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Zebra is the "Official On-Field Player Tracking Provider of the NFL, powering the League's ambitious, game-changing Next Generation Stats initiative. With decades of heritage as a global leader in Enterprise Asset Intelligence, Zebra Technologies has served Blue Chip companies across sectors as diverse as industrial manufacturing, transportation and logistics, health care and retail, transforming the way businesses use location-based tracking technology to unlock business value.

Building on this rich foundation, Zebra has boldly challenged the status quo in sports by introducing patented RFID technology to deliver a paradigm-shifting, player tracking system in professional sports.

# Why Zebra

# **Innovation**

Zebra Sports is revolutionizing how sports are watched, analyzed, coached and played. Powered by RFID technology it is one of the only real-time player tracking systems in sports, transcending other limited solutions with ground-breaking speed and precision.

# **Excellence in Product Integrity**

Following a competition among top global technology vendors, the NFL selected Zebra to be its Official On-Field Player Tracking Provider. Within the first year the Solution was selected as winner of Sports Business Journal's Sports Business Awards 'Best in Sports Technology' and RFID Journal's 'Best New Product' Awards.

# **Limitless Applications**

The Zebra Sports Solution enables a trove of data for real-time insight. As it's full spectrum of capabilities continue to be leveraged across multiple sports properties, its impact will be significant. New player tracking insights will change how fans relate to sports through cross-channel engagement and forever transform coaching and player personnel evaluations.

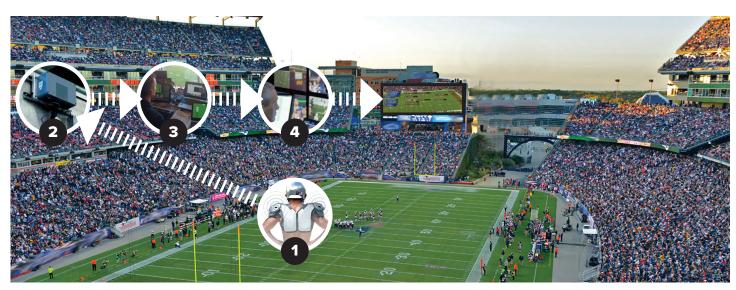




Winner of SBJ 2015 Best in Sports Technology

Winner of RFID Journal Best New Product







Each player wears two nickle-sized sensors, one under each shoulder pad, that emit unique radio frequencies at 15 times per second.



Receivers mounted permanently between the upper and lower decks of the stadium read signals from all players on the field pinpointing a players' position, tracking speed, acceleration, and distance traveled in real-time.



Algorithms aggregate players' stats from the data and displays it on analytics software, which allows Zebra staff to add context to data in real-time.



The data is instantly interpreted by media producers to create graphics for viewers across a variety of digital media channels and devices from jumbotrons to smart phones and tablets in real-time.





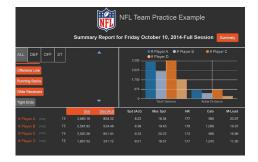
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# **Solution Benefits**

# **Athlete Performance**

Zebra Sports is revolutionizing how scouts, coaches and trainers evaluate players. This solution allows trainers to keep athletes at peak performance by developing bespoke training plans based on individual metrics and fatigue thresholds. The proprietary software further enables NFL coaches to sync with official Game Day data and integrate it to quickly optimize training.



# Coaching & Training

Zebra's solution enables a consistent, data -forward analysis method, allowing coaches to strategize in-game and in-practice using real-time data to adapt and be endlessly nimble in play-calling. Whether assessing route running patterns, evaluating grouping and formation, analyzing the separation distances on pass coverage or assessing quarterback pressure, there are limitless. highly customizable applications.

NFL Team Practice Example Summary Report for Friday October 10, 2014								
Show Groups	Export CSV							
Name	Position		Dist (Act)	Spd (Act)	Max Spd			M-Load
# Player M(rest)	WR	4,444.00	1,031.36	8.58	23.41	177	1,149	20.47

## Fan Enhancement

This proprietary real-time player tracking solution enhances fans viewing through television broadcasts, mobile engagement and in-stadium, enabling fans to view never-before-seen real-time player data and compelling new performance insights. Fans receive live to-the-second, to-the-inch broadcast graphics illustrating players' speeds, acceleration, distances gained and in-depth analytics including how closely receivers are covered and how this separation distance changes over a play, how tightly quarterbacks are pressured and much more. This has made for a more immersive viewing experiencing, increasing fan attentiveness, connectivity and the understanding fans have of players, teams and on-field strategy.



# Vishal Shah VP. NFL Media

Working and operating in NFL Stadiums on Sundays is a very scaled operation. We chose Zebra because they have the right resources, the technology expertise, and the vision to help us evolve the sport. "

# Mark Robert Founder & Editor, RFID Journal

11 The Zebra Sports Solution is the most advanced sports tracking solution we've seen. The editors at RFID Journal were impressed with the accuracy of the solution, and its ability to provide the data (to the NFL in real-time). Clearly, the solution has implications in other sports and other businesses. "



# **Applying Real-Time Data to GameDay, Practice and Training**

Zebra's aggregated, precise player tracking and data analysis tools provide enhanced sports information via highly customized electronic feeds that meet the needs of our clientele. For football, revolutionary game day reporting and in-depth statistics augment complete playby-play reporting.

#### **GameDay**

- Ability to generate player participation data in real-time.
- · Ability to generate player groupings data in real-time.
- Ability to generate play formation and route running data.
- · Ability to generate player speed data in real-time.
- · Ability to generate player separation data in real-time.
- Ability to generate new distance stats / data in real-time: Total yards run in game, yards run before and after catch, yards run by quarter, for example – virtually an unlimited variety of relevant distance data in real-time.

# **Practice and Training Environments**

- Ability for coaches to gain in-depth visibility in practices as never been seen and derive insights and develop action plans for players in real-time.
- · Enhancement of trainers knowledge of player's practice and training regimes and ability to develop more insightful training programs in real-time.
- Insight for player personal management to better understand player development over the course of a season and career.
- · All data can be dimensionalized in the following ways:
  - · On per play, per session basis
  - · Compare and contrast players and groups
  - Mark data based on actual practice schedule
  - Record play start and stop

### **Reportable Events**

- · Distance traveled, total and by speed zone (walk, jog, run, submax & sprint)
- · Max & average speed
- · Accelerations & decelerations by intensity
- Training intensity & mechanical load
- Total calories burned via biomedical device
- Heart rate via biomedical device



After a full seaon of using Sports Solutions in practice and game environments, New Orleans Saints Head Coach, Sean Payton endorses Sports Solutions as a product that will help his staff put a better product on the field and give Saints fans new ways to experience and understand their team and players.



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# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

# Zebra Sports Solutions Player Tracking **System**

# **Technology Basis**

Active RFID Real Time Locate System (RTLS)

#### **Operating Frequency**

6.35 to 6.75 GHz

#### Accuracy

± 1 foot (without averaging) ± 4 inches (with averaging)

# **Hub / Receivers - Regulatory Compliance - EMI/EMC**

FCC Part 15 B, ICES-003, EN 55022

## Sensors - Reg. Compliance - EMI/EMC

FCC Part 15 B; ICES-003; EN 301 489-1 & -33

# **Hub / Receivers Regulatory Compliance - Safety**

UL 60950-1: 2007; CAN/CSA22.2 No. 60950-1-07;

EN 60950-1:2006+A11

## **Operating Blink Rate**

12 Hz (optimized for sports - actual operating range is 0.1Hz to 50 Hz)

# Zebra Sports Solutions Server

#### **Form Factor**

Rackable minitower

## **Operating System**

Linux

#### **Processors**

2x 3.1GHz Intel® Xeon Processor (16 cores)

#### Storage

Up to 15 TB

# **Graphics**

NVIDIA Quadro K5000

## Video

HD 720p

## **Network**

**Dual GbE** 

### **Dimensions**

17.5 x 8 x 20.7 in (44.4 x 20.3 x 52.5 cm)

#### **Power Supply**

1125W 90% Efficient wide-ranging, active Power Factor Correc-

## **Display**

24" I FD

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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