

Release Notes LAP 1.30

Topic	Firmware FW1.00 LAP1.30 for ZED-F9K and F9940-KA-DR UBX-22009742
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1 General Information

This release note describes the u-blox F9 firmware LAP 1.30, designed to run on the following products:

- Modules: ZED-F9K
- Chipset: UBX-F9940-KA-C1003A

1.1 Scope

This release note covers the changes to the LAP 1.30 firmware compared to the LAP 1.20 firmware version. For a comprehensive list of changes with respect to earlier versions, this release note should be read in conjunction with the LAP 1.20 release notes [12].

1.2 Related documentation

- [1] LAP 1.30 Interface description, UBX-22005157
- [2] ZED-F9K integration manual, UBX-20046189
- [3] ZED-F9K-00B Data sheet, UBX-17061422
- [4] ZED-F9K-01A Data sheet, UBX-21045820
- [5] LAP 1.30 Interface description, UBX-22005159, C2-Restricted
- [6] UBX-F9940-KA-DR Integration Manual, UBX- 19028876 C2-restricted
- [7] UBX-F9940-KA-DR Data Sheet - UBX- 19028878, C2-restricted
- [8] Firmware-Update-Tool-v22.12 ReleaseNotes_R01, UBX-22039023 C2-restricted
- [9] Service-description: <https://developer.thingstream.io/guides/location-services/pointperfect-service-description>
- [10] Getting-started-guide: <https://developer.thingstream.io/guides/location-services/pointperfect-getting-started>
- [11] Zero-touch-provisioning: <https://developer.thingstream.io/guides/location-services/pointperfect-zero-touch-provisioning>
- [12] LAP 1.20 Release Notes, UBX-20033290

2 Software releases

2.1 u-blox F9 firmware Images

1st released firmware image	Audience
File	JUJU_ROX_100_LAP130.9681faa29bb4f243289dd04c9efa9efe.bin
Firmware Version	EXT CORE 1.00 (71c984) FWVER=LAPL1L2L5 1.30
ROM base support	ROM 1.02 - ROM BASE 0x118B2060

2.2 u-center

The u-center version 22.07 (or later) should be used together with this released product.

2.3 Firmware update tool

u-blox recommends using firmware update tool software version 22.12 (or later) with the released product. Please see release notes of firmware update tool for details [8].

3 Message Interfaces

3.1 UBX protocol

This firmware supports UBX protocol version 30.30.

3.1.1 New messages

Message / Configuration item	Audience	Description / Comment
NMEA-NAV2-GGA NMEA-NAV2-GLL NMEA-NAV2-GNS NMEA-NAV2-GSA NMEA-NAV2-RMC NMEA-NAV2-VTG NMEA-NAV2-ZDA	PUB	Support for NMEA messages on the secondary output. Message output rate configurable with configuration items in the format of CFG-MSGOUT-NMEA_NAV2_ID_XXX_* where XXX denotes the NMEA message type e.g., GGA, ZDA etc
UBX-MGA-SF	PUB	Support for aiding messages for sensor fusion calibration and temperature compensation
UBX-MGA-INI-ATT	PUB	Support for a new message to supply attitude aiding (input only)
UBX-MON-SYS	PUB	Support for a new message UBX-MON-SYS which outputs system performance information. Message output rate configurable with new CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_MON_SYS_* configuration items
UBX-NAV-PL	PUB	Support for a new messages UBX-NAV-PL which outputs the protection level
UBX-NAV-PVAT	PUB	Support for a new message UBX-NAV-PVAT which outputs position, velocity, and time information along with heading and altitude information. Message output rate configurable with new CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_NAV_PVAT_* configuration items
UBX-NAV-TIMEQZSS	PUB	Support for new messages which output information about QZSS time in primary and secondary output respectively.

		Message output rate configurable with CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_NAV_TIMEQZSS_* and CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_NAV2_TIMEQZSS_* configuration items respectively
UBX-SEC-SIG	PUB	Support for a new message to output state of signal security measures like jamming and spoofing detection. Message output rate is configuration with a new CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_SEC_SIG_* configuration items
UBX-SEC-SIGLOG	PUB	Support for new message to output a log of detected jamming/spoofing events. Message output rate is configuration with a new CFG-MSGOUT-UBX_SEC_SIGLOG_* configuration items
UBX-NAV2-CLOCK UBX-NAV2-COV UBX-NAV2-DOP UBX-NAV2-EELL UBX-NAV2-EOE UBX-NAV2-POSECEF UBX-NAV2-POSLLH UBX-NAV2-PVT UBX-NAV2-SAT UBX-NAV2-SBAS UBX-NAV2-SIG UBX-NAV2-STATUS UBX-NAV2-TIMEBDS UBX-NAV2-TIMEGAL UBX-NAV2-TIMEGLO UBX-NAV2-TIMEGPS UBX-NAV2-TIMELS UBX-NAV2-TIMEUTC UBX-NAV2-VELECEF UBX-NAV2-VELNED	PUB	Support for new UBX messages to output navigation information for secondary output. Each message output rate is configurable with a new configuration item in the form of UBX-MSGOUT_UBX_NAV2_CLOCK_* for example
CFG-NAV2-OUT_ENABLED	PUB	Configuration to enable secondary navigation output
CFG-NAV2-SBAS_USE_INTEGRITY	PUB	Configuration to enable use of SBAS integrity flag in secondary navigation output
CFG-HW-SENS_WOM_MODE	PUB	Configuration to set the WoM mode of operation
CFG-HW-SENS_WOM_THLD	PUB	Configuration to set the acceleration threshold which when reached would wake up the IMU sensor
CFG-SFODO-DIS_DIR_INFO	PUB	Configuration to disable the use of WT directional information
CFG-TP-DRSTR_TP1	PUB	Configuration to set TP1 drive strength (default 4mA)
CFG-SFIMU-IMU_EN	PUB	Enable the use of internal IMUs/ IMUs connected on I2C pins
UBX-CFG-VALDEL	PUB	Part of the new configuration interface
UBX-CFG-VALGET	PUB	Part of the new configuration interface
UBX-CFG-VALSET	PUB	Part of the new configuration interface
UBX-SEC-SESSID	PUB	Session ID for message authentication when locking configuration
UBX-RXM-PMP	PUB	Point to Multipoint (LBAND) input message
UBX-RXM-SPARTN	PUB	This message shows info on a received SPARTN input message
UBX-RXM-SPARTNKEY	PUB	Depending on the number of active keys, the receiver shall send a UBX-RXM-SPARTNKEY message describing the keys

CFG-I2CINPROT-SPARTN	PUB	Flag to indicate if SPARTN should be an input protocol on I2C
CFG-NAVSPG-PL_ENA	PUB	Enable protection level
CFG-SBAS-USE_IONOONLY	PUB	New config item use SBAS ionosphere correction only
CFG-SEC-JAMDET_SENSITIVITY_HI	PUB	New config item for security features. When set, go for a more sensitive jamming detection (at the cost of increased false alarm rate).
CFG-SIGNAL-BDS_B2A_ENA	PUB	New config item for BeiDou B2a
CFG-SIGNAL-GAL_E5A_ENA	PUB	New config item for Galileo E5A
CFG-SIGNAL-GPS_L5_ENA	PUB	New config item for GPS L5
CFG-SIGNAL-QZSS_L5_ENA	PUB	New config item for QZSS L5
CFG-SPARTN-USE_SOURCE	PUB	Select source for SPARTN stream
CFG-SPIINPROT-SPARTN	PUB	Config item for SPARTN over SPI
CFG-UART1INPROT-SPARTN	PUB	Config item for SPARTN over UART1
CFG-UART2INPROT-SPARTN	PUB	Config item for SPARTN over UART2
CFG-USBINPROT-SPARTN	PUB	Config item for SPARTN over USB
SPARTN-1X-OCB_GPS SPARTN-1X-OCB_GLO SPARTN-1X-HPAC_GPS SPARTN-1X-HPAC_GLO SPARTN-1X-GAD SPARTN-1X-OCB_GAL SPARTN-1X-HPAC_GAL	PUB	SPARTN input messages support
UBX-RXM-COR	PUB	Message to output differential corrections input status
CFG-SBAS-ACCEPT_NOT_IN_PRNMASK	PUB	Accept corrections from SBAS SV

3.1.2 Modified messages

Message / Configuration item	Audience	Description / Comment
CFG-NMEA-PROTVER	PUB	New default value: NMEA protocol version 4.11 configured by default Previous default value: NMEA protocol version 4.10
CFG-BDS-USE_GEO_PRN	PUB	Configuration item name changed from CFG-BDS-USE_PRN_1_TO_5 to CFG-BDSUSE_GEO_PRN. Configuration item key ID remains the same.
CFG-SBAS-PRNSCANMASK	PUB	SBAS search mask changed from 0x0000000000072bc8 to 0x0000000000072b88
CFG-SFIMU-ACCEL_ACCURACY	PUB	Default accelerometer accuracy changed from 0 to 1000
CFG-SFIMU-GYRO_ACCURACY	PUB	Default gyroscope accuracy changed from 0 to 100
NMEA-Standard-GAQ	PUB	It is now possible to poll a standard message if the current Talker ID is GA.
NMEA-Standard-DTM	PUB	The message now supports the display of PZ90 datum (as P90).
NMEA-Standard-GST	PUB	Support the output of the error ellipse as defined by its semi-major and semi-minor axis as well as its orientation.
NMEA-Standard-GSV	PUB	Various implementation errors fixed, e.g. null fields, range of azimuth angle [0..359], etc.

NMEA-Standard-GRS	PUB	Various implementation errors fixed, e.g., null fields, residual ordering.
UBX-TIM-TP	PUB	Added “qErrInvalid” flag to indicate when quantization error is not provided
UBX-MON-COMMS	PUB	Reports new SPARTN message
UBX-MON-RF	PUB	Jamming state has been dropped from this message. See the new UBX-SEC-SIG message for jamming information.
UBX-NAV-PVT	PUB	Reports the approximate age of the most recently received differential correction
UBX-NAV-SBAS	PUB	Now it reports a flag to indicate if Integrity information is being used
UBX-NAV-SIG	PUB	SPARTN correction source is now reported
UBX-NAV-SAT	PUB	SPARTN correction source is now reported

3.1.3 Deprecated messages

Message	Audience	Description / Comment
UBX-CFG-ANT	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-DAT	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-DGNSS	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-INF	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-ITFM	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-MSG	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-NAV5	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-NAVX5	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-NMEA	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-ODO	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-PRT	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-RATE	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-RINV	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-SBAS	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-TP5	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-CFG-USB	PUB	Use UBX-CFG-VAL[SET DEL GET] instead ¹
UBX-MON-HW	PUB	Use UBX-MON-HW3 and UBX-MON-RF as a replacement
UBX-MON-HW2	PUB	Use UBX-MON-HW3 and UBX-MON-RF as a replacement

3.1.4 Removed messages

Message	Audience	Description / Comment
NMEA-ID-VLW	PUB	Odometer feature has been removed
UBX-CFG-ESFA	PUB	Legacy configuration messages that were dropped, please refer to the interface description document for the

¹ See Legacy UBX message field reference in the Interface description.

UBX-CFG-ESFALG		recommended configuration items to use in the new configuration concept.
UBX-CFG-ESFG		
UBX-CFG-ESFWT		
UBX-CFG-GEOFENCE		
UBX-CFG-GNSS		
UBX-CFG-PWR		
UBX-CFG-SENIF		
UBX-NAV-GEOFENCE	PUB	Geofence feature is not available in this release
UBX-NAV-ODO	PUB	Odometer feature is not available in this release
UBX-NAV-ODORESET	PUB	Odometer feature is not available in this release
UBX-NAV-SLAS	PUB	QZSS L1S feature is not available in this release

3.2 Configuration interface

u-blox F9 introduces a new configuration mechanism compared to u-blox M8, based on UBX-CFG-VALSET, UBX-CFG-VALDEL and UBX-CFG-VALGET. Refer to the Interface description [1] for a description of this feature and the available settings.

3.3 NMEA protocol

This firmware adds support for NMEA version 4.11. Five NMEA standards are supported. The default NMEA version is 4.11, and, alternatively, versions 4.10, 4.0, 2.3, and 2.1 can be enabled.

3.4 RTCM

LAP 1.30 firmware supports up to RTCM3 standard version 3.3

3.5 SPARTN

LAP 1.30 firmware supports up to SPARTN protocol version 2.0.1.

4 New features

4.1.1 Secondary position output

In addition to sensor fused position solution, a second output delivers an independent GNSS-only based positioning solution. Secondary output is disabled by default. It can be enabled using the configuration item CFG-NAV2-OUT_ENABLED. When enabled, the primary filter is configured for sensor fusion, and the secondary filter as GNSS-only.

4.1.2 Improved accuracy and update rate

Main position output is improved in terms of accuracy and update rate which can be configured up to 50Hz using priority navigation mode.

4.1.3 Advanced spoofing detection

This firmware includes advanced algorithms (e.g., sensor-based) to identify spoofing attacks which are then reported via new message class UBX-SEC. For details, please see integration manual [2] and interface description [1].

4.1.4 GNSS band selection

This firmware can switch between band u-blox band option A (L1/L2/E5b) and band option B (L1/L5) by configuration of the respective GNSS signals via UBX commands. Please note that the corresponding RF frontend needs to support above bands options as well. For more details, please see integration manual.

4.1.5 Protection Level for band option A (L1/L2/E5b)

Protection level output for accuracy with 95% confidence level. For details, please see integration manual [2].

4.1.6 SPARTN 2.0.1 support

This firmware supports SPARTN 2.0.1 formatted corrections (e.g., from u-blox PointPerfect correction service). SPARTN, Safe Position Augmentation for Real-Time Navigation, is an open standard format available at <https://www.spartnformat.org/>.

This firmware supports as well SPARTN corrections as broadcasted by L-band satellites. Receiving SPARTN correction stream in this way requires a NEO-D9S module which must pass the corrections over to the receiver in the form of UBX-RXM-PMP messages.

This firmware supports on-device decryption of encrypted PointPerfect SPARTN correction streams.

4.1.7 100Hz low latency IMU raw data

This firmware minimizes latency of IMU raw data for directly connected IMU sensors up to 100Hz.

4.1.8 Wake-on-motion (modules only)

IMU inside module can be utilized to wake up host system by interrupt line.

Please refer to the integration manual [2] for more detailed information regarding this feature.

4.1.9 ADR w/o directional information

This release introduces the ability to use wheel tick data without the directional input to reach a sensor fusion fix. The use of the WT directional input can be configured with CFG-SFODO-DIS_DIR_INFO configuration item.

4.1.10 Better navigation output debugging with UBX-NAV-PVAT

A new additional message UBX-NAV-PVAT has been implemented to improve debugging and unify navigation solution output. The new message which has a similar structure to UBX-NAV-PVT but includes additional information about attitude solution.

4.1.11 Advanced calibration handling

Advanced calibration handling feature allows a customer to regularly save and later apply sensor fusion initialization and calibration parameters to quickly achieve a sensor fusion fix following a device restart/reset. UBX-MGA-SF message group has been implemented to enable polling and pushing of this data from the receiver. Please refer to the integration manual [2] for more information regarding how to use the feature.

4.1.12 Jamming detection algorithms

Jamming detection algorithms have been revisited and updated. The benefit is better support of multi-band/multi-constellation operation. Reporting of Jamming and spoofing is available via UBX-SEC message class (see interface description [1]).

4.2 Removed features

4.2.1 QZSS L1S support

Support for the QZSS L1S signal (SLAS service) has been removed from this release.

4.2.2 Magnetic Declination output

Magnetic Declination output has been removed and now appears as n/a in messages such as UBX-NAV-PVT.

4.2.3 Odometer feature

Odometer feature was removed from this firmware.

4.2.4 Geofence feature

Geofence feature was removed from this firmware.

5 Supported sensor drivers

The following IMUs have been fully characterized and are therefore supported by this release.

Operating temperature -40 °C to +105 °C: STm ISM330DHCX, TDK IIM42652

Operating temperature -40 °C to +85 °C: Bosch BMI 160, STm LSM6DSR (reports the same 'Sensor Id' as the STm ISM330DHCX in sensor self-test), TDK ICM42605

In addition, the following sensor drivers are also included in this release: MPU6500, MPU6515, Bosch SMI130, Bosch SMI230, Bosch BMI320, STm ISM330DLC, TDK IAM20680, 20680HT, 20680HP and 20680M

All other sensors not listed above were removed from the firmware.

6 Support and questions

u-blox products are designed for best performance and u-blox is doing the very best to ensure customers are completely satisfied. In the unlikely case an issue is observed please check first documentation to ensure the product is configured and used in the right way. In case the issue is reproducible please forward a comprehensive description of the issue (ideally with ubx debug log files) to your local u-blox support team. u-blox is eager to improve products continuously and is looking forward supporting customers on their way to success.

7 Limitations

Protection level for GNSS bands L1/L5 band configuration is not fine-tuned yet and hence marked as invalid.

8 Further notes

- GPS L5 signal is marked as not healthy at the time of the release. Therefore, this firmware will not use GPS L5 signals for navigation purpose.
- Please note that the firmware name given by UBX-MON-VER message outputs “LAPL1L2L5 1.30” but not “LAP 1.30”. This is expected behavior.

9 Open Source Software

The u-blox F9 firmware image LAP 1.30 does not contain any open-source software components.

10 Revision History

Revision	Date	Name	Comments
R01	26th-Jan-2023	mawa	1 st version; release notes for LAP 1.30B03
R02	21th-Mar-2023	mawa	Final release LAP 1.30
R03	10th-May-2023	mawa	Updated tables on new, modified, deprecated, removed UBX messages; added chapters for SPARTN, RTCM messages: updated u-center version number.