

AgGPS[®] Firmware

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Introduction

These release notes contain information on:

- AgGPS® receivers supported by version 1.73 firmware.
- New features in the version 1.73 firmware.
- How to install the 1.73 firmware on an AgGPS receiver



Warning – Do not use the AgGPS 70 RDL to upgrade AgGPS receivers to the AgGPS 1.73 firmware. The AgGPS 70 RDL does not support this version of the firmware.

Supported Receivers

The following receivers are supported by the 1.73 firmware:

- AgGPS 106 DGPS receiver
- AgGPS EZ-Guide® SL Lightbar Guidance System
- AgGPS 114 DGPS receiver
- AgGPS 122 DGPS receiver

Note – AgGPS 122 receivers with PN 29654-xx cannot be upgraded to version 1.73 firmware.

- AgGPS 124 DGPS receiver
- AgGPS 132 DGPS receiver

Note – AgGPS 132 receivers with PN 33302-x0 cannot be upgraded to version 1.73 firmware.

New Features

Version 1.73 of the AgGPS receiver firmware provides:

- Improved DGPS performance with EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service)
- Activated EVEREST™ multipath rejection technology, even when the lightbar is not connected
- Improved Code Carrier filter convergence
- Enhanced GPS filtering
- Increased smoothness of guidance indications

User interface

Improvements to the AgGPS user interface enable you to further optimize system performance. You can now select satellites based on HDOP or PDOP.

Upgrade Procedure

This section describes how to install the 1.73 firmware on an AgGPS receiver, and what to do if the installation procedure fails.

To install the firmware on an AgGPS receiver, the basic process is:

- Step 1. Download the installation files from the Trimble website.
- Step 2. Install the FlashLoader100 firmware transfer utility.
Note – You must use version 2.10 of this utility.
- Step 3. Connect the receiver to the office computer.
- Step 4. Use the installation files to upgrade the receiver.

For details, see below.

Step 1: Downloading the installation file

You need the following files:

- *xx173.tnr* – the firmware file (*xx* will vary depending on the type of receiver you have)
- *FL100v210.exe* – the FlashLoader100 firmware update utility
- *AgGPSfmw_173_RelNotes_ENG.pdf* – the electronic version of these release notes

If necessary, you can download these files from the Trimble website:

1. Go to the Trimble website (www.trimble.com).
2. Click **Support**. Click your AgGPS product, then click **Downloads**.
3. Click the link **v-1.73 – AgGPS Receiver Firmware, Release Notes, and FlashLoader100** and download the file to a folder on your computer. Once the compressed file is downloaded, double-click it to access the files to install.

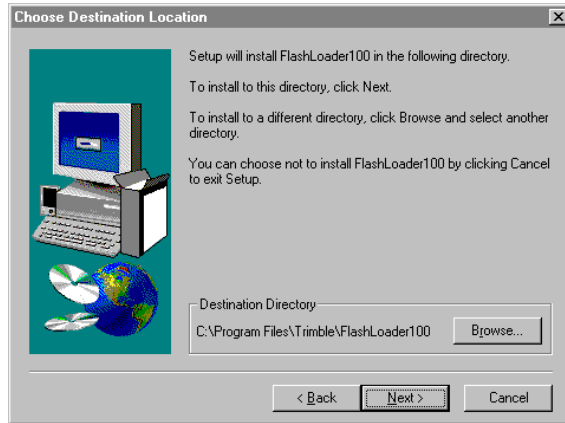
Step 2: Installing the FlashLoader100 version 2.10 software

The FlashLoader100 software runs on an office computer that has a Microsoft® Windows® operating system (95, 98, Me, NT, 2000, or XP).

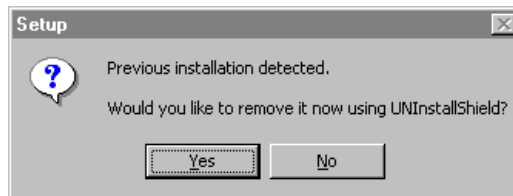
To install the FlashLoader100 software:

1. Go to the folder where you extracted the installation files and double-click the file *FL100v210.exe*. The message *This will install FlashLoader100. Do you wish to continue?* appears.
2. Click **Yes**. The *Welcome* dialog appears.

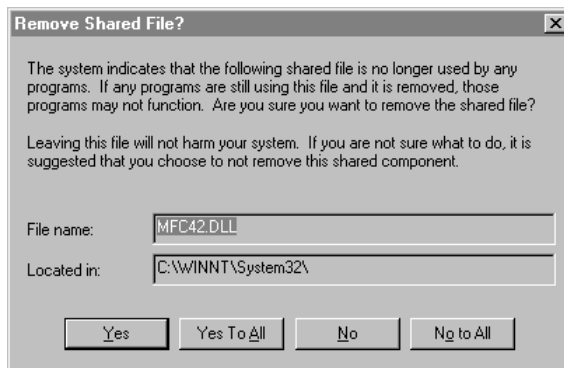
3. Click **Next**. The following dialog appears:



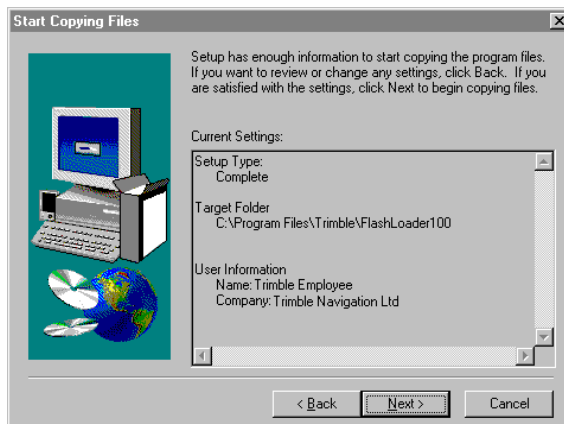
4. Click **Next**.
5. If you are installing the FlashLoader100 software for the first time on the office computer, go to Step 8 on page 7. If FlashLoader100 is already installed on the computer, the following dialog appears:



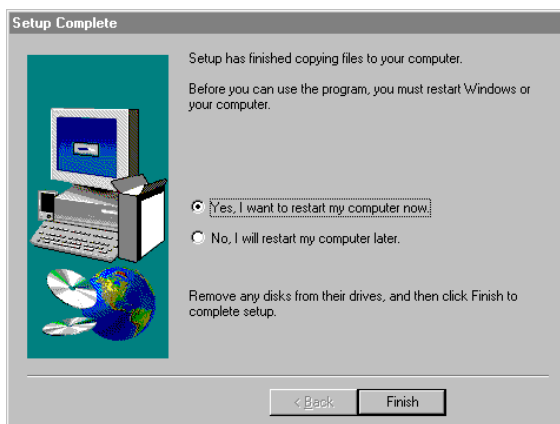
6. Click **Yes** to remove the previous version of the FlashLoader100 software. The following dialog may appear:



7. Click **No to All**. The *Remove Programs From Your Computer* dialog appears.
8. Click **OK**. The following dialog appears:



9. Click **Next**. The following dialog appears:



10. Select the option *Yes, I want to restart my computer now*, then click **Finish**.

Step 3: Connecting the receiver to the computer

To connect the receiver to the office computer, use the supplied data/power cable as shown in Figure 1, Figure 2, or Figure 3.

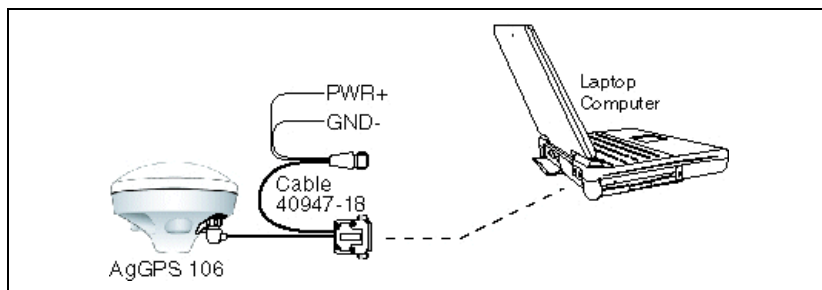


Figure 1 Attaching the AgGPS 106 data/power cable to the serial port

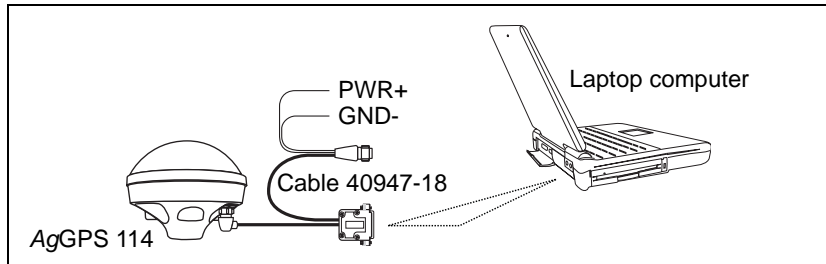


Figure 2 Attaching the AgGPS 114 data/power cable to the serial port

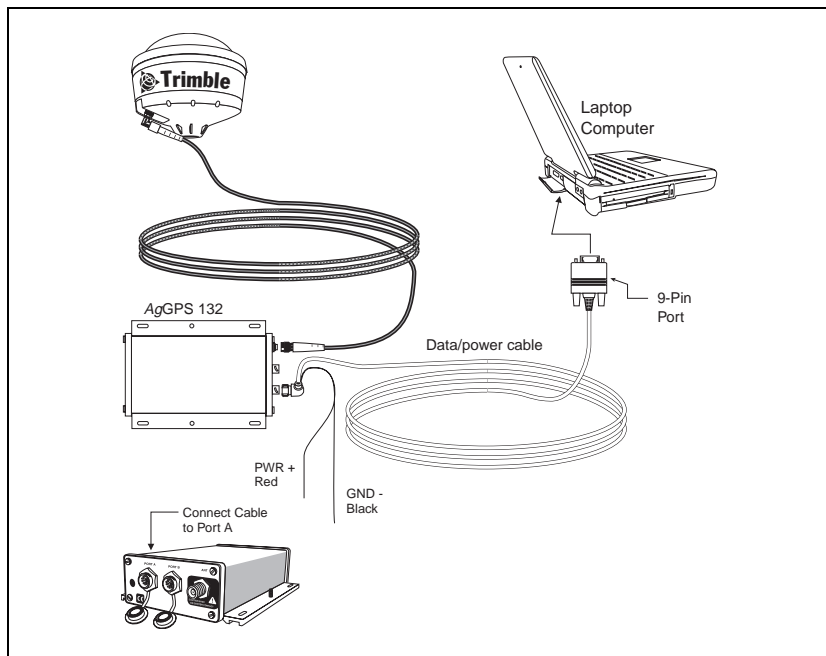


Figure 3 Attaching the AgGPS 132 data/power cable to the serial port

When you connect a data/power cable to an AgGPS receiver, use a cable that has part number 40947, 30945, or 46441.

Step 4: Upgrading the receiver

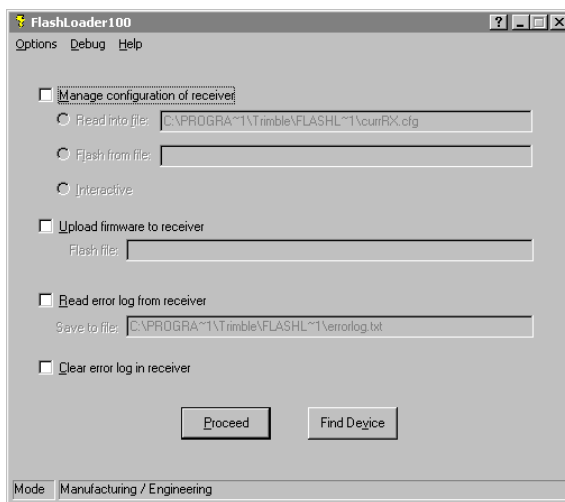
Upgrading the firmware on the receiver resets any custom settings to the factory defaults. Before you upgrade, make a note of any GPS settings that you have changed. You can then reconfigure them after the upgrade.



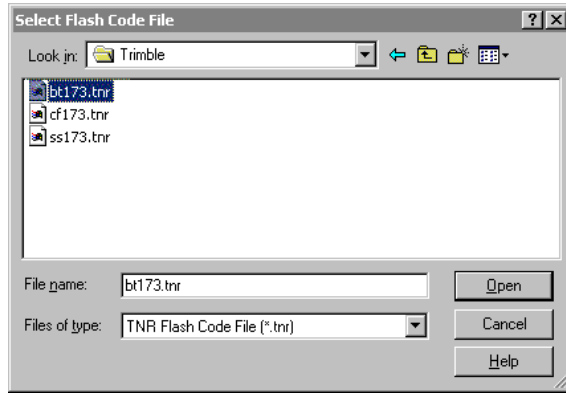
Warning – Do not disturb or disconnect the power to the receiver while you are installing the firmware. If power is lost or the computer fails during the installation, you may have to return the receiver to the factory for service.

To upgrade the receiver firmware:

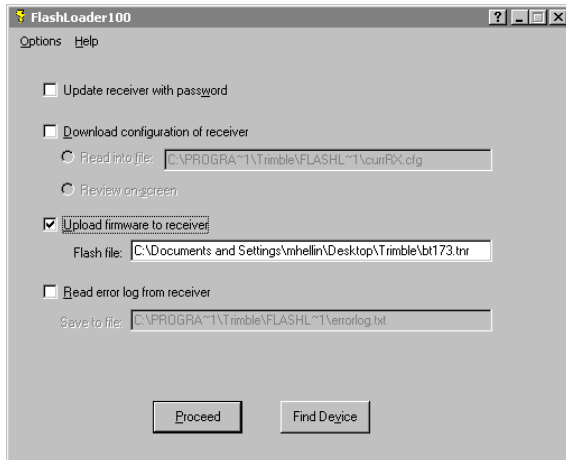
1. From the Windows  menu, select *Programs / FlashLoader100*. The following dialog appears:



2. Select the *Upload firmware to receiver* check box and click **Proceed**. The following dialog appears:



3. Select the location of the firmware file and click **Open**. The *FlashLoader100* dialog displays the location and name of the firmware file:



4. Click **Proceed**. FlashLoader100 should establish communication with the receiver and transfer the new firmware.

A progress bar appears during the upgrade. The upgrade process takes approximately five minutes. When the upgrade is complete, the message Requested operations completed successfully appears.

5. Click **OK**.
6. Exit FlashLoader100.
7. Use the AgRemote software to reconfigure any custom settings.

Installation problems

If the firmware installation fails:

- Check that you are using version 2.10 of the FlashLoader100 software. If you clicked **No** instead of **Yes** in Step 6 on page 7 of the installation procedure, run the installation procedure again.
- If power was disconnected during the upgrade, contact your local Trimble reseller or e-mail trimble_support@trimble.com. Your reseller, or a technical support representative, can explain how to send the AgGPS receiver to Trimble for repair.