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1 – Introduction

RacePro is the data analysis software of the brand new Start Next chronometer with data capture. With RacePro you can view all the data stored by the device, such as GPS coordinates or the values of the various optional analogue or digital inputs which are connected to the device.

1.1 – Compatibility

RacePro has been developed for Windows operating systems (XP or following) and requires at least Framework 4.0 to work. Microsoft operating systems already have Framework; only if you are using Windows XP and haven't installed it yet, you will need to download Framework from Microsoft's website.

RacePro can also be used with other operating systems (Linux, Macintosh, etc.) but you will need to install a virtual machine with a compatible Windows version.

RacePro features an easy and intuitive full screen user interface which allows you to use it also on modern tablets with a Windows 8 operating system

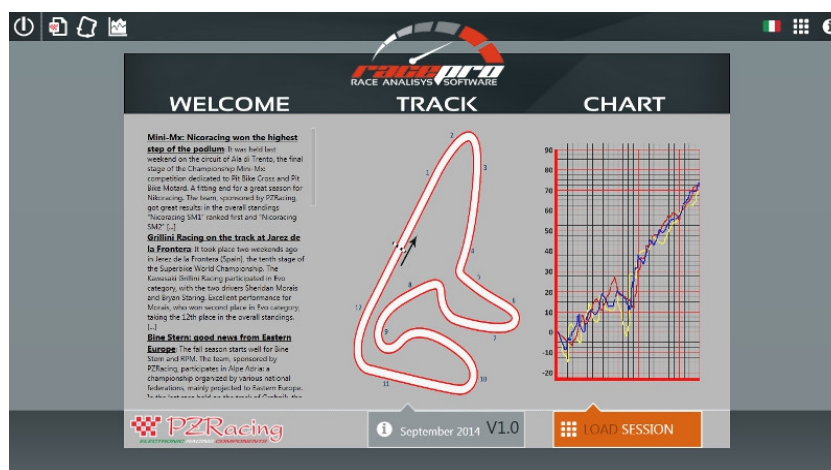
2 – Installation

Download the RacePro software from www.pzracing.it and extract the files from RacePro.zip in any folder of your PC. Double click on the executable file RacePro.exe; you will be required to select your language for the installation procedure, select it from the drop-down list and click "OK".

The guided setup will run. Simply follow the instructions on the screen to install the software.

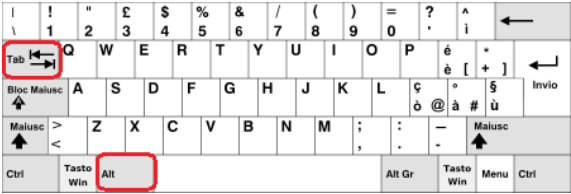
At the end of the procedure (if the option "create a desktop icon" was ticked) the relative icon will be created on the desktop  ; to open the software, double click on the icon.

3 – User interface



As previously mentioned, RacePro was developed in full screen mode; this means that Windows will not show the taskbar at the bottom of the page. This mode, besides allowing us to develop a more catchy design, also gives the chance to take advantage of the full screen size and allows the user to view data on a wider surface. The full screen mode is necessary for Windows 8 tablet compatibility.

To go back to the desktop view or to switch to another software, press the "Alt" and "Tab" keys together and select the program you wish to switch to.



3.1 – Pulsanti “Header Bar”

Starting from the top on the initial page you will find the buttons bar which, as we will see later on, will remain the same for every screen while the buttons will activate/deactivate based on the choices made by the user.



	CLOSE - This button closes the program; by clicking on it a confirmation window will pop up
	IMPORT - Opens the selection window to import a new session
	TRACK - Switches to the circuit and GPS coordinates view mode
	CHART - Switches to the diagrams view mode
	ITALIAN FLAG - Switches the language to Italian; it is only visible when the language is set to English
	ENGLISH FLAG - Switches the language to English; it is only visible when the language is set to Italian
	SETUP - Opens the set up window of the session; it is visible only when no more than one session is open
	INFO - Opens the RacePro software info page (copyright, version, etc.)

3.2 – Main interface

Under the button bar there is the central part of the interface where you can find the three main selection buttons and the news section.

WELCOME: the section including the main news published on our website is on the left; the news will be loaded directly in Italian or English depending on the selected language.

	TRACK - Enters the circuit and GPS coordinates view mode
	CHART - Enters the diagrams view mode
	LOAD SESSION: To load a new file
	PZRACING: opens the default browser and accesses our website www.pzracing.it

4 – Setup

To enter the setup window, press the relative button on any screen of the software and the following pop up window will appear:

Please note: .SES files can be opened with any text editor; as they follow very precise formatting options and rules, they must not be manually modified as you may damage or corrupt them permanently. Always use the RacePro software for any changes.

SETUP

Driver Name DRIVER Vehicle Name VEHICLE

Basic Digital Analogic

	NAME	FILTER	TYPE	UNIT	MIN	CHART	MAX	AUTO SCALE UP	SCALE DW
SPEED GPS:	SPEED GPS	0	SPEED	km/h	0.0		350.0	☒	☒
ACC X:	Acc AxisX	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒
ACC Y:	Acc AxisY	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒
ACC Z:	Acc AxisZ	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒

Open Save Export Close

4.1 – Setup menu options

This section lists and explains all the options which can be found in the setup menu of the program.

Please note: when the text box or the drop-down list is grey, the box cannot be selected as that size has a default setting which cannot be modified.

Driver name: name of the driver

Vehicle name: name of the vehicle

Notes: notes on the current session (visible only if a session is open)

Basic: tab which moves the screen from one of the four basic measurements to another of the device

Digital: tab which switches the screen to the digital channels

Analogic: tab which switches the screen to the analogue channels

Basic Digital Analogic

	NAME	FILTER	TYPE	UNIT	MIN	CHART	MAX	AUTO SCALE UP	SCALE DW
SPEED GPS:	SPEED GPS	0	SPEED	km/h	0.0		350.0	☒	☒
ACC X:	Acc AxisX	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒
ACC Y:	Acc AxisY	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒
ACC Z:	Acc AxisZ	0	ACCELERATION	g	-4.0		4.0	☒	☒

Basic

Basic Digital Analogic

	NAME	CIRC	PULSE	FILTER	TYPE	UNIT	MIN	CHART	MAX	AUTO SCALE UP	SCALE DW
SPEED 1:	SPEED 1	2,000	50	0	SPEED	km/h	0.0		350.0	☒	☒
SPEED 2:	SPEED 2	2,000	50	0	SPEED	km/h	0.0		350.0	☒	☒
RPM:	RPM			0	FREQUENCY	rpm	0.0		18000.0	☒	☒

Digital

Basic Digital Analogic

	SENSOR	NAME	XA	XB	YA	YB	FILTER	TYPE	UNIT	MIN	CHART	MAX	AUTO SCALE UP	SCALE DW
A1:	GENERAL	ANALOG 1	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A2:	GENERAL	ANALOG 2	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A3:	GENERAL	ANALOG 3	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A4:	GENERAL	ANALOG 4	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A5:	GENERAL	ANALOG 5	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A6:	GENERAL	ANALOG 6	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A7:	GENERAL	ANALOG 7	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
A8:	GENERAL	ANALOG 8	0	1023	0.0	1023.0	0	GENERAL	---	0.0		1023.0	☒	☒
TEMP:	GENERAL	TEMPERATUR					0	TEMPERATURE	°C	0.0		90.0	☒	☒

Analogic

SENSOR: drop-down list to choose one of the default sensors. If you are using PZRacing's sensors, when you select an option on this list your sensor will be automatically configured (use the sensor instructions as a reference). If you wish to use another sensor, select GENERAL.

NAME: name of the size

XA: the minimum value sampled by the device which corresponds to the minimum voltage range of the sensor. The device sampling can go from "0", i.e. 0 Volts, to a maximum of 1023 which corresponds to 5V; you can discover the XA minimum value to set by executing a simple conversion = $(1023 \cdot V_{min}) / 5$. For example, if the range of your sensor is 0,5V-4,5V, you will have to set 102,3 as XA value.

XB: the maximum value sampled by the device which corresponds to the maximum voltage range of the sensor. The device sampling can go from "0", i.e. 0 Volts, to a maximum of 1023 which corresponds to 5V; you can discover the XB value to set by executing a simple conversion = $(1023 \cdot V_{max}) / 5$. For example, if the range of your sensor is 0,5V-4,5V, you will have to set 920,7 as XB value.

YA: the value on the diagram scale which corresponds to the minimum sampled XA. For example, the lambda probe has a tension range from 0.5V and an output range from 0,7-1,3Δ, therefore XA=0 and YA=0.7.

YB: the value on the diagram scale which corresponds to the maximum sampled XB. For example, the lambda probe has a tension range from 0.5V and an output range from 0,7-1,3Δ, therefore XB=0 and YB=1.3.

Please note: only whole numbers from 0 to 1023 can be inserted in the XA and XB text boxes. Figures with five whole numbers and one decimal can be inserted in the YA and YB text boxes.

FILTER: value of the filter. The filter allows to modify the "pointiness" of the diagrams by setting a value from "0" (deactivated) to "9". The higher the number, the more the diagram will be "smoothed". The filter can also be used to "clean" any external obstacle and to remove irregular diagram peaks.

TYPE: measurement units, being diverse, are grouped by sensor type. Therefore, by choosing the sensor type, the units of measurement of that sensor will appear.

UNIT: choice of the units of measurement to be viewed.

CHART MIN: minimum value set for the diagram scale.

CHART MAX: maximum value set for the diagram scale.

AUTO SCALE DOWN: sets the auto scale function for the minimum threshold of the diagram, i.e. the diagram will start from the minimum value the device has measured for that parameter. If it is active, it inhibits the value set on CHART MIN

AUTO SCALE UP: sets the auto scale function for the maximum threshold of the diagram, i.e. the diagram will start from the maximum value the device measured for that parameter. If it is active, it inhibits the value set on CHART MAX

CIRC (only for SPEED 1 and 2): sets the circumference of the wheel in millimetres. To calculate the circumference we suggest you measure the rolling of the wheel on an even surface.

PULSE (only for SPEED 1 and 2): sets the number of pulses measured by the sensor at each turn of the wheel. If a wheel sensor is used, set the number of bolts measured by the sensor (usually the ones of the disc brake).

4.2 – Creating a CONFIG.CFG setting file

As explained in your Start device instructions, the CONFIG.CFG file stores all the settings which will later be stored also in each session file (*.SES); therefore, all the information stored in CONFIG.CFG is also stored in each session file so that the RacePro software can recognize the settings of the various analogue and digital channels, as well as the name of the pilot and the vehicle. This peculiar characteristic allows to view a session file on any computer which has our software installed without having to save or export your settings, as all the information is already contained in the file itself.

There are 3 different ways to create a CONFIG.CFG file:

FIRST USE: the first time you use RacePro together with Start you will have to set up the device from scratch. Open the setup menu, manually set all the parameters, click EXPORT and select the CONFIG folder in your Start device; if the file already exists in the folder, you will have to overwrite it.

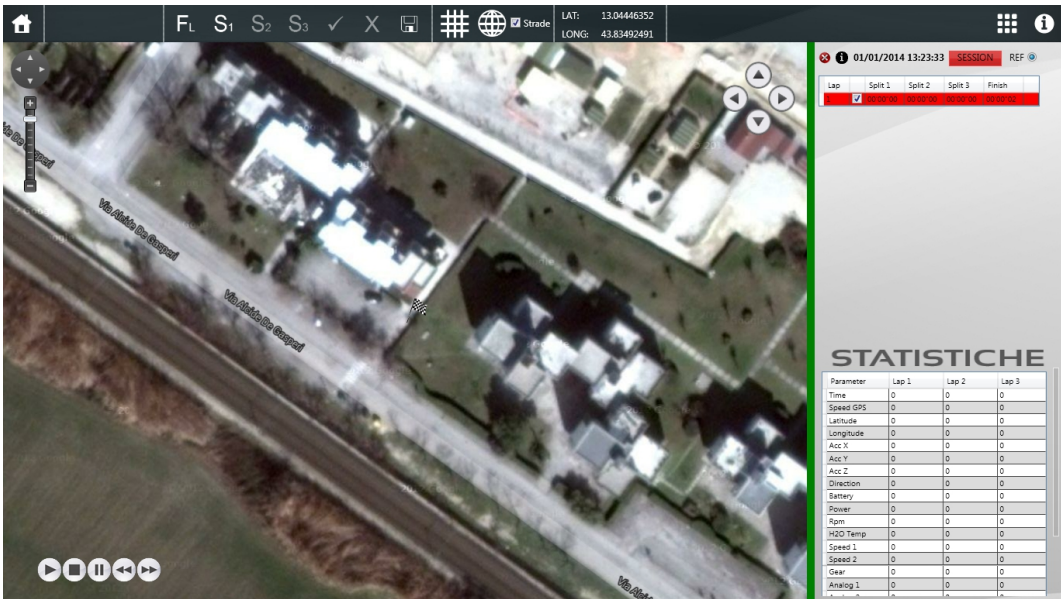
MODIFYING AN EXISTING FILE: you can modify and save the CONFIG.CFG file you are currently using. Open the setup menu, click OPEN and select the configuration file inside the CONFIG folder of your Start device. Now you can modify any setting. When you're done, click SAVE.

EXPORTING FROM A SESSION FILE: you can create a CONFIG.CFG file extrapolating the configuration of a session file which has already been stored. Open the setup menu, click OPEN and select the .SES file you wish to open. Now you can export the configuration of this file by clicking EXPORT and selecting the CONFIG folder inside your Start device

5 – Creating a new track file, *.TRK

The new Start Next and Start Basic include a global tracks database stored in their memory, however you can always add a new track by exporting it from the RacePro map.

1 - Open RacePro and select TRACK without uploading any file; you will view the following screen:



As you can see, there are new active buttons on the Header Bar of this screen. They are:

FL	FINISH LINE - Sets the finish line flag
S1	SPLIT 1 - Sets first intermediate marker
S2	SPLIT 2 - Sets the second intermediate marker
S3	SPLIT 3 - Sets the third intermediate marker
✓	CONFIRM - Confirms the position of the markers on the track
X	ABORT - Aborts the position of the markers on the track
	EXPORT - Exports the coordinates of the finish line and selected intermediate markers

2 - Place the map on the circuit of which you want to store the coordinates. You can move the map by holding the left button down and moving the mouse. Moreover, you can modify the zoom level by rotating the mouse wheel or using the + and - buttons on the top left of the map.

3 - Now you can place the finish line by holding the FL button and positioning the flag where you wish to locate the finish line. If you do not wish to set intermediate markers, go directly to paragraph 7.

4 - Press S1 and place the first intermediate marker. Go directly to paragraph 7 if you do not wish to set other intermediate markers.

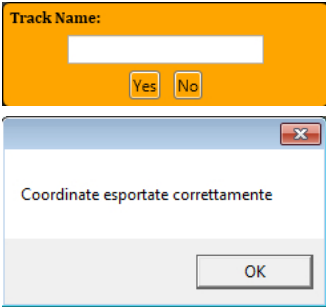
5 - Press S2 and place the second intermediate marker. Go directly to paragraph 7 if you do not wish to set other intermediate markers.

6 - Press S3 and place the third intermediate markers.

7 - Press the EXPORT button.

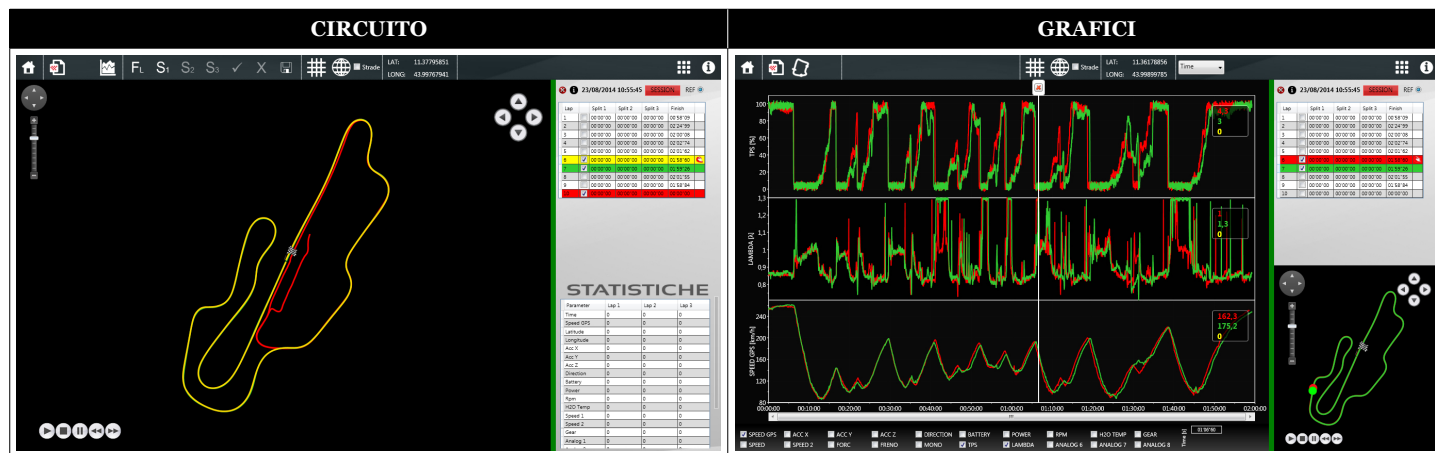
8 - Insert the name of the circuit in the text box and press YES.

9 - Select the TRACK folder in your Start device and click OK. You will then view a confirmation message.



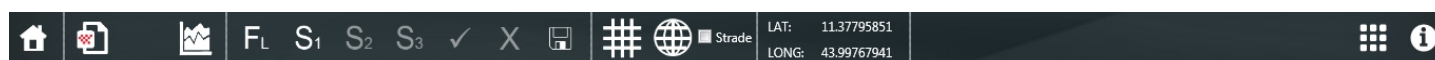
As previously mentioned, all the information and settings are stored in the device, therefore opening a *.SES file is a very simple operation as you don't need to load any setting or associate any file.

- 1 - Open the RacePro software
- 2 - Click the Load Session button on the main screen
- 3 - Select the *-SES file and click OPEN
- 4 - Now you will have to choose if you wish to analyse your data from the diagrams or the circuit. Depending on the button you press, you will view one of the following screens:



In the previous paragraph we saw how to open a file and how to access the two different analysis areas of the software. Now we will analyse all the elements of the "TRACK" area.

Firstly, we will illustrate some elements of the Header Bar which we haven't yet considered:



	GRID - enables and disables the grid function on the map. When the grid is enabled, you will view its scale which can be modified with the adjacent arrows.
	MAP - By sequentially pressing the MAP button you can choose the real mapping as follows: GOOGLE MAPS / BING / MAP OFF. An Internet connection is required to view the maps.
Streets	STREETS - By selecting this box you will view the names of streets and cities on the map
LAT	LATITUDE - Latitude of the position of the mouse pointer (expressed in decimal degrees)
LONG	LONGITUDE - Longitude of the position of the mouse pointer (expressed in decimal degrees)

The right column contains the selection grid of lap times and a table with the statistics regarding the selected laps.

Starting from the top and analysing all the information, here's what we find:

- Closing session button 
- The "info" icon ; by placing your mouse on the icon you will view all the information regarding your session (name of the pilot, vehicle and notes)
- Start date and time of the session storage
- The "SESSION" button which opens the whole session view (see following paragraphs)
- The "REF" selection box which, as we will see, selects the reference session if more than one session is open.
- The timing grid; by ticking the boxes next to the lap number in the "Lap" column you can select/deselect the timing on the chosen lap. The timing grid also offers partial times if the selected track for the current session has set the split time coordinates and indicates the "best lap" of the session as a red helmet on the right of the line.

Remember that **you can select and analyse up to 3 laps at the same time**, even from different sessions. The first selected lap will become red, the second one green and the third one yellow. If you wish to import a second session through the IMPORT button on the Header Bar, this will be loaded under the current one; you can scroll down and view also the full second session through the lateral scrollbar.

23/08/2014 10:55:45					SESSION	REF
Lap		Split 1	Split 2	Split 3	Finish	
1	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'58'09	
2	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	02'24'99	
3	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	02'00'08	
4	☒	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	02'02'74	
5	☒	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	02'01'62	
6	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	01'58'60	
7	☒	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	01'59'26	
8	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	02'01'55	
9	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	01'58'84	
10	☐	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	00'00'00	

STATISTICHE			
Parameter	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
Time	01'58"20	01'55"78	01'59"26
Speed GPS	233.9	230.6	229.1
Latitude	43.9956766	43.9956716	43.9956733
Longitude	11.3703066	11.37031	11.370265
Acc X	0.83	1.54	0.86
Acc Y	0.66	-0.41	0.37
Acc Z	0.19	1.87	1.59
Direction	24.3	24.7	23.8
Battery	3.88	3.89	3.81
Power	13.25	13.71	14.32
Rpm	30337	29985	30160
H2O Temp	64.9	63.2	65.8
Speed 1	223.5	216.8	222.1
Speed 2	0	0	0
Gear	5	5	5
Analog 1	26.68	24.92	24.48
Analog 2	0.7	0.7	0.7

Under the timing grid, the statistics table shows the value of all the measurements on the point selected on the map. Here are all the measurements that will be shown:

Time: time passed from the beginning of the lap

Speed GPS: the speed measured by the GPS

Latitude: latitude

Longitude: longitude

Acc X: acceleration on the X axis (from the internal accelerometer)

Acc Y: acceleration on the Y axis (from the internal accelerometer)

Acc Z: acceleration on the Z axis (from the internal accelerometer)

Direction: direction angle

Battery: internal battery voltage

Power: external battery voltage (if applicable)

RPM: revolutions per minute

H2O temp: water temperature

Speed 1: speed 1

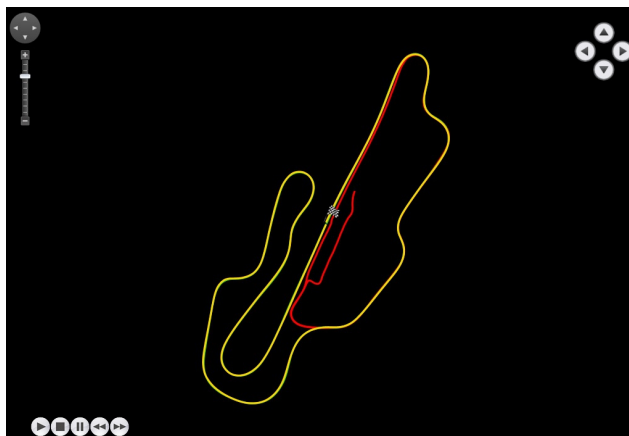
Speed 2: speed 2

Gear: gear inserted

Analog 1-8: Analogues from number 1 to number 8

The column on the right is always present also in the DIAGRAMS analysis; you can reduce it to have a wider work area by pressing the green division line. This way the column will be reduced to a single green line on the right edge of the screen; by pressing it again, it will go back to its initial size.

7.1 – Controls on the circuit map



On the central part of the screen you will find the map drawn by the GPS coordinates which were measured by the device; by uniting the points, you will see the trajectory of the vehicle. Thanks to the high frequency of our GPS receiver, the drawn trajectory will be very precise and accurate **as opposed to the rough trajectories drawn by most of the GPS products which are currently on the market. (eliminate)**

Let's see how to carry out the analysis and which operations can be executed:

Left mouse button: you can move the map by holding the left button down and moving your mouse

Right mouse button: by holding the right button down you will place the pointer on the sampled point (a point on the trajectory) which is closest to your mouse

Mouse wheel: allows to zoom in and out

Arrow buttons (on the top right of the screen): alignment buttons between the map and trajectory. Because of their offset, Google Maps and Bing maps do not always match real coordinates; you can correct this offset by slightly moving the trajectories.

Play button : starts the simultaneous scrolling of all cursors at the same speed allowing a comparison between more laps

Stop button : stops the simultaneous scrolling and brings back all cursors to the chequered flag

Pause button : stops the simultaneous scrolling leaving the cursors where they are

Forward button : moves the pointers forward 5 samples at a time (0,1sec)

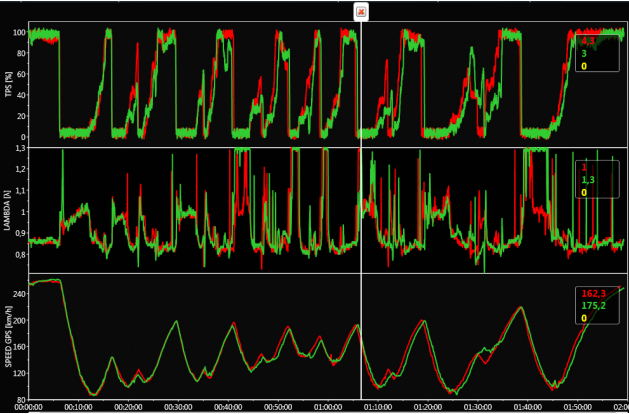
Reward button : moves the pointers backwards 5 samples at a time (0,1sec)

7.2 – Modifying the finish line/intermediate markers of a session

As previously explained, the finish lines and intermediate marker coordinates are stored by the device inside the session file; **anyway (eliminate)** it is also possible to modify the coordinates of the finish line or to modify/add the coordinates of an intermediate marker through the RacePro software. **The changes applied to these coordinates are not saved on the session file, therefore you will lose them by closing the file.**

The procedure to modify the split time and/or finish line is the same as creating a new track (see par. 5), so you just need to press the FINISH LINE, SPLIT 1, SPLIT 2 and SPLIT 3 icons on the Header Bar, place the flags by clicking the right button on the map (in this case you should pay attention to place the end of the flag exactly on the trajectory, always trying to place the flags on straight roads) and finally press CONFIRM. The result will be as shown in the following two images. The second image will show the intermediate marker icons on the map, while the table will show the 3 intermediate times.

8.1 – Keyboard controls and short cuts on diagrams



- Mouse wheel:** allows to zoom in/out the diagram
- PGUP and PGDOWN button on the keyboard:** to zoom in/out on the diagram (like the mouse wheel)
- Right mouse button:** places the marker where the mouse pointer is located
- Left mouse button:** you can move the diagram to the left/right by holding the left button down and moving your mouse
- SX and DX arrows on the keyboard:** same function of the left button of the mouse
- UP and DOWN arrow on the keyboard:** moves the cursor up and down one sample at a time

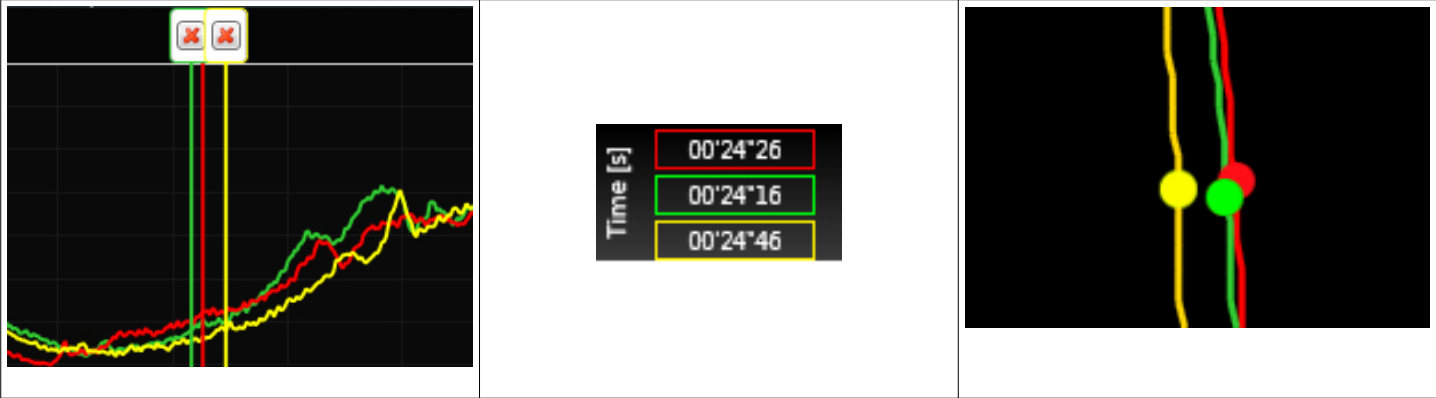
Left of the diagrams, the name of the measurement shown and its relative unit of measurement on the Y axis are always indicated, while the right shows the value of the channel on the point where the marker is placed; this value is the same colour as the lap so that it can be distinguished if more laps are viewed at the same time.

8.2 – Positioning the marker on the diagram

The marker can be placed on the diagram in two ways:
Selecting a point on the diagram: in this case the marker will be white, as well as the box indicating the time/space at the bottom of the screen, and the cursor will appear on the map on the right (or more than one cursor if more laps are selected, as in this case) on the point the marker on the diagram refers to.



Selecting a point on the map: in this case, the cursors on the map will be placed on the selected point, the marker (or markers if more laps are selected) will be placed on the point the cursor on the diagram refers to and will be of the same colour as the lap, as well as the time/space box at the bottom (if there are more laps there will be more than one box).



8.3 – Changing the base of the diagrams

You can choose to view the diagrams based on space or time through the drop-down list on the Header Bar when entering the CHARTS section:

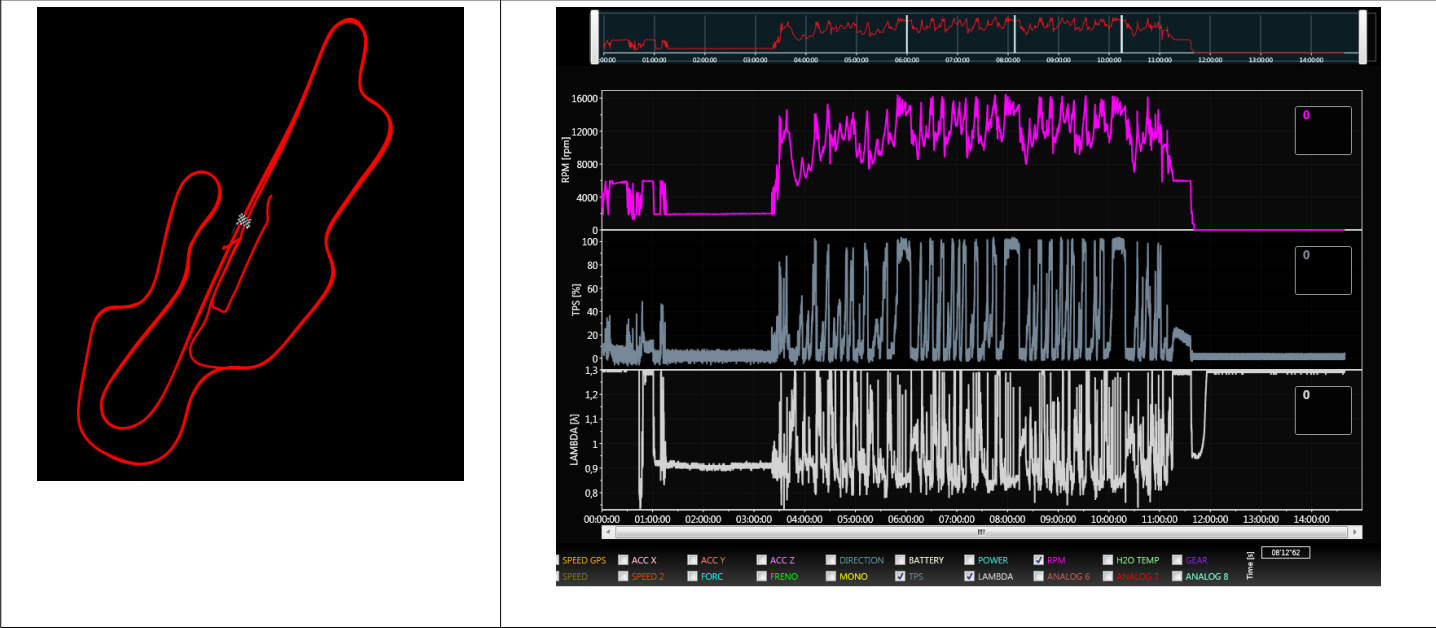
LAT: 11.36178856
LONG: 43.99899785

Time

You can choose to view the diagrams based on space or time through the drop-down list on the Header Bar when entering the DIAGRAMS section:
By clicking on the drop-down list you can select one of the following options:
Time: to view the diagrams based on the time which has passed
Speed GPS: views the diagrams based on the distance covered measured by the GPS (always available)
Speed 1: views the diagrams based on the distance covered measured by Speed 1 (it is necessary to have a speed signal connected to the Box Expander 2)

9 – Analysis of a whole session

As previously mentioned, the "SESSION" button above the timing table allows to analyse the whole session as if it were a single lap. This function allows to check the pace of the various channels during the whole session and quickly verify any anomalies without having to look for them in each lap.



By clicking on "SESSION", you will disable the lap selection on the timing table; in the MAP section you will view the GPS coordinates from the beginning to the end of the session and the position of the cursor on the map will be disabled, while in the DIAGRAM section a new time line will appear, indicating which part of the session you are analysing, and each channel will be assigned a default colour.

The SESSION mode shows the diagrams in two different modalities; you can choose which one to view by changing the settings on the Header Bar:

	Separated diagrams: each channel has its own diagram like in the single laps view mode
	Single diagram: all the channels are featured in one diagram