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Safety Information

This manual describes the Trimble® R8s GNSS receiver.

Before you use your receiver, make sure that you have read and understood this publication, as well as all safety requirements.

Warnings and Cautions

An absence of specific alerts does not mean that there are no safety risks involved.

Always follow the instructions that accompany a Warning or Caution. The information they provide is intended to minimize the risk of personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. In particular, observe safety instructions that are presented in the following formats:



WARNING – A Warning alerts you to a likely risk of serious injury to your person and/or damage to the equipment. A warning identifies the nature of the risk and the extent of possible injury and/or damage. It also describes how to protect yourself and/or the equipment from this risk. Warnings that appear in the text are repeated at the front of the manual.



CAUTION – A Caution alerts you to a possible risk of damage to the equipment and/or loss of data. A Caution describes how to protect the equipment and/or data from this risk.

Regulations and safety

The receivers contain integral Bluetooth® wireless technology, and may also send radio signals through the antenna of an internal radio-modem, or through an externally-connected data communications radio. Regulations regarding the use of the 450 MHz radio-modems vary greatly from country to country. In some countries, the unit can be used without obtaining an end-user license. Other countries require end-user licensing. For licensing information, consult your local Trimble distribution partner. Bluetooth operates in license-free bands.

Type approval

Type approval, or acceptance, covers technical parameters of the equipment related to emissions that can cause interference. Type approval is granted to the manufacturer of the transmission equipment, independent from the operation or licensing of the units. Some countries have unique technical requirements for operation in particular radio-modem frequency bands. To comply with those requirements, Trimble may have modified your equipment to be granted Type approval. Unauthorized modification of the units voids the Type approval, the warranty, and the operational license of the equipment.

Operation near other radio equipment

When operating the receiver in member states of the European Union and in other countries which adhere to the EU R&TTE requirements, while in the vicinity of aeronautical radionavigation equipment operating between 2700 and 2900 MHz, or Fixed, Fixed Satellite (space to Earth), or Mobile systems operating at 4170 MHz, a minimum separation of 5 meters must be maintained between the receiver and such radio equipment.

Exposure to radio frequency radiation

For 450 MHz radio

Safety. Exposure to RF energy is an important safety consideration. The FCC has adopted a safety standard for human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy.

Proper use of this radio modem results in exposure below government limits. The following precautions are recommended:

- **DO NOT** operate the transmitter when someone is within 20 cm (7.8 inches) of the antenna.
- **DO NOT** collocate (place within 20 cm) the radio antenna with any other transmitting antenna.
- **DO NOT** operate the transmitter unless all RF connectors are secure and any open connectors are properly terminated.
- **DO NOT** operate the equipment near electrical blasting caps or in an explosive atmosphere.
- All equipment must be properly grounded according to Trimble installation instructions for safe operation.
- All equipment should be serviced only by a qualified technician.

For GSM radio



CAUTION – For your own safety, and in terms of the RF Exposure requirements of the FCC, always observe the precautions listed here.

- Always maintain a minimum separation distance of 20 cm (7.8 inches) between yourself and the radiating antenna on the Trimble R8s GNSS receiver radio modem.
 - Do not collocate (place within 20 cm) the radio antenna with any other transmitting antenna.
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Note – The optional GSM radio cannot legally be operated in Brazil.

For Bluetooth radio

The radiated output power of the internal Bluetooth® wireless radio is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, the wireless radio shall be used in such a manner that the Trimble receiver is 20 cm or further from the human body. The internal wireless radio operates within guidelines found in radio frequency safety standards and recommendations, which reflect the consensus of the scientific community. Trimble therefore believes the internal wireless radio is safe for use by consumers. The level of energy emitted is far less than the electromagnetic energy emitted by wireless devices such as mobile phones. However, the use of wireless radios may be restricted in some situations or environments, such as on aircraft. If you are unsure of restrictions, you are encouraged to ask for authorization before turning on the wireless radio.

Installing antennas



CAUTION – For your own safety, and in terms of the RF Exposure requirements of the FCC, always observe these precautions:

- Always maintain a minimum separation distance of 20 cm (7.8 inches) between yourself and the radiating antenna.
 - Do not collocate (place within 20cm) the radio antenna with any other transmitting device.
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This device has been designed to operate with the antennas listed below.

UHF antennas not included in this list, or that have a gain greater than 5 dBi, are strictly prohibited for use with this device. The required antenna impedance is 50 Ω .

The antennas that can be used (country dependent) with the **450 MHz radio** are 0 dBi and 5 dBi whip antennas.

The antenna that can be used with the **GSM radio** is the 0 dBi whip antenna.

To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that permitted for successful communication.

Rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries

These receivers use a rechargeable Lithium-ion battery.



WARNING – Charge only with Lithium-ion charger supplied with your device.



WARNING – Do not damage the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. A damaged battery can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid.
 - Do not expose the battery to fire, high temperature, or direct sunlight.
 - Do not immerse the battery in water.
 - Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather.
 - Do not drop or puncture the battery.
 - Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.
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WARNING – Avoid contact with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery if it appears to be leaking. Battery fluid is corrosive, and contact with it can result in personal injury and/or property damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
 - If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
 - If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery fluid.
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WARNING – Charge and use the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery only in strict accordance with the instructions. Charging or using the battery in unauthorized equipment can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not charge or use the battery if it appears to be damaged or leaking.
 - Charge the Lithium-ion battery only in a Trimble product that is specified to charge it. Be sure to follow all instructions that are provided with the battery charger.
 - Discontinue charging a battery that gives off extreme heat or a burning odor.
 - Use the battery only in Trimble equipment that is specified to use it.
 - Use the battery only for its intended use and according to the instructions in the product documentation.
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Other Warnings



WARNING – Operating or storing the receiver outside the specified temperature range can damage it. For more information, see [Physical specifications, page 43](#).

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Introduction

In this chapter:

- Receiver overview
- Use and care
- COCOM limits
- Related information
- Technical assistance

The *Trimble R8s GNSS Receiver User Guide* describes how to install, set up, and use a Trimble® R8s GNSS receiver.

Even if you have used other Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) products before, Trimble recommends that you spend some time reading this manual to learn about the special features of your receiver.

If you are not familiar with GNSS, visit our website for an interactive look at Trimble and GNSS at www.trimble.com.

Trimble assumes that you are familiar with the Windows® operating system and know how to use a mouse, select options from menus and dialogs, make selections from lists, and refer to online help.

Receiver overview

The receiver incorporates a GNSS antenna, receiver, internal radio with a transmit option or an internal GSM module, and a battery in a rugged light-weight unit that is ideally suited as an all-on-the-pole RTK rover. Three LEDs allow you to monitor the satellite tracking, radio reception, data logging status, and power. Bluetooth wireless technology provides cable-free communications between receiver and controller.

The circuitry in the Trimble R8s GNSS receiver provides up to 440 channels for satellite tracking, and supports logging raw GNSS observables to the internal receiver memory or to a handheld controller for postprocessed applications.

The receiver is available in a number of configurations that match the needs of your workflow. This includes configurations for post-processing workflows, for use as a base station or rover, or for total flexibility as both a base station and RTK / VRS rover.

Use and care

The receiver can withstand the rough treatment that typically occurs in the field. However, it is a high-precision electronic instrument and should be treated with reasonable care.



WARNING – Operating or storing the receiver outside the specified temperature range can damage it.

High-power signals from a nearby radio or radar transmitter can overwhelm the receiver circuits. This does not harm the instrument, but it can prevent the receiver electronics from functioning correctly. Avoid using the receiver within 400 meters of powerful radar, television, or other transmitters. Low-power transmitters such as those used in cellphones and two-way radios normally do not interfere with receiver operations.

For more information, contact your local Trimble distributor.

COCOM limits

The U.S. Department of Commerce requires that all exportable GPS products contain performance limitations so that they cannot be used in a manner that could threaten the security of the United States. The following limitations are implemented on the receiver.

Immediate access to satellite measurements and navigation results is disabled when the receiver's velocity is computed to be greater than 1000 knots, or its altitude is computed to be above 18,000 meters. The receiver continuously resets until the COCOM situation is cleared.

Related information

An electronic copy of this manual is available in portable document format (PDF) at www.trimble.com. Use Adobe Reader to view the contents of this file.

Other sources of related information are:

- Release notes – the release notes describe new features of the product, information not included in the manual, and any changes to the manual. They are provided as a PDF at www.trimble.com. Use Adobe Reader to view the contents of the release notes.
- Registration – register your receiver to automatically receive e-mail notifications of receiver firmware upgrades and new functionality. To register, go to www.trimble.com.

Contact your local Trimble distribution partner for more information about the support agreement contracts for software and firmware, and an extended warranty program for hardware.

- Trimble training courses – consider a training course to help you use your GNSS system to its fullest potential. For more information, visit the Trimble website at www.trimble.com/training.html.

Technical assistance

If you have a problem and cannot find the information you need in the product documentation, *contact your local distribution partner*. Alternatively, request technical support using the Trimble website at www.trimble.com.

Setting up the Receiver

In this chapter:

- Parts of the receiver
- Setup guidelines
- Pole-mounted setup
- Other system components

This chapter provides general information on setup, connection, and cabling for the most common uses of the receiver.

Parts of the receiver

All operating controls on the receiver are located on the front panel. Serial ports and connectors are located on the bottom of the unit.

Front panel

The following figure shows the receiver front panel, which contains the three indicator light emitting diodes (LEDs), and the Power button.

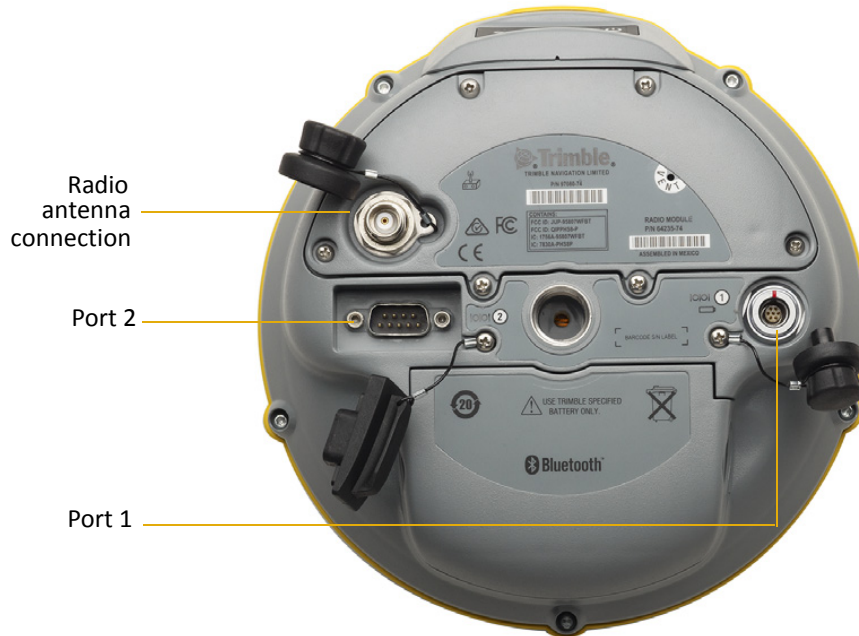


The Power button controls the receiver's power on or off functions.




The indicator LEDs show the status of power, satellite tracking, and radio reception. For more information, see [LED behavior](#), page 23.

Lower housing

The following figure shows the receiver lower housing, which contains the two serial ports, one TNC radio antenna or GSM antenna connector (depending on the internal communication module ordered), the removable battery compartment and the 5/8-11 threaded insert.



Each port or connector on the receiver is marked with an icon to indicate its main function as shown below.

Icon	Name	Connections
	Port 1	Device, computer, external radio, power in
	Port 2	Device, computer, external radio
	RADIO	Radio communications antenna

Port 1 is a 7-pin 0-shell Lemo connector that supports RS-232 comms and external power input. Port 1 has no power outputs.

Port 2 is a DB-9 male connector that allows for full 9-pin RS-232 comms. Port 2 does not support power in or out. For more information, see [Chapter 6, Default Settings](#) and [Chapter 7, Cables and Connectors](#).

The TNC connector is for connecting a radio antenna to the receiver internal radio. A whip “rubber duck” antenna is supplied with the system for units with internal UHF radios. This connector is not used if you are using an external UHF radio or GSM.

External UHF or GSM antenna

Depending on which module you have purchased, use this TNC connection for an external antenna for the UHF or GSM antenna.

For more information on connecting the receiver, see the following sections in this chapter.

Setup guidelines

Consider the following guidelines when setting up the receiver.



CAUTION – To satisfy the RF Exposure requirements of the FCC, you must maintain a minimum separation distance of 20 cm (approximately 8 in.) between yourself and the radiating UHF or GSM antenna for this device.

For mobile operation, the maximum gain of the UHF or GSM antenna must not exceed 0 dBi.

Operation near other radio equipment

When operating the receiver in member states of the European Union and in other countries which adhere to the EU R&TTE requirements, while in the vicinity of aeronautical radionavigation equipment operating between 2700 and 2900 MHz, or Fixed, Fixed Satellite (space to Earth) or Mobile systems operating at 4170 MHz, a minimum separation of 5 meters must be maintained between the receiver and such radio equipment.

Environmental conditions

Although the receiver has a waterproof housing, take reasonable care to protect the unit. Avoid exposure to extreme environmental conditions, including:

- Water
- Heat greater than 65 °C (149 °F)
- Cold less than –40 °C (–40 °F)
- Corrosive fluids and gases

Sources of electrical interference

Avoid the following sources of electrical and magnetic noise:

- Gasoline engines (spark plugs)
- Televisions and PC monitors
- Alternators and generators
- Electric motors
- Equipment with DC-to-AC converters
- Fluorescent lights
- Switching power supplies

General guidelines



WARNING – These receivers use a rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. To avoid personal injury or equipment damage, make sure that you read and understand the [Safety Information](#) on page 4 at the front of this manual.

The following guidelines apply whenever you set up the receiver for operation:

- When plugging in a Lemo cable, make sure that the red dots on the receiver port and the cable connector line up. **Do not** use force to plug cables in, as this may damage the connector pins.
- When disconnecting a Lemo cable, grasp the cable by the sliding collar or lanyard and then pull the cable connector straight out of the port. Do not twist the connector or pull on the cable itself.
- To securely connect a TNC cable, align the cable connector with the receiver receptacle and then thread the cable connector onto the receptacle until it is snug.
- To insert the internal battery, place the battery in the battery compartment, ensuring that the contact points are in the correct position to align with the contacts in the receiver. Slide the battery and compartment as a unit upward into the receiver until the battery compartment latches are locked into position.

Pole-mounted setup

The following figure shows the pole-mounted setup for the receiver. To mount the receiver on a range pole:

1. Thread the receiver onto the range pole.
2. Attach the controller bracket to the pole.
3. Insert the controller into the bracket.

Note – When using a Trimble TSC3, Trimble TSC2,[®] Trimble TCU, Trimble Tablet Rugged PC, or Trimble Slate controller, no cabling is required, as shown below.



Other system components

This section describes optional components that you can use with the receiver.

Radios

Radios are the most common data link for Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) surveying. The receiver is available with an optional internal radio in the 450 MHz UHF band, or with an internal GSM module. You can also connect an external radio to either receiver port, whether or not the internal radio is installed.

The receiver supports the following Trimble base radios with the internal 450 MHz radio:

- Trimble TDL 450H
- Trimble TDL 450L
- Trimble HPB450
- Trimble PDL450
- Receiver internal 450 MHz transmitter
- TRIMMARK™ 3 radio
- SiteNet™ 450 radio

Internal GSM setup

You can configure the optional internal GSM Module using the Trimble Access™ software. For more information, refer to the field software documentation.

Internal radio setup

To configure the optional internal radio, use the Trimble Access software.

For more information, refer to the Trimble Access Help.

By default, the internal radio has only a few “test” frequencies installed at the factory. If you purchased the transmit option, the broadcast frequencies must be programmed by the Trimble distribution partner. You can program the receive frequencies using the Trimble Access software. Refer to the Trimble Access Help.

Cellular modems and external radios

For a data communications link, you can use an internal or external radio, or an internal or external cellular modem.

To connect an external cellular modem to the receiver, you need the following:

- A Trimble R8s GNSS receiver.
- A cellular modem, or a cellphone that can transmit and receive data.
- Serial (cellphone to DB9) cable (supplied with the cellular modem or phone).

- Port 2 of the receiver supports full RS-232 protocol, and should function properly with most cellular phone cables. Some cellular units may require custom cabling.

Alternatively, the receiver also supports a cable-free Bluetooth connection with Bluetooth-enabled cell phones.

For more information on using an external cellular modem as a data link, refer to the Trimble Access or Trimble Survey Controller documentation.

To connect an external radio modem to a receiver, you need the following:

- A receiver.
- An external radio capable of receiving and decoding Trimble data packets.
- Serial cable for either Port 1 or Port 2 of the receiver, as supplied by the radio manufacturer.
- Radio mount for the range pole.

General Operation

In this chapter:

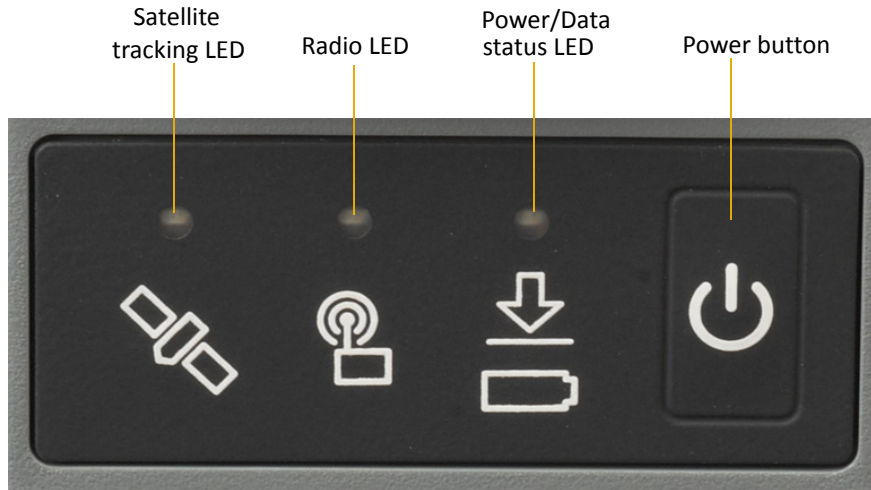
- Front panel controls
- Button functions
- LED behavior
- Starting and stopping the receiver
- Logging data
- Resetting to defaults
- Batteries and power

All the controls that you need for general receiver operation are on the front panel.

For more information about other receiver panels, see [Parts of the receiver](#), page 14.

Front panel controls

The following figure shows the receiver front panel controls for the power on/off functions, or receiver reset. The LEDs provide power, radio, data logging, and SV tracking status information.



Button functions

The receiver has only one button, the Power button. Press the Power button to turn on or turn off the receiver, and to perform other functions, as described below.



CAUTION – Do not hold down the Power button for more than 30 seconds. After 30 seconds, any application files stored in the receiver are deleted.

To ...	Power button
turn on the receiver	Press
turn off the receiver	Hold for 2 seconds
delete the ephemeris file	Hold for 15 seconds
reset the receiver to factory defaults	Hold for 15 seconds
delete application files	Hold for 30 seconds

Note – The term “press” means to press the button and release it immediately. The term “hold” means to press the button and hold it down for the given time.

LED behavior

The three LEDs on the front panel of the receiver indicate various operating conditions. Generally, a lit or slowly flashing LED indicates normal operation, a LED that is flashing quickly indicates a condition that may require attention, and an unlit LED indicates that no operation is occurring. The following table defines each possible LED state.

The term ...	means that the LED ...
Slow flash	alternates on/off for 500 milliseconds.
Fast flash	alternates rapidly on/off for 100 milliseconds
On	is lit
Off	is unlit

LED flash patterns

The following table details the possible flash patterns to indicate various states of receiver operation.

Receiver mode	Power LED Green	Radio LED Green	Satellite LED Amber
Receiver OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
Receiver ON:			
Healthy power	ON	N/A	N/A
Low power	Fast flash	N/A	N/A
Tracking <4 SVs	ON	N/A	Fast flash
Tracking >4 SVs	ON	N/A	Slow flash
Logging data internally	Flashes off every 3 seconds	N/A	N/A
Transmitting internally	N/A	Flashes off when transmitting	N/A
Receiving valid data packets	ON	Slow flash	N/A
No data packets	ON	OFF	N/A
Receiver in monitor	ON	Slow flash	ON

Note – If a column shows “N/A”, that specific LED may or may not be on, but it is not relevant to that particular mode.

Starting and stopping the receiver

To turn on the receiver, press the Power button.

To turn off the receiver, hold down the Power button for two seconds.

Logging data

You can log data internally or to a Trimble controller.

Logging internally

The receiver logs raw data on internal memory.

You can then use the Trimble Data Transfer utility or Trimble Business Center software to transfer logged data files to the office computer.

Note – If you use the Data Transfer utility to download the internally-logged files, a DAT (*.dat) file is automatically created after the download. DAT files do not contain GLONASS data. If you have Trimble Business Center software, the T0x (T01 or T02) file that is stored on the receiver can be directly downloaded. The T0x files contain any collected GLONASS data. Trimble Business Center software can process GLONASS data, if you purchased that option.



CAUTION – The receiver allows for a maximum of 200 files on the internal memory. The filenames must be in 8.3 format, otherwise, files copied to the internal memory may cause data corruption or loss of data when logging.

Data is logged using the current logging settings configured in the receiver. Data files logged internally are named automatically.

To begin internal logging, you must use a Trimble controller running the Trimble Access software. The receiver does not have a continuously running internal clock when it is turned off, so you can conduct timed survey sessions only if the receiver is turned on and connected to a power source.

When the internal memory is full, the receiver stops logging data, and the Power LED stops flashing and remains on continuously. Existing data files are not overwritten. You can use the Auto-delete option to override this action and automatically delete the oldest files when the receiver memory is full. However, you should use this option with caution because it can result in loss of data.

Approximate storage requirements for different logging rates are shown below. The values shown are for a one-hour logging session with six satellites visible.

Logging rate	Memory required
10 Hz	2,588 KB
1 Hz	335 KB
5 seconds	87 KB
15 seconds	37 KB

Logging to a Trimble controller

When the receiver is connected to a Trimble controller running the Trimble Access software, you can log GNSS data from the receiver to the controller, or to a data card inserted in the controller. When you use a Trimble controller, you do not use the receiver's controls. Instead, you use the controller functions to set logging options, specify filenames, and control when logging occurs.

Controller software job files and the corresponding raw data files can be transferred to an office computer using the Trimble Data Transfer utility.

For more information on logging data from a receiver using a Trimble controller, refer to the user guide for your particular controller.

Resetting to defaults

To reset the receiver to its factory default settings, hold down the Power button for at least 15 seconds.

For more information, see [Default settings, page 35](#).

Batteries and power



WARNING – Do not damage the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. A damaged battery can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid.
- Do not expose the battery to fire, high temperature, or direct sunlight.
- Do not immerse the battery in water.
- Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather.
- Do not drop or puncture the battery.
- Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.

The receiver can be powered by its internal battery or by an external power source connected to Port 1.

If an external power source is connected to Port 1, it is used in preference to the internal battery. When there is no external power source connected, or if the external power supply fails, the internal battery is used.



WARNING – Avoid contact with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery if it appears to be leaking. Battery fluid is corrosive, and contact with it can result in personal injury and/or property damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
- If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
- If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery fluid.

The receiver is supplied with two rechargeable Lithium-ion batteries, and a dual battery charger. Charge the Lithium-ion batteries only in a Trimble battery charger, such as the dual battery charger P/N 61116-00 (black) or P/N 53018010 (grey), or the five-battery system charger P/N 49499-00 (yellow/grey) or another charger specified for this battery. The two batteries charge sequentially and take approximately four hours each to fully charge.

Battery charging and storage

All battery types discharge over time when they are not being used. Batteries also discharge faster in colder temperatures. If a Lithium-ion battery is to be stored for long periods of time, make sure it is fully charged before storing and re-charged at least every three months.



WARNING – Charge and use the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery only in strict accordance with the instructions. Charging or using the battery in unauthorized equipment can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage.

To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not charge or use the battery if it appears to be damaged or leaking.
- Charge the Lithium-ion batteries only in a Trimble battery charger, such as the dual battery charger P/N 61116-00 (black) or P/N 53018010 (grey), or the five-battery system charger P/N 49499-00 (yellow/grey) or another charger specified for this battery. Be sure to follow all instructions that are provided with the battery charger.
- Discontinue charging a battery that gives off extreme heat or a burning odor.
- Use the battery only in Trimble equipment that is specified to use it.
- Use the battery only for its intended use and according to the instructions in the product documentation.

Charging the Lithium-ion battery



WARNING – Charge only with Lithium-ion charger supplied with your device.

The rechargeable Lithium-ion battery is supplied partially charged. Charge the battery completely before using it for the first time. If the battery has been stored for longer than six months, charge it before use.

To protect the battery from deep discharge (5 V or less), the receiver is designed to switch batteries or cease drawing power when the battery pack discharges to 5.9 V.

A battery that has reached the deep discharge level cannot be recharged and must be replaced. The following recommendations provide optimal performance and extend the life of your batteries:

- Fully charge all new batteries prior to use.
- Do not allow the batteries to discharge below 5 V.
- Keep all batteries on continuous charge when not in use. Batteries may be kept on charge indefinitely without damage to the receiver or batteries.
- Do not store batteries in the receiver or external charger unless power is applied.
- If you must store the batteries, fully charge them before storing and then recharge them at least every three months.

Disposing of the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery

Discharge the Lithium-ion battery before disposing of it. When disposing of the battery, be sure to do so in an environmentally sensitive manner. Adhere to any local and national regulations concerning battery disposal or recycling.

Power output

The receiver does not supply power from either of its two ports.

Firmware

A receiver's *firmware* is the program inside the receiver that controls receiver operations and hardware. You can upgrade the firmware for the receiver using the Trimble Installation Manager software that you can download from www.trimble.com.

For more information, refer to the Trimble Installation Manger Help.



CAUTION – Downgrading the firmware deletes all application files on the receiver.

Configuration

In this chapter:

- Configuring the receiver in real time
- Configuring the receiver using application files
- Application files

The receiver has no controls to change settings. To configure the receiver, use the Trimble Access software.

To configure the receiver, do one of the following:

- Configure the receiver in real time using the Trimble Access software.
- Apply the settings in an application file.

This chapter provides a brief overview of each of these methods and describes the contents and use of application files.

Configuring the receiver in real time

The Trimble Access software supports real-time configuration of the receiver.

When you configure the receiver in real time, use the software to specify which settings you want to change. When you apply the changes, the receiver settings change immediately.

Any changes that you apply to the receiver are reflected in the current application file, which is always present in the receiver. The current application file always records the most recent configuration, so if you apply further changes (either in real time or using an application file) the current file is updated and there is no record of the changes that you applied originally.

For more information on configuring the receiver in real time, see [Chapter 5, Software Utilities](#).

Configuring the receiver using application files

An application file contains information for configuring a receiver. To configure a receiver using an application file, you need to create the application file, transfer it to the receiver and then apply the file's settings. The GPS Configurator software does this automatically when you work with application files.

For more information on applying application files, see [Chapter 5, Software Utilities](#).

Application files

An application file is organized into records. Each record stores configuration information for a particular area of receiver operation. Application files can include the following records:

- File Storage
- General Controls
- Serial Port Baud/Format
- Reference Position
- Logging Rate
- SV Enable/Disable
- Output Message
- Antenna
- Device Control
- Static/Kinematic
- Input Message

An application file does not have to contain all of these records. When you apply an application file, any option that is not included in the records in the file remains at its current setting. For example, if you apply an application file that only specifies the elevation mask to use, all other settings remain as they were before the application file was applied.

You can store up to ten different application files in the receiver. You can apply an application file's settings at the time it is transferred to the receiver, or at any time afterwards.

Special application files

The receiver has two special application files, which control important aspects of the receiver's configuration.

Current application file

The current application file (Current.cfg) reflects the current receiver configuration. Whenever you change the receiver's configuration, either in real time or by applying an application file, the current file changes to match the new configuration.

You cannot delete the current file or change it directly, but every change to the receiver's current configuration is applied to the current file as well.

When you switch off the receiver then turn it on again, all the settings from the current application file are applied, so you do not lose any changes that you have made. The only exceptions are the following logging parameters:

- Logging rate
- Position rate
- Elevation mask

These parameters are always reset to the factory default values whenever the receiver is switched off.

Power up application file

The power up application file (Power_up.cfg) is used to set the receiver to a specific configuration any time the unit is turned on.

In this file, you can specify that the receiver is reset to defaults before the power up settings are applied. This ensures that restarting the receiver always results in the same configuration. This method is useful for defining "default" settings for the receiver that differ from those in the default file, which cannot be changed.

Alternatively, you can specify that the power up settings are applied immediately after the current application file's settings have been applied. Restarting the receiver results in a configuration that uses your default settings for the options you define in the power up file, but the current settings for all other options.

By default, there is no power_up application file on the receiver. To use a power up application file, you must create and save a power_up application file in the GPS Configurator software. If you save this file to disk, the file is called power_up.cfg. The extension .cfg is used, by convention, to identify application files on the office computer. When you transfer this file to the receiver, the file is saved on the receiver as power_up, and becomes the new power up file.

Applying application files

An application file's settings do not affect the receiver's configuration until you **apply** the application file. You can do this at the same time that you save the file. Alternatively, you can save the file on the computer or in the receiver, then open it later and apply its settings.

Storing application files

You can store application files that you create in the GPS Configurator software on the receiver and on the computer. For example, each file can represent a different user sharing the same receiver, or a particular mode of operation or survey style. Saving application files on your computer as well as in your receiver is optional, but it is useful because:

- it gives you a permanent copy of the settings you have sent to a receiver, for audit or your own reference.
- you can use the same file to configure multiple receivers identically.
- you can use an existing application file as a template to create other application files with similar settings.

Naming application files

The application filename in the office computer and in the receiver are always the same. This makes it easier to recognize and keep track of your application files.

When you change the name of the application file in the receiver, this changes the application filename on your computer. When you transfer an application file from the receiver and save it to the computer, the system renames the file to match the internal receiver file. However, if you use Windows Explorer, for example, to change the .cfg filename on the computer, this **does not** change the internal receiver filename. This means that the GPS receiver does not recognize the change to the filename on the computer.

Software Utilities

In this chapter:

- The GPS Configurator software

This chapter describes the software utilities that you can use with the receiver.

The GPS Configurator software

GPS Configurator is office software that configures selected Trimble GNSS receivers.

GPS Configurator software enables you to:

- Edit and save configuration files to the receiver and the computer
- Check current receiver settings and operation
- Configure receiver settings with your office computer

Installing the GPS Configurator software

GPS Configurator can be downloaded from www.trimble.com.

1. Start the GPS Configurator installer.
2. From the main menu, select *Install individual software packages*.
3. Select *Install GPS Configurator vX.XX*.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions.

Configuring the receiver using GPS Configurator software

1. Connect Port 1 or 2 on the receiver to a serial (COM) port on the computer and apply power.
2. To start GPS Configurator, from the *Start* menu select *Programs / Trimble / GPS Configurator / GPS Configurator*.
3. In the *Device Type* dialog, select *Trimble R8/R6/R4*.

The software automatically establishes a connection with the receiver.

4. Make appropriate selections for your required receiver settings.

For more information, refer to the *GPS Configurator Help*.

5. Click **Apply**.

The settings in GPS Configurator software are applied to the receiver.

Default Settings

In this chapter:

- Default settings
- Resetting to factory defaults

All receiver settings are stored in application files. The default application file is stored permanently in the receiver, and contains the factory default settings for the receiver. Whenever the receiver is reset to its factory defaults, the current settings (stored in the current application file, `current.cfg`) are reset to the values in the default application file.

You cannot modify the default application file. However, if there is a power up application file (`Power_up.cfg`) in the receiver, the settings in this file can be applied immediately after the default application file, overriding the factory defaults.

For more information, see [Application files](#), page 29.

Default settings

These settings are defined in the default application file.

Function		Factory default
SV Enable		All SVs enabled
General Controls:	Elevation mask	13°
	PDOP mask	7
	RTK positioning mode	Low Latency
	Motion	Kinematic
Serial Port 1:	Baud rate	38400
	Format	8-None-1
	Flow control	None
Serial Port 2:	Baud rate	38400
	Format	8-None-1
	Flow control	None
Input Setup:	Station	Any
NMEA/ASCII (all supported messages)		All ports Off
Streamed output		All Types Off Offset = 00
RT17/Binary		All ports Off
Reference position:	Latitude	0°
	Longitude	0°
	Altitude	0.00 m HAE
Antenna:	Type	Trimble R8s Model 1 internal
	Height (true vertical)	0.00 m
	Group	All
	Measurement method	Bottom of mount

Resetting to factory defaults

To reset the receiver to its factory defaults, do one of the following:

- On the receiver, press and hold down the Power button for 15 seconds.
- In the GPS Configurator software, select *Connect to Receiver* and then click **Reset receiver** in the *General* tab.

Default behavior

The factory defaults specified above are applied whenever you start the receiver. If a power up file is present in the receiver, its settings are applied immediately after the default settings, so you can use a power up file to define your own set of defaults.

When you turn the receiver on and ...	then logging settings are ...	and logging ...
it is the first time that the receiver has been used	the factory defaults	does not begin automatically
you have reset the receiver to its factory defaults	the factory defaults, or those in the power up file ^a	does not begin automatically
you have performed a full reset	the factory defaults, because resetting deletes any power up file	does not begin automatically

^aA factory default setting is used only if the setting is not defined in the power up file.

Power up settings

When you turn off the receiver, any changes that you have made to logging settings are lost and these settings are returned to the factory defaults. Other settings remain as defined in the current file. The next time you turn on the receiver, the receiver checks for a power up file and, if one is present, applies the settings in this file.

When you use the Power button to turn off and then turn on the receiver and ...	then logging settings are ...	and all other settings are ...
you changed the receiver settings by applying an application file	the factory defaults	the last settings used
you changed the receiver settings using configuration software	the factory defaults	the last settings used
there is a power up application file in the receiver	the factory defaults, or those in the power up file ^a	the last settings used, or those in the power up file

^aA factory default setting is used only if the setting is not defined in the power up file.

Cables and Connectors

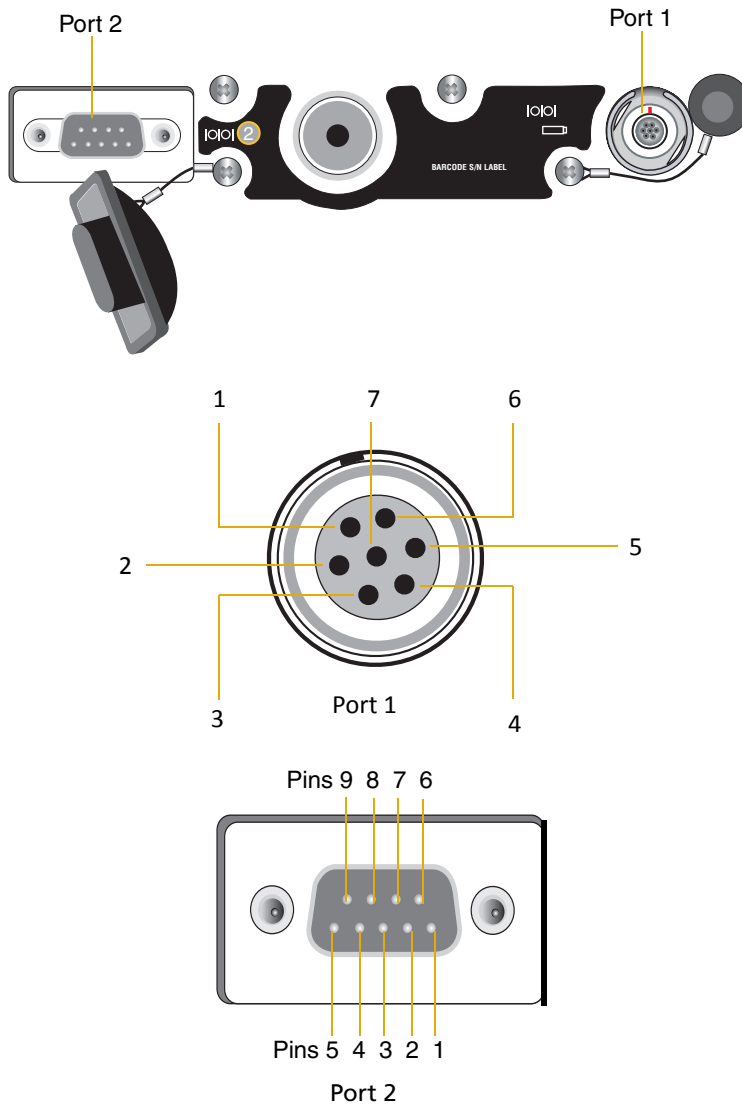
In this chapter:

- Port 1 and 2 connectors
- Power/serial data cables

This chapter describes the pinouts for the receiver standard and optional cables. This information can be used to prepare special cables for connecting the receiver to devices and instruments not supported by the standard and optional cables.

Port 1 and 2 connectors

The following figures show the receiver serial ports and pinout connections.



Pin	Pinout function	
	Port 1 – 7-pin Lemo	Port 2 – DB-9
1	Signal ground	DCD
2	Power ground	RXD
3	TXD	TXD
4	N/C	DTR
5	N/C	Signal ground
6	+ Power in	DSR
7	TRXD	RTS

Pin	Pinout function	
	Port 1 – 7-pin Lemo	Port 2 – DB-9
8	N/A	CTS
9	N/A	Ring indicator

Power/serial data cables

The data-I/O cable is supplied with the receiver.

The table below assumes that the cable is attached to the connector labeled Port 2:

DB-9 Female 9-pin		DB-9 Female 9-pin	
Pin	Function	Pin	Function
1-6	DCD5_232	4	DTR5_232
2	RX5_232	3	TX5_232
3	TX5_232	2	RX5_232
4	DTR5_232	1-6	DCD5_232
5	GND	5	GND
7	RTS5_232	8	CTS5_232
8	CTS5_232	7	RTS5_232
9	no connection RI5_232	9	

This data cable may be used for firmware upgrades and other computer functions with the receiver. Power must be supplied to the receiver through Port 1, or from the internal battery.

Note – This pinout information also applies to the power/serial data cable, which is optional for use with the receiver. This cable can be used for firmware upgrades through Port 1, while also supplying external power.

The table below assumes that the cable is attached to the connector labeled Port 1:

Lemo 0-shell connector 7-Pin		Direction	DE9-F connector 7 Cond			Power lead 2 Cond	
Pin	Function		Pin	Color	Function	Color	Function
1	GND	↔	5	Brown	Signal ground		
2	GND	→				Black	V-OUT
3	TX3_232	→	2	Orange	TXD		
4	RTS/TXD	→	8	Blue	RTS		
5	CTS/RXD	←	7	Green	CTS		
6	PWR_IN	←				Red	Power IN (+)
7	RX3_232	←	3	Yellow	TXD		

NMEA-0183 Output

In this appendix:

- NMEA-0183 outputs
- Common message elements
- NMEA messages

This appendix describes the formats of the subset of NMEA-0183 messages that are available for output by the receiver. For a copy of the NMEA-0183 Standard, go to the National Marine Electronics Association website at www.nmea.org.

NMEA-0183 outputs

When NMEA-0183 output is enabled, a subset of NMEA-0183 messages can be output to external instruments and equipment connected to the Trimble receiver serial ports. These NMEA-0183 messages let external devices use selected data collected or computed by the receiver.

All messages conform to the NMEA-0183 version 3.01 format. All begin with \$ and end with a carriage return and a line feed. Data fields follow comma (,) delimiters and are variable in length. Null fields still follow comma (,) delimiters but contain no information.

An asterisk (*) delimiter and checksum value follow the last field of data contained in an NMEA-0183 message. The checksum is the 8-bit exclusive *OR* of all characters in the message, including the commas between fields, but not including the \$ and asterisk delimiters. The hexadecimal result is converted to two ASCII characters (0–9, A–F). The most significant character appears first.

The following table summarizes the set of NMEA messages supported by the receiver, and shows the page where detailed information about each message can be found.

Message	Function	Page
AVR	Time, yaw, tilt, range for moving baseline RTK	42
BPQ	Base station position and quality indicator	43
DP	Dynamic positioning (proprietary Fugro message)	44
DTM	Datum reference information	45
GBS	GNSS satellite fault detection (RAIM support)	45
GGA	Time, position, and fix related data	46
GGK	Time, position, position type, DOP	47
GLL	Position data: position fix, time of position fix, and status	48
GNS	GNSS fix data	49
GRS	GNSS range residuals	50
GSA	GNSS DOP and active satellites	50
GST	Position error statistics	51
GSV	Satellite information	51
HDT	Heading from True North	52
LLQ	Leica local position and quality	52
PJK	Local coordinate position output	53
PJT	Projection type	53
RMC	Position, velocity, and time	54
ROT	Rate of turn	54
VGK	Vector information	55
VHD	Heading Information	56
VTG	Actual track made good and speed over ground	57
ZDA	UTC day, month, and year, and local time zone offset	57

To enable or disable the output of individual NMEA messages, do one of the following:

- Create an application file in the GPS Configurator software that contains NMEA output settings and then send the file to the receiver.
- Add NMEA outputs in the *Serial outputs* tab of the GPS Configurator software and then apply the settings.

Common message elements

Each message contains:

- A dollar sign (\$)
 - A message ID consisting of either GP, GL, or GN followed by the message type, or the Manufacture Proprietary ID of either PTNL, or PFUG.
- A comma (,)
- A number of fields, depending on the message type, separated by commas
- An asterisk (*)

- A checksum value

Below is an example of a simple message with a message ID (\$GPGGA), followed by 13 fields and a checksum value:

```
$GPGGA,172814.0,3723.46587704,N,12202.26957864,W,2,6,1.2,18.893,M,-25.669,M,2.0,0031*4F
```

Message values

The following values can be found in NMEA messages that the receiver generates.

Latitude and longitude

Latitude is represented as *ddmm.mmmm* and longitude is represented as *dddmm.mmmm*, where:

- *dd* or *ddd* is degrees
- *mm.mmmm* is minutes and decimal fractions of minutes

Direction

Direction (north, south, east, or west) is represented by a single character: *N*, *S*, *E*, or *W*.

Time

Time values are presented in Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) and are represented as *hhmmss.ss*, where:

- *hh* is hours, from 00 to 23
- *mm* is minutes
- *ss* is seconds
- *ss* is hundredths of seconds

NMEA messages

When NMEA-0183 output is enabled, the following messages can be generated.

AVR Time, yaw, tilt, range for moving baseline RTK

An example of the AVR message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,AVR,181059.6,+149.4688,Yaw,+0.0134,Tilt,,,60.191,3,2.5,6*00
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of vector fix
2	Yaw angle in degrees
3	Yaw
4	Tilt angle in degrees

Field	Meaning
5	Tilt
6	Reserved
7	Reserved
8	Range in meters
9	Quality indicator: 0: Fix not available or invalid 1: Autonomous GPS fix 2: Differential carrier phase solution RTK (Float) 3: Differential carrier phase solution RTK (Fix) 4: Differential code-based solution, DGPS
10	PDOP
11	Number of satellites used in solution

BPQ Base station position and quality indicator

An example of the BPQ message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,BPQ,224445.06,021207,3723.09383914,N,12200.32620132,W,EHT-5.923,M,5*
```

Field	Meaning
1	BPQ identifier
2	Time the base CMR message is received (hhmmss.ss)
3	Date the base CMR message is received (mmdyy)
4	Latitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (ddmm.mmmmmmm)
5	N/S indicator for latitude
6	Longitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (dddmm.mmmmmmm)
7	E/W indicator for longitude
8	Antenna height above MSL
9	Indicates meters
10	Quality indicator: 0: Fix not valid 1: GPS fix 2: Differential GPS fix 4: Real Time Kinematic, fixed integers 5: Real Time Kinematic, float integers

DP Dynamic positioning (proprietary Fugro message)

The format of the DP message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PFUGDP,GG,hhmmss.ss,  
ddmm.mmmmm,N,  
dddmm.mmmmm,E,  
NN,Q,DD,aa.a,bb.b,ddd,rr.r
```

For example:

```
$PFUGDP,GN,033615.00,3953.88002,N,10506.75324,W,13,9,FF,0.1,0.1,149,0.1*13
```

Field	Meaning
1	Two-character code for GPS (GP), GLONASS (GL) or GNSS (GN) data
2	UTC time (hhmmss.ss)
3-4	Latitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (ddmm.mmmmm) and Latitude sign (N/S)
5-6	Longitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (dddmm.mmmmm) and Longitude sign (E/W)
7	Total number of satellites (GPS + GLONASS)
8	DPVOA (UK00A) quality indicator ^a
9	DGNSS mode indicator (as NMEA standard for \$__GNS)
10	Error ellipse standard deviation semi-major axis, in meters (aa.a)
11	Error ellipse standard deviation semi-minor axis, in meters (bb.b)
12	Direction of the error ellipse, in degrees
13	RMS value of the standard deviation of the range inputs to the navigation process ^b

^a This quality indicator is defined in "Guidelines on the use of DGPS in as a positioning reference in DP Control Systems" IMCA M141, dated Oct 1997 www.imca-int.com/publications/marine/imca.html.

^b This is the same as the definition in the GST message in the "NMEA 183 Standard For Interfacing Marine Electronic Devices" from version 2.20, dated January 1 1997 www.nmea.org/0183.htm.

The resulting message is shorter than the maximum defined message length of 82 characters, even with mm level resolution in Latitude/Longitude.

DTM Datum reference information

The DTM message identifies the local geodetic datum and datum offsets from a reference datum. This sentence is used to define the datum to which a position location, and geographic locations in subsequent sentences, is referenced.

An example of the DTM message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPDTM,W84,,0.0,N,0.0,W,0.0,W84*7D
```

Field	Meaning
1	Local datum code (CCC): W84 – WGS84 W72 – WGS72 S85 – SGS85 P90 – PE90 999 – User defined IHO datum code
2	Local datum subdivision code (x)
3	Latitude offset, in minutes (x.x)
4	N/S (x)
5	Longitude offset, in minutes (x.x)
6	E/W (x)
7	Altitude offset, in meters (x.x)
8	Reference datum code (CCC): W84 – WGS84 W72 – WGS72 S85 – SGS85 P90 – PE90

GBS GNSS satellite fault detection (RAIM support)

An example GBS message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGBS,015509.00,-0.031,-0.186,0.219,19,0.000,-0.354,6.972*4D
```

Message ID will be "GP" for GPS, "GL" for GLONASS, or "GN" for GNSS based positioning.

Field	Meaning
1	UTC time of position (hhmmss.ss)
2	Expected error in Latitude due to pseudorange bias, in meters
3	Expected error in Longitude due to pseudorange bias, in meters
4	Expected error in altitude due to pseudorange bias, in meters
5	ID number of most likely failed satellite
6	Probability of missed detection of most likely failed satellite

Field	Meaning
7	Estimate of bias, in meters, on the most likely failed satellite
8	Standard deviation of bias estimate
9	System ID
10	Signal ID

GGA Time, position, and fix related data

An example GGA message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGGA,172814.0,3723.46587704,N,12202.26957864,W,2,6,1.2,18.893,M,-25.669,M,2.0,0031*4F
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position fix (hhmmss.ss)
2	Latitude
3	Direction of latitude: N: North S: South
4	Longitude
5	Direction of longitude: E: East W: West
6	GPS Quality indicator: 0: Fix not valid 1: GPS fix 2: Differential GPS fix 4: Real Time Kinematic, fixed integers 5: Real Time Kinematic, float integers
7	Number of SVs in use, range from 00 to 12
8	HDOP
9	Orthometric height (MSL reference)
10	M: Unit of measure for height is meters
11	Geoid separation
12	M: Geoid separation is measured in meters
13	Age of differential GPS data record, Type 1 or Type 9. Null field when DGPS is not used.
14	Reference station ID, ranging from 0000 to 1023. A null field when any reference station ID is selected and no corrections are received.

GGK Time, position, position type, DOP

An example GGK message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,GGK,172814.00,071296,3723.46587704,N,12202.26957864,W,3,06,1.7,EHT-6.777,M*48
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position fix (hhmmss.ss)
2	Date
3	Latitude
4	Direction of latitude: N: North S: South
5	Longitude
6	Direction of Longitude: E: East W: West
7	GPS Quality indicator: 0: Fix not available or invalid 1: Autonomous GPS fix 2: Differential, floating carrier phase integer-based solution, RTK(float) 3: Differential, fixed carrier phase integer-based solution, RTK(fixed) 4: Differential, code phase only solution (DGPS)
8	Number of satellites in fix
9	DOP of fix
10	Ellipsoidal height of fix
11	M: Ellipsoidal height is measured in meters

Note – The GGK message is longer than the NMEA-0183 standard of 80 characters.

GLL Position data: position fix, time of position fix, and status

An example GLL message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGLL,3953.88008971,N,10506.75318910,W,034138.00,A,D*7A
```

Field	Meaning
1	Latitude in dd mm,mmmm format
2	North/South
3	Longitude in dd mm,mmmm format
4	East/West
5	UTC of position in hhmmss.ss format
6	Status indicator: A: Data valid V: Data not valid This value is set to V (Data not valid) for all Mode Indicator values except A (Autonomous) and D (Differential)
7	Mode indicator: A: Autonomous mode D: Differential mode E: Estimated (dead reckoning) mode M: Manual input mode S: Simulator mode N: Data not valid

GNS GNSS fix data

The GNS message provides fix data for GPS, GLONASS, possible future satellite systems, and systems combining these.

An example GNS message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GNGNS,014035.00,4332.69262,S,17235.48549,E,RR,13,0.9,25.63,11.24,,*70
```

Message ID will be "GP" for GPS, "GL" for GLONASS, or "GN" for GNSS based positioning.

Field	Meaning
1	UTC time of position (hhmmss.ss)
2	Latitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (ddmm.mmmmm)
3	North/South indicator for latitude
4	Longitude, in degrees and decimal minutes (dddmm.mmmmm)
5	East/West indicator for longitude
6	Mode indicator: Variable character field with one character for each supported constellation. First character is for GPS Second character is for GLONASS Subsequent characters will be added for new constellation Each character will be one of the following: N: No fix. Satellite system not used in position fix, or fix not valid A: Autonomous. Satellite system used in non-differential mode in position fix D: Differential (including all OmniSTAR services). Satellite system used in differential mode in position fix P: Precise. Satellite system used in precision mode. Precision mode is defined as: no deliberate degradation (such as Selective Availability) and higher resolution code (P-code) is used to compute position fix R: Real Time Kinematic. Satellite system used in RTK mode with fixed integers F: Float RTK. Satellite system used in real time kinematic mode with floating integers E: Estimated (dead reckoning) Mode M: Manual Input Mode S: Simulator Mode
7	Total number of satellites to use
8	HDOP calculated using all the satellites used in computing the solution
9	Antenna height above MSL
10	Geoidal separation in meters
11	Age of differential data
12	Differential reference station ID
13	Navigational status indicator

GRS GNSS range residuals

An example GRS message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPRGS,220320.0,0,-0.8,-0.2,-0.1,-0.2,0.8,0.6,,,,,,*55
```

Message ID will be "GP" for GPS, "GL" for GLONASS, or "GN" for GNSS based positioning.

Field	Meaning
1	UTC time of position fix (hhmmss.ss)
2	Mode: 0: Residuals used to calculate position given in the matching GGA line 1: Residuals recomputed after the GGA position was computed
3-14	Range residuals for satellites used in the navigation solution, in meters

GSA GNSS DOP and active satellites

An example GSA message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGSA,<1>,<2>,<3>,<3>,,,,,<3>,<3>,<3>,<4>,<5>,<6>* <7><CR><LF>
```

Message ID will be "GP" for GPS, "GL" for GLONASS, or "GN" for GNSS based positioning.

Field	Meaning
1	Mode 1: M: Manual A: Automatic
2	Mode 2, Fix type: 1: Not available 2: 2D 3: 3D
3	PRN number, 01 to 32, of satellite used in solution, up to 12 transmitted
4	PDOP-Position dilution of precision, 0.5 to 99.9
5	HDOP-Horizontal dilution of precision, 0.5 to 99.9
6	VDOP-Vertical dilution of precision, 0.5 to 99.9
7	Checksum

GST Position error statistics

An example GST message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGST,172814.0,0.006,0.023,0.020,273.6,0.023,0.020,0.031*6A
```

Message ID will be "GP" for GPS, "GL" for GLONASS, or "GN" for GNSS based positioning.

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position fix (hhmmss.ss)
2	RMS value of the pseudorange residuals (includes carrier phase residuals during periods of RTK(float) and RTK(fixed) processing)
3	Error ellipse semi-major axis 1 sigma error, in meters
4	Error ellipse semi-minor axis 1 sigma error, in meters
5	Error ellipse orientation, degrees from true north
6	Latitude 1 sigma error, in meters
7	Longitude 1 sigma error, in meters
8	Height 1 sigma error, in meters

GSV Satellite information

The GSV message string identifies the number of SVs in view, the PRN numbers, elevations, azimuths, and SNR values. An example GSV message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPGSV,4,1,13,02,02,213,,03,-3,000,,11,00,121,,14,13,172,05*67
```

Field	Meaning
1	Total number of messages of this type in this cycle
2	Message number
3	Total number of SVs visible
4	SV PRN number
5	Elevation, in degrees, 90° maximum
6	Azimuth, degrees from True North, 000° to 359°
7	SNR, 00–99 dB (null when not tracking)
8–11	Information about second SV, same format as fields 4–7
12–15	Information about third SV, same format as fields 4–7
16–19	Information about fourth SV, same format as fields 4–7

HDT Heading from True North

An example HDT message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPHDT,123.456,T*00
```

Field	Meaning
1	Heading in degrees
2	T: Indicates heading relative to True North

LLQ Leica local position and quality

An example LLQ message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPLLQ,034137.00,210712,,M,,M,3,15,0.011,,M*15
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC time of position (hhmmss.ss)
2	UTC date of position (ddmmyy)
3	Grid easting, in meters
4	Meters, fixed text
5	Grid northing, in meters
6	Meters, fixed text
7	GPS Quality: 0: Invalid 1: GPS fix 2: DGPS fix 3: RTK fix
8	Number of satellites used in computation
9	Position quality, in meters
10	Height above/below MSL, in meters
11	Meters, fixed text

PJK Local coordinate position output

An example PJK message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,PJK,010717.00,081796,+732646.511,N,+1731051.091,E,1,05,2.7,EHT-28.345,M*7C
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position fix (hhmmss.ss)
2	Date
3	Northing, in meters
4	Direction of Northing will always be N (North)
5	Easting, in meters
6	Direction of Easting will always be E (East)
7	GPS Quality indicator: 0: Fix not available or invalid 1: Autonomous GPS fix 2: Differential, floating carrier phase integer-based solution, RTK (float) 3: Differential, fixed carrier integer-based solution, RTK (fixed) 4: Differential, code phase only solution (DGPS)
8	Number of satellites in fix
9	DOP of fix
10	Ellipsoidal height of fix
11	M: Ellipsoidal height is measured in meters

Note – The PJK message is longer than the NMEA-0183 standard of 80 characters.

PJT Projection type

An example PJT message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,PJT,NAD83(Conus),California Zone 4 0404,*51
```

Field	Meaning
1	Coordinate system name (can include multiple words)
2	Projection name (can include multiple coordinates)

RMC Position, velocity, and time

An example RMC message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPRMC,123519,A,4807.038,N,01131.000,E,022.4,084.4,230394,003.1,W*6A
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position fix
2	Status A=active or V=void
3	Latitude (ddmm.mmm)
4	Direction of latitude: N: North S: South
5	Longitude (dddmm.mmm)
6	Direction of longitude: E: East W: West
7	Speed over the ground in knots
8	Track angle in degrees (True)
9	Date (ddmmyy)
10	Magnetic variation
11	The checksum data, always begins with *

ROT Rate of turn

An example ROT message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPROT,35.6,A*4E
```

Field	Meaning
1	Rate of turn, degrees/minutes, "-" indicates bow turns to port
2	A: Valid data V: Invalid data

VGK Vector information

An example VGK message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,VGK,160159.00,010997,-0000.161,00009.985,-0000.002,3,07,1,4,M*0B
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of vector in hhmmss.ss format
2	Date in mmddy format
3	East component of vector, in meters
4	North component of vector, in meters
5	Up component of vector, in meters
6	GPS quality indicator: 0: Fix not available or invalid 1: Autonomous GPS fix 2: Differential carrier phase solution RTK(float) 3: Differential carrier phase solution RTK(fix) 4: Differential code-based solution, DGPS
7	Number of satellites in fix solution
8	DOP of fix
9	M: Vector components are in meters

VHD Heading information

An example VHD message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$PTNL,VHD,030556.00,093098,187.718,-22.138,-76.929,-5.015,0.033,0.006,3,07,2.4,M*22
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC of position, in <i>hhmmss.ss,ddmmyy</i> format
2	Date in <i>mmddy</i> format
3	Azimuth
4	Δ Azimuth/ Δ Time
5	Vertical Angle
6	Δ Vertical/ Δ Time
7	Range
8	Δ Range/ Δ Time
9	Quality indicator: 0: Fix not available or invalid 1: Autonomous GPS fix 2: Differential carrier phase solution RTK(float) 3: Differential carrier phase solution RTK(fix) 4: Differential code-based solution, DGPS
10	Number of satellites used in solution
11	PDOP

VTG Actual track made good and speed over ground

An example VTG message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPVTG,,T,,M,0.00,N,0.00,K*4E
```

Field	Meaning
1	Track made good (degrees true)
2	T: Track made good is relative to true north
3	Track made good (degrees magnetic)
4	M: Track made good is relative to magnetic north
5	Speed, in knots
6	N: Speed is measured in knots
7	Speed over ground in kilometers/hour (kph)
8	K: Speed over ground is measured in kph
9	Mode indicator: A: Autonomous mode D: Differential mode E: Estimated (dead reckoning) mode M: Manual Input mode S: Simulator mode N: Data not valid

ZDA UTC day, month, year, and local time zone offset

An example ZDA message and a description of the message fields are provided below.

```
$GPZDA,172809,12,07,1996,00,00*45
```

Field	Meaning
1	UTC
2	Day, ranging between 01 and 31
3	Month, ranging between 01 and 12
4	Year
5	Local time zone offset from GMT, ranging from 00 to ±13 hours
6	Local time zone offset from GMT, ranging from 00 to 59 minutes

Fields 5 and 6 together yield the total offset. For example, if field 5 is –5 and field 6 is +15, local time is 5 hours and 15 minutes earlier than GMT.

RTCM Output

In this appendix:

- Generated messages
- Message scheduling

Generated messages

Messages that are generated when you select a specific RTCM version are as follows. These messages are in the same order as they appear in the GPS Configurator software. For the details of the contents of individual messages, refer to the RTCM documentation.

Selection	Message								
Version 2	1	3			22			59	
USCG 9-3		3	9-3						
RTCM/RTK 2.2+2.3	1	3		18	19	22	23	24	59
RTK Only 2.2+2.3		3		18	19	22	23	24	59
RTCM/RTK 2.3	1			18	19		23	24	
RTK Only 2.3				18	19	22			
RTCM/RTK 2.2	1	3		18	19	22			59
RTK Only 2.2		3		18	19	22			59
RTCM/RTK 2.1	1	3		18	19	22			59
RTK Only 2.1		3		18	19	22			59
RTCM/RTK 3.x				1004	1006	1008	1012	1013	1033

Message scheduling

The frequency at which messages are generated when they are enabled in a base receiver is as follows.

Type	Frequency
1	Every second
3	The 10th second after the first measurement, then every 10 seconds after that
9-3	Every second
18	Every second
19	Every second
22	The 5th second after the first measurement, then every 10 seconds after that
23	The 4th second after the first measurement, then every 10 seconds after that
24	The 4th second after the first measurement, then every 10 seconds after that
59-sub, 13	The 5th second after the first measurement, then every 10 seconds after that
1004	Every second
1006	Every 10 seconds, offset by 2 seconds
1008	Every 10 seconds, offset by 1 second
1012	Every second
1013	Every 10 seconds, offset by 3 seconds
1033	Every 10 seconds

Troubleshooting

In this appendix:

- LED conditions
- Receiver issues

LED conditions

An LED that is flashing quickly indicates a condition that may require attention, and an unlit LED indicates that no operation is occurring. The following table describes some LED conditions, possible causes, and how to solve them.

Condition	Possible cause	Solution
The SV Tracking LED is lit solidly and the Logging/memory LED is flashing slowly.	The receiver is in Monitor mode, ready for new firmware to be loaded or new options to be added.	Turn off or turn on the receiver. Load the latest version of the firmware, which you can download from www.trimble.com/support
The SV Tracking LED is flashing rapidly.	The receiver is tracking fewer than four satellites.	Wait until the SV Tracking LED is flashing slowly.

Receiver issues

The following table describes some possible receiver issues, possible causes, and how to solve them.

Issue	Possible cause	Solution
The receiver does not turn on.	External power too low.	Check the charge on the external battery, and check the fuse if applicable. Replace the battery if necessary.
	Internal power too low.	Check the charge on the internal batteries and replace if necessary. Ensure battery contacts are clean.
	External power not properly connected.	Check that the Lemo connection is seated properly. Check for broken or bent pins in the connector.
	Faulty power cable.	Try a different cable. Check pinouts with multimeter to ensure internal wiring is intact.
Receiver does not log data.	Insufficient internal memory.	Delete old files using the Trimble Access software, or by holding down the Power button for 30 seconds.
	The receiver is tracking fewer than four satellites.	Wait until the SV Tracking LED is flashing slowly.
The receiver is not responding.	Receiver needs soft reset.	Power down the receiver and power back up.
	Receiver needs full reset.	Hold down the Power button for 30 seconds.

Issue	Possible cause	Solution
Reference receiver is not broadcasting.	Port settings between reference receiver and radio are incorrect.	Use the Trimble Access software to connect directly to the radio and change the port settings. Try to connect to the radio through the receiver to ensure that they are communicating.
	Faulty cable between receiver and radio.	Try a different cable. Examine the ports for missing pins. Use a multimeter to check pinouts.
	No power to radio.	If the radio has its own power supply, check the charge and connections.
Roving receiver is not receiving radio.	Reference receiver is not broadcasting.	See above.
	Incorrect over air baud rates between reference and rover.	Connect to the roving receiver's radio and check to ensure it has the same setting as the reference receiver.
	Incorrect port settings between roving external radio and receiver.	If the radio is receiving data (the Power LED is flashing) and the receiver is not getting radio communications, use Trimble Access software to check that the port settings are correct.
	The cellular modem does not have hardware flow control enabled.	Disable flow control on the modem. Use a special cable. For more information, refer to the document <i>Using Cellular and CDPD Modems for RTK</i> , which is available from your Trimble Reseller.

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