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traffic data specialists

MetroCount at Intertraffic India 2011

MetroCount recently exhibited at the inaugural Intertraffic India exhibition and conference in New Delhi. We received a wonderful response to our traffic monitoring products and software. We would like to sincerely thank all visitors to our stand for the opportunity to demonstrate our products, which we believe are ideally suited to India

Frequently Asked Questions

At Intertraffic India we received many visitors to our stand. The questions were many and varied. There were, however, several common questions, some of which are summarised here.

What is MetroCount?

MetroCount is an Australian electronic engineering company established in 1987. For more than 20 years we have specialised in systems and software for automatic traffic monitoring. We have seven major product lines and our systems are sold in over 90 countries. We have long established subsidiary offices in UK and USA, and we have clients at every level, from major Departments of Transport down to the smallest one-person engineering consultancy.

How can MetroCount benefit my organisation?

At MetroCount, we are the "Traffic Data Specialists" and our systems and knowledge of traffic monitoring are second-to-none. With a focus on high reliability, ease-of-use and world-leading software, MetroCount will help take your traffic monitoring to a new level.

What are the key benefits of the MetroCount 5600?

The MetroCount 5600 is our most popular system. It uses two pneumatic tubes for short term traffic studies. It is a "time-stamping" data logger, a principle pioneered by MetroCount. This means that every vehicle, indeed every axle, is available for office processing, giving the data analyst the ultimate flexibility at the "business end" of the traffic monitoring process.

Quality software is integral to traffic monitoring and should never be an optional add-on. We provide our world-leading "MetroCount Traffic Executive" software package for FREE with every MetroCount 5600.

What is the MetroCount 5600 suitable power source and how long does it last?

The MetroCount 5600 has a user-replaceable alkaline battery pack providing 290 days of continuous operations and even longer for less frequent surveys. We don't use rechargeable batteries, as these impose extra logistical constraints. Our goal is to keep you counting with the minimum of fuss!

Is the MetroCount 5600 suitable for monitoring toll operations?

Yes, but not recommended at the toll booths themselves. Our view is that accurate classification is generally not possible in the stop-start traffic at a toll booth. Our systems, however, can provide highly accurate "ground-truth" data on the approaching road sections.

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### How long does it take to install tubes?

After a brief learning curve, it generally takes a skilled operator about 10 minutes to install and setup a MetroCount 5600. No special tools are required.

How can I use the MetroCount 5600 on roads with poor lane discipline?

Poor lane discipline can be a problem for any axle-based traffic monitoring equipment. But generally, we believe that well-placed MC5600 units will outperform any manual counting in most settings, providing longer datasets with quality assurance.

How many units do I need for a four-lane road?

For ultimate classification and speed accuracy, we always recommend installing one unit for each lane. In locations with poor lane discipline, one unit can be used with tubes extending partially across the lane, with another unit completely covering the adjacent lane. This means that in most cases, cars will be recorded on only one logger, reducing or eliminating over counting.
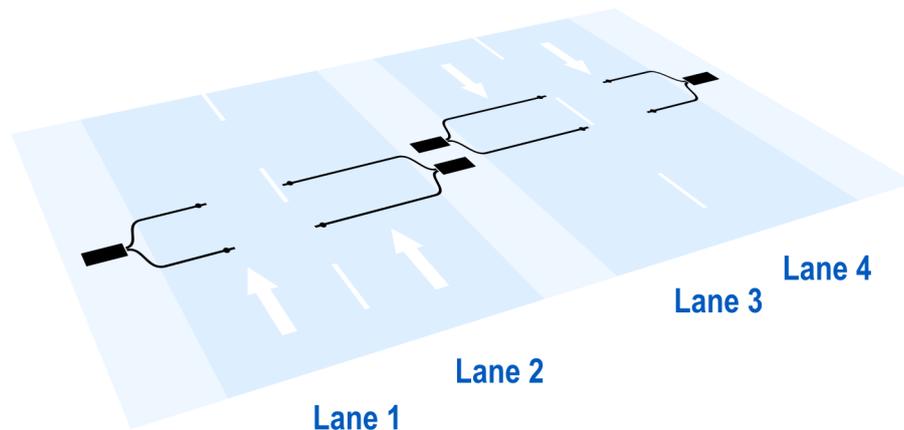
What classification scheme should I use for India?

We understand that there is not yet a nationally accepted axle classification scheme in India. We are working with some clients to assist in this regard.

But what remains most noteworthy: MetroCount units only store the raw axle events ("time stamping"). Therefore, the classification scheme is a function of software, not data collection. We have many class schemes built in to the software, and changing schemes is easy.

With MetroCount, you can gather traffic data today with the absolute confidence and surety that your data will not become obsolete. Any class scheme can be applied to any raw data, anytime in the future.

What is MetroCount's warranty?

Our traffic counters have a global reputation for extreme reliability. All our products carry a 12 month manufacturer's warranty, which we honour anywhere in the world. Failure rates are extremely low and we generally deal with more complex problems by swapping faulty units with new units during the warranty period.

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