

Layout & Installation Guide for Ethernet & Solar/Cellular BlueTOAD Units



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Summary

This document is meant as a guide for helping determine the proper layout of BlueTOAD units along with installation instructions.

The instructions, both quick and detailed are for both the Ethernet BlueTOAD unit and the solar/cellular BlueTOAD unit (both pictured below). Please consult with the pre-installation checklist to ensure all items are included and you are properly set for the installation.

Please consult either TrafficCast or your local BlueTOAD representative if you have any questions.





BlueTOAD Layout Guidelines

- □ After selecting the target road segment for a speed/travel time data collection, determine how many BlueTOADs are necessary for the study by using the following information:
 - BlueTOAD has an effective detection range of approximately 250 feet radius from the antenna.
 - The minimum distance to space BlueTOAD:
 - Ethernet BlueTOAD 0.5 miles
 - Cellular BlueTOAD 0.25 miles w/ power control *

* Power Control allows us to shrink the detection zone. Only available in cellular version.

- □ The maximum distance is a function of the road type:
 - Highway max is 4 to 5 miles.
 - Arterial (no traffic lights) is 2 to 2 ½ miles.
 - Arterial (w/ traffic lights) is 1 to 1 ½ miles.
 - Dense urban is 1 mile. The number of intersections, traffic signals, or exit ramps can affect the speed/travel time and should therefore be kept to a minimum.
 - In an Origin/Destination deployment, BlueTOADs need to be installed prior to the destination as well as after. Additional BlueTOADs required is then based on the driver options (i.e. can turn left or right which will require one for each direction of travel).



BlueTOAD Site Survey

Site Survey Task	Solar Powered BlueTOAD	AC or POE BlueTOAD
Make sure that each location has an unobstructed view to the sky.	8 9	
Make sure that the solar panel can be mounted such that it is facing true south.	9 0	
Make sure that the mounting structure (i.e. sign truss, light pole, etc) can accommodate the weight loading: - 50lbs for BlueTOAD w/ battery and 14lbs for 50W panel - 50lbs for BlueTOAD w/ battery and 9lbs for 30W panel - 9lbs for BlueTOAD - AC or POE powered (no battery)		9 0
Make sure that there is sufficient space that the BlueTOAD can be mount at a height that provide a clear view of the road (approximately 10 to 14 feet above ground level).	9 0	
Make sure that there is sufficient shoulder lane width that will allow access to the installed BlueTOAD without having to have any lane closures.	9 0	
Avoid locations that are within 320 feet of any Wi-MAX transmitters.	9 90	9 0
Make note of any other antenna towers in the area.	B O	
Make note of any train lines or frontage roads in the area.	9 0	9 9
Create a unique location name (i.e. street name, intersection, mile marker, etc), and note Latitude/Longitude for each proposed location.	8 0	Ş



Ethernet BlueTOAD Pre-Installation

- **STEP 1** Confirm site survey checklist has been completed for all locations.
- **STEP 2** Confirm all parts are present.
- □ STEP 3 Confirm that the network setting (e.g IP address, gateway, subnet mask, and DNS) are properly set and that all ports (69, 123, 8010) are open and set for outbound traffic.
- □ **STEP 4** After confirming the unit is configured properly, in the presence of Bluetooth signals, power up unit and confirm all LEDs are normal after the unit initializes.
- □ STEP 5 Call TrafficCast*, communicate the BlueTOAD device number, indicate that the unit has been powered up, LEDs are normal, and await TrafficCast to confirm the network is seeing data from this unit.
- **STEP 6** After confirmation from TrafficCast, power off the unit before installation.

Ethernet BlueTOAD Installation – Quick Guide (see full guide below for more details)

- □ **STEP 1** After the BlueTOAD enclosure has been installed, plug the main CAT5 cable from the POE injector in the POE splitter.
- **STEP 2** After unit has been powered on, confirm all LEDs are normal.
- □ STEP 3 Before leaving the location, call TrafficCast* after the unit has started detecting Bluetooth signals, communicated the device ID number and that the LEDs are normal, and confirm from TrafficCast that the network is transmitting the data from this unit.
- □ **STEP 4** Add each installed BlueTOAD unit to a compiled list of unit location data (keep a list of device ID, location, and installation date for each unit).
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Ethernet BlueTOAD Installation – Full Guide





BlueTOAD™ Roadside Bluetooth™ Sensor Equipment Power over Ethernet (PoE) Configuration

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BlueTOAD Sensor Equipment Components



BlueTOAD Unit Mounting How-To Basics

Category	Recommended Requirements
Mounting structure	Lamp or signal poles (BlueTOAD - 10 lbs.)
Height	Clear immediate obstacles - 10' – 14' ground clearance ideal
Antenno Clearance	The device should be mounted such that the external Bluetooth antenna is as unobstructed as possible and so that it has a clear line of sight to the target road segment
Antenno Alignment	Use the BlueTOAD front cover (enclosure door face) as an antenna reference.
	If the BlueTOAD unit is mounted on side of the road, place front cover parallel to the road.
	If the BlueTOAD unit is mounted on the center median, place the front cover perpendicular to the road.







Solar/Cellular BlueTOAD Pre-Installation

- □ STEP 1 Confirm site survey checklist has been completed for all locations. After confirming the unit has a SIM card inserted, in the presence of Bluetooth signals, turn the unit on and confirm all LEDs are normal.
- **STEP 2** Confirm all parts are present.
- □ **STEP 3** Add each installed BlueTOAD unit to a compiled list of unit location data (keep a list of device ID, location, and installation date for each unit).
- □ STEP 4 While the unit is on the ground, at each install location, open the BlueTOAD enclosure door, and with some light hitting the solar panel, attach the solar panel cable to the BlueTOAD enclosure, and confirm the "Charging" LED lights up on the Charge Controller inside the BlueTOAD enclosure, and then disconnect the solar panel cable from the enclosure.
- STEP 5 After confirming the unit has a SIM card inserted, in the presence of Bluetooth signals, power up unit on the ground (battery only, no solar power needed) by turning the main power switch to the on position, and confirm all LEDs are normal after the unit initializes.
- □ STEP 6 Call TrafficCast*, communicate the BlueTOAD serial number, indicate that the unit has been powered up, LEDs are normal, and await TrafficCast to confirm the network is seeing data from this unit.
- □ STEP 7 After confirmation from TrafficCast, power off the unit before installation on the pole commences, attached the solar power cable to complete installation.

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- □ STEP 1 After the solar panel (30W or 50W) and BlueTOAD enclosure have been installed, but before turning the main power switch on, confirm the "Charging" LED is lit on the charge controller after the solar cable has been attached to the enclosure (leave solar cable attached).
- **STEP 2** After confirming the unit has a SIM card inserted, in the presence of Bluetooth signals, turn the unit on and confirm all LEDs are normal.
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