

Privacy & Cookies Policy

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1. Introduction

This website is operated by the **Administrator of thelotusposition.com** and hosted in the United Kingdom. We run this site as a personal hobby project. We aim to follow high privacy standards, including the principles of the **UK/EU GDPR**, the **Data (Use and Access) Act 2025** and other international privacy frameworks. We only collect the minimum amount of data necessary to provide a functional and secure community.

2. What are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device. For this forum, we only use **Strictly Necessary Cookies**. Under UK law, these do not require your prior consent because the website cannot function without them.

3. Essential Cookies We Use

Your SMF forum uses the following cookies to allow you to browse and post:

Cookie Name	Purpose	Duration
SMFCookie479	Stores your login details so you stay logged in while browsing.	1 month (or session)
PHPSESSID	A standard PHP session identifier to maintain your connection to the server.	Until browser closes
SMF_Referer	Used for security to verify the "referring URL" and prevent Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF).	Session

4. Personal Data We Collect

When you register on this forum, we collect the following:

- **Username & Email Address:** Required for account creation and password recovery.
- **IP Address:** Recorded automatically for security purposes (to prevent spam and abuse).
- **Timezone/Language:** Optional settings to customise your display.

5. Your Rights

Regardless of where you reside, we respect your data rights. As per UK standards, you have the right to:

- **Access:** Request a copy of the data we hold about you.
- **Rectification:** Ask us to correct any inaccurate information.
- **Erase:** Request that we delete your account and personal data.
- **Complain:** If you have concerns, you can contact the **Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)** at www.ico.org.uk.

6. Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding your data, please contact the Administrator at:
privacy@thelotusposition.com