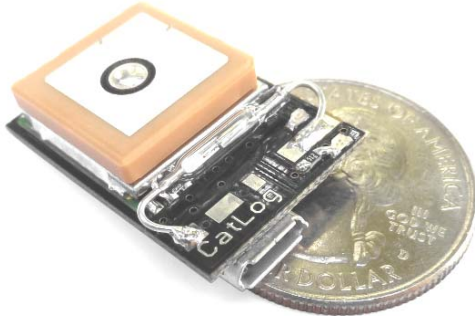


Overview



Used in thousands of GPS tags and collars around the world CatLog became the standard GPS/GNSS data recorder for wildlife bio-tagging.

The device will record the position in an adjustable time interval. The movement profile can later be displayed on a map or exported to use with other software.

Generation 2 of the CatLog has been specifically optimized for scientific use while still maintaining an excellent performance to cost balance.

Its low power consumption combined with small dimensions, low weight and high accuracy makes it an ideal device for domestic and wildlife animal observation.

Optimized for scientific use, CatLog offers the following features:

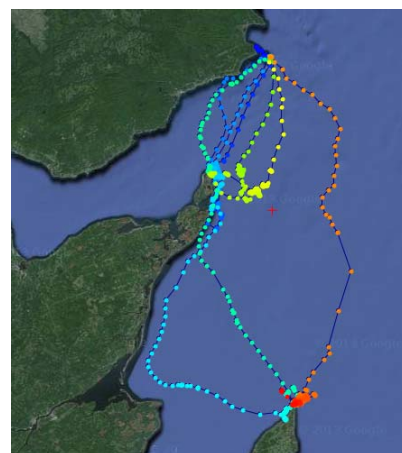
- Magnetic switch to activate and deactivate it
- Choice of different enclosures to withstand seawater and tough conditions
- Optimized weight and operation time by scalable battery size
- Lots of configuration options to get the best results for your project needs.
- Retrieval option
- Advanced scheduler (dual time table)



The recorded data is stored in an open text format that can be used by most 3rd party programs.

However, CatLog has also its own visualization software. This allows the user to analyze the recorded data as well as to apply multi-level filters or export only certain portions of the whole data set.

It also allows visualizing position accuracy estimates which is one specific feature of the Gen2 CatLog.



- ✓ Free consultation
- ✓ Customization according to project needs
- ✓ Free data recovery of damaged units

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Functional Features

The CatLog GPS logger offers a large number of features to get a maximum of field operation time and handling convenience:

Logistics

- Each device can be named by the user – no more confusion with lost markings
- Simplified setup - copy one configuration to all your devices.
- Automatic batch processing to work through a high number of devices in short time

Handling

- Option to prevent device from getting manually turned off improves reliability in the field.
- Automatic start at defined date – the device will be in energy conserving deep sleep mode until a certain date.

Energy supply

- Works with different battery chemistries with adjustable shutdown thresholds.
- Advanced power management allows operating from renewable energy sources. The device will automatically resume operation once batteries are recharged.

Logging

- Asynchronous (standard) or synchronous logging mode. Synchronous logging is required if positions of multiple devices need to be considered at the same time.
- Logging of additional data (temperature, time to position fix [TTF], PDOP, velocity)

Operation

- Advanced scheduler function that defines operation in hourly or daily patterns. It also enables the use of different recording intervals, e.g. have an energy conserving recording during the night and a higher recording interval during daytime.
- Adjustable timeout in case of unfavorable reception conditions will help preserve energy. Handy for animals that are under water or underground for certain times. Backup logging event is possible in such cases to not miss a position. Or the device can be turned off for a certain period after detecting problematic reception conditions.
- Options to balance accuracy versus energy consumption.
- Speed triggered logging interval. Switches to a fast interval when an adjustable speed threshold is exceeded.

Recovery

- Recovery feature after defined date – allows easy retrieval in a colony or in a known migration area. This function can also trigger a separation unit.








CatLog Gen 2 GPS/GNSS Logger

Datasheet v5

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Enclosures

Our satellite positioning solution is very modular. There is a selection of different enclosures to fit the project needs. The table below will give you an overview of enclosure styles and their typical characteristics.

Style	ThermoSeal Self Seal	ThermoSeal Sealed	Hard-Shell Resin potted	Hard-Shell Box	Tube	Leg Attach	Belt Clip	Eartag
Example Picture								
Water resistant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dive proof	Yes <100m	Yes <50m	Yes <500m	Yes < 10m	Yes <2m	No	No	No
Weight	L	L	M	M	H	L	M	L
Size	S	S	M	S/M	L	S	M	S
Stability	L	L	H	H	H	M	M	L
Battery capacity	Low <1Ah	Low <1Ah	Medium <2Ah	Medium <2Ah	High 3-15Ah	Low <0.5Ah	Low <1Ah	Solar
Costs	L	L	M/H	M	M/H	L/M	L/M	M
Best use	Birds, Penguins	Birds, Penguins	Seal, Dolphin, Reptiles, Turtle	Dogs, cats, raptor birds	Livestock, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Fleet surveillance	Kiwi, Chicken	Persons	Cattle, Sheep
Attaching method	Glue, cable ties	Glue, cable ties	Glue, cable ties	Harness, collar, cable ties	Harness, collar, steel rings	Velcro tie	Belt	Pin

L = Low, M=Medium, H=High
S= Small, M=Medium, L=Large

Specification

Device weight and dimensions

Electronics without battery and enclosure

Antenna Type	Connector	Switch	Weight	Size
Ceramic Patch	Magnetic	Y	5.8g	27 x 20 x 7 mm
Small Patch	Magnetic	Y	4.8g	27 x 20 x 8 mm
Small Patch	Pin Row	N	3.9g	27 x 20 x 8 mm
Chip antenna	Pin Row	N	2.1g	30 x 21 x 4mm

Battery

Rechargeable Lithium Polymer

Capacity	Operation**	Dimension*	Weight
<160mAh	tbd	tbd	
160mAh	30h	30 x 20 x 4mm	+4g
380mAh	80h	35 x 25 x 5mm	+7.3g
450mAh	100h	50 x 25 x 5mm	+9.8g
750mAh	160h	40 x 30 x 7mm	+16g
3000mAh	650h	n/a	+50g

* for reference only, actual size depends on available cells

** based on 30s capture interval, 3D lock, LED on

Enclosure

Type	Weight***
ThermoSeal (Sealed shrink tubing)	+2 g (Patch) +1.3 g (Chip)
Epoxy resin	+11g (380mAh) +14g (750mAh)
Tube	+55g
Boxes, hard shell	Varies

*** may vary with battery size

Operation temperature	-20 to +60 degrees Celsius (based on Lithium Polymer chemistry)
Dive depth	See enclosure matrix. Note: no position under water or under ground
Activation	Magnetic switch, automatic start timer, mechanical switch (optional)
Status visualization	2 LED lights (can be turned off for concealed operation)
GNSS chipset	MediaTek 33 (66 Channel, -165dbm)
Satellite System	GPS, GLONASS (optional)
Coordinate System	WGS84
Position accuracy	5-10m
Position logging interval	Adjustable 5s – 24h. Weekly scheduling mode available. 2 different logging intervals
Recorded data	Time, position, altitude, HDOP, PDOP, temperature, TTFF, speed, Signal strength SNR
Storage capacity	Up to 400.000 positions. (110.000 pos below hardware version 5)
Interface	Serial USB
Operating system	Windows, Mac OS (using Windows VM)
Export data format	CSV (Excel), GPX, Text

Internal parameters

Supply voltage	3.0 – 4.1V
Max. current draw	40mA
Charge current	Adjustable by hardware
Shutdown voltage	Adjustable by software

Firmware Version and Supported Features

Feature	Firmware version							
	3.0	3.1	6.0	6.2	6.3	Tbd	Tbd	Tbd
Scheduler with 2 different interval settings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Delayed start, recovery mode after certain date	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Adjustable battery thresholds (shutdown, restart)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Blackout option if no position could be acquired	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Logging of additional data (temperature, time to position fix [TTF])	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Charge while in operation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Speed triggered interval	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Realtime Position Synchronization	-	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Faster logging interval <5s	-	-	✓	✓	✓			
Firmware update capability	-	-	-	✓	✓			
Satellite Signal-Noise-Ratio recording	-	-	-	-	✓			
GNSS movement modes selection	-	-	-	-	✓			

We offer the service to update your devices to the latest firmware version (as far as hardware version permits)

Recorded Positions vs. Battery Capacity

tbd.

Recorded Positions vs. Interval Rate

tbd.

Control Center Software

Have full control of your devices! CatLog Control Center runs on both Windows and Mac OS platforms (using Windows VM).

Load and save settings, optimized workflow if you have to deal with high number of devices. Sophisticated and Industry first battery simulator allows you to find the optimal settings for your project needs.

The screenshot displays the CatLog GPS Control software interface. The main window has a title bar 'CatLog GPS Control' and a close button. It features a 'Connect' button, a COM port dropdown set to 'COM 4', and a 'Refresh' button. A status area shows 'Hardware Version: n/a', 'Software Version: n/a', and 'Serial Nr.: n/a'. The interface is divided into several sections:

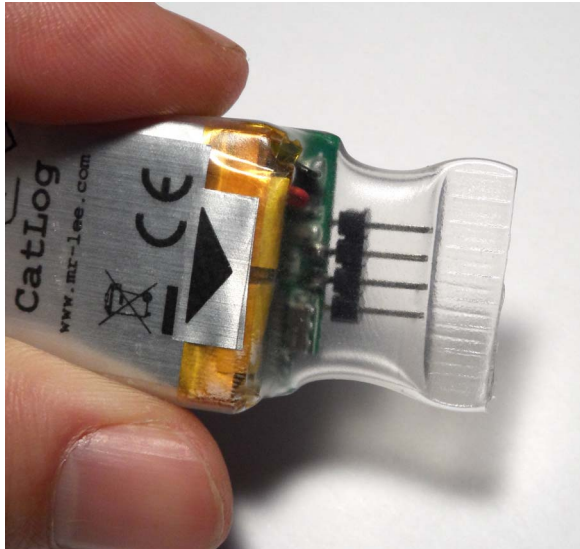
- Left Panel:** Contains buttons for 'Read Data', 'Erase Data', 'Read Settings', 'Write Settings', 'Settings to File', 'Settings from File', 'Setup', 'Battery Simulator', and 'Exit'. A cartoon cat logo is at the bottom left.
- Device Name:** A text field containing 'CatLog'.
- Capture Interval:** A time selector set to 0 h, 2 m, 30 s.
- GPS Timeout:** A text field set to 300 seconds.
- Number of positions before log:** A text field set to 0.
- When no position available:** Includes checkboxes for '2nd chance after' (0 seconds delay), 'Disable GPS for' (0 seconds), and 'Log also if no position'.
- Log additional:** Radio buttons for 'Temp', 'TTFF', 'Speed', and 'PDOP' (selected).
- Advanced Settings:** Includes checkboxes for 'No Turning OFF once enabled', 'LED lights disabled', 'Circular Logging', '3D Lock required' (checked), 'Enable Scheduler' (checked), 'Synchronous Mode', 'Speed triggered interval' (if speed > 20 knots then use interval 8 sec), 'Delayed start from date' (12 h, 1 d, 1 m, 16 y), 'Stop recording after' (12 h, 30 d, 5 m, 16 y), 'Recovery from date' (12 h, 30 d, 6 m, 16 y), and 'Recovery Action interval' (60 seconds).
- Scheduler Settings:** A table showing a schedule for UTC times 00 to 23 across days of the week (Su, Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr, Sa) and an 'All' column. Most cells contain 'A' (Active), while some contain 'B' (Blocked).
- Note:** 'All times are satellite U'.
- Capture Interval Time A:** 60
- Capture Interval Time B:** 300
- Advanced Syncmode:** A checkbox.

The 'Battery Simulator' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Battery:** Capacity (nominal) 450 mAh, Lithium Polymer selected.
- Reception Condition:** Radio buttons for 'Perfect (open sky all time)' (selected), 'Good (few obstructions)', 'Ok (massive obstructions, dropouts expected)', 'Poor (only occasional sat signals)', and 'Custom TTF: 10 seconds'.
- Temperature:** Radio buttons for 'Always above freezing temperature' (selected), 'Occasional below freezing', and 'Always below freezing temperature'.
- Simulation:** 'Show realtime (slow)' checked. Capacity remaining: 22 mAh, Time: 10 days, 7 hours, 45 minutes, Positions: 7320, TTF: 10s.
- Buttons:** 'Start' and 'Close'.

ThermoSeal Enclosure

One key feature of the CatLog-S is the ThermoSeal enclosure that offers the best environmental protection for the least weight. It is a special heat shrink tubing with outstanding characteristics.



ThermoSeal™ Features:

- Provides reliable water tightness and is absolutely corrosion and pressure resistant.
- Reusable seal, just heat it up to open it and seal it again with heat !
- Sufficient wall thickness to mechanically protect the device
- Sticks to tape for universal deployment
- Allows to create special attachment fixtures
- Cheap, clean, economic, simple !

Seal temperature range: 160-200 degrees Celsius (320 – 390 Fahrenheit)

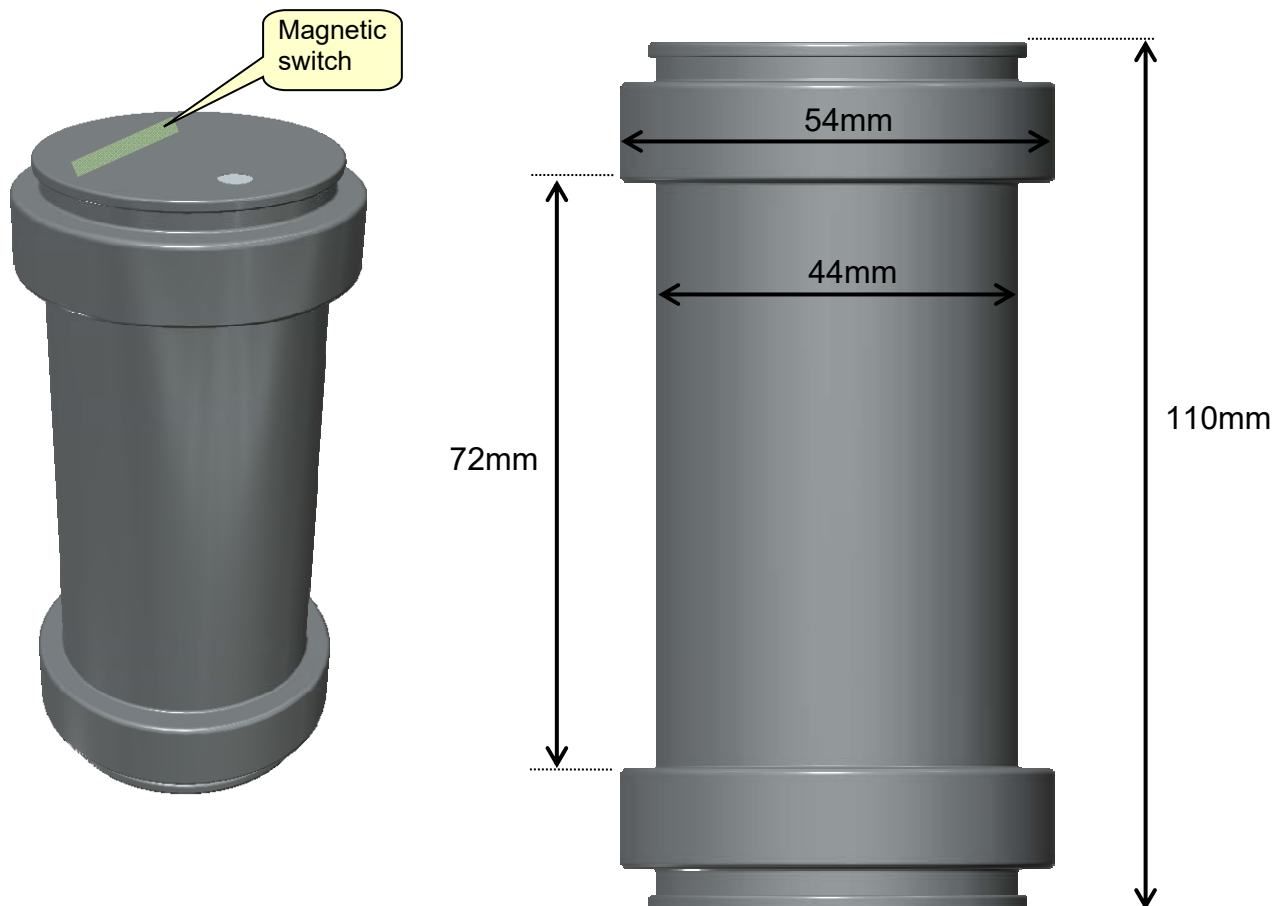


Process description is part of the CatLog-S User Manual.

Tubular Enclosure Type 1

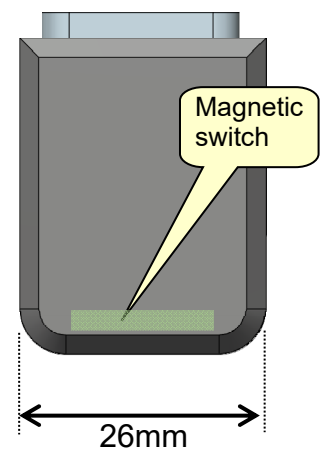
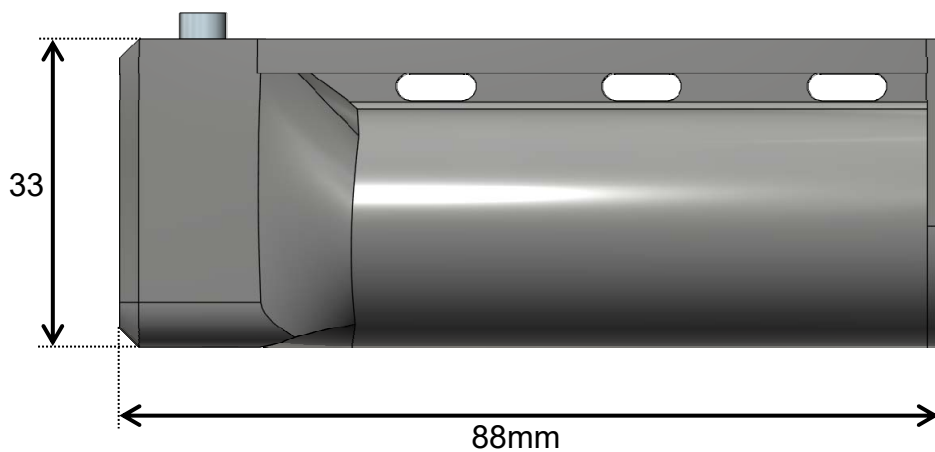
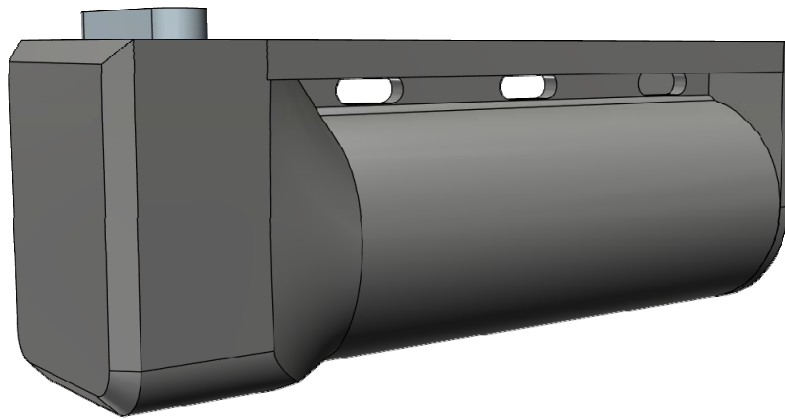
Rigid and waterproof for extremely long operation. Typically used for fleet monitoring or livestock movement analysis. Battery capacity 3000, 6000 or 9000mAh. 15000mAh feasible with slightly wider enclosure.

Battery capacity	Weight
3Ah	135g
6Ah	190g
9Ah	240g
15Ah	350g



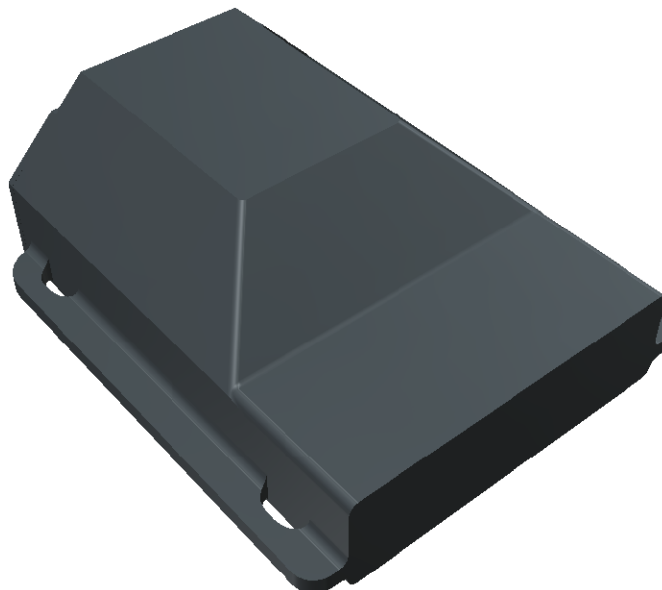
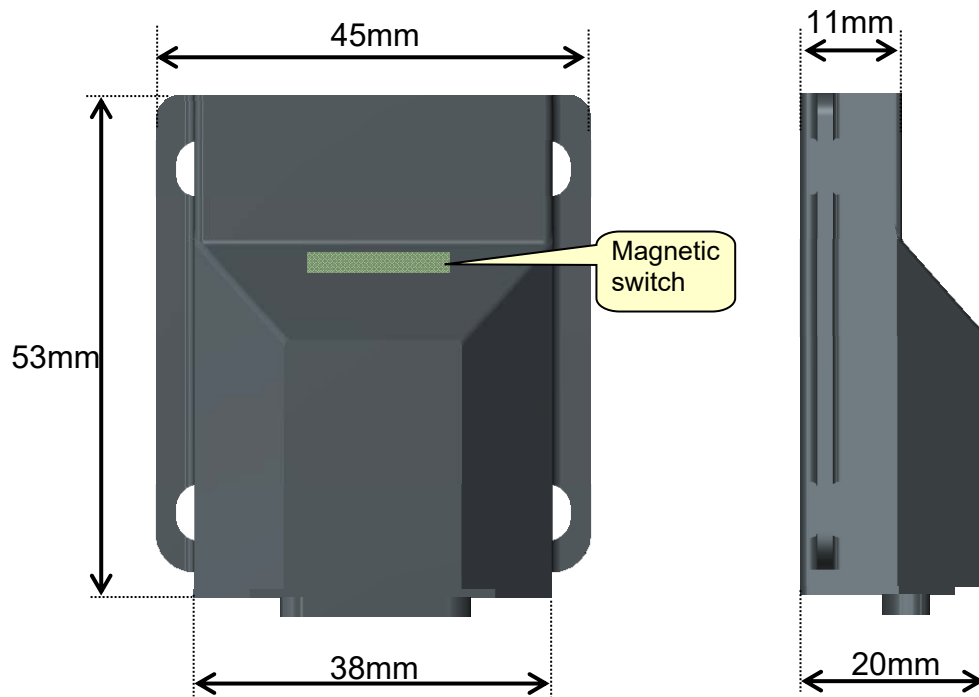
Tubular Enclosure Type 2

Compact and waterproof for collar attachment using cable ties. Typically used on dogs and small livestock. Battery capacity 4000mAh. Weight 100g.



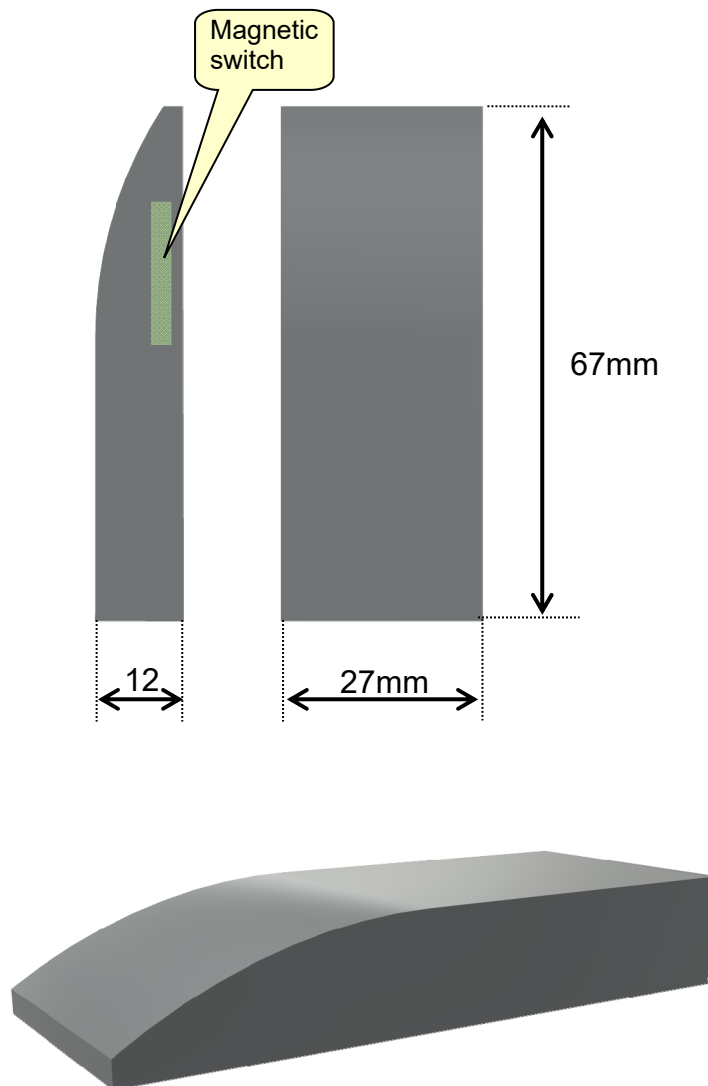
Epoxy Filled Enclosure 1

Resin filled enclosures are mainly used on deep diving animals such as penguins or seals when a high abrasion stress is combined with water immersion. The device shown below has 1200mAh battery integrated. Enclosure is filled with epoxy potting material. Device weight 50g. Customization for other sizes/shapes is possible.



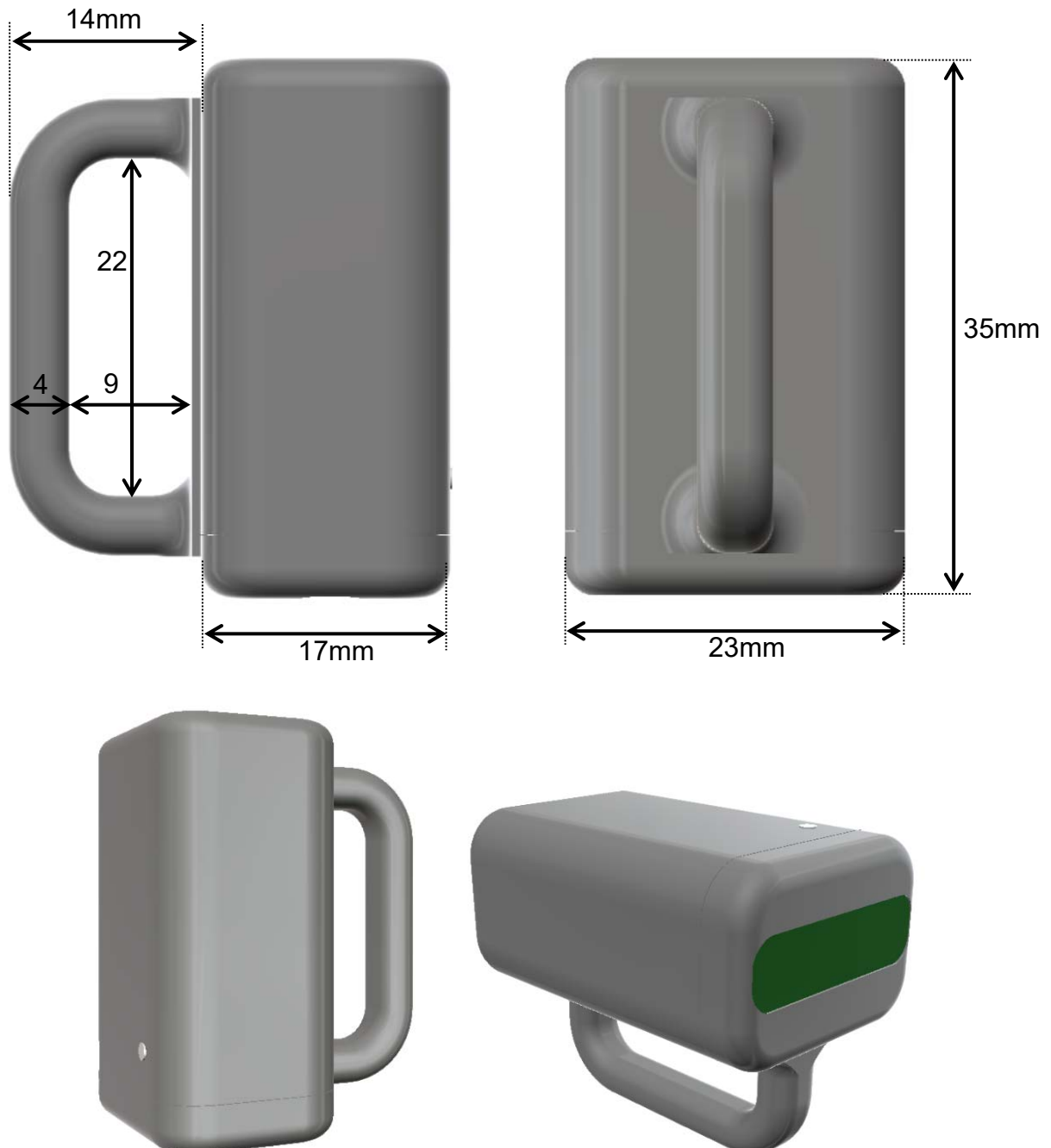
Epoxy Filled Enclosure 2

Resin filled enclosures are mainly used on deep diving animals such as penguins or seals when a high abrasion stress is combined with water immersion. The device shown below has 800mAh battery integrated. Design goal was to reduce water drag and device height. The enclosure is filled with epoxy potting material. Device weight <40g. Customization for other sizes/shapes is possible.



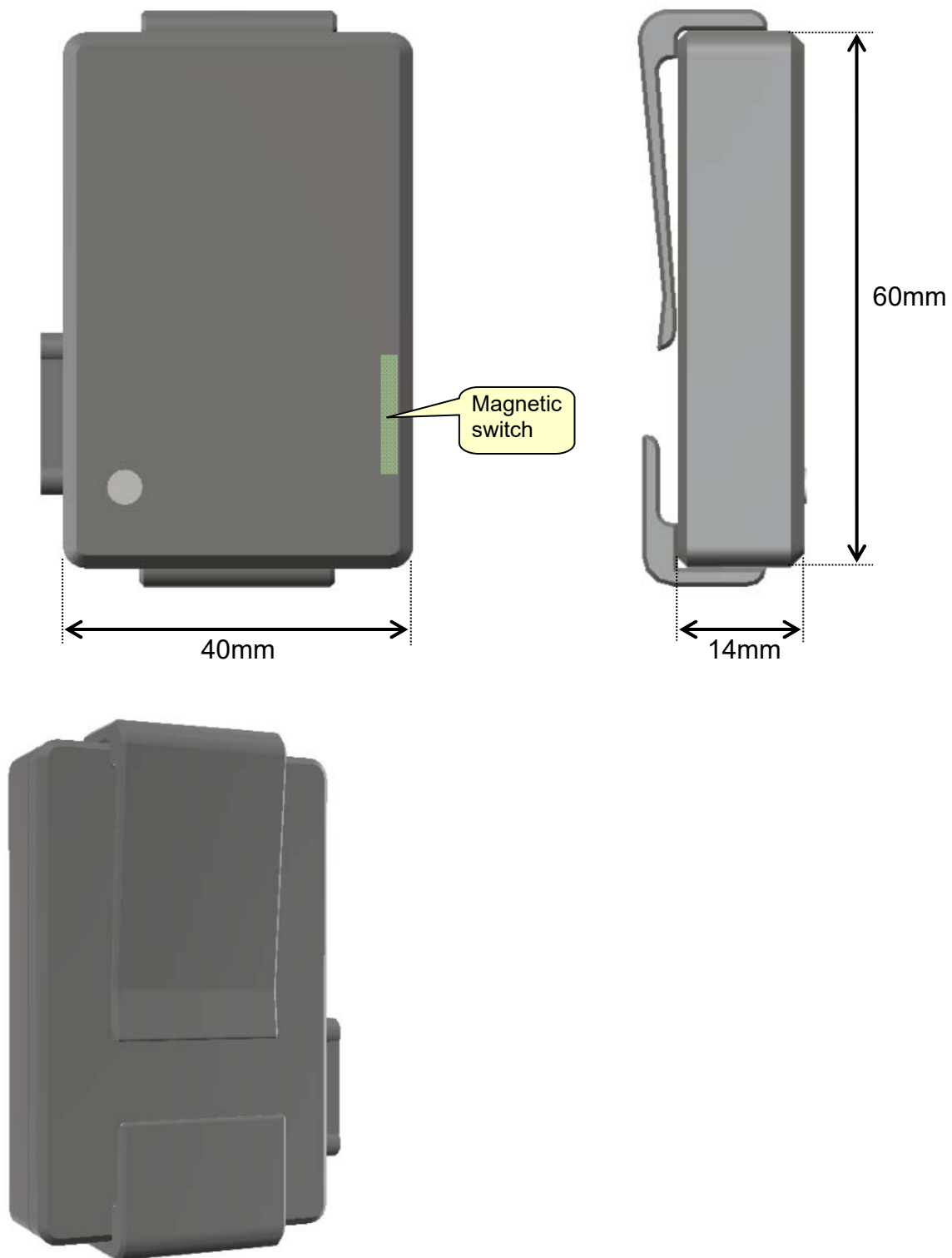
Leg Attach Enclosure

For medium to large walking birds like Kiwi and Chicken. The handle is attached to the leg and keeps the enclosure at distance. The shown device weights 20g with 250mAh battery.



Belt Clip Enclosure

Attaches to a belt worn by a person. Hermetically sealed, slim, rigid, no control elements. Due to dual clip design the device can't get lost. Device shown below has 800mAh battery.



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