# **Total solution**

• The Best 6-Engines RTK system of GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and BeiDou with verification features.

• "J-Mate"; The Best Optical, Laser, and Angular Encoders to mate with the TRIUMPH-LS where there is no GNSS signal. And Sun Seek feature for Backsight.

• J-Tip a tiny but powerful magnetic locator.

• Free DPOS to process your date with COR Stations.

"While I had the J-Mate running, I performed a solar observation for orientation. That was about the sweetest execution I could imagine. I see so much potential here."

## Auto Verify... Auto Validate...

**RTK V6+** GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BeiDou



six engines plus one support

"I don't know how the other surveyors do it without Javad ! I'll back see full letter in my data up all day long with the confidence of the Javad system." the last page



John Evers, PLS

## **Introduction to J-Mate**

Let's set the record straight: J-Mate is not a total-station. **J-Mate and TRIUMPH-LS** together make the "Total Solution" which is a combination of GNSS, encoder and laser range measurements that together do a lot more than a total station. For long distances you use GNSS and for short distances (maximum of 100 meters) you use the J-Mate along with the TRIUMPH-LS. Together they provide RTK level accuracy (few centimeters) in ranges from zero to infinity.

As with the TRIUMPH-LS, with the J-Mate we also provide software improvement updates regularly and free of charge. Download the J-Mate update in your TRIUMPH-LS and then inject it to the J-Mate. The J-Mate SSID will be in this format JMatexxx, where xxx is your J-Mate's serial number. After a Wi-Fi connection is established, click the J-Mate icon and then click Setup. When you are prompted to connect to the J-Mate, click yes and then follow the remaining prompts.

## Connecting the TRIUMPH-LS to the J-Mate

TRIUMPH-LS communicates with the J-Mate through Wi-Fi. Turn on both the TRIUMPH-LS and the J-Mate. Click the Wi-Fi icon on the TRIUMPH-LS Home screen to connect to the J-Mate, much the same way as you connect TRIUMPH-LS to your Wi-Fi access point.



After connection, click the J-Mate icon on the TRIUMPH-LS Home screen and then J-Mate/ J-Mate Collect/Capture Target Point to get familiar with the Main J-Mate screen.





## **VB-RTK**

Get on the Grid with VB-RTK. For over a decade American surveyors have been using the National Geodetic Survey's Online Positioning User Service. Surveyors employing RTK have been a significant share of the user segment of OPUS.

A significant share of OPUS users are surveyors using RTK. Often a surveyor will set up his base on a new, unknown position and allow an autonomous (or standalone) position to be used for the base coordinates. While he is performing his RTK work with fixed vectors between his base and rover, he stores data at the base to be submitted at a later time to OPUS. Once he is finished with his work, he downloads this file to his computer, converts the file if necessary, and submits it to OPUS. He then receives an email response back with a precisely determined coordinate for his base station. He then must take this coordinate, relate the coordinate to his project coordinate system, and then translate the work from the autonomous (or standalone) position he used in the field to this new coordinate. This procedure can produce excellent results and anchors the survey to the NSRS. The down side to this is that there are several steps that must be carefully observed and each of these error prone steps costs time.

With J-Field data collection software, JAVAD has been automating many tasks that surveyors have been doing for years, making the tasks more efficient and reducing sources of potential error. One example, **"Verify RTK with V6 Resets"**, is being recognized by surveyors across the country as the most accurate and efficient way to confidently determine RTK positions. Rather than taking a shot, manually resetting (or dumping) the receiver and taking a second shot for comparison, Verify RTK does this automatically with a user defined number of reset iterations.

JAVAD has continued this automation philosophy by dramatically simplifying the process of translating a survey from an autonomous base position to precise geodetic coordinates with **VB-RTK** (Verify Base – **RTK**). Using the JAVAD GNSS, Data Processing Online Service (DPOS), which is powered by the proven JAVAD GNSS Justin processing engine. This multi-level process is done in J-Field completely automatically.

Once an RTK session has been completed, the user returns to his JAVAD base receiver and presses "Stop Base" on the TRIUMPH-LS. At this point, the raw data file that has been recording at the base during the session, is wirelessly downloaded from the base to the TRIUMPH-LS. When the download is complete, the user returns to his office and connects the TRIUMPH-LS to the internet.

When internet connection is made, the file is automatically transmitted to one of the JAVAD GNSS servers for post processing. Once data and ephemerides are available for the session, **DPOS** processes the file and

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returns results to the waiting TRIUMPH-LS. This all takes place within minutes.

Once results are returned, the new coordinates for the

Get on the Grid with VB-RTK. For over a decade base are shown related to your coordinate system nerican surveyors have been using the National (including localization systems).

The horizontal and vertical differences between the base coordinates used and the DPOS determined coordinates are shown. This provides for an instant check of the base coordinates and instrument height if the base were set up on a known position.

All rover points associated with that base session translate automatically in seconds. Only those rover

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If the user is not satisfied with the results of the DPOS solution and wants to revert back to the

original RTK positions, he simply clicks **"Undo"**. This process is immune to base instrument height errors because the internal vectors between base to rover are related to the antenna, not the ground point. So, an accidental entry for the base height of 543' instead of 5.43' can be resolved by VB-RTK.

In addition to the advantages of having your RTK base station near your work area, which gives you much more accurate and faster fixes, especially in difficult areas, and saving you the RTN fees; perhaps most important of all, your work is now precisely related to one of the most accurate geodetic control networks in history - the NGS CORS. Every rover point is only two vectors removed from the CORS (CORS to base, base to rover). This means that you can return again someday to find your monuments easily and accurately. This makes your records incredibly more valuable to both you and future surveyors. J-Field also has the unique ability to load and view every point you have ever surveyed from all the projects in its system. By combining this feature with a distance filter in its advanced set of filters, you can easily view all the points you have previously surveyed within a given distance of a point in your current project. Having an easily accessible record of nearby georeferenced coordinates is very beneficial as you may have previously located monuments in past surveys that are beneficial in your current project. J-Field allows you to easily copy these selected points into your current project, eliminating the need for you to resurvey them. All of this is available automatically on the world's most advanced RTK rover - the TRIUMPH-LS.



You do (1), the rest is automatic

### **Concepts Behind RTK Verification**

Fundamental in the determination of GNSS solutions is calculating the correct number of full wavelengths (so-called *fixing ambiguities*) in order to figure out the distances from the satellites to the receiver. In doing Real Time Kinematic (RTK) surveying, we need it fast and we need it to be correct.

Multipath, the reflections of GNSS signals from ground and nearby objects and structures create their own indirect measurements from the satellites to the GNSS receiver. It's as if your measuring tape is bent around an obstacle such as a tree instead of a free and clear line of sight between two points. No calculator is going to improve this result.

TRIUMPH-LS has sophisticated hardware to distinguish between the direct and indirect signals and remove most of the indirect signals. It also reports the amount of indirect signal that has been removed. The worst case is when the receiver doesn't see the direct signal at all; e.g., the satellite is behind a building, but it's still receiving the signal reflected off of the nearby structure. It is the task of the RTK engines to isolate such indirect signals and then exclude them from the calculations.

If too many of the signals are affected by severe multipath or indirect signals, no solution may be found. Remember, indirect signals are analogous to the bent measuring tape! When you're preforming RTK surveying, observe your environment and come to recognize that the structures around you are like mirrors for GNSS signals.

The other aspect impacting the veracity of a fixed solution is when there are weak GNSS signals. Frequently, weak signals are due to their penetration directly through tree canopy.

While the **TRIUMPH-LS** can't move the obstacles that are creating multipath out of the way, its sophisticated hardware has advanced multipath reduction sub-system, its tracking software is designed to handle even the weakest signals, and its **J-Field** software provides reliable RTK solutions like no other system with its **Automatic RTK Verification System**. J-Field also has ample tools to demonstrate the reliability of the solution or warn against questionable results. You can readily see that without such tools other systems can provide you wrong and misleading solutions.

**J-Field** uses six RTK engines (Figure 1) running in parallel plus a support engine to monitor and aid the six engines. Each engine uses a different criteria and mathematical method tailored to resolve ambiguities in different conditions. These six parallel engines not only verify robust solutions but also maximize the possibility of providing solutions in all conditions.



Figure 1 V6+ six RTK Engines

**User Defined Verification Tools** 

J-Field provides the option for you to specify the Minimum Number of Fixed RTK Engines in verifying solutions N times before a position is automatically accepted where N is a user defined value.

J-Field employs two metrics to evaluate the performance of its RTK system of six engines: 1) Confidence Counter, and 2) Consistency Counter. (Figure 2)

Confidence Counter

Verify with V6 Reset		Verify w/o V6 Reset	0
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Figure 2 Verify Settings

This metric is incremented each time an engine is reset, ambiguities are recalculated, and the solution is in agreement with the previous ones (as defined by the **Confidence Guard (CG)**, default value 5 cm) is achieved. The Confidence Counter increments by 1, 1.25, 1.5, 1.75, 2.0, and 2.5 depending on the number of reset engines that fix in that epoch. **Consistency Counter** 

The Consistency Counter is incremented each time a solution is in agreement with the previous ones (as defined by the Confidence Guard) irrespective of engines being reset or not. The Consistency Counter is incremented by 0.0, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 depending on the number of fixed engines used in that epoch. Note that one fixed engine gets no credit and 6 fixed engines gets a **Consistency Credit** of 1.5.

Using these Confidence and Consistency verification tools, J-Field has two options to achieve reliable RTK solutions: 1) Verify With Automatic RTK Engines Resets and 2) Verify Without Automatic RTK Engines Resets.

#### Verify with Automatic RTK Engines Resets

This method has two steps: 1) Confidence Building and 2) Smoothing and verifying.

• Step One. In Step One, fixed engines are reset and solutions are collected into groups. Each group contains all the epochs located within a specified radius (the CG value) from its center and new groups are created as necessary so that all epochs fall into at least one group. Each group has its own Epoch Counter, Confidence Level and Elapsed Time. A point may fall into more than one group. The groups are sorted from best to last by the sum of their Time and Confidence with the current best group being shown within [] and others within (). Step One continues until a group reaches the Confidence Level. (Figure 3)

• Step Two. During Step Two the engines are



#### Figure 3 End of Step one

not reset and solutions which are located inside the CG of the selected Group are added to that Group for the remaining number of epochs that user has requested (Epoch Number, EN) in the How to Stop screen. Epochs which are outside the CG of the selected Group will be stored in a new (or previously created) group; the RTK engines are reset if the epoch falls outside a sphere with a radius twice that of the CG and the process will then revert back to Step One and the Confidence Level of the current group will be reset to 0.

If the number of epochs falling outside of the current group (but less than 2X outside it) reaches 33% of epochs collected so far, the process will revert back to Step One. Previously created groups will remain intact and once an existing or previously created group meets the Step One criteria, it will pass to Step Two. (Figure 4)

In both steps the Consistency Counter is also incremented as mentioned earlier.

You can manually reset all RTK engines via the V6-RTK engines screen (Figure 1), or assign this



Figure 4 End of Step 2

reset function to any one of the U1 to U4 hardware buttons in front of the TRIUMPH-LS for easy access. **Verify without Automatic RTK Engines Resets:** 

In this method we don't force the RTK engines to reset but rely mostly on the Consistency Counter. There will be only one group as selected by the first epoch. Solutions that are not within the Guard band of the current average will be thrown out. If more than 30% of solutions are thrown out, the process will restart.

The horizontal and vertical graphs presented in both approaches also help the surveyor to evaluate the final solution. The linear drift of the vertical solution and its drift RMS are also shown above the vertical graph. A high linear drift (more than few centimeters) reveals severe multipath or, in rare cases, a wrong ambiguity fix. Pay close attention to the vertical drift and the horizontal and vertical scatter plots of epochs. Consider the scatter plots as doctors examine X-rays to determine anomalies. The desired **Confidence Level** and **Consistency** 

**Level** are user selectable. Default values are 10. These parameters along with the desired number of epochs must be reached before a solution is provided.

In either case there is also a **Validate** option which, when selected, will reset all engines at the end of the collection and continues with 10 more epochs to validate if the solution is within the desired boundary of the Confidence Guard. (Figure 2) Minimum number of engines for the Validation Phase is user selectable.





#### Figure 6 How to Stop

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In either case, if Auto-Accept is activated, the position will be automatically accepted if the RMS of the final solution is less than what user has selected in the Auto-Accept screen. (Figure 6)

You can also use **Auto-Restart** if you want to monitor structures or test the RTK system unattended. (Figure 6)

#### Screen Shots of Action Screen

Action Screen shows detailed information about each point collected. Screen shots can automatically be attached to each point and saved at the end of each collection (Figure 7). In **Verify with Automatic RTK Engines Resets** screen shots at the end of both Step One and Step Two are saved (Figures 3

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Figure 7 What to record screen

and 4). In Action screen there are 8 white boxes that selected items can be viewed on them.

#### Review Screen

View cluster of all points. Select the desired point to see its point cluster (Figure 8). Click the icons to see additional details about that point (Figure 9) including the distance and direction to the current point (Figure 10).

The effects of multipath, ionosphere, orbit, and other sources of problems somewhat exponentially increase as the baseline length increases. In a VRS/RTN scheme your **actual** baseline length is the actual distance to the nearest base station. The **virtual** base station that is mathematically created is not the actual length. We strongly recommend using your own base station near your job site in a



Figure 8 Review screen shows cluster of 386 points

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Figure 9 Detailed information on selected point (scroll to see all information)



Figure 10 Distance and direction from the current point to the selected point

Verified-Base RTK (VB-RTK) scheme.

In addition to providing you with the most reliable RTK solutions (especially true in remote areas where cell coverage is hit or miss), using your own base receiver allows you to easily tie your solutions to well-established IGS/NGS spatial reference systems through Javad's exclusive Data Processing Online Service (DPOS) and J-Field's user-friendly Base/Rover Setup. Note that post-processed results returned to the TRIUMPH-LS using DPOS are dependent on the availability of orbital data from NGS and may require several hours. Alternatively, if you don't have access to IGS-type stations to use DPOS, you can select an open area near your job site and use TRIUMPH-LS to obtain its position via RTN networks for about 5 minutes.

## Backsight point and the Sun

Similar to using conventional total station, to use the J-Mate you need to first establish its accurate position and calibrate its vertical and horizontal encoders. Then proceed to shoot the unknown points. This is similar to using any total station, but we have improved and automated the process.

With J-Mate you can do these in three different ways as shown in the J-Mate screen of the TRIUMPH-LS. Via the J-Mate-Back-sight; J-Mate-Resect and J-Mate-Astro-Seek icons.

If GNSS signals are available at the site, click the J-Mate-Backsight icon.

This screen appears which guides you to determine the accurate posi-



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The tripod is setup at the "Occupation Point" (OP). The J-Mate is secured on top of the tripod.

Next, TRIUMPH-LS is put on top of the J-Mate with its legs registered to the matching features on the J-Mate.

Next Use the RTK Survey feature of the TRIUMPH-LS to quickly determine the accurate location of the Occupation Point. You can use your own base station or any public RTN.

Next, slide the J-Target on top of the TRIUMPH-LS, lift it from the J-Mate and move to the "Backsight Point" (BP). The camera of the J-Mate will search the J-Target. The camera's view is visible from the TRIUMPH-LS screen, which mostly focuses on this J-Target. When at the Backsight Point, its accurate position is determined by the TRIUMPH-LS, and the Azimuth from the Operation Point to the Backsight Point is determined, and the J-Mate is calibrated and ready for use.

After this calibration is complete, if the tripod is disturbed, the red LED on the front of the J-Mate will blink to show that re-calibration is required.

We can now replace the TRIUMPH-LS on top of the J-Mate at the Occupation Point and proceed to shooting as many "Target Points" as the job requires. From now on TRIUMPH-LS is used as a controller and you can hold in your hand too, but it is more convenient to put it on its place to have free hands.

If GNSS signals are not available at the Occupation Point, click the "J-Mate-Resect" icon to shoot two known points to establish its accurate position and calibrate its encoders. Then continue to shoot the unknown points.

### Astro-Seek feature: Sun as the Backsight point!

We have added a new innovative feature to the J-Mate that it can automatically calibrate itself via its automatic Sun Seeking feature.

Attach the Sun filter to the camera of the J-Mate, click the "J-Mate-Astro-Seek" icon and click the "Sun" icon in the screen which appears and J-Mate will automatically find the Sun, and use its position to calibrate the angular encoders automatically.



J-Tip

TRIUMPH-LS tags coordinates with magnetic values, It also guides you to top of the item to survey it.

The Mag View focuses only on the mag object with the highest mag value.

The audio and graphical bar show the magnitude of the magnetic object.

In "Setup" you can select the cell size and the size of the field you want to scan.

2D and 3D views of the field show the magnetic objects that have been scanned.

Zooming the 2D and 3D screens can show the shape of the magnetic objects under the ground.





For many sophisticated features of the J-Tip see its Users Manual in www.javad.com

What a great little system! I've been using it a good bit in the last few months since purchased controller back in November. Really appreciate all that I've learned here on the forum from folks like Nate the Surveyor, Shawn Billings, Matthew Sibole, others and all the developers on the Javad Team. Although this system has only a quarter of the channels as the Triumph-LS, it still amazes me in high multi-path areas using the RTN. Once you read the manual several times, especially on RTK Verification, everything falls into place. There is so many ways to verify your position if there's any doubt; i.e., distance to last point, confidence and consistency levels, verification with selected # engines, saving of raw data to post process, etc.

Last project was cutting out 33 acres, part of the boundary was at the corner of a 150 acre tract. Located all the existing corners and the proposed corners with the owner (1 day field work). Computed the acreage (1/2 day office) and then staked out the corners and staked a few lines using my brothers Triumph-LS with radio RTK (1 day field work). This site was very bad with multi-path (pine forests and hardwood lands). I don't think I could have used the Victor-LS/Triumph-2 in these conditions for stake out (I didn't try). The Triumph-LS ruled in these conditions and minimal time was spent on station, staking out the actual new corners. Verification of my original locations performed with the Victor-LS/Triumph-2 checked < 0.1' both horizontal and vertically. Also re-measured all staked points for verification while on station. Surveying is so much fun again when I can get out of the office!!!

I don't know how the other surveyors do it without Javad! I'll back my data up all day long with the confidence of the Javad system.

#### Bryan Enfinger

Thanks a lot Bryan. If you don't mind, I would like to share your experience in our publications.

Javad Ashjaee

I just get excited using the equipment, it's light years beyond anything available! I really enjoy finding time to keep learning on this machine, I've always enjoyed learning new things and this is the greatest yet. We were part of the trial team originally, my brother Buck really loves the Triumph-LS/Triumph-2 system.

Here's an attached pic from the collect screen. I was verifying PT23 with two additional shots with the EPOCH count set at 10, time set at 180 secs and the APP set at 3600 secs (1 hour) for raw data logging if I didn't get any fixed positions. This was in a wooded area with 25 year old pines and hardwoods with many leaves. I was amazed I got a fix with 5 engines within approx 1 minute and met the confidence and consistency levels set. Notice the "distance to last" measurement, all this with the Victor-LS/Triumph-2 system. While I know this won't occur in all situations in the time frame shown here, even if it didn't get a fix I had the raw data to post process using short baselines (i.e., another base <1.0 mile away).

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