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1 Introduction

Quectel L76K GNSS module supports GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou and QZSS constellations. Concurrent tracking of GPS L1 C/A, GLONASS L1, BeiDou B1, and QZSS L1 frequency bands provides fast and accurate acquisition and makes this module the ideal solution for positioning and navigation in various vertical markets.

This document describes the software commands that are needed to control and modify the module configuration. The software commands are NMEA proprietary commands defined by the chipset supplier (PCAS commands) and CASIC commands. To report GNSS information, the module supports output messages in NMEA 0183 standard protocol or CASIC protocol format.

NOTE

1. The default configuration is GPS + BeiDou. QZSS is always enabled and can not be disabled.
2. Only use the commands listed in this document. Quectel assumes no responsibility if other commands are used.

2 NMEA Protocol

2.1. Structure of NMEA Protocol Messages

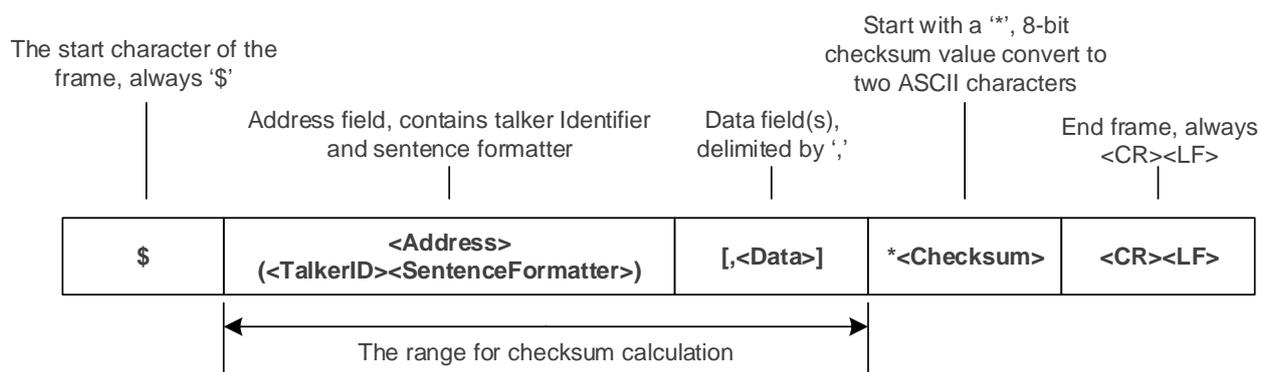


Figure 1: Structure of NMEA Protocol Messages

Table 1: Structure of NMEA Protocol Messages

| Field | Description |
|-----------|---|
| \$ | Start of the sentence (Hex 0x24). |
| <Address> | <p>In Standard Messages: In NMEA standard messages, this field consists of a two-character talker identifier (TalkerID) and a three-character sentence formatter (SentenceFormatter). The talker identifier serves to define the nature of the data being transmitted. For more information on the TalkerID, see Table 2: NMEA TalkerID.</p> <p>The sentence formatter is used to define data format and type.</p> <p>In Proprietary Messages: In NMEA proprietary messages, this field consists of the proprietary character P followed by a three-character Manufacturer's Mnemonic Code, used to identify the TALKER issuing a proprietary sentence, and any additional characters as required.</p> |
| <Data> | <p>Data fields, delimited by comma (,).</p> <p>Variable length (depends on the NMEA message type).</p> |

| | |
|------------|---|
| | The checksum field follows the checksum delimiter character *. |
| <Checksum> | The checksum is the 8-bit exclusive OR of all characters in the sentence, including the comma (,) delimiter, between but not including the \$ and the * delimiters. |
| <CR><LF> | End of the sentence (Hex 0x0D 0x0A). |

Table 2: NMEA TalkerID

| GNSS Constellation Configuration | TalkerID |
|---|----------|
| GPS | GP |
| GLONASS | GL |
| BeiDou | BD |
| QZSS | GP |
| Combination of Multiple Satellite Systems | GN |

NOTE

<TalkerID> is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.

2.2. Standard Messages

This chapter explains the NMEA 0183 standard messages supported by the module.

2.2.1. RMC

Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data. Time, date, position, course, and speed data provided by a GNSS receiver.

Type:

Output

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>RMC,<UTC>,<Status>,<Lat>,<N/S>,<Lon>,<E/W>,<SOG>,<COG>,<Date>,<MagVar>,<MagVarDir>,<ModeInd>,<NavStatus>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|------------|-------------|------|-------------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| RMC | String | - | RMC | Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data. |
| <UTC> | hhmmss.sss | - | 071556.000 | Position fix UTC: hh: Hours (00–23) mm: Minutes (00–59) ss: Seconds (00–59) sss: Decimal fraction of seconds |
| <Status> | Character | - | A | Positioning system status: A = Data valid V = Invalid D = Differential |
| <Lat> | ddmm.mmmmm | - | 3149.29103 | Latitude: dd: Degrees (00–90) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <N/S> | Character | - | N | Latitude direction: N = North S = South Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <Lon> | dddmm.mmmmm | - | 11706.92916 | Longitude: ddd: Degrees (000–180) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <E/W> | Character | - | E | Longitude direction: E = East W = West Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <SOG> | Numeric | Knot | 0.00 | Speed over ground. Variable length. |

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|---|
| | | | | Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <COG> | Numeric | Degree | 0.00 | Course over ground. Variable length. Maximum value: 359.9. Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <Date> | ddmmyy | - | 250420 | Date: dd: Day of month mm: Month yy: Year |
| <MagVar> | - | - | - | Magnetic variation. Not supported. |
| <MagVarDir> | - | - | - | The direction of magnetic variation. Not supported. |
| <ModeInd> | Character | - | A | Mode indicator: A = Autonomous mode. Satellite system used in non-differential mode in position fix. D = Differential mode. Satellite system used in differential mode in position fix. Corrections from ground stations or Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS). E = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode. N = No fix. Satellite system not used in position fix, or fix not valid. |
| <NavStatus> | Character | - | V | Navigational status. S = safe C = Caution U = Unsafe V = Navigational status not valid |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *09 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GNRMC,071556.000,A,3149.29103,N,11706.92916,E,0.00,0.00,250420,,,A,V*09
```

NOTE

<TalkerID> is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.

2.2.2. GGA

Global Positioning System Fix Data. Time, position, and fix-related data for a GNSS receiver.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>GGA,<UTC>,<Lat>,<N/S>,<Lon>,<E/W>,<Quality>,<NumSatUsed>,<HDOP>,<Alt>,M,<Sep>,<M>,<DiffAge>,<DiffStation>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|------------|-------------|------|-------------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| GGA | String | - | GGA | Global Positioning System Fix Data. |
| <UTC> | hhmmss.sss | - | 071556.000 | Position fix UTC: hh: Hours (00–23) mm: Minutes (00–59) ss: Seconds (00–59) sss: Decimal fraction of seconds |
| <Lat> | ddmm.mmmmm | - | 3149.29103 | Latitude: dd: Degrees (00–90) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <N/S> | Character | - | N | Latitude direction: N = North S = South Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <Lon> | dddmm.mmmmm | - | 11706.92916 | Longitude: ddd: Degrees (000–180) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of |

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|--|
| | | | | an invalid value. |
| <E/W> | Character | - | E | Longitude direction: E = East W = West Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <Quality> | Numeric, 1 digit | - | 1 | GPS quality indicator: 0 = Fix not available or invalid 1 = GPS SPS Mode, fix valid 2 = Differential GPS, SPS Mode, or Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS), fix valid 6 = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode |
| <NumSatUsed> ¹⁾ | Numeric, 2 digits | - | 21 | Number of satellites in use. |
| <HDOP> | Numeric | - | 0.7 | Horizontal dilution of precision. |
| <Alt> | Numeric | Meter | 75.7 | Altitude above mean-sea-level (geoid). Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| M | Character | - | M | Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <Sep> | Numeric | Meter | -5.0 | Geoid separation (the difference between the earth ellipsoid surface and the mean-sea-level (geoid) surface defined by the reference datum used in the position solution). Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| M | Character | - | M | Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <DiffAge> | - | - | - | Differential GPS data age. Not supported. |
| <DiffStation> | - | - | - | Differential reference station ID. Not supported. |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *69 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GNGGA,071556.000,3149.29103,N,11706.92916,E,1,21,0.7,75.7,M,-5.0,M,,*69
```

NOTE

1. **<TalkerID>** is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.
2. The NMEA 0183 specification indicates that GGA messages are GPS specific. However, when the receiver is configured for multi-constellations, the content of GGA messages will be generated from the multi-constellation solution.
3. ¹⁾ According to the NMEA 0183 specification, the number of satellites in use is between 00 and 12. However, in the multi-constellation solution, the number of satellites in use may exceed 12.

2.2.3. GSV

GNSS Satellites in View. The GSV sentence provides the number of satellites in view (SV), satellite ID numbers, elevation, azimuth, and SNR value, and contains maximum four satellites per transmission. Therefore, it may take several sentences to get complete information. The total number of sentences being transmitted and the sentence number are indicated in the first two data fields.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>GSV,<TotalNumSen>,<SenNum>,<TotalNumSat>,<SatID>,<SatElev>,<SatAz>,<SatCN0>[...],<SignalID>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|---|---------|------|---------|--|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GP | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| GSV | String | - | GSV | GNSS Satellites in View. |
| <TotalNumSen> | Numeric | - | 3 | Total number of sentences. Range:1-9. |
| <SenNum> | Numeric | - | 1 | Sentence number. Range: 1–TotalNumSen. |
| <TotalNumSat> | Numeric | - | 12 | Total number of satellites in view. Maximum value: 32. |
| Start of repeat block. Repeat times: 1–4. | | | | |
| <SatID> | Numeric | - | 02 | Satellite ID. See Table 16: GNSS Numbering . |

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|-----|--|
| <SatElev> | Numeric | Degree | 49 | Satellite elevation. Range: 00–90. |
| <SatAz> | Numeric | Degree | 123 | Satellite azimuth, with true north as the reference plane. Range: 000–359. |
| <SatCN0> | Numeric | dB-Hz | 43 | Satellite C/N ₀ . Range: 00–99. Null when not tracking. |
| End of repeat block. | | | | |
| <SignalID> | Numeric | - | 0 | GNSS signal ID. Table 16: GNSS Numbering . Default: 0. |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *66 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GPGSV,3,1,12,02,49,123,43,05,60,005,43,06,06,127,29,07,05,042,33,0*66
$GPGSV,3,2,12,13,79,139,44,15,55,225,44,18,12,314,36,20,44,055,42,0*6C
$GPGSV,3,3,12,29,48,275,42,30,20,069,38,193,69,062,42,195,46,160,42,0*6A
$BDGSV,4,1,16,01,43,135,36,03,54,193,36,04,31,120,34,06,43,189,35,0*7B
$BDGSV,4,2,16,07,06,196,28,08,63,008,35,09,30,194,32,10,09,210,29,0*74
$BDGSV,4,3,16,13,59,342,38,16,50,184,37,27,57,183,40,30,53,295,39,0*77
$BDGSV,4,4,16,32,65,305,41,38,68,046,40,39,59,181,38,41,40,042,38,0*78
```

NOTE

1. **<TalkerID>** is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.
2. **GN** cannot be used for GSV sentences. If satellites of multiple constellations are in view, use separate GSV sentences with the corresponding talker ID for each constellation.

2.2.4. GSA

GNSS DOP and Active Satellites. GNSS receiver operating mode, satellites used in the navigation solution reported by the GGA or GNS sentence, and DOP values.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>GSA,<Mode>,<FixMode>,<SatID>,...,<SatID>,<PDOP>,<HDOP>,<VDOP><SystemID>*<C
checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|--|-------------|------|---------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| GSA | String | - | GSA | GNSS DOP and Active Satellites. |
| <Mode> | Character | - | A | M = Manual, forced to operate in 2D or 3D mode A = Automatic, allowed to automatically switch to 2D/3D |
| <FixMode> | Numeric | - | 3 | 1 = Fix not available 2 = 2D 3 = 3D |
| Start of repeat block. Repeat times: 12. | | | | |
| <SatID> | Numeric | - | 10 | ID numbers of satellites used in solution. See Table 16: GNSS Numbering . |
| End of repeat block. | | | | |
| <PDOP> | Numeric | - | 2.5 | Position dilution of precision. Maximum value: 99.0. |
| <HDOP> | Numeric | - | 2.0 | Horizontal dilution of precision. Maximum value: 99.0. |
| <VDOP> | Numeric | - | 1.5 | Vertical dilution of precision. Maximum value: 99.0. |
| <SystemID> | Numeric | - | 1 | GNSS system ID. See Table 16: GNSS Numbering . |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *35 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GNGSA,A,3,10,13,15,20,,,,,,,,,2.5,2.0,1.5,1*35
```

NOTE

- <TalkerID> is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.
- If less than 12 satellites are used for navigation, the remaining <SatID> fields are left empty. If more than 12 satellites are used for navigation, only the IDs of the first 12 are output.

2.2.5. VTG

Course Over Ground & Ground Speed. The actual course and speed relative to the ground.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>VTG,<COGT>,T,<COGM>,M,<SOGN>,N,<SOGK>,K,<ModeInd>* <Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|------------|-------------|---------|---------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| VTG | String | - | VTG | Course Over Ground & Ground Speed. |
| <COGT> | Numeric | Degrees | 0.00 | Course over ground, in true north course direction. |
| T | Character | - | T | -- |
| <COGM> | Numeric | Degrees | - | Course over ground (magnetic). Not supported. |
| M | Character | - | M | -- |
| <SOGN> | Numeric | Knots | 0.00 | Speed over ground in knots. |
| N | Character | - | N | - |
| <SOGK> | Numeric | km/h | 0.00 | Speed over ground in kilometers per hour. |
| K | Character | - | K | - |
| <ModeInd> | Character | - | A | The mode indicator of the positioning system: A = Autonomous mode. Satellite system used in non-differential mode in position fix E = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode N = No fix. Satellite system not used in position fix, or fix not valid. |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *23 | Checksum. |

| | | | | |
|----------|--------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |
|----------|--------|---|---|--------------------------------|

Example:

```
$GNVTG,0.00,T,,M,0.00,N,0.00,K,A*23
```

NOTE

<TalkerID> is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.

2.2.6. GLL

Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude. Latitude and longitude of the GNSS receiver position, the time of position fix and status.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>GLL,<Lat>,<N/S>,<Lon>,<E/W>,<UTC>,<Status>,<ModeInd>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|------------|------------|------|------------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| GLL | String | - | GLL | Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude. |
| <Lat> | ddmm.mmmmm | - | 3149.29103 | Latitude: dd: Degrees (00–90) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <N/S> | Character | - | N | Latitude direction: N = North S = South Note that this field is empty in case of an |

| | | | | |
|------------|-------------|---|-------------|---|
| | | | | invalid value. |
| <Lon> | dddmm.mmmmm | - | 11706.92916 | Longitude: ddd: Degrees (000–180) mm: Minutes (00–59) mmmmm: Decimal fraction of minutes Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <E/W> | Character | - | E | Longitude direction: E = East W = West Note that this field is empty in case of an invalid value. |
| <UTC> | hhmmss.sss | - | 071556.000 | Position UTC: hh: Hours (00–23) mm: Minutes (00–59) ss: Seconds (00–59) sss: Decimal fraction of seconds (variable length, 1 to 3 digits) |
| <Status> | Character | - | A | Positioning system status: V = Invalid A = Autonomous |
| <ModeInd> | Character | - | A | Mode indicator: A = Autonomous mode. Satellite system used in non-differential mode in position fix E = Estimated (dead reckoning) mode. N = No fix. Satellite system not used in position fix, or fix not valid |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *45 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GNGLL,3149.29103,N,11706.92916,E,071556.000,A,A*45
```

NOTE

<TalkerID> is GP in both QZSS and GPS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information about satellite identifiers.

2.2.7. TXT

Text Transmission.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>TXT,<TotalNumSen>,<SenNum>,<TextID>,<TextMsg>* <Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|---------------|-------------|------|----------|---|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GP | Talker identifier. Always "GP". |
| TXT | String | - | TXT | Text Transmission. |
| <TotalNumSen> | Numeric | - | 01 | Total number of sentences. Range: 01–99. |
| <SenNum> | Numeric | - | 01 | Sentence number. Range: 01–99. |
| <TextID> | Numeric | - | 02 | Text identifier: 00 = Error message 01 = Warning message 02 = General information 03 = User Information |
| <TextMsg> | String | - | MA=CASIC | Text message. |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *27 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GPTXT,01,01,02,MA=CASIC*27
$GPTXT,01,01,01,ANTENNA OPEN*25
```

2.2.8. ZDA

Time & Time. UTC, day, month, year and local time zone.

Type:

Output.

Synopsis:

```
$<TalkerID>ZDA,<UTC>,<Day>,<Month>,<Year>,<LocalHour>,<LocalMin>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Example | Description |
|-------------|-------------|-------|------------|--|
| \$ | - | - | \$ | Each NMEA message starts with \$. |
| <TalkerID> | String | - | GN | Talker identifier. See Table 2: NMEA TalkerID . |
| ZDA | String | - | ZDA | Time & Time. UTC, day, month, year and local time zone. |
| <UTC> | hhmmss.sss | - | 053712.000 | Position fix UTC: hh: Hours (00–23) mm: Minutes (00–59) ss: Seconds (00–59) sss: Decimal fraction of seconds (variable length, 1–3 digits) |
| <Day> | Numeric | day | 21 | Day of month. Range: 01–31. |
| <Month> | Numeric | Month | 10 | Month. Range: 01–12. |
| <Year> | Numeric | Year | 2021 | Year. |
| <LocalHour> | Numeric | - | 00 | Not supported. Default value: 00. |
| <LocalMin> | Numeric | - | 00 | Not supported. Default value: 00. |
| <Checksum> | Hexadecimal | - | *49 | Checksum. |
| <CR><LF> | String | - | - | Carriage return and line feed. |

Example:

```
$GNZDA,053712.000,21,10,2021,00,00*49
```

NOTE

<TalkerID> is GP in QZSS satellite configurations, see [Table 16: GNSS Numbering](#) for more information.

2.3. PCAS Messages

This chapter explains the PCAS messages (proprietary NMEA messages defined by the chipset supplier) supported by L76K module.

2.3.1. PCAS01

Sets NMEA port baudrate.

Type:

Set.

Synopsis:

```
$PCAS01,<CMD>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Description |
|-------|---------|------|---|
| <CMD> | Numeric | bps | Baud rate: 0 = 4800 1 = 9600 2 = 19200 3 = 38400 4 = 57600 5 = 115200 |

Example:

```
$PCAS01,1*1D
```

2.3.2. PCAS02

Sets positioning frequency.

Type:

Set.

Synopsis:

```
$PCAS02,<Interval>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Description |
|------------|---------|------|---|
| <Interval> | Numeric | ms | Positioning interval: 1000 = Set the positioning frequency to 1 Hz 500 = Set the positioning frequency to 2 Hz 200 = Set the positioning frequency to 5 Hz |

Example:

```
$PCAS02,1000*2E
```

NOTE

It is required to set the type of NMEA sentences output to single and change the baud rate to 115200 bps when the **<Interval>** is less than 1000.

2.3.3. PCAS03

Sets the NMEA sentence output type and frequencies.

Type:

Set.

Synopsis:

```
$PCAS03,<nGGA>,<nGLL>,<nGSA>,<nGSV>,<nRMC>,<nVTG>,<nZDA>,<nANT>,<Res>,<Res>,<Res>,<Res>,<Res>,<Res>,<Res>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Description |
|--------|---------|------|---|
| <nGGA> | Numeric | - | GGA sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nGLL> | Numeric | - | GLL sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nGSA> | Numeric | - | GSA sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. |

| | | | |
|--------|---------|---|---|
| | | | Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nGSV> | Numeric | - | GSV sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nRMC> | Numeric | - | RMC sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nVTG> | Numeric | - | VTG sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nZDA> | Numeric | - | ZDA sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <nANT> | Numeric | - | ANT sentence output frequency: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. “0” indicates no output. Null means keeping the previous configuration. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Always “0”. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Always “0”. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Reserved. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Reserved. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Always “0”. |
| <Res> | Numeric | - | Always “0”. |

Example:

```
$PCAS03,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,,,0,0*02
```

NOTE

The ANT information of NMEA proprietary messages is included in the NMEA standard TXT sentence.

2.3.4. PCAS04

Configures the receiver to start searching for satellites.

Type:

Set.

Synopsis:

```
$PCAS04,<Mode>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Description |
|--------|---------|------|--|
| <Mode> | Numeric | - | GNSS satellite configuration: 1 = GPS 2 = BeiDou 3 = GPS + BeiDou (default) 4 = GLONASS 5 = GPS + GLONASS 6 = BeiDou + GLONASS 7 = GPS + BeiDou + GLONASS |

Example:

```
$PCAS04,3*1A
```

NOTE

The QZSS is enabled by default, but it does not support configuration.

2.3.5. PCAS10

Restarts the module.

Type:

Input.

Synopsis:

```
$PCAS10,<Flag>*<Checksum><CR><LF>
```

Parameter:

| Field | Format | Unit | Description |
|--------|---------|------|---|
| <Flag> | Numeric | - | Restart mode: 0 = Hot Start 1 = Warm Start 2 = Cold Start 3 = Cold start and restore factory setting. |

Example:

```
$PCAS10,0*1C
```

3 CASIC Protocol

This chapter explains the the chipset supplier CASIC proprietary protocol supported by L76K module.

3.1. Structure of CASIC Protocol Messages

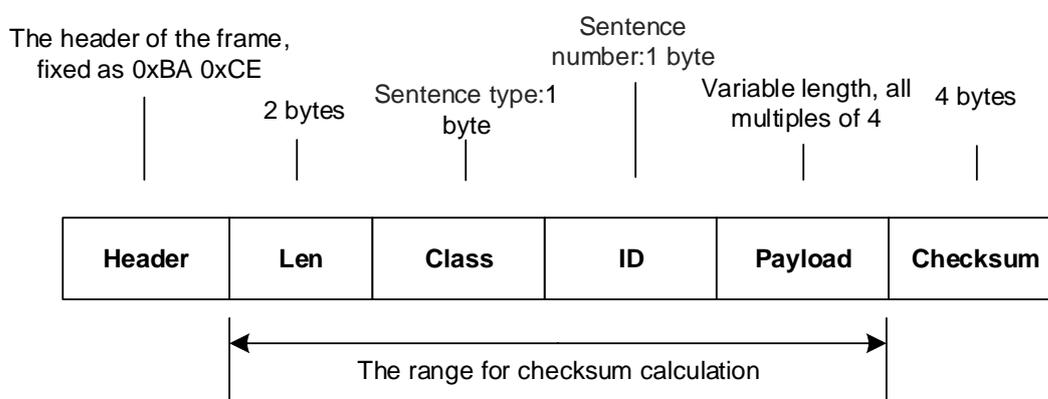


Figure 2: Structure of CASIC Protocol Messages

Table 3: Structure of CASIC Protocol Messages

| Field | Description |
|----------|--|
| Header | CASIC protocol frame header consisting of 2 bytes: 0xBA, 0xCE. |
| Len | Payload length (Not including Header, Len, Class, ID and Checksum). |
| Class | Message type, which is the basic subset to which the current sentence belongs. |
| ID | Message ID. |
| Payload | Message payload, with a variable number of bytes, is a multiple of 4. |
| Checksum | Checksum is the last field in the statement that sums up all the data from Len to Payload (Four bytes per word). |

Checksum sample code:

```
Checksum = (ID << 24) + (Class << 16) + Len;
for (i = 0; i < (Len / 4); i++)
{
Checksum = Checksum + Payload [i];
}
```

NOTE

If the command is used for querying or getting parameters, the payload is empty and the payload length is 0.

3.1.1. Data Type

Table 4: Data Type

| Abbreviation | Type | Length (Byte) | Note |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|
| U1 | Unsigned character | 1 | - |
| I1 | Signed character | 1 | Complement |
| U2 | Unsigned short integer | 2 | - |
| I2 | Signed short integer | 2 | Complement |
| U4 | Unsigned long integer | 4 | - |
| I4 | Signed long integer | 4 | Complement |
| R4 | IEEE754 float | 4 | - |
| R8 | IEEE754 double | 8 | - |

3.1.2. Message Overview

Table 5: Message Overview

| Message | ID |
|----------|-----------|
| ACK-NACK | 0x05 0x00 |
| ACK-ACK | 0x05 0x01 |
| CFG-PRT | 0x06 0x00 |

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| CFG-MSG | 0x06 0x01 |
| CFG-RST | 0x06 0x02 |
| CFG-RATE | 0x06 0x04 |
| NMEA-GGA | 0x4E 0x00 |
| NMEA-GLL | 0x4E 0x01 |
| NMEA-GSA | 0x4E 0x02 |
| NMEA-GSV | 0x4E 0x03 |
| NMEA-RMC | 0x4E 0x04 |
| NMEA-VTG | 0x4E 0x05 |
| NMEA-ZDA | 0x4E 0x08 |

3.2. CASIC Messages

3.2.1. ACK

3.2.1.1. ACK-NACK (0x05 0x00)

This response indicates incorrect reception.

Type:

Output.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Byte) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|------------|-----------|---|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | 4 | 0x05 0x00 | See Table 6: ACK-NACK Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 6: ACK-NACK Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|---|
| 0 | U1 | - | ClsID | - | The type of the message received incorrectly. |

| | | | | | |
|---|----|---|-------|---|---|
| 1 | U1 | - | MsgID | - | The number of the message received incorrectly. |
| 2 | U2 | - | Res | - | Reserved. |

3.2.1.2.ACK-ACK (0x05 0x01)

This response indicates correct reception.

Type:

Output.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Byte) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|------------|-----------|--|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | 4 | 0x05 0x01 | See Table 7: ACK-ACK Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 7: ACK-ACK Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|---|
| 0 | U1 | - | ClsID | - | The type of the message received correctly. |
| 1 | U1 | - | MsgID | - | The number of the message received correctly. |
| 2 | U2 | - | Res | - | Reserved. |

3.2.2. CFG

3.2.2.1.CFG-PRT (0x06 0x00)

Sets/Gets serial port operation mode.

Type:

Set/Get.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Byte) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|--|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | Payload Length | 0x06 0x00 | See Table 8: CFG-PRT Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 8: CFG-PRT Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|------|---|
| 0 | U1 | - | PortID | - | UART ID. |
| 1 | U1 | - | ProtoMask | - | Protocol control mask. Each port simultaneously supports multiple protocols. If the corresponding bit is 1, it means that the protocol is enabled. See Table 9: ProtoMask for more information. |
| 2 | U2 | - | Mode | - | UART working mode mask; See Table 10: Mode Flag Bits for more information. |
| 4 | U4 | - | BaudRate | bps | Baud rate. |

Table 9: ProtoMask

| Mask | Description |
|-------|----------------------------|
| Bit 0 | 1 = Binary protocol input |
| Bit 1 | 1 = Text protocol input |
| Bit 4 | 1 = Binary protocol output |
| Bit 5 | 1 = Text protocol output |

Table 10: Mode Flag Bits

| Mask | Value | Description |
|-------|-------|-------------|
| [6:7] | 00 | 5 bits |
| | 01 | 6 bits |
| | 10 | 7 bits |

| | | |
|---------|-----|---------------|
| | 11 | 8 bits. |
| [9:11] | 10x | None. |
| | 001 | Odd. |
| | 000 | Even |
| | x1x | Reserved |
| [12:13] | 00 | 1 stop bit |
| | 01 | 1.5 stop bits |
| | 10 | 2 stop bits |
| | 11 | Reserved |

Example:

```

//Get:
//Send:
BA CE 00 00 06 00 00 00 06 00

//Respond:
BA CE 08 00 06 00 01 07 C0 08 00 C2 01 00 09 C9 C7 08 // Current UART1 configuration (invalid).
BA CE 08 00 06 00 00 FF C0 08 80 25 00 00 88 24 C7 08 // Current UART0 configuration.

//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 00 00 00 0A 00 05 01

//Set:
//Send:
//Configured the current UART port baud rate to 9600 bps:
BA CE 08 00 06 00 FF 33 C0 08 80 25 00 00 87 59 C6 08

//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 00 00 00 0A 00 05 01
    
```

3.2.2.2.CFG-MSG (0x06 0x01)

Sets/Gets the frequency of NMEA sentences to be sent.

Type:

Set/Get.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Byte) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|---|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | Payload Length | 0x06 0x01 | See Table 11: CFG-MSG Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 11: CFG-MSG Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|------|---|
| 0 | U1 | - | ClsID | - | Message type. See Table 5: Message Overview . |
| 1 | U1 | - | MsgID | - | Message number. See Table 5: Message Overview . |
| 2 | U2 | - | Rate | - | Frequency of NMEA sentences. Range 0–9. 0: No output N: Output once every N (1–9) position fix. 0xFFFF: Immediate output once, equivalent to query output. |

Example:

```
//Get:
//Send:
BA CE 00 00 06 01 00 00 06 01

//Respond:
BA CE 04 00 06 01 03 11 00 00 07 11 06 01

//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 01 00 00 0A 01 05 01

//Set:
//Send:
//Configured the GGA sentence output frequency:
BA CE 04 00 06 01 4E 00 01 00 52 00 07 01
```

```
//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 01 00 00 0A 01 05 01
```

3.2.2.3.CFG-RST (0x06 0x02)

Restarts the module or cleans up the saved data structures.

Type:

Command.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Bytes) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | 4 | 0x06 0x02 | See Table 12: CFG-RST Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 12: CFG-RST Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|------------|------|---|
| 0 | U2 | - | NavBbrMask | - | Clear the contents of battery-backed RAM. Each bit of the mask represents one section of RAM. Bit 0 = Ephemeris Bit 1 = Almanac Bit 2 = Health information Bit 3 = Ionospheric parameter Bit 4 = Receive positioning information Bit 5 = Clock drift (clock frequency offset) Bit 6 = Crystal vibration parameters Bit 7 = UTC fixes parameters Bit 8 = RTC Bit 9 = Configuration information |
| 2 | U1 | - | ResetMode | - | Reset mode. 0 = Immediate hardware reset (Achieved via Watchdog) 1 = Software reset 2 = Software reset (GPS only) 4 = Hardware reset after power off |

(Achieved via Watchdog)

| | | | | | |
|---|----|---|-----------|---|--|
| 3 | U1 | - | StartMode | - | Start mode. 0 = Hot start 1 = Warm start 2 = Cold start 3 = Factory data reset |
|---|----|---|-----------|---|--|

Example:

```
//Configuration:
//Send:
//Clear configuration information:
BA CE 04 00 06 02 FF 01 00 00 03 02 06 02

//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 02 00 00 0A 02 05 01
```

3.2.2.4.CFG-RATE (0x06 0x04)

Sets/Gets the time interval for positioning.

Type:

Set/Get.

Structure:

| Header | Len (Byte) | ID | Payload | Checksum |
|-----------|------------|-----------|--|----------|
| 0xBA 0xCE | 4 | 0x06 0x04 | See Table 13: CFG-RATE Message Payload | 4 bytes |

Table 13: CFG-RATE Message Payload

| Byte Offset | Data Type | Scaling | Name | Unit | Description |
|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|------|--|
| 0 | U2 | - | Interval | ms | Time interval between two positions. 200 500 1000 |
| 2 | U2 | - | Res | - | Reserved. |

Example:

```
//Get:
//Send:
BA CE 00 00 06 04 00 00 06 04

//Respond:
BA CE 04 00 06 04 E8 03 00 00 EC 03 06 04

//ACK
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 04 00 00 0A 04 05 01

//Set:
//Send:
//The fix rate is 2 Hz.
BA CE 04 00 06 04 F4 01 00 00 F8 01 06 04

//ACK:
BA CE 04 00 05 01 06 04 00 00 0A 04 05 01
```

4 Appendix A References

Table 14: Related Documents

| Document Name |
|---|
| [1] Quectel L76K Hardware Design |
| [2] Quectel L76K EVB User Guide |
| [3] Quectel_L76K_Reference_Design |

Table 15: Terms and Abbreviations

| Abbreviation | Description |
|------------------|---|
| 2D | 2 Dimension |
| 3D | 3 Dimension |
| ACK | Acknowledgement |
| ANT | Antenna |
| BeiDou | BeiDou Navigation Satellite System |
| CASIC | China Aerospace Science & Industry Corporation |
| CFG | Configure |
| COG | Course over Ground |
| COGM | Course over Ground (in Magnetic North Course Direction) |
| COGT | Course over Ground (in True North Course Direction) |
| C/N ₀ | Carrier-to-Noise-Density Ratio |
| DGPS | Differential Global Positioning System |

| | |
|---------|--|
| DOP | Dilution of Precision |
| GGA | Global Positioning System Fix Data |
| GLL | Geographic Position - Latitude and Longitude |
| GLONASS | Global Navigation Satellite System (Russian) |
| GNS | Global Network Service |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| GSA | GPS DOP and Active Satellites |
| GSV | GNSS Satellites in View |
| HDOP | Horizontal Dilution of Precision |
| NACK | Negative Acknowledgement |
| NMEA | NMEA (National Marine Electronics Association) 0183 Interface Standard |
| PDOP | Position Dilution of Precision |
| PPS | Pulse Per Second |
| QZSS | Quasi-Zenith Satellite System |
| RMC | Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Data |
| RTC | Real-Time Kinematic |
| SBAS | Satellite-Based Augmentation System |
| SNR | Signal-to-Noise Ratio |
| SOG | Speed over Ground |
| SPS | Standard Positioning Service |
| TXT | Text Transmission |
| UART | Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter |
| UTC | Coordinated Universal Time |
| VDOP | Vertical Dilution of Precision |

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| VTG | Course Over Ground & Ground Speed |
|-----|-----------------------------------|

| | |
|-------|----------------------------|
| WGS84 | World Geodetic System 1984 |
|-------|----------------------------|

| | |
|-----|-------------|
| ZDA | Time & Date |
|-----|-------------|

5 Appendix B GNSS Numbering

Table 16: GNSS Numbering

| GNSS Type | System ID | Satellite ID | Signal ID |
|-----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| GPS | 1 | 1–32 | 1 = L1 C/A |
| GLONASS | 2 | 65–88 | 1 = L1 |
| BeiDou | 4 | 1–63 | 1 = B1 |
| QZSS | 5 | 193–197 | 1 = L1 |

6 Appendix C Default Configuration

Table 17: Default Configurations

| Item | Default |
|-------------------------|--|
| NMEA Port Baud Rate | 9600 bps |
| Datum Reference | WGS84 |
| Rate of Position Fixing | 1 Hz |
| DGPS | Disable |
| NMEA Standard Messages | RMC, GGA, GSV, GSA, VTG, GLL, TXT, and ZDA |
| GNSS Configuration | GPS + BeiDou |