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1 Introduction

L76 series module contains three variants: L76, L76B and L76G, which can use GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou and Galileo constellation and features accurate acquisition. The module supports autonomous GNSS C/A, SBAS function (including WAAS and EGNOS) and AGPS (EASY function). It can be used in the positioning, navigation and other industries.

This document describes the software aspects of L76 series. It supports NMEA 0183 standard commands. MTK NMEA extended packet is supported to control and configure L76 series module.

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2 Standard NMEA Packet Protocol

L76 series supports NMEA 0183 standard messages. The following table shows the structure of a NMEA 0183 standard message.

2.1. --RMC

RMC, recommended minimum position data (including position, velocity and time).

Example:

```
$GPRMC,015606.000,A,3150.7584,N,11712.0491,E,0.00,231.36,280715,,,A*67<CR><LF>
$GNRMC,084629.000,A,3150.7822,N,11711.9323,E,0.00,119.00,240715,,,D*7C<CR><LF>
$BDRMC,020547.000,A,3150.7813,N,11711.9212,E,0.37,229.71,280715,,,A*7C<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--RMC	Message ID
UTC Time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Data Valid	'V'=Invalid 'A'=Valid
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South
Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West
Speed	Speed over ground in knots
COG	Course over ground in degree
Date	Date in format 'ddmmyy'
Magnetic Variation	Magnetic variation in degree, not being output

E/W	Magnetic variation E/W indicator, not being output
Positioning Mode	'N'=No fix 'A'=Autonomous GNSS fix 'D'=Differential GNSS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

2.2. --VTG

VTG, track made good and ground speed.

Example:

\$GPVTG,227.15,T,,M,0.00,N,0.00,K,A*3E<CR><LF>

\$GNVTG,19.11,T,,M,0.16,N,0.30,K,A*1F<CR><LF>

\$BDVTG,229.71,T,,M,0.37,N,0.68,K,A*29<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--VTG	Message ID
COG (T)	Course over ground (true) in degree
T	Fixed field, true
COG(M)	Course over ground (magnetic), not being output
M	Fixed field, magnetic
Speed	Speed over ground in knots
N	Fixed field, knots
Speed	Speed over ground in km/h

K	Fixed field, km/h
Positioning Mode	'N'=No fix 'A'=Autonomous GNSS fix 'D'=Differential GNSS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

2.3. --GGA

GGA, global positioning system fix data, is the essential fix data which provides 3D location and accuracy data.

Example:

```
$GPGGA,015606.000,3150.7584,N,11712.0491,E,1,5,2.28,265.0,M,0.0,M,,*65<CR><LF>
$GNGGA,083354.000,3150.7790,N,11711.9289,E,1,8,2.85,53.2,M,0.0,M,,*4B<CR><LF>
$BDGGA,020547.000,3150.7813,N,11711.9212,E,1,3,3.65,55.3,M,0.0,M,,*4C<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--GGA	Message ID
UTC Time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South
Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West
Fix Status	'0'=Invalid '1'=GNSS fix

	'2'=DGPS fix '6'=Estimated (dead reckoning) Mode
Number of SV	Number of satellites being used (0~24)
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
Altitude	Altitude in meters according to WGS84 ellipsoid
M	Fixed field, meter
GeoID Separation	Height of GeoID (mean sea level) above WGS84 ellipsoid, meter
M	Fixed field, meter
DGPS Age	Age of DGPS data in seconds, empty if DGPS is not used
DGPS Station ID	DGPS station ID, empty if DGPS is not used
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

2.4. --GSA

GSA, GNSS DOP and Active Satellites, provides details on the fix, including the numbers of the satellites being used and the DOP. At most the first 12 satellite IDs are output.

Example:

```
$GPGSA,A,3,03,17,11,23,193,,,,,,,,,3.72,2.85,2.39*3C<CR><LF>
$GNGSA,A,3,23,09,17,03,01,193,,,,,,,,,1.23,0.74,0.99*28<CR><LF>
$BDGSA,A,2,10,11,07,,,,,,,,,3.79,3.65,1.00*18<CR><LF>
$GAGSA,A,3,12,,,,,,,,,0.91,0.58,0.70*12<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'

--GSA	Message ID
Mode	Auto selection of 2D or 3D fix 'M'=Manual, forced to switch 2D/3D mode 'A'=Allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D mode
Fix Status	'1'=No fix '2'=2D fix '3'=3D fix
Satellite Used 1	Satellite used on channel 1
Satellite Used 2	Satellite used on channel 2
Satellite Used 3	Satellite used on channel 3
Satellite Used 4	Satellite used on channel 4
Satellite Used 5	Satellite used on channel 5
Satellite Used 6	Satellite used on channel 6
Satellite Used 7	Satellite used on channel 7
Satellite Used 8	Satellite used on channel 8
Satellite Used 9	Satellite used on channel 9
Satellite Used 10	Satellite used on channel 10
Satellite Used 11	Satellite used on channel 11
Satellite Used 12	Satellite used on channel 12
PDOP	Position Dilution of Precision
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
VDOP	Vertical Dilution of Precision
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

2.5. --GSV

GSV, GNSS Satellites in View. One GSV sentence can only provide data for at most 4 satellites, so several sentences might be required for the full information. Since GSV includes satellites that are not used as part of the solution, GSV sentence contains more satellites than GGA does.

Example:

```
$GPGSV,3,1,11,193,69,099,30,17,62,354,36,06,47,272,,03,40,054,30*4E<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,3,2,11,02,13,255,,01,12,055,19,23,11,102,25,11,05,074,24*75<CR><LF>
$GPGSV,3,3,11,24,03,303,,47,,,32,,,21*4D<CR><LF>
$GLGSV,3,1,11,69,48,142,39,68,43,058,51,83,40,049,51,84,40,334,43*64<CR><LF>
$GLGSV,3,2,11,74,30,271,15,73,17,218,19,75,13,324,30,70,07,184,*6E<CR><LF>
$GLGSV,3,3,11,85,06,296,34,82,02,092,21,67,02,023,*56<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,2,1,06,08,63,015,30,11,59,350,32,12,39,081,26,14,29,184,21*68<CR><LF>
$BDGSV,2,2,06,13,07,295,,01,,,26*50<CR><LF>
$GAGSV,1,1,01,12,46,287,38*5E<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--GSV	Message ID
Number of Message	Number of messages, total number of GPGSV messages being output (1~3)
Sequence Number	Sequence number of this entry (1~3)
Satellites in View	Total satellites in view
Satellite ID 1	Satellite ID
Elevation 1	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 1	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 1	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 2	Satellite ID
Elevation 2	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 2	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 2	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 3	Satellite ID

Elevation 3	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 3	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 3	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
Satellite ID 4	Satellite ID
Elevation 4	Elevation in degree (0~90)
Azimuth 4	Azimuth in degree (0~359)
SNR 4	Signal to Noise Ration in dBHz (0~99), empty if not tracking
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

If the receiver is fixed by multi-GNSS, it will output GPGSV sentences of GPS satellites, or GLGSV sentences of GLONASS satellites or BDGSV sentences of BeiDou satellites. For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

2.6. --GLL

GLL, Geographic Latitude and Longitude, contains position information, time of position fix and status.

Example:

```
$GPGLL,3150.7584,N,11712.0491,E,015606.000,A,A*5C<CR><LF>
```

```
$GNGLL,3150.7790,N,11711.9289,E,083354.000,A,A*4D<CR><LF>
```

```
$BDGLL,3150.7813,N,11711.9212,E,020547.000,A,A*49<CR><LF>
```

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
--GLL	Message ID
Latitude	Latitude in format 'ddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
N/S	'N'=North 'S'=South

Longitude	Longitude in format 'dddmm.mmmm' (degree and minutes)
E/W	'E'=East 'W'=West
UTC Time	Time in format 'hhmmss.sss'
Data Valid	'V'=Invalid 'A'=Valid
Positioning Mode	'N'=No fix 'A'=Autonomous GNSS fix 'D'=Differential GNSS fix
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

For the details, please refer to the Notes in Chapter 3.26.

3 MTK NMEA Packet Protocol

This chapter introduces the MTK NMEA packet protocol, which is a set of extension messages of the standard NMEA packet protocol. These messages are used to control and configure L76 GNSS module. The following table shows the structure of a MTK NMEA packet.

3.1. Packet Type: 010 PMTK_SYS_MSG

This message is used to automatically output system messages by GNSS module.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK010,001*2E<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	010
Message	System message '0'=Unknown '1'=Startup '2'=Notification for the host aiding EPO '3'=Notification for the transition to normal mode is successfully done
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.2. Packet Type: 011 PMTK_TXT_MSG

This message is used to automatically output system messages by GNSS module.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK011,MTKGPS*08<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	011
Message	MTKGPS
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.3. Packet Type: 001 PMTK_ACK

Acknowledgement of PMTK command. In order to inform the sender whether the receiver has received the packet, an acknowledge packet PMTK_ACK should return after the receiver receives a packet.

Some commands will cause the GNSS module to restart or change the baud rate. There is no PMTK_ACK for those commands as listed below.

- PMTK_CMD_HOT_START
- PMTK_CMD_WARM_START
- PMTK_CMD_COLD_START
- PMTK_CMD_FULL_COLD_START
- PMTK_SET_NMEA_BAUDRATE

Data Field: \$PMTK001,Cmd,Flag Example: \$PMTK001,869,3*37<CR><LF>	
---	--

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	001
Cmd	The packet type that the acknowledge responds
Flag	'0'=Invalid packet '1'=Unsupported packet type '2'=Valid packet, but action failed '3'=Valid packet, action succeeded
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.4. Packet Type: 101 PMTK_CMD_HOT_START

This message is used to hot start the GNSS module (use all available data in the NV store). Normally hot start means the GNSS module was powered down less than 3 hours (RTC must be alive) and its ephemeris is still valid. As there is no need for downloading ephemeris, it's the fastest startup method.

Data Field:

None

Example:

\$PMTK101*32<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	101
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.5. Packet Type: 102 PMTK_CMD_WARM_START

This message is used to warm start the GNSS module. Warm start means the GNSS module has approximate information of time, position and coarse data on satellite positions. But it needs to download ephemeris until it can get a fix. Using this message will force the GNSS warm restarted without using the ephemeris data in NV.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK102*31<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	102
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.6. Packet Type: 103 PMTK_CMD_COLD_START

This message is used to cold start the GNSS module. Using this message will force the GNSS cold restarted without using any prior location information, including time, position, almanacs and ephemeris data.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK103*30<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	103

*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.7. Packet Type: 104 PMTK_CMD_FULL_COLD_START

This message is essentially a cold restart, but additionally clear system and user configurations at re-start. That is, reset the GNSS module to the factory status. Full cold start means the GNSS module has no information on last location. It needs to search the full time and frequency space, and also all possible satellite numbers before it can get a fix.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK104*37<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	104
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.8. Packet Type: 161 PMTK_CMD_STANDBY_MODE

This message is used to enter standby mode for power saving.

Data Field: \$PMTK161,Type Example: \$PMTK161,0*28<CR><LF> Response:	
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\$PMTK001,161,3*36<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	161
Type	'0'=Stop mode
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.9. Packet Type: 183 PMTK_LOCUS_QUERY_STATUS

This message is used to query Logging status.

Data Field:

None

Example:

\$PMTK183*38<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,183,3*3A<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	183
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

Return:

Example:

\$PMTKLOG,456,0,11,31,2,0,0,0,3769,46*48<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	LOG
Serial#	Logging serial number: 0~65535
Type	Logging type-0: Overlap, 1: Fullstop
Mode	Logging mode-0x08: Interval logger
Content	Logging contents of configuration
Interval	Logging interval setting (valid when interval mode is selected)
Distance	Logging distance setting (valid when distance mode is selected)
Speed	Logging speed setting (valid when speed mode is selected)
Status	Logging status-1: Stop logging, 0: Logging
Number	Logging number of data record
Percent	Logging life used percentage (0%~100%)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.10. Packet Type: 184 PMTK_LOCUS_ERASE_FLASH

This message is used to erase logger flash.

Data Field:

\$PMTK184,Type

Example:

\$PMTK184,1*22<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,184,3*3D<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	184
Type	'1'=Erase all logger internal flash data
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.11. Packet Type: 185 PMTK_LOCUS_STOP_LOGGER

This message is used to stop or start logging data.

Data Field:
\$PMTK185,Stutas
Example:
\$PMTK185,1*23<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,185,3*3C<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	185
Status	'0'=Start logging '1'=Stop logging
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.12. Packet Type: 622 PMTK_Q_LOCUS_DATA

This message is used to dump locus flash data.

Data Field:
\$PMTK622,Type
Example:
\$PMTK622,1*29<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,622,3*36<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	622
Type	'1'=Dump partial in used LOCUS flash data
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.13. Packet Type: 220 PMTK_SET_POS_FIX

This message is used to set position fix interval.

Data Field:
\$PMTK220, Interval
Example:
\$PMTK220,1000*1F<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,220,3*30<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message

Packet Type	220
Interval	Position fix interval [msec]. Must be greater than 200
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.14. Packet Type: 223 PMTK_SET_AL_DEE_CFG

This message is used to config DEE.

Data Field:
\$PMTK223,SV,SNR,Extension
threshold,Extension gap
Example:
\$PMTK223,1,30,180000,60000*3C<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,223,3*33<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	223
SV	Range: 1~4 (Default value: 1)
SNR	Range: 25~30 (Default value: 30)
Extension Threshold	Range: 40000~180000 (Default value: 180000)
Extension Gap	Range: 0~3600000 (Default value: 60000)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.15. Packet Type: 225 PMTK_SET_PERIODIC_MODE

This message is used to enter periodic mode for power saving.

Data Field:

\$PMTK225,Type,Run time,Sleep time,Second run time,Second sleep time

Example:

\$PMTK225,8*23<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,225,3*35<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	225
Type	'0'=Back to normal mode '1'=Periodic Backup mode '2'=Periodic Standby mode '4'=Perpetual Backup mode '8'=AlwaysLocate Standby mode '9'=AlwaysLocate Backup mode
Run Time	'0': Disable >='1000': Enable (Range: 1000~518400000)
Sleep Time	(Range: 1000~518400000)
Second Run Time	'0': Disable >='1000': Enable (Range: 1000~518400000)
Second Sleep Time	(Range: 1000~518400000)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTE

The unit of run time or sleep time is msec. The second run time should be larger than the first run time when the first run time is non-zero value.

3.16. Packet Type: 251 PMTK_SET_NMEA_BAUDRATE

This message is used to set NMEA port baud rate. Using PMTK251 command to setup baud rate setting, the setting will be back to default value in the condition: Full cold start command is issued.

Data Field: \$PMTK251,Baudrate Example: \$PMTK251,38400*27<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	251
Baud Rate	Baud rate setting: 9600 - default setting 4800 9600 14400 19200 38400 57600 115200
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.17. Packet Type: 255 PMTK_SET_SYNC_PPS_NMEA

This message is used to enable or disable fix NMEA output time behind PPS function.(Default off)

Data Field: \$PMTK255,Enable Example: \$PMTK255,0*2C<CR><LF> Response:	
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\$PMTK001,255,3*32<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	255
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.18. Packet Type: 256 PMTK_SET_TIMING_PRODUCT

This message is used to enable or disable timing product mode.(Default off)

Data Field:

\$PMTK256,Enable

Example:

\$PMTK256,0*2F<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,256,3*31<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	256
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.19. Packet Type: 285 PMTK_SET_PPS_CONFIG

This message is used to set PPS type.

Data Field:
\$PMTK285,Type,PPSPulseWidth
Example:
\$PMTK285,4,100*38<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,285,3*3F<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	285
Type	'0'=Disable '1'=After the first fix '2'=3D fix only '3'=2D/3D fix only '4'=Always
PPSPulseWidth	2~998 (Unit: ms)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.20. Packet Type: 286 PMTK_SET_AIC_ENABLED

This message is used to enable or disable AIC function. It is suggested to set cold start command first and then PMTK command.

Data Field:
\$PMTK286,Enable
Example:
\$PMTK286,0*22<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,286,3*3C<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	286
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.21. Packet Type: 301 PMTK_API_SET_DGPS_MODE

This message is used to configure the source mode of DGPS correction data.

Data Field:
\$PMTK301,Mode
Example:
\$PMTK301,2*2E<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,301,3*32<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	301
Mode	DGPS data source mode. '0'=No DGPS source '1'=RTCM '2'=SBAS(Include WAAS/EGNOS/GAGAN/MSAS)
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.22. Packet Type: 313 PMTK_API_SET_SBAS_ENABLED

This message is used to enable or disable to search a SBAS satellite. SBAS (Satellite Based Augmentation Systems) is a system that supports wide-area or regional augmentation through geostationary satellite broadcast messages. The geostationary satellite broadcast GNSS integrity and correction data with the assistance of multiple ground stations which are located at accurately-surveyed points.

Data Field:

\$PMTK313,Enable

Example:

\$PMTK313,1*2E<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,313,3*31<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	313
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.23. Packet Type: 314 PMTK_API_SET_NMEA_OUTPUT

This message is used to set NMEA sentence output frequencies. There are totally 19 data fields that present output frequencies for the 19 supported NMEA sentences individually.

Supported Frequency Settings:

- 0 - Disabled or not supported sentence
- 1 - Output once every one position fix
- 2 - Output once every two position fixes
- 3 - Output once every three position fixes
- 4 - Output once every four position fixes

- 5 - Output once every five position fixes

Data Field:

None

Example:

The module only output RMC once every one position fix.

\$PMTK314,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0*29<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,314,3*36<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	314
0 GLL	GLL interval - Geographic Position - Latitude longitude
1 RMC	RMC interval - Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Sentence
2 VTG	VTG interval - Course Over Ground and Ground Speed
3 GGA	GGA interval - GPS Fix Data
4 GSA	GSA interval - GNSS DOPS and Active Satellites
5 GSV	GSV interval - GNSS Satellites in View
6 GRS	GRS interval – GNSS Range Residuals
7 GST	GST interval – GNSS Pseudorange Error Statistics
8 Reserved	Always 0
9 Reserved	Always 0
10 Reserved	Always 0
11 Reserved	Always 0
12 Reserved	Always 0
13 Reserved	Always 0
14 Reserved	Always 0
15 Reserved	Always 0

16 Reserved	Always 0
17 ZDA	ZDA interval - Time and Date
18 MCHN	PMTKCHN interval - GNSS channel status
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

To restore the system default setting, use below message:

Example:

\$PMTK314,-1*04<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	314
Restore	Always -1
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.24. Packet Type: 351 PMTK_API_SET_SUPPORT_QZSS_NMEA

The receiver support new NMEA format for QZSS. The command allow user enable or disable QZSS NMEA format. Default is disable QZSS NMEA format.

Data Field:

\$PMTK351,Enable

Example:

\$PMTK351,1*28<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,351,3*37<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	351
QZSS_Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

3.25. Packet Type: 352 PMTK_API_SET_STOP_QZSS

Since QZSS is regional positioning service. This command is used to enable or disable QZSS function. Default is enable QZSS function.

Data Field:
\$PMTK352,Enable
Example:
\$PMTK352,0*2A<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,352,3*34<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	352
QZSS_Enable	'0'=Enable '1'=Disable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

3.26. Packet Type: 353 PMTK_API_SET_GNSS_SEARCH_MODE

This command is used to configure the receiver to start searching satellite system.

Data Field:

\$PMTK353,GPS_Enable,GLONASS_Enable,GALILEO_Enable,GALILEO_FULL_Enable,BEIDOU_Enable

Example:

\$PMTK353,1,1,0,0,0*2B<CR><LF>: Search GPS+GLONASS

Response:

\$PMTK001,353,3,1,1,0,0,0,3*36<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	353
GPS_Enable	'0'=Disable (DO NOT search GPS satellites) '1'or non-ZERO: search GPS satellites
GLONASS_Enable	'0'=Disable (DO NOT search GLONASS satellites) '1'or non-ZERO: search GLONASS satellites
GALILEO_Enable	'0'=Disable (DO NOT search Galileo satellites) '1'or non-ZERO: search Galileo satellites
GALILEO_FULL_Enable	'0'=Disable (DO NOT search Galileo full mode satellites) '1'or non-ZERO: search Galileo satellites
BEIDOU_Enable	'0'=Disable '1'or non-ZERO: search BeiDou satellites
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum

NOTES

Actually GLONASS only, BeiDou only, and Galileo only mode is only for testing purpose. Please use GPS+GLONASS or GPS+BeiDou in the real application, in Europe GPS+GLONASS+Galileo will be used too, GLONASS and BeiDou can not be enable at the same time.

- When the firmware supports GPS and GLONASS systems, the NMEA sentences output as below:
 - If the receiver is fixed by GPS only, it will print GPRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GPGSA, GPGSV and GPGLL.

- b) If the receiver is fixed by GPS only, and can also search QZSS satellite, it will print GPRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GPGSA, QZQSA, GPGSV, QZGSV and GPGLL.
 - c) If the receiver is fixed by GLONASS only, it will print GNRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GNGSA, GPGSV, GLGSV and GNGLL.
 - d) If the receiver is fixed by GPS and GLONASS, it will print GNRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GNGSA, GPGSV, GLGSV and GNGLL.
 - e) In the state of no satellite positioning, it will print initial state of NMEA, such as GPRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GPGSA, GPGSV and GPGLL. The time before satellite positioning after cold start, warm start or hot start belongs to this situation.
2. When the firmware supports GPS and BeiDou systems, the NMEA sentences output as below:
 - a) If the receiver is fixed by GPS only, it will print GPRMC, GPVTG, GPGGA, GPGSA, GPGSV and GPGLL.
 - b) If the receiver is fixed by BeiDou only, it will print BDRMC, BDVTG, BDGGA, BDGSA, BDGSV and BDGLL.
 - c) If the receiver is fixed by GPS and BeiDou, it will print GNRMC, GNVTG, GNGGA, GPGSA, BDGSA, GPGSV, BDGSV and GNGLL.
 - d) In the state of no satellite positioning, it will print initial state of NMEA, such as GNRMC, GNVTG, GNGGA and GNGLL. The time before satellite positioning after cold start, warm start or hot start belongs to this situation.
 3. When the firmware supports GPS, GLONASS and Galileo systems, the NMEA sentences output as below:
 - a) If the receiver is fixed by GPS, GLONASS and Galileo, it will print GNGGA, GPGSA, GLGSA, GAGSA, GPGSV, GLGSV, GAGSV, GNRMC, GNVTG and GNGLL.

3.27. Packet Type: 386 PMTK_API_SET_STATIC_NAV_THD

This message is used to set the speed threshold for static navigation. If the actual speed is below the threshold, output position will keep the same and output speed will be zero. If threshold value is set to 0, this function is disabled.

Data Field:

\$PMTK386,Speed_threshold

Example:

\$PMTK386,0.3*3E<CR><LF>

Response:

\$PMTK001,386,3*3D<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message

Packet Type	386
Speed_threshold	0~2m/s
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.28. Packet Type: 400 PMTK_API_Q_FIX_CTL

This message is used to query the rate of position fixing activity.

Refer to PMTK_API_SET_FIX_CTL for setting the rate.

Refer to PMTK_DT_FIX_CTL for the result of the query.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK400*36<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	400
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.29. Packet Type: 401 PMTK_API_Q_DGPS_MODE

This message is used to query the setting of DGPS mode.

Refer to PMTK_API_SET_DGPS_MODE for setting the DGPS mode.

Refer to PMTK_DT_DGPS_MODE for the result of the query.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK401*37<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	401
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.30. Packet Type: 413 PMTK_API_Q_SBAS_ENABLED

This message is used to query the setting of SBAS.

Refer to PMTK_API_SET_SBAS_ENABLE for SBAS setting.

Refer to PMTK_DT_SBAS_ENABLED for the result of the query.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK413*34<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	413

*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.31. Packet Type: 414 PMTK_API_Q_NMEA_OUTPUT

This message is used to query the current NMEA sentence output frequencies.

Refer to PMTK_API_SET_NMEA_OUTPUT for the frequencies setting.

Refer to PMTK_DT_NMEA_OUTPUT for the result of the query.

Data Field: None Example: \$PMTK414*33<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	414
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.32. Packet Type: 605 PMTK_Q_RELEASE

This message is used to query the firmware release information.

Refer to PMTK_DT_RELEASE for the result of the query.

Data Field: None

Example:

\$PMTK605*31<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	605
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.33. Packet Type: 500 PMTK_DT_FIX_CTL

This message is the response to PMTK_API_Q_FIX_CTL.

Data Field:

\$PMTK500,Fix interval

Example:

\$PMTK500,1000,0,0,0,0*1A<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	500
Fix Interval	Position fix interval [msec]. Greater than 100
Reserved	Always 0
Reserved	Always 0
Reserved	Always 0
Reserved	Always 0
*	End character of data field

Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.34. Packet Type: 501 PMTK_DT_DGPS_MODE

This message is the response to PMTK_API_Q_DGPS_MODE.

Data Field: \$PMTK501,Mode Example: \$PMTK501,1*2B<CR><LF>	
Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	501
Mode	DGPS data source mode '0'=No DGPS source '1'=RTCM '2'=SBAS
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.35. Packet Type: 513 PMTK_DT_SBAS_ENABLED

This message is the response to PMTK_API_Q_SBAS_ENABLED.

Data Field: \$PMTK513,Enable Example: \$PMTK513,1*28<CR><LF>	
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Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	513
Enable	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.36. Packet Type: 514 PMTK_DT_NMEA_OUTPUT

This message is the response to PMTK_API_Q_NMEA_OUTPUT.

Data Field:

None

Example:

\$PMTK514,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0*2E<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	514
0 GLL	GLL interval - Geographic Position - Latitude longitude
1 RMC	RMC interval - Recommended Minimum Specific GNSS Sentence
2 VTG	VTG interval - Course Over Ground and Ground Speed
3 GGA	GGA interval - GPS Fix Data
4 GSA	GSA interval - GNSS DOPS and Active Satellites
5 GSV	GSV interval - GNSS Satellites in View

6 Reserved	GRS interval – GNSS Range Residuals
7 Reserved	GST interval – GNSS Pseudorange Error Statistics
8 Reserved	
9 Reserved	
10 Reserved	
11 Reserved	
12 Reserved	
13 Reserved	
14 Reserved	
15 Reserved	
16 Reserved	
17 ZDA	ZDA interval - Time and Date
18 Reserved	PMTKCHN interval - GNSS channel status
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.37. Packet Type: 705 PMTK_DT_RELEASE

This message is the response to PMTK_Q_RELEASE.

Data Field:

\$PMTK705, Release string, Build ID, Product Model(,SDK Version)

Example:

\$PMTK705,AXN_3.10_3333_12102201,0000,QUECTEL-L76,*18<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'

PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	705
Release String	Firmware release name and version 3318: Mcore_x.x 3329: AXN_x.x 3339: AXN_x.x 3333: AXN_x.x 3337: AXN_x.x
Build ID	Build ID set in CoreBuilder for firmware version control
Product Model	Product Model set in CoreBuilder for product identification
SDK Version (Optional)	Showing SDK version if the firmware is used for SDK
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.38. Packet Type: 869 PMTK_EASY_ENABLE

This message is used to enable or disable EASY function, and it also can be used to query if EASY is enabled or disabled.

Data Field:
\$PMTK869,CmdType[, Enabled]
Example:
\$PMTK869,1,1*35<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,869,3*37<CR><LF>

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	869
CmdType	'0'=Query '1'=Set

	'2'=Result for Query operation
Enabled	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

NOTES

1. If EASY is disabled, the receiver returns:
\$PMTK869,2,0,0*2B<CR><LF>
2. If EASY is enabled and not finished yet, the receiver may return:
\$PMTK869,2,1,0*2A<CR><LF>
3. If EASY is enabled and finished after 1 day, the receiver may return:
\$PMTK869,2,1,1*2B<CR><LF>
4. If EASY is enabled and finished after 2 days, the receiver may return:
\$PMTK869,2,1,2*28<CR><LF>
5. If EASY is enabled and finished after 3 days, the receiver may return:
\$PMTK869,2,1,3*29<CR><LF>

3.39. Packet Type: 875 PMTK_PMTKLSC_STN_OUTPUT

This message is used to enable or disable PMTKLSC Sentence output. Query if PMTKLSC Sentence output enabled or disabled.

Data Field:

\$PMTK875,CmdType[,Enabled]

Example:

\$PMTK875,1,1*38<CR><LF> : Enable PMTKLSC and PMTKLSCB Sentence output

Response:

\$PMTKLSC,Parameter1,Parameter2,Parameter3*CS

\$PMTKLSCB,Parameter1,Parameter2,Parameter3*CS

Where Parameter1 : current leap second

Parameter2 : leap indicator, 1 means updated from broadcast data

Parameter3 : next leap second

Field	Description
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\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	875
CmdType	'0'=Query '1'=Set '2'=Result for Query operation
Enabled	'0'=Disable '1'=Enable
*	End character of data field
Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
<CR><LF>	Each of message

3.40. Packet Type: 886 PMTK_FR_MODE

This message is used to set navigation mode.

Data Field:
\$PMTK886,CmdType
Example:
\$PMTK886,3*2B<CR><LF>
Response:
\$PMTK001,886,3*36

Field	Description
\$	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
PMTK	MTK proprietary message
Packet Type	886
CmdType	'0'=Normal mode: For general purpose '1'=Fitness mode: For running and walking purpose that the low-speed (<5m/s) movement will have more effect on the position calculation. '2'=Aviation mode: For high-dynamic purpose that the large-acceleration movement will have more effect on the position calculation. '3'=Balloon mode: For high-altitude balloon purpose that the vertical movement will have more effect on the position calculation.

*	End character of data field
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Checksum	Hexadecimal checksum
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<CR><LF>	Each of message
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4 Appendix A Reference

Table 1: Related Documents

SN	Document Name	Remark
[1]	Quectel_L76_Hardware_Design	L76 Hardware Design
[2]	Quectel_L76_EVB_User Guide	L76 EVB User Guide
[3]	Quectel_L76_Reference_Design	L76 Reference Design

Table 2: Terms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS	Global Positioning System
GLONASS	Global Navigation Satellite System(The Russian GNSS)
BeiDOu	BeiDou Navigation Satellite System
Galileo	Galileo satellite navigation system
NMEA	National Marine Electronics Association
PMTK	Private protocol of MTK
GGA	NMEA: Global Positioning System Fix Data
RMC	NMEA: Recommended Minimum Position Data
GSA	NMEA: GNSS DOP and Active Satellites
GSV	NMEA: GNSS Satellites in View
GLL	NMEA: Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude
VTG	NMEA: Track Made Good and Ground Speed

GBS	NMEA: GPS Satellite Fault Detection
SBAS	Satellite-Based Augmentation System
AGPS	Assisted Global Positioning System
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
EASY	Embedded Assist System
AIC	Active Interference Cancellation
PDOP	Position Dilution of Precision
VDOP	Vertical Dilution of Precision
HDOP	Horizontal Dilution of Precision
WAAS	Wide Area Augmentation System
PPS	Pulse Per Second
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated

Table 3: Structure of NMEA Message

Filed	Length (Bytes)	Description
\$	1	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
Talker ID	1~2	Talker IDs can be 'GP', 'GN' and 'BD' when the message ID is RMC, VTG, GLL or GGA, Talker IDs can be 'GP', 'GN', 'BD' and 'GA' when the message ID is GSA, Talker IDs can be 'GP', 'GL', 'BD' and 'GA' when the message ID is GSV, and Talker IDs can be 'GN' when the message ID is GBS.
NMEA Message ID	3	NMEA message ID
Data Field	Variable, depend on the NMEA message type	Data fields, delimited by comma ','
*	1	End character of data field
Checksum	2	A hexadecimal number calculated by exclusive OR of all characters between '\$' and '*'
<CR><LF>	2	Each NMEA message ends with 'CR' and 'LF'

NOTE

The default output message of L76 has the following six sentences: RMC, VTG, GGA, GSA, GSV and GLL. But if the receiver is fixed by GPS, GLONASS and Galileo, the default output message of L76 has the following six sentences: RMC, VTG, GGA, GSA, GSV and GBS.

Table 4: Structure of MTK NMEA Packet

Filed		Length (Bytes)	Description
\$		1	Each NMEA message starts with '\$'
Talker ID		1	'P' for proprietary message
NMEA	Data Type	3	Always 'MTK' to indicate MTK proprietary message
Data Filed	Packet Type	3	Packet type, from '000' to '999'
	Packet Data	Variable, depend on the packet type	Data fields, delimited by comma ','
*		1	End character of data field
Checksum		2	A hexadecimal number calculated by exclusive OR of all characters between '\$' and '*'
<CR><LF>		2	Each NMEA message ends with 'CR' and 'LF'

5 Default Configurations

Table 5: Default Configurations

Item	Default
NMEA Port Baud Rate	9600bps
Datum	WGS84
Rate of Position Fixing	1HZ
DGPS Mode	SBAS
SBAS Enable	Enable
NMEA Output Messages	GGA, RMC, GSA, GSV, VTG and GLL
AIC	On
EASY	On