

ZED-F9P-05B

High precision GNSS module Professional grade

Data sheet

Abstract

This data sheet describes the ZED-F9P high precision module with multiband GNSS receiver. The module provides multi-band RTK with fast convergence times, reliable performance and easy integration of RTK for fast time-to-market. It has a high update rate for highly dynamic applications and centimeter-level accuracy in a small and energy-efficient module.

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1 Functional description

1.1 Overview

The ZED-F9P-05B positioning module features the u-blox F9 receiver platform, which provides multi-band GNSS to high-volume industrial applications. ZED-F9P-05B has integrated u-blox multi-

band RTK and PPP-RTK $^{\rm 1}$ $^{\rm 1}$ $^{\rm 1}$ technologies for centimeter-level accuracy. The module enables precise navigation and automation of moving machinery in industrial and consumer-grade products in a compact surface-mounted form factor of only 17.0 x 22.0 x 2.4 mm.

The ZED-F9P-05B includes moving base support, allowing both base and rover to move while computing the position between them. The moving base is ideal for UAV applications where the UAV is programmed to follow its owner or to land on a moving platform. It is also well suited to attitude sensing applications where both base and rover modules are mounted on the same moving platform and the relative position is used to derive attitude information for the vehicle or tool.

In this document, RTK refers to an OSR-based solution (using RTCM corrections), while PPP-RTK refers to an SSR-based solution (using SPARTN or CLAS corrections).

1.2 Performance

Table 1: ZED-F9P-05B specifications

1 PPP-RTK position accuracy depends on the quality of the SSR service used, high-quality SSR services can perform similarly to RTK

2 Assuming Airborne 4 g platform

- 3 50% at 30 m/s for dynamic operation
- 4 GPS used in combination with QZSS and SBAS
- 5 Commanded starts. All satellites at -130 dBm. Measured at room temperature.
- 6 Dependent on the speed and latency of the aiding data connection, commanded starts
- 7 Measured with primary output only, secondary output disabled (default)

Table 2: ZED-F9P-05B performance in different GNSS modes

Table 3: ZED-F9P-05B position accuracy in different GNSS modes

Table 4: ZED-F9P-05B performance for PPP-RTK in different GNSS modes

PPP-RTK performance with SPARTN 2.0.1 protocol varies amongst service providers and service definitions. Performance has been validated with SPARTN correction stream available at the time of firmware release in June 2024.

Table 5: ZED-F9P-05B sensitivity

4 GPS used in combination with QZSS and SBAS

8 Depends on atmospheric conditions, baseline length, GNSS antenna, multipath conditions, satellite visibility and geometry

9 24 hours static

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10 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.

11 Measured for IP data stream only with low-latency communication link

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

13 50%, measured with 1 m baseline and patch antennas with good ground plane

Table 6: ZED-F9P-05B moving base RTK performance in different GNSS modes

Figure 1: ZED-F9P-05B moving base RTK heading accuracy versus baseline length

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T In a moving base application, and especially when the antennas are mounted on the same platform, it is recommended to use identical antennas. Furthermore it is recommended these antennas are mounted with identical orientation, as this will minimize effects of phase center variation.

1.3 Supported GNSS constellations

The ZED-F9P-05B GNSSmodules are concurrent GNSSreceivers that can receive and trackmultiple 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 with correction data. If power consumption is a key factor, the receiver can be configured for a subset of GNSS constellations.

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

To benefit from multi-band signal reception, dedicated hardware preparation must be made during the design-in phase. See the Integration manual [[1](#page-24-1)] for u-blox design recommendations.

ZED-F9P-05B supports the GNSS and their signals as shown in [Table](#page-5-1) 7 .

Table 7: Supported GNSS signals on ZED-F9P-05B

ZED-F9P-05B can use the u-blox AssistNow™ Online service which provides GNSS assistance information.

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. ZED-F9P-05B 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.

ZED-F9P-05B is also able to receive the QZSS L1S signal in order to use the SLAS (Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service) which is an augmentation technology that provides correction data for pseudoranges. Ground monitoring stations positioned in Japan calculate separate corrections for each visible satellite and broadcast this data to the user via QZSS satellites. The correction stream is transmitted on the L1 frequency (1575.42 MHz).

QZSS can be enabled only if the GPS operation is also configured. 一子

1.4.2 Satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS)

ZED-F9P-05B supports SBAS (including WAAS in the US, EGNOS in Europe, L1Sb (QZSS SBAS) 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.

1.4.3 Differential GNSS (DGNSS)

When operating in the RTK mode, RTCM version 3 messages are required and the module supports DGNSS according to RTCM 10403.4.

Operating as a rover, ZED-F9P-05B can decode the following RTCM 3.4 messages:

Table 8: Supported input RTCM 3.4 messages

Operating as a base station, ZED-F9P-05B can generate the following RTCM 3.4 output messages:

Table 9: Supported output RTCM 3.4 messages

Operating as a rover, ZED-F9P-05B can decode the following SPARTN 2.0.1 messages:

Table 10: Supported input SPARTN version 2.0.1 messages

1.4.4 Centimeter level augmentation service (CLAS)

Operating as a rover, ZED-F9P-05B can receive UBX-RXM-QZSSL6 message from a NEO-D9C on any communication interface. The message contains QZSS CLAS (centimeter-level augmentation service) corrections. The CLAS protocol provides corrections for in-view GPS, Galileo, and QZSS satellites in Japan.

1.5 Broadcast navigation data and satellite signal measurements

The ZED-F9P-05B can output all the GNSS broadcast data upon reception from tracked satellites. This includes all the supported GNSS signals as well as the QZSS and SBAS augmentation services. The UBX-RXM-SFRBX message provides this information. For the UBX-RXM-SFRBX message specification, see the Interface description [[2\]](#page-24-2). The receiver can provide satellite signal information in a form compatible with the Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP) [[4\]](#page-24-3).

1.5.1 Carrier-phase measurements

The ZED-F9P-05B 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 Interface description [\[2\]](#page-24-2).

 \mathbb{F} Raw measurement data is available once the receiver has established data bit synchronization and time-of-week.

1.6 Supported protocols

ZED-F9P-05B supports the following protocols:

Table 11: Supported protocols

For specification of the protocols, see the Interface description [[2](#page-24-2)].

2 System description

2.1 Block diagram

Figure 2: ZED-F9P-05B block diagram

An active antenna is mandatory with the ZED-F9P-05B. For more information, see the Œ Integration manual [\[1\]](#page-24-1).

3 Pin definition

3.1 Pin assignment

The pin assignment of the ZED-F9P-05B module is shown in [Figure](#page-10-2) 3. The defined configuration of the PIOs is listed in [Table](#page-10-3) 12.

For detailed information on pin functions and characteristics, see the Integration manual [[1](#page-24-1)].

宁 ZED-F9P-05B is an LGA package with the I/O on the outside edge and central ground pads.

Figure 3: ZED-F9P-05B pin assignment

Table 12: ZED-F9P-05B pin assignment

3.2 Pin states

[Table](#page-12-1) 13 defines the state of some ZED-F9P-05B pins in different modes. The functions for the ZED-F9P-05B pins are as defined in the default configuration.

Table 13: ZED-F9P-05B pin states in different operational modes

¹⁴ If SPI CS = low. Otherwise it is configured as an input pull-up.

4 Electrical specifications

4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

CAUTION. Risk of device damage. Exceeding the absolute maximum ratings may affect the \bigwedge lifetime and reliability of the device or permanently damage it. Do not exceed the absolute maximum ratings.

This product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. Use appropriate protection to avoid device damage from voltage spikes exceeding the specified boundaries.

Table 14: Absolute maximum ratings

4.2 Operating conditions

Extreme operating temperatures can significantly impact the specified values. If an application operates near the min or max temperature limits, ensure the specified values are not exceeded.

Parameter	Symbol	Min	Typical	Max	Units	Condition
Power supply voltage	VCC	2.7	3.0	3.6	V	
Supply voltage for USB interface	V_USB	3.0		3.6	V	
V USB current	I USB		2.0		mA	
Backup battery voltage	V BCKP	1.65		3.6	V	
Backup battery current ^{16, 17}	I BCKP		45		μA	V BCKP = 3 V, $VCC = 0 V$
SW backup current ¹⁷	I SWBCKP		1.4		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	$0.8 * VCC$			\vee	
Digital IO pin low level output voltage	Vol			0.4	\vee	$Iol = 2 mA^{18}$

¹⁵ Exceeding the ramp speed may permanently damage the device

¹⁶ To measure the I_BCKP the receiver should first be switched on, i.e. VCC and V_BCKP is available. Then set VCC to 0 V while the V_BCKP remains available. Afterward measure the current consumption at the V_BCKP.

¹⁷ The value has been characterized at 25 °C ambient temperature.

¹⁸ TIMEPULSE has 4 mA current drive/sink capability

Table 15: Operating conditions

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4.3 Indicative power requirements

[Table](#page-14-2) 16 provides examples of typical current requirements when using a cold start command. The given values are total system supply current for a possible application including RF and baseband sections.

All values in [Table](#page-14-2) 16 have been measured at 25 °C ambient temperature.

The actual power requirements vary depending on the FW version used, external circuitry, number of satellites tracked, signal strength, type and time of start, duration, and conditions of test.

Table 16: Currents to calculate the indicative power requirements

¹⁹ Only valid for GPS

²⁰ Simulated GNSS signal

5 Communications interfaces

ZED-F9P-05B has several communications interfaces^{[21](#page-15-3)}, including UART, SPI, I2C 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. For further information, see the Integration manual [[1](#page-24-1)].

Hardware flow control is not supported.

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

Table 17: ZED-F9P-05B UART specifications

5.2 SPI

The SPI interface is disabled by default. The SPI interface shares pins with UART and I2C and can be selected by setting D_SEL = 0. The SPI interface can be operated in peripheral mode only. The maximum transfer rate using SPI is 125 kB/s and the maximum SPI clock frequency is 5.5 MHz.

The SPI timing parameters for peripheral operation are defined in [Figure](#page-15-4) 4. Default SPI configuration is CPOL = 0 and CPHA = 0 .

Figure 4: ZED-F9P-05B SPI specification mode 1: CPHA=0 SCK = 5.33 MHz

²¹ The signal names and related terms have been replaced with new terminology in this document.

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Table 18: SPI peripheral input timing parameters 1 - 12

Table 19: SPI peripheral timing parameters A - E, 2 pF load capacitance

Table 20: SPI peripheral timing parameters A - E, 20 pF load capacitance

Table 21: SPI peripheral timing parameters A - E, 60 pF load capacitance

5.3 I2C

An I2C interface is available for communication with an external host CPU in I2C Fast-mode. Backwards compatibility with Standard-mode I2C bus operation is not supported. The interface can be operated only in peripheral mode with a maximum bit rate of 400 kbit/s. The interface can make use of clock stretching by holding the SCL line LOW to pause a transaction. In this case, the bit transfer rate is reduced. The maximum clock stretching time is 20 ms.

 $V_{IL} = 0.3 V_{DD}$

 $V_{\text{IH}} = 0.7 V_{\text{DD}}$

Figure 5: ZED-F9P-05B I2C peripheral specification

		I2C Fast-mode				
Symbol	Parameter	Min	Max	Unit		
f_{SCL}	SCL clock frequency	0	400	kHz		
$t_{HD;STA}$	Hold time (repeated) START condition	0.6	-	μs		
t_{LOW}	Low period of the SCL clock	1.3	-	μs		
t_{HIGH}	High period of the SCL clock	0.6		μs		
$t_{\text{SU;STA}}$	Setup time for a repeated START condition	0.6	$\qquad \qquad -$	μs		
$t_{HD;DAT}$	Data hold time	0^{22}	-23	μs		
$t_{\mathsf{SU;DAT}}$	Data setup time	100^{24}		ns		
t_{r}	Rise time of both SDA and SCL signals		300 (for $C = 400pF$)	ns		
tғ	Fall time of both SDA and SCL signals	-	300 (for $C = 400pF$)	ns		
$t_{\text{SU;STO}}$	Setup time for STOP condition	0.6		μs		
t_{BUF}	Bus-free time between a STOP and START condition	1.3	-	μs		
t _{VD;DAT}	Data valid time	-	0.9 ²³	μs		
$t_{VD;ACK}$	Data valid acknowledge time		0.9 ²³	μs		
V_{nL}	Noise margin at the low level	0.1 VCC	-	\vee		

²² External device must provide a hold time of at least one transition time (max 300 ns) for the SDA signal (with respect to the min Vih of the SCL signal) to bridge the undefined region of the falling edge of SCL.

 $^{23}~$ The maximum t_{HD;DAT} must be less than the maximum t_{VD;DAT} or t_{VD;ACK} with a maximum of 0.9 µs by a transition time. This maximum must only be met if the device does not stretch the LOW period (tLOW) of the SCL signal. If the clock stretches the SCL, the data must be valid by the set-up time before it releases the clock.

²⁴ When the I2C peripheral is stretching the clock, the t_{SU;DAT} of the first bit of the next byte is 62.5 ns.

Table 22: ZED-F9P-05B I2C peripheral timings and specifications

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.

5.4 USB

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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 Default interface settings

Table 23: Default interface settings

- Refer to the applicable Interface description [[2](#page-24-2)] for information about further settings. ↷
- By default, ZED-F9P-05B outputs NMEA messages that include satellite data for all GNSS ? bands being received. This results in a high NMEA output load 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.
- Do not use UART2 as the only one interface to the host. Not all UBX functionality is available on Л UART2, such as firmware upgrade, safeboot or backup modes functionalities. No start-up boot screen is sent out from UART2.

6 Mechanical specifications Pin 1
Indicator M P

Figure 6: ZED-F9P-05B mechanical drawing

Table 24: ZED-F9P-05B mechanical dimensions

Take the size of the de-paneling residual tabs into account when designing the component keep- \mathbb{G} out area.

The mechanical picture of the de-paneling residual tabs (L) is an approximate representation. \mathbb{G} The shape and position may vary.

7 Qualifications and approvals

Table 25: Qualifications and approvals

²⁵ For the MSL standard, see IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 and J-STD-033, available on www.jedec.org

²⁶ For more information regarding moisture sensitivity levels, labelling, storage and drying, see the Product packaging reference guide [\[3](#page-24-4)]

8 Labeling and ordering information

This section provides information about product labels and ordering.

8.1 Product label

The product label provides information on ZED-F9P-05B and its revision, as in [Figure](#page-22-3) 7. For a description of the label, see [Table](#page-22-4) 26.

Figure 7: Example of ZED-F9P-05B label

Table 26: Description of product label

8.2 Product identifiers

The ZED-F9P-05B label features three product identifiers: **product name**, **ordering code**, and **type number**. The product name identifies all u-blox products. It is used in documentation such as this Data sheet and is independent of packaging and product grade. The ordering code indicates the major product version and product grade, and the type number additionally specifies the hardware and firmware revisions.

[Table](#page-22-5) 27 describes the three different product identifiers used in the ZED-F9P-05B label

Table 27: Product identifiers

8.3 Ordering codes

Table 28: Product ordering codes

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Related documents

- **[1]** ZED-F9P Integration manual [UBX-18010802](https://www.u-blox.com/docs/UBX-18010802)
- **[2]** HPG 1.51 Interface description [UBXDOC-963802114-13124](https://www.u-blox.com/docs/UBXDOC-963802114-13124)
- **[3]** Product packaging reference guide, [UBX-14001652](https://www.u-blox.com/docs/UBX-14001652)
- **[4]** Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP), (3GPP TS 44.031 version 11.0.0 Release 11)
- \mathbb{F} For regular updates to u-blox documentation and to receive product change notifications please register on our homepage <https://www.u-blox.com>.

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