General Description

The GOTOP GPS USB-Dongle is a complete GPS engine module that features super sensitivity, ultra low power and small form factor. The GPS signal is applied to the antenna input of module, and a complete serial data message with position, velocity and time information is presented at the serial interface with NMEA protocol or custom protocol.

Its −159dBm tracking sensitivity extends positioning coverage into place like urban canyons and dense foliage environment where the GPS was not possible before. The small form factor and low power consumption make the module easy to integrate into portable device like UMPC, mobile phones, cameras and vehicle navigation systems.

Figure 1:GPS USB-Dongle View

Features

- Build on high performance, low-power SIRF III chipset
- Ultra high sensitivity: -159dBm
- Extremely fast TTFFat low signal level
- Built in high gain LNA
- Low power consumption: Max 45mA@5.0V
- Baud Rate:9,600bps;Datum:WGS-84
- Operating voltage:USB 5.0V
- Operating temperature range:-40to85℃
- Patch Antenna Size:18.4(w)mmX18.4(d)mmX4(h)mm
- RoHS compliant (Lead-free)

Applications

- LBS (Location Based Service)
- UMPC
- Vehicle navigation system
- Mobile phone

Performance Specification

Parameter	Specification	
Receiver Type	L1 frequency band, C/A code, 20-channels	
Sensitivity	Tracking	-159dBm
	Acquisition	-155dBm
Accuracy	Position	5m CEP without SA
	Velocity	0.1m/s without SA
	Timing (PPS)	60ns RMS
Acquisition Time	Cold Start	38s
	Warm Start	35s
	Hot Start	1s
	Re-Acquisition	<1s
Power Consumption	Tracking	40mA @5.0V Vcc
	Acquisition	45mA
	Sleep/Standby	TBD
Navigation Data Update Rate	1Hz	
Operational Limits	Altitude	Max 18,000m
	Velocity	Max 515m/s
	Acceleration	Less than 4g

Interfaces Configuration

Power Supply: Regulated power for the GPS USB-Dongle is required. The input voltage Vcc should be 5.0V ±10%, maximum, current is no less than 100mA. Suitable decoupling must be provided by external decoupling circuitry

Plug the USB cable and connect with a laptop

The laptop must have mapping software installed.(Not included in the standard package) After connecting with laptop by USB cable, Dongle becomes a personal navigator.

GPS USB-DongleprovidesaMicrosoft®certifiedUSBdriver for Windows XP and Windows Vista operating systems. Windows 7 will also be supported following certification

. Operating System	Support level

Windows XP	Certified
Windows Vista	Certified
Windows 7	Certification pending

GPS Dongle (1) + Driver CD (2)+ USB extension cable (3)
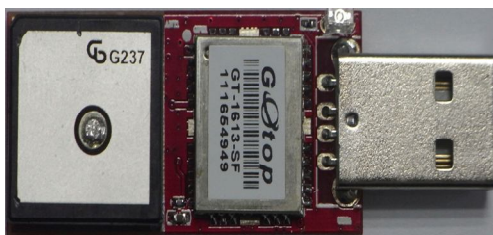
GPS Dongle (1)   **Driver CD (2)**   **USB extension cable (3)**

Trouble Shooting

Problems	Reasons	Methods
Noposition output but timer is counting	Weak or no GPS signal can be received at the place of the device	Find an open space for the device
Can not turn on the COM port	Incompletely install the device or the COM port of the device is being used	Install the device completely or stop other device that is being used.
Can not find out the device	Poor connection	Re-Start PDA or PC and re-install software.
No Signal	Weak or no GPS signal when using the device indoor	Go outdoors to improve the poor GPS signal.

Absolute Maximum Rating

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Max	Units
Power Supply				
Power Supply Volt.	VDD USB	-0.3	5.5	V
Input Pins				
Input Pin Voltage I/O	DP/DM	-0.3	5.5	V

Environment					
Storage Temperature	Tstg	-40		125	°C
Peak Reflow Soldering Temperature <10s	Tpeak			260	°C
Humidity				95	%

Note: Absolute maximum ratings are stress ratings only, and functional operation at the maxims 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, refer to the operating conditions tables as follow.

Operating Conditions

Parameter	Symbol	Condition	Min	Typ	Max	Units
Power supply voltage	VDD		4.5		5.5	V
Powersupplyvoltageripple	VDD_PP	Vcc=5.0V			40	mV
Consumption current	Icc	Vcc=5.0V		40	50	mA
Input high voltage	V_{IH}		0.7xVcc		Vcc+1.0	V
Input low voltage	V_{IL}		-0.3		0.3xVcc	V
Output high voltage	V_{OH}		0.8xVcc		Vcc	V
Output low voltage	V_{OL}		0		0.2xVcc	V
Operating temperature	Topr		-40		85	°C

NMEA 0183 Protocol

The NMEA protocol is an ASCII-based protocol, Records start with a $ and with carriage return/line feed. GPS specific messages all start with $GPxxx where xxx is a three-letter identifier of the message data that follows. NMEA messages have a checksum, which allows detection of corrupted data transfers.

The Label Jet GPS USB-Dongle supports the following NMEA-0183 messages: GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV, RMC and VTG.

Table 1: NMEA-0183 Output Messages

NMEA Record	DESCRIPTION
GGA	Global positioning system fixed data
GLL	Geographic position—latitude/longitude
GSA	GNSS DOP and active satellites
GSV	GNSS satellites in view
RMC	Recommended minimum specific GNSS data
VTG	Course over ground and ground speed

GGA-Global Positioning System Fixed Data

Table 2 contains the values of the following example:

$GPGGA, 161229.487,3723.24751,N, 12158.34161,W, 1,07,1.0,9.0,M.0000*18

Table 2: GGA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	$GPGGA		GGA protocol header
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Latitude	3723.24571		ddmm.mmmmm
N/S indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.34161		dddmm.mmmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Position Fix Indicator	1		See Table 2-1
Satellites Used	07		Range 0 to 12

HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
MSL Altitude	9.0	meters	
Units	M	meters	
Geoids Separation		meters	
Units	M	meters	
Age of Diff.Corr.		second	Null fields when DGPS is not Used
Diff.Ref.Station ID	0000		
Checksum	*18		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

Table 2-1: Position Fix Indicators

Value	Description
0	Fix not available or invalid
1	GPS SPS Mode, fix valid
2	Differential GPS, SPS Mode, fix valid
3	GPS PPS Mode, fix valid

GLL-Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude

Table 3 contains the values of the following example:

$GPGLL , 3723.24751, N,12158.34161, W,161229.487, A*2C.

Table 3: GLL Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	$GPGLL		GLL protocol header
Latitude	3723.24751		ddmm.mmmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south

Longitude	12158.34161		dddmm.mmmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Status	A		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Checksum	*2C		
<CR> <LF>			End of message temination

GSA-GNSS DOP and Active Satellites

Table 4 contains the values of the following example:

$GPGSA , A, 3, 07, 02, 26,27, 09, 04,15, , , , , , 1.8,1.0,1.5*33.

Table 4: GSA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message	$GPGSA		GSA protocol header
Mode 1	A		See Table 4-2
Mode 2	3		See Table 4-1
Satellite Used	07		Sv on Channel 1
Satellite Used	02		Sv on Channel 2
…	…		…
Satellite Used			Sv on Channel 12
PDOP	1.8		Position Dilution of Precision
HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
VDOP	1.5		Vertical Dilution of Precision
Checksum	*33		

<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

Table 4-1: Mode 1

Value	Description
1	Fix not available
2	2D
3	3D

Table 4-2: Mode 2

Value	Description
M	Manual-forced to operate in 2D or 3D mode
A	Automatic-allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D

GSV-GNSS Satellites in View

Table 5 contains the values of the following example:

$GPGSV , 2, 1, 07, 07, 79,048, 42, 02, 51,062, 43, 26, 36,256, 42, 27, 27, 138,42*71

$GPGSV, 2, 2, 07, 09, 23,313, 42, 04, 19, 159, 41, 15,12,041, 42*41.

Table 5: GGA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	$GPGSV		GSV protocol header
Number of Message	2		Range 1 to 3
Message Number	1		Range 1 to 3
Satellites in View	07		
Satellite ID	07		Channel 1(Range 1 to 32)
Elevation	79	degrees	Channel 1(Maximum 90)
Azinmuth	048	degrees	Channel 1(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR(C/NO)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99,null when not tracking

…			…
Satellite ID	27		Channel 4(Range 1 to 32)
Elevation	27	degrees	Channel 4(Maximum 90)
Azimuth	138	degrees	Channel 4(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR(C/NO)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99, null when not tracking
Checksum	*71		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

Depending on the number of satellites tracked multiple messages of GSV data may be required.

RMC-Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data

Table 6 contains the values of the following example:

$GPRMC, 161229.487, A, 3723.24751, N, 12158.34161, W, 0.13,309.62, 120598,, *10

Table 6: RMC Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	$GPRMC		RMC protocol header
UTS Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Status	A		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Latitude	3723.24751		ddmm.mmmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.34161		dddmm.mmmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Speed Over Ground	0.13	Knots	

Course Over	309.62	Degrees	True
Ground			
Date	120598		Dummy
Magnetic variation		Degrees	E=east or W=west
Checksum	*10		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

VTG-Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

Table 7 contains the values of the following example:

$GPVTG, 309.62, T, M, 0.13, N, 0.2, K*6E

Table 7: VTG Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	$GPVTG		VTG protocol header
Course	309.62	Degrees	Measured heading
Reference	T		True
Course		Degrees	Measured heading
Reference	M		Magnetic
Speed	0.13	Knots	Measured horizontal speed
Units	N		Knots
Speed	0.2	Km/hr	Measured horizontal speed
Units	K		Kilometer per hour
Checksum	*6E		
<CR> <LF>			End of message termination

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