

Application Note AN0024

Raw Measurement

Binary Message Extension

Of

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## Binary Message Protocol

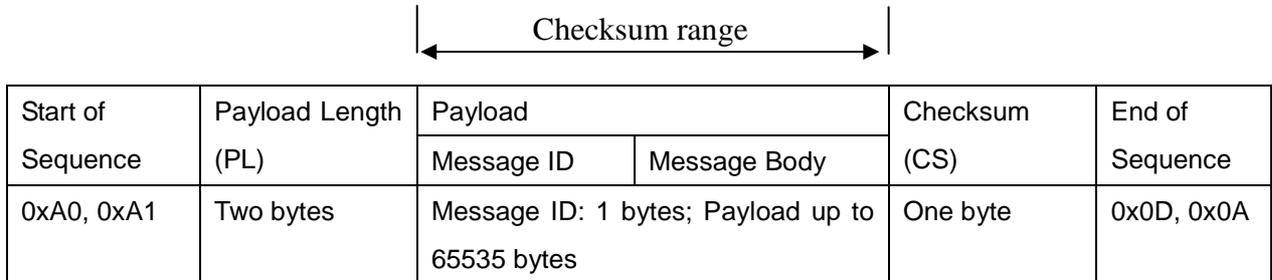
The SkyTraq binary message protocol manual provides the detailed descriptions on the SkyTraq binary protocol serving as a communicating interface between SkyTraq GPS receivers and an external host such as PC, Notebook and mobile personal device. It is a standard protocol used by all SkyTraq devices and provides users a satisfactory control over the GPS receivers.

The SkyTraq GPS receiver outputs standard NMEA messages during normal operation. This NMEA messages may be a scheduled output at a specified rate subject to user's requests. The SkyTraq binary message protocol is designed with cares on reliable transmissions of data, ease & efficiency of implement, and payload independence mechanism which ensure users to retrieve data in a most effective & flexible way. The overall binary protocol messages can be categorized as input and output messages. Input messages provide the functionality to users to control the behavior of the GPS receiver and to retrieve the detailed information of the GPS status in real-time. Output messages, on the other hand, are information strings that GPS receiver responses to requests from hosts and can optionally periodically reports the Position, Velocity and Time (PVT) via NMEA or binary messages.

# BINARY MESSAGE STRUCTURE

## Message Format

The following picture shows the structure of a binary message.



The syntax of the message is shown below.

<0xA0,0xA1><PL><Message ID><Message Body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

## Start of Sequence

This field contains two bytes of values 0xA0, 0xA1 which indicate start of Messages.

## Payload Length

The payload length (PL) field contains 16 bits of value which indicates the length of payload.

## Payload

The payload field consists of 2 sub-fields, Message ID and Message Body. Message ID field defines the message ID.

| Sub-Field    | Values     |
|--------------|------------|
| Message ID   | 0x01~0xFF  |
| Message Body | Data Bytes |

## Checksum

Checksum (CS) field is transmitted in all messages. The checksum field is the last field in a message before the end of sequence field. The checksum is the 8-bit exclusive OR of only the payload bytes which start from Message ID until the last byte prior to the checksum byte. A reference to the calculation of CS is provided

below,

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CS = 0, N=PL;  
For n = 0 to N  
CS = CS ^ <Payload Byte # n>
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## End of Sequence

This field contains two bytes of values 0x0D, 0x0A which indicate end of Messages.

## Data Byte Ordering

All payloads in binary protocol are transferred in big-endian format. The high order byte is transmitted first followed by the low order byte for data size larger than a byte (e.g. UINT32, DPFP).

## Data Type Definition

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| UINT8  | 8 bit unsigned integer                        |
| UINT16 | 16 bit unsigned integer                       |
| UINT32 | 32 bit unsigned integer                       |
| SINT8  | 8 bit signed integer                          |
| SINT16 | 16 bit signed integer                         |
| SINT32 | 32 bit signed integer                         |
| SPFP   | 32 bit single precision floating point number |
| DPFP   | 64 bit double precision floating point number |

## MESSAGE FLOW

Host can perform actions to GPS receiver by issuing a request or a set message. The message flow between Host and GPS receiver is designed under the considerations of certain reliable transmission. SkyTraq binary message protocol requires an ACK response from the GPS receiver upon receiving a successful input message and on the other hand, requires a NACK response from the receiver to a failed input message. Figure 1 shows a message flow that a host requests information from GPS receiver and the GPS receiver responds with an ACK and information respectively. Figure 2 shows a message flow with un-successful input message. Therefore, all requests (input messages) will have a corresponding ACK or NACK to be related with. However, output messages will not require the host to confirm by an ACK or NACK back in current design.

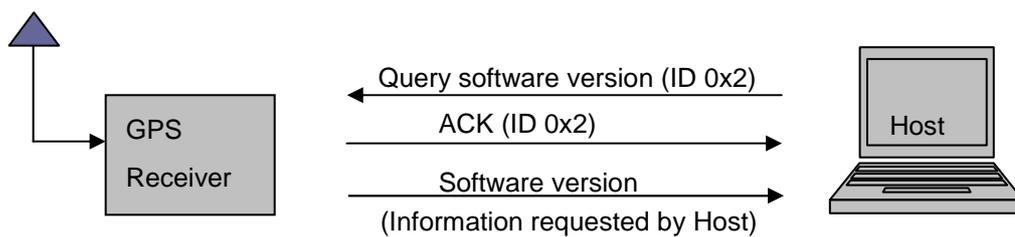


Figure 1

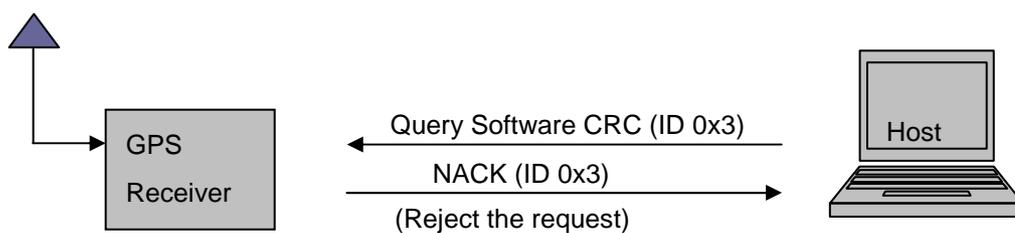


Figure 2

## MESSAGE LIST

This section provides brief information about available SkyTraq binary input and output messages shown in a tabular list. All the messages are listed by Message ID. Full descriptions of input and output messages will be described in later Sections.

| Input System Messages  |             |           |   |  |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|---|--|
| ID(Hex)                | ID(Decimal) | Attribute | Name                                      | Descriptions   |
| 0x09                   | 9           | Input     | Configure Output Message Format           | Configure the output message format from GPS receiver        |
| 0x12                   | 18          | Input     | Configure binary measurement output rates | Configure the output rates of the binary measurement outputs |
| Input GPS Messages     |             |           |   |  |
| 0x11                   | 17          | Input     | Get Almanac                               | Retrieve almanac data of the GPS receiver                    |
| 0x30                   | 48          | Input     | Get Ephemeris                             | Retrieve ephemeris data of the GPS receiver                  |
| Output System Messages |             |           |   |  |
| ID(Hex)                | ID(Decimal) | Attribute | Name                                      | Descriptions   |
| 0x80                   | 128         | Output    | Software version                          | Software revision of the receiver                            |
| 0x81                   | 129         | Output    | Software CRC                              | Software CRC of the receiver                                 |
| 0x83                   | 131         | Output    | ACK                                       | ACK to a successful input message                            |
| 0x84                   | 132         | Output    | NACK                                      | Response to an unsuccessful input message                    |
| Output GPS Messages    |             |           |   |  |
| ID(Hex)                | ID(Decimal) | Attribute | Name                                      | Descriptions   |
| 0x87                   | 134         | Output    | GPS Almanac Data                          | Outputting the GPS Almanac Data of GPS receiver              |
| 0xB1                   | 177         | Output    | GPS Ephemeris Data                        | Outputting the GPS Ephemeris Data of GPS receiver            |
| 0xDC                   | 220         | Output    | MEAS_TIME                                 | Measurement time information                                 |
| 0xDD                   | 221         | Output    | RAW_MEAS                                  | Raw channel measurements                                     |
| 0xDE                   | 222         | Output    | SV_CH_STATUS                              | SV and Channel status information                            |
| 0xDF                   | 223         | Output    | RCV_STATE                                 | GPS receiver navigation state                                |
| 0xE0                   | 224         | Output    | SUBFRAME                                  | Subframe buffer data   |

## INPUT MESSAGES

### **Configure Output Message Format– Configure and select output message type (NMEA/BINARY) (0x09)**

This is a request message which will change the GPS receiver output message type. This command is issued from the host to GPS receiver and GPS receiver should respond with an ACK or NACK. The payload length is 3 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><09>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 03 09 00 00 09 0D 0A

1 2 3

| Field                    | Name       | Example(hex) | Description  | Type  | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|--|-------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID | 09           |  | UINT8 |      |
| 2                        | Type       | 00           | 00 : No output<br>01 : NMEA message<br>02 : Binary Message | UINT8 |      |
| 3                        | Attributes | 00           | 0: update to SRAM<br>1: update to both SRAM & FLASH        | UINT8 |      |
| Payload Length : 3 bytes |            |              |  |       |      |

**Configure Binary Measurement Output Rates– Configure binary message output rates (0x12)**

This is a request message which will set binary output message rate configuration. This command is issued from the host to GPS receiver and GPS receiver should respond with an ACK or NACK. The payload length is 8 bytes. Currently the output rate configuration supports 1Hz / 2Hz / 4Hz / 5Hz / 10Hz / 20Hz.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><12>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 07 12 06 01 01 01 00 01 00 08 0D 0A  
           1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8

| Field | Name   | Example(hex) | Description  | Type  | Unit |
|-------|--|--------------|--|-------|------|
| 1     | Message ID   | 12           |  | UINT8 |      |
| 2     | Binary measurement output rate for Meas_time / Raw_meas / SV_CH_Status | 06           | 00: 1Hz<br>01: 2Hz<br>02: 4Hz<br>03: 5Hz<br>04: 10Hz<br>05: 20Hz<br>Others: 20Hz | UINT8 |      |
| 3     | Meas_time Enabling   | 01           | 00: Disable<br>01: Enable<br>Others: Disable                                     | UINT8 |      |
| 4     | Raw_meas Enabling  | 01           | 00: Disable<br>01: Enable<br>Others: Disable                                     | UINT8 |      |
| 5     | SV_CH_Staus Enabling   | 01           | 00: Disable<br>01: Enable<br>Others: Disable                                     | UINT8 |      |
| 6     | RCV_State Enabling   | 00           | 00: Disable<br>01: Enable (only 1Hz supported)<br>Others: Disable                | UINT8 |      |
| 7     | Subframe Enabling  | 01           | 00: Disable<br>01: Enable<br>Others: Disable                                     | UINT8 |      |
| 8     | Attributes   | 00           | 0: update to SRAM<br>1: update to both SRAM & FLASH                              | UINT8 |      |

Payload Length : 8 bytes

**Get Almanac– Get almanac used of firmware (0x11)**

This is a request message which is issued from the host to GPS receiver to retrieve almanac data. The GPS receiver should respond with an ACK along with information on almanac for assigned satellites when successful and should respond with a NACK when failed. The payload length is 2 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><11>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 02 11 00 82 0D 0A

1 2

| Field                    | Name       | Example(hex) | Description   | Type  | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---|-------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID | 11           |   | UINT8 |      |
| 2                        | SV #       | 00           | 0: means all SVs<br>1-32 : mean for the particular SV | UINT8 |      |
| Payload Length : 2 bytes |            |              |   |       |      |

**Get Ephemeris – Get ephemeris used of firmware (0x30)**

This is a request message which is issued from the host to GPS receiver to retrieve ephemeris data. The GPS receiver should respond with an ACK along with information on ephemeris when successful and should respond with a NACK when failed. The payload length is 2 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><30>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 01 30 2D 0D 0A

1

| Field                    | Name       | Example(hex) | Description   | Type  | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|---|-------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID | 30           |   | UINT8 |      |
| 2                        | SV #       | 00           | 0: means all SVs<br>1-32 : mean for the particular SV | UINT8 |      |
| Payload Length : 2 bytes |            |              |   |       |      |

# OUTPUT MESSAGES

## **SOFTWARE VERSION – Software version of the GPS receiver (0x80)**

This is a response message which provides the software version of the GPS receiver. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The example below output the SkyTraq software version as 01.01.01-01.03.14-07.01.18 on System image. The payload length is 14 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><80>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 0E 80 01 00 01 01 01 00 01 03 0E 00 07 01 12 98 0D 0A  
           1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10 11 12 13 14

| Field                     | Name           | Example(hex) | Description  | Type   | Unit |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|--------|------|
| 1                         | Message ID     | 80           |  | UINT8  |      |
| 2                         | Software Type  | 00           | 0: Reserved<br>1: System code  | UINT8  |      |
| 3-6                       | Kernel Version | 00010001     | X1.Y1.Z1 = SkyTraq Kernel Version<br>Ex. X1=01, Y1=00, Z1=01 (1.0.1) | UINT32 |      |
| 7-10                      | ODM version    | 00010307     | X1.Y1.Z1 = SkyTraq Version<br>Ex. X1=01, Y1=03, Z1=01 (1.3.1)        | UINT32 |      |
| 11-14                     | Revision       | 00060C0F     | YYMMDD = SkyTraq Revision<br>Ex. YY=06, MM=01, DD=10 (060110)        | UINT32 |      |
| Payload Length : 14 bytes |                |              |  |        |      |

**SOFTWARE CRC – Software CRC of the GPS receiver (0x81)**

This is a response message which provides the software CRC of the GPS receiver. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 4 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><81>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 04 81 01 98 76 6E 0D 0A  
1 2 3 4

| Field                    | Name          | Example(hex) | Description                   | Type   | Unit |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID    | 81           |                               | UINT8  |      |
| 2                        | Software Type | 00           | 0: Reserved<br>1: System code | UINT8  |      |
| 3-4                      | CRC           | 9876         | CRC value                     | UINT16 |      |
| Payload Length : 4 bytes |               |              |                               |        |      |

**ACK – Acknowledgement to a Request Message (0x83)**

This is a response message which is an acknowledgement to a request message. The payload length is 2 bytes

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><83>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 02 83 02 81 0D 0A

1 2

| Field                    | Name       | Example(hex) | Description                       | Type  | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID | 83           |                                   | UINT8 |      |
| 2                        | ACK ID     | 02           | Message ID of the request message | UINT8 |      |
| Payload Length : 2 bytes |            |              |                                   |       |      |

**NACK – Response to an unsuccessful request message (0x84)**

This is a response message which is a response to an unsuccessful request message. This is used to notify the Host that the request message has been rejected. The payload length is 2 bytes

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><84>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 02 84 01 82 0D 0A

1 2

| Field                    | Name       | Example(hex) | Description                       | Type  | Unit |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|
| 1                        | Message ID | 84           |                                   | UINT8 |      |
| 2                        | ACK ID     | 01           | Message ID of the request message | UINT8 |      |
| Payload Length : 2 bytes |            |              |                                   |       |      |

**GPS ALMANAC Data– almanac data of GPS receiver (0x87) (polled)**

This is a response message which provides the almanac information. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 28 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><87>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 1C 87 01 ... 82 0D 0A

1 2

| Field                     | Name                | Example(hex) | Description  | Type    | Unit |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|------|
| 1                         | Message ID          | 87           |  | UINT8   |      |
| 2                         | PRN                 | 01           | Satellite PRN 01-32  | UINT8   | Hz   |
| 3                         | WORD 3 bit 01~bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 3 <sup>rd</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 4                         | WORD 4 bit 01~bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 4 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 5                         | WORD 5 bit 01~bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 5 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 6                         | WORD 6 bit 01~bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 6 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 7                         | WORD 7 bit01~bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 7 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 8                         | WORD 8 bit01~bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 8 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 9                         | WORD 9 bit01~bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 9 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 10                        | WORD 10 bit01~bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 10 <sup>th</sup> word of the almanac. | 3 bytes |      |
| 11                        | WNA                 |              | Week number of almanac   | SINT16  | week |
| Payload Length : 28 bytes |                     |              |  |         |      |

**GPS Ephemeris data – ephemeris data of the GPS receiver (0xB1) (polled)**

This is a response message which provides the Ephemeris Data of the GPS receiver to Host. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 87 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><B1>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

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A0 A1 00 57 B1 00 02 00 77 88 04 61 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 DB DF 59 A6 00 00 1E 0A
      1  2 3 ..... 28 29
47 7C 00 77 88 88 DF FD 2E 35 A9 CD B0 F0 9F FD A7 04 8E CC A8 10 2C A1 0E 22 31 59 A6 74 00 77
30 31 ..... 62 63
89 0C FF A3 59 86 C7 77 FF F8 26 97 E3 B9 1C 60 59 C3 07 44 FF A6 37 DF F0 B0 5E 0D 0A
64 65 ..... 86 87
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| Field | Name                               | Example(hex) | Description  | Type    | Unit |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------|------|
| 1     | Message ID                         | B1           |  | UINT8   |      |
| 2-3   | SV id                              | 02           | Satellite id   | UINT16  |      |
| 4     | Reserved                           | 0            | A reserved byte  | UINT8   |      |
| 5     | Subframe 1 WORD 2 bit<br>01~ bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 6     | Subframe 1 WORD 3 bit<br>01~ bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 3 <sup>rd</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 7     | Subframe 1 WORD 4 bit<br>01~ bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 4 <sup>th</sup> word<br>subframe 1.     | 3 bytes |      |
| 8     | Subframe 1 WORD 5 bit<br>01~ bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 5 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 9     | Subframe 1 WORD 6<br>bit01~ bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 6 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 10    | Subframe 1 WORD 7<br>bit01~ bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 7 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 11    | Subframe 1 WORD 8<br>bit01~ bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 8 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 12    | Subframe 1 WORD 9<br>bit01~ bit24  |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 9 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1.  | 3 bytes |      |
| 13    | Subframe 1 WORD 10<br>bit01~ bit24 |              | Bit01- Bit24 (MSB->LSB) of 10 <sup>th</sup> word<br>of subframe 1. | 3 bytes |      |
| 14-23 | Subframe 2 WORD 2~<br>WORD10       |              | Words 2 through 10 of subframe 2,<br>same as field 4-13.           |         |      |
| 24-33 | Subframe 3 WORD 2~                 |              | Words 2 through 10 of subframe 3,                                  |         |      |

|                           |         |  |                     |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------|--|---------------------|--|--|
|                           | WORD 10 |  | same as field 4-13. |  |  |
| Payload Length : 87 bytes |         |  |                     |  |  |

**MEAS\_TIME– Measurement time information (0xDC) (Periodic)**

This is the time information on when the raw GPS measurement is taken. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 10 bytes

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><DC>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 0A DC 01 00 01 11 3A .....82 0D 0A  
1 2 3 4 .....

| Field                     | Name               | Example(hex) | Description                    | Type   | Unit  |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1                         | Message ID         | DC           |                                | UINT8  |       |
| 2                         | IOD                | 01           | Issue of Data from (0-255)     | UINT8  |       |
| 3                         | Receiver WN        | 0001         | Receiver Week number (0-65535) | UINT16 | weeks |
| 4                         | Receiver TOW       | 113A         | Receiver TOW (0-604799999)     | UINT32 | ms    |
| 5                         | Measurement period | 03E8         | Measurement period (1-1000)    | UINT16 | ms    |
| Payload Length : 10 bytes |                    |              |                                |        |       |

**RAW\_MEAS– Raw measurements from each channel (0xDD) (Periodic)**

This is the raw measurement from the GPS receiver. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The measurement data of a channel is provided only when the corresponding satellite signal is under lock status. The payload length is (3+Number\_of\_measurement\*23) bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><DD>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 62 DD 01 05 .....82 0D 0A  
 1 2 3 .....

| Field | Name                  | Example(hex)              | Description              | Type  | Unit  |             |
|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------|-------------|
| 1     | Message ID            | DD                        |                          | UINT8   |       |             |
| 2     | IOD                   | 01                        | Issue of Data from 0-255 | UINT8   |       |             |
| 3     | NMEAS                 | 05                        | Number of measurement    | UINT8   |       |             |
| 4     | Channel 1 Measurement | PRN                       | 02                       | Satellite PRN   | UINT8 |             |
| 5     |                       | CN0                       | 28                       | Channel CNR   | UINT8 | dBHz        |
| 6     |                       | Pseudo-range              | 7530                     | Channel pseudo-range  | DPFP  | meter       |
| 7     |                       | Accumulated carrier cycle | C1D5DB26F29E872B         | Accumulated carrier phase measurement, The carrier phase measurement is accumulated after carrier lock is achieved. Discontinuity in the carrier phase will be indicated by the cycle slip flag. We also adjust the polarity of the carrier phase measurement before output. The polarity of accumulated carrier cycle is defined such that an approaching satellite has decreasing | DPFP  | Cycles (L1) |

|                                   |                       |                   |          |   |       |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|---|-------|----|
|                                   |                       |                   |          | accumulated carrier cycle measurement, the same as RINEX convention.  |       |    |
| 8                                 |                       | Doppler frequency | C49A51CB | The sign of Doppler frequency is defined such that the approaching satellite has positive doppler frequency.  | SPFP  | Hz |
| 9                                 |                       | Channel Indicator | 07       | <p>Bit 0 ON: pseudo-range is available in the channel.</p> <p>Bit 1 ON: Doppler frequency is available in the channel.</p> <p>Bit 2 ON: carrier phase is available in the channel.</p> <p>Bit 3 ON: cycle slip is possible in the channel.</p> <p>Bit 4 ON: coherent integration time of the channel is equal to or more than 10ms.</p> <p>(* Bit 0 is LSB)</p> | UINT8 |    |
| 10-15                             | Channel 2 measurement |                   |          |   |       |    |
| 15-21                             | Channel 3 measurement |                   |          |   |       |    |
| :                                 | :                     | :                 | :        | :   | :     | :  |
| Payload Length : 3+NMEAS*23 bytes |                       |                   |          |   |       |    |

**SV\_CH\_STATUS– SV and channel status (0xDE) (Periodic)**

This is the information about channel and satellite status. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is (3+Num\_of\_satellite\*10) bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><DE>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 35 DE 01 05 00 02 .....82 0D 0A  
 1 2 3 4 5.....

| Field | Name              | Example(hex)             | Description              | Type  | Unit   |      |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------|------|
| 1     | Message ID        | DE                       |                          | UINT8   |        |      |
| 2     | IOD               | 01                       | Issue of Data from 0-255 | UINT8   |        |      |
| 3     | NSVS              | 05                       | Number of SVs            | UINT8   |        |      |
| 4     | SV-CH 1<br>Status | Channel ID               | 00                       | Channel ID 0-11   | UINT8  |      |
| 5     |                   | PRN                      | 02                       | Satellite PRN   | UINT8  |      |
| 6     |                   | SV Status indicator      | 07                       | Bit 0 ON: Almanac is received for this satellite<br>Bit 1 ON: Ephemeris is received for this satellite<br>Bit 2 ON: This satellite is healthy<br>(*Bit 0 is LSB)  | UINT8  |      |
| 7     |                   | URA                      | 00                       | User range accuracy   | UINT8  |      |
| 8     |                   | CNO                      | 28                       | CNR   | SINT8  | dBHz |
| 9     |                   | Elevation                | 2D                       | SV Elevation  | SINT16 | deg  |
| 10    |                   | Azimuth                  | 8A                       | SV Azimuth  | SINT16 | deg  |
| 11    |                   | Channel Status indicator | 1F                       | Bit 0 ON: Pull-in stage is done for this channel<br>Bit 1 ON: Bit synchronization is done for this channel<br>Bit 2 ON: Frame synchronization is done for this channel<br>Bit 3 ON: Ephemeris is received for this channel<br>Bit 4 ON: Used in normal fix mode | UINT8  |      |

|                                  |                |   |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                  |                |   |   | Bit 5 ON: Used in differential fix mode (*Bit 0 is LSB) |   |   |
| 12-19                            | SV-CH 2 status |   |   |   |   |   |
| 20-27                            | SV-CH 3 status |   |   |   |   |   |
| :                                | :              | : | : | :   | : | : |
| Payload Length : 3+NSVS*10 bytes |                |   |   |   |   |   |

**RCV\_STATE– Receiver navigation status (0xDF) (Periodic)**

This is the navigation status calculated by of the GPS receiver. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 81 bytes. This information is for reference purpose only.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><DF>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 51 DF 01 02 05.....82 0D 0A  
 1 2 3 4 .....

| Field                     | Name             | Example(hex)      | Description   | Type   | Unit  |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|--------|-------|
| 1                         | Message ID       | DF                |   | UINT8  |       |
| 2                         | IOD              | 01                | Issue of Data from 0-255  | UINT8  |       |
| 3                         | Navigation State | 02                | 00: NO_FIX,<br>01: FIX_PREDICTION<br>02: FIX_2D<br>03: FIX_3D<br>04: FIX_DIFFERENTIAL | UINT8  |       |
| 4                         | WN               | 05F2              | GPS week number   | UINT16 | weeks |
| 5                         | TOW              | 41134EFC 00000000 | GPS TOW   | DPFP   | sec   |
| 6                         | ECEF POS_X       | C146C60AF89C8B3E  | ECEF POS_X  | DPFP   | meter |
| 7                         | ECEF POS_Y       | 4152F1BAEC433B0A  | ECEF POS_Y  | DPFP   | meter |
| 8                         | ECEF POS_Z       | 41444679FC67CED3  | ECEF POS_Z  | DPFP   | meter |
| 9                         | ECEF VEL_X       | BBA49C10          | ECEF VEL_X  | SPFP   | m/s   |
| 10                        | ECEF VEL_Y       | 3C9BC4A0          | ECEF VEL_Y  | SPFP   | m/s   |
| 11                        | ECEF VEL_Z       | 00000000          | ECEF VEL_Z  | SPFP   | m/s   |
| 12                        | Clock Bias       | 61616161FC59E1F4  | Clock Bias of receiver  | DPFP   | meter |
| 13                        | Clock Drift      | 41D79E49          | Clock Drift of receiver   | SPFP   | m/s   |
| 14                        | GDOP             | 3F99999A          | GDOP  | SPFP   |       |
| 15                        | PDOP             | 3F99999A          | PDOP  | SPFP   |       |
| 16                        | HDOP             | 3F99999A          | HDOP  | SPFP   |       |
| 17                        | VDOP             | 3F99999A          | VDOP  | SPFP   |       |
| 18                        | TDOP             | 3F99999A          | TDOP  | SPFP   |       |
| Payload Length : 81 bytes |                  |                   |   |        |       |

**SUBFRAME– Sub frame buffer data (0xE0) (Periodic)**

This is the information about the sub frame data bits currently collected in GPS receiver. The data bits are composed from the 24 higher bits of each of the navigation words and the parity bits are not included in the output. Only when all 10 navigation words have been verified by parity checking, the data bits in the sub frame are output. Before being sent out to the host, the data bits are also polarity-adjusted. The 8 preamble bits of a sub frame, for example, can be obtained from the first byte of the 3-byte field of navigation word 1. This message is sent from the GPS receiver to host. The payload length is 33 bytes.

Structure:

<0xA0,0xA1>< PL><E0>< message body><CS><0x0D,0x0A>

Example:

A0 A1 00 21 E0 01 01 00 00 00 .....82 0D 0A  
           1  2  3  4  5.....

| Field                     | Name                | Example(hex) | Description  | Type    | Unit |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|---------|------|
| 1                         | Message ID          | E0           |  | UINT8   |      |
| 2                         | PRN                 | 01           | Satellite PRN  | UINT8   |      |
| 3                         | SFID                | 01           | Sub-frame ID (1-5)   | UINT8   |      |
| 4                         | WORD 1 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 1  | 3 bytes |      |
| 5                         | WORD 2 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 2  | 3 bytes |      |
| 6                         | WORD 3 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 3  | 3 bytes |      |
| 7                         | WORD 4 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 4  | 3 bytes |      |
| 8                         | WORD 5 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 5  | 3 bytes |      |
| 9                         | WORD 6 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 6  | 3 bytes |      |
| 10                        | WORD 7 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 7  | 3 bytes |      |
| 11                        | WORD 8 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 8  | 3 bytes |      |
| 12                        | WORD 9 bit01~bit24  |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 9  | 3 bytes |      |
| 13                        | WORD 10 bit01~bit24 |              | 24 parity-checked and polarity-adjusted bits of subframe word 10 | 3 bytes |      |
| Payload Length : 33 bytes |                     |              |  |         |      |

## Change Log

Ver 0.6, Nov.04, 2009

1. The definition about the polarity of accumulated carrier cycle is added.

Ver 0.5, October 9, 2009

2. Description about raw measurement 0xDD message and its definition of accumulated carrier phase is modified.

Ver 0.4, September 25, 2009

1. Corrected little endian to big endian on message format.
2. Updated raw measurement output 0xDD accumulated carrier cycle to DPFP, message length is changed from  $3+19 \times N$  to  $3+23 \times N$ . Sign of Doppler frequency is made positive when satellite is approaching.
3. Binary message output 0xE0 is data bit polarity adjusted before output.

Ver 0.3, September 21, 2009

1. Adding scaling information on binary message 0xDD accumulated carrier cycle output

Ver 0.2, April 8, 2009

1. Modified to support 1 / 2 / 4 / 5 / 10 / 20 Hz carrier phase raw data output

Ver 0.1, Mar 14, 2009

1. Initial release.

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