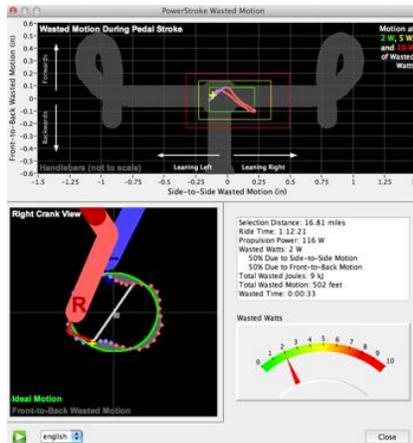




# PowerStroke™ Operating Instructions PowerPod® FW 6.04 and higher AeroPod® CdA/power meter system Newton® FW 3.0 and higher

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## Introduction

PowerStroke is Velocomp's exclusive measurement suite of *front-to-back* and *side-to-side wobble motion* of the bicycle, and the analysis of the *Wasted Watts, Wasted Motion, and Wasted Time* caused by wobbling.

PowerStroke works by adding new technology to the AeroPod, PowerPod, and Newton (in these instructions, interchangeably referred to as "Device" or "Devices"), and also to Isaac software.

In PowerStroke mode, your Device records its data at high speed (16 times per second), vs. the typical once per second.

Then, Isaac software analyzes the high-speed data, determining the front-to-back and side-to-side wobbling motion of the bike *each 10 degrees of a pedal stroke*. Wobble measurements and associated Wasted Watts, Wasted Motion, and Wasted Time stats are shown in Isaac's PowerStroke Window.

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## SETTING UP POWERSTROKE

To use PowerStroke, these four, one-time setup steps are required:

- 1) Download and install the latest version of firmware for your Device, and also the latest version of Isaac software
- 2) Purchase and install the PowerStroke upgrade key (not required if your Device came pre-installed with the PowerStroke key)  
**NOTE: FOR AEROPOD ONLY, POWERSTROKE IS INCLUDED AS A STANDARD FEATURE**
- 3) NEWTON ONLY: Set PowerStroke recording mode to "Yes" (on)
- 4) After your first PowerStroke ride, set the position of your cadence sensor

These four steps need to be done only once.

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| <p><b>NOTICE:</b> IF YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY SET UP AND CALIBRATED YOUR DEVICE, AFTER INSTALLING POWERSTROKE YOU DO <b>NOT</b> HAVE TO RECALIBRATE YOUR DEVICE</p> |
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# **STEP ONE: INSTALL THE LATEST VERSIONS OF DEVICE FIRMWARE AND ISAAC SOFTWARE**

You can obtain the most current (and free) firmware and software upgrades using Isaac software:

## **Firmware**

1. Attach your Device to your Mac/PC.
2. Turn on your Device (click any button; screen lights-up)
3. Launch the Isaac software
4. Go to "Device/Check Online for Firmware updates..."
5. Follow the prompts to download and install the latest version of Device firmware.
6. At the end of the update, you will receive a message showing the version of firmware installed.

## **Software**

1. Launch your Isaac software
2. Go to "Help/Check Online for Software Update..."
3. Follow the prompts to download and install the latest version of Isaac software.
4. At the end of the update, re-launch Isaac.

## **STEP TWO: PURCHASE/INSTALL POWERSTROKE KEY**

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A VELOCOMP DEVICE WITH THE POWERSTROKE KEY PRE-INSTALLED, SKIP THIS STEP AND PROCEED DIRECTLY TO STEP 3!**

1. Purchase a PowerStroke Key from the Velocomp Web Store:

<https://velocomp-llc.myshopify.com/products/powerstroke-upgrade-key-for-powerpod-power-meter>

2. You will receive an email from Velocomp, instructing you to email the serial number of your Device.

3. To obtain the serial number of your Device, do the following:

1. Attach your Device to your Mac/PC.
2. Turn on your Device (click any button; screen lights-up)
3. Launch the Isaac software
4. Go to "Device/SN and FW Version..."
5. In a few seconds, the serial number of your Device will appear in a window.
6. Copy and paste your serial number into your reply email

4. Velocomp will send you a return email, with the PowerStroke key included as an attachment.

5. To install the PowerStroke key into your Device, do the following:

1. Transfer the PowerStroke key from the email to your computer's Desktop
2. Attach your Device to your Mac/PC.
3. Turn on your Device (click any button; screen lights-up)

4. Launch the Isaac software
5. Go to "Device/Unlock Feature..."
6. Follow the prompts to navigate to your PowerStroke key
7. Click the "Upload" button
8. It takes just a few seconds for the key to be installed. At the end of the installation, you'll see a message saying that the PowerStroke feature has been installed.
9. Download any ride files stored on your Device.
10. Erase your ride data from your Device.

**Once installed, your PowerStroke key will be stored permanently in your Device. You will not ever need to install the key again.**

## STEP THREE (NEWTON ONLY): SET POWERSTROKE RECORDING TO "ON"

If you are using PowerStroke with an AeroPod or PowerPod power meter, PowerStroke is automatically turned on; **please skip to step 4.**

**TIP:** After installing your PowerStroke key, your Newton is automatically set to record your ride files in PowerStroke mode ("ON FAST REC").

You can check if your Newton is in PowerStroke record mode, in either of these two ways:

### *WHEN WAKING YOUR NEWTON FROM SLEEP*

Whenever your Newton is awakened from sleep, AND your Newton is set to record in PowerStroke mode, this screen will appear:



To continue with your Newton set to record ride data in PowerStroke mode, simply click the center button to dismiss the reminder message

**TIP:** When awakening from sleep, if your Newton is NOT set to PowerStroke mode, you won't see the "On Fast Rec" reminder message

### *FROM THE SETUP SEQUENCE*

Alternatively, at any time you can enter Setup (Press-hold the up arrow), and click the up arrow a few times. When in PowerStroke mode is "on" you'll see this screen:



To return to the main screen, press-hold the up arrow to exit Setup.

## **TURNING POWERSTROKE RECORDING OFF (Newton Only)**

For long rides, or when doing starting a ride where your Newton's memory is nearly full, you will want to turn PowerStroke recording "Off", so that you don't run out of ride memory during your ride.

When PowerStroke recording is "on" (you see the "On Fast Rec" screen), to turn PowerStroke "off", do the following:

### **Turning off when waking from Sleep**

- 1) When waking the Newton from sleep, if the "On Fast Rec" screen is seen, *press-hold the center button for a few seconds*. The word "On" flashes. Click any arrow; the word "Off" will flash.



- 2) To accept, click the center button. The word "Done" will flash momentarily, then the main screen will appear. PowerStroke recording has been turned off.

### **Turning off from Setup screens:**

- 1) From any main screen, press-hold the up arrow to enter Setup. Click the up arrow a few times, until you see the "On Fast Rec" screen. Press-hold the center button. The word "On" flashes. Click any arrow; the word "Off" flashes. Click to accept. The word "Done" flashes for a few seconds, the unit then returns to the main screen, and PowerStroke recording has been turned off.

## **TURNING POWERSTROKE RECORDING ON (Newton Only)**

When PowerStroke recording is off ("Off Fast Rec"), *you must enter Setup to turn PowerStroke recording on*. Do the following:

- 1) Enter Setup.
- 2) Click the up arrow a few times. The screen "Off Fast Rec" will appear
- 3) Click the center button. The word "Off" will flash
- 4) Click any arrow; the word "On" flashes.
- 5) To accept your choice, click the center button. The word "Done" flashes for a few seconds, the unit returns automatically to the main screen, and PowerStroke recording has been turned on.

## **STEP 4: SET CADENCE SENSOR POSITION**

PowerStroke ride files include information regarding the mounting position of your cadence sensor on your left chain stay.

After downloading your first PowerStroke ride, Isaac will prompt you to state where your cadence sensor is positioned on your bike ("Above" or "Below" the left chain stay). Your response will be stored in the profile for your bike, and also be transmitted to your Device.

**IMPORTANT:** If you are using a "magnet-less" cadence sensor, set your position to "Above".

# USING POWERSTROKE ON THE ROAD

Hi-speed PowerStroke recording works “behind the scenes”.

When in PowerStroke mode you won't see ANY differences in the on-the-road operation of your Device, EXCEPT that your ride memory will fill much more quickly.

Why does memory fill quickly? In PowerStroke mode, your Device records sensor data at high speed, 16 times per second.

**NOTICE: POWERSTROKE RECORDING MODE USES A LOT OF MEMORY!** IN POWERSTROKE MODE, **MAXIMUM RIDE RECORDING TIME IS 26.0 HOURS** (WITH MEMORY FULLY ERASED PRIOR TO STARTING THE RIDE), DEPENDING ON DEVICE MODEL.

**TIP:** IN POWERSTROKE MODE WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU **DOWNLOAD YOUR RIDE DATA AFTER EACH RIDE, THEN ERASE YOUR DEVICE RIDE MEMORY IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.**

# ANALYZING POWERSTROKE FILES WITH ISAAC SOFTWARE

**NOTICE:** PowerStroke files can be read only with Isaac software

**IMPORTANT: WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU READ THE APPENDIX, WHICH PROVIDES DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CONCEPTS AND MEASUREMENTS THAT ARE DISCUSSED IN THIS SECTION**

In this section we will concentrate on Isaac features unique to PowerStroke; for all other instructions regarding Isaac software, please consult the Isaac Instructions, located in the "Help/Help Documents/Isaac Instructions" menu item of your Isaac software.

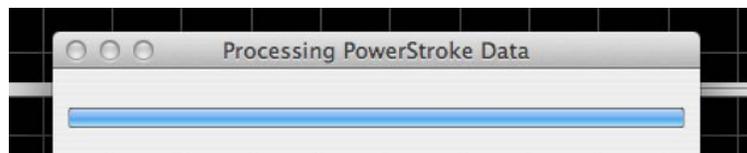
## DOWNLOADING RIDE FILES

There is no difference in downloading PowerStroke ride files, EXCEPT that they take much longer to download. This is because the files are very large, due to the high-speed data rate used in PowerStroke.

If you've done a very long ride, it can take several minutes to download a PowerStroke file; be patient!

Launch Isaac. Use the "Device/Download Data..." command to download ride files from your Device.

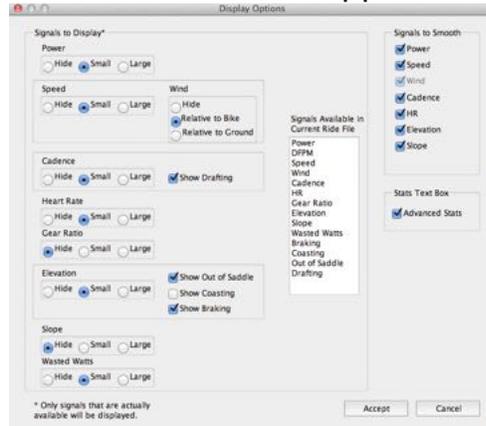
When a PowerStroke ride file is opened, your PowerStroke data is processed behind the scenes. This can take a few seconds; please be patient:



## Displaying PowerStroke Wasted Watts in Main Window

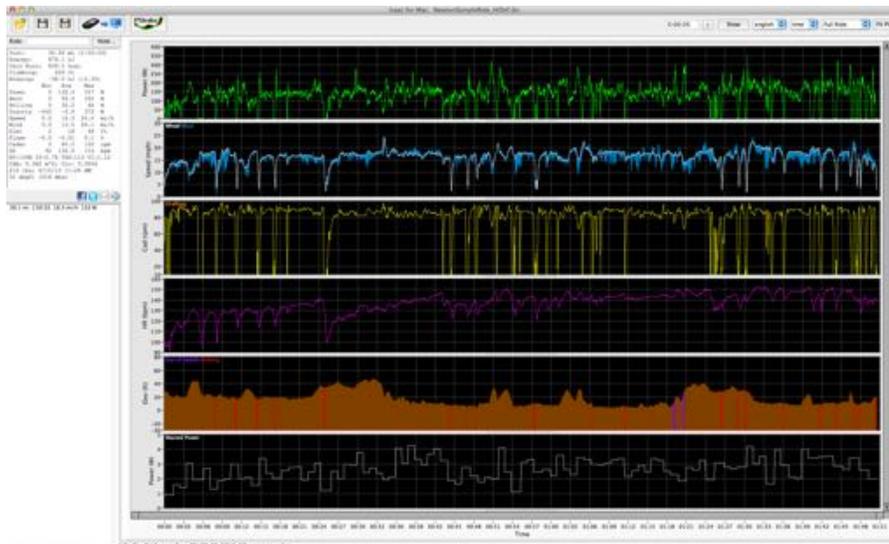
PowerStroke Wasted Watts can be displayed in the main window, as follows:

- 1) In the main window, touch the "Show" button in the top right of the main window. This window will appear:



- 2) In the bottom left corner, select the "Wasted Watts" radio button in the lower left corner. Then, select Accept.

In the main window, in the lowest portion of the graph, you'll see your Wasted Watts displayed, divided into one-minute increments. By looking at your power/elevation/wind data above, you can associate your Wasted Watts with changes in your riding conditions, such as drafting, climbing hills, or speed.



## The PowerStroke Window

In this section we will use the "Sample Ride" file (located in the Help menu of Isaac) to illustrate PowerStroke functionality.

To see PowerStroke stats for the *entire* ride file, click the PowerStroke icon:

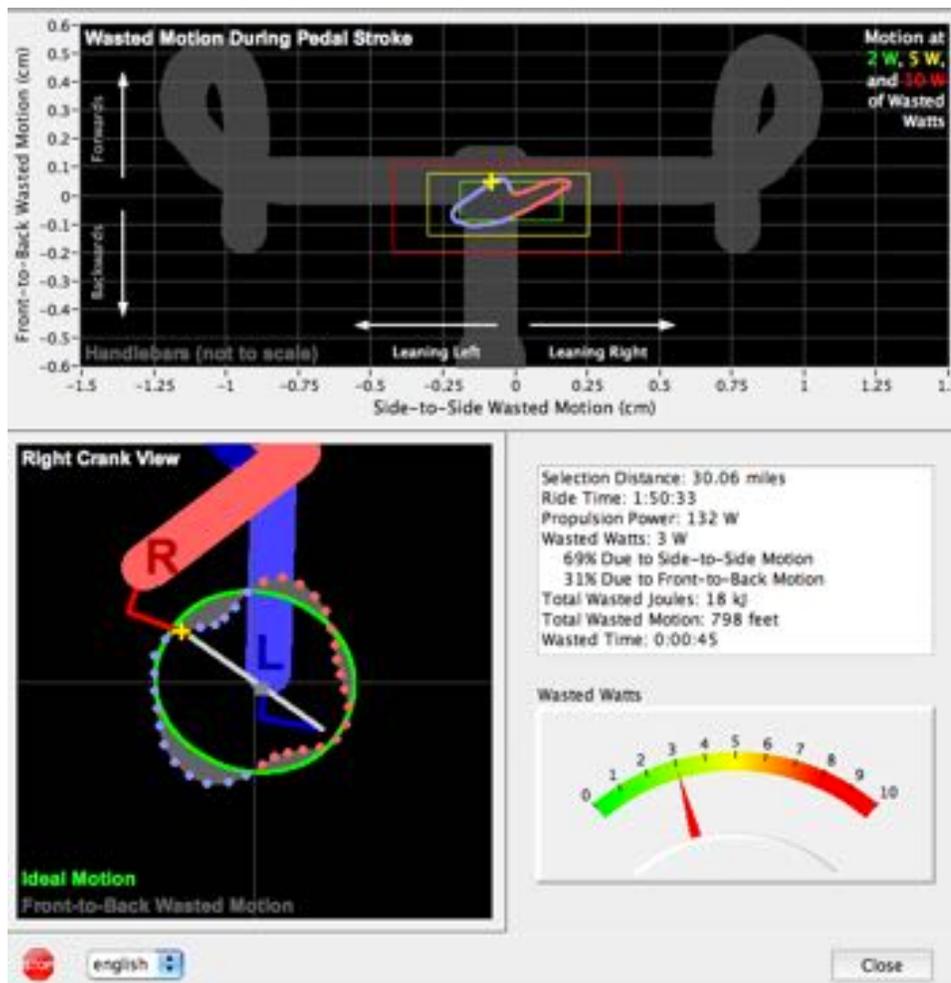


To analyze PowerStroke information for a *selected portion* of the ride, while in the main window, highlight the portion of the ride you want to analyze, then click the PowerStroke icon

**NOTE:** FOR BEST QUALITY OF POWERSTROKE ANALYSIS, SELECT AT LEAST A THREE MINUTE PORTION OF YOUR RIDE

If your ride WAS recorded in PowerStroke mode, after a few seconds the PowerStroke window for your ride file will appear.

Here is the PowerStroke window for the entire ride:



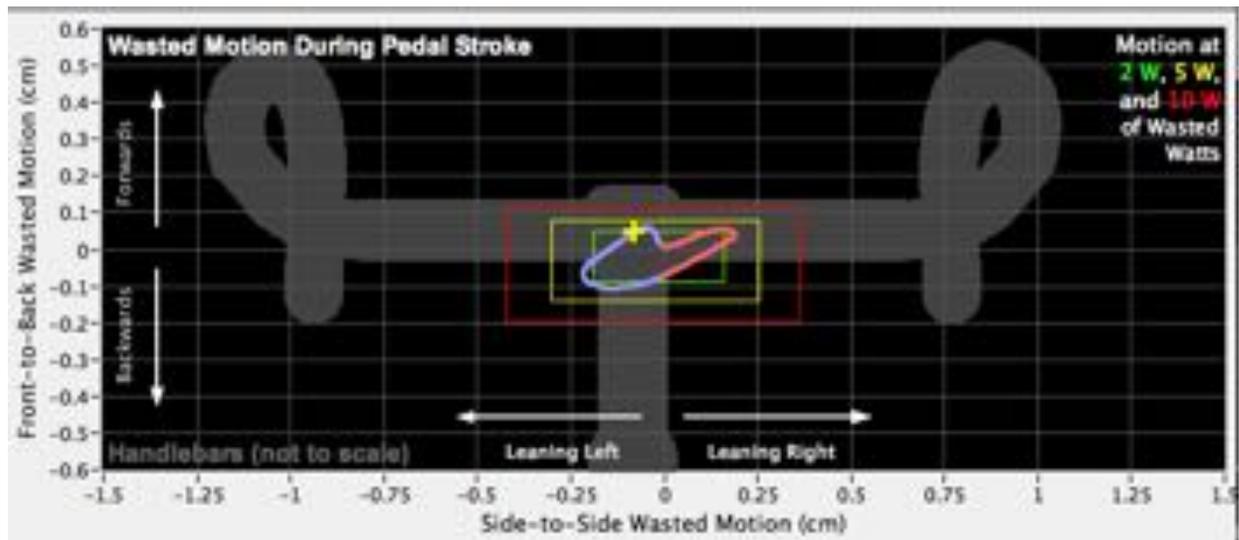
**NOTE:** IN THE "WASTED MOTION" PLOT AND "RIGHT CRANK" PLOT, RIGHT STROKE INFORMATION IS COLORED IN PINK. LEFT STROKE INFORMATION IS COLORED IN LIGHT BLUE.

**NOTE:** CLICKING THE PLAY (>) BUTTON IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER CAUSES THE WASTED MOTION AND CRANK VIEW PLOTS TO ANIMATE. THE YELLOW CURSOR (+) SHOWS THE COMPARABLE DATA AS THE CRANK TURNS

**NOTE:** THE GREEN/YELLOW/RED RECTANGLES IN THE WASTED MOTION PLOT CORRESPOND TO THE GREEN/YELLOW/RED COLORS IN THE WASTED WATTS GAUGE

There are four sections to the PowerStroke Window. Each will be described individually.

## WASTED MOTION PLOT



The Wasted Motion Plot shows the motion of the bike, relative to the center of mass of the rider, both side to side, and front to back, as the cyclist pedals through a complete turn of the crank.

The amount of bike motion underneath the rider (in inches or cm, depending on units selection) is shown on the vertical and horizontal axes. Horizontal is side-to-side; vertical is front-to-back. To help with the visualization of this movement, handlebars are shown in the view.

The cyclist's actual motion for the pedal stroke is traced out by the blue/pink curve. Where the curve is blue, the cyclist is pushing down with his left leg; pink is right leg.

The more the cyclist pulsates left/right, or front/back, the larger the curve expands, and the more the handlebars move around. Less wasted motion will keep most of the curve within the green box (2 watts) of wasted motion; larger amounts of wasted motion will push the curve into the yellow, or even red boxes.

If the bike did not move AT ALL underneath the cyclist the curve would shrink to a pinpoint at the center of the green box, and the handlebars would be stationary. But zero motion IMPOSSIBLE, because the cyclist can never be absolutely motionless with respect to the bike. **So, the training goal is to reduce the size of the curve, getting it consistently within the green box.**

## **Crank Stroke Plot**

All cyclists know that their bike is propelled down the road by the power (Propulsion Power) they apply to the pedals. And many cyclists know that the bulk of their propulsion power comes unevenly during each crank stroke—only a small portion of their propulsion power is applied at the top and bottom of the crank stroke, and most propulsion power is applied between.

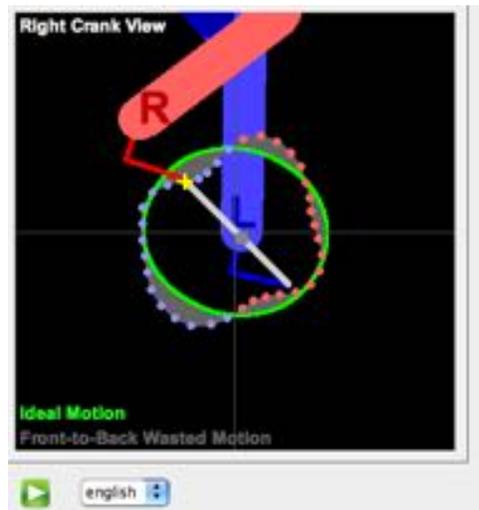
What's much less obvious is that the cyclist must ALSO supply power to wobble the bike side-to-side, and front-to-back. Because this power does NOT move the bike down the road, it is wasted effort: Wasted Watts.

The Crank Stroke plot focuses on the bike's forward-and-back wasted motion of the bike, during a crank turn. Indeed, this forward/back motion captures the pulsating motion of the cyclist's body. The cyclist weighs much more than the bike, so small motions of the cyclist's body results in larger motions of the bike. There is a spring-like push-pull pulsation between cyclist and bike that creates the unique pattern shown in the Crank Stroke Plot. If the bike and rider had no spring-like motion, the bike and rider would move with the small and gentle pulsation pattern as shown in by the green line in the Crank Stroke Plot, as the legs exert torque and accelerate the bike and rider down the road.

Aided by the Crank Plot, the training goal is to minimize excessive forward-and-back pulsations caused by the cyclist's spring-like body motion, and to make the overall motion of the bike close to the ideal of smooth, even acceleration and deceleration caused by application of power to the pedals.

## Reading the Crank Plot

Here is a snapshot of the crank plot

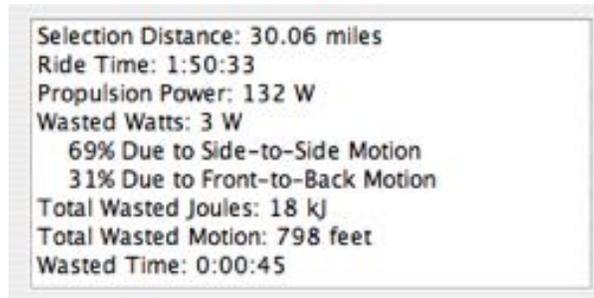


Here's how to get the most out of the Crank Stroke plot:

- 1) The Crank Plot shows the pedaling motion of the cyclist as the crank turns, as viewed from the right (gear side) crank
- 2) Clicking the green Play (>) button at the bottom left animates the Crank Plot, and also the Wasted Motion plot
- 3) The cyclist's actual front-to-back movement is represented by pink and blue colored dots. Each dot represents the actual motion of the cyclist, for the time period selected, as the bike crank turns. The dots are provided at 10 degree increments.
- 4) Pink dots show the movement of the bike while the right crank stroke is applied. Blue dots show the movement of the bike while the left crank stroke is applied
- 5) The yellow "+" cursor appears both in the Crank Plot and the Wasted Motion plot, allowing the two plots to be lined-up with each other
- 6) The Green Oval shows the Ideal motion of the bike. This idealized motion was determined from published papers that measured top cyclists' power stroke, in a laboratory environment
- 7) The actual motion of the cyclist is shown relative to the ideal motion. Where the dots are "outside" of the circle the motion is relatively higher than ideal; where the dots are inside the motion is not as much as ideal
- 8) The shaded grey area shows where Wasted Motion occurs. The smaller the shaded area, the less the wasted motion
- 9) Deviations from the ideal are caused by any (or all) of these

factors: poor bike fit, improper frame size, excessively flexible frame material, improper pedaling style.

### PowerStroke Ride Stats Box



This box provides numerical summaries of the PowerStroke data analyzed, for the portion (part or all) of the ride file selected in the main window:

- 1) "Selection Distance" is the down-the-road distance that has been selected for analysis
- 2) "Ride Time" is the total time of the distance analyzed
- 3) "Propulsion Power" is the average power produced by the cyclist for the period analyzed
- 4) "Wasted Watts" is the *total* watts wasted, due to side-to-side and front-to-back motion. Beneath the Wasted Watts are the percentage watts split between front-to-back and side-to-side
- 5) "Total Wasted Joules" is the energy wasted for the distance analyzed, due to Wasted Motion
- 6) "Total Wasted Motion" is the total distance wobbled during the down-the-road distance
- 7) "Wasted Time" is an indicator of how much time was wasted due to Wasted Motion. This indicator assumes that 100% of wasted watts is converted into Propulsion Watts

### PowerStroke Wasted Watts Gauge



This gauge shows the Wasted Watts for the data analyzed. The colors in the gauge correspond to the box colors in the Wasted Motion plot.

# **APPENDIX: POWERSTROKE CONCEPTS AND MEASUREMENTS: “WOBBLING”; “WASTED MOTION”™, “WASTED TIME”™, “WASTED WATTS”™; “IDEAL MOTION”; PROPULSION POWER**

PowerStroke includes Velocomp’s exclusive measurement suite of *front-to-back* and *side-to-side wobble motion* of the bike, and the *Wasted Watts, Motion, and Time* caused by wobbling.

This appendix discusses concepts and measurements that are central to PowerStroke.

## **Wobbling**

Riders are connected to their bikes through the pedals, seat, and handlebars. On average the rider and bicycle *must* move down the road at exactly the same speed (except, of course, in a crash!).

However, during the short time period of a crank revolution the rider isn’t “glued” to the bike. In fact, *the bike wobbles underneath the cyclist, both side-to-side and front to back*. More technically, the bike moves (wobbles), relative to the center of mass of the bike + rider system.

The PowerStroke precisely measures the side-to-side and front-to back wobbling of the bike, not in a laboratory environment, *but in real-life bike rides*.

Wobbling is measured by the Device’s accelerometer, and is defined as the average distance the bike deviates side-to-side, and front-to-back, from the rider’s center of mass during the period of time selected by the user. Wobbling motion is reported in two graphs in the PowerStroke window: 1) side-to-side vs. front-to-back, and 2) Front-to-back vs. crank angle.

## **Wobbling and Wasted Motion**

Wobbling is extraneous movement of the bike—that’s Wasted Motion. “Wasted Motion” is reported in three ways: the Wasted Motion graph, which plots the side-to-side vs. front-to-back movement of the bike relative to the rider; the Ideal Motion crank plot, which shows actual

front-to-back motion vs. crank angle; and the Wasted Motion measurement, which shows the *total* amount of side-to-side and front-to-back movement of the bike, in feet or meters, for the period of time selected by the user. Wasted Motion is reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box.

### **Propulsion Power**

It takes power to propel the bike/rider down the road. ***Power meters measure propulsion power.***

Propulsion Power is reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box, and is the same as the “Average Watts” number reported in the main window of Isaac.

### **Wobbling and Wasted Watts**

Wobbling requires the cyclist to expend energy (watts) to power the wobble—that’s Wasted Watts.

“Wasted Watts” is the amount of power required to move the rider’s center of mass through the motion measured by the accelerometer. Wasted Watts are consumed both in side-to-side motion, and front-to-back motion. The “split” of Wasted Watts between front-to-back and side-to-side motion is reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box.

Note that *Propulsion Power measurements do NOT include Wasted Watts*. Wasted Watts are a hidden “tax” paid by the cyclist’s body, to power the wobbling motion of each and every crank stroke.

Wasted Watts will vary throughout a bike ride; a graph of Wasted Watts vs. distance/time can be shown in the main window of Isaac.

Average Wasted Watts for the time/distance selected are reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box. Additionally, the “split” of Wasted Watts between front-to-back and side-to-side motion is reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box.

### **Wobbling and Wasted Time**

Any energy consumed by wobbling takes away from energy that might be used to cross the finish line sooner—that’s Wasted Time.

Wasted Time is an index, measured in seconds, that estimates the amount time that the cyclist would save during the period selected, if the Wasted Watts were converted into Propulsion Power.

Wasted Time for the time/distance selected is reported in the PowerStroke Stats Box.

### **Is wobbling always “bad”?**

Of course not! For example, in a sprint, side-to-side wobbling is extreme—producing huge amounts of short-term power, but at reduced economy, due to wobbling.

And even when not sprinting, some amount of wobbling is both natural and normal.

**But the best cyclists—the ones with good bike fit and trained pedaling style—have visibly less wobbling.** *These cyclists have distinctively smoother—and more economical—riding styles.* Whether driving a car, or pedaling a bike, economy is a good thing!

### **Excessive wobbling, and what causes it**

*Most cyclists wobble far more than they need to.* Excessive wobbling can be a result of improper bike fit, frame size/type, and pedaling style—either singly, or most often, in combination.

**PowerStroke compares your actual wobbling to the smooth motion of top cyclists, showing you if your wobbling is excessive.**

By reducing excessive wobbling, the cyclist reduces wasted motion/watts/time, *and becomes a better, more economical cyclist.*

### **The PowerStroke Crank Plot: Your actual motion vs “Ideal” motion**

Top cyclists have had their pedal and power strokes measured in the laboratory. As they turn the crank and apply power, these cyclists produce smooth, optimum acceleration and deceleration of the bike.

The PowerStroke Ideal Motion Crank Plot displays, as a green oval, the ideal, the lab-measured pedal stroke. The same plot overlays your actual front-to-back motion. Deviations of your motion from the ideal are shaded in grey.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

***Problem: In Isaac, when I click the PowerStroke icon, I don't see any PowerStroke data***

Possible causes:

- 1) Your cadence sensor is bumped out of position (cadence data is not recorded in the ride file). Make sure you are recording cadence. PowerStroke works only when cadence data is available.
- 2) NEWTON ONLY: Your ride was not recorded in PowerStroke mode. Make sure that your Device is set to "On Fast Rec"
- 3) You do not have the PowerStroke key installed. Connect your device to Isaac, then go to "Device/Unlock Feature/Get Unlock Status. You should see "PowerStroke Recording" listed as one of your Device's features.

***Problem: My PowerStroke ride file was "cut off" before I finished my bike ride***

Possible causes:

- 1) Your cadence sensor was bumped out of position.
- 2) Your ride was longer than 26 hours. PowerStroke rides can be no longer than 26 hours
- 3) You ran out of memory before your ride ended. Make sure to erase your ride memory prior to each PowerStroke ride

***Problem: Newton only: During my bike rides I get messages warning me that I am running out of memory***

Possible causes:

- 1) Your ride is 4.5 hours or longer. On long rides, your Device will warn you if you're running out of memory
- 2) You did not erase your ride memory prior to starting your ride

***Problem: My Crank Plot looks very odd, with pulsations that look like flower-petals***

Possible causes:

- 1) Your Wasted Motion is excessive. This causes pulsating "waves" in your measured motion that appear in crank plots as petals. You would likely benefit from a bike fit, and/or coaching from a cycling professional

***Problem: My Crank Plot looks OK, except my power pulsations***

***seem to be at the wrong angle***

Possible causes:

- 1) You have not set the Cadence Sensor Position in your Profile.

***Problem: My power readings are "off"***

Possible causes:

- 1) This has NOTHING to do with your PowerStroke features!  
Consult your Device Instructions for troubleshooting tips.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How does PowerStroke work?**

PowerStroke adds new technology to your PowerPod or Newton power meter, and also to Isaac software.

In PowerStroke mode the Device records its data 16 times per second (vs. usual once per second).

Isaac software analyzes the high-speed data, determining the front-to-back and side-to-side wobbling motion of the bike *each 10 degrees of a pedal stroke*.

Wobble measurements and associated Wasted Watts/Motion/Time stats are shown in Isaac's PowerStroke Window.

## **Can other power meters do what the PowerStroke does?**

Nope, and for two reasons!

Strain gauge sensors do not—and cannot—measure wobbling motions, and the wasted watts/motion/time caused by them.

Furthermore, most power meters broadcast their data once per crank revolution—about 1.33 times per second, and most ANT+ bike computers record power data only once per second. The PowerStroke records data 16 times per second, *more than 10 times more often than conventional power meters broadcast it, and 16 times more often than other cycling computers record it*.

## **How precise are PowerStroke measurements?**

PowerStroke accelerometer measurements are accurate within +/- 1%.

## **Can PowerStroke work any AeroPod, PowerPod or Newton?**

Yes!

PowerStroke is a standard feature with AeroPod. If you own a PowerPod or Newton, update your Device firmware to the latest

versions. Then, purchase the PowerStroke upgrade key, available at Velocomp Web Store. After receiving your upgrade key, your Device will be ready to ride: no additional calibrations or other changes are required.

### **How long a PowerStroke ride can I record?**

PowerStroke ride files can be up to 26 hours long. For rides longer than 26 hours, for Newton only, PowerStroke high-speed recording can be turned off.

Note that PowerStroke cannot be “turned off” for AeroPod and PowerPod models.

### **OTHER QUESTIONS?**

Please contact us anytime with your questions:

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