

Corporate Backgrounder

The Company

Established in 1997, Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. (AMS) manufactures and markets the SCRAM Systems® line of alcohol and location monitoring technologies. The company's flagship product, SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring® (SCRAM CAM®), was created to provide community corrections agencies with a more effective tool to supervise alcohol-involved offenders. Launched to market in 2003, SCRAM CAM has become the most widely used and trusted transdermal alcohol monitoring device in the world.

Based on this success and in response to requests from customers and needs in the criminal justice market, the full suite of monitoring hardware was launched in 2013. At that time the company rebranded from Alcohol Monitoring Systems (AMS) to SCRAM Systems. With the addition of technologies such as SCRAM Nexus® and SCRAM TouchPoint™ to the suite of hardware products, SCRAM Systems provide the best, most comprehensive and unparalleled solution portfolio on the market.

Based in Littleton, Colorado, SCRAM Systems employs people in both their headquarters facility and in sales field offices throughout the United States. SCRAM Systems is a privately-funded company that delivers its technologies either directly to the criminal justice system, or to a channel of private service providers who market and manage the use of the SCRAM Systems suite of products.





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Alcohol Monitoring Product History

Continuous, Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring

The first technology manufactured and marketed by SCRAM Systems was originally known as the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor® or SCRAM®. The system includes a bracelet, worn on the ankle 24/7; a modem plugged into a conventional phone line for daily/scheduled downloads, and SCRAMNET[™], the web-based application where all data is uploaded and reports are generated. The system was the first alcohol testing system to use Transdermal Analysis to measure for alcohol consumption. A pump inside the bracelet pulls a controlled sample of the wearer's insensible perspiration across a fuel cell to test for the presence of alcohol. The fuel cell inside the bracelet is just like the kind used in breath test devices to check for the presence of alcohol in the user's breath. With SCRAM CAM, instead of breathing into a system, the CAM bracelet takes a sample of the wearer's perspiration to test for the presence of alcohol in order to calculate what is called Transdermal Alcohol Concentration, or TAC.

First Generation: AMS conducted BETA testing of the initial SCRAM System beginning in the fourth quarter of 2002. The company officially launched the first generation of SCRAM to the corrections market in May 2003. The bracelet was two-sided and weighed 8 ounces, and testing was done once each hour. If an alert for alcohol or a tamper was generated, the system would shift to automatic testing every 30 minutes.

Second Generation: In 2008, AMS released the second generation of SCRAM with a smaller, single-sided bracelet weighing 5.6 ounces. The testing protocol increased in frequency, with automatic sampling occurring every 30 minutes.

Third Generation: In February 2010, AMS released SCRAMx[®], a dualfunction system that added RF, or "house arrest" monitoring with the transdermal alcohol system. The bracelet weighed 5.8 ounces and was similar in look and feel to the second generation SCRAM Bracelet. The SCRAMx release also replaced the SCRAM Modem with the SCRAMx Base Station, which allowed for location monitoring in addition to the daily downloads for alcohol monitoring.

In May 2013, the SCRAMx System was officially renamed SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring® or SCRAM CAM®. This change was part of the introduction of three new monitoring technologies to the SCRAM brand. The SCRAM acronym no longer exists, and instead the flagship/original product is now delineated as the Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) technology. CAM is designed and marketed toward offenders who are deemed to be high-risk or have a higher-level of alcohol dependence or addiction. It can also be utilized as a step-up monitoring system for clients who have violations while being monitored with SCRAM Remote Breath®.

Remote Breath Testing

In May 2013, SCRAM Systems introduced SCRAM Remote Breath, a handheld, portable breath testing device. In 2024, SCRAM Remote Breath® Pro was released. The system is assigned to a client who carries the device 24/7. Key features include:

Automated Facial Intelligence[™]. At installation a baseline photo is captured, and each time a subject takes a test an additional photo is taken to compare to the baseline. That comparison takes place using Automated Facial Intelligence (AFI[™]), a facial recognition software automatically matches facial characteristics, rather than requiring a human to do a visual match of a photo.





- GPS locations with passed, failed, and missed tests. With breath testing, clients are most likely to circumvent their sobriety requirements by missing a test. Including a GPS location for missed tests in addition to taken tests provides agencies with additional supervision data to monitor and assess their clients.
- Flexible testing and scheduling. Agencies can require clients to take tests on a set schedule, a random schedule, or on-demand.

SCRAM Remote Breath Pro is designed and marketed toward first-time, lower-risk offenders who are assessed as having a lower level of alcohol misuse or dependence. The technology can also be utilized as a step-down level of monitoring for those who successfully complete CAM.

Location Monitoring Product History

GPS Monitoring

In 2013 SCRAM Systems acquired Gryphex, Inc., a leading developer of GPS offender monitoring technology, as part of a strategic expansion of the SCRAM Systems product suite. Marketed as SCRAM GPS[®], the device combines superior location accuracy with an industry-leading strap design that virtually eliminates false alerts, a frequent problem with GPS monitoring systems. In 2025, the SCRAM GPS[®] 9 Plus device was released with added features including Wi-Fi tracking and enhanced battery life.



Victim Notification

In 2020, SCRAM Systems added the SCRAM Ally[®] Victim Notification mobile app to the product suite. The app works in conjunction with SCRAM GPS to ensure that when a GPS client is in proximity to the victim's phone, both the victim and the supervising authorities are notified. The victim is not required to carry a GPS device but instead installs the Ally app onto their own Apple or Android smartphone. The app allows location data to be sent to the SCRAM GPS server and identify if the GPS client enters prohibited proximity zones.

Standalone House Arrest

As part of the company's goal to provide a one-stop, full suite of monitoring options for the convenience and purchasing advantage of our customers, in 2013 SCRAM Systems introduced SCRAM House Arrest®—a standalone RF/"house arrest" technology. The system utilizes the same bracelet housing and strap as the CAM system, which has incorporated RF monitoring since SCRAMx was introduced in 2010. As with all the monitoring technologies, offenders and data can be managed via a single software log on.



SCRAM Optix[™]

SCRAM Optix creates an integrated, dynamic user experience that allows officers to manage their entire electronic monitoring caseload with a single login.

SCRAM Nexus®

SCRAM Nexus is the first-ever decision support software for community corrections that empowers officers to consistently implement and measure evidence-based practices for better client outcomes.

SCRAM TouchPoint®

The SCRAM TouchPoint mobile app enhances communication between clients and officers while making community corrections programs more efficient. With secure and stored messaging, configurable mobile phone check-ins, and automated electronic monitoring reminders, SCRAM TouchPoint increases compliance by helping both low- and high-risk clients successfully complete the terms of their supervision.

SCRAM 24/7™

SCRAM 24/7 brings together all clients and testing methods into one, easy-to-use platform. With the ability to manage a variety of drug and alcohol testing options, electronic monitoring devices, and more, supervising authorities can seamlessly track client compliance, financials, and progress across entire monitoring programs. And with dynamic analytics and reporting, supervising authorities can gain valuable insights into program performance.



