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# **TT2 Globalstar Trap Transmitter**

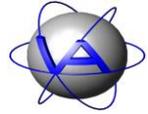
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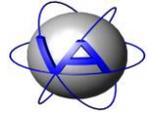
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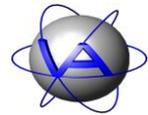
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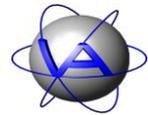


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## 1 The Transmitter

The Trap Transmitter TT2 is a small grey box as shown in Figure 1. The top side is labelled “TOP” and must not be covered or painted since this would obstruct satellite communication. In the corners you find three mounting holes (5 mm diameter) to attach the box to a mounting structure. The fourth hole in the top cannot be used for mounting, since it is on top of the magnet. **Make sure that the TOP-side points away from the mounting structure and towards the sky.**

On the front side there is patch of hook-and-loop tape. Here you can attach a magnet which is used to switch the transmitter ON (Normal Mode, magnet is removed) or OFF (Stand-By Mode, magnet is attached). On the sticker on the front side there are three fields labelled with ‘ESN’, ‘VHF’, and ‘CH’. ESN is the ID of the transmitter. Write down this ID as this will help you to identify the transmitter once you receive status or alarm messages. VHF is the VHF frequency of the VHF beacon (optional, TT2 can be delivered without VHF beacon). CH is the transmission channel of the Globalstar transmitter. Transmission channel is either A (North America) or C (rest of the world).

The connector to the external trap switch is located on one of the small sides. On the bottom side of the transmitter there are four screws to close the housing. **The housing is sealed and cannot be opened.**

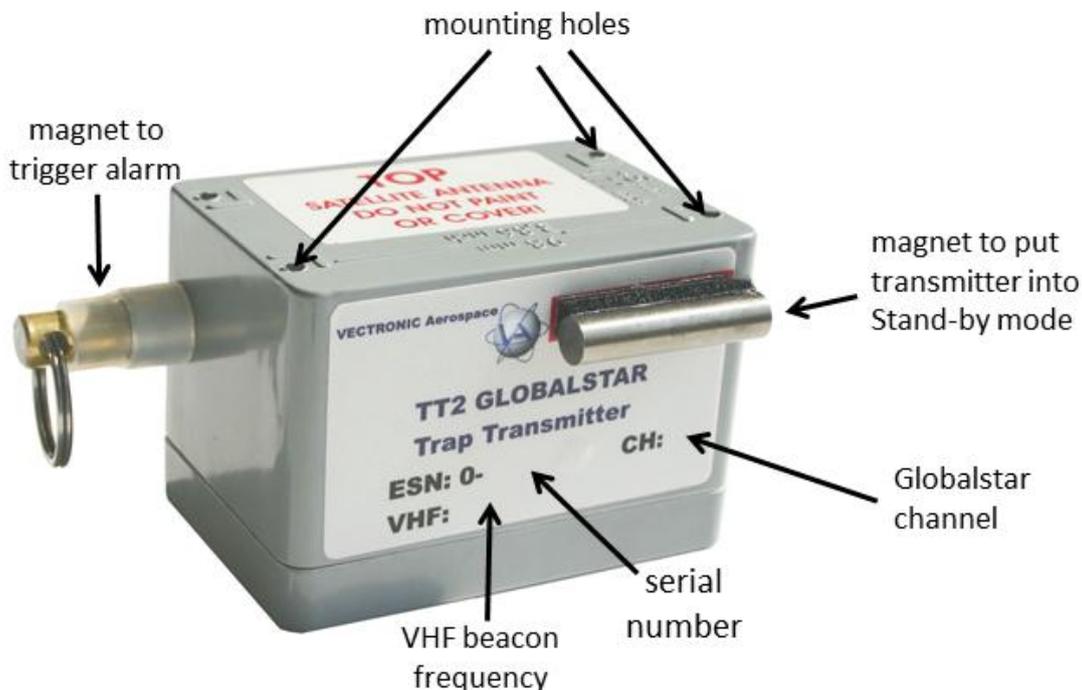
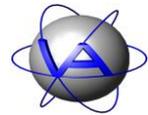


Figure 1: TT2 Trap Transmitter in Stand-by mode



## 2 Mounting Instructions

### 2.1 Connecting the trap

An elongated magnet is positioned inside the transmitter box. To trigger an alarm, it has to be pulled out of the box (Figure 2).

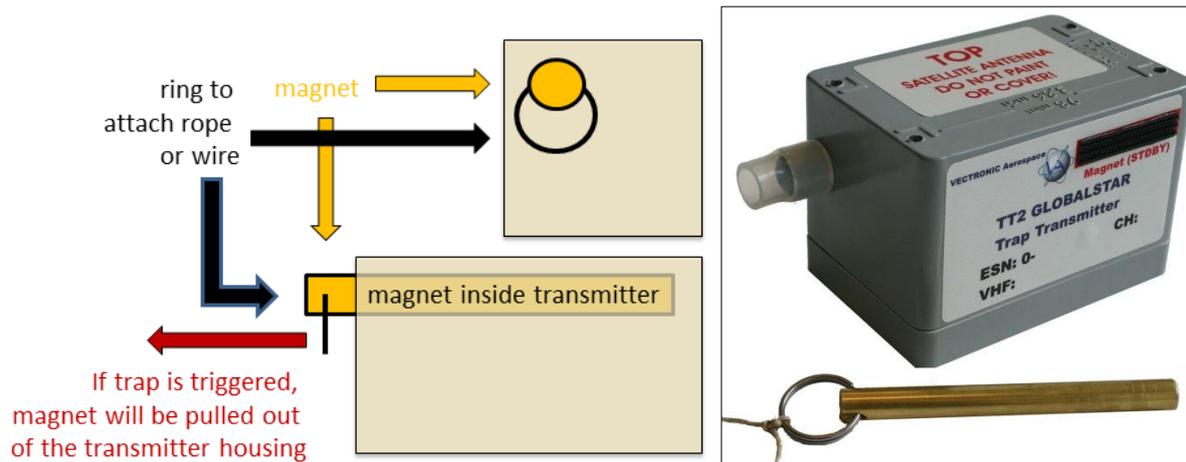


Figure 2: Left: The elongated magnet is inserted into the transmitter box and can be attached to the trap by a rope or wire. If the trap is triggered, the magnet has to be pulled out of the box by the rope to set off an alarm. Right: Triggered trap transmitter, elongated magnet is removed from transmitter box.

The magnet can be connected to the trap with a rope. **Make sure that the rope connecting the trap to the magnet is**

1. stretched tightly enough to pull the magnet out of the box if the trap is triggered (see Figure 3),
2. can move freely and cannot be entangled when the rope is moved by the triggered trap.

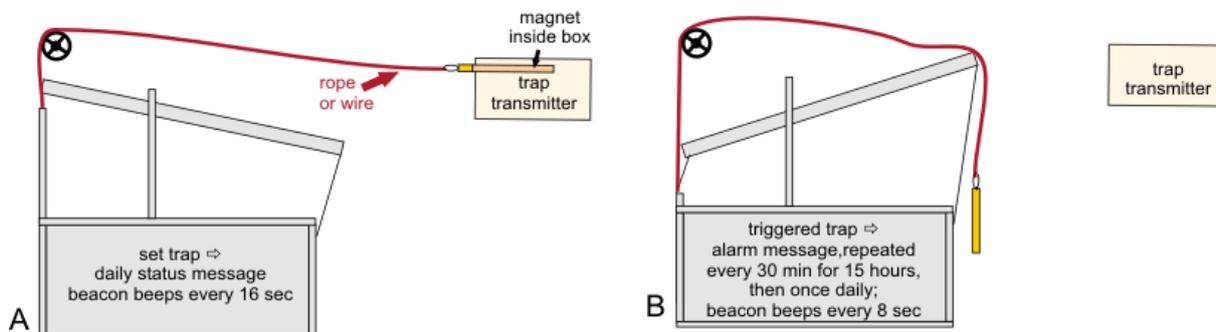
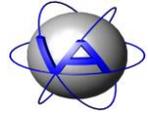


Figure 3: Example for triggering the trap: A) The trap is connected to the transmitter's magnet by a rope or wire. B) When the trap is triggered, the rope/wire pulls the magnet out of the transmitter box. The transmitter sends an alarm message every 30 minutes for 15 hours and the beacon repetition rate changes from 16 sec to 8 secs.



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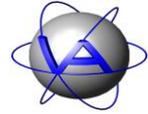
## 2.2 Positioning of the transmitter

Mount the transmitter in a way that the side labelled 'TOP' is always pointing upwards. **This side MUST NOT be covered or painted.** Always make sure that the top side has a view to the sky that is as clear and unobstructed as possible (e.g. not covered by rocks, trees, ...) otherwise transmission performance might be degraded or even impossible!

To trigger the transmitter, the magnet has to be pulled out of the transmitter box. **Make sure that the box is mounted in an angle that allows the magnet to be pulled out of the box and that nothing obstructs the path of the magnet or the rope!**

## 2.3 Resetting the trap

After the trap has been triggered, it is necessary to attach the external magnet for at least two minutes to reset the transmitter to Stand-by mode. After removing the magnet, it will return to Normal mode. **If this is not done, the transmitter will stay in Alarm Mode and will not send a new alarm message if the trap is triggered again.**



## **3 Operation**

The Trap Transmitter is always in one of three operating modes:

- Standby Mode
- Normal Mode
- Alarm Mode

### **3.1 Standby Mode**

When the exterior magnet is attached, the Trap Transmitter is in 'Standby Mode'. In this mode the transmitter does not transmit any messages. Once the magnet is removed, the transmitter will enter 'Normal Mode'.

### **3.2 Normal Mode**

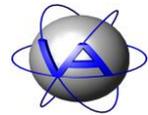
In this mode the transmitter will send a status message every 24 hours, which is transferred to you by email. The first of these messages will be sent immediately (max. 40 seconds) after the magnet has been removed. If the trap transmitter is equipped with a VHF beacon, it will transmit a beep every 16 sec. If the elongated magnet is removed (i.e. the trap has been triggered), the transmitter will switch to 'Alarm Mode'.

### **3.3 Alarm Mode**

In 'Alarm Mode', the transmitter will send a status message every 30 minutes for 15 hours (30 messages in total), indicating that the trap has been triggered, and the transmitter will start counting the time since the trigger event. These messages will be transferred to you as email and optional as text message (SMS) and. If the trap transmitter is equipped with a VHF beacon, the beacon repetition rate will switch from 16 sec to 8 sec.

If the exterior magnet is attached to the transmitter again, the transmitter will return to 'Standby Mode' (after a maximum of 40 seconds) and the time since the last triggering of the trap will be reset.

If the trap transmitter is not reset manually, the transmitter will automatically return to 'Normal Mode' after 15 hours; it will transmit a status message every 24 hours and the beacon repetition rate will return to 16 sec. Time since the last trigger event will continue counting in this case.



## 4 Status Messages

Every message that is sent by the trap transmitter is received by VECTRONIC Aerospace and forwarded to you via email. Once a status message (trap has not triggered) is received, you will get an email like this if HTML is enabled in your mail application (actual appearance of the email might vary, depending on your mail application):



**Figure 4: Status email in HTML**

If display of HTML email is disabled, you will see

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VECTRONIC Aerospace  
Trap has NOT yet triggered.  
Trap ESN:          0-367220  
Sequence number:   258  
Estimated remaining lifetime: 13633 days
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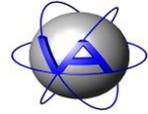
In case of an alarm message (trap has triggered) you will get an email like this:



**Figure 5: Alarm email**

If display of HTML email is disabled in your mail application, you will see

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VECTRONIC Aerospace  
*** TRAP HAS TRIGGERED ***  
  
Trap ESN:          0-368019  
Sequence number:   259  
Time since triggering: 120 minutes  
Estimated remaining lifetime: 13632 days
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In addition to the status and alarm emails, VECTRONIC Aerospace can send a text message (SMS) to the (mobile) phone number(s) provided, upon reception of the first two alarm messages received for a single ESN. This service is liable of charges. The content of the text message (SMS) will be like this:

TRAP HAS TRIGGERED!

ESN: 0-368019

Trigger is 120 minutes old

## **5 Lifetime calculation**

With each message you will receive the “Estimated remaining lifetime”. The number of days given here is the number of days the Trap Transmitter would work in Stand-by Mode. Each sent message needs the same amount of energy as one day in Standby Mode. As a result, in Normal Mode, “Estimated remaining lifetime” will reduced by two days per day. If the trap is triggered (Alarm Mode), “Estimated remaining lifetime” will be reduced by one day per message, which is by a maximum of 30 days, if the Trap Transmitter is not reset to Normal Mode within the first 15 hours after the trap has been triggered.