

# ZED-F9P-04B

## u-blox F9 high precision GNSS module

Data sheet



#### **Abstract**

This data sheet describes the ZED-F9P high precision module with multiband GNSS receiver. The module provides multi-band RTK with fast convergence times, reliable performance and easy integration of RTK for fast time-to-market. It has a high update rate for highly dynamic applications and centimeter-level accuracy in a small and energy-efficient module.





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## 1 Functional description

### 1.1 Overview

The ZED-F9P-04B positioning module features the u-blox F9 receiver platform, which provides multi-band GNSS to high-volume industrial applications. The ZED-F9P-04B has integrated u-blox multi-band RTK and PPP-RTK $^1$  technologies for centimeter-level accuracy. The module enables precise navigation and automation of moving machinery in industrial and consumer-grade products in a compact surface-mounted form factor of only  $17.0 \times 22.0 \times 2.4$  mm.

The ZED-F9P-04B includes moving base support, allowing both base and rover to move while computing the position between them. The moving base is ideal for UAV applications where the UAV is programmed to follow its owner or to land on a moving platform. It is also well suited to attitude sensing applications where both base and rover modules are mounted on the same moving platform and the relative position is used to derive attitude information for the vehicle or tool.

In this document, RTK refers to an OSR-based solution (using RTCM corrections), while PPP-RTK refers to an SSR-based solution (using SPARTN or CLAS corrections).

### 1.2 Performance

| Parameter                             | Specification                              |                   |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Receiver type                         | oe Multi-band GNSS high precision receiver |                   |  |  |
| Accuracy of time pulse signal         | RMS  | 30 ns             |  |  |
|                                       | 99%  | 60 ns             |  |  |
| Frequency of time pulse signal        |  | 0.25 Hz to 10 MHz |  |  |
|                                       |  | (configurable)    |  |  |
| Operational limits <sup>2</sup>       | Dynamics                                   | ≤ 4 g             |  |  |
| ·                                     | Altitude                                   | 80,000 m          |  |  |
|                                       | Velocity                                   | 500 m/s           |  |  |
| Velocity accuracy <sup>3</sup>        |  | 0.05 m/s          |  |  |
| Dynamic heading accuracy <sup>3</sup> |  | 0.3 deg           |  |  |
|                                       |  |                   |  |  |

| GNSS <sup>4</sup>        | '                        | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL | GPS+GLO | GPS+BDS | GPS   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Acquisition <sup>5</sup> | Cold start               | 25 s            | 25 s        | 30 s    | 25 s    | 30 s    | 30 s  |
| •                        | Hot start                | 2 s             | 2 s         | 2 s     | 2 s     | 2 s     | 2 s   |
|                          | Aided start <sup>6</sup> | 2 s             | 2 s         | 2 s     | 2 s     | 2 s     | 2 s   |
| Nav. update              | RTK                      | 7 Hz            | 10 Hz       | 15 Hz   | 14 Hz   | 13 Hz   | 20 Hz |
| rate <sup>7</sup>        | PVT                      | 9 Hz            | 10 Hz       | 20 Hz   | 20 Hz   | 16 Hz   | 25 Hz |
|                          | RAW                      | 15 Hz           | 18 Hz       | 25 Hz   | 25 Hz   | 25 Hz   | 25 Hz |

<sup>1</sup> PPP-RTK position accuracy depends on the quality of the SSR service used, high-quality SSR services can perform similarly to RTK

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Assuming Airborne 4 g platform

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 50% at 30 m/s for dynamic operation

<sup>4</sup> GPS used in combination with QZSS and SBAS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Commanded starts. All satellites at -130 dBm. Measured at room temperature.

<sup>6</sup> Dependent on the speed and latency of the aiding data connection, commanded starts

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Measured with primary output only, secondary output disabled (default)



| GNSS <sup>4</sup>             | ,   | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL | GPS+GLO | GPS+BDS | GPS    |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Convergence time <sup>8</sup> | RTK | < 10 s          | < 10 s      | < 10 s  | < 10 s  | < 10 s  | < 30 s |

Table 1: ZED-F9P-04B performance in different GNSS modes

| GNSS          |                   | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL     | GPS+GLO       | GPS+BDS       | GPS           |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Horizontal    | PVT <sup>9</sup>  | 1.5 m CEP       | 1.5 m CEP   | 1.5 m CEP   | 1.5 m CEP     | 1.5 m CEP     | 1.5 m CEP     |
| pos. accuracy | SBAS <sup>9</sup> | 1.0 m CEP       | 1.0 m CEP   | 1.0 m CEP   | 1.0 m CEP     | 1.0 m CEP     | 1.0 m CEP     |
|               | RTK <sup>10</sup> | 0.01 m          | 0.01 m      | 0.01 m      | 0.01 m        | 0.01 m        | 0.01 m        |
|               |                   | + 1 ppm CEP     | + 1 ppm CEP | + 1 ppm CEI | P + 1 ppm CEI | P + 1 ppm CEI | P + 1 ppm CEP |
| Vertical pos. | RTK <sup>10</sup> | 0.01 m          | 0.01 m      | 0.01 m      | 0.01 m        | 0.01 m        | 0.01 m        |
| accuracy      |                   | + 1 ppm R50     | + 1 ppm R50 | + 1 ppm R50 | 0 + 1 ppm R50 | 0 + 1 ppm R50 | 0 + 1 ppm R50 |

Table 2: ZED-F9P-04B position accuracy in different GNSS modes

| GNSS <sup>4</sup>             |        | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL  |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------------|
| Horizontal pos. accuracy      | SPARTN | < 0.10 m CEP    | < 0.10 m CEP |
|                               | CLAS   | 0.04 m CEP      | 0.04 m CEP   |
| Vertical pos. accuracy        | SPARTN | < 0.20 m CEP    | < 0.20 m CEP |
|                               | CLAS   | 0.08 m CEP      | 0.08 m CEP   |
| Convergence time <sup>8</sup> | SPARTN | < 45 s          | < 45 s       |
| -                             | CLAS   | < 70 s          | < 70 s       |
|                               |        |                 |              |

Table 3: ZED-F9P-04B performance for PPP-RTK in different GNSS modes



PPP-RTK performance with SPARTN 2.0.1 protocol varies amongst service providers and service definitions. Performance has been validated with SPARTN correction stream available at the time of firmware release in November 2021.

| GNSS <sup>4</sup>         | ,                 | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Sensitivity <sup>11</sup> | Tracking and nav. | -167 dBm        |
|                           | Reacquisition     | -160 dBm        |
|                           | Cold start        | -148 dBm        |
|                           | Hot start         | -157 dBm        |

Table 4: ZED-F9P-04B sensitivity

| GNSS             | GPS+GLO+GAL+BDS | GPS+GLO+GAL | GPS+GAL | GPS+GLO | GPS+BDS | GPS     |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Nav. update rate | 5 Hz            | 5 Hz        | 5 Hz    | 5 Hz    | 5 Hz    | 8 Hz    |
| Heading accuracy | 0.4 deg         | 0.4 deg     | 0.4 deg | 0.4 deg | 0.4 deg | 0.4 deg |

Table 5: ZED-F9P-04B moving base RTK performance in different GNSS modes

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<sup>4</sup> GPS used in combination with QZSS and SBAS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Depends on atmospheric conditions, baseline length, GNSS antenna, multipath conditions, satellite visibility and geometry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 24 hours static

Measured using 1 km baseline and patch antennas with good ground planes. Does not account for possible antenna phase center offset errors. ppm limited to baselines up to 20 km.

Demonstrated with a good external LNA. Measured at room temperature.



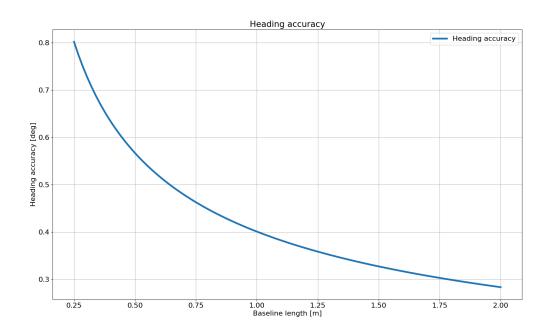


Figure 1: ZED-F9P-04B moving base RTK heading accuracy versus baseline length



In a moving base application, and especially when the antennas are mounted on the same platform, it is recommended to use identical antennas. Furthermore it is recommended these antennas are mounted with identical orientation, as this will minimize effects of phase center variation.

### 1.3 Supported GNSS constellations

The ZED-F9P-04B GNSS modules are concurrent GNSS receivers that can receive and track multiple GNSS constellations. Owing to the multi-band RF front-end architecture, all four major GNSS constellations (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and BeiDou) plus SBAS and QZSS satellites can be received concurrently. All satellites in view can be processed to provide an RTK navigation solution when used with correction data. If power consumption is a key factor, the receiver can be configured for a subset of GNSS constellations.

The QZSS system shares the same frequency bands as GPS and can only be processed in conjunction with GPS.

To benefit from multi-band signal reception, dedicated hardware preparation must be made during the design-in phase. See the Integration manual [1] for u-blox design recommendations.

The ZED-F9P-04B supports the GNSS and their signals as shown in Table 6.

| GPS / QZSS           | GLONASS                                     | Galileo               | BeiDou             | NavIC |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| L1C/A (1575.420 MHz) | L1OF (1602 MHz +<br>k*562.5 kHz, k = -7,,6) | E1-B/C (1575.420 MHz) | B1I (1561.098 MHz) | -     |
| L2C (1227.600 MHz)   | L2OF (1246 MHz + k*437.5 kHz, k = -7,,6)    | •                     | B2I (1207.140 MHz) | -     |

Table 6: Supported GNSS and signals on ZED-F9P-04B

The following GNSS assistance services can be activated on ZED-F9P-04B:



| AssistNow™ Online | AssistNow™ Offline | AssistNow™ Autonomous |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Supported         | -                  | -                     |

Table 7: Supported Assisted GNSS (A-GNSS) services

### 1.4 Supported GNSS augmentation systems

### 1.4.1 Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)

The Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS) is a regional navigation satellite system that provides positioning services for the Pacific region covering Japan and Australia. The ZED-F9P-04B is able to receive and track QZSS L1 C/A and L2C signals concurrently with GPS signals, resulting in better availability especially under challenging signal conditions, e.g. in urban canyons.

The ZED-F9P-04B is also able to receive the QZSS L1S signal in order to use the SLAS (Sub-meter Level Augmentation Service) which is an augmentation technology that provides correction data for pseudoranges. Ground monitoring stations positioned in Japan calculate separate corrections for each visible satellite and broadcast this data to the user via QZSS satellites. The correction stream is transmitted on the L1 frequency (1575.42 MHz).



QZSS can be enabled only if GPS operation is also configured.

### 1.4.2 Satellite based augmentation system (SBAS)

The ZED-F9P-04B supports SBAS (including WAAS in the US, EGNOS in Europe, MSAS in Japan and GAGAN in India) to deliver improved location accuracy within the regions covered. However, the additional inter-standard time calibration step used during SBAS reception results in degraded time accuracy overall.

#### 1.4.3 Differential GNSS (DGNSS)

When operating in RTK mode, RTCM version 3 messages are required and the module supports DGNSS according to RTCM 10403.3.

A ZED-F9P-04B operating as a rover can decode the following RTCM 3.3 messages:

| Message type | Description  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| RTCM 1001    | L1-only GPS RTK observables                              |  |
| RTCM 1002    | Extended L1-only GPS RTK observables                     |  |
| RTCM 1003    | L1/L2 GPS RTK observables                                |  |
| RTCM 1004    | Extended L1/L2 GPS RTK observables                       |  |
| RTCM 1005    | Stationary RTK reference station ARP                     |  |
| RTCM 1006    | Stationary RTK reference station ARP with antenna height |  |
| RTCM 1007    | Antenna descriptor                                       |  |
| RTCM 1009    | L1-only GLONASS RTK observables                          |  |
| RTCM 1010    | Extended L1-only GLONASS RTK observables                 |  |
| RTCM 1011    | L1/L2 GLONASS RTK observables                            |  |
| RTCM 1012    | Extended L1/L2 GLONASS RTK observables                   |  |
| RTCM 1033    | Receiver and antenna description                         |  |
| RTCM 1074    | GPS MSM4   |  |
| RTCM 1075    | GPS MSM5   |  |
| RTCM 1077    | GPS MSM7   |  |



| Message type | Description   |
|--------------|---|
| RTCM 1084    | GLONASS MSM4  |
| RTCM 1085    | GLONASS MSM5  |
| RTCM 1087    | GLONASS MSM7  |
| RTCM 1094    | Galileo MSM4  |
| RTCM 1095    | Galileo MSM5  |
| RTCM 1097    | Galileo MSM7  |
| RTCM 1124    | BeiDou MSM4   |
| RTCM 1125    | BeiDou MSM5   |
| RTCM 1127    | BeiDou MSM7   |
| RTCM 1230    | GLONASS code-phase biases                               |
| RTCM 4072.0  | Reference station PVT (u-blox proprietary RTCM Message) |

Table 8: Supported input RTCM 3.3 messages

#### A ZED-F9P-04B operating as a base station can generate the following RTCM 3.3 output messages:

| Message type | Description  |
|--------------|--|
| RTCM 1005    | Stationary RTK reference station ARP                                       |
| RTCM 1074    | GPS MSM4   |
| RTCM 1077    | GPS MSM7   |
| RTCM 1084    | GLONASS MSM4   |
| RTCM 1087    | GLONASS MSM7   |
| RTCM 1094    | Galileo MSM4   |
| RTCM 1097    | Galileo MSM7   |
| RTCM 1124    | BeiDou MSM4  |
| RTCM 1127    | BeiDou MSM7  |
| RTCM 1230    | GLONASS code-phase biases  |
| RTCM 4072.0  | Reference station PVT (u-blox proprietary RTCM Message)                    |
| RTCM 4072.1  | Additional reference station information (u-blox proprietary RTCM Message) |

#### Table 9: Supported output RTCM 3.3 messages

#### A ZED-F9P-04B operating as a rover can decode the following SPARTN 2.0.1 messages:

| Message type-subtype | Description   |  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| SM 0-0               | GPS orbit, clock, bias (OCB)                        |  |
| SM 0-1               | GLONASS orbit, clock, bias (OCB)                    |  |
| SM 0-2               | Galileo orbit, clock, bias (OCB)                    |  |
| SM 1-0               | GPS high-precision atmosphere correction (HPAC)     |  |
| SM 1-1               | GLONASS high-precision atmosphere correction (HPAC) |  |
| SM 1-2               | Galileo high-precision atmosphere correction (HPAC) |  |
| SM 2-0               | Geographic area definition (GAD)                    |  |
|                      |   |  |

Table 10: Supported input SPARTN version 2.0.1 messages

#### 1.4.4 Centimeter level augmentation service (CLAS)

A ZED-F9P-04B operating as a rover can receive UBX-RXM-QZSSL6 message from a NEO-D9C on any communication interface. The message contains QZSS CLAS (centimeter-level augmentation service) corrections. The CLAS protocol provides corrections for in-view GPS, Galileo, and QZSS satellites in Japan.



# 1.5 Broadcast navigation data and satellite signal measurements

The ZED-F9P-04B can output all the GNSS broadcast data upon reception from tracked satellites. This includes all the supported GNSS signals plus the augmentation services QZSS and SBAS. The UBX-RXM-SFRBX message is used for this information. The receiver also makes available the tracked satellite signal information, i.e. raw code phase and Doppler measurements, in a form aligned to the Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP) [3]. For the UBX-RXM-SFRBX message specification, see the interface description [2].

#### 1.5.1 Carrier-phase measurements

The ZED-F9P-04B modules provide raw carrier-phase data for all supported signals, along with pseudorange, Doppler and measurement quality information. The data contained in the UBX-RXM-RAWX message follows the conventions of a multi-GNSS RINEX 3 observation file. For the UBX-RXM-RAWX message specification, see interface description [2].



Raw measurement data are available once the receiver has established data bit synchronization and time-of-week.

### 1.6 Supported protocols

The ZED-F9P-04B supports the following protocols:

| Protocol                                     | Туре                                     |
|--|--|
| UBX  | Input/output, binary, u-blox proprietary |
| NMEA 4.11 (default), 4.10, 4.0, 2.3, and 2.1 | Input/output, ASCII                      |
| RTCM 3.3                                     | Input/output, binary                     |
| SPARTN 2.0.1                                 | Input, binary                            |

Table 11: Supported protocols

For specification of the protocols, see the interface description [2].



## 2 System description

## 2.1 Block diagram

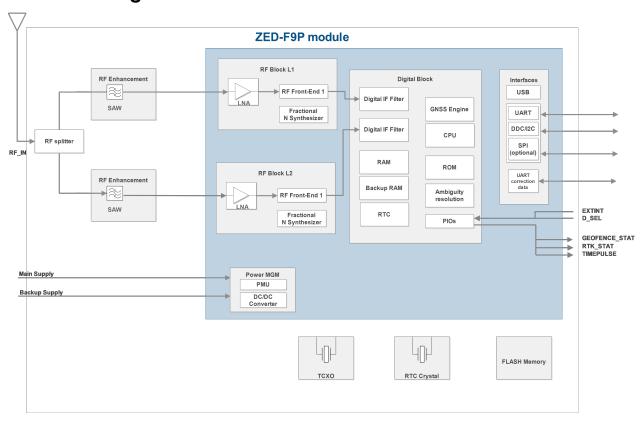


Figure 2: ZED-F9P-04B block diagram

An active antenna is mandatory with the ZED-F9P-04B. See the integration manual [1].



## 3 Pin definition

### 3.1 Pin assignment

The pin assignment of the ZED-F9P-04B module is shown in Figure 3. The defined configuration of the PIOs is listed in Table 12.

For detailed information on pin functions and characteristics, see the u-blox Integration manual [1].

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The ZED-F9P-04B is an LGA package with the I/O on the outside edge and central ground pads.

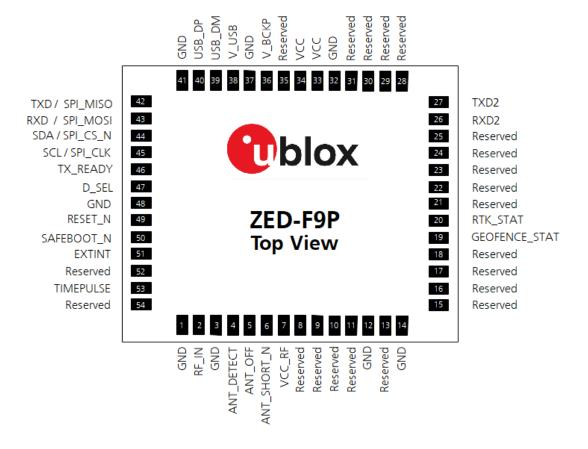


Figure 3: ZED-F9P-04B pin assignment

| Pin no. | Name        | 1/0 | Description                                      |
|---------|-------------|-----|--|
| 1       | GND         | -   | Ground   |
| 2       | RF_IN       | I   | RF input   |
| 3       | GND         | -   | Ground   |
| 4       | ANT_DETECT  | I   | Active antenna detect - default active high      |
| 5       | ANT_OFF     | 0   | External LNA disable - default active high       |
| 6       | ANT_SHORT_N | I   | Active antenna short detect - default active low |
| 7       | VCC_RF      | 0   | Voltage for external LNA                         |
| 8       | Reserved    | -   | Reserved   |
| 9       | Reserved    | -   | Reserved   |



| Name          | 1/0  | Description  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Reserved      |  | Reserved   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| GND           | -  | Ground   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| GND           | -  | Ground   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| GEOFENCE_STAT | 0  | Geofence status, user defined  |
| RTK_STAT      | 0  | RTK status:  |
|               |  | 0 = RTK/PPP-RTK fixed  |
|               |  | blinking = receiving and using corrections   |
|               |  | 1 = no corrections   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| RXD2          | I  | Correction UART input  |
| TXD2          | 0  | Correction UART output   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| GND           | -  | Ground   |
| VCC           | I  | Voltage supply   |
| VCC           | I  | Voltage supply   |
| Reserved      | -  | Reserved   |
| V_BCKP        | ı  | Backup supply voltage  |
| GND           | -  | Ground   |
| V_USB         | ı  | USB supply   |
| USB_DM        | I/O  | USB data   |
| USB_DP        | I/O  | USB data   |
| GND           | -  | Ground   |
| TXD/SPI_MISO  | 0  | Host UART output if D_SEL = 1(or open). SPI_MISO if D_SEL = 0  |
| RXD/SPI_MOSI  | I  | Host UART input if D_SEL = 1(or open). SPI_MOSI if D_SEL = 0   |
| SDA/SPI_CS_N  | I/O  | I2C Data if D_SEL = 1 (or open). SPI Chip Select if D_SEL = 0  |
| SCL/SPI_CLK   | I/O  | I2C Clock if D_SEL = 1(or open). SPI Clock if D_SEL = 0  |
| TX_READY      | 0  | TX_Buffer full and ready for TX of data  |
|               | I  | Interface select for pins 42-45  |
| GND           | _  | Ground   |
| RESET_N       | ı  | RESET_N  |
|               | •  |  |
|               | Reserved  GND Reserved GND Reserved GND Reserved Roserved Reserved Rond VCC VCC Reserved V_BCKP GND V_USB USB_DM USB_DP GND TXD/SPI_MISO RXD/SPI_MISO RXD/SPI_MOSI SDA/SPI_CS_N SCL/SPI_CLK TX_READY D_SEL GND | Reserved       -         Reserved       -         GND       -         Reserved       -         Reserved       -         Reserved       -         Reserved       -         Reserved       -         GEOFENCE_STAT       O         RTK_STAT       O         Reserved       -         QND       -         V_BCKP       I         GND       -         V_USB       I |



| Pin no. | Name      | 1/0 | Description            |
|---------|-----------|-----|------------------------|
| 51      | EXTINT    | I   | External Interrupt Pin |
| 52      | Reserved  | -   | Reserved               |
| 53      | TIMEPULSE | 0   | Time pulse             |
| 54      | Reserved  | -   | Reserved               |

Table 12: ZED-F9P-04B pin assignment



## 4 Electrical specification



The limiting values given are in accordance with the Absolute Maximum Rating System (IEC 134). Stress above one or more of the limiting values may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only. Operation of the device at these or at any other conditions above those given below is not implied. Exposure to limiting values for extended periods may affect device reliability.



Where application information is given, it is advisory only and does not form part of the specification.

### 4.1 Absolute maximum ratings

| Parameter                            | Symbol            | Condition  | Min  | Max        | Units |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------|-------|
| Power supply voltage                 | VCC               |  | -0.5 | 3.6        | V     |
| Voltage ramp on VCC <sup>12</sup>    |                   |  | 20   | 8000       | μs/V  |
| Backup battery voltage               | V_BCKP            |  | -0.5 | 3.6        | V     |
| Voltage ramp on V_BCKP <sup>12</sup> |                   |  | 20   |            | μs/V  |
| Input pin voltage                    | Vin               | VCC ≤ 3.1 V                                      | -0.5 | VCC + 0.5  | V     |
|                                      |                   | VCC > 3.1 V                                      | -0.5 | 3.6        | V     |
| VCC_RF output current                | ICC_RF            |  |      | 100        | mA    |
| Supply voltage USB                   | V_USB             |  | -0.5 | 3.6        | V     |
| USB signals                          | USB_DM,<br>USB_DP |  | -0.5 | V_USB + 0. | 5 V   |
| Input power at RF_IN                 | Prfin             | source impedance = $50 \Omega$ , continuous wave |      | 10         | dBm   |
| Storage temperature                  | Tstg              |  | -40  | +85        | °C    |
|                                      |                   |  |      |            |       |

Table 13: Absolute maximum ratings



The product is not protected against overvoltage or reversed voltages. Voltage spikes exceeding the power supply voltage specification, given in the table above, must be limited to values within the specified boundaries by using appropriate protection diodes.

### 4.2 Operating conditions



All specifications are at an ambient temperature of 25 °C. Extreme operating temperatures can significantly impact the specification values. Applications operating near the temperature limits should be tested to ensure the specification.

| Parameter                               | Symbol   | Min       | Typical | Max | Units | Condition                  |
|---|----------|-----------|---------|-----|-------|----------------------------|
| Power supply voltage                    | VCC      | 2.7       | 3.0     | 3.6 | V     |                            |
| Backup battery voltage                  | V_BCKP   | 1.65      |         | 3.6 | V     |                            |
| Backup battery current                  | I_BCKP   |           | 36      |     | μΑ    | V_BCKP = 3 V,<br>VCC = 0 V |
| SW backup current                       | I_SWBCKP |           | 1.4     |     | mA    |                            |
| Input pin voltage range                 | Vin      | 0         |         | VCC | V     |                            |
| Digital IO pin low level input voltage  | Vil      |           |         | 0.4 | V     |                            |
| Digital IO pin high level input voltage | Vih      | 0.8 * VCC |         |     | V     |                            |
| Digital IO pin low level output voltage | Vol      |           |         | 0.4 | V     | Iol = 2 mA                 |
|   |          |           |         |     |       |                            |

<sup>12</sup> Exceeding the ramp speed may permanently damage the device



| Symbol   | Min                                   | Typical   | Max | Units  | Condition  |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|--|--|
| Voh      | VCC - 0.4                             |   |     | V  | loh = 2 mA   |
| lpin     |                                       |   | 5   | mA   |  |
| VCC_RF   |                                       | VCC - 0.1   |     | V  |  |
| ICC_RF   |                                       |   | 50  | mA   |  |
| NFtot    |                                       | 9.5   |     | dB   |  |
| Ext_gain | 17                                    |   | 50  | dB   |  |
| Topr     | -40                                   | +25   | 85  | °C   |  |
|          | Voh Ipin VCC_RF ICC_RF NFtot Ext_gain | Voh VCC – 0.4  Ipin  VCC_RF  ICC_RF  NFtot  Ext_gain 17 | Voh | Voh         VCC - 0.4           Ipin         5           VCC_RF         VCC - 0.1           ICC_RF         50           NFtot         9.5           Ext_gain         17         50 | Voh         VCC - 0.4         V           Ipin         5         mA           VCC_RF         VCC - 0.1         V           ICC_RF         50         mA           NFtot         9.5         dB           Ext_gain         17         50         dB |

Table 14: Operating conditions



Operation beyond the specified operating conditions can affect device reliability.

### 4.3 Indicative power requirements

Table 15 lists examples of the total system supply current including RF and baseband section for a possible application.



Values in Table 15 are provided for customer information only, as an example of typical current requirements. The values are characterized on samples by using a cold start command. Actual power requirements can vary depending on FW version used, external circuitry, number of satellites tracked, signal strength, type and time of start, duration, and conditions of test.

| Symbol                         | Parameter    | Conditions  | GPS+GLO<br>+GAL+BDS | GPS | Unit |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-----|------|
| I <sub>PEAK</sub>              | Peak current | Acquisition | 130                 | 120 | mA   |
| I <sub>VCC</sub> <sup>14</sup> | VCC current  | Acquisition | 90                  | 75  | mA   |
| I <sub>VCC</sub> <sup>14</sup> | VCC current  | Tracking    | 85                  | 68  | mA   |

Table 15: Currents to calculate the indicative power requirements

All values in Table 15 are measured at 25 °C ambient temperature.

<sup>13</sup> Only valid for the GPS

<sup>14</sup> Simulated GNSS signal



## **5 Communications interfaces**

There are several communications interfaces including UART, SPI, I2C<sup>15</sup> and USB.

All the inputs have internal pull-up resistors in normal operation and can be left open if not used. All the PIOs are supplied by VCC, therefore all the voltage levels of the PIO pins are related to VCC supply voltage.

#### **5.1 UART**

The UART interfaces support configurable baud rates. See the Integration manual [1].

Hardware flow control is not supported.

The UART1 is enabled if D SEL pin of the module is left open or "high".

| Symbol         | Parameter              | Min   | Max    | Unit  |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| R <sub>u</sub> | Baud rate              | 9600  | 921600 | bit/s |
| $\Delta_{Tx}$  | Tx baud rate accuracy  | -1%   | +1%    | -     |
| $\Delta_{Rx}$  | Rx baud rate tolerance | -2.5% | +2.5%  | -     |

Table 16: ZED-F9P-04B UART specifications

#### 5.2 SPI

The ZED-F9P-04B has an SPI slave interface that can be selected by setting D\_SEL = 0. The SPI slave interface is shared with UART1 and I2C pins. The SPI pins available are:

- SPI\_MISO (TXD)
- SPI MOSI (RXD)
- SPI\_CS\_N
- SPI\_CLK

The SPI interface is designed to allow communication to a host CPU. The interface can be operated in slave mode only. Note that SPI is not available in the default configuration because its pins are shared with the UART and I2C interfaces. The maximum transfer rate using SPI is 125 kB/s and the maximum SPI clock frequency is 5.5 MHz.

This section provides SPI timing values for the ZED-F9P-04B slave operation. The following tables present timing values under different capacitive loading conditions. Default SPI configuration is CPOL = 0 and CPHA = 0.

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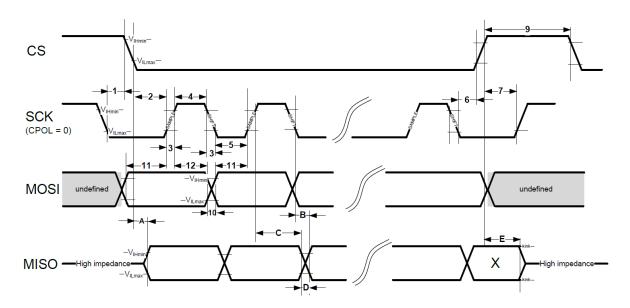


Figure 4: ZED-F9P-04B SPI specification mode 1: CPHA=0 SCK = 5.33 MHz



Timings 1 - 12 are not specified here as they are dependent on the SPI master. Timings A - E are specified for SPI slave.

| Timing value at 2 pF load                         | Min (ns) | Max (ns) |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS)                   | 14       | 38       |  |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 21       | 38       |  |
| "C" - MISO data hold time                         | 114      | 130      |  |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode       | 1        | 4        |  |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time                  | 20       | 32       |  |

Table 17: ZED-F9P-04B SPI timings at 2 pF load

| Timing value at 20 pF load                        | Min (ns) | Max (ns) |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS)                   | 19       | 52       |  |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 25       | 51       |  |
| "C" - MISO data hold time                         | 117      | 137      |  |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode       | 6        | 16       |  |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time                  | 20       | 32       |  |

Table 18: ZED-F9P-04B SPI timings at 20 pF load

| Timing value at 60 pF load                        | Min (ns) | Max (ns) |  |
|---|----------|----------|--|
| "A" - MISO data valid time (CS)                   | 29       | 79       |  |
| "B" - MISO data valid time (SCK) weak driver mode | 35       | 78       |  |
| "C" - MISO data hold time                         | 122      | 152      |  |
| "D" - MISO rise/fall time, weak driver mode       | 15       | 41       |  |
| "E" - MISO data disable lag time                  | 20       | 32       |  |

Table 19: ZED-F9P-04B SPI timings at 60 pF load

### 5.3 I2C

An I2C-compliant interface is available for communication with an external host CPU. The interface can be operated in slave mode only. It is compatible with the I2C industry standard fast mode. Since



the maximum SCL clock frequency is 400 kHz, the maximum bit rate is 400 kbit/s. The interface stretches the clock when slowed down while serving interrupts, therefore the real bit rates may be slightly lower. The maximum clock stretching time that the host can expect is 20 ms.

The I2C interface is only available with the UART default mode. If the SPI interface is selected by using D\_SEL = 0, the I2C interface is not available.

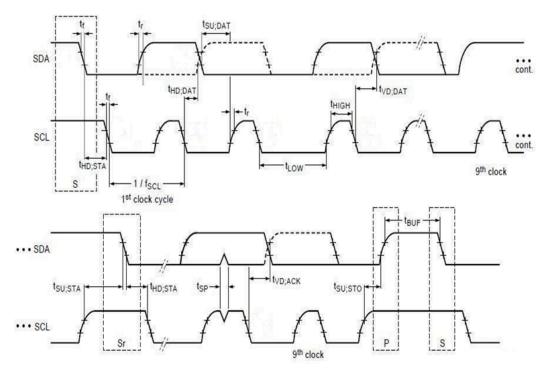


Figure 5: ZED-F9P-04B I2C slave specification

| Symbol              | Parameter  | Min (Standard /<br>Fast mode) | Max                      | Unit |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------|
| f <sub>SCL</sub>    | SCL clock frequency                              | 0                             | 400                      | kHz  |
| t <sub>HD;STA</sub> | Hold time (repeated) START condition             | 4.0/1                         | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>LOW</sub>    | Low period of the SCL clock                      | 5/2                           | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>HIGH</sub>   | High period of the SCL clock                     | 4.0/1                         | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>SU;STA</sub> | Set-up time for a repeated START condition       | 5/1                           | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>HD;DAT</sub> | Data hold time                                   | 0/0                           | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>SU;DAT</sub> | Data set-up time                                 | 250/100                       |                          | ns   |
| t <sub>r</sub>      | Rise time of both SDA and SCL signals            | -                             | 1000/300 (for C = 400pF) | ns   |
| t <sub>f</sub>      | Fall time of both SDA and SCL signals            | -                             | 300/300 (for C = 400pF)  | ns   |
| t <sub>su;sto</sub> | Set-up time for STOP condition                   | 4.0/1                         | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>BUF</sub>    | Bus-free time between a STOP and START condition | 5/2                           | -                        | μs   |
| t <sub>VD;DAT</sub> | Data valid time                                  | -                             | 4/1                      | μs   |
| t <sub>VD;ACK</sub> | Data valid acknowledge time                      | -                             | 4/1                      | μs   |
| V <sub>nL</sub>     | Noise margin at the low level                    | 0.1 VCC                       | -                        | V    |
| / <sub>nH</sub>     | Noise margin at the high level                   | 0.2 VCC                       | -                        | V    |
|                     |  |                               |                          |      |

Table 20: ZED-F9P-04B I2C slave timings and specifications



#### **5.4 USB**

The USB 2.0 FS (Full speed, 12 Mbit/s) interface can be used for host communication. Due to the hardware implementation, it may not be possible to certify the USB interface. The V\_USB pin supplies the USB interface.

### 5.5 Default interface settings

| Interface    | Settings   |
|--------------|--|
| UART1 output | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit.   |
|              | NMEA protocol with <b>GGA</b> , <b>GLL</b> , <b>GSA</b> , <b>GSV</b> , <b>RMC</b> , <b>VTG</b> , <b>TXT</b> messages are output by default.  |
|              | UBX and RTCM 3.3 protocols are enabled by default but no output messages are enabled by default.   |
| UART1 input  | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit.   |
|              | UBX, NMEA and RTCM 3.3 input protocols are enabled by default.   |
|              | SPARTN input protocol is enabled by default.   |
| UART2 output | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit.   |
|              | UBX protocol is disabled by default.   |
|              | RTCM 3.3 protocol is enabled by default but no output messages are enabled by default.   |
|              | NMEA protocol is disabled by default.  |
| UART2 input  | 38400 baud, 8 bits, no parity bit, 1 stop bit.   |
|              | UBX protocol is disabled by default.   |
|              | RTCM 3.3 protocol is enabled by default.   |
|              | SPARTN protocol is enabled by default.   |
|              | NMEA protocol is disabled by default.  |
| USB          | Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1.  |
| I2C          | Fully compatible with the I2C <sup>16</sup> industry standard, available for communication with an external host CPU or u-blox cellular modules, operated in slave mode only. Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1. Maximum bit rate 400 kb/s. |
| SPI          | Allow communication to a host CPU, operated in slave mode only. Default messages activated as in UART1. Input/output protocols available as in UART1. SPI is not available unless D_SEL pin is set to low (see section D_SEL interface in Integration manual [1]).                             |

Table 21: Default interface settings



Refer to the applicable interface description [2] for information about further settings.



By default the ZED-F9P-04B outputs NMEA messages that include satellite data for all GNSS bands being received. This results in a high NMEA output load for each navigation period. Make sure the UART band rate used is sufficient for the selected navigation rate and the number of GNSS signals being received.



Do not use UART2 as the only one interface to the host. Not all UBX functionality is available on UART2, such as firmware upgrade, safeboot or backup modes functionalities. No start-up boot screen is sent out from UART2.

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## 6 Mechanical specification

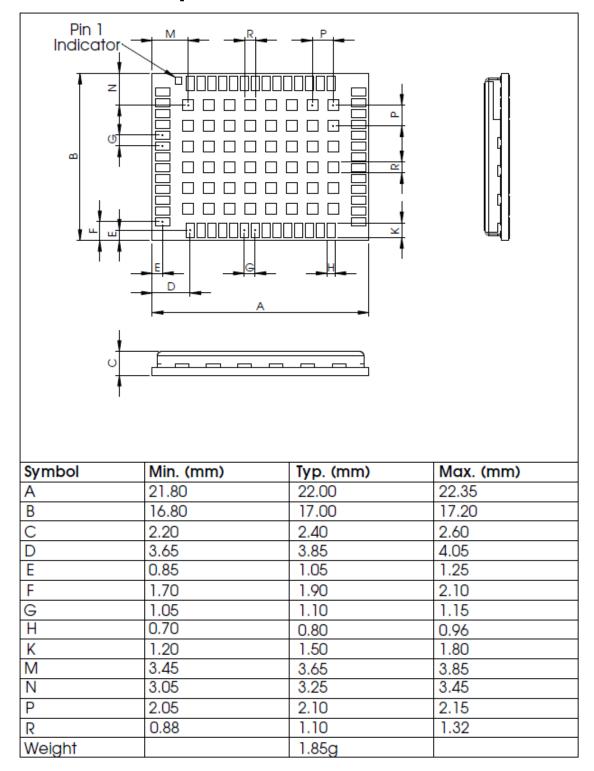


Figure 6: ZED-F9P-04B mechanical drawing



## 7 Reliability tests and approvals

ZED-F9P-04B modules are based on AEC-Q100 qualified GNSS chips.

Tests for product family qualifications are according to ISO 16750 "Road vehicles – environmental conditions and testing for electrical and electronic equipment", and appropriate standards.

### 7.1 Approvals



The ZED-F9P-04B is designed to in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Radio Equipment Directive (RED) 2014/53/EU.

The ZED-F9P-04B complies with the Directive 2011/65/EU (EU RoHS 2) and its amendment Directive (EU) 2015/863 (EU RoHS 3).

Declaration of Conformity (DoC) is available on the u-blox website.



## 8 Labeling and ordering information

This section provides information about product labeling and ordering. For information about moisture sensitivity level (MSL), product handling and soldering see the integration manual [1].

### 8.1 Product labeling

The labeling of the ZED-F9P-04B modules provides product information and revision information. For more information contact u-blox sales.

### 8.2 Explanation of product codes

Three product code formats are used. The **Product name** is used in documentation such as this data sheet and identifies all u-blox products, independent of packaging and quality grade. The **Ordering code** includes options and quality, while the **Type number** includes the hardware and firmware versions.

Table 22 below details these three formats.

| Format        | Structure      | Product code   |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Product name  | PPP-TGV        | ZED-F9P        |
| Ordering code | PPP-TGV-NNQ    | ZED-F9P-04B    |
| Type number   | PPP-TGV-NNQ-XX | ZED-F9P-04B-00 |

Table 22: Product code formats

The parts of the product code are explained in Table 23.

| Code | Meaning                | Example                                    |
|------|------------------------|--|
| PPP  | Product family         | ZED  |
| TG   | Platform               | F9 = u-blox F9                             |
| V    | Variant                | P = High precision                         |
| NNQ  | Option / Quality grade | NN: Option [0099]                          |
|      |                        | Q: Grade, A = Automotive, B = Professional |
| XX   | Product detail         | Describes hardware and firmware versions   |
|      |                        |  |

Table 23: Part identification code

### 8.3 Ordering codes

| Ordering code | Product | Remark                                  |
|---------------|---------|---|
| ZED-F9P-04B   | ZED-F9P | Shipped with firmware FW 1.00 HPG 1.30. |

Table 24: Product ordering codes



Product changes affecting form, fit or function are documented by u-blox. For a list of Product Change Notifications (PCNs) see our website at: https://www.u-blox.com/en/product-resources.



### Related documents

- [1] ZED-F9P Integration manual UBX-18010802
- [2] HPG 1.30 Interface description UBX-21046737
- [3] Radio Resource LCS Protocol (RRLP), (3GPP TS 44.031 version 11.0.0 Release 11)
- [4] ZED-F9P Moving Base application note, UBX-19009093



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