

MAX-M8 series

u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS modules

Highlights

- u-blox's smallest LCC package
- Concurrent reception of GPS/QZSS, GLONASS, BeiDou
- Industry leading -167 dBm navigation sensitivity
- u-blox AssistNow GNSS Online, Offline and Autonomous
- Product variants to meet performance and cost requirements
- Pin-to-pin and software compatible with MAX-7 and MAX-6



MAX-M8 series:
9.7 x 10.1 x 2.5 mm

Product description

The MAX-M8 series of standalone concurrent GNSS modules is built on the exceptional performance of the u-blox M8 engine in the industry proven MAX form factor. With dual-frequency RF front-end, the u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS engine is able to intelligently use the highest amount of visible satellites from two GNSS (GPS, GLONASS and BeiDOU) systems for more reliable positioning. The MAX-M8 series is ideal for performance driven applications.

The MAX-M8 series provides high sensitivity and minimal acquisition times while maintaining low system power. The MAX-M8C is optimized for cost sensitive applications and has the lowest power consumption, the MAX-M8Q provides best performance for passive and active antennas designs, while the MAX-M8W is optimized for active antennas with best performance. The industry-proven MAX form factor allows easy migration from previous MAX generations. Sophisticated

RF-architecture and interference suppression ensure maximum performance even in GNSS-hostile environments.

The MAX-M8 combines a high level of integration capability with flexible connectivity options in a miniature package. This makes MAX-M8 perfectly suited for industrial applications with strict size and cost requirements. The MAX-M8Q is also halogen free (green) which makes it also a perfect solution for consumer applications. The DDC (I²C compliant) interface provides connectivity and enables synergies with the most of u-blox SARA, LEON and LISA wireless modules.

u-blox M8 modules use GNSS chips qualified according to AEC-Q100, are manufactured in ISO/TS 16949 certified sites, and fully tested on a system level. Qualification tests are performed as stipulated in the ISO16750 standard: "Road vehicles – Environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment".

Product selector

Model	Type	Supply	Interfaces	Features
	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 (I ² C compliant)	Programmable (Flash) Data logging Noise figure Outband Robustness RTC crystal Internal oscillator Antenna supply Antenna short circuit detection / protection Antenna open circuit detection pin Timepulse output External interrupt / Wakeup
MAX-M8C	• • •	• •	• •	+ + ■ C ○ ○ ○ • •
MAX-M8Q	• • •	• •	• •	+ + • T ○ ○ ○ • •
MAX-M8W	• • •	•	• •	+ + • T • • ○ • •

■ = higher backup current
C = Crystal / T = TCXO

+ = suitable for most applications / ++ = optimized for performance
○ = Optional, or requires external components

Features

Receiver type	72-channel u-blox M8 engine GPS/QZSS L1 C/A, GLONASS L10F, BeiDou B1, SBAS L1 C/A: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS	
Max nav. update rate	Single GNSS	up to 18 Hz
	Concurrent GNSS	up to 10 Hz
Position accuracy ¹	2.0 m CEP	
	MAX-M8Q/W	MAX-M8C
Acquisition	Cold starts:	26 s 27 s
	Aided starts:	2 s 4 s
	Reacquisition:	1.5 s 1.5 s
Sensitivity	Tracking & Nav:	-167 dBm -164 dBm
	Cold starts:	-148 dBm -147 dBm
	Hot starts:	-156 dBm -156 dBm
Assistance	AssistNow GNSS Online AssistNow GNSS Offline (up to 35 days) ² AssistNow Autonomous (up to 6 days) OMA SUPL & 3GPP compliant	
Oscillator	TCXO (MAX-M8Q/M8W), Crystal (MAX-M8C)	
RTC crystal	Built-In (MAX-M8Q/M8W) or cost efficient solution with higher Backup current (MAX-M8C)	
LNA and outband filtering	On-chip	
Noise figure	3.5 dB	
Anti jamming	Active CW detection and removal	
Memory	Onboard ROM	
Supported antennas	Active and passive	
Odometer	Travelled distance	

¹ For default mode: GPS/SBAS/QZSS+GLONASS with TCXO

² Requires host integration

Electrical data

Supply voltage	1.65 V to 3.6 V (MAX-M8C) 2.7 V to 3.6 V (MAX-M8Q/M8W)
Power consumption ³	25 mA @ 3.0 V (continuous) 5.5 mA @ 3.0 V Power Save Mode (1 Hz, GPS only)
Backup supply	1.4 to 3.6 V

³ MAX-M8C

Interfaces

Serial interfaces	1 UART 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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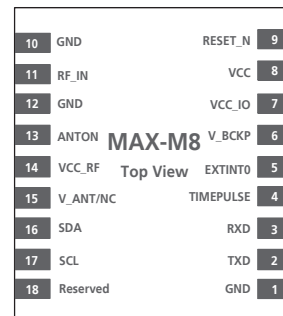
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Package

18 pin LCC (Leadless Chip Carrier): 9.7 x 10.1 x 2.5 mm

Pinout



Environmental data, quality & reliability

Operating temp.	-40° C to 85° C
Storage temp.	-40° C to 85° C (MAX-M8Q/M8W) -40° C to 105° C (MAX-M8C)

RoHS compliant (lead-free)

Green (halogen-free): MAX-M8Q

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

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, supports MAX-M8Q/M8W

EVK-M8C: u-blox M8 GNSS evaluation kit,
with crystal, supports MAX-M8C

Ordering information

MAX-M8C-0	u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS LCC module, crystal, ROM, 9.7x10.1 mm, 500 pcs/reel
MAX-M8Q-0	u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS LCC module, TCXO, ROM, green, 9.7x10.1 mm, 500 pcs/reel
MAX-M8W-0	u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS LCC module, TCXO, active antenna supply, ROM, 9.7x10.1 mm, 500 pcs/reel

Available as samples and tape on reel

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