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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with this instruction manual may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at their own expense.

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If logging data over an RS-232 serial cable, ensure that the configured baud rate can support the data bandwidth (see the **SERIALCONFIG** command). NovAtel recommends a minimum suggested baud rate of 230400 bps.

- 1. Use the information in the Troubleshooting section on the OEM7 User Documentation Portal (docs.novatel.com/OEM7) to diagnose and troubleshoot your receiver's symptoms.
- 2. Log the data suggested in the appropriate *Troubleshooting Logs* section to a file on your computer for 15 minutes.
 - General Troubleshooting Logs on the next page
 - Tracking and Interference Troubleshooting Logs on the next page
 - RTK Troubleshooting Logs on page 7
 - PPP Troubleshooting Logs on page 8

If using NovAtel Application Suite, log the Troubleshooting message set for 15 minutes.

- 3. Send the data file to NovAtel Customer Support: support.novatel@hexagon.com
- 4. You can also issue a FRESET command to the receiver to clear any unknown settings.

The **FRESET** command will erase all user settings. You should know your configuration (by requesting the RXCONFIGA log) and be able to reconfigure the receiver before you send the **FRESET** command.

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General Troubleshooting Logs

LOG RXSTATUSB ONCHANGED LOG RAWEPHEMB ONNEW LOG GLORAWEPHEMB ONNEW LOG BESTPOSB ONTIME 1 LOG RANGEB ONTIME 0.5 LOG RXCONFIGA ONCE LOG VERSIONA ONCE LOG LOGLISTA ONCE LOG PORTSTATSA ONTIME 10 LOG PROFILEINFOA ONCE LOG HWMONITORA ONTIME 10

Tracking and Interference Troubleshooting Logs

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LOG VERSIONA ONCE
LOG RXCONFIGA ONCE
LOG CHANCONFIGLISTB ONCE
LOG PASSTHROUGHA ONNEW
LOG RXSTATUSB ONCHANGED
LOG CLOCKSTEERINGB ONCHANGED
LOG RAWEPHEMB ONNEW
LOG GLORAWEPHEMB ONNEW
LOG GALINAVRAWEPHEMERISB ONNEW
LOG BDSEPHEMERISB ONNEW
LOG QZSSEPHEMERISB ONNEW
LOG NAVICEPHEMERISB ONNEW
LOG RAWALMB ONNEW
LOG GLORAWALMB ONNEW
LOG GALALMANACB ONNEW
LOG BDSALMANACB ONNEW
LOG QZSSALMANACB ONNEW
LOG NAVICALMANACB ONNEW
LOG IONUTCB ONNEW
LOG GLOCLOCKB ONNEW
LOG GALCLOCKB ONNEW
LOG BDSCLOCKB ONNEW
LOG TRACKSTATB ONTIME 1
LOG RANGEB ONTIME 0.5
LOG BESTPOSB ONTIME 1
LOG SATVIS2B ONTIME 30
LOG ITDETECTSTATUSB ONCHANGED
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For interference issues add this log:

LOG ITPSDDETECTB ONNEW

For interference issues, when you have enough datalink bandwidth to handle large logs, add this log:

LOG ITPSDFINALB ONNEW

RTK Troubleshooting Logs

LOG RXSTATUSB ONCHANGED LOG RAWEPHEMB ONNEW LOG GLORAWEPHEMB ONNEW LOG QZSSRAWEPHEMB ONNEW LOG BDSRAWNAVSUBFRAMEB ONNEW LOG GALFNAVRAWEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG GALINAVRAWEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG RANGEB ONTIME 0.5 LOG BESTPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG RXCONFIGB ONCE LOG VERSIONB ONCE LOG TRACKSTATB ONTIME 1.0 LOG RTKPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG MATCHEDPOSB ONNEW LOG MATCHEDSATSB ONNEW LOG RTKSATSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG PSRPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG RAWALMB ONNEW LOG IONUTCB ONNEW LOG GLORAWALMB ONNEW LOG GLOCLOCKB ONNEW LOG PASSTHROUGHB ONNEW LOG CLOCKMODELB ONTIME 1.0 LOG REFSTATIONB ONNEW LOG RTKVELB ONTIME 1.0

PPP Troubleshooting Logs

LOG RXSTATUSB ONCHANGED LOG GPSEPHEMB ONNEW LOG GLOEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG QZSSEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG BDSEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG BDSBCNAV1EPHEMERISB ONNEW (firmware versions 7.08.03 and 7.08.10 and later) LOG BDSBCNAV2EPHEMERISB ONNEW (firmware versions 7.08.03 and 7.08.10 and later) LOG BDSBCNAV3EPHEMERISB ONNEW (firmware versions 7.08.03 and 7.08.10 and later) LOG GALFNAVEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG GALINAVEPHEMERISB ONNEW LOG RANGEB ONTIME 0.5 LOG BESTPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG RXCONFIGB ONCE LOG VERSIONB ONCE LOG TRACKSTATB ONTIME 10.0 LOG LBANDTRACKSTATB ONTIME 1.0 LOG PPPPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG PPPSATSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG TERRASTARINFOB ONCHANGED LOG TERRASTARSTATUSB ONCHANGED LOG PSRPOSB ONTIME 1.0 LOG ALMANACB ONNEW LOG GLOALMANACB ONNEW LOG GALALMANACB ONNEW LOG BDSALMANACB ONNEW LOG QZSSALMANACB ONNEW LOG IONUTCB ONNEW LOG GLOCLOCKB ONNEW LOG LBANDBEAMTABLEB ONCHANGED

Chapter 1 GT7800 Overview

The GT7800 is a GNSS Timing Synchronization Receiver that uses the OEM729 receiver from Hexagon | NovAtel to provide highly precise timing when used on its own or connected to an external oscillator. Standard interfaces are provided through conventional connectors, eliminating the need for hard to find and expensive custom cables. The GT7800 also features advanced Ethernet support for remote configuration and access to receiver data.

Capable of tracking all present and upcoming Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) constellations and satellite signals, the GT7800 is a simple to use system that is software upgradable to provide the custom performance required for your application.



Figure 1: GT7800 Enclosure

1.1 GT7800 Connectors

Figure 2: GT7800 Connectors





Table 1: GT7800 Connectors

Port Name	Connector	Description	
ANTENNA	TNC	Connects to a GNSS antenna.	
EXT. OSC BNC		Connects to an external oscillator. Some applications require greater precision than is possible with the OEM7 VCTCXO. For these applications, connect the GT7800 to an external high- stability oscillator, which may run at either 5 MHz or 10 MHz. See <i>Table 11: GT7800 External Oscillator Input</i> on page 22 for the external	
EVENT IN 1	BNC	oscillator requirements. Connects to the external device that sends the Event Input 1 (MARK1) signal. See <i>GT7800 Strobe Specifications</i> on page 24 for Event Input specifications.	
EVENT IN 2 BNC		Not active	
EVENT OUT 1	BNC	Not active	
EVENT OUT 2	BNC	Connects to the external device that uses the Event Out signal. See <i>GT7800 Strobe Specifications</i> on page 24 for Event Output specifications.	

Port Name	Connector	Description
		Connects to a computer network.
ETHERNET	RJ-45	See GT7800 Data Communication Specifications on page 23 for port specifications.
		Connects to a computer USB port.
USB 0	Micro-A/B	See <i>GT7800 Data Communication Specifications</i> on page 23 for port specifications.
USB 1	Micro-A/B	Not active
		Connects to an RS-232 or RS-422 serial communication device.
COM 1	DB9 male	See Table 2: COM Ports on the next page for connector pin outs.
		See GT7800 Data Communication Specifications on page 23 for port specifications.
		Connects to an RS-232 serial communication device.
COM 2	DB9 male	See Table 2: COM Ports on the next page for connector pin outs.
		See GT7800 Data Communication Specifications on page 23 for port specifications.
		Connects to an RS-232 serial communication device.
СОМ 3	DB9 male	See Table 2: COM Ports on the next page for connector pin outs.
	DDomaic	See <i>GT7800 Data Communication Specifications</i> on page 23 for port specifications.
COM 4	DB9 male	Not active
COM 5	DB9 male	Not active
		Connects to a CAN bus.
CAN 1	DB9 female	See Table 3: CAN Ports on the next page for connector pin outs.
	DBalemale	See <i>GT7800 Data Communication Specifications</i> on page 23 for port specifications.
		Connects to a CAN bus.
CAN 2	DB9 female	See Table 3: CAN Ports on the next page for connector pin outs.
		See GT7800 Data Communication Specifications on page 23 for port specifications.
Dower		Input for the DC power source.
Power	DC coax jack	See Table 9: GT7800 Power Requirements on page 21.

Pin	COM 1 (RS-232)	COM 1 (RS-422)	COM 2 (RS-232)	COM 3 (RS-232)
1	No connection	No connection	No connection	No connection
2	RxD1	RxD1+	RxD2	RxD3
3	TxD1	TxD1+	TxD2	TxD3
4	No connection	No connection	No connection	No connection
5	Ground	Ground	Ground	Ground
6	No connection	No connection	No connection	No connection
7	RTS1	TxD1-	RTS2	No connection
8	CTS1	RxD1-	CTS2	No connection
9	No connection	No connection	No connection	No connection

Table 2: COM Ports

Table 3: CAN Ports

Pin	CAN 1	CAN 2
1	No connection	No connection
2	CAN_L	CAN_L
3	Ground	Ground
4	No connection	No connection
5	Ground	Ground
6	Ground	Ground
7	CAN_H	CAN_H
8	No connection	No connection
9	12 V CAN power	12 V CAN power

1.2 GT7800 Status LEDs

Left LED Stack from Top				Ri	Right LED S
LED Name	Color	Description		LED Name	LED Name Color
N/A	Not used			N/A	N/A Not used
STATUS GRN	Not used	1		M.E. READY	M.E. READY Not used
STATUS RED	Not used	3		POS. VALID	POS. VALID Green
ERROR	Red Lights when there is an error on the receiver.			POWER	POWER Red

Table 4: GT7800 Status LEDs

Table 5: Ethernet LEDs

LED	Description	
Green LED	Link/activity	
Yellow LED	Not used	

1.3 NovAtel User Documentation, PC Software and Drivers

The complete suite of NovAtel OEM7 user documentation can be found at: docs.novatel.com/OEM7.

Download the latest version of NovAtel Application Suite and the NovAtel USB drivers from: novatel.com/support/support-materials/software-downloads.

This chapter provides instructions to install the GT7800 and create a GNSS receiver system.

2.1 Box Contents

The following is provided with your NovAtel GT7800 receiver:

- GT7800 receiver enclosure
- DC power cable assembly (PN: 01019538)
- 2 metre USB cable type A to micro B (PN: 60723119)

2.2 Additional Equipment Required

Depending on the application, some or all of the following will be required:

- A 50 Ω coaxial cable with a TNC (male) connector for connecting to the Antenna port
- A 50 Ω coaxial cable with a BNC (male) connector for connecting to the External Oscillator port
- A null modem cable with a DB-9 female connector (such as PN: 01017658, may contain DEHP) to connect to COM 1, COM 2 or COM 3.

User provided cables for COM 1-RS422, CAN 1 and CAN 2 connection, as necessary.

- A Microsoft[®] Windows[®] compatible computing device with a RS-232 DB-9 port, USB port or 10/100BASE-T Ethernet port
- A +9 to +36 VDC power supply, capable of supplying at least 10 W
- A quality antenna, such as a NovAtel VEXXIS GNSS-500 or GNSS-800 series antenna or a fixed reference GNSS-750 wideband choke ring antenna. Refer to our web site at <u>novatel.com/products/gps-gnss-antennas</u>

2.3 Installation Overview

Use the following steps to install and power the GT7800.



Figure 3: GT7800 Installation Example

- 1. Install a quality GNSS antenna in a location with an unobstructed view of the sky.
- 2. Connect a coaxial cable from the antenna to the Antenna port.
- 3. If using an external oscillator, connect a coaxial cable from the external oscillator to the **EXT. OSC** port.
- 4. If using an Event Input signal, connect a coaxial cable between the device and the **EVENT IN 1** port.
- 5. If using an Event Output signal, connect a coaxial cable between the device and the EVENT OUT 2 port.



The signal on EVENT OUT 2 is controlled by the MARK1 option of EVENTOUTCONTROL (e.g. EVENTOUTCONTROL MARK1 ENABLE).

- Connect the communications equipment to the GT7800 communication ports. For an RS-232 serial connection, use the COM 1, COM 2 or COM 3 port. For a USB connection, use the USB 0 port. For an Ethernet connection, use the ETHERNET port. For an RS-422 serial connection, use the COM 1 port. Note, use the SERIALPROTOCOL command to change the serial port protocol of COM 1 to RS-422.
- 7. Connect the DC power cable between the **Power** port and the external power supply.
- 8. Turn on the external power supply.

2.3.1 Restarting the Receiver

The GT7800 can be restarted using the **RESET** command or the **RESET** button.

To restart the GT7800 using the **RESET** button, use a tool, such as an unbent paper clip, to press and release the button.

Appendix A GT7800 Technical Specifications

Table 6:	GT7800	Physical	Description
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Size	160 mm x 190 mm x 62.5 mm
Weight	500 grams

See the following sections for more information about the GT7800:

- GT7800 Performance Specifications on the next page
- GT7800 Mechanical Specifications on page 20
- GT7800 Electrical and Environmental Specifications on page 21
- GT7800 Data Communication Specifications on page 23
- GT7800 Strobe Specifications on page 24
- GT7800 Power Cable on page 25

A.1 GT7800 Performance Specifications

All specifications are subject to GNSS system characteristics.

	GPS	L1 C/A, L1C, L2C, L2P, L5		
	GLONASS	L1 C/A, L2 C/A, L2P, L3		
	BeiDou	B1I, B1C, B2I, B2a, B2b, B3I		
	Galileo ¹	E1, E5 AltBOC, E5a, E5b, E6		
Signals Tracked	QZSS	L1 C/A, L1C, L1S, L2C, L5, L6		
	NavIC (IRNSS)	L5		
	SBAS	L1, L5		
	L-Band ²	Up to 5 channels		
	Single point L1	1.5 m RMS		
	Single point L1/L2	1.2 m RMS		
	SBAS ⁴	60 cm RMS		
Desition Assumption 3	DGPS	40 cm RMS		
Position Accuracy ³	TerraStar-L ⁵	40 cm RMS		
	TerraStar-C PRO ⁵	2.0 cm RMS		
	TerraStar-X ⁵	2.0 cm RMS		
	RTK	1 cm + 1 ppm RMS		
Time to First Fix	Hot: <20 s (Almanac and recent ephemeris saved and approximate position and time entered)			
	Cold: <34 s (No alma	nac or ephemeris and no approximate position or time)		
Signal Reacquisition	<0.5 s L1 (typical)			
	<1.0 s L2 and L5 (typical)			
Data Rates	Measurements	up to 100 Hz		
	Position	up to 100 Hz		

Table 7: GT7800 Receiver Performance

¹E1bc and E6bc support only.

 $^2\mbox{Currently}$ the receiver can track up to 3 L-Band channels.

³Typical values under ideal, open sky conditions.

⁴GPS-only.

⁵Requires a TerraStar subscription which is available direct from NovAtel <u>novatel.com/products/gps-gnss-correction-</u> services/terrastar-correction-services.

Time Accuracy ¹	<5 ns RMS	<5 ns RMS		
Velocity Accuracy	<0.03 m/s RMS			
			Code	Carrier
		L1 C/A	4 cm	0.5 mm
	GPS	L2 P(Y)	8 cm	1.0 mm
	GPS	L2C	8 cm	0.5 mm
		L5	3 cm	0.5 mm
		L1 C/A	8 cm	1.0 mm
	GLONASS	L2 P	8 cm	1.0 mm
		L2 C/A	8 cm	1.0 mm
	Galileo	E1	3 cm	0.5 mm
Measurement Precision ²		E5a	3 cm	0.75 mm
		E5b	3 cm	0.75 mm
		E5 AltBOC	3 cm	0.75 mm
		E6	3 cm	0.75 mm
	BeiDou	B1I	4 cm	0.5 mm
		B1C	3 cm	0.5 mm
		B2I	4 cm	0.5 mm
		B2a	3 cm	0.5 mm
		B2b ³	3 cm	0.5 mm
		B3I	4 cm	0.5 mm
Velocity Limit ⁴	600 m/s	600 m/s		

¹Time accuracy does not include biases due to RF or antenna delay.

²Measurement precision should be compared with measurements using the same correlator spacing.

³Under good CN0 conditions, e.g. 44 dBHz.

⁴Export licensing restricts operation to a maximum of 600 m/s, message output impacted above 585 m/s.

A.2 GT7800 Mechanical Specifications

In the following diagrams, the dimensions are in millimetres.



Figure 4: GT7800 Dimensions

A.3 GT7800 Electrical and Environmental Specifications

Specifications				
Operating Temperature	0°C to +55°C			
Storage Temperature	-40°C to +75°C			
ESD	IEC 61000-4-2			

Table 8: GT7800 EnvironmentalSpecifications

Table 9: GT7800 Power Requirements

Voltage	+9 to +36 VDC		
Dower	2.0 W typical		
Power Consumption	Typical values using serial port communication without interference mitigation and external oscillator disabled.		

Table 10: GT7800 RF Input/LNA Power Output

Antenna Connector	TNC, 50 Ω nominal impedance		
Cascaded antenna LNA gain (before receiver)	Firmware 7.04 and later	HDR disabled	+15 dB to +55 dB, 26 dB typical
		HDR enabled	+20 dB to +55 dB, 30 dB typical
	Firmware before 7.04	HDR disabled	+15 dB to +40 dB, 26 dB typical
		HDR enabled	+20 dB to +40 dB, 30 dB typical

	GPS L1:	1575.42 MHz
	GPS L2:	1227.60 MHz
	GPS L5:	1176.45 MHz
	GLONASS L1:	1593-1610 MHz
	GLONASS L2:	1237-1254 MHz
	GLONASS L3:	1202.025 MHz
	Galileo E1:	1575.42 MHz
	Galileo E5a:	1176.45 MHz
RF Input	Galileo E5b:	1207.14 MHz
Frequencies	Galileo E5:	1191.795 MHz
	Galileo E6:	1278.75 MHz
	BeiDou B1I:	1561.098 MHz
	BeiDou B1C:	1575.42 MHz
	BeiDou B2I:	1207.14 MHz
	BeiDou B2a:	1176.45 MHz
	BeiDou B2b:	1207.14 MHz
	BeiDou B3I:	1268.52 MHz
	L-Band:	1545 to 1560 MHz ¹
LNA Power	+5.0 VDC ±5%, 0 mA to 200 mA (supplied by receiver through center conductor of RF connector).	

Table 11: GT7800 External Oscillator Input

External Oscillator Connector	BNC
External Clock input	Refer to the EXTERNALCLOCK command
Frequency	5 MHz or 10 MHz
Input Impedance	50 Ω nominal
Input VSWR	<2:1
Signal Level	0 dBm minimum to +13.0 dBm maximum
Frequency Stability	±0.5 ppm maximum
Wave Shape	Sinusoidal

¹For hardware releases 1.10 and later. For earlier hardware versions, the L-Band RF Input Frequency is 1525 to 1560 MHz.

A.4 GT7800 Data Communication Specifications

COM 1			
Connector	DB9 male		
Electrical format	RS-232/RS-422		
Data rates ¹	2400, 4800, 9600 (default), 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400 or 460800 bit/s.		
Signals supported	RS-232: TxD1, RxD1, RTS1, CTS1		
	RS-422: TxD1+, TxD1-, RxD1+, RxD1-		
	COM 2		
Connector	DB9 male		
Electrical format	RS-232		
Data rates ¹	2400, 4800, 9600 (default), 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400 or 460800 bit/s.		
Signals supported	TxD2, RxD2, RTS2, CTS2		
	COM 3		
Connector	DB9 male		
Electrical format	RS-232		
Data rates ¹	2400, 4800, 9600 (default), 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400 or 460800 bit/s.		
Signals supported	TxD3, RxD3		
	CAN 1 Bus		
Connector	DB9 female		
Electrical Format	ISO 11898-2		
Data rates	1 Mbps maximum. CAN Bus throughput is determined by slowest device on the bus		
CAN 2 Bus			
Connector	DB9 female		
Electrical Format	ISO 11898-2		
Data rates	1 Mbps maximum. CAN Bus throughput is determined by slowest device on the bus		

¹Data rates higher than 115200 bit/s are not supported by standard PC hardware. Special PC hardware may be required for higher rates, including 230400 bit/s and 460800 bit/s.

USB 0			
Connector	Micro A/B		
Electrical format	Conforms to USB 2.0		
Data rates	Full-speed (12 Mb/s)		
Signals supported	USB D (+), USB D (-)		
ETHERNET			
Connector	RJ45		
Physical layer	10BASE-T/100BASE-TX		

A.5 GT7800 Strobe Specifications

The GT7800 strobe signals are available on the EVENT BNC connectors.

Strobes	Input/Output	Factory Default	Comment
EVENT_ IN1			Input mark for which a pulse greater than 150 ns triggers certain logs to be generated. (Refer to the MARKPOS log, MARK1TIME log, and ONMARK trigger.) Polarity is configurable using the EVENTINCONTROL command. 50 Ω nominal impedance
			1 GHz maximum
EVENT_ OUT2	Output	Active low	Programmable variable frequency outputs ranging from 0 Hz to 50 MHz (refer to the EVENTOUTCONTROL command).

Table 13: GT7800 Strobes Description



EVENT IN 2 and EVENT OUT 1 are not active.

Table 14: GT7800 Strobe Electrical Specifications

Strobe	Symbol	Min (V)	Max (V)	Current (mA)
EVENT IN1	V _{IL}	-	0.8	<±1 mA
	V _{IH}	2.0	6.0	<t ma<="" td=""></t>
EVENT_OUT2	V _{OL}	-	0.4	±6 mA
	V _{OH}	2.0	3.3	TOUNA



All signal I/O are at LVCMOS levels.

A.6 GT7800 Power Cable

The NovAtel part number for the GT7800 DC Power Cable is 01019538. This cable provides power to the receiver from an external power supply.



Table 15: GT7800 DC Power Connector

Connector	Part Number	Mating Plug Requirements
DC barrel jack	Switchcraft RAPC732X	Inner diameter = 1.3 mm Outer diameter = 3.5 to 4.1 mm Barrel length = 9.5 mm Center conductor = positive

