# **Using Bluetooth to Communicate with Z-Max**



### Introduction

This leaflet explains how to control the Z-Max system from a Bluetooth-enabled field terminal (Thales MobileMapper CE).

Please carefully read these three preliminary notes:

• When using Bluetooth communication, you will be asked repeatedly to enter the Z-Max PIN number while setting up the base or the rover. By default, the PIN number for all Z-Max units is "12345".

To enter the PIN number using MobileMapper CE's virtual keyboard, follow the instructions below:

- To display the virtual keyboard, tap Pl in the task bar and then **Keyboard**. Don't forget to tap inside the **Enter PIN** field before entering the PIN number.
- To hide the virtual keyboard, tap 📾 in the task bar and then **Hide Input Panel**. If the task bar is hidden by the virtual keyboard, first tap and hold the keyboard's title bar and move it upward until the task bar becomes visible, then select **Hide Input Panel** from the task bar.
- To change the PIN number of a Z-Max unit once communication with this unit has been established via Bluetooth, run FAST Survey, select the Equip tab, run the Receiver Utilities function and select Bluetooth Settings. In the Z-Max Bluetooth Passkey field, type the new number and then tap Set New Bluetooth Passkey. A message will be returned to indicate that the BT Passkey has successfully been set.
- The "Tap and hold an item" instruction mentioned several times in this leaflet means you have to:
  - Tap on the item using the stylus
  - And keep the stylus in contact with the screen until dots and then a pop-up menu appears. Then you will have to tap one of the functions in the prompted menu.

## Controlling and Using Z-Max Via Bluetooth

1. First of all, turn on each of the Z-Max units you will be using (a base and a rover, or simply a rover) by pressing the power button for about two seconds until a beep is emitted.

#### **Detecting Bluetooth-Enabled Devices**

In this step, you will run Bluetooth Manager to find the Bluetooth-enabled devices within range of the field terminal.

- 1. On the MobileMapper CE, tap 💐 in the task bar, then Settings and then Control Panel.
- 2. Double-tap the Bluetooth Manager icon.
- 3. In the Bluetooth Manager window, tap on the **ON** button. Wait until Bluetooth Manager has detected the Z-Max.Net unit(s) you have just turned on. Bluetooth Manager will also detect any Bluetooth-enabled devices present in the vicinity such as cell phones, computers, etc.
- 4. In the Authentication Request window that appears following the detection of the Z-Max.Net units, tap successively the PIN number <u>for each unit</u> ("12345" by default; yours may be different) (see preliminary note above).
- Tap OK. Bluetooth Manager then updates the list of Bluetooth-enabled devices to show the serial number of the Z-Max units (rather than obscure Bluetooth ID numbers).

#### **Finding Bluetooth Services**

In this step, you will list the services available from the detected Bluetooth-enabled devices.

For each detected Z-Max, do the following:

- 1. Tap and hold the now green Z-Max icon in the list and then tap **Find Services** from the pop-up menu. Wait until a "+" sign appears before the icon.
- Expand the Z-Max icon by tapping on the "+" sign. This unveils Bluetooth Serial Port that is currently red crossed. ("Bluetooth Serial Port" is the only Bluetooth service available from the Z-Max units.)

#### Assigning Virtual Ports to Bluetooth

In this step, you will ask Bluetooth Manager to assign a virtual port in the field terminal for each Bluetooth connection you need.

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For each detected Z-Max, do the following:

- 1. Tap and hold **Bluetooth Serial Port** and then tap **Configure**. This opens the **Configure Serial Port** window.
- 2. Select a free virtual port (COM3: for the base, COM4: for the rover) and then tap OK to close the window.
- 3. Tap and hold **Bluetooth Serial Port** and then tap **Connect**. Re-enter the PIN number if requested. Wait until the Bluetooth Serial Port line appears with a green mark meaning that the Bluetooth connection with the Z-Max is now established.

#### **Saving Bluetooth Serial Port Settings**

You will save much time when next starting your system if you follow the procedure below the first time you set up the required Bluetooth connections.

For each detected Z-Max, do the following:

1. Tap and hold **Bluetooth Serial Port** and then tap successively **Auto Connect** and then **Save Settings**.

With these options activated, and **provided you do not turn off Bluetooth Manager before shutting down the field terminal**, Bluetooth Manager will automatically restore the Bluetooth connections when you next turn on your field terminal.

Obviously, Bluetooth Manager will only be able to restore connections with the Z-Max units that are present in the vicinity and powered up at that time. You will then simply be asked to re-enter the PIN number <u>for each of these units</u>. Before moving on to FAST Survey, do the following:

- 2. Tap **OK** in the upper-right corner to close the Bluetooth Manager window. This does not turn off Bluetooth Manager but simply frees the screen for other tasks.
- 3. For the same reason, close the Control Panel window.

Note the presence of the Bluetooth icon  $(\bigotimes)$  in the task bar meaning that Bluetooth continues to be active.

#### Defining and Saving Bluetooth Settings for FAST Survey

FAST Survey can communicate with only one Z-Max unit at a time. This step provides the procedure to let FAST Survey communicate with the desired Z-Max unit via Bluetooth and save these settings in a configuration file so these settings can quickly be restored whenever necessary.

- 1. Run FAST Survey on the field terminal
- 2. In FAST Survey, tap on the Equip tab and then on the Comm Setup function.
- 3. In the Port Number field, select "COM3" (for communicating with the base)
- 4. Check the This is a Bluetooth port option and then select "Other" as the Bluetooth Driver
- 5. Tap **OK** to close the window. FAST Survey is now communicating with the base through COM3. At this stage, you can communicate with the base for configuration or monitoring purposes.
- 6. Tap 🗐 on top of the screen
- 7. Tap the Save button
- 8. Name the configuration file (for example "Z-Max Base")
- 9. Tap OK and then Close
- **10.** Repeat the above steps 2 to 9 for the Z-Max rover you are using. This time you will select "COM4" and not "COM3" in the Comm Set up window (point 3.) and you will enter "Z-Max Rover" as the name for the configuration file (point 8.).

#### **Toggling Bluetooth Between Base and Rover**

Now that you have saved the two ways FAST Survey can communicate with your Z-Max system, it's easy to toggle Bluetooth communication from the base to the rover or the other way around:

- 1. Tap 🗾 on top of the screen
- 2. Tap on the name of the configuration corresponding to the unit you wish to communicate with and then tap Select. As a result, FAST Survey automatically updates the settings in the Comm Setup function to let you communicate with the chosen unit.

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