

**Triple Constellations GNSS Smart Antenna
module for GPS/GLONASS/Galileo satellites
PGL-1528 Specification**

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PGL-1528 Operational Manual

INTRODUCTION

The **PGL-1528** is the newest generation of KNCTEK's Triple constellation Smart Antenna Receiver which was integrated with GPS/GLONASS/Galileo function and Patch antenna into one module. The GPS/GLONASS/Galileo Smart Antenna receiver is powered by SkyTraq technology and KNCTEK's proprietary navigation algorithm that provide you more stable navigation data. The miniature design is the best choice to be embedded in the portable devices, various Trackers, Vehicle & Personal Locaters and etc. The excellent sensitivity of **PGL-1528** gets the great performance when going through the urban canyon and foliage environmental condition.

PRODUCT FEATURES

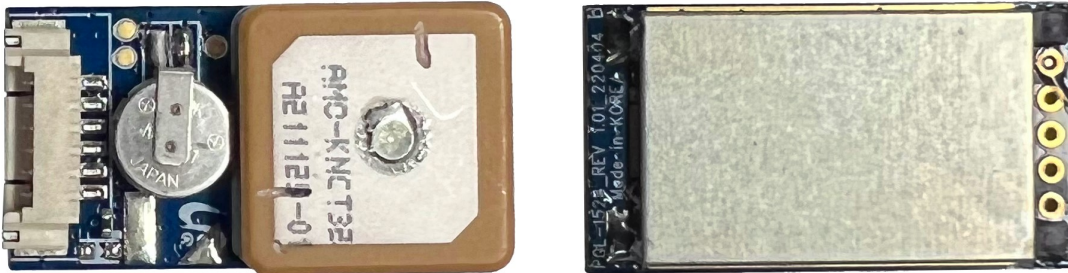
- ✧ GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, QZSS, SBAS(WAAS, MSAS, EGNOS, GAGAN) supported
- ✧ 230 Acquisition & Tracking Channels
- ✧ Operable from 3.3V to 5.5V / 62mA for Acquisition and 48mA for Tracking Mode
- ✧ Signal Detection better than -165dBm in Ultra High Tracking Sensitivity
- ✧ Enhanced Cold Acquisition Sensitivity at -148dBm and Reacquisition at -160dBm
- ✧ 28 seconds in Warm start and 29 seconds for Cold start under open sky average
- ✧ Advanced Multipath detection and suppression
- ✧ Jamming detection and mitigation
- ✧ SAEE(Self-aided ephemeris estimation) Supported
- ✧ Excellent Sensitive for Urban Canyon and Foliage Environmental condition
- ✧ NMEA-0183 compliant protocol
- ✧ Automotive-grade Quality GPS/GLONASS/Galileo solution
- ✧ Small form factor_15.0X28.0X6.9mm (without Antenna feed height : 0.8max)
- ✧ ODM/OEM development is fully supported Application Engineering
- ✧ RoHS compliant

PRODUCT APPLICATION

- ✧ Automotive applications
- ✧ Speed camera detector
- ✧ Personal and Car navigation

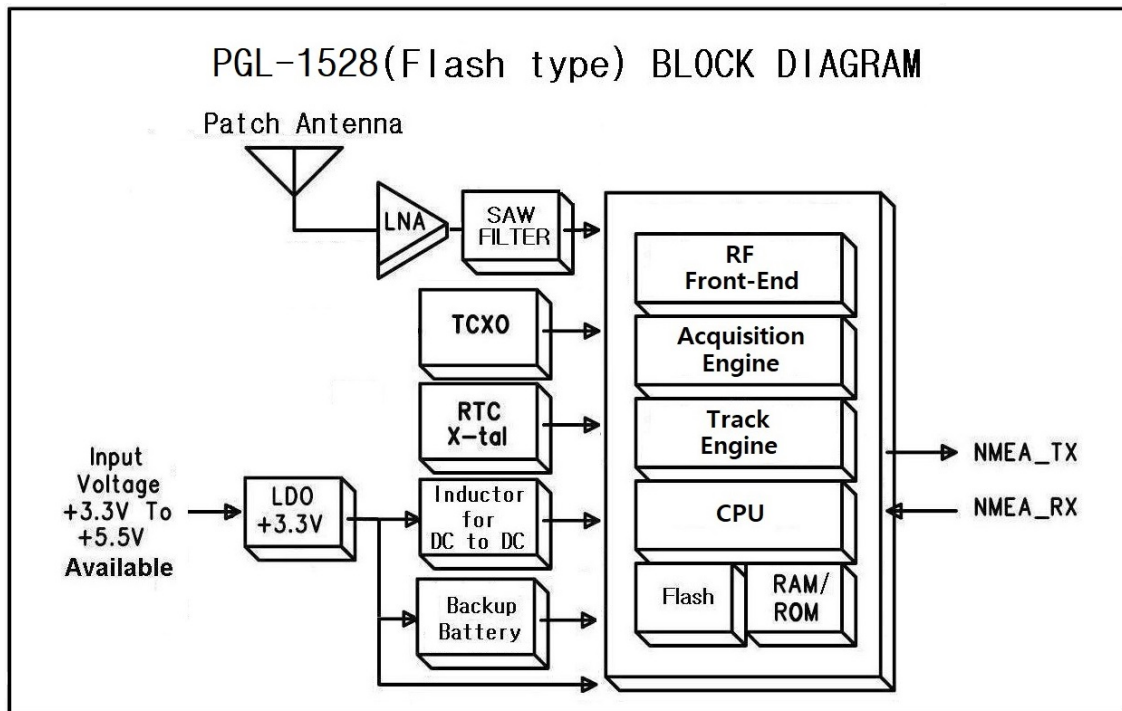
- ✧ Marine navigation
- ✧ Timing application and the others

PRODUCT PICTURE



PGL-1528 SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

The PGL-1528 consists of SkyTraq chipsets Technology, KNCTEK LNA and proprietary software. The system is described as follows.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION
1. Electrical Characteristics
1.1 Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power Supply				
Power Supply Volt.	VCC	-0.3	6.0	V
Input Pins				
Input Pin Voltage I/O	RX	-0.3	3.6	V
Backup Battery	Vbat	1.8	3.6	V
Environment				
Operating Temperature	Topr	-30	85	°C
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-40	85	°C
Backup Battery operating temperature ¹	Tbat	-20	60	°C

** ¹ Backup Battery operating temperature depends on Battery characteristics

Note : Absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only, and functional operation at the maximums is not guaranteed. Stress beyond the limits specified in this table may affect device reliability or cause permanent damage to the device.

For functional operating conditions, please refer to the operating conditions tables as follow.

1.2 Operating Condition

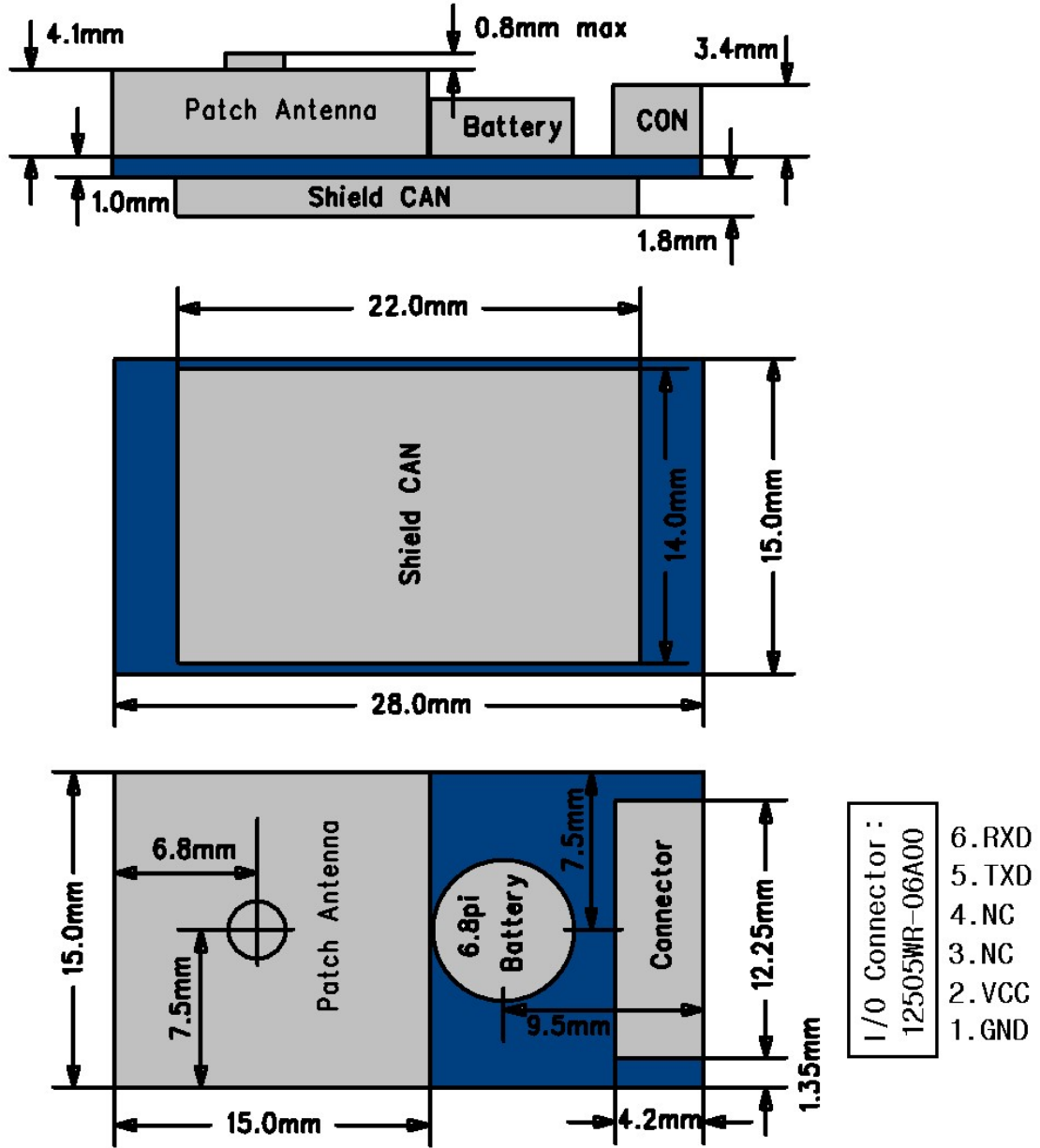
Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Power supply voltage	Vcc		3.3	5.0	5.5	V
Power Supply voltage ripple	Vcc_PP	Vcc = 3.3 ~ 5.5V			50	mV
Acquisition current	IccA	Vcc = 3.3 ~ 5.5V		62		mA
Tracking current	IccT	Vcc = 3.3 ~ 5.5V		48		mA
Input high voltage	V _{IH}		2.0			V
Input low voltage	V _{IL}				0.8	V
Output high voltage	V _{OH}		2.9			V
Output low voltage	V _{OL}				0.4	V

2. General & Performance Specification

Parameter	Specification	
Receiver Type	GPS/GLONASS/Galileo, 230 Acquisition & Tracking Channels	
Sensitivity	Tracking	-165dBm
	Re-acquisition	-160dBm
	Cold start	-148dBm
Accuracy	Position	2.0m CEP
	Velocity	0.1m/s
	Timing(PPS)	12ns RMS
Acquisition Time	Cold Start	29 sec. typical (Open sky ¹)
	Warm Start	28 sec. typical (Open sky)
	Hot Start	1 sec. typical (Open sky)
	Reacquisition Time	1 sec(Open sky, re-appear after some seconds)
Power Consumption	Tracking	48mA @ 3.3 ~ 5.5V
	Acquisition	62mA @ 3.3 ~ 5.5V
	Back-up	15uA @ 3V
Navigation Data Update Rate	1Hz_Default	In case of using Binary input : Max 25Hz ** Please refer to the Binary Input Message
Operational Limits	Velocity	Max 515 m/s
	Altitude	Max 18,000m
	Acceleration	Less than 4g
Mechanical data	Dimension	15X28X6.9mm +/- 0.3mm (without Antenna feed height : 0.8max)
	Weight	7.3grams ±5%
Protocol	NMEA-0183 V3.01	GNGGA 1Hz GNGLL 1Hz GNGSA 1Hz GPGSV 1/3Hz(one time per 3sec) GLGSV 1/3Hz GAGSV 1/3Hz GNRMC 1Hz GNVTG 1Hz GNZDA 1Hz

** ¹Open Sky means no obstructions in the sky

MECHANICAL LAYOUT



HARDWARE INTERFACE

Pin Description

PIN	SIGNAL NAME	I/O	DESCRIPTION	CHARACTER
1	GND	P	Digital Reference Ground	Digital Reference Ground
2	VCC	P	DC Power Supply Voltage input	DC 3.3V to 5.5V Acceptable
3	NC	-	Do not use (NC)	
4	NC	-	Do not use (NC)	
5	TXD	O	NMEA_TX : UART serial data Output	3.3V LVTTTL
6	RXD	I	NMEA_RX : UART serial data Input	3.3V LVTTTL

VCC DC Power Input

This is the main power supply for the Engine board. The power range is **DC 3.3V to 5.5V Acceptable**. Suitable decoupling must be provided by external decoupling circuitry.

GND

GND provides the ground for the Engine board. Connect all grounds.

TXD

NMEA_TX, UART serial data output, 3.3V LVTTTL logic level. This is the main transmit channel and is used to output navigation and measurement data to user written software. The default setup is NMEA Output, 9600bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit. The default sentences are GNGGA, GNLL, GNGSA, GPGSV, GLGSV, GAGSV, GNRMC, GNVTG, GNZDA. GNGGA, GNLL, GNGSA, GNRMC, GNVTG, GNZDA are once per second and GPGSV, GLGSV, GAGSV is once per 3 second.

RXD

NMEA_RX, UART serial data input, 3.3V LVTTTL logic level. This is the main receiving channel and is used to receive software commands to the Engine board from user written software.

Packing Information

TBD : To be determined

GPS/GLONASS Receiver User's Tip

1. GPS/GLONASS/Galileo signal will be affected by weather and environment conditions, thus suggest to use the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver under less shielding environments to ensure GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver has better receiving performance.
2. When GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver is moving, it will prolong the time to fix the position, so suggest to wait for the satellite signals to be locked at a fixed point when first power-on the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver to ensure to lock the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo signal at the shortest time.
3. The following situation will affect the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiving performance:
 - a. Solar control filmed windows.
 - b. Metal shielded, such as umbrella, or in vehicle.
 - c. Among high buildings.
 - d. Under bridges or tunnels.
 - e. Under high voltage cables or nearby radio wave sources, such as mobile phone base stations.
 - f. Bad or heavy cloudy weather.
4. If the satellite signals cannot be locked or encounter receiving problem (while in the urban area), the following steps are suggested:
 - a. Move to another open space or reposition GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver toward the direction with fewer blockages.
 - b. Move the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver away from the interference resources.
 - c. Wait until the weather condition is improved.

While a GPS/GLONASS with a backup battery, the GPS/GLONASS/Galileo receiver can fix a position immediately at next power-on if the build-in backup battery is full-recharged.

NMEA Protocol Overview

The output protocol supports NMEA-0183 standard. The implemented message include GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV, VTG, RMC, ZDA and GNS messages. The NMEA message output has the following sentence structure:

`$aacc,c-c*hh<CR><LF>`

The detail of the sentence structure is explained in Table 1.

Table 1 : The NMEA sentence structure

character	HEX	Description
"\$"	24	Start of sentence
Aaacc		Address field. "aa" is the talked identifier. "ccc" identifies the sentence type
","	2C	Field delimiter
C-c		Data sentence block
"*"	2A	Checksum delimiter
Hh		Checksum field.
<CR><LF>	0D0A	Ending of sentence. (carriage return, line feed)

Table 2 : Overview of NMEA messages

\$GNGGA	Time, position, and fix related data of the receiver.
\$GNLL	Position, time and fix statue.
\$GNGSA \$GPGSA \$GLGSA	Used to represent the ID's of satellites which are used for position fix. When both and GPS and GLONASS satellites are used in position solution, a \$GNGSA sentence is used for GPS satellites and another \$GNGSA sentence is used for GLONASS satellites. When only GPS satellites are used for position fix, a single \$GPGSA sentence is output. When only GLONASS satellites are used for position fix, a single \$GLGSA sentence is output.
\$GPGSV \$GLGSV	Satellite information about elevation, azimuth and CNR, \$GPGSV is used for GPS satellites, while \$GLGSV is used of GLONASS satellites
\$GNRMC	Time, date, position, course and speed data.
\$GNVTG	Course and speed relative to the ground
\$GNZDA	UTC, day, month and year and time zone.

GGA - Global Positioning System Fix Data

Time, position and fix related data for a GPS receiver.

Structure:

```
$--GGA,hhmmss.sss,ddmm.mmmmm,a,dddmm.mmmmm,a,x,xx,x.x,x.x,M,,,,,xxxx*hh<CR><LF>
```

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Example:

```
$GNGGA,111636.932,2447.09495,N,12100.52235,E,1,11,0.8,118.2,M,,,,,0000*02<CR><LF>
```

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	UTC Time	111636.932	UTC of position in hhmmss.sss format, (000000.000 ~ 235959.999)
2	Latitude	2447.09495	Latitude in ddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
3	N/S Indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator, 'N' = North, 'S' = South
4	Longitude	12100.52235	Longitude in dddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
5	E/W Indicator	E	Longitude hemisphere indicator, 'E' = East, 'W' = West
6	GPS quality indicator	1	GPS quality indicator 0: position fix unavailable 1: valid position fix, SPS mode 2: valid position fix, differential GPS mode 3: GPS PPS Mode, fix valid 4: Real Time Kinematic. System used in RTK mode with fixed integers 5: Float RTK. Satellite system used in RTK mode. Floating integers 6: Estimated (dead reckoning) Mode
7	Satellites Used	11	Number of satellites in use, (00 ~ 24)
8	HDOP	0.8	Horizontal dilution of precision, (00.0 ~ 99.9)
9	Altitude	108.2	mean sea level (geoid), (-9999.9 ~ 17999.9)
10	DGPS Station ID	0000	Differential reference station ID, 0000 ~ 1023 NULL when DGPS not used
11	Checksum	02	

GLL – Latitude/Longitude

Latitude and longitude of vessel position, time of position fix and status.

Structure:

\$--GLL,ddmm.mmmmm,a,dddmm.mmmmm,a,hhmmss.sss,A,a*hh<CR><LF>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Example:

\$GNGLL,2447.09495,N,12100.52235,E,112609.932,A,A*57<CR><LF>

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Latitude	2447.09495	Latitude in ddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
2	N/S Indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator 'N' = North 'S' = South
3	Longitude	12100.52235	Longitude in dddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
4	E/W Indicator	E	Longitude hemisphere indicator 'E' = East 'W' = West
5	UTC Time	112609.932	UTC time in hhmmss.sss format (000000.000 ~ 235959.999)
6	Status	A	Status, 'A' = Data valid, 'V' = Data not valid
7	Mode Indicator	A	Mode indicator 'N' = Data not valid 'A' = Autonomous mode 'D' = Differential mode 'E' = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode
8	Checksum	57	

GSA – GNSS DOP and Active Satellites

GPS receiver operating mode, satellites used in the navigation solution reported by the GGA or GNS sentence and DOP values.

Structure:

```
$--GSA,A,x,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,xx,x.x,x.x,x.x*hh<CR><LF>
  1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 4 5 6 7
```

Example:

```
$GPGSA,A,3,05,12,21,22,30,09,18,06,14,01,31,,1.2,0.8,0.9*36<CR><LF>
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Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Mode	A	Mode 'M' = Manual, forced to operate in 2D or 3D mode 'A' = Automatic, allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D
2	Mode	3	Fix type 1 = Fix not available 2 = 2D 3 = 3D
3	Satellite used 1~16	05,12,21,22,30 ,09,18,06,14,0 1,31,,	Satellite ID number, 01 ~ 32 are for GPS; 33 ~ 64 are for WASS(PRN minus 87); 65 ~ 96 are for GLONASS(64 plus slot numbers); 193 ~ 197 are for QZSS. Maximally 12 satellites are included in each GSA sentence.
4	PDOP	1.2	Position dilution of precision (00.0 to 99.9)
5	HDOP	0.8	Horizontal dilution of precision (00.0 to 99.9)
6	VDOP	0.9	Vertical dilution of precision (00.0 to 99.9)
7	Checksum	36	

GSV – GNSS Satellites in View

Number of satellites (SV) in view, satellite ID numbers, elevation, azimuth, and SNR value. Four satellites maximum per transmission.

Structure:

```
$--GSV,x,x,xx,xx,xx,xxx,xx,...,xx,xx,xxx,xx *hh<CR><LF>
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 4 5 6 7 8
```

Example:

```
$GPGSV,4,1,16,05,54,069,45,12,44,061,44,21,07,184,46,22,78,289,47*72<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,4,2,16,30,65,118,45,09,12,047,37,18,62,157,47,06,08,144,45*7C<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,4,3,16,14,39,330,42,01,06,299,38,31,30,256,44,32,36,320,47*7B<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,4,4,16,42,64,169,45,50,74,261,44,21,07,184,46,193,68,189,47*72<CR><LF>
```

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Number of message	4	Total number of GSV messages to be transmitted (1-4)
2	Sequence number	1	Sequence number of current GSV message
3	Satellites in view	16	Total number of satellites in view (00 ~ 16)
4	Satellite ID	05	Satellite ID number, 01 ~ 32 are for GPS; 33 ~ 64 are for WASS(PRN minus 87); 65 ~ 96 are for GLONASS(64 plus slot numbers); 193 ~ 197 are for QZSS. Maximally 4 satellites are included in each GSV sentence.
5	Elevation	54	Satellite elevation in degrees, (00 ~ 90)
6	Azimuth	069	Satellite azimuth angle in degrees, (000 ~ 359)
7	SNR	45	C/No in dB (00 ~ 99) Null when not tracking
8	Checksum	72	

RMC – Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data

Time, date, position, course and speed data provided by a GNSS navigation receiver.

Structure:

\$--

RMC,hhmmss.sss,A,dddmm.mmmmm,a,dddmm.mmmmm,a,x.x,x.x,ddmmy,,a*hh<CR><LF>
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Example:

\$GNRMC,111636.932,A,2447.09495,N,12100.52235,E,000.0,000.0,030407,,,A*61<CR><LF>

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	UTC time	0111636.932	UTC time in hhmmss.sss format (000000.000 ~ 235959.999)
2	Status	A	Status 'V' = Navigation receiver warning 'A' = Data Valid
3	Latitude	2447.09495	Latitude in dddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
4	N/S indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator 'N' = North 'S' = South
5	Longitude	12100.52235	Longitude in dddmm.mmmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
6	E/W Indicator	E	Longitude hemisphere indicator 'E' = East 'W' = West
7	Speed over ground	000.0	Speed over ground in knots (000.0 ~ 999.9)
8	Course over ground	000.0	Course over ground in degrees (000.0 ~ 359.9)
9	UTC Date	030407	UTC date of position fix, ddmmyy format
10	Mode indicator	A	Mode indicator 'N' = Data not valid 'A' = Autonomous mode 'D' = Differential mode 'E' = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode
11	checksum	61	

VTG – Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

The Actual course and speed relative to the ground.

Structure:

\$--VTG,x.x,T,,M,x.x,N,x.x,K,a*hh<CR><LF>
 1 2 3 4 5

Example:

\$GNVTG, 000.0,T,,M,000.0,N,0000.0,K,A*3D<CR><LF>

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Course	000.0	True course over ground in degrees (000.0 ~ 359.9)
2	Speed	000.0	Speed over ground in knots (000.0 ~ 999.9)
3	Speed	0000.0	Speed over ground in kilometers per hour (0000.0 ~ 1800.0)
4	Mode	A	Mode indicator 'N' = not valid 'A' = Autonomous mode 'D' = Differential mode 'E' = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode
5	Checksum	3D	

ZDA – Time & Date

UTC, day, month, year and local time zone.

Structure:

\$--ZDA,hhmmss.sss,xx,xx,xxxx,xx,xx*hh<CR><LF>

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Example:

\$GNZDA,052633.376,13,07,2012,00,00*51<CR><LF>

Field	Name	Example	Description
1	UTC time	0111636.932	UTC time in hhmmss.sss format (000000.000 ~ 235959.999)
2	Day	13	Day, 01 to 31
3	Month	07	Month, 01 to 12
4	Year	2012	Year in yyyy format
5	Local zone hours	00	Local zone hours, 00 to +/- 13 hrs
6	Local zone minutes	00	Local zone minutes, 00 to +59
7	checksum	51	

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