to the guidance controller (that is, key cycle the machine), all procedures default to Enabled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apply Results/Don't Apply</b> button. Click this button to set it to either <b>Apply Results</b> or <b>Don't Apply</b>. If the selected calibration procedure is set to <b>Apply Results</b>, the results of the procedure will be applied either immediately (if the procedure has already completed), or after the next time it completes. Otherwise, the results will not be applied.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note</b> – When power is removed and then applied to the guidance controller (i.e. key cycle the machine), all procedures default to Apply Results.</p> <p><b>Note</b> – Once the results have been applied to the controller, the procedure cannot be reversed. However, future results will not be applied if <b>Don't Apply</b> is selected.</p>

## Typical workflow

1. Open the *Auto Cal Diagnostics* interface page. It will default to show the *High Level Summary Data* output.
2. By default, all compatible procedures are enabled and set to apply their results as soon as the procedure completes.
3. You can enable/disable the desired procedures by selecting them from the drop-down list, and then click the **Enabled/Disabled** button to highlight the appropriate option.

To run all available procedures, in the *High Level Summary Data* page click the **Enable All** button until it turns green.

1. Make sure you are in an open, flat area, and moving at an acceptable speed.
2. To start the Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics process, click the Run/Pause Calibration button (this looks like a steering wheel and is in the bottom right corner of the screen) until it turns green.
3. When the calibration process is running, be aware of your surroundings, and disengage the guidance system at any time necessary to maintain safety.
4. You can shuttle the vehicle forward/reverse, as necessary, and the procedure should continue running.
5. When the Automatic Calibration and Diagnostics process is complete, do the following:
  - Review the output data. You can either do this at the high level, or select an individual procedure's output to review more detailed results.
  - Apply the results from all, or only from specific, procedures, if they have not already been applied.



# Chapter 5

## VIEW DIAGNOSTICS

- ▶ Diagnostics screens
- ▶ CAN diagnostics
- ▶ Manual Override diagnostics
- ▶ Remote Engage diagnostics
- ▶ Steering Angle diagnostics
- ▶ T3 IMU diagnostics
- ▶ Vehicle Direction diagnostics
- ▶ Wheel Motor diagnostics

This chapter describes the Diagnostics functionality, which allows you to view the state of the Autopilot system by vehicle type.

## Diagnostics screens

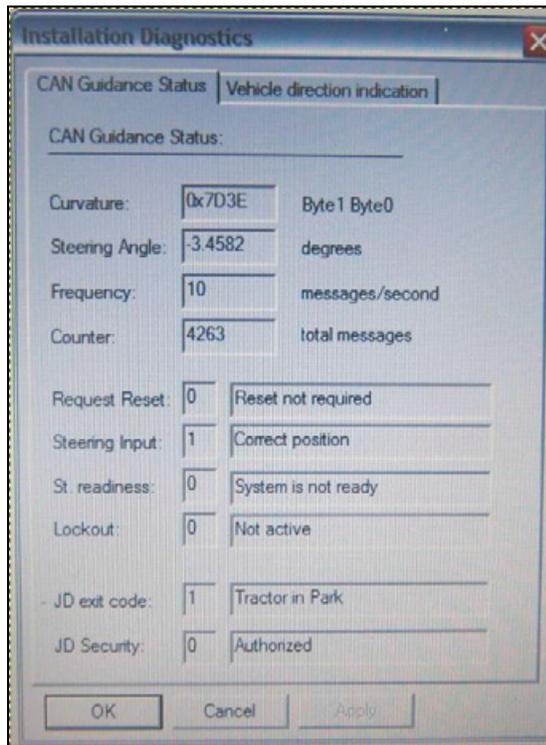
At the *Diagnostics* screens, you can view data from the main sensor inputs for the selected vehicle type. The raw and scaled sensor data is continuously updated to allow real-time evaluation of the connection.

The selected vehicle type determines which diagnostics screens are available. To view diagnostics on an item, select an item from the list and click **Edit**.

The following table shows which calibrations are required for which types of vehicles.

Calibration	Front Wheel Steered	Hydraulic Tracked	John Deere SIU-200 Tracked	Articulated Steered	Sprayer
Steering Sensor	x			x	x
Manual Override	x	x	x	x	x
Gear Lever	x	x	x	x	x
Wheel/ Transmission Speed	x	x	x	x	
Left Pump Pressure	x				
Right Pump Pressure	x				
Engine Speed	x				
Steering Module Status		x			
Output Balance Voltage		x			
Neutral Sense or Wheel Speed					x
Vehicle Direction	Available when either the Wheel Speed / Neutral Sense sensor or the Gear Lever sensor (or both) are disabled.				

## CAN diagnostics



Use the CAN diagnostics to help troubleshoot connection or state errors. These diagnostics are for vehicles that allow the NavController to send curvature commands to a closed loop controller on the machine.

## Message categories

Categories of CAN messages used depend on the type of vehicle implementation.

CAN message category	Explanation	Example of vehicles affected
ISO	Follows the communication protocol outlined by ISO 11783	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krone</li> <li>• CLAAS</li> <li>• AGCO MT 900 C</li> </ul>
ISO "Plus"	Follows the communication protocol outlined by ISO 11783 with more verification required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGCO DT/RT (additional Sauer Danfoss status items)</li> <li>• AGCO Challenger MT wheeled/Massey Ferguson</li> <li>• John Deere (must pass security and curvature matching)</li> <li>• Valtra</li> </ul>
Proprietary	Unique messages (not standard) <b>Note – For proprietary message type vehicles, not all CAN message diagnostics is available.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGCO MT tracked vehicles</li> <li>• Fendt 700/800 (entirely proprietary)</li> <li>• Case IH and New Holland tractors and combines</li> <li>• Austoft 8800 sugarcane harvester</li> </ul>

## ISO message types

The types of CAN messages that can be sent and received are:

- ▶ Guidance status message
- ▶ Guidance command message

### Guidance status message

The guidance status message is sent from the machine to the NavController to provide status on the following items.

CAN Message	Explanation
Curvature (steering angle)	Units of X km <sup>-1</sup> (positive figure is turning right)
Steering input status	00: Not the correction position 01: Correct position 10: Error 11: Status not available
Reset required	00: Reset not required 01: Reset required 10: Error 11: Status not available
Steering system readiness	00: System is not ready 01: System is ready 10: Error 11: Status not available
Valve lockout/roading switch	00: Not active 01: Active 10: Error 11: Status not available

### Guidance command message

The NavController sends the guidance command message to the machine, providing the desired curvature:

- ▶ 00: Not intended to steer
- ▶ 01: Intended to steer
- ▶ 10: Reserved
- ▶ 11: Information not available

### Messages occur at 10 Hz

If no messages are sent for a set period of time, the NavController, the machine or both throw a fault (for example, 118s, 177s and so on). These faults are indicators that the NavController is not receiving the guidance status messages.

### Troubleshooting lack of messages

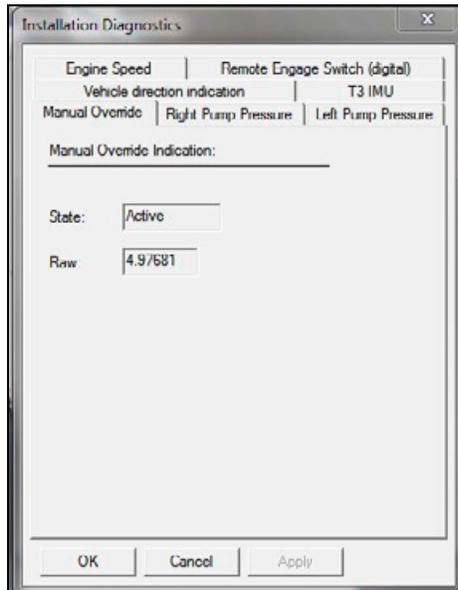
When no messages are sent, the most common cause is electrical problems of the CAN bus, such as:

- ▶ Faulty wiring.
- ▶ Termination issues.

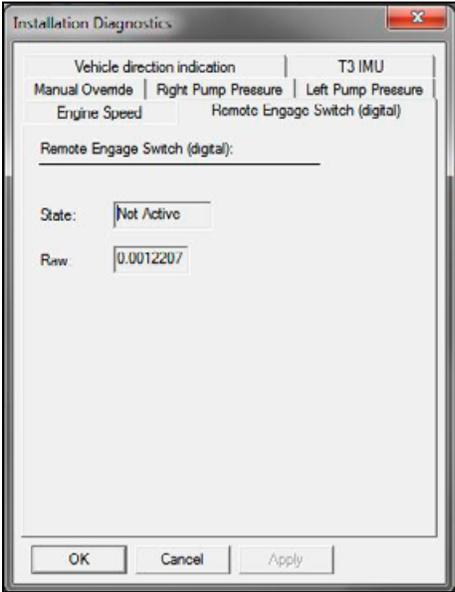
- ▶ Disconnected cables.
- ▶ Improperly configured vehicle ECUs.
- ▶ Vehicle is not guidance ready.

For some proprietary communication protocols, system errors can be transmitted and cause faults.

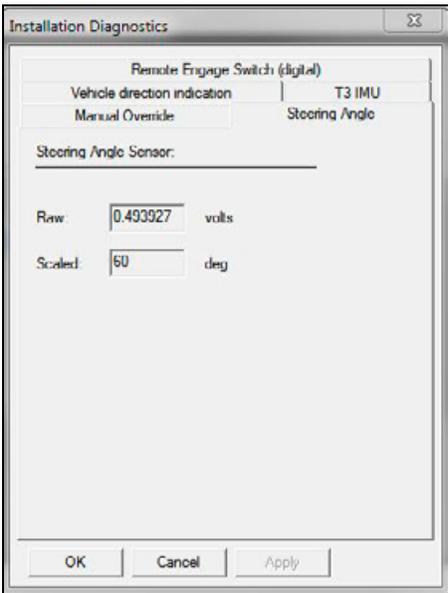
## Manual Override diagnostics



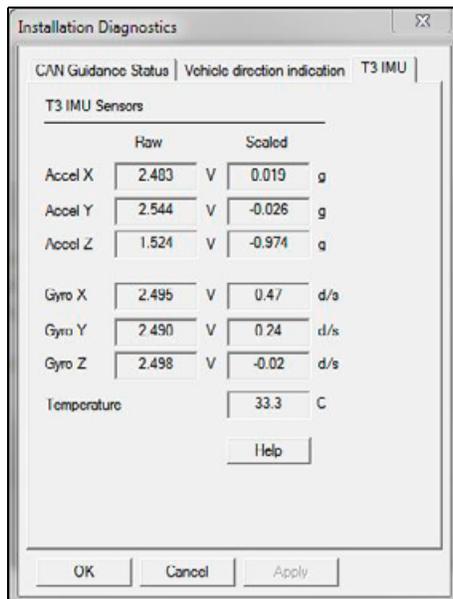
# Remote Engage diagnostics



# Steering Angle diagnostics



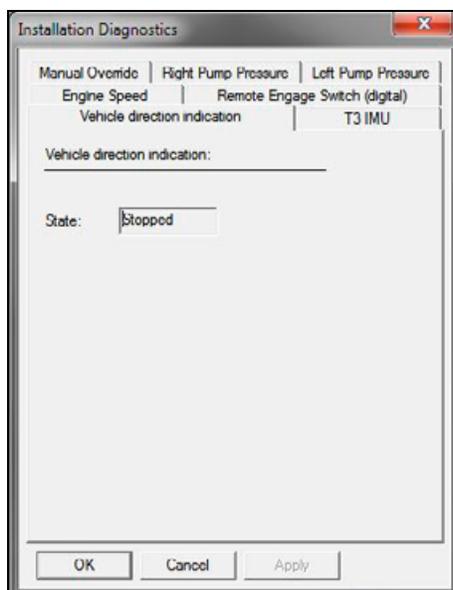
## T3 IMU diagnostics



The T3 IMU sensors diagnostics show the raw and scaled readings from the gyro meters, accelerometers and temperature in the NavController. If the controller's orientation is set correctly and the vehicle is stationary on level ground:

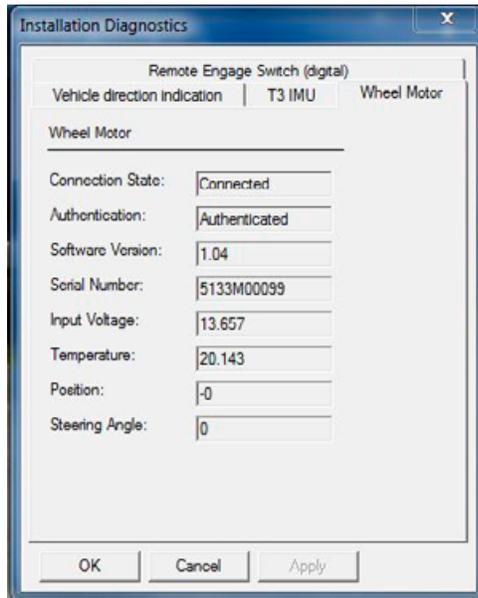
- ▶ Both scaled X and Y accelerometers should read between  $-0.2$  g and  $+0.2$  g.
- ▶ The scaled Z accelerometer should read between  $-0.8$  g and  $-1.2$  g.
- ▶ All three scaled gyros should read between  $-3.0$  and  $+3.0$  d/s.

## Vehicle Direction diagnostics



The vehicle direction diagnostics indicates the forward, reverse, or stopped direction.

## Wheel Motor diagnostics



Field	Description
Connection State	Indicates if the SAM-200 motor and the NavController have established CAN communications.
Authentication	The state of the authentication between the NavController and the SAM-200
Software Version	Version of SAM-200 firmware on the motor
Serial Number	The Serial Number of the SAM-200 unit.
Input Voltage	The input voltage the SAM-200 unit is reporting that it is being supplied with.
Temperature	Current temperature of the SAM-200 unit
Position	The offset of the SAM-200 unit in rotations from the position it was located at when communication with the NavController was first established. Positive values denote the number of full turns in the clockwise direction while negative numbers denote counterclockwise rotation
Steering Angle	Appears when the system is moving and functioning as the estimate of the steering angle of the machine.



# Chapter 6

## SYSTEM FAULTS

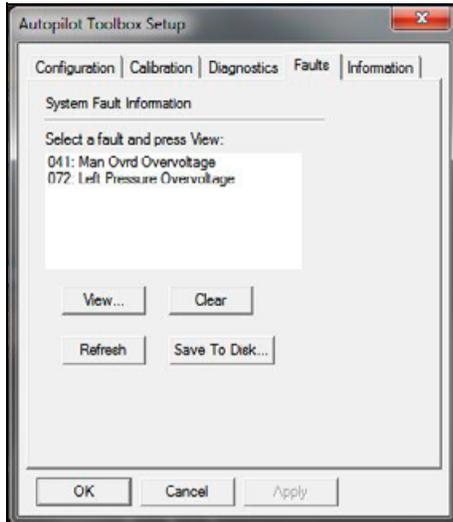
- ▶ Faults tab
- ▶ View faults
- ▶ Refresh faults
- ▶ Clear a fault
- ▶ Save faults to disk

Autopilot system faults occur:

- ▶ When part of the system is malfunctioning or communication with a required interface for operation is not available, causing unsafe or nonfunctional conditions.
- ▶ For various reasons and vary based on installation type. Some faults have more detailed information that can be used to help support personal determine the cause of the fault and provide help dealing with it.

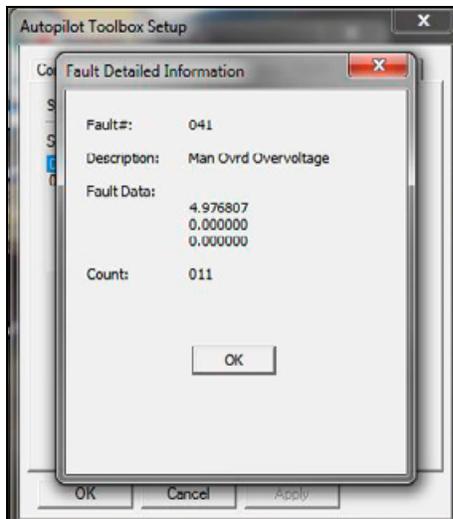
## Faults tab

The *Faults* tab lists the current system faults.



## View faults

To view the details of a specific system fault, select the fault from the list and then select **View**. This action shows specific data including the fault data values. These values can be essential for determining the cause of the fault. When reporting a fault, make sure to note these data values.



## Refresh faults

If it is believed that the cause of a fault has been resolved, select **Refresh** to re-evaluate the input causing the fault. The system will indicate if the fault is still active.

## Clear a fault

To clear a specific fault, select the fault and then select **Clear**.

## Save faults to disk

To store the entire fault list and the detailed information of each entry to a file, select **Save To Disk**. Select the file location for the desired save location and select **Save**. This records the fault details to a file in the selected location that can be reviewed or sent to support.

**Note** – *For information on the faults with troubleshooting steps, refer to the Autopilot System Troubleshooting Guide.*



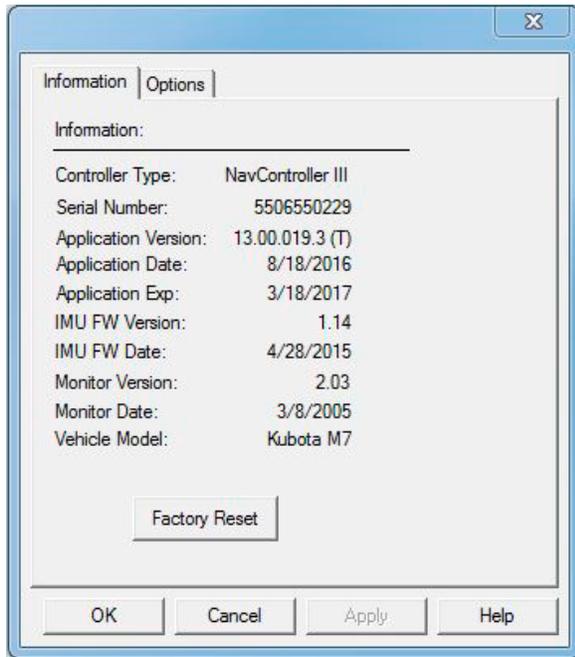
# ≡ Chapter 7

## VIEW INFORMATION

▶ View information

View information provides a summary of the Autopilot installation to which the computer is attached.

## View information



At the *Information* tab, you can view the following about the Autopilot controller:

- ▶ Controller type
- ▶ Serial number
- ▶ Application (firmware) version
- ▶ Application (firmware) date
- ▶ Application (firmware) expiration date
- ▶ Monitor version
- ▶ Monitor date
- ▶ Vehicle model: Selected vehicle model
- ▶ Options installed

You can access this information from the main screen by either:

- ▶ Clicking the wrench icon and then selecting the Information tab.
- ▶ Going to the Tools menu and selecting Information.



# ≡ Chapter 8

## SAVE / RESTORE FILES

- ▶ Saving the Autopilot config file
- ▶ Restoring the Autopilot config file
- ▶ Loading an external VDB file
- ▶ Downloading Autopilot external vehicle profiles from Trimble

You can save customized vehicle files, and restore and download files vehicle database files.

## Saving the Autopilot config file

**Note** – Note - Trimble recommends that you use this screen to make an external backup every time that you change the system setup.

This file can be used to later restore the system set up on the vehicle if the memory ever becomes corrupted or if a different controller is used on the vehicle.

To save an Autopilot configuration file:

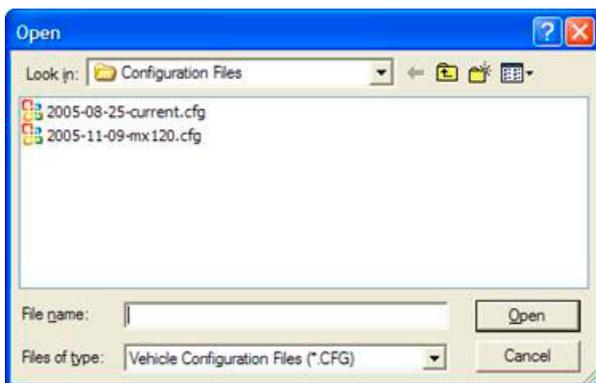
1. At the main screen, click . The *Save / Restore Setup* screen appears.
2. Select  and then click **OK**.
3. Enter a path and filename for the file.
4. If you have selected the correct file, click **OK**.

The system creates a configuration file from the current Autopilot system settings and stores them on the device you have connected (pocket computer or laptop).

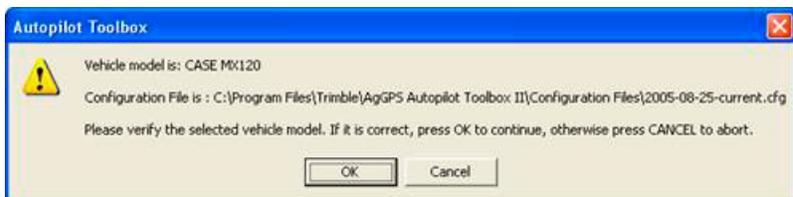
## Restoring the Autopilot config file

To restore an Autopilot configuration file that has been saved:

1. At the main screen, click . The *Save / Restore Setup* screen appears.
2. Select  and then click **OK**. The *Open* screen appears.

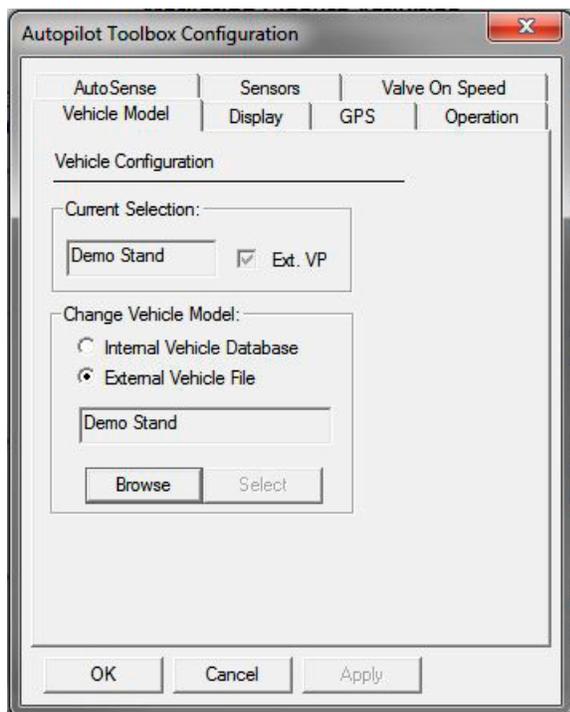


3. Find the configuration file you want to restore and click **Open**. A confirmation screen appears.



4. If you have selected the correct file, click **OK**.

## Loading an external VDB file



To load an external vehicle profile (.vdb) file:

1. Select the *External Vehicle File* radio button and then click **Browse**.
2. Select the file and then click **Open**.

To load a custom vehicle profile (.vdb) file:

1. Download the latest VDB files from Trimble Agriculture Partners (<http://agpartners.trimble.com>).
2. Navigate to: *Ag Partners / Products A-Z / Autopilot / Technical Support / Autopilot System Software Downloads / Nav Controller II Software Downloads*.
3. Save the vX.x Autopilot External Vehicles Profiles.zip file to your computer.

**Note** – If *Autopilot Toolbox II* software is installed on the computer you are sending the .zip file to, Trimble recommends you save the file to *C:\Program Files\Trimble\Autopilot II\Vehicle Database Files*.

4. Double click the vX.x Autopilot External Vehicles Profiles.zip file to launch the WinZip program.
5. Click the **Unzip** icon to unzip the file. The WinZip window displays.



6. Click **Unzip** to download the file to a folder—follow the system prompts.

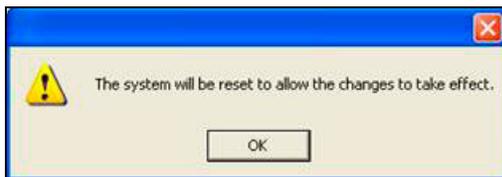
7. Once you have done this, from the Autopilot Toolbox software, in the Autopilot Toolbox Setup screen's *Vehicle Model* tab, select the *External Vehicle File* option and then click **Browse**.
8. In the *Open* screen, navigate to the directory that contains the .vdb custom vehicle profile file.



9. Select the required profile and then click **Open**.
10. Click **Select**. A confirmation message appears.



11. Click **Yes** to continue. A message displays to alert you that the system will reset.



12. Click **OK**. The profile loads and the vehicle name displays in the *Current Vehicle Model* field.

## Downloading Autopilot external vehicle profiles from Trimble

To download external vehicle profiles:

1. Navigate to Ag Partners / Products A-Z / Autopilot / Technical Support / Autopilot System Software Downloads / Nav Controller II Software Downloads.
2. Save the vX.x Autopilot External Vehicles Profiles.zip file to a location on the computer.

**Note** – If Autopilot Toolbox II software is installed on the computer you are sending the .zip file to, Trimble recommends you save the file to C:\Program Files\Trimble\Autopilot II\Vehicle Database Files.

3. Double click the vX.x Autopilot External Vehicles Profiles.zip file to launch the WinZip program.

- Click the **1-Click Unzip** icon to unzip the file . The WinZip window appears.



- Click the **Unzip** icon and then follow the system prompts to unzip the file to a folder on the computer.
- Navigate to the folder you want the unzipped file to be saved to and click **Unzip**.



# Chapter 9

## DATALOGGING

- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Access
- ▶ Load the DLC files
- ▶ Select the location for file output
- ▶ Start logging
- ▶ Stop logging
- ▶ Close
- ▶ Send log files

For some faults or performance issues, it may be required to log internal data. This enables technical support to analyze and make proper changes to the vehicle configuration.

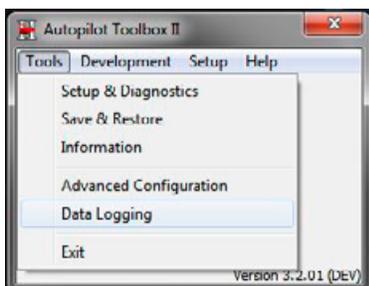
## Overview

To log data, you must do the following:

1. Access the data logging function.
2. Load the DLC files.
3. Select the location for file output.
4. Begin logging.
5. Stop logging.
6. Exit the logging controls.
7. Send the files to support.

## Access

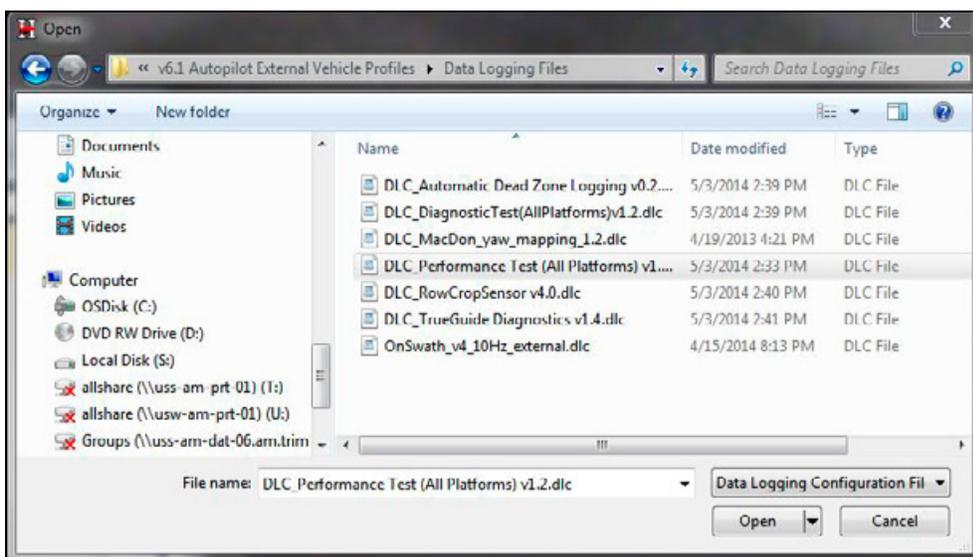
Select *Tools / Data logging*.



## Load the DLC files

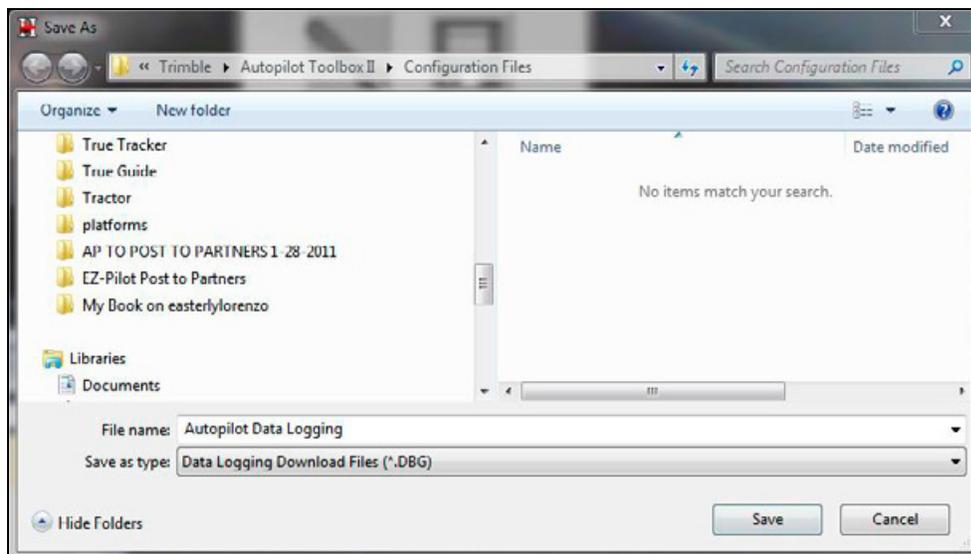
Each release of external vehicle profiles contains a base set of DLC (data logging configuration) files.

DLC files are used to determine what parameters will be recorded. When you are instructed to perform data logging, load the specified DLC file by finding where it is stored on the computer used for logging and select it.



## Select the location for file output

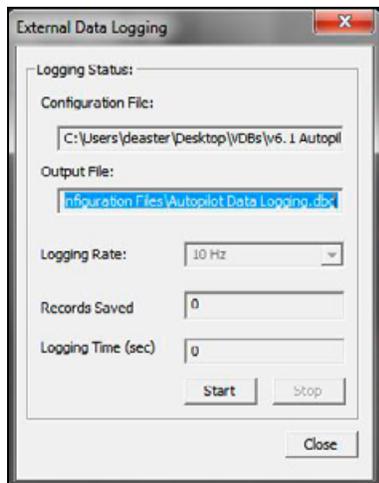
Autopilot Toolbox II version 4.01 uses external storage on the laptop to record the data. You must indicate the location of this file before data logging can begin.



1. Create a folder and name it appropriately for the logging being done.
2. Give the data file (.dbg) a descriptive name of what the log is a recording of.
3. Click **Save**.

## Start logging

After you have determined the destination for the output file, the logging control panel displays. To start logging, click **Start**. After logging begins, the records and time counter will start to accumulate. Log the requested sequence or event.



## Stop logging

When the event or sequence is done, click **Stop**.

## Close

Click **Close** to exit the logging controls.

## Send log files

1. Place the files into a file folder with the appropriate name.

**Note** – *Make sure to include both .dbg" and .dbg.cfg files.*

2. Zip the files.

3. Email the zipped files to Trimble Support or other specified recipient.

