

ZED-F9R-01B

u-blox F9 high precision sensor fusion GNSS receiver

Data sheet



Abstract

This data sheet describes the ZED-F9R high precision sensor fusion module with 3D sensors and a multi-band GNSS receiver. It provides a reliable multi-band RTK turnkey solution with up to 30 Hz real time position update rate and full GNSS carrier raw data.

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1 Functional description

1.1 Overview

The ZED-F9R-01B module with the u-blox F9 multi-band GNSS receiver features rapid convergence time within seconds. This mass-market component combines high precision positioning with highest availability, while making use of all four GNSS constellations simultaneously. It is the first sensor fusion module with an integrated inertial measurement unit (IMU) capable of high precision positioning. The sophisticated built-in algorithms fuse the IMU data, GNSS measurements, wheel ticks, and a dedicated dynamic model to provide high accurate positioning where GNSS alone would fail.

The module operates under open sky, sidewalks, roads, in the wooded countryside, in difficult multipath environments, and even in tunnels and underground parking. For modern autonomous robotic applications such as unmanned ground vehicles where control and availability are key to success, ZED-F9R-01B is the ultimate solution.

The device is a turnkey solution eliminating the technical risk of integrating third party libraries, precise positioning engines, and the multi-faceted hardware engineering aspects of radio frequency design and digital design. The u-blox approach provides a transparent evaluation of the positioning solution and clear lines of responsibility for design support while reducing supply chain complexity during production.

ZED-F9R-01B offers support for a range of correction services allowing each application to optimize performance according to the application's unique needs. ZED-F9R-01B comes with built-in support for RTCM formatted corrections, enabling high precision navigation using internet or satellite data connectivity. In a future release, the product will support SSR-type correction services suitable for mass-market deployment. Finally the full set of RAW data from IMU sensors and GNSS carriers are provided.

ZED-F9R-01B modules use GNSS chips qualified according to AEC-Q100 and are manufactured in ISO/TS 16949 certified sites. Qualification tests are performed as stipulated in the ISO16750 standard. The professional-grade ZED-F9R-01B module adheres to industrial standard quality specifications and production flow.

| Parameter | Specification | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Receiver type | Multi-band GNSS high pr | ecision sensor fusion receiver |
| Accuracy of time pulse signal | RMS | 30 ns |
| | 99% | 60 ns |
| Frequency of time pulse signal | | 0.25 Hz to 10 MHz |
| | | (configurable) |
| Operational limits ¹ | Dynamics | ≤ 4 g |
| | Altitude | 80,000 m |
| | Velocity | 500 m/s |
| Position error during GNSS loss ² | | 2% |

1.2 Performance

¹ Assuming airborne 4 g platform

² 68% error incurred without GNSS as a percentage of distance of traveled 3000 m, applicable to four-wheel road vehicle



| Parameter | Specification | |
|---|------------------------------|----------|
| Max navigation update rate (RTK) ³ | Priority navigation mode | 30 Hz |
| | Non-priority navigation mode | 2 Hz |
| Navigation latency | Priority navigation mode | 15 ms |
| Velocity accuracy ⁴ | | 0.05 m/s |
| Dynamic attitude accuracy ⁴ | Heading | 0.2 deg |
| | Pitch | 0.3 deg |
| | Roll | 0.5 deg |
| Max sensor measurement output rate |) | 100 Hz |

| GNSS | | GPS+GLO+GAL +BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL | GPS+GLO | BDS+GLO |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Acquisition ⁵ | Cold start | 26 s | 25 s | 30 s | 25 s | 28 s |
| | Hot start | 2 s | 2 s | 2 s | 2 s | 2 s |
| | Aided starts ⁶ | 3 s | 3 s | 3 s | 3 s | 3 s |
| Re-convergence time ⁷⁸ | RTK | ≤ 10 s | ≤ 10 s | ≤10s | ≤ 10 s | ≤ 30 s |
| Sensitivity ^{9 10} | Tracking and nav. | -160 dBm | -160 dBm | -160 dBm | -160 dBm | -160 dBm |
| , | Reacquisition | -157 dBm | -157 dBm | -157 dBm | -157 dBm | -157 dBm |
| | Cold start | -147 dBm | -147 dBm | -147 dBm | -147 dBm | -145 dBm |
| | Hot start | -158 dBm | -158 dBm | -158 dBm | -158 dBm | -158 dBm |

Table 1: ZED-F9R-01B performance in different GNSS modes

| GNSS | | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL | GPS+GLO | GPS+BDS | GPS |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Horizontal | PVT ¹¹ | 1.5 m CEP | 1.5 m CEP | 1.5 m CEP | 1.5 m CEP | 1.5 m CEP | 1.5 m CEP |
| pos. accuracy | SBAS ¹¹ | 1.0 m CEP | 1.0 m CEP | 1.0 m CEP | 1.0 m CEP | 1.0 m CEP | 1.0 m CEP |
| | RTK ¹² | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m |
| | | + 1 ppm CEP | + 1 ppm CEP | + 1 ppm CEF | P + 1 ppm CEI | P + 1 ppm CEI | P + 1 ppm CEP |
| Vertical pos. | RTK ¹² | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m | 0.01 m |
| accuracy | | + 1 ppm R50 | + 1 ppm R50 | + 1 ppm R50 |) + 1 ppm R50 |) + 1 ppm R50 | 0 + 1 ppm R50 |

Table 2: ZED-F9R-01B position accuracy in different GNSS modes

1.3 Supported GNSS constellations

The ZED-F9R-01B GNSS modules are concurrent GNSS receivers that can receive and track multiple GNSS constellations. Owing to the multi-band RF front-end architecture, all four major GNSS constellations (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and BeiDou) plus SBAS and QZSS satellites can be received concurrently. All satellites in view can be processed to provide an RTK navigation solution when used

 $^{^3~}$ Rates with QZSS enabled for > 98% fix report rate under typical conditions

⁴ 68% at 30 m/s for dynamic operation

⁵ All satellites at -130 dBm

⁶ Dependent on the speed and latency of the aiding data connection, commanded starts

⁷ 68% depending on atmospheric conditions, baseline length, GNSS antenna, multipath conditions, satellite visibility and geometry

⁸ Time to ambiguity fix after 20 s outage

 $^{^{\}rm 9}$ $\,$ Demonstrated with a good external LNA $\,$

¹⁰ Configured minCNO of 6 dBHz, limited by FW with minCNO of 20 dBHz for best performance

^{11 24} hours static

¹² Measured using 1 km baseline and patch antennas with good ground planes. Does not account for possible antenna phase center offset errors. ppm limited to baselines up to 20 km.



with correction data. If power consumption is a key factor, the receiver can be configured for a subset of GNSS constellations.

All satellites in view can be processed to provide an RTK navigation solution when used with correction data; the highest positioning accuracy will be achieved when the receiver is tracking signals on both bands from multiple satellites, and is provided with corresponding correction data.

The QZSS system shares the same frequency bands as GPS and can only be processed in conjunction with GPS.

To take advantage of multi-band signal reception, dedicated hardware preparation must be made during the design-in phase. See the Integration manual [1] for u-blox design recommendations.

| GPS | GLONASS | Galileo | BeiDou |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| L1C/A (1575.420 MHz) | L1OF (1602 MHz + k*562.5 kHz, k = –7,, 5, 6) | E1-B/C (1575.420 MHz) | B1I (1561.098 MHz) |
| L2C (1227.600 MHz) | L2OF (1246 MHz + k*437.5 kHz, k = –7,, 5, 6) | E5b (1207.140 MHz) | B2I (1207.140 MHz) |

The ZED-F9R-01B supports the GNSS and their signals as shown in Table 3.

The following GNSS assistance services can be activated on ZED-F9R-01B:

| AssistNow™ Online | AssistNow™Offline | AssistNow™ Autonomous |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Supported | - | - |

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

1.4 Supported GNSS augmentation systems

1.4.1 Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)

The Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) is a regional navigation satellite system that provides positioning services for the Pacific region covering Japan and Australia. The ZED-F9R-01B is able to receive and track QZSS L1 C/A and L2C signals concurrently with GPS signals, resulting in better availability especially under challenging signal conditions, e.g. in urban canyons.

QZSS can be enabled only if GPS operation is also configured.

1.4.2 Satellite based augmentation system (SBAS)

The ZED-F9R-01B optionally supports SBAS (including WAAS in the US, EGNOS in Europe, MSAS in Japan and GAGAN in India) to deliver improved location accuracy within the regions covered. However, the additional inter-standard time calibration step used during SBAS reception results in degraded time accuracy overall.

SBAS reception is disabled by default in ZED-F9R-01B.

1.4.3 Differential GNSS (DGNSS)

When operating in RTK mode, RTCM version 3.3 messages are required and the module supports DGNSS according to RTCM 10403.3. ZED-F9R-01B can decode the following RTCM 3.3 messages:

| Message type | Description |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| RTCM 1001 | L1-only GPS RTK observables |
| RTCM 1002 | Extended L1-only GPS RTK observables |



| Message type | Description | |
|--------------|--|--|
| RTCM 1003 | L1/L2 GPS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1004 | Extended L1/L2 GPS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1005 | Stationary RTK reference station ARP | |
| RTCM 1006 | Stationary RTK reference station ARP with antenna height | |
| RTCM 1007 | Antenna descriptor | |
| RTCM 1009 | L1-only GLONASS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1010 | Extended L1-only GLONASS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1011 | L1/L2 GLONASS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1012 | Extended L1/L2 GLONASS RTK observables | |
| RTCM 1033 | Receiver and antenna description | |
| RTCM 1074 | GPS MSM4 | |
| RTCM 1075 | GPS MSM5 | |
| RTCM 1077 | GPS MSM7 | |
| RTCM 1084 | GLONASS MSM4 | |
| RTCM 1085 | GLONASS MSM5 | |
| RTCM 1087 | GLONASS MSM7 | |
| RTCM 1094 | Galileo MSM4 | |
| RTCM 1095 | Galileo MSM5 | |
| RTCM 1097 | Galileo MSM7 | |
| RTCM 1124 | BeiDou MSM4 | |
| RTCM 1125 | BeiDou MSM5 | |
| RTCM 1127 | BeiDou MSM7 | |
| RTCM 1230 | GLONASS code-phase biases | |
| | | |

Table 5: Supported input RTCM 3.3 messages

1.5 Broadcast navigation data and satellite signal measurements

The ZED-F9R-01B can output all the GNSS broadcast data upon reception from tracked satellites. This includes all the supported GNSS signals plus the augmentation services QZSS and SBAS. The UBX-RXM-SFRBX message is used for this information. The receiver also makes available the tracked satellite signal information, i.e. raw code phase and Doppler measurements, in a form aligned to the Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP) [3]. For the UBX-RXM-SFRBX message specification, see the u-blox Interface description [2].

1.5.1 Carrier-phase measurements

The ZED-F9R-01B modules provide raw carrier-phase data for all supported signals, along with pseudorange, Doppler and measurement quality information. The data contained in the UBX-RXM-RAWX message follows the conventions of a multi-GNSS RINEX 3 observation file. For the UBX-RXM-RAWX message specification, see the u-blox Interface description [2].

Raw measurement data are available once the receiver has established data bit synchronization and time-of-week.

1.6 Supported protocols

The ZED-F9R-01B supports the following protocols:



| Protocol | Туре | |
|--|--|--|
| UBX | Input/output, binary, u-blox proprietary | |
| NMEA 4.11, 4.10 (default), 4.0, 2.3, and 2.1 | Input/output, ASCII | |
| RTCM 3.3 | Input, binary | |

Table 6: Supported protocols

For specification of the protocols, see the u-blox Interface description [2].

1.7 High precision sensor fusion (HPS)

u-blox's proprietary high precision sensor fusion (HPS) solution uses a 3D inertial measurement unit (IMU) included within the module and speed pulses from the wheel sensors. Alternatively, the velocity data can be provided via software interface. Sensor data and GNSS signals are processed together, achieving 100% coverage, with highly accurate and continuous positioning even in GNSS hostile environments (e.g. urban areas) or in case of GNSS signal absence (e.g. tunnels, multi-level parking structures).

Wheel or speed sensor rate variations and the 3D IMU sensors are calibrated automatically and continuously by the module, accommodating, for example, if wheel diameter changes.

For more details, see the ZED-F9R-01B Integration manual [1].

The ZED-F9R-01B combines GNSS and sensor measurements and computes a position solution at rates of up to 2 Hz with non-priority navigation mode. In priority navigation mode the navigation rate can be increased using IMU-only data to deliver accurate, low-latency position measurements at rates up to 30 Hz. These solutions are reported in standard NMEA, UBX-NAV-PVT and similar messages.

The ZED-F9R-01B will work optimally in priority navigation mode when the IMU and WT sensors are calibrated, and the alignment angles are correct.

Dead reckoning mode allows navigation to commence as soon as power is applied to the module (i.e. before a GNSS fix has been established) under the following conditions:

- the vehicle has not been moved while the module is switched off
- at least a dead reckoning (DR) fix was available when the vehicle was last used
- a back-up supply has been available for the module since the vehicle was last used
- The save-on-shutdown feature can be used when no back-up supply is available. All information necessary will be saved to the flash and read from the flash upon restart.



2 System description

2.1 Block diagram

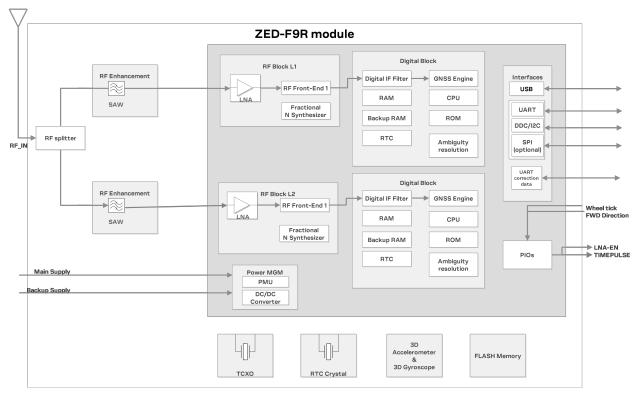


Figure 1: ZED-F9R-01B block diagram



3 Pin definition

3.1 Pin assignment

The pin assignment of the ZED-F9R-01B module is shown in Figure 2. The defined configuration of the PIOs is listed in Table 7.

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The ZED-F9R-01B is an LGA package with the I/O on the outside edge and central ground pads.

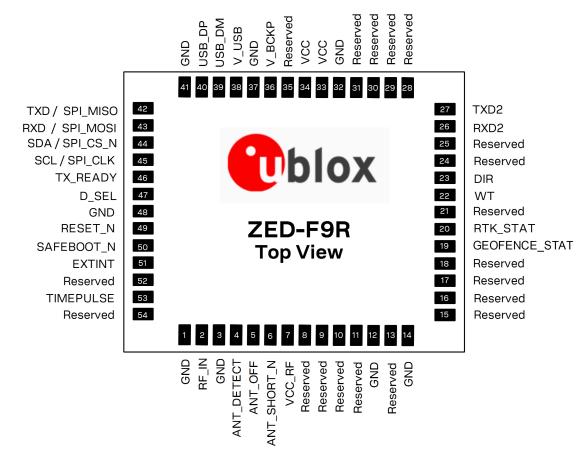


Figure 2: ZED-F9R-01B pin assignment

| Pin no. | Name | I/O | Description |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | GND | - | Ground |
| 2 | RF_IN | I | RF input |
| 3 | GND | - | Ground |
| 4 | ANT_DETECT | I | Active antenna detect |
| 5 | ANT_OFF | 0 | External LNA disable |
| 6 | ANT_SHORT_N | I | Active antenna short detect |
| 7 | VCC_RF | 0 | Voltage for external LNA |
| 8 | Reserved | - | Reserved |
| 9 | Reserved | - | Reserved |
| 10 | Reserved | - | Reserved |
| | | | |



| Reserved | | |
|---------------|--|--|
| | - | Reserved |
| GND | - | Ground |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| GND | - | Ground |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| GEOFENCE_STAT | 0 | Geofence status, user defined |
| RTK_STAT | 0 | RTK status 0 – fixed, blinking – receiving and using corrections, 1 – no corrections |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| WT | I | Wheel ticks |
| DIR | I | Direction |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| RXD2 | I | Correction UART input |
| TXD2 | 0 | Correction UART output |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| GND | - | Ground |
| VCC | I | Voltage supply |
| VCC | I | Voltage supply |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| V_BCKP | I | Backup supply voltage |
| GND | - | Ground |
| V_USB | I | USB power input |
| USB_DM | I/O | USB data |
| USB_DP | I/O | USB data |
| GND | - | Ground |
| TXD/SPI_MISO | 0 | Serial port if D_SEL =1(or open). SPI MISO if D_SEL = 0 |
| RXD/SPI_MOSI | I | Serial port if D_SEL =1(or open). SPI MOSI if D_SEL = 0 |
| SDA/SPI_CS_N | I/O | I2C data if D_SEL =1 (or open). SPI chip select if D_SEL = 0 |
| SCL/SPI_CLK | I/O | I2C Clock if D_SEL =1(or open). SPI clock if D_SEL = 0 |
| TX_READY | 0 | TX_Buffer full and ready for TX of data |
| D_SEL | I | Interface select |
| GND | - | Ground |
| RESET_N | I | RESET_N |
| SAFEBOOT_N | I | SAFEBOOT_N (for future service, updates and reconfiguration, leave OPEN) |
| EXT_INT | I | External interrupt pin |
| Reserved | - | Reserved |
| TIMEPULSE | 0 | Time pulse |
| | GNDReservedReservedReservedGEOFENCE_STATGEOFENCE_STATRtK_STATWTDIRReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedReservedVCCVCCVCCVCCVCCVSB_USB_DMUSB_DPUSB_DPGNDXAJ SPI_MISORXD/SPI_MISOSCL/SPI_CLKTX_READYD_SELGNDKAFEBOOT_NEXT_INTReserved | GND-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-GEOFENCE_STATORTK_STATONT1DIR-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-Reserved-VCC1VCC1VCC1VECKP1QND-V_BCKP1USB_DP1/0USB_DP1/0SCL/SPI_MOSI1SDA/SPI_CS_N1/0SAFEBOOT_N1RESET_N1 |



| Pin no. | Name | 1/0 | Description |
|---------|----------|-----|-------------|
| 54 | Reserved | - | Reserved |

Table 7: ZED-F9R-01B pin assignment



4 Electrical specification

The limiting values given are in accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134). 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.

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Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

| Parameter | Symbol | Condition | Min | Max | Units |
|---|-------------------|---|------|-------------|-------|
| Power supply voltage | VCC | | -0.5 | 3.6 | V |
| Backup battery voltage | V_BCKP | | -0.5 | 3.6 | V |
| Input pin voltage | Vin | VCC ≤ 3.1 V | -0.5 | VCC + 0.5 | V |
| | | VCC > 3.1 V | -0.5 | 3.6 | V |
| DC current through any digital I/O pin (except supplies) | lpin | | | TBD | mA |
| VCC_RF output current | ICC_RF | | | 100 | mA |
| Supply voltage USB | V_USB | | -0.5 | 3.6 | V |
| USB signals | USB_DM, USB_DP | | -0.5 | V_USB + 0.9 | 5 V |
| Input power at RF_IN | Prfin | source impedance = 50 Ω, continuous wave | | 10 | dBm |
| Storage temperature | Tstq | | -40 | +85 | °C |

Table 8: 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

All specifications are at an ambient temperature of 25 °C. Extreme operating temperatures can significantly impact the specification values. Applications operating near the temperature limits should be tested to ensure the specification.

| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Typical | Max | Units | Condition |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|----------------------------|
| Power supply voltage | VCC | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.6 | V | |
| Backup battery voltage | V_BCKP | 1.65 | | 3.6 | V | |
| Backup battery current | I_BCKP | | 36 | | μA | V_BCKP = 3 V, VCC = 0 V |
| SW backup current | I_SWBCKP | | 1.5 | | mA | |
| Input pin voltage range | Vin | 0 | | VCC | V | |
| Digital IO pin low level input voltage | Vil | | | 0.4 | V | |
| Digital IO pin high level input voltage | Vih | 0.8 * VCC | | | V | |
| Digital IO pin low level output voltage | Vol | | | 0.4 | V | lol = 2 mA |
| Digital IO pin high level output voltage | e Voh | VCC - 0.4 | | | V | loh = 2 mA |
| VCC_RF voltage | VCC_RF | | VCC - 0.1 | | V | |



| Parameter | Symbol | Min | Typical | Max | Units | Condition |
|---|----------|-----|---------|-----|-------|-----------|
| VCC_RF output current | ICC_RF | | | 50 | mA | |
| Receiver chain noise figure ¹³ | NFtot | | 9.5 | | dB | |
| External gain (at RF_IN) | Ext_gain | 17 | | 50 | dB | |
| Operating temperature | Topr | -40 | +25 | 85 | °C | |

Table 9: Operating conditions

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Operation beyond the specified operating conditions can affect device reliability.

4.3 Indicative power requirements

Table 10 lists examples of the total system supply current including RF and baseband section for a possible application.

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Values in Table 10 are provided for customer information only, as an example of typical current requirements. The values are characterized on samples by using a cold start command. Actual power requirements can vary depending on FW version used, external circuitry, number of satellites tracked, signal strength, type and time of start, duration, and conditions of test.

| Symbol | Parameter | Conditions | GPS+GLO +GAL+BDS | GPS | Unit |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------------|-----|------|
| I _{PEAK} | Peak current | Acquisition | 130 | 120 | mA |
| I _{VCC} ¹⁴ | VCC current | Acquisition | 90 | 75 | mA |
| 14 I _{supply} | Supply current | Tracking | 85 | 68 | mA |

Table 10: Currents to calculate the indicative power requirements

All values in Table 10 are measured at 25 °C ambient temperature.

 $^{^{\}rm 13}$ $\,$ Only valid for the GPS $\,$

¹⁴ Simulated GNSS signal



5 Communications interfaces

There are several communications interfaces including UART, SPI, I2C¹⁵ and USB.

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 VCC, therefore all the voltage levels of the PIO pins are related to VCC supply voltage.

5.1 UART

The UART interfaces support configurable baud rates. See the Integration manual [1].

Hardware flow control is not supported.

UART1 is the primary host communications interface while UART2 is dedicated for RTCM 3.3 corrections and NMEA. No UBX protocol is supported on UART 2.

The UART1 is enabled if D_SEL pin of the module is left open or "high".

| Symbol | Parameter | Min | Max | Unit |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| R _u | Baud rate | 9600 | 921600 | bit/s |
| Δ_{Tx} | Tx baud rate accuracy | -1% | +1% | - |
| Δ_{Rx} | Rx baud rate tolerance | -2.5% | +2.5% | - |

Table 11: ZED-F9R-01B UART specifications

5.2 SPI

The ZED-F9R-01B has an SPI slave interface that can be selected by setting D_SEL = 0. The SPI slave interface is shared with UART1 and I2C pins. The SPI pins available are:

- SPI_MISO (TXD)
- SPI_MOSI (RXD)
- SPI_CS_N
- SPI_CLK

The SPI interface is designed to allow communication to a host CPU. The interface can be operated in slave mode only. Note that SPI is not available in the default configuration because its pins are shared with the UART and I2C interfaces. The maximum transfer rate using SPI is 125 kB/s and the maximum SPI clock frequency is 5.5 MHz.

This section provides SPI timing values for the ZED-F9R-01B slave operation. The following tables present timing values under different capacitive loading conditions. Default SPI configuration is CPOL = 0 and CPHA = 0.

¹⁵ I2C is a registered trademark of Philips/NXP



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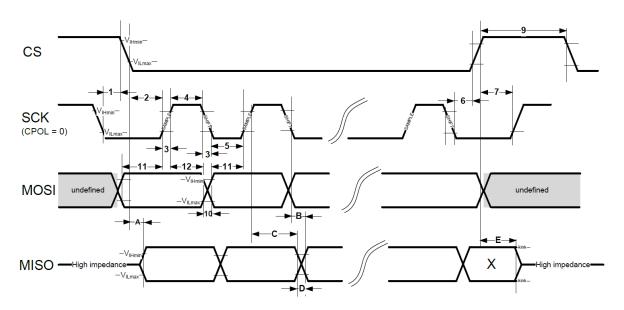


Figure 3: ZED-F9R-01B SPI specification mode 1: CPHA=0 SCK = 5.33 MHz

Timings 1 - 12 are not specified here as they are dependent on the SPI master. Timings A - E are specified for SPI slave.

| Timing value at 2 pF load | Min (ns) | Max (ns) | |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS) | 14 | 38 | |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 21 | 38 | |
| "C" - MISO data hold time | 114 | 130 | |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode | 1 | 4 | |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time | 20 | 32 | |

Table 12: ZED-F9R-01B SPI timings at 2 pF load

| Timing value at 20 pF load | Min (ns) | Max (ns) | |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS) | 19 | 52 | |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 25 | 51 | |
| "C" - MISO data hold time | 117 | 137 | |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode | 6 | 16 | |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time | 20 | 32 | |
| | | | |

Table 13: ZED-F9R-01B SPI timings at 20 pF load

| Timing value at 60 pF load | Min (ns) | Max (ns) | |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS) | 29 | 79 | |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 35 | 78 | |
| "C" - MISO data hold time | 122 | 152 | |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode | 15 | 41 | |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time | 20 | 32 | |

Table 14: ZED-F9R-01B SPI timings at 60 pF load

5.3 I2C

An I2C-compliant interface is available for communication with an external host CPU. The interface can be operated in slave mode only. It is fully compatible with the I2C industry standard fast mode.



Since the maximum SCL clock frequency is 400 kHz, the maximum bit rate is 400 kbit/s. The interface stretches the clock when slowed down while serving interrupts, therefore the real bit rates may be slightly lower.

The I2C interface is only available with the UART default mode. If the SPI interface is selected by using D_SEL = 0, the I2C interface is not available.

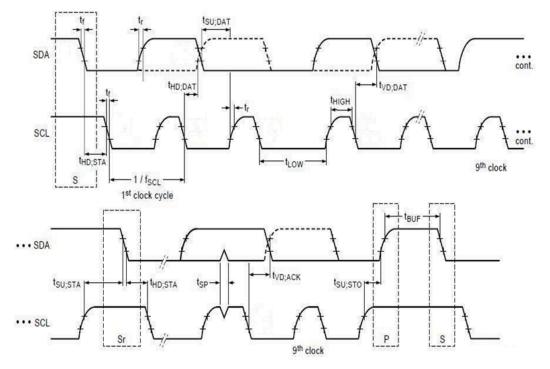


Figure 4: ZED-F9R-01B I2C slave specification

| Symbol | Parameter | Min (Standard / Fast mode) | Мах | Unit |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| f _{SCL} | SCL clock frequency | 0 | 400 | kHz |
| t _{HD;STA} | Hold time (repeated) START condition | 4.0/1 | - | μs |
| t _{LOW} | Low period of the SCL clock | 5/2 | - | μs |
| t _{HIGH} | High period of the SCL clock | 4.0/1 | - | μs |
| t _{SU;STA} | Set-up time for a repeated START condition | 5/1 | - | μs |
| t _{HD;DAT} | Data hold time | 0/0 | - | μs |
| t _{SU;DAT} | Data set-up time | 250/100 | | ns |
| t _r | Rise time of both SDA and SCL signals | - | 1000/300 (for C = 400pF) | ns |
| t _f | Fall time of both SDA and SCL signals | - | 300/300 (for C = 400pF) | ns |
| t _{SU;STO} | Set-up time for STOP condition | 4.0/1 | - | μs |
| t _{BUF} | Bus-free time between a STOP and START condition | 5/2 | - | μs |
| t _{VD;DAT} | Data valid time | - | 4/1 | μs |
| t _{VD;ACK} | Data valid acknowledge time | - | 4/1 | μs |
| V _{nL} | Noise margin at the low level | 0.1 VCC | - | V |
| V _{nH} | Noise margin at the high level | 0.2 VCC | - | V |

Table 15: ZED-F9R-01B I2C slave timings and specifications



5.4 USB

The USB 2.0 FS (Full speed, 12 Mbit/s) interface can be used for host communication. Due to the hardware implementation, it may not be possible to certify the USB interface. The V_USB pin supplies the USB interface.

5.5 WT (wheel tick) and DIR (forward/reverse indication)

ZED-F9R-01B pin 22 (WT) is available as a wheel tick input. The pin 23 (DIR) is available as a direction input (forward/reverse indication).

By default the wheel tick count is derived from the rising edges of the WT input.

For optimal performance the wheel tick resolution should be less than 5 cm.

The DIR input shall indicate whether the vehicle is moving forwards or backwards.

Alternatively, the vehicle WT (or speed) and DIR inputs can be provided via one of the communication interfaces with UBX-ESF-MEAS messages.

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For more details, see the Integration manual [1].

5.6 Default interface settings

| Interface | Settings |
|--------------|--|
| UART1 output | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit. |
| | NMEA protocol with GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV, RMC, VTG, TXT messages are output by default. |
| | UBX protocol is enabled by default but no output messages are enabled by default. |
| | RTCM 3.3 protocol output is not supported. |
| UART1 input | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit. |
| | UBX, NMEA and RTCM 3.3 input protocols are enabled by default. |
| UART2 output | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit. |
| | UBX protocol cannot be enabled. |
| | RTCM 3.3 protocol output is not supported. |
| | NMEA protocol is disabled by default. |
| UART2 input | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit. |
| | UBX protocol cannot be enabled and will not receive UBX input messages. |
| | RTCM 3.3 protocol is enabled by default. |
| | NMEA protocol is disabled by default. |
| USB | Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1. |
| 12C | Fully compatible with the I2C ¹⁶ industry standard, available for communication with an external host CPU or u-blox cellular modules, operated in slave mode only. Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1. Maximum bit rate 400 kb/s. |
| SPI | Allow communication to a host CPU, operated in slave mode only. Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1. SPI is not available unless D_SEL pin is set to low (see section D_SEL interface in Integration manual [1]). |

Table 16: Default interface settings

UART2 can be configured as an RTCM interface. RTCM 3.3 is the default input protocol. UART2 may also be configured for NMEA output. NMEA GGA output is typically used with virtual reference service correction services.

¹⁶ I2C is a registered trademark of Philips/NXP



By default the ZED-F9R-01B outputs NMEA messages that include satellite data for all GNSS bands being received. This results in a high NMEA load output for each navigation period. Make sure the UART baud rate used is sufficient for the selected navigation rate and the number of GNSS signals being received.



6 Mechanical specification

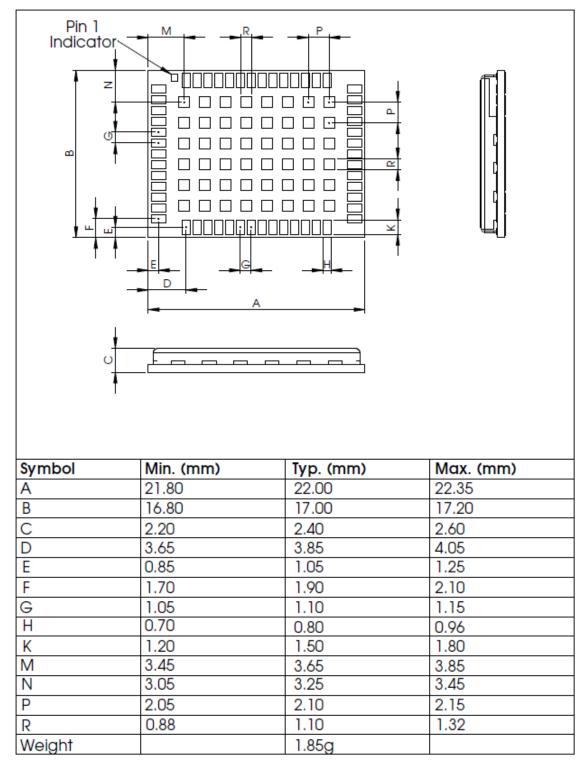


Figure 5: ZED-F9R-01B mechanical drawing



7 Reliability tests and approvals

ZED-F9R-01B modules are based on AEC-Q100 qualified GNSS chips.

Tests for product family qualifications are according to ISO 16750 "Road vehicles – environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment", and appropriate standards.

7.1 Approvals



The ZED-F9R-01B is designed to in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU. The ZED-F9R-01B complies with the Directive 2011/65/EU (EU RoHS 2) and its amendment Directive (EU) 2015/863 (EU RoHS 3).

Declaration of Conformity (DoC) is available on the u-blox website.



8 Labeling and ordering information

This section provides information about product labeling and ordering. For information about moisture sensitivity level (MSL), product handling and soldering see the integration manual [1].

8.1 Product labeling

The labeling of the ZED-F9R-01B modules provides product information and revision information. For more information contact u-blox sales.

8.2 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.

| Format | Structure | Product code | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Product name | PPP-TGV | ZED-F9R | |
| Ordering code | PPP-TGV-NNQ | ZED-F9R-01B | |
| Type number | PPP-TGV-NNQ-XX | ZED-F9R-01B-00 | |

Table 17 below details these three formats.

Table 17: Product code formats

The parts of the product code are explained in Table 18.

| Code | Meaning | Example | |
|------|------------------------|--|--|
| PPP | Product family | ZED | |
| TG | Platform | F9 = u-blox F9 | |
| V | Variant | R = High precision sensor fusion | |
| NNQ | Option / Quality grade | NN: Option [0099] | |
| | | Q: Grade, A = Automotive, B = Professional | |
| XX | Product detail | Describes hardware and firmware versions | |

Table 18: Part identification code

8.3 Ordering codes

| Ordering code | Product | Remark |
|---------------|--------------------|--|
| ZED-F9R-01B | u-blox ZED-F9R-01B | Product shipped with firmware FW 1.00 HPS 1.20 |

Table 19: 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] ZED-F9R Integration manual, UBX-20039643
- [2] HPS 1.20 Interface description, UBX-19056845
- [3] Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP), (3GPP TS 44.031 version 11.0.0 Release 11)

For regular updates to u-blox documentation and to receive product change notifications please register on our homepage https://www.u-blox.com.



Revision history

| Revision | Date | Name | Status / comments |
|----------|-------------|------|---|
| R01 | 19-Dec-2019 | ssid | Advance information |
| R02 | 14-May-2020 | ssid | Early production information |
| R03 | 10-Nov-2020 | ssid | Advance information - HPS 1.20 update - ZED-F9R-01B update - public |
| | | | - Performance numbers updated - cm level accurate product |
| | | | - Performance in different GNSS modes revised |
| | | | - SBAS support added |
| | | | - Communication interfaces section updated |
| | | | - Re-convergence time performance numbers revised |
| R04 | 23-Mar-2021 | ssid | Early production information for ZED-F9R-01B |
| R05 | 31-May-2021 | ssid | Production information - ZED-F9R-01B |



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