LEA-M8S

u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS module

Highlights

- Concurrent reception of GPS/QZSS, GLONASS, BeiDou
- Combines low power consumption and high sensitivity
- Industry leading -167 dBm navigation sensitivity
- UART, USB and DDC (I²C compliant) interfaces
- Simple integration with u-blox cellular modules
- Easy migration from LEA-5 and LEA-6 modules



LEA-M8S: 17.0 x 22.4 x 2.4 mm

Product description

The LEA-M8S module delivers concurrent GNSS location capability together with high-performance u-blox M8 positioning technology in the industry proven LEA form factor. With its dual-frequency RF front-end, the u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS engine is able to intelligently use the highest number of visible satellites from two of the GNSS systems (GPS, GLONASS and BeiDou) for more reliable positioning. The LEA-M8S provides exceptional performance with low system power, and is optimized for cost sensitive applications.

The LEA-M8S features the lowest power GLONASS functionality in the industry and is designed for ERA-GLONASS. This 6th generation module in the LEA form factor allows simple migration from LEA-5 / LEA-6 GPS and LEA-6N GPS/GLONASS modules. Sophisticated RF-architecture and interference suppression ensure maximum performance even in GNSS-hostile environments.

The LEA-M8S combines a high level of robustness and integration capability with flexible connectivity options. The DDC (I²C compliant) interface provides connectivity and enables synergies with most u-blox cellular modules. For RF optimization, the LEA-M8S features a front-end SAW filter for increased jamming immunity.

u-blox M8 modules use u-blox 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: "Road vehicles – Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment".

Product selector

Model				Туре	•			S	upp	y		nter	faces	5						Feat	ures				
	GPS / QZSS	GLONASS	Galileo	BeiDou	Timing	Dead Reckoning	Precise Point Positioning	2.7 V - 3.6 V	1.65 V – 3.6 V	Lowest power (DC/DC)	UART	USB	SPI	DDC (I2C compliant)	Programmable (Flash)	Data logging	Additional LNA	Additional SAW filter	RTC crystal	Internal oscillator	Antenna supply	Antenna short circuit detection / protection	Antenna open circuit detection pin	Timepulse output	External interrupt / Wakeup
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+ = Suitable for most application (no additional component needed)

++ = Additional onboard component for better performance

C = Crystal / T = TCXO



Features

Receiver type	GPS L1 QZSS L	C/A, GLONASS L	, ,					
Navigation upd	ate rate	Single GNSS: up to 18 HZ Concurrent GNSS: up to 10 Hz						
Accuracy		Position SBAS	2.5 m CEP 2.0 m CEP					
Acquisition		Cold starts: Aided starts: Reaquisition:	2 s					
Sensitivity		Tracking & Nav.: Cold starts: Hot starts:	–148 dBm					
Assistance		AssistNow Online AssistNow Offline (up to 35 days) AssistNow Autonomous (up to 6 days) OMA SUPL & 3GPP compliant						
Noise figure		On-chip LNA						
Anti-jamming		Active CW detection and removal. Extra onboard SAW band pass filter						
Oscillator		ТСХО						
RTC crystal		Built-In						
Memory		Onboard ROM						
Supported ante	nnas	Active and passive						

Package

28 pin LCC (Leadless Chip Carrier): 17.0 x 22.4 x 2.4 mm, 2.1 g Pinout

15 16 17 18 19 20	GND RF_IN GND VCC_RF V_ANT AADET_N	LEA-M8S Top View	GND GND Reserved V_BCKP RESET_N NC	
21 22	Reserved Reserved		VCC_OUT GND	
23	Reserved		VCC	
24	VDDUSB		NC	
25	USB_DM		RxD1	
26	USB_DP		TxD1	
27	EXTINT0		SCL2	
28	TIMEPULSE		SDA2	

Environmental data, quality & reliability

Operating temp.	–40° C to 85° C			
Storage temp.	–40° C to 85° C			
RoHS compliant (lead-free)				

Qualification according to ISO 16750

Manufactured and fully tested in ISO/TS 16949 certified production sites. Uses u-blox M8 chips qualified according to AEC-Q100.

Electrical data

Supply voltage	2.7 V to 3.6 V
Power Consumption	26 mA @ 3 V (Continuous) 6 mA @ 3 V Power Save mode (1 Hz, GPS only)
Backup Supply	1.4 to 3.6V

Interfaces

Serial interfaces	1 UART 1 USB V2.0 full speed 12 Mbit/s 1 DDC (I ² C compliant)
Digital I/O	Configurable timepulse 1 EXTINT input for Wakeup
Timepulse	Configurable 0.25 Hz to 10 MHz
Protocols	NMEA, UBX binary, RTCM

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Support products

u-blox M8 Evaluation Kits:

Easy-to-use kits to get familiar with u-blox M8 positioning technology, evaluate functionality, and visualize GNSS performance.

EVK-M8N:

u-blox M8 GNSS Evaluation Kit, with TCXO

Ordering information

LEA-M8S-0	u-blox M8 GNSS Module, ROM, TCXO,
	SAW, 17.0 x 22.4 x 2.4 mm, 250 pcs/reel

Available as samples and tape on reel

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