

Application Note AN0014

NMEA Messages

Of

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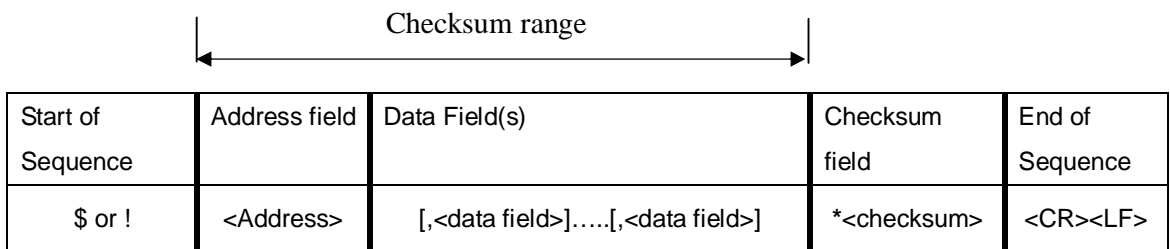
Introduction

The SkyTraq NMEA 0183 protocol is designed based on NMEA(National Marine Electronics Association) 0183 Standard which is a standard protocol for interfacing navigational devices, e.g. GPS and DGPS receivers over serial interface. The SkyTraq NMEA 0183 protocol is fully compliant with “NMEA 0183 Standard For Interfacing Marine Electronic Devices, Version 3.0.1”. The standard may be obtained from NMEA at <http://www.nmea.org>.

NMEA Protocol Overview

Message Format

The structure of a NMEA message is shown below.



Start of Sequence

All sentences begin with the sentence start delimiter character “\$” or “!”.

Address Field

The address Field is served to define the sentence. Characters with digits and upper case letters are permitted to be in the address field. It can not be a null field. This field is subdivided into 2 fields.

<XX>	<XXX>
Talker Identifier	Sentence Formatter

Talker Identifier is always **GP** for a GPS receiver. The sentence formatter defines the format and the type of data.

Data Field(s)

Data Fields are delimited by a “,” and contain valid characters specified in NMEA 0183 standard. It can be variable length fields.

Checksum

Checksum field is the 8-bit exclusive OR (no start or stop bits) of all characters in the sentence. Checksum consists of 2 characters and is represented as a hex number.

End of Sequence

All sentences always end with sentence termination delimiter <CR><LF>.

SUPPORTED MESSAGE LIST

The following NMEA messages are supported.

Sentence	Descriptions
GGA	Global Positioning System Fix Data
GLL	Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude
GSA	GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
GSV	GNS Satellites in View
RMC	Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data
VTG	Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

NMEA MESSAGES

The full descriptions of supported NMEA messages are provided at the following paragraphs.

GGA - Global Positioning System Fix Data

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

Structure:

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$GPGGA,hhmmss.sss,ddmm.mmmm,a,dddmm.mmmm,a,x,xx,x.x,x.x,M,,,xxxx*hh<CR><LF>
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Example:

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$GPGGA,111636.932,2447.0949,N,12100.5223,E,1,11,0.8,118.2,M,,,0000*02<CR><LF>
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Field	Name	Example	Description
1	UTC Time	111636.932	UTC of position in hhmmss.sss format, (000000.000 ~ 235959.999)
2	Latitude	2447.0949	Latitude in ddmn.mmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
3	N/S Indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator, 'N' = North, 'S' = South
4	Longitude	12100.5223	Longitude in dddmm.mmmm 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: Manual Input Mode 8: Simulator Mode
7	Satellites Used	11	Number of satellites in use, (00 ~ 12)
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	
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GLL – Latitude/Longitude

Latitude and longitude of current position, time, and status.

Structure:

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$GPGLL,ddmm.mmmm,a,dddmm.mmmm,a,hmmss.sss,A,a*hh<CR><LF>
```

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Example:

```
$GPGLL,2447.0944,N,12100.5213,E,112609.932,A,A*57<CR><LF>
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Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Latitude	2447.0944	Latitude in ddmm.mmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
2	N/S Indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator 'N' = North 'S' = South
3	Longitude	12100.5213	Longitude in dddmm.mmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
4	E/W Indicator	E	Longitude hemisphere indicator 'E' = East 'W' = West
5	UTC Time	112609.932	UTC time in hhmss.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 'M' = Manual input mode 'S' = Simulator 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:

\$GPGSA,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>

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 1~12	05,12,21,22,30 ,09,18,06,14,0 1,31,,	Satellite ID number, 01 to 32, of satellite used in solution, up to 12 transmitted
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:

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$GPGSV,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:

```
$GPGSV,3,1,12,05,54,069,45,12,44,061,44,21,07,184,46,22,78,289,47*72<CR><LF>
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$GPGSV,3,2,12,30,65,118,45,09,12,047,37,18,62,157,47,06,08,144,45*7C<CR><LF>
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$GPGSV,3,3,12,14,39,330,42,01,06,299,38,31,30,256,44,32,36,320,47*7B<CR><LF>
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Field	Name	Example	Description
1	Number of message	3	Total number of GSV messages to be transmitted (1-3)
2	Sequence number	1	Sequence number of current GSV message
3	Satellites in view	12	Total number of satellites in view (00 ~ 12)
4	Satellite ID	05	Satellite ID number, GPS: 01 ~ 32, SBAS: 33 ~ 64 (33 = PRN120)
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:

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

Example:

\$GPRMC,111636.932,A,2447.0949,N,12100.5223,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 (000000.00 ~ 235959.999)
2	Status	A	Status 'V' = Navigation receiver warning 'A' = Data Valid
3	Latitude	2447.0949	Latitude in dddmm.mmmm format Leading zeros transmitted
4	N/S indicator	N	Latitude hemisphere indicator 'N' = North 'S' = South
5	Longitude	12100.5223	Longitude in dddmm.mmmm 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 'M' = Manual input mode 'S' = Simulator mode
11	checksum	61	

VTG – Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

The Actual course and speed relative to the ground.

Structure:

GPVTG,x.x,T,,M,x.x,N,x.x,K,a*hh<CR><LF>
1 2 3 4 5

Example:

\$GPVTG,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 'M' = Manual input mode 'S' = Simulator mode
5	Checksum	3D	

Change Log

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1. Update End of Sequence descriptions in NMEA Protocol Overview.

Ver 1.0.1, Sep 8, 2007

1. Update VTG message

Ver 1.0.0, Feb 2, 2007

1. Change version number to the format of 00.00.00.

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1. modify some examples

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