

NMEA

\$GPGGA,202530.00,5109.0262,N,11401.8407,W,5,40,0.5,1097.36,M,-17.00,M,18,TSTR*61

The NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) has defined standards that specify how electronic equipment for marine users communicate. GNSS receivers are part of this standard and the NMEA has defined the format for several GNSS data logs otherwise known as 'sentences'.

Each NMEA sentence begins with a '\$' followed by a two-letter prefix identifying the type of sending device (for example 'GP', 'GL' or 'GN'), followed by a sequence of letters that define the type of information contained in the sentence. Data contained within the sentence is separated by commas and the sentence is terminated with a two digit checksum followed by a carriage return/line feed. Here is an example of a NMEA sentence describing time, position and fix related data:

\$GPGGA,134658.00,5106.9792,N,11402.3003,W,2,09,1.0,1048.47,M,-16.27,M,08,AAAA*60

The GPGGA sentence shown above and other NMEA logs are output the same no matter what GNSS receiver is used, providing a standard way to communicate and process GNSS information. For more information about NMEA, see the NMEATALKER command.

Field	Structure	Description	Symbol	Example
1	\$GPGGA	Log header		\$GPGGA
2	utc	UTC time status of position (hours/minutes/seconds/ decimal seconds)	hhmmss.ss	202134.00
3	lat	Latitude (DDmm.mm)	llll.ll	5106.9847
4	lat dir	Latitude direction (N = North, S = South)	a	N
5	lon	Longitude (DDDmm.mm)	yyyyy.yy	11402.2986
6	lon dir	Longitude direction (E = East, W = West)	a	W
7	quality	refer to Table: GPS quality indicators	x	1

Field	Structure	Description	Symbol	Example
8	# sats	Number of satellites in use. May be different to the number in view	xx	10
9	hdop	Horizontal dilution of precision	x.x	1.0
10	alt	Antenna altitude above/below mean sea level	x.x	1062.22
11	a-units	Units of antenna altitude (M = metres)	M	M
12	undulation	Undulation - the relationship between the geoid and the WGS84 ellipsoid	x.x	-16.271
13	u-units	Units of undulation (M = metres)	M	M
14	age	Age of correction data (in seconds) The maximum age reported here is limited to 99 seconds.	xx	(empty when no differential data is present)
15	stn ID	Differential base station ID	xxxx	(empty when no differential data is present)
16	*xx	Check sum	*hh	*48
17	[CR][LF]	Sentence terminator		[CR][LF]

GPS quality indicators

Indicator	Description
0	Fix not available or invalid
1	Single point
	Converging PPP (TerraStar-L)
2	Pseudorange differential
	Converged PPP (TerraStar-L)
	Converging PPP (TerraStar-C PRO, TerraStar-X)
4	RTK fixed ambiguity solution

Indicator	Description
5	RTK floating ambiguity solution
	Converged PPP (TerraStar-C PRO, TerraStar-X)
6	Dead reckoning mode
7	Manual input mode (fixed position)
8	Simulator mode
9	WAAS (SBAS) 1

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