



MAX-M10M

Standard precision GNSS module

Professional grade

Data sheet



Abstract

This data sheet describes the MAX-M10M module, an ultra-low-power GNSS receiver for high-performance asset-tracking applications.

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1 Functional description

1.1 Overview

The MAX-M10M module features the u-blox M10 standard precision GNSS platform and provides exceptional sensitivity and acquisition time for all L1 GNSS signals.

The M10 platform supports concurrent reception of four GNSS (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, and BeiDou). The high number of visible satellites enables the receiver to select the best signals. This maximizes the position availability, in particular under challenging conditions such as in deep urban canyons.

u-blox Super-S (Super-Signal) technology offers great RF sensitivity and can improve the dynamic position accuracy with small antennas or in non-line-of-sight scenarios.

MAX-M10M is cost and power optimized for designs where a SAW filter and an LNA are integrated in the external active antenna. It works in a wide main supply voltage range of 1.8 - 5 V with an extremely low power consumption of less than 10 mW in a 1 Hz cyclic tracking power save mode.

MAX-M10M offers backwards pin-to-pin compatibility with products from the previous u-blox generations, which saves the designer's effort and reduces costs when upgrading designs to the advanced low-power u-blox M10 GNSS technology.

1.2 Performance

Parameter	Specification	Value
Receiver type		u-blox M10 receiver
Accuracy of time pulse signal	RMS	30 ns
	99%	60 ns
Frequency of time pulse signal		Default 1PPS (0.25 Hz to 10 MHz configurable)
Operational limits ¹	Dynamics	≤ 4 g
	Altitude	80,000 m
	Velocity	500 m/s
Velocity accuracy ²		0.05 m/s
Dynamic heading accuracy ²		0.3 deg

Parameter	GPS+GAL (default)	GPS+GAL +GLO	GPS+GAL +BDS B1I	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C +GLO
Maximum navigation update rate ³	10 Hz	10 Hz	10 Hz	10 Hz	5 Hz
Position accuracy (CEP) ^{4,5}	1.5 m	1.5 m	1.5 m	1.5 m	1.5 m

¹ Assuming Airborne 4 g platform

² 50% at 30 m/s for dynamic operation

³ For high navigation update rates, increase the communication baud rate and reduce the number of enabled messages. The maximum achievable navigation rate depends on the number of tracked SVs.

⁴ GPS is always in combination with SBAS and QZSS.

⁵ CEP, 50%, 24 hours static, -130 dBm, > 6 SVs for each GNSS system

Parameter		GPS+GAL (default)	GPS+GAL +GLO	GPS+GAL +BDS B1I	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C +GLO
Time To First Fix (TTFF) ^{4,6,7}	Cold start	28 s	23 s	27 s	28 s	23 s
	Hot start	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s
	AssistNow Online ⁸	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s
	AssistNow Offline ⁹	2 s	2 s	3 s	2 s	2 s
	AssistNow Autonomous ¹⁰	3 s	4 s	4 s	4 s	4 s
Sensitivity ¹¹	Tracking and nav.	-165 dBm	-167 dBm	-165 dBm	-165 dBm	-167 dBm
	Reacquisition	-160 dBm	-160 dBm	-160 dBm	-160 dBm	-160 dBm
	Cold Start	-148 dBm	-148 dBm	-148 dBm	-148 dBm	-148 dBm
	Hot start ⁶	-159 dBm	-159 dBm	-159 dBm	-159 dBm	-159 dBm

Table 1: MAX-M10M typical performance in multi-constellation GNSS modes.

Parameter		GPS	GLONASS	BDS B1I	GALILEO	BDS B1C
Maximum navigation update rate		18 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz	18 Hz
Position accuracy (CEP) ^{4,5}		1.5 m	4 m	2 m	3 m	2 m
Time To First Fix (TTFF) ^{4,6,7}	Cold start	29 s	27 s	30 s	41 s	56 s
	Hot start	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s	1 s
	AssistNow Online ⁸	1 s	1 s	2 s	7 s	TBD
Sensitivity ¹¹	Tracking and nav.	-165 dBm	-166 dBm	-159 dBm	-160 dBm	TBD
	Reacquisition	-160 dBm	-158 dBm	-158 dBm	-154 dBm	TBD
	Cold Start	-148 dBm	-147 dBm	-144 dBm	-139 dBm	TBD
	Hot start ⁶	-159 dBm	-159 dBm	-159 dBm	-155 dBm	TBD

Table 2: MAX-M10M typical performance in single-GNSS modes

1.3 Supported GNSS constellations

MAX-M10M is a concurrent GNSS receiver that can receive and track multiple GNSS systems. The single RF front-end architecture enables concurrent reception of multiple GNSS constellations. The receiver can be configured for a subset of GNSS constellations to achieve lower power consumption.

The default configuration on MAX-M10M is concurrent reception of GPS and Galileo with QZSS and SBAS enabled.

The following GNSS and their signals are supported:

System	Signals
GPS / QZSS	L1C/A (1575.42 MHz)
Galileo	E1-B/C (1575.42 MHz)
GLONASS	L1OF (1602 MHz + k*562.5 kHz, k = -7,..., 5, 6)

⁶ Commanded starts.

⁷ All satellites at -130 dBm. Measured at room temperature.

⁸ Dependent on the speed and latency of the aiding data connection, commanded starts.

⁹ Using seven days old AssistNow Offline data. External memory may be required.

¹⁰ Using two days old orbital predicted data. External memory may be required.

¹¹ Demonstrated with a good external LNA. Measured at room temperature.

System	Signals
BeiDou ¹²	B1I (1561.098 MHz), B1C (1575.42 MHz)

Table 3: Supported GNSS and signals on MAX-M10M

The following GNSS assistance services are supported:

Service	Support
AssistNow™ Online	GPS L1C/A, QZSS L1C/A, Galileo E1, GLONASS L1OF, BeiDou B1I
AssistNow™ Offline	GPS L1C/A, GLONASS L1OF
AssistNow™ Autonomous	GPS L1C/A, QZSS L1C/A, Galileo E1, GLONASS L1OF, BeiDou B1I

Table 4: Supported Assisted GNSS (A-GNSS) services

The following augmentation systems are supported:

System	Support
SBAS	EGNOS, GAGAN, MSAS and WAAS
QZSS	L1S (SLAS)

Table 5: Supported augmentation systems

The augmentation systems SBAS and QZSS can be enabled only if GPS operation is also enabled.

1.4 Supported protocols

MAX-M10M supports the following interface protocols:

Protocol	Type
UBX	Input/output, binary, u-blox proprietary
NMEA versions 2.1, 2.3, 4.0, 4.10 and 4.11 (default).	Input/output, ASCII

Table 6: Supported protocols

1.5 Firmware features

Feature	Description
Antenna supervisor ¹³	Antenna supervisor for active antenna control and short detection
CloudLocate GNSS	Extends the life of energy-constrained IoT applications. Small payload messages supported.
Assisted GNSS	AssistNow Online, AssistNow Offline and AssistNow Autonomous
Backup modes	Hardware backup mode and software standby mode
Power save modes ¹⁴	On/off, cyclic tracking
Super-S	Improved dynamic position accuracy with small antennas
Protection level	Real-time position accuracy estimate with 95% confidence level ¹⁵
Galileo return link messages	Galileo search and rescue (SAR) return link messages (RLM) via Galileo satellite signal
Data batching	Autonomous tracking up to 10 minutes at 1 Hz

¹² BeiDou B1I cannot be enabled simultaneously with BeiDou B1C or GLONASS L1OF.

¹³ External components required, some pins need to be reconfigured.

¹⁴ The power save modes are not available if BeiDou B1C is enabled.

¹⁵ Verified for automotive environment only.

Feature	Description
Odometer	Measure traveled distance with support for different user profiles

Table 7: Firmware features

Feature	Description
Anti-jamming	RF interference and jamming detection and reporting
Anti-spoofing	Spoofing detection and reporting
Configuration lockdown	Receiver configuration can be locked by command
Message integrity	All messages can be cryptographically signed
Secure boot	Only signed firmware images executed

Table 8: Security features

2 System description

2.1 Block diagram

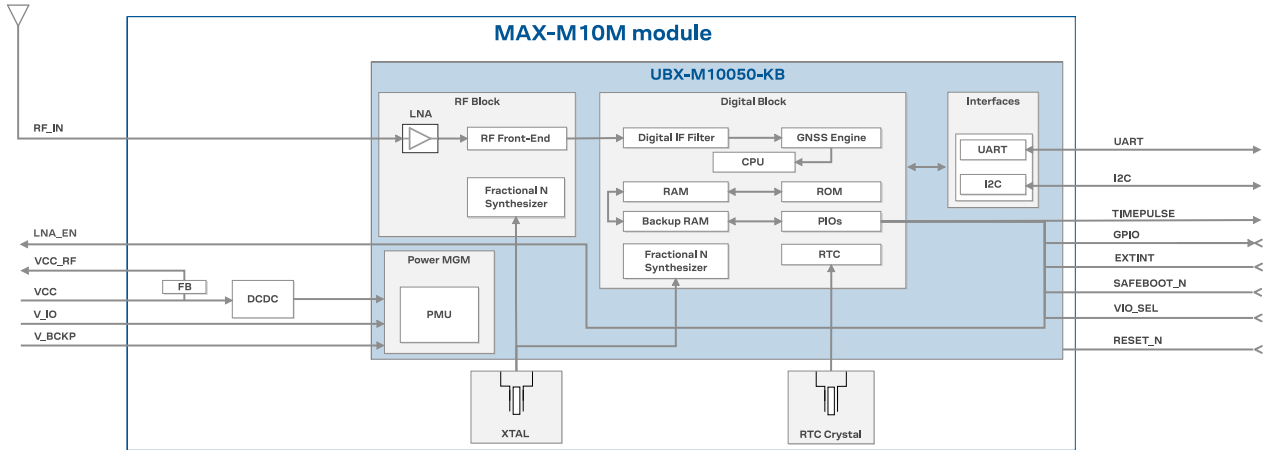


Figure 1: MAX-M10M block diagram

3 Pin definition

3.1 Pin assignment

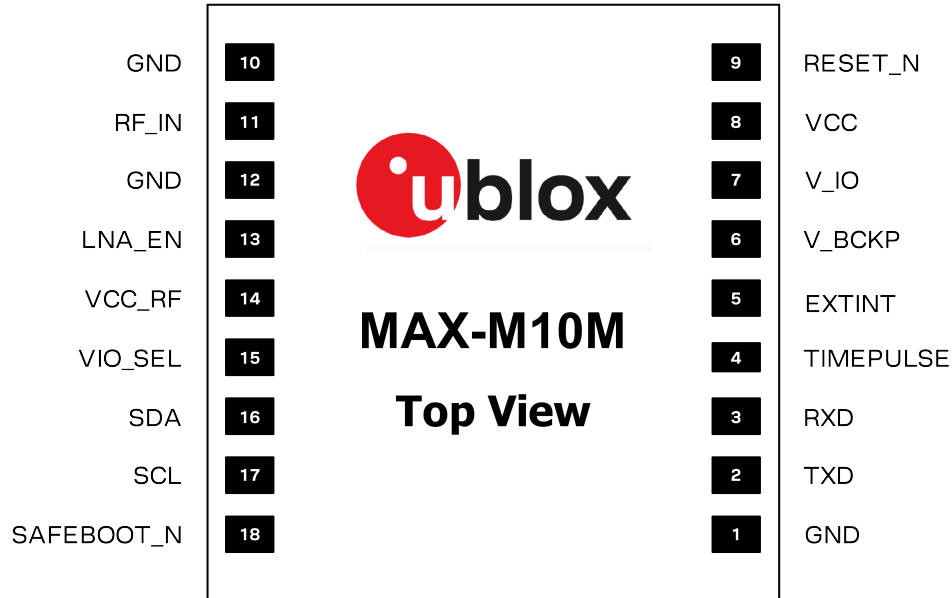


Figure 2: MAX-M10M pin assignment

Pin no.	Name	PIO no.	I/O	Description
1	GND	-	-	Connect to GND
2	TXD	1	O	UART TX
3	RXD	0	I	UART RX
4	TIMEPULSE	4	O	Time pulse signal (shared with SAFEBOOT_N pin) ¹⁶
5	EXTINT	5	I	External interrupt
6	V_BCKP	-	I	Backup voltage supply
7	V_IO	-	I	IO voltage supply
8	VCC	-	I	Main voltage supply
9	RESET_N	-	I	System reset (active low). Has to be low for at least 1 ms to trigger a reset.
10	GND	-	-	Connect to GND
11	RF_IN	-	I	GNSS signal input
12	GND	-	-	Connect to GND
13	LNA_EN	-	O	On/Off external LNA or active antenna
14	VCC_RF	-	O	Output voltage RF section
15	VIO_SEL	-	I	Voltage selector for V_IO supply. Connect to GND for 1.8 V supply, or leave open for 3.3 V supply.
16	SDA	2	I/O	I2C data
17	SCL	3	I	I2C clock
18	SAFEBOOT_N	-	I	Safeboot mode (leave open) ¹⁶

Table 9: MAX-M10M pin assignment

¹⁶ The receiver enters safeboot mode if this pin is low at start up. The SAFEBOOT_N pin is internally connected to TIMEPULSE pin through a 1 kΩ series resistor.

3.2 Pin state

Table 10 defines the state of the PIOs and RESET_N pins in different modes. The functions of the PIOs are as defined in the default configuration.

PIO no.	Pin no.	Default function	Continuous mode	Software standby mode	Safe boot mode
0	3	RXD	Input pull-up	Input pull-up	Input pull-up
1	2	TXD	Output	Input pull-up	Output
2	16	SDA	Input pull-up	Input pull-up	Input pull-up
3	17	SCL	Input pull-up	Input pull-up	Input pull-up
4	18	SAFEBOOT_N	Output	Input pull-down	High Z
	4	TIMEPULSE	Output	Input pull-down	High Z

Table 10: Pins state





In reset mode (RESET_N = low), all PIOs are configured as input pull-up.



In hardware backup mode (VCC = 0 V and V_IO = 0 V), PIOs must not be driven.


4 Electrical specifications

-  Stress above one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Operation of the device at these or at any other conditions above those given below is not implied. Exposure to limiting values for extended periods may affect device reliability.
-  Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings



Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
VCC	Main supply voltage	-0.3	6	V
V _{IO}	IO supply voltage	-0.3	3.6	V
	Voltage ramp on V _{IO} ¹⁷	25	35000	µs/V
V _{BCKP}	Backup supply voltage	-0.3	3.6	V
V _{PIO}	Input voltage on RESET_N and digital pins. VIO_SEL = GND.	-0.3	V _{IO} + 0.3 (max 1.98)	V
	Input voltage on RESET_N and digital pins. VIO_SEL = open.	-0.3	V _{IO} + 0.3 (max 3.6)	V
I _{PIO}	Max source / sink current, digital pins ¹⁸	-10	10	mA
ICC _{RF}	Max source current, VCC _{RF}		100	mA
P _{rfin}	RF input power on RF_IN ¹⁹		+15	dBm
T _{amb}	Ambient temperature	-40	+85	°C
T _s	Storage temperature	-40	+85	°C

Table 11: Absolute maximum ratings

-  The product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. Voltage spikes exceeding the power supply voltage specification, given in the table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection diodes.

4.2 Operating conditions

Table 12 shows the general operating conditions. Table 13 shows the electrical parameters for digital I/O.

-  The V_{IO} voltage range is selected with the VIO_SEL pin.
-  For designs with 1.8 V supply at V_{IO}, switch off V_{IO} supply 100 ms before VCC when transitioning to hardware backup mode. Alternatively, send a UBX-RXM-PMREQ message before switching off V_{IO} and VCC.

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
VCC	Main supply voltage	1.76	1.8, 3.3	5.5	V
V _{IO}	IO supply voltage, VIO_SEL = GND	1.68	1.8	1.98	V
	IO supply voltage, VIO_SEL = open	2.7	3.3	3.6	V

¹⁷ Exceeding the voltage ramp speed may permanently damage the device.

¹⁸ The SAFEBOOT_N pin has an internal 1 kΩ series resistor.

¹⁹ Test conditions: source impedance = 50 Ω, continuous wave.

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
V_BCKP	Supply voltage, backup domain	1.65		3.6	V
V_IOSWITCH	V_IO voltage threshold to switch an internal supply for the backup domain from V_IO to V_BCKP		1.45		V
VCC_RF	VCC_RF output voltage		VCC - 0.1		V
ICC_RF	VCC_RF output current			50	mA
NF _{tot}	Receiver chain noise figure		3.5		dB
Ext_gain ²⁰	External gain at RF_IN, normal gain mode (default)			40	dB
	External gain at RF_IN, low gain mode	14		50	dB
	External gain at RF_IN, bypass mode	23		60	dB
T _{opr}	Operating temperature	-40		+85	°C

Table 12: General operating conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
V _{in}	Input pin voltage range	0		V_IO	V
V _{il}	Low-level input voltage			0.63	V
V _{ih}	High-level input voltage	0.68 x V_IO			V
V _{ol}	Low-level output voltage, I _{out} = -2 mA ²¹			0.4	V
V _{oh}	High-level output voltage, I _{out} = 2 mA ²¹	V_IO - 0.4			V
R _{pu, IO}	Pull-up resistance, Digital IO ²² . VIO_SEL = GND	6	17	72	kΩ
R _{pu, IO}	Pull-up resistance, Digital IO ²² . VIO_SEL = open	8	18	40	kΩ
R _{pd, IO}	Pull-down resistance, Digital IO	21	80	180	kΩ
R _{pu, SAFEBOOT_N}	Pull-up resistance, SAFEBOOT_N ²³	6	17	72	kΩ
R _{pu, RESET_N}	Pull-up resistance, RESET_N	7	10	13	kΩ

Table 13: Digital IO


Operation beyond the specified operating conditions can affect device reliability.

4.3 Indicative power requirements

Table 14 shows indicative current consumption for VCC and V_IO with a 3.0 V supply.

Symbol (Parameter)	Conditions	GPS	GPS+GAL (default)	GPS+GAL +GLO	GPS+GAL +BDS B1I	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C +GLO	Unit
I _{VCC} ²⁴ (Current at VCC)	Acquisition ²⁵	6	8	10	9.5	9	11	mA
	Tracking (Continuous mode)	5	5.5	6.5	7	6	7.5	mA
	Tracking (Power save mode) ²⁶	2	2.1	2.5	2.5	-	-	mA

²⁰ The internal LNA gain is configurable.

²¹ TIMEPULSE (PIO4) has 4 mA current drive/sink capability.

²² TXD, RXD, TIMEPULSE, EXTINT, SCL, SDA, and LNA_EN.

²³ The SAFEBOOT_N pin has an additional 1 kΩ series resistor.

²⁴ Internal LNA set to normal gain. Simulated signal using power levels of -130 dBm.

²⁵ Average current from start-up until the first fix.

²⁶ Power save mode in cyclic tracking operation, 1-second update period. GNSS configurations that include BeiDou B1C do not support this mode.

Symbol (Parameter)	Conditions	GPS	GPS+GAL (default)	GPS+GAL +GLO	GPS+GAL +BDS B1I	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C +GLO	Unit
$I_{V_{IO}}$ (Current at V_{IO})	Acquisition and Tracking (Continuous mode)	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	mA
	Tracking (Power save mode) ²⁶	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	-	mA

Table 14: Typical currents for 3.0 V supply at VCC and V_{IO}

Table 15 shows indicative current consumption for VCC and V_{IO} with a 1.8 V supply.

Symbol (Parameter)	Conditions	GPS	GPS+GAL (default)	GPS+GAL +GLO	GPS+GAL +BDS B1I	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C	GPS+GAL +BDS B1C +GLO	Unit
I_{VCC}^{24} (Current at VCC)	Acquisition ²⁵	10	13.5	16	15.5	15	18	mA
	Tracking (Continuous mode)	8	9	11	11.5	10	12.5	mA
	Tracking (Power save mode) ²⁶	3.2	3.5	4.2	4.2	-	-	mA
$I_{V_{IO}}$ (Current at V _{IO})	Acquisition and Tracking (Continuous mode)	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	mA
	Tracking (Power save mode) ²⁶	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	-	-	mA

Table 15: Typical currents for 1.8 V supply at VCC and V_{IO}


These values are provided for customer information only, as an example of typical current requirements. They are characterized on samples using a cold start command. Actual power requirements can vary depending on firmware version used, external circuitry, number of satellites tracked, signal strength, type and time of start, duration, internal LNA gain mode, and test conditions.



The inrush current at startup can go up to 100 mA. Ensure that the external power supply is able to deliver up to 100 mA.

Table 16 shows current consumptions for the backup modes.

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typ.	Unit
$I_{V_{BCKP}}^{27}$	Total current in hardware backup mode	$V_{BCKP} = 3.3\text{ V}, V_{IO} = VCC = 0\text{ V}$	32	μA
$I_{VCC} + I_{V_{IO}}$	Total current in software standby mode	$V_{IO} = 1.8\text{ V}, VCC = 1.8\text{ V}$	37	μA
		$V_{IO} = 3.3\text{ V}, VCC = 3.3\text{ V}$	46	μA

Table 16: Backup currents

All values in Table 14, Table 15, and Table 16 are measured at 25 °C ambient temperature and with the internal LNA set to normal gain. SBAS and QZSS are activated in all measurements.

²⁷ $I_{V_{BCKP}}$ current in normal operation ($V_{BCKP} = 3.3\text{ V}, V_{IO} = VCC = 3.3\text{ V}$) is $\sim 3\text{ }\mu\text{A}$.

5 Communication interfaces

The receiver allows communication over UART and I2C interfaces.

All the inputs have internal pull-up resistors in normal operation and can be left open if not used. All the PIOs are supplied by V_{IO}, therefore all the voltage levels of the PIO pins are related to V_{IO} supply voltage.

5.1 UART

The UART interface supports configurable baud rates. Hardware flow control is not supported. UART specifications are described in [Table 17](#).

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit
R _u	Baud rate	4800	921600	bit/s
Δ _{Tx}	Tx baud rate accuracy	-1%	+1%	-
Δ _{Rx}	Rx baud rate tolerance	-2.5%	+2.5%	-

Table 17: UART specifications

5.2 I2C

An I2C interface is available for communication with an external host CPU. The interface is compatible with the Fast-mode of the I2C industry standard, allowing a maximum bit rate of 400 kbit/s²⁸.



The interface stretches the clock when slowed down while serving interrupts, therefore the real bit rates may be slightly lower. The maximum clock stretching time that the host can expect is 20 ms.

5.3 Default interface settings

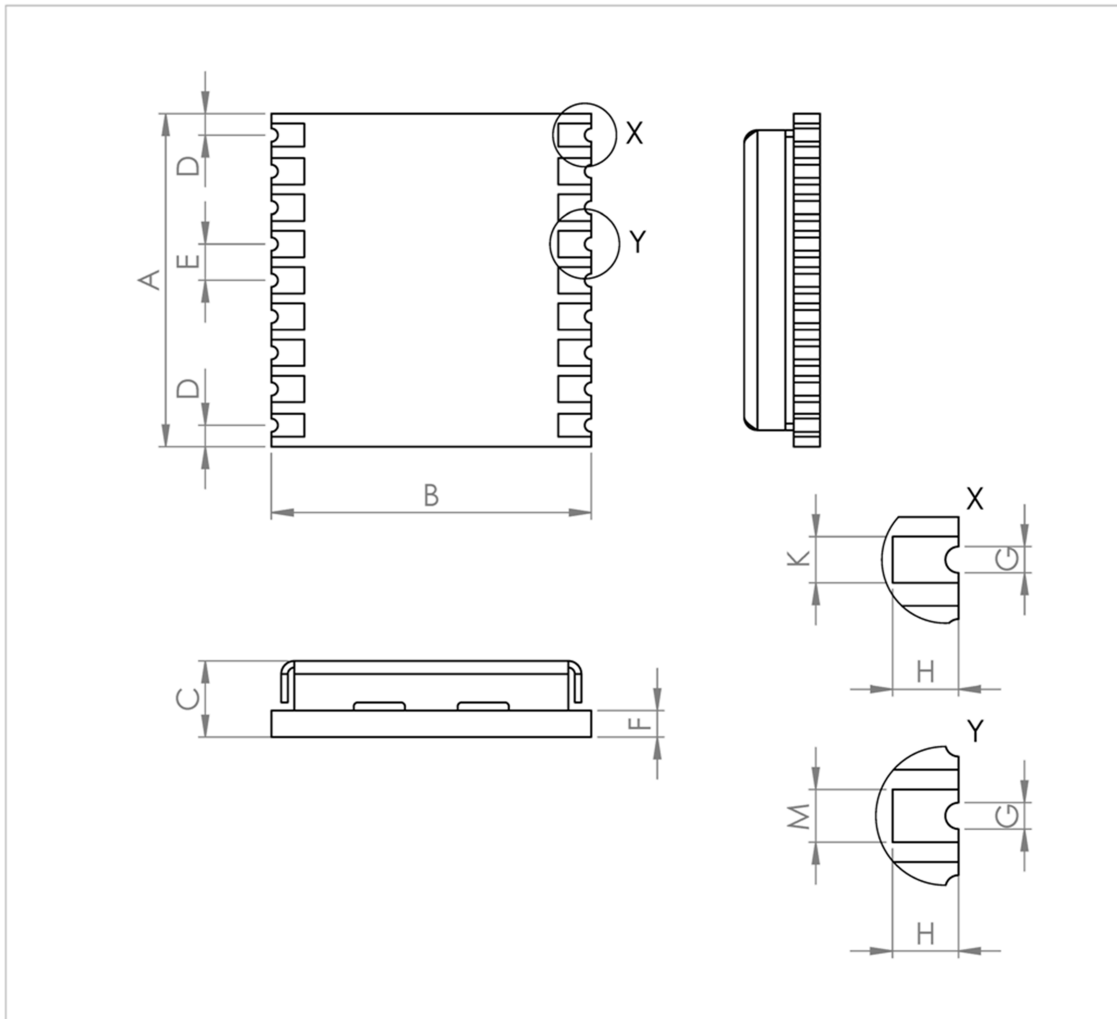
Interface	Settings
UART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9600 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit. Input messages: NMEA and UBX. Output messages: NMEA GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV²⁹, RMC, VTG and TXT.
I2C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-bit I2C address (0x42). Input messages: NMEA and UBX. Output messages: NMEA GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV²⁹, RMC, VTG and TXT.

Table 18: Default interface settings

²⁸ External pull-up resistors may be needed to achieve 400 kbit/s communication speed, as the internal pull-up resistance can be very large.

²⁹ In the default configuration, the NMEA-GSV messages are sent at 5-second intervals to avoid overflow in the TX buffer.

6 Mechanical specifications



Symbol	Min. (mm)	Typ. (mm)	Max. (mm)
A	10.0	10.1	10.7
B	9.6	9.7	9.8
C	2.2	2.5	2.7
D	0.55	0.65	0.95
E	1.0	1.1	1.2
F		0.76	
G	0.3	0.4	0.5
H	0.9	1.0	1.1
K	0.6	0.7	0.8
M	0.7	0.8	0.9
Weight		0.6g	

Figure 3: MAX-M10M mechanical drawing

7 Approvals

The MAX-M10M is designed for the presumption of conformity with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU.

The MAX-M10M complies with the Directive 2011/65/EU (EU RoHS 2) and its amendment Directive (EU) 2015/863 (EU RoHS 3).

The Declaration of Conformity (DoC) is available at [u-blox website](#) within Support > Product Resources > Conformity Declaration.

8 Product handling

8.1 Moisture sensitivity level

The moisture sensitivity level (MSL) relates to the packaging and handling precautions required. MAX-M10M LCC (professional grade) package is rated at MSL level 4. For MSL standard, see IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 [5].

9 Labeling and ordering information

This section provides information about product labeling and ordering.

9.1 Product labeling

The labeling of the MAX-M10M package provides product information and revision information. For more information contact u-blox sales.

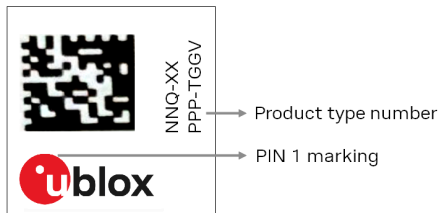


Figure 4: Location of product type number on MAX-M10M label

9.2 Explanation of product codes

Three product code formats are used. The product name is used in documentation such as this data sheet and identifies all u-blox products, independent of packaging and quality grade. The ordering code includes options and quality, while the type number includes the hardware and firmware versions.

Table 19 details these three different formats for the MAX-M10M module.

Format	Structure	Product code
Product name	PPP-TGGV	MAX-M10M
Ordering code	PPP-TGGV-NNQ	MAX-M10M-00B
Type number	PPP-TGGV-NNQ-XX	MAX-M10M-00B-01

Table 19: Product code formats

The parts of the product code are explained in Table 20 .

Code	Meaning	Example
PPP	Product family	MAX
TGG	Platform	M10 = u-blox M10
V	Variant	M = Standard precision, ROM and XTAL
NNQ	Option / Quality grade	NN: Option [00...99] Q: Grade, A = Automotive, B = Professional
XX	Product detail	Describes hardware and firmware versions

Table 20: Part identification code

9.3 Ordering codes

Ordering code	Product	Remark
MAX-M10M-00B	u-blox M10 GNSS receiver module, professional grade	

Table 21: Product ordering codes



Product changes affecting form, fit or function are documented by u-blox. For a list of Product Change Notifications (PCNs) see our website at: <https://www.u-blox.com/en/product-resources>.

Related documents

- [1] MAX-M10M Integration manual, [UBX-22038241](#)
- [2] u-blox M10 SPG 5.10 Interface description, [UBX-21035062](#)
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