

### **I'm better than my data!**

Sometimes you hear people bragging about flying so flow, their logging-device (protrack/altitrack etc) didn't record.

The devices record our freefall speeds. By function, they are programmed to stop logging as soon as they find a massive decrease in speed.  
So its not your actual flying speed that triggers the device the stop logging.

You can cruise along in a wingsuit at speeds of around 15 mph, and the device will still log it as freefall.

Yet, a lot of people find they exit the plane, and after 20 seconds of freefall, loose the log. As the device detected an opening.

What 'fools' a device into thinking you opened, is a rapid decrease in speed. Which means a sudden brake or flare, instead of a steady decrease in speed.

To assist in getting logs, the protrack/altitrack and other logging devices are equipped with special 'slow' settings.

These settings mean the software in the device will allow a bigger decrease in speed then normally possible in freefall, and still continue logging.

But still, changing speed to abrupt on a wingsuit jump will result in the device thinking you have open-end.

But the opposite is also possible;

If you start slowly decreasing your speed from around 80mph at around 4500 ft, down to 20mph at around 3000 ft, and then pull. The speed-decrease (due to canopy opening) is so smooth, the unit doesn't detect a pull, and sometimes keeps logging down to landing your canopy, even though your fallrate is almost undetectable at that point.

If you want to get readings from beginning to the end of your jump, and not have it switch off make sure you make all your changes in speed as smooth as possible.

If a units stops logging in freefall it only means one thing. You made an abrupt change in speed. It doesn't say anything about your actual freefall speeds.

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