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Global Navigation Satellite Systems (i.e., GPS, GLONASS) are under the control of the respective Governmental agencies, and the operation of these satellites may be changed at any time without warning.

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The U.S. State Department International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) regulations limit the performance of commercial GNSS products. As a result, access to satellite measurements and navigation results will be limited from display and recordable output when predetermined values of velocity and altitude are exceeded. These threshold values are far in excess of the normal and expected operational parameters of the SF-3050 GNSS Sensor.
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added Table 27 and
Table 28 and a note regarding the reassignment of satellites ID # 609 and # 643

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Use of This Document

This User Guide is intended to be used by someone familiar with the concepts of GNSS and satellite surveying equipment.

Note: Indicates additional information to make better use of the product.

⚠️ This symbol means Reader Be Careful. Indicates a caution, care, and/or safety situation. The user might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

⚠️ This symbol means Danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical and RF circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents.

Revisions to this User Guide can be obtained in digital format from http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/

Related Documents

All of the documents below, except for the NavCom Release Notes, are included on the supplied SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive (P/N 82-043000-0001).

**SF-3050 Quick Start Guide**
P/N 96-310033-3001

Provides instructions to quickly set up the standard configuration of the SF-3050

**StarUtil 3000 User Guide**
P/N 96-310029-3001

Describes the operation and use of NavCom’s Windows-based control program

**Sapphire Technical Reference Manual**
P/N 96-3120001-3001

Describes the control and output data message formats utilized by this instrument (for customer programming purposes)

**RINEXUtil User Guide**
P/N 96-310021-2101

Describes the conversion program used on NavCom proprietary output data message formats to RINEX ver. 2.10 observation and navigation files (for customer programming purposes)
NavCom Release Notes


NavCom Customer Support provides software updates described in the Release Notes. Submit a request for software updates via the Request Support web page.

Related Standards

ICD-GPS-200

NAVSTAR GPS Space Segment /Navigation User Interfaces Standard. ARINC Research Corporation; 2250 E. Imperial Highway; El Segundo, California 90245

IEC 60945, IEC 61108-1, IEC 61162-1, IEC 61162-2

International Electrotechnical Commission. 3, rue de Varembé, P.O. Box 131, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

GLONASS ICD, Version 5.0, 2002

Russian Space Agency, Information Analytical Center

Internet: http://www.glonass-ianc.rsa.ru/

RTCM-SC-104

Recommended Standards for Differential GNSS Service. Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services; 1800 N. Kent St, Suite 1060; Arlington, Virginia 22209

NTRIP


CMR, CMR+

Compact Measurement Record; Trimble Navigation Limited; 935 Stewart Drive; Sunnyvale, CA 94085

RINEX

Receiver Independent Exchange Format; Astronomical Institute of the University of Berne
QZSS

NMEA-0183
National Marine Electronics Association Standard for Interfacing Marine Electronic Devices. NMEA National Office; 7 Riggs Avenue; Severna Park, Maryland 21146

Publicly Operated SBAS Signals

RTCA/DO-229D
The Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA) develops consensus-based recommendations regarding communications, navigation, surveillance, and air traffic management (CNS/ATM) system issues.
RTCA. 1828 L Street, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036.
These organizations implement the RTCA/DO-229D standard set by RTCA:

WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System)
U.S. Department of Transportation. Federal Aviation Administration. 800 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20591

EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service)
European Space Agency, 8, 10 rue Mario-Nikis, F-75738 Paris Cedex 15, France.

MSAS (MTSAT Satellite-based Augmentation System)
Japan Civil Aviation Bureau. Ministry of Transport. Kasumigaseki 2-1-3, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100, Japan.

GAGAN (GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation)
Indian Space Research Organization. Antariksh Bhavan, New Bel Road, Bangalore - 560 094, India.
Chapter 1 ........................................................................................................Getting Started

This chapter provides instructions to enable the robust functionality of the SF-3050.

✓ Confirm that all ordered equipment is delivered. Refer to these tables for detailed lists:
  - Supplied Equipment: Table 5
  - Optional Data Cables: Table 13

☐ If any items are missing or damaged, immediately contact NavCom Customer Support:
  Telephone: +1 (310) 381-2000
  Web: [http://www.navcomtech.com/Contact/ContactSupport.cfm](http://www.navcomtech.com/Contact/ContactSupport.cfm)

☐ Consult your dealer to determine if the SF-3050 is already fully configured. If it is configured, the SF-3050 is ready to use. To get started, refer only to the sections below to connect equipment and operate the receiver.

☐ If the SF-3050 is not dealer-configured, the receiver is not operational until the steps in this chapter are performed.

☐ **MED Compass Safe Distance**: The SF-3050 receiver may not be installed closer than 250mm to the ship’s compass.

### Product Configuration Files

All the files needed to set up the ordered configuration of the SF-3050 are included on the SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive (P/N 82-043000-0001). The main product configuration files are:

✓ **Firmware (*.s19)**: The most current firmware.

✓ **Software Options (*.opt)**: The options enable the functionality of the SF-3050. Software Options may be purchased in a bundle and/or individually.

✓ **StarFire License (*.lic)**: The SF-3050 is hardware ready for StarFire. The StarFire License and the StarFire Software Option are required to enable the StarFire Subscription Service.

  ☐ The StarFire Software Option is standard for the SF-3050 A, G, S, and M Software Bundles, and may also be purchased individually. The StarFire License is a purchased item in addition to the StarFire Software Option.

✓ **StarUtil 3000 (Starutil 3000_v0,0,x.exe)**: NavCom’s Windows-based control program is used to upload the product configuration files.

✓ **USB Driver (navcomx1c45x3050.inf)**

✓ **User Profiles (*.npt)**: The SF-3050 is already configured with a factory default User
Profile. If desired, replace the factory default user profile with a predefined profile, or create a profile. Predefined User Profiles are available on the USB Flash Drive or by email.

Refer to Chapter 5/User Profiles for details.

Connect Equipment

Refer to Figure 1 for the steps below:

1. Use one of the two supplied data cables for communications:
   - DB9S cable (P/N 94-310260-3006LF): Connect the Positronic connector end to COM2 - USB at the rear of the SF-3050. Connect the DB9S end to the PC.
   
   Or
   - USB 2.0 Device cable (P/N 94-310266-3006LF): Connect the Positronic connector end to COM2 - USB at the rear of SF-3050. Plug the USB plug end into the PC.
   
   , Communication Ports, for details on the ports and Bluetooth™ connection.

2. Mount the supplied Rover, Base, or Airborne antenna. Locate the antenna in an area with a 360° clear view of the sky.
   
   Refer to Chapter 4/Antennae for additional considerations and restrictions.

3. Connect the supplied GNSS antenna cable (P/N 94-310261-3012LF) to the GNSS antenna. Connect the other end of the cable to the TNC connector, labeled ANT, at the rear of the SF-3050.

Refer to
Table 21 for longer cable lengths.

4. Perform these steps to set up power:

5. Plug the supplied AC power cord (P/N 73-200002-0001LF) into the supplied Universal AC/DC Power Adapter (P/N 82-020007-3001LF). The adapter operates on either 120 or 240 VAC power.

The purchase of a separate appliance cable may be necessary if the VAC plug configuration needed is not the standard 2-prong American connector.

6. Connect the female Positronic connector end of the Power Adapter cable into the male connector, labeled POWER, at the rear of the SF-3050.

7. Plug the AC power cord into an AC receptacle.

8. Press the front panel On/Off switch to turn on the SF-3050 (see Figure 82). All front panel LEDs illuminate for a period of 3 to 5 seconds during power-up. The Power/GNSS Status LED changes from Red to Green.

Save Folder/Files to PC

The SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive includes:

- Root Directory: Software Options File and StarFire License (if purchased)
- NavCom Folder: Includes these sub-folders: Firmware, Marketing Materials, Utilities, User Guides, User Profiles (The contents of the NavCom folder are subject to change.)

9. Plug the SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive into the PC.
10. Browse to the USB Flash Drive.
11. Save the Software Options File, StarFire License (if purchased), and NavCom folder to the PC.
12. On the PC, create two folders in the NavCom folder for the Software Options File and the StarFire License (see Figure 2).

![Figure 2: NavCom Sub-Folders on PC](image-url)
Only Software Options and StarFire License files are sent via email. All other files are available either on NavCom’s website or via Customer Support.

Establish Communications

13. Browse to Navcom\Utilities\StarUtil 3000 on the PC (see Figure 2).
14. Ensure that these files are in the StarUtil 3000 folder: “StarUtil3000_v0,0,x.exe” (program executable file), “navcomx1c45x3050.inf” (USB driver), 96-312007-3001RevX_Sapphire TRM.pdf, and 96-310029-3001RevX_StarUtil3000.pdf.

The USB driver must be in the same folder as StarUtil 3000 for the USB port to auto-recognize the SF-3050.

When the SF-3050 is first connected to the PC port, a Windows wizard opens. Locate and install the “NAVCOMx1c45x3050.inf” file before starting StarUtil 3000. Also, note the com port number once the install completes.

15. Double-click “Starutil3000_v0,0,x.exe” to open the program.

16. Click the Connections button to establish communications between the PC and the SF-3050 (see Figure 3). The Port Configuration dialog box opens (see Figure 4).

Refer to Figure 4 for the steps below:
17. Set the appropriate options according to the Connection Type:

- **COM Port (on the PC):**
  - COM2 (on the SF-3040)
  - Baud Rate: 57600 (keep the default)
  - Parity: None (keep the default)
  - Click [Auto Baud] to connect.

Or

- **USB (on the PC)**
  - USB-COM1 (on the SF-3040)
  - Baud Rate: 57600 (keep the default)
  - Parity: None (keep the default)
  - Click [Connect] to connect.

18. Verify that the SF-3050 is connected to the PC: Scrolling messages in the **Communication** window indicate that a valid connection is established at the required baud rate (see Figure 5).
A blue arrow indicates messages received by the GUI. A green arrow indicates messages sent by the GUI.

**COM Port Connection:** Scrolling lines designated as “DATA” indicate a connection is established but the baud rate is not correct (see Figure 6). Reopen the *Port Configuration* dialog box.
For remote operation, connection to either Com 1 or Com 2 is highly recommended as a backup to the Ethernet interface. The Com1 or Com 2 backup connection can be made via a cell modem, MOXA to Ethernet, etc.

Determine Current Firmware Versions

The user determines if the most current firmware is installed in the SF-3050. The version of the installed firmware is important to ensure the proper operation of the receiver.

In StarUtil 3000, checking the contents of the Firmware Info window (see Figure 7) on the Receiver Options tab is the easiest way to determine if the installed firmware is the most current. An alternative method is to use the Input Terminal window (see Determine Firmware Version via the Input Terminal, below).

19. Click Receiver Options on the Detailed Views menu to open the Receiver Options tab (see Figure 7).

20. Click (refresh) on the Firmware Info window to view the current output data (see Figure 8).

The firmware is identified by version number. For example, the NAV firmware in the example below is version 01.00.00.003. Firmware ensembles are always referenced to the Navigation Firmware Number.
21. Browse to the NavCom\Firmware folder on the PC (see Figure 2). The Firmware folder is copied from the SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive. It contains the *most current firmware* (see example files in Figure 9). The firmware file extension is *.s19.*

Open the Readme.txt file for additional information.

22. Compare the current NAV Firmware version in the Firmware folder with the installed version displayed in the Firmware Info window (see Figure 10).

In the example below, the NAV firmware in the Firmware folder is more current than the installed firmware. As a result, the user must update the NAV firmware in the receiver.
Figure 10: Comparing Current and Installed Firmware

23. If the NAV firmware installed in the receiver is *not* the most current version:

- Check the versions of the other firmware.
- Write down all of the firmware that must be updated.
- Go to the section below, **Upload Firmware**.

Determine Firmware Version via the Input Terminal

24. Locate the *Input Terminal* on the bottom right (see Figure 12).

25. Click and drag the top edge of the *Input Terminal* window to enlarge it.
26. Type [VERSION] in the field at the bottom of the Input Terminal window (see Figure 13).

![Figure 13: Version Command]

27. Click the Send button on the Input Terminal. The receiver returns a list of the currently installed firmware.

28. Browse to NavCom\Firmware on the PC (refer to Figure 2). The Firmware folder contains the most current firmware. The firmware file extension is *.s19.

29. Compare the current NAV Firmware version in the Firmware folder with the installed version displayed in the Input Terminal window (see Figure 12).

   - If the NAV firmware installed in the receiver is not the most current version:
     - Check the versions of the other firmware.
     - Write down all firmware that must be updated.

Upload Software Options

Software options may be purchased in a bundle and/or individually. The SF-3050 software bundles are SF-3050A, SF-3050G, SF-3050S, and SF-3050M. Refer to Chapter 2/Software Bundles for descriptions of the software options in each bundle.

   - Software Options must be uploaded before uploading the StarFire License, if purchased.
   - The receiver must be navigating at the time of the software options upload.

30. Select Software Options on the File Upload window (see Figure 14).

![Figure 14: Software Options]

31. Click ...
32. Browse to NavCom\Software Options on the PC. The Software Options file extension is *.opt.

33. Select the Software Options file. The path to the file appears in the upload field (see Figure 15).

![Figure 15: Software Options Upload](image)

34. Click **Upload**. At the end of upload, a confirmation box opens. Click OK.

The Input Terminal window also displays the outcome of the upload (see Figure 16). In the example below, the upload is successful. Refer to the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for detailed information on the INPUTSWOPTION command (see Related Documents in the fore-matter).

![Figure 16: Successful Software Options Upload](image)

35. Click **(refresh)** on the Software Options window and check to ensure that all uploaded software options are displayed (see Figure 17).

![Figure 17: Software Options Window](image)

“StarFire: Enabled” indicates that the StarFire Software Option is loaded. It does not indicate that a StarFire License is installed.

36. Do not close StarUtil 3000. Perform one of these steps:

- If a StarFire License is purchased, go to the Upload StarFire License section.
- If a StarFire License is not purchased, go to the Factory Default User Profile section.
The SF-3050 returns the entire list of loaded software options. However, StarUtil 3000 does not display the entire list in the Software Options window. Perform steps 55 through 58 to confirm the software uploaded to the receiver.

37. Type the command [INPUTSWOPTION] on the Input Terminal window.
38. Click Send.
39. Highlight and copy the entire output.
40. Open any text editor (e.g., Microsoft Notepad) and paste the output there to verify that all software options have been uploaded to the receiver.

If the above method fails to upload any of the purchased software options, refer to the next section.

Upload Software Options via the Input Terminal

Perform steps 12 through 17 to upload software options via the Input Terminal.
41. Open the software option file in any text editing program (e.g., Notepad).
42. Locate the option code at the bottom of the file (e.g., 74C91E91 789FA173 8E70296A 3259B2E6).
43. Highlight and copy the option code.
44. Enter the command [INPUTSWOPTION] on the Input Terminal window and then paste the option code: 74C91E91 789FA173 8E70296A 3259B2E6.
45. Click Send on the Input Terminal window. If the software options loaded successfully, the Input Terminal window displays a confirmation message (see Figure 16).
46. To view all currently loaded software options, click (refresh) on the Software Options window (see Figure 17).

Upload Firmware

The required PC Baud rate to upload firmware via the supplied DB9S cable (RS-232) on COM2 is 57600 (default). This requirement does not apply to the supplied USB 2.0 Device cable.

The receiver must be navigating at the time of the firmware upload.

Typically, if any firmware needs to be updated, it is NAV and PIOAPP.

Upload a Unified Firmware File

47. Click Receiver Options on the Detailed Views menu to open the Receiver Options tab (see Figure 18).
48. Select *Unified File Loader* on the *File Upload* window (see Figure 19).

49. Click ...

50. Browse to the NavCom\Firmware folder on the PC (refer to Figure 20).

51. Select the appropriate *unified* file to upload and click (see Figure 20).

52. The files to be uploaded are displayed on the *Ready to Downline Load File* dialog box with their corresponding check boxes selected (see Figure 21). Select and deselect files as necessary.
53. Click [Start].

54. Once the firmware files are uploaded, the *Finished with All Downline Loads* dialog box is displayed (see Figure 22).

55. Click [Close].

56. Check the *Firmware Info* window (see Figure 8) to view the current versions of all uploaded firmware.

    If any file failed to load, go to Upload a Single Firmware File

**Upload a Single Firmware File**

57. Locate the *File Upload* window on the *Receiver Options* tab (see Figure 23).
58. Select Receiver Firmware on the File Upload window (see Figure 24).

59. Click \(\text{Load Receiver Firmware}\) and the Load Receiver Firmware dialog box opens (see Figure 25).

60. Click \(\text{Load}\).

61. Browse to NavCom\Firmware on the PC (see Figure 26).

62. Select the appropriate firmware file.

- Upload Boot files before application files if both types require updating.

Example Boot File: SP_boot1_ver2,0,1.s19

- The format of the NAV firmware file is: \(\text{SPv + version number}.s19\)

Example NAV File: \(\text{SPv1,0,0,4.s19}\)
63. Set these options:

- **Baud Rate:**
  - DB9S cable: Use the highest baud rate (i.e., 115200) unless the load fails. If the load fails, use 57600.
  - USB 2.0 Device Cable: No selection is necessary (automatic connection speed)

- **Target:**
  - Select SOLARIS to upload GNSS firmware (see Figure 27):
    - SP_boot1_[version number].s19
    - SP_boot2_[version number].s19
    - SPv[version number].s19
  
  Or
  - Select SOLARIS PIO to upload PWRIO firmware (see Figure 28):
    - SP_PWRIOboot1_[version number].s19
    - SP_PWRIO_[version number].s19

- **Buffer Size:** Do not set this option. The program automatically sets it.
- **Bootloader:** Do not set this option. The program automatically sets it.
- **Force Load Firmware Without PING:** Keep the default (unchecked).
64. Click **Load**. An upload progress window opens (see Figure 29).

![Figure 29: Progress Dialog Box](image)

65. At the end of the upload, a confirmation box opens. Click **OK**.

66. Repeat steps 39 through 48 to upload another firmware file, if necessary.

67. Do not close StarUtil 3000. Continue to the next section.

**Upload StarFire License**

- For the initial configuration, the StarFire license must be installed via data cable. Subsequent renewals of the license are typically transmitted to the receiver via radio broadcast. Refer to *Over the Air StarFire Licensing* for details.

- The receiver must be tracking GPS satellites and providing a valid position solution at the time of the StarFire license upload to accept the license.

68. To confirm a valid position solution on the **PVT tab/Navigation Status** window, first click **Position, Velocity, Time** (see Figure 30) on the Detailed Views menu to open the PVT tab (see Figure 31).

![Figure 30: Position, Velocity, Time Menu Item](image)
• Click (refresh) on the *Navigation Status* window to ensure that the current position solution is displayed (see Figure 31).

![Figure 31: PVT Tab/Navigation Status Window](image)

69. Click *Navigation Modes* on the *Receiver Setup* menu to open the *Set Navigation Modes* dialog box (see Figure 33).

![Figure 33: Set Navigation Modes/StarFire ON](image)
Refer to Figure 33 for the steps below:

70. Click the *Retrieve Settings From the Receiver* button to retrieve the currently set navigation modes from the receiver.

71. Select the ON radio button next to StarFire if StarFire is not enabled.

72. Click the *Apply Changes to the Receiver* button to enable StarFire navigation. Then click *Close*.

73. Select *StarFire License* in the *File Upload* window on the *Receiver Options* tab (see Figure 34).

![File Upload window](image)

*Figure 34: StarFire License*

74. Click ![file icon].

75. Browse to NavCom\StarFire License on the PC. The StarFire License file extension is *.lic*.

76. Select the StarFire License file. The path to the file appears in the upload field (see Figure 34).

77. Click the *Upload* button. At the end of the upload, a confirmation box opens. Click *OK*.

The *Input Terminal* window displays the outcome of the upload (see Figure 35). In the example below, the upload is successful. Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed information on the *INPUTSFLICENSE* command (see *Related Documents* in the fore-matter).

![Input Terminal window](image)

*Figure 35: Successful StarFire License Upload*

78. Ensure that the purchased StarFire License is loaded. These tabs provide license information:

- *Receiver Options* tab: *StarFire Licenses* and *License Status* windows
- *StarFire* tab: *License Info* window

To open the *StarFire* tab, click *StarFire* in the *Detailed Views* menu (see Figure 36).
**Confirm StarFire Navigation**

79. Click *Position, Velocity & Time* on the *Detailed Views* menu (see Figure 30) to determine if the receiver is navigating in *StarFire* mode. The *PVT* tab opens (see Figure 37).

The receiver enters StarFire mode approximately 3 minutes after it is first turned on; then the convergence period starts.

**How to Cancel a StarFire License**

At the time *[CANCELSFLICENSE]* is input, the receiver must be tracking GPS satellites and providing a valid position solution for the receiver to accept the license cancellation.

80. Input the *[CANCELSFLICENSE]* command on the *Input Terminal* window to cancel the current StarFire license (see Figure 38).

This action cancels the subscription to StarFire signal service. Users need to contact their dealer or NavCom to replace the license.
View the **Cancel License Status** window on the **Receiver** tab to confirm the StarFire license cancellation. The window also displays a cancel code to affirm the cancellation of the StarFire license before the expiration date.

**Factory Default User Profile**

Further configuration is not necessary for this initial use of the SF-3050. The receiver is pre-configured with a factory default user profile that includes settings for the various port assignments/parameters, navigation parameters, and output message lists.

If the SF-3050 does not function properly, refer to these online tools:

- [Troubleshooting Guides](#)
- [User Manuals](#)

Contact the authorized dealer or NavCom Customer Support (refer to the beginning of this chapter for contact information).

**Upload User Profile (optional)**

If desired, replace the factory default user profile with a predefined profile, or create a profile. Refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for detailed instructions.

Predefined user profiles are available in the Navcom\User Profiles folder saved on the PC from the SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive.

Refer to *Chapter 5/User Profiles* in this guide for information on profiles.

**Enable or Disable Receiver Tracking and/or Use of Select Signals and Frequencies**

Receiver tracking of various signals and frequencies can be enabled or disabled. Refer to the [TRACKINGMODE] and [NAVMEASURE] commands in the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed instructions on enabling and disabling the tracking of and receiver use of various signals and frequencies. Also refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide*.

These commands are used primarily for engineering experiments or receiver testing. They are not recommended for use in other applications.

**Enable or Disable Receiver Use of Signals and Frequencies for Navigation**

Receiver use of various signals and frequencies for navigation can be enabled or disabled.
Refer to the [NAVMEASURE] command in the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed instructions on enabling and disabling navigation signals and frequencies. Also refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide*.

This command is used primarily for engineering experiments or receiver testing. It is not recommended for use in other applications.

**Upload WebPages**

1. Update firmware on SF-3050 receiver. The latest version of the software (v3.3.x.0 or later) is required for this feature.

2. Determine the receiver's IP address OR give it a static IP address by entering the [ETHCONFIG] command in the Input Terminal screen.
   - Specify [ETHCONFIG]MANUAL to manually change the IP address.
   - Using [ETHCONFIG]AUTO will automatically set the IP address.

   ![Input Terminal – [ETHCONFIG]](image)

   The IP address consists of the first four sets of three numbers separated by periods. For further information on this command, see the Technical Reference Manual.

3. Save the profile by entering [PROFILE]SAVEAS “XXX” in the Input Terminal screen where the Xs indicate the name chosen for the profile.

   ![Input Terminal – Save Profile](image)

   If the profile is not saved, the IP address will be lost the next time the receiver is shut off and rebooted.

![Image of Input Terminal](image)

*Figure 41: Input Terminal – Format Memory Card*

The SF-3050 has a permanent 2GB SD card permanently installed. Once this card is formatted, there is no need to reformat it. Reformatting the memory after the 3.3.x.0 software update is necessary to repartition the memory chip.

5. To load the Webpage files, select the File Upload screen under the Receiver Options tab.

6. Click the Webpage Loader button and browse to the SolarisWebpagesv3.3.x/NCT file on the USB stick.

![Image of File Upload](image)

*Figure 42: File Upload – Webpage Loader*

7. Select the NCT folder and click **OK**.

![Image of NCT Directory](image)

*Figure 43: Webpage NCT Directory*

The Webpage files are contained in the NCT directory. Loading the NCT directory will load all the webpage files.
8. Click the Load button to load the NCT directory.

![Load Webpages NCT file](image)

*Figure 44: Load Webpages NCT file*

9. Enable the WebServer and choose webpage directory by entering the [WEBCONTROL]ENABLE,NCT command in the Input Terminal screen. This will ensure that the webpages in the NCT directory are enabled.

![Input Terminal – Webcontrol](image)

*Figure 45: Input Terminal – Webcontrol*
Chapter 2 ................................................................. Introduction

System Overview

GNSS Sensor System

The SF-3050 Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) sensor delivers superior accuracy to the precise positioning community. This unique receiver is designed with a robust and long-term performance upgrade path to meet changing needs via software upgrades. Increased functionality does not typically require the costly purchase of additional hardware.

The SF-3050 software-enabled features, bundled or purchased individually, cover a wide variety of applications.

The SF-3050 is uniquely suited for real-time applications in areas such as surveying, machine control, precise positioning, and construction. The sensor delivers the required millimeter measurement precision and fast update rates at low data latency. Depending on the software bundle, the SF-3050 provides flexibility to be configured as a base station or as a rover.

Superior interference suppression (both in-band & out-band), multipath mitigation, and measurement accuracy are only a few of the sensor’s technological advances. The SF-3050 GNSS engine incorporates several patented innovations advancing the existing GNSS technology to the next generation. The receiver provides near optimal GPS P-code recovery, providing a significant signal-to-noise ratio advantage over competing technologies, among other benefits.

There are four software bundles: the SF-3050A, SF-3050G, SF-3050S, and SF-3050M. Depending upon the bundle, this receiver provides, but is not limited to:

 ✓ NavCom’s StarFire Network: A worldwide Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) for decimeter level position accuracy (post-convergence period). Refer to Appendix C for detailed information.

    1 Dependent on the bundle: Subscription and Software Option Required

 ✓ RTK: This unique receiver is designed to integrate easily into Real-Time Kinematic (RTK), field data verification, topographical surveys, and a wide variety of surveying applications. The system resolves ambiguities at startup or on satellite reacquisition typically within 2 seconds. The SF-3050 delivers centimeter level position accuracy via external RTK correction formats. The receiver is capable of NCT RTK/ UltraRTK™, RTCM 2.3 and 3.1 (code and phase), Network RTK, and CMR/CMR+ DGPS operating methods. The operating software is also capable of supporting an external radio modem.

    2 Dependent on the bundle: Separate Software Option Required

 ✓ Signal Reception: The SF-3050 GNSS engine includes a digital ASIC to handle high speed signal processing. The sensor provides proven unparalleled performance in
spite of adverse signal tracking conditions by incorporating the use of GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), GLONASS (G1, G2), and SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN) signals (standard for most software bundles).

- 66 Signal Channels: Provides the ability to track multiple frequencies of satellites in several constellations simultaneously. This allows for extended navigation in otherwise adverse conditions for a single constellation. An additional channel is dedicated to tracking StarFire signals.

The system includes a Rover, Base, or Airborne antenna, and interconnection accessories outlined in Table 13.

Performance Upgrade Path

The SF-3050 is designed with a robust and long-term performance upgrade path to meet changing needs via software upgrades. The following tables outline the standard and optional features of each SF-3050 software bundle.

Table 1: Performance Upgrade Path – Position & Data Rates

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1 Bundle A is not available in software prior to v. 2.0.22.0.

*5Hz is the default PVT and Raw Data Rate for software bundles G and S. 25Hz is the default PVT and Raw Data Rate for bundle M.
Table 2: Performance Upgrade Path – Signals

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<td>Std</td>
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¹ The StarFire software option is standard for software bundles G, S, and M. It does not include a StarFire license, which must be purchased to use the StarFire subscription service. See Glossary or Web site.

Table 3: Performance Upgrade Path – RTK

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<td>RTK Moving Base</td>
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<td>RTK Extend™</td>
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<td>Network RTK¹</td>
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¹ Dependent on bundle options
Table 4: Performance Upgrade Path – 1PPS/Event

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<td>1PPS/Event</td>
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<td>Opt</td>
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### Accuracy

#### SBAS

When WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, or GAGAN (RTCA/DO-229D compliant) SBAS correction signals are used, the system provides <30cm 2D position accuracy.

- System accuracy with WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, or GAGAN signals is subject to the quality and update rate of these publicly operated signals. Refer to Related Standards/Publicly Operated SBAS Signals in the forematter for contact information regarding the organizations that implement the RTCA/DO-229D standard.

- See the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual (TRACKINGMODE command) and the StarUtil 3000 User Guide for details on disabling WAAS, EGNOS, and MSAS.

#### StarFire

The system provides <5cm position accuracy (post-convergence period) \(^1\) when StarFire correction signals are used.

#### RTK

The system provides immediate <1 cm position accuracy when UltraRTK\(^1\) correction signals are used:

- L1, L2, L2G, L5, G1,G2 baseline:
  - < 40 km, ±1 cm + 0.5 ppm
    - Also applies to Moving Base RTK

\(^1\) Dependent on software bundle options

After RTK correction signals are received, the baseline determines how long it takes to enter RTK mode. A rover close to the base enters RTK mode almost immediately. For longer baselines, it may take a minute or two. For L1/G1 RTK, antenna model selection is also a factor in ambiguity resolution and time required to enter RTK.

### Features (for All Software Bundles)

#### Output Data Rate

The SF-3050 GNSS receiver can output proprietary raw data at programmable rates from \(\leq 1\)Hz to predetermined rates up to 100Hz\(^1\) and Position Velocity Time (PVT) data at programmable rates from \(\leq 1\)Hz to predetermined rates up to 100Hz\(^1\) through the data ports\(^2\) with less than 10ms latency. Accuracies are maintained as each output is
independently calculated based on an actual GNSS position measurement, as opposed to an extrapolation/interpolation between 1Hz measurements.

- The throughput capacity of the ports is limited by the Baud rate and the byte size and number of messages output.

1 Dependent on software bundle options

2 Port dependent, refer to Communications Ports for details.

NCT Binary Proprietary Data

The sensor can output proprietary raw data containing information including (but not limited to):

- Satellite Ephemeris (EPHEM1B)
- Satellite Almanac (ALM1B)
- Raw Pseudorange Measurements (MEAS1B)
- Position, Height, & Time (PVT1B)
- Velocity & Heading (PVT1B)
- Signal to Noise (CHNLSTATUS1B)
- Channel Status (CHNLSTATUS1B)
- Correction Data (mirror data; RTKSTATUS1B)
- Event/Marker (EVENTLATCHA)
- Measurement Quality (PVT1B and PSEUDORANGESTATSB)

These data can be integrated in real-time positioning applications or post-processed against any number of software applications designed to handle NCT or RINEX raw data. The Sapphire Technical Reference Manual, available on NavCom’s Web site, describes the attributes of each of the input/output records (see Related Documents in the forematter).

NMEA-0183 Data

The SF-3050 is capable of outputting several standard NMEA-0183 data strings (see Related Standards in the forematter) and several proprietary data strings. All data are headed with $GN, except for MLA, which is headed with $GL. All header formats are accepted (e.g., $GP, $GL). Proprietary data strings are denoted with a $PNCT header. The Sapphire Technical Reference Manual provides additional controls for heading types and message lengths for some NMEA messages. NMEA data complies with v.4.1 of the standard in SF-3050 v.3.0.16 or later.

- Standard
  - ALM – GPS Almanac Data
  - DTM – Datum Reference
  - GBS – GNSS Satellite Fault Detection
  - GFA– GNSS Fix Accuracy and Integrity
(v.3.0.16 or later)

- GGA – GPS Fix Data
- GLL – Geographic Position – Lat /Lon
- GNS – GNSS Fix Data (v.3.0.16 or later)
- GRS – GPS Range Residuals
- GSA – GNSS DOP & Active Satellites
- GST – GNSS Pseudorange Error Statistics
- GSV – GNSS Satellites In View
- HDT – Heading Degrees True
- MLA – GLONASS Almanac Data
- RMC – Recommended Min. Specific GNSS Data
- ROT – Rate of Turn
- RRE – Range Residual Errors
  (This command is not defined in NMEA 0183 Standard version 3.0.)
- TTM – Moving Base / Rover RTK data
- VTG – Course Over Ground & Ground Speed
- ZDA – Time & Date

- Proprietary (header $PNCT)

Described in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual (see Related Documents in the fore-matter)

- DTM – Datum Reference for user-selected reference frame
- GGA – GPS Fix with Field 14
- GST – GNSS Pseudorange Error Statistics
- MDE – Marginally Detectable Error
- SET – Solid Earth Tide

- Software Bundles

Software Options may be purchased in a bundle and/or individually.

The Software Options File contains all of the purchased Software Options, whether purchased in a bundle or individually. The initial Software Options File must be uploaded to the receiver to enable the functionality of the SF-3050. Later purchased software upgrades are also provided in a Software Options File for upload.

**SF-3050G**

The SF-3050G is a multi-constellation, StarFire-enabled™ GNSS receiver system for users that require high-availability, worldwide, decimeter accuracy.
Upgrade paths for higher data rates and other options make the SF-3050G ideal for many Offshore Survey and Positioning applications:

- Nautical Stationkeeping
- Dynamic Positioning
- Dredging and Offshore Construction
- Deep Water Survey

²StarFire Software Option is standard. StarFire subscription is required.

SF-3050S

Adding Base, Rover, and Network RTK² to the feature-rich SF-3050G receiver, the SF-3050S is a powerful engine for use in Land Survey applications where precision is vital. The small form-factor, light weight (only 1.1 lb), and Bluetooth connectivity allow the receiver to fit nicely into a backpack Land Survey system with only an external RF cable to the pole-mounted antenna. In addition, the built-in, high-speed data ports (USB and Ethernet) enable high-speed data transfer or remote communication to the receiver.

The SF-3050S sensor meets the needs of a large number of applications including, but not limited to:

- Topographical Surveys in Rough Terrain
- High-Accuracy Data Collection for Post-Processing
- Real-time Positioning Application

² Dependent on software bundle

SF-3050M

With 25Hz data rate output, 1PPS, and Event Marker features standard, the SF-3050M is a hard-working GNSS receiver targeted towards any application requiring high-precision data at a high rate. Users with machine control and aerial survey applications will appreciate the compact form-factor, powerful GNSS performance, and critical coordination signals (1PPS and Event Marker).

The SF-3050M is ideal for vehicle mounting to suit a wide variety of machine guidance and control applications:

- Towed Implement Guidance
- Construction Machine Control – Blade Control and Grading
- Railway, Ship, and Aircraft Precision Tracking
- Port Operations and Container Tracking
Bluetooth

The SF-3050 GNSS receiver is Bluetooth capable in all software bundle configurations. The Bluetooth module permits cable-less operation between the sensor and a Bluetooth equipped controller. Wireless connectivity is provided within a range of 10 m (32 ft), and a data rate of 230.4Kbps is supported, 10 Hz maximum. The Bluetooth module contains Bluetooth certified components and is FCC and CE certified. Communications performance is dependent on the user Bluetooth device used.

Refer to Chapter 3 for setup instructions via the supplied NavCom software utility, StarUtil 3000 or via the Input Terminal using the [BTSET] command.

Ethernet Connection

An Ethernet connection may be set up for the SF-3050 receiver. Refer to Chapter 2 of the StarUtil 3000 User Guide and to the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual [ETHCONFIG] and [ETHVCOM] commands for detailed instructions on configuring and establishing an Ethernet connection.
Antennae

The SF-3050 GNSS sensor must be ordered with the Rover, Base, or Airborne antenna. Each antenna is described below.

Rover

The Rover integrated GNSS antenna (PN: 82-001020-3001LF) tracks GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), GLONASS (G1, G2), StarFire (L-Band differential corrections), and SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS/GAGAN) signals. The compact GNSS antenna has excellent tracking performance and a stable phase center. This antenna is listed in the Antenna Calibration Values available from the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) calibration table hyperlinked to this text, as NAV-ANT3001R.

The robust housing assembly features a standard 5/8” BSW thread for mounting directly to a surveyor’s pole, tripod, or mast and is certified to 70,000 feet, (see Specifications for restrictions).

Base

The Base integrated GNSS antenna (PN: 82-001021-3001LF) tracks GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), GLONASS (G1, G2), StarFire (L-Band differential corrections), and SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS/GAGAN) signals. The Base GNSS antenna is designed to reduce multipath error to provide better RTK corrections to the rover network. It has excellent tracking performance and a stable phase center. The NGS calibration table for this product is available on the following link: http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/ANTCAL/Antennas.jsp;jsessionid=3DE81666766F189AFA9D57D343082098?manu=NavCom This antenna is listed in the NOAA GNSS Antenna Calibration tables, as NAV-ANT3001B. The robust housing assembly features a standard 5/8” BSW thread to permanently install the antenna. It is certified to 70,000 feet (see Specifications for restrictions).
Airborne

The Airborne integrated antenna (PN: 82-001022-3001LF) tracks all GNSS, WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS/GAGAN and StarFire signals. The compact GNSS antenna has excellent tracking performance and a stable phase center for GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), and GLONASS (G1, G2). This antenna is listed in the NOAA GPS Antenna Calibration tables, as NCT-ANT3001A. The robust housing assembly features a flat mounting surface with four mounting holes and a downward facing TNC connector. This antenna is also certified to 70,000 feet, and is TSO-C144 certified (see Specifications for restrictions).

Controller

The SF-3050 GNSS sensor is designed for use with an external controller solution connected via one of two Positronic COM ports\(^1\) or Bluetooth.

This may be accomplished using a PC, Tablet PC, or Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and a software program that implements the rich control language defined for NavCom GNSS products. Refer to the user guide of your controller solution for further information. NavCom lists several application software solutions on our website: [http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/ApplicationSoftware.cfm](http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/ApplicationSoftware.cfm)

In addition, NavCom provides a Windows™ based software utility, StarUtil 3000, with the receiver.


\(^1\)For initial configuration
Included Items

![Figure 46: SF-3050 Supplied Equipment](image)

**Table 5: Supplied Equipment**

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<td>SF-3050 GNSS Sensor (P/N 92-310413-3001LF)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>SF-3050 GNSS Sensor (w/out Bluetooth) (P/N 92-310413-3003LF)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>GNSS Antenna Cable, 12 ft (P/N 94-310261-3012LF)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Positronic 9-Pin Female Universal AC/DC Power Adapter 110-220VAC, 12VDC, 1.50A. (P/N 82-020007-3001LF)</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Positronic 9-Pin Male to DB9S (RS-232/RS-422/1PPS) Data Cable, 6 ft. (P/N 94-310260-3006LF)</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Positronic 9-Pin Male to USB 2.0 Device Plug, 6 ft (P/N 94-310266-3006LF)</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Mounting Brackets, 2. (P/N 88-310442-3001LF)</td>
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| 8 | Early Production Units:  
Positronic 9-Pin Female Unterminated Power Cable Without Filter, 10ft (P/N 94-310262-3010LF) {Not Shown} |
Later Production Units:  
Positronic 9-Pin Female Unterminated Power Cable With Filter, 10ft (P/N 94-310274-3010LF) {Not Shown} |
| 9 | SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive. Contains: Software Options file, Firmware file, User Profiles, User Guides, Brochures,  
Software Utilities, Technical Papers, and if purchased, a StarFire License file. (P/N 82-043000-0001) {Not Shown}  
*Important:* Refer to Chapter 1 for steps to enable the functionality of the SF-3050 via the USB flash drive. |
| 10| Quick Start Guide (P/N 96-310033-3001) {Not Shown}                                                                                     |
| 11| American 2-Pin AC power Cord, 10 ft (P/N 73-200002-0001LF) {Not Shown}                                                                  |
The SF-3050 GNSS sensor must be ordered with the Rover, Base, or Airborne antenna.

Table 6: SF-3050 Antennae

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*Figure 47: Rover, Base, and Airborne Antennae*
Applications

The SF-3050 GNSS receiver meets the needs of a large number of applications. Depending on the purchased software bundle or individual options, the applications include, but are not limited to:

- **Offshore**
  - Nautical Stationkeeping
  - Dynamic Positioning
  - Dredging and Offshore Construction
  - Deep Water Survey

- **Machine Control and Vehicle Navigation**
  - Towed Implement Guidance
  - Construction Machine Control – Blade Control and Grading
  - Railway, Ship, and Aircraft Precision Tracking
  - Port Operations and Container Tracking

- **Land Survey and GIS**
  - Boundary Survey
  - Topographical Surveys in Rough Terrain
  - Construction Site Stake-out
  - High-Accuracy Data Collection for Post-Processing
  - Hydrographic Survey

- **Military Applications**
  - Non-Weaponized Military Positioning Applications
  - Unmanned Systems
  - Oceanographic Survey and Research

- **Specialty Applications**
  - Aerial – Photogrammetric Survey
  - High-Value Asset Location and Tracking
  - Positioning in Mining Applications
  - Continuously Operating Reference Stations
  - Structural Monitoring
  - Real-time Positioning Applications
  - OEM Integration

NavCom lists several application software solutions on our website:
http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/ApplicationSoftware.cfm

Unique Features

The SF-3050 GNSS sensor has many unique features:

- **Performance Upgrade Path**

The SF-3050 is designed with a robust and long-term performance upgrade path to meet changing needs via software upgrades. Increased functionality does not typically require
the costly purchase of additional hardware. The SF-3050 software-enabled features, bundled or purchased individually, cover a wide variety of applications.

- **StarFire**

  The ability to receive NavCom’s unique StarFire\(^1\) correction service is fully integrated within each unit (no additional equipment required). StarFire has several performance levels. Modes include: GPS, GNSS, or LP (see Specifications). A single set of corrections are used globally enabling a user to achieve sub-decimeter level positioning accuracy without the need to deploy a separate base station, thus saving time and capital expenditure.

  StarFire position outputs are referenced to the ITRF-2008 datum (default) and can be steered to WGS-84.

- **StarFire Over IP**

  StarFire corrections can also be received via the internet (requires v3.2.10 or later firmware). This feature allows the user to request messages from an independent StarFire server/caster by means of Ethernet interface. The user can select four mount points and can choose between three data delivery rates for maximum reliability.

- **Over The Air StarFire Licensing**

  Over The Air StarFire Licensing is the easiest way to install a StarFire license. The installation of a purchased license is accomplished via radio broadcast. Over The Air StarFire Licensing is especially convenient for receivers in remote locations in the field.

- **Web Server**

  The Web Server feature allows the user to access positioning information and control the receiver via a standard web browser (requires v3.3.7 or later firmware). Each receiver comes with a unique IP address that can be accessed from any computer using Firefox, Chrome, Safari or Internet Explorer. Easily accessible web pages can be used to view satellite data and configure a variety of functions.

- **NCT RTK/UltraRTK**

  The RTK/UltraRTK algorithm developed by NavCom provides fast initialization and the NCT ultra compact binary data format for RTK/UltraRTK ensures robust data throughput. The SF-3050 is capable of outputting or accepting legacy 0x5B (RTK) or 0x5E (UltraRTK) binary formats. Refer to the TRM for more details (see Related Documents in the forematter).

- **Positioning Flexibility**

  The SF-3050 is capable of using WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN (RTCA/DO-229D compliant) code corrections via two internal Satellite Based Augmentation System (SBAS) channels. The SF-3050 automatically configures to use the most suitable correction source available and changes as the survey dictates (this feature can be overridden).

- **RTK Extend™**

  RTK Extend (separate software option required) enables continuous real-RTK/RTK level

\(^1\)Dependent on Bundle Options: Subscription and Software Option Required.
positioning accuracy during radio communication outages by utilizing NavCom’s global StarFire corrections.

Traditionally, when an RTK rover loses communication with the base station, it is unable to provide centimeter position updates for more than a few seconds, resulting in user down-time and reduced productivity. With RTK Extend, a NavCom StarFire receiver operating in RTK mode can transition to RTK Extend mode and maintain centimeter level positioning during communication loss for up to 15 minutes. RTK Extend allows more efficient and uninterrupted work, enabling focused concentration on the work rather than the tools.

RTK Extend is a unique patented technique, not available on any other manufacturer’s receivers.

- **Multi-Format RTK**
  Refer to Appendix E, Base Network RTK Configuration, in the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed instructions.

- **User-Defined Datum**
  Users can check the current datum (a reference surface to be used in defining the 3D coordinates of a position) or set a specific datum to be used as the position for all PVT data output. Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* and the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for detailed instructions on the use of the [DATUM] command.

- **Heading**
  The SF-3050 heading system consists of two SF-3050 receivers connected via a serial cable. Each receiver’s antenna is located on the platform at the maximum possible separation. One of the units is configured as a moving base and computes its position 10 times a second using any available augmentation signal. The moving base outputs position and RTK measurement corrections to the other unit, which is configured as a heading rover. The heading rover computes the heading looking from the base antenna to the rover antenna and outputs the heading and position of both antennae up to a rate of 10 Hz. Applications include construction equipment such as excavators and marine applications such as dredging.

- **Coordinated Machines**
  An SF-3050 configured as a moving base is located on a reference platform. An SF-3050 configured as a rover is located on one or more additional platforms. All of the SF-3050 rovers are connected to the moving base via a wireless communication link. The moving base computes its position 10 times a second using any available augmentation signal. The moving base outputs position and RTK measurement corrections to the rovers. The rovers compute the range and bearing to the moving base and output the range and bearing, plus their position and the position of the moving base, at up to 10 times a second. Applications include those requiring the relative positions of two or more moving platforms, such as leader-follower vehicle applications or the relative positions of planes or marine vessels.

- **Data Sampling**
  GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), GLONASS (G1, G2), and SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN) raw measurement data is up to 5Hz in the standard configuration for the SF-
3050G and SF-3050S. An optional upgrade allows 10, 25, 50, and 100Hz raw measurement data via high speed ports.

For the SF-3050M, the raw measurement data is up to 25Hz in the standard configuration, with the optional upgrade of 50 and 100Hz.

The PVT (Position, Velocity, & Time) data is output at up to 5Hz in the standard configuration for the SF-3050G and SF-3050S. An optional upgrade allows 10, 25, 50, and 100Hz position updates for highly dynamic applications.

For the SF-3050M, the PVT data is output at up to 25Hz in the standard configuration, with the optional upgrade of 50 and 100Hz.

- **Internal Memory**

See the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* and the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for detailed instructions on utilizing the SF-3050 internal memory flash drive.

- **Control of Power Consumption**

Power consumption may be immediately reduced on the SF-3050 by disabling signals, as necessary, using the [TRACKINGMODE] command. Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for instructions on using this command.

- **Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) Support**

When optioned as an RTK Base Station, the SF-3050 is capable of computing and outputting RTK message streams in multiple formats and raw satellite measurement data for post-processing simultaneously. All message formats can be output on one of the high-speed USB or Ethernet ports, or messages can be distributed among any of the eight user ports. The following is an example of a real world application:

- **Com 1:** NavCom proprietary corrections (x5B, x5C, etc.); transmit via 900 or 400MHz radios
- **Com 2:** CMR+; transmit via 900 or 400MHz radios
- **USB:** Command and Control (StarUtil Interface)
- **Bluetooth:** Command and Control (StarUtil Interface)
- **Ethernet Port 1:** Command and Control (StarUtil Interface)
- **Ethernet Port 2:** RTCM v2.3
- **Ethernet Port 3:** CMR+
- **Ethernet Port 4:** RTCM v3.1 (can include Ntrip)


For IGS or similar permanent Base applications, NavCom offers a Choke Ring antenna option to significantly reduce multipath errors on signal reception.

- **NTRIP Support**

The generation of differential GPS correction data is usually done directly on the GPS receiver of a reference station, but this data can also be derived from observations.
obtained by networked reference stations. The combined data stream is then fed into a network computer and made available on the Internet.

Refer to Appendix E, RTCM Internet Protocol (NTRIP).

Also see the [NTRIPCLIENT], [NTRIPCONFIG], and [NTRIPSERVER] commands in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for detailed instructions.

- **GNSS Performance**

  The SF-3050 utilizes NavCom’s Sapphire GNSS engine, which incorporates several patented innovations. Sapphire’s industry leading receiver sensitivity provides more than 50% signal to noise ratio advantage over competing technologies. This results in improved real time positioning, proven through independent tests, when facing various multipath environments.

- **Rugged Design**

  Units have been tested to conform to MIL-STD-810F for low pressure, solar radiation, rain, humidity, salt-fog, sand, and dust. In addition, the unit is IP certified to the IP67 level (compliant only when cables are connected).

  The SF-3050 is also certified\(^1\) to comply with the relevant type approval procedures for marine equipment of the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) 96/98/EC.

  The rugged design of the SF-3050 system components provides protection against the harsh environments common to areas such as construction sites, offshore vessels, and mines. In some extreme shock and vibration applications, additional isolation hardware may be required.

\(^1\)Requires use of NavCom’s supplied AC/DC converter.
Chapter 3........................................................................................................ Web Server

This chapter details the use of the Web Server, the internet-based interface between the SF-3050 and the user. This interface can be used instead of the StarUtil software if desired.

WebServer pages can be viewed using several different browsers and vary slightly based on the browser in use. Optimal results are obtained by using Mozilla Firefox® or Google Chrome®. The illustrations in this chapter were made using Google Chrome® as the browser.

Accessing the WebServer

Each SF-3050 receiver comes with a unique IP address. See Chapter 1 setup Web Server. Typing the IP address into the Address box on the browser page will open a security screen.

![Authentication Required](image)

Figure 48: Windows Security Screen

A default user name and password is pre-programmed into the receiver’s memory consisting of the following:

- User Name: admin
- Password: admin

This default user name automatically has ADMIN level access, which enables the user to view all webpages including the Input Terminal page and the Manage Accounts page. The user name and password for this default account can be changed in the Manage Accounts page. The password can be changed in the Change Password page. New user names, passwords and access levels (USER and TECH) can be added in the Manage Accounts page.

This ADMIN account cannot be deleted or given a different access level in the Manage Accounts page.
Welcome Page

The Welcome Page shows the following information:

- Serial Number of the SF-3050 receiver
- Firmware with version and date installed
- Bluetooth version

Receiver Location Bar

A bar across the top of the screen displays the current position and status of the receiver. This status is continually updated as new information is received from the satellites.

A Logout button is located in the upper right hand corner of the bar. The Logout function will allow the user to perform the following:

- Close out the web page feature without having to exit the browser.
- Log out of one user name and access level and log in with another user name and access level.
- Access another internet webpage while the webserver webpage is still active.
Main Menu

The main menu located on the left hand side of the welcome page shows links to the web pages available on the WebServer. Click each heading to open the desired menu.

![Welcome Page with Expanded Menu Bar](image)

- Welcome Page
- Messages
  - PVT Data
  - Channel Status
  - Measurements
  - StarFire Status
  - StarFire Almanac
  - NMEA View
  - Skyplot
- Configuration
  - Schedule Messages
  - NTRIP Config
  - Navigation Modes
  - RTK Mode
  - Self Survey
  - Antenna
- Utility
  - View/Load Profile
  - Firmware Update
  - Data Logging
  - Almanac Loader
  - Options and License
  - Change Password
  - Manage Accounts
- Input Terminal
- Help

Messages

- PVT Data

The PVT Data screen provides a quick view of the receiver's current position, velocity, estimated error, navigation status, antenna offset and solid earth tide.

![PVT Screen](image)

*Figure 52: PVT Screen*

The PVT screen shows the following information:

- **Position**: Displays altitude, Longitude, Height, Altitude and Datum. Datum displays the selected reference model.
- **Velocity**: The speed over ground and direction of travel (true, not magnetic).
- **Navigation Status**: Displays Summary Nav Status, Nav Mode, Constellation (either GPS or GPS/GLONASS), StarFire Engine Mode, StarFire Source, Correction Age and Age Limit
  - **Summary Nav Status**: Various indications of nav status, including Nav valid, Nav invalid, No Doppler, Doppler Used, etc.
- **Nav Mode**: Various indications of nav mode, for example, StarFire Dual:RTG; 3D: Dual freq; Non differential: 3D: Dual freq, etc.

- **Constellation**: GPS or GPS/GLONASS

- **Correction Age**: The age of the current aided navigation correction in seconds. This value changes depending on the correction source and the correction interval. A few seconds is okay, but many seconds indicate the fix is degrading over time, and becoming less and less accurate.

- **Age Limit**: The maximum amount of time in seconds the received correction will be used in case of an outage or drop in the reception of corrections. The maximum age limit is 100 seconds. The default is 300 seconds for SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN) and RTCM type 1 or 9. The default is 1200 seconds for RTG (StarFire).

**Error Estimate**

- **Position FOM**: The position Figure Of Merit is the estimated uncertainty in the navigation solution. FOM is the same as the One sigma error estimate. Refer to the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual (see Related Documents in the forematter).

- **Time FOM**: 10x TDOP

- **DOP**: Dilution of Precision. A class of measures of the magnitude of error in GPS position fixes due to the orientation of the GPS satellites with respect to the GPS receiver. There are several DOPs to measure different components of the error: GDOP (Position and Time), PDOP (Dimensional Position), HDOP (Horizontal Position), VDOP (Vertical Position), and TDOP (Time).

**Antenna Offset**: If applicable.

**Solid Earth Tide**: Displays earth’s deformation vector in three dimensions, north, east, and vertical.

- **Channel Status**

  The Channel Status screen provides instantaneous diagnosis of signal quality and performance for the tracked satellites in three constellations: GPS, GLONASS, and SBAS.
The data below is displayed for each channel on the GPS, GLONASS, and SBAS windows. Differences between the constellations are identified.

- **PRN**: The satellite number assigned to each channel.
- **GPS**: The valid range is 1-32. (The receiver allocates the range of 1-37, with 33-37 reserved for expansion.)
- **GLONASS**: The valid range is 1-24.
- **SBAS**: The valid range is 120-138.
- **AZ**: Azimuth. The horizontal angle of the satellite relative to the receiver position in reference to North ranging from 0 (360) to 359 degrees.
- **EL**: Elevation. The vertical angle of the satellite off the horizon ranging from 0 degrees to a zenith of 90 degrees.
- **CH (Code Type)**: The channel number of the receiver, within a range of 0 – 53. The code types tracked by the channel are:
  - **GPS**: L1CA, L1P1, L2, L2C, and L5 based on the [TRACKINGMODE] command settings
  - **GLONASS**: G1C, G2C, G1P, and G2P based on the [TRACKINGMODE] command settings
  - **SBAS**: L1CA (These code types are displayed, but don’t apply: L1P1, L2, L2C, and L5.)
- **ST**: Status. The channel tracking status of each channel. The status code LOCK means the channel is locked up for measurement type and satellite, measurements are ready.
- **C/No**: Signal-to-Noise. The signal-to-noise value varies depending on satellite elevation and any obstructions between the satellites and the receiver. The typical
performance range for C/N0 for all displayed L1/G1 (GPS/GLONASS) channels is 46dB to 52dB, although higher and lower values can be noted. The C/N0 for C/A and G1 is the same. G2 is similar to P2 C/No (6 [dB-Hz] less than G1). L1P is 3dB lower than CA, and L2 is 6dB lower than CA. A value > 50 is typical of a satellite with 50° elevation or higher and a clear view of the sky.

CR: Costas Ratio: the estimate of maximum error in phase measurement. The Costas Ratio value has a range of 100 to -100.

AL: Almanac. Y = almanac is available for the position solution. N = no almanac

TM: The search timeout; i.e. the number of seconds before the search for the satellite is stopped.

### Measurements

The MEAS1B output stream contains raw measurement data collected from the receiver’s tracking channels. Measurements are tracked from both the GPS/SBAS constellation and the GLONASS Constellation. Raw measurements can be post-processed to achieve precise point positions.

**Figure 54: Measurements Screen**

#### GPS/SBAS Constellation

- **PRN:** The satellite number assigned to each channel.
  - **GPS:** The valid range is 1-32. (The receiver allocates the range of 1-37, with 33-37 reserved for expansion.)
  - **SBAS:** The valid range is 120-138.

- **CA (m):** Coarse / Acquisition code. The number of meters (range measurement) to the satellite.

- **L1-CA (m):** The L1 frequency minus the CA measurement.
✓ P1-Ca (m): The P1 pseudorange minus the CA measurement.
✓ P2-Ca (m): The P2 pseudorange minus the CA measurement.
✓ L2-Ca (m): The L2 frequency minus the CA measurement.
✓ L2C-Ca (m): The L2C frequency minus the CA measurement.
✓ L2C(code)-Ca (m): The L2C code measurement minus the CA measurement.
✓ CA C/No (dB): Carrier-to-noise ratio. The signal strength indicator.
✓ P2 C/No (dB): The P2 measurement Carrier-to-noise ratio. The signal strength indicator.
✓ L1CA Doppler (c/s): The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the L1CA signal.
✓ L2P Doppler (c/s): The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the L2P signal.
✓ L5Q-Ca (m): The L5Q measurement minus the CA measurement.
✓ L5-Ca (m): The L5 measurement minus the CA measurement.
✓ L5Q C/No (dB): The L5Q measurement Carrier-to-noise ratio. The signal strength indicator.
✓ L5Q Doppler (c/s): The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the L5Q signal.

Normally, the SF-3050 receiver locates and tracks SBAS satellites at run-time, periodically building a list of the satellites that will contribute to the navigation solution. However, a user can create a fixed list of SBAS satellites to track. Creating a list that does not contain any visible satellites disables the use of SBAS corrections in the navigation solution.

GLONASS Constellation
✓ PRN: The satellite number assigned to each channel. The valid range for GLONASS is 1-24.
✓ G1C (m): The civilian G1 code.
✓ L1-G1C (m): The L1 frequency minus the G1C measurement.
✓ P1-G1C (m): The P1 pseudorange minus the G1C measurement.
✓ P2-G1C (m): The P2 pseudorange minus the G1C measurement.
✓ G2C-G1C (m): The civilian G2 code measurement minus the G1C measurement.
✓ L2-G1C (m): The L2 frequency minus the G1C measurement.
✓ G1C C/No (dB): The G1C measurement Carrier-to-noise ratio. The signal strength indicator.
✓ G2C C/No (dB): The G2C measurement Carrier-to-noise ratio. The signal strength indicator.
✓ G1 Doppler (c/s): The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or
away from the G1 signal.

- **G2 Doppler (c/s):** The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the G2 signal.

- **P1 Doppler (c/s):** The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the P1 signal.

- **P2 Doppler (c/s):** The representation (in cycles per second) of the motion toward or away from the P2 signal.

Doppler consists of the coarse Doppler from the satellite block adjusted by the delta Doppler in each of the associated signal blocks. To generate the true Doppler, add the coarse Doppler to the delta Doppler. Refer to the Sapphire Technical Reference manual (see Related Documents in the fore-matter).

### StarFire Status

The SFSTATUS1B message tracks the status of each of the StarFire Satellite signals.

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<td>11.08 %</td>
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<td>Signal Status</td>
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<td>StarFire License Status</td>
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<td>0.86 V</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Satellite ID</td>
<td>462</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

*Figure 55: StarFire Status Screen*

- **Signal Strength:** This field represents the signal to noise ratio for the StarFire channel in dB/Hz. The LSB represents 0.25 dB/Hz.

- **Good Packet Percentage:** This field displays percentage of good packets in received StarFire data. It is updated every 20 seconds.

- **Idle Packet Percentage:** This field displays percentage of idle packets in received StarFire data. It is updated every 20 seconds.

- **Re-synchronization Counts:** This field represents the StarFire parser packet framing re-synchronization count.

- **Signal Status:** Indicates if the signal is being tracked.
  - TRCK (green background) indicates that the signal is locked in.
  - IDLE indicates that the signal is not being tracked.
  - SGDP indicates that the signal is being detected.
  - SGDF (red background) indicates that the signal has failed.
  - ACQ indicates that the signal is being acquired.
  - PLIN indicates the signal is being pulled in.
✓ StarFire License Status: Active indicates StarFire option is licensed and enabled.
✓ Frequency Offset: This field displays the difference between the expected baseband frequency and the tracked baseband frequency, in Hz.
✓ AGC Voltage: Automatic Gain Control. Indicates the strength of the signal. The higher the voltage, the weaker the strength. The desired range is 0.8 to 1.2. Maximum is 2.5.
✓ Satellite ID: This field represents the current StarFire satellite ID, in the range 320 to 680.

**StarFire Almanac**

This message outputs the StarFire over the air (OTA) almanac that is currently in use.

![StarFire Almanac screen](image)

**Figure 56: StarFire Almanac screen**

✓ Record ID: Satellite record identifier number. Describes the ordering of the records in a set. Records with the same record ID imply no particular order. Almanac updates are delivered every hour.
✓ Health: Indicates health and status of satellite:
  - 0 = Unhealthy
  - 1 = Healthy
✓ NetID: Network identification number.
  - 0 = Net 1
  - 1 = Net 2
✓ Longitude: Indicates the position of the satellite in degrees of longitude. (Range = -180 to +180)

**NMEA View**

The SF-3050 does not output NMEA messages by default. They must be scheduled by the user.

NMEA messages are scheduled using the Schedule Messages page located under the Configuration tab on the Welcome Page.
Clicking the Enable box beside the desired NMEA message under the Sentence ID column will show the message output. The format of the message will appear under the Sentence Contents column.

![Figure 57: NMEA View Screen](image)

- The DTM message automatically displays at the same rate as the GGA.

- Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* (TRM) for detailed information on the output formats of NMEA messages and NavCom proprietary NMEA type messages (see Related Documents in the forematter). In addition, refer to the section, *NMEA Messages Overview*, in the TRM.

- The NMEA View Screen page does not contain MLA or ALM due to the way they are output.

**Skyplot**

The Sky Plot tab displays the tracked satellite locations for each visible constellation. It provides an interface to select the constellations to be displayed. Each satellite is displayed on the Sky Plot by color and PRN: GPS = Green, GLONASS = Grey, SBAS = Orange, STARFIRE = Blue.
Figure 58: Skyplot Screen

Roll over a satellite (colored circle) to view a pop-up window showing PRN number (PRN), Elevation (Elev), and Azimuth (Azim).

Figure 59: Skyplot Rollover Info

Configuration

- **Schedule Messages**

Output messages can be individually scheduled by highlighting the desired message and selecting port and rate of output.
Figure 60: Schedule Messages Screen

- **ASCII Messages**: Click to highlight. Use the Select Port pulldown list to select the desired port or to display the current output on that port.
- **Binary Messages**: Click to highlight, then Select Rate: OFF, ONCHANGE or ONTIME
- **NMEA Messages**: Click to highlight, then enter Ontime rate in seconds.

Click one of the following buttons to complete the scheduling process:

- **Schedule Message**: Schedules the selected messages.
- **Clear Message**: Deselects all selected messages
- **Query All Messages**:

⚠️ Only one message from each list can be selected at a time.
NTRIP Config

**Figure 61: NTRIP Config Screen**

This screen configures the information that the NTRIP client or server needs to connect to an NTRIP caster. If no configuration information is specified, the current settings will be displayed.

- **Caster Preset**: Enables StarFire Settings.
- **Caster**: Specifies name of the NTRIP caster to connect to.
- **Port**: Specifies caster port number to connect to
- **Mount Point**: Specifies the name of the mount point to connect to.
- **Username**: Required for authentication
- **Password**: Required for authentication
- **Send NMEA GGA**: Indicates whether transmission of NMEA GGA message is required.
- **Auto Connect**: Indicates whether or not NTRIP should try to connect automatically to a client or a server.
- **Correction Port**: Indicates name of local port to use for NTRIP connection.
- **Authentication**: Indicates whether to use BASIC or DIGEST authentication.
- **NTRIP CLIENT**: Connects/disconnects to NTRIP client mount point.
NTRIP SERVER: Connects/disconnects to NTRIP server mount point.

The NTRIP client and server cannot both be active at the same time. An error message will be displayed if any keyword other than a status request or DISCONNECT is issued to one while the other is active.

Click the StarFire Settings button to automatically configure the NTRIP StarFireNetwork Caster.

![NTRIP Config Screen with StarFire Settings enabled](image)

Figure 62: NTRIP Config Screen with StarFire Settings enabled

Click the Send Ntrip Config button to enable the settings or click the Refresh Current button to return to the previous settings.

- **Navigation Modes**

Provides access to navigation mode settings for the following modes:

- RTCM Code: Select On/Off
- SBAS: Select On/Off
- StarFire: Select On/Off and Internal/External.
Click Apply Navigation Settings to the Receiver button to enable the settings.

**RTK Mode**

Configures the RTK mode as follows:

- **Mode**: Configures the mode as Rover or Base
- **Type**: For a rover, this is a required field. It is used to validate the Site ID based on the correction type. For a base, this field must be empty.
- **ID**: Set ID range for rover site ID and base station. Receiver will use default value if this field is empty.
- **Port**: Enter port number if base. This field must be empty for rover mode.
- **Dynamics**: This is an optional field. The default is static or none specified. When setting the base station to output moving base DGPS/RTK corrections or setting the moving base RTK rover, set this field to Dynamic.
- **Scheduling Type**: This is an optional field specifying if messages are automatically scheduled. The default setting is AUTO.
- **RTK-X**: This is an optional field specifying whether or not the user would like the receiver to transition into RTK-X mode. If the user does not specify this keyword, nothing changes and the receiver will stay in the current mode. ON indicates RTK-X is enabled. This is the default mode. OFF indicates RTK is disabled.
Click Set RTKMODE to change settings or Refresh Current to return to current settings.

- **Self Survey**

  This command performs a self survey operation by averaging the GPS receiver’s position over time and then applying that averaged position as the reference station position.

  The receiver waits for a period of time (nominally 1400 minutes or 24 hours) to allow the RTG readings to “settle.” This means there will be no valid survey results until this time has passed. However, if the user specifies less than this value as the time limit, the survey will continue until complete.

  The user can set the duration of the survey in minutes then, click the Start button to begin the survey, the Stop/Apply button to end the survey and the Cancel/Discard button to stop the survey and eliminate any results.

![Figure 65: Self Survey Screen](image)

- After the self survey is completed, the user must save the current profile. If the receiver reboots without saving the profile, the self survey position will be lost.

- **Antenna**

  Displays the appropriate bias adjustment values for the antenna model in use.

![Figure 66: Antenna Height Adjustment Screen](image)

- Height Adjustment: Indicates whether or not the antenna offset is applied.

- Phase Center Adjustment: The offset in millimeters from the physical center of the antenna (the element) to the Mechanical Reference Plane (MRP). The MRP is at the bottom of the BSW antenna mount. The range limits are -128 to 127 mm.

- Slant Range of Antenna Body: For a pole, the vertical measurement in millimeters from the Mechanical Reference Plane (MRP) to the control point. For a tripod, the
measurement in millimeters from the edge of the antenna to the control point. The range limits are -32768 to 32767mm.

✓ Radius of Antenna Body: The measurement in millimeters from the physical center of the antenna to the edge of the antenna. For a pole, enter 0. For a tripod, the range limits are -32768 to 32767mm.

Utility

■ View/Load Profile

The SF-3050 receiver provides for storage of up to 20 user profiles in its non-volatile memory. Each user profile is stored with a name and contains a complete set of user-controlled configuration parameters. A profile can be selected from a profile list or retrieved from a computer file using the Choose File button. Once selected, a profile can be, saved, used or deleted.

![Figure 67: View/Load Profile Screen](image)

✓ PROFILE in use: shows the name of the current profile in green text. Use the Refresh button to update the profile already in use.

✓ Receiver Profiles: Profiles can be selected from the List of Profile(s) pulldown list. Click the Use button to enable the selected profile. A selected profile can be deleted by clicking the Delete button. The Delete All button will delete all the profiles in the receiver’s memory.

☐ Once a profile has been deleted, its contents cannot be retrieved. There is no way to undelete it.

A new profile can be saved using the Save As function. Click the Save As button. A dialog box will open allowing the new profile to be named. Enter a name and click OK.
Figure 68: View/Load Profile Screen

The profile can also be saved to a browser file by clicking the Save to File link.

The Save to File function is only available with Firefox and Chrome browsers. This function will not work with Internet Explorer.

Load from File: This function allows a profile to be uploaded to the receiver from a computer library. Click the Choose File button and select a file from the desired folder and click Load.

Firmware Update

This function allows firmware to be updated by uploading the most recent version from an external file, such as a USB drive.

Click the Choose File button to select the desired file. Click the Start Firmware Update button to initiate the upload process.

The progress of the upload will appear in the Firmware Update Status section.

Figure 69: Firmware Update Screen

Data Logging

This feature allows data to be logged onto one of two internal memory drives, either an internal memory drive (Drive A) or an external USB memory device (Drive B).

Figure 70: Data Logging Screen
✓ Drive A consists of the internal memory card of the SF-3050. It is formatted and segmented by using the [FSFORMAT] command (see Upload WebPages section in Chapter 1).

✓ Drive B consists of a USB memory device that can be configured as follows:

1. Connect the 9-pin Male end of the USB Host cable (94-310271-3006LF) to the COM-2 port on the SF-3050. Plug a USB flash drive into the USB Female end of the cable.

2. Type [USBMODE]DEVICE, MASS STORAGE in the Input Terminal screen. This command will format the USB device as Drive B.

   The USBMODE command automatically defaults to COMPORT. In order to log data onto a USB device, this command needs to be changed to MASS STORAGE.

■ Almanac Loader

![Almanac Loader Screen](image)

*Figure 71: Almanac Loader Screen*

Click Choose File button to select a file from the desired directory. Click Inject to install the almanac in the receiver memory.

Click the GPS link to download the current GPS almanac into the browser. The GLONASS almanac can be downloaded the same way.

The Save/Open Current Almanac feature is only available in Firefox and Chrome browsers.

■ Options and License

This screen lists the Software Options loaded into the receiver and the status of the primary and secondary license.

It is also possible for the user to upload current license software as well as other software options by using the File Upload feature.
License updates and software options should be performed on a regular basis to ensure that the latest files are available for optimal use.

**Change Password**

This screen allows a user to change the password for the desired username as needed. The current user name is listed after Change Password. Only the password for that username can be changed with this feature. For other usernames and passwords, select the Manage Accounts screen.

User names and passwords are both case sensitive.

**Manage Accounts**

Allows user to add, Remove or update users, change access levels and change usernames and passwords as needed.
There are three levels of access:

- USER: Able to view all webpages with the exception of Input Terminal and Manage Accounts
- TECH: Same as USER but is able to view Input Terminal
- ADMIN: Able to view all pages and modify user accounts

There can be at least 1 and at most 9 accounts consisting of:

- 1 ADMIN
- 0-8 USER or TECH

The default ADMIN account programmed into the receiver is stored in the NVRAM but not stored in the profile.

All accounts (with the exception of the admin account) must only be modified by using the web pages. They cannot be modified by using StarUtil3000. Only the admin account can have its password updated by StarUtil3000.

Using the [NVCLEAR] command in the Input Terminal Screen will wipe out all user accounts except for the admin and will return the admin to the default password.

The Manage Accounts screen is only available to Level Access TECH and ADMIN.

Input Terminal

The Input Terminal provides a text box for the input of NavCom proprietary commands and queries.

With a user profile loaded and in use, the receiver configuration may be changed with individual commands via the Input Terminal. Commands entered via the Input Terminal
are not saved to NVRAM through a receiver power cycle. To maintain the new settings entered through the Input Terminal, the current settings must be retrieved and saved as a new user profile, or overwrite an existing profile before cycling receiver power.

Figure 75: Input Terminal Screen

Help

The Help function provides links to resources that can be useful in using the SF-3050 Webpages.

Figure 76: Help Screen
Chapter 4 ........................................................................................................... Interfacing

This chapter details the SF-3050 GNSS sensor connectors, LED display, appropriate sources of electrical power, and how to interface the communication ports.

Electrical Power

A rear panel 9-pin Positronic male connector provides electrical power to the SF-3050. Pin assignments are given in Table 7; see Figure 80 for pin location on the connector.

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<td>Event</td>
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Power may be applied to Pins 6 and 4. Pin 6 is primarily used.

The SF-3050 is supplied with:

✓ Universal AC/DC, 12V, 1.5A power adapter (P/N 82-020007-3001LF). See Figure 77.

✓ One of these Unterminated DC Power Cables:
  • Early Production Units:
    Positronic 9-Pin Female Unterminated Power Cable Without Filter, 10ft (P/N 94-310262-3010LF). See Figure 79.
  • Later Production Units:
    Positronic 9-Pin Female Unterminated Power Cable With Filter, 10ft (P/N 94-310274-3010LF). Not shown.
Where MED type approved installations are required, the SF-3050 must be powered by the supplied AC/DC power adapter, or an approved DC to DC power converter. This equipment is required to pass the conducted MED type emission criteria:

- Unterminated DC power cable with filter (P/N 94-310274-3010LF); supplied only with later SF-3050 production units.
- Approved DC to DC power converter. The converter isolates the SF-3050 power and chassis grounds.

Contact NavCom Customer Support for more information:
http://www.navcomtech.com/Contact/ContactSupport.cfm

Replacement AC power cords are available through small appliance retailers (Radio Shack, Walmart, Best Buy, etc.). AC power cords for non-110VAC locales must be purchased locally.

P/N 94-310262-3010LF is supplied with early SF-3050 production units (see Figure 79). It is a 10ft (3m) unterminated power cable without a filter used to connect directly to a DC source.

P/N 94-310274-3010LF is supplied with later SF-3050 production units. It is a 10ft (3m) unterminated power cable with a filter used to connect directly to a DC source.

Both unterminated power cables are fitted with a Positronic socket type (connector: FR11FP922LM0/AA; pin: FC422N6/AA). The wiring color code and pin assignments provided below apply to both cables.
Table 8: DC Power Cable Pin Assignments

<table>
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<th>Color</th>
<th>Signal</th>
<th>Pin No</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Blue</td>
<td>1PPS Out</td>
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<td>Brown</td>
<td>Ignition</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Event</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
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<td>Orange</td>
<td>Power Input</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>Power Return</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Power Input</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Not Used</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Violet</td>
<td>Not Used</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gray</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The GNSS sensor is protected from reverse polarity with an inline diode. It will operate on any DC voltage between 9 and 32 VDC, 6 watts typical.

Voltages less than approximately 6VDC will turn the unit off. Voltages from approximately 5VDC to < 7VDC will create a brown-out. In such case, power the unit on as follows:

1. **Ignition Pin**: Provide power $\geq 9$ to 32 VDC
2. **Front Panel On/Off Switch:** Press the On/Off switch to turn the unit off. Then press and hold the On/Off switch in for more than 2 seconds to turn the unit on.

   - To set the receiver to power up as soon as power is applied to the DC Input port, use the ignition pin (2) in conjunction with DC power.

   - Voltages in excess of 34VDC will damage the unit. The power supply must be well conditioned with surge protection. Vehicular electrical systems which create voltage spikes in excess of 34VDC will benefit from providing power protection during vehicle engine power-up. This can be accomplished through a relay power-on sequence and/or power conditioning (such as a DC to DC converter). Do not connect equipment directly to the vehicles battery without in-line protection (such as a DC to DC converter).

**Proper Shutdown of SF-3050**

To turn off the SF-3050 properly:

- Press the On/Off switch on the front panel (see Figure 82). There may be a delay of approximately 2 seconds before the unit turns off.

Or

- Switch off power to the ignition pin.

   - The SF-3050 will not shut down properly unless the external power source is correctly connected to the SF-3050 as displayed in Figure 81.

The connection of the ignition wire directly to the power wire is not recommended, and may result in the corruption of data at shutdown of the SF-3050.

Do not unplug the positronic end of the supplied unterminated power cable before switching off power to the ignition pin. The receiver may not shutdown properly.

![Figure 81: Proper External Power Source Setup](image)
Figure 82: SF-3050 Front View

Figure 83: SF-3050 Rear View
Communication Ports

The SF-3050 provides two 9-pin female Positronic connector communication ports labeled COM1 - LAN and COM2 - USB located at the rear of the sensor, as shown in Figure 83 above.

COM1 - LAN conforms to the EIA RS-232 standard with data rates from 9.6 to 115.2kbps max. It also conforms to the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet standard with data rates from 10 to 100Mbps.

The COM1 - LAN connector pin-outs are described in these tables:

- RS-232/1PPS: Table 9
- Ethernet (LAN): Table 15
- Ethernet (LAN)/RS-232 Y-Cable: Table 17

COM2 - USB conforms to the EIA RS-232/RS-422 standard with data rates from 9.6 to 115.2kbps max. It is also USB 2.0 compliant with 12Mbps maximum data rate.

The COM2 - USB connector pin-outs are described in these tables:

- RS-232/RS-422: Table 10
- USB 2.0 Device: Table 11
- USB 2.0 Host: Table 14
- USB 2.0 Device/RS-232/RS-422: Table 16

The SF-3050 is configured as a DCE device. Laptop and desktop computers are configured as DTE devices. If the supplied cable is not long enough, a straight-through cable will provide proper connectivity.

The SF-3050 provides Bluetooth wireless connectivity within a range of 10 meters (32 feet). The Bluetooth module contains Bluetooth-certified components. The data rate for Bluetooth communications is 230.4Kbps. Refer to the section below Bluetooth Communications Setup.
There are two supplied interface data cables:

- Positronic 9-Pin Male to DB9S (RS-232/RS-422/1PPS) (P/N 94-310260-3006LF): constructed as described in Figure 85 and Figure 86.
- Positronic 9-Pin Male to USB 2.0 Device Plug (P/N 94-310266-3006LF): constructed as described in Figure 87.

The part number for the Positronic plug on both data cables is FR11MP922LM0/AA, with the pin type: MC422N/AA.

The optional interface data cables support USB 2.0 Device and Host, Ethernet, and RS-232 and RS-422 (refer to Table 13).
### Table 9: COM1 Serial Cable Pin-Outs
*(P/N 94-310260-3006LF)*

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<th>Signal Nomenclature [DCE w/respect to DB9]</th>
<th>DB9S Pins</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>1PPS Out</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>RXD RS-232 COM1</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>TXD RS-232 COM1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Not connected</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>5</td>
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### Table 10: COM2 Serial Cable Pin-Outs
*(P/N 94-310260-3006LF)*

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<th>DB9S Pins</th>
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<td>3</td>
<td>RXD+ RS-422</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>RXD RS-232 COM2/ RXD-RS-422</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>TXD RS-232 COM2/ TXD-RS-422</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>TXD+ RS-422</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>5</td>
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</table>
Figure 85: COM1 Serial Cable Pin Assignment

Figure 86: COM2 Serial Cable Pin Assignment

Supplied USB Device Cable

P/N 94-310266-3006LF is the supplied 6ft (1.83m) data cable fitted with a Positronic plug type and a USB A plug type, used to connect as Device directly to a USB 2.0 connector. The pin assignments are provided below.

COM2 - USB is the only USB compliant port.
Table 11: USB Device Cable Pin Assignment  
(P/N 94-310266-3006LF)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>USB Pins</th>
<th>Signal</th>
<th>Positronic Pins</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>VCC</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Data-</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Data+</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>GND</td>
<td>9</td>
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</table>

Figure 87: USB Device Cable Pin Assignment
Bluetooth Communications Setup

This section provides instructions to determine the Bluetooth Virtual COM port on a PC and connect to the SF-3050 via Bluetooth.

The SF-3050 Bluetooth Baud rate is fixed at 230400 Baud. It will not connect at any other speed. The data rate is 10 Hz maximum. Communications performance is dependent on the user’s Bluetooth device used.

1. Write down the SF-3050 serial number (from the label on the receiver).
2. Turn on the SF-3050.
3. Plug the Bluetooth dongle (if one is being used\(^1\)) into the proper port on the PC.
   \(^1\)Many laptops incorporate Bluetooth, but not all will work; a dongle is an option.
4. Right-click the Bluetooth icon on the Windows taskbar and select *Explore My Bluetooth Places* from the pop-up menu to open the *My Bluetooth Places* dialog box (refer to Figure 88).
5. Double-click *Search for devices in range* on the *My Bluetooth Places* dialog box to display a list of the Bluetooth devices in range (refer to Figure 89).

![Figure 88: Search for devices in range](image1)

![Figure 89: Bluetooth Devices in Range](image2)
The naming convention for the SF-3050 is SF-3050ProductTypeSerialNumber. Example: SF-3050, 10280, 2

The SF-3050 product types are SF-3050, 3050A, SF-3050G, SF-3050S, and SF-3050M in StarUtil 3000 ver. 1.0.1.5 and earlier. Later versions will simply report SF-3050.

6. Double-click the desired SF-3050 in the Bluetooth device list (see Figure 89). A Bluetooth serial port icon for the selected receiver is displayed (see Figure 90).

![Figure 90: Bluetooth Serial Port Icon](image)

7. Double-click the Bluetooth serial port icon. A graphic with green arrows indicates a connection is established between the Bluetooth Virtual COM port on the PC and the Bluetooth dongle (see Figure 91).

![Figure 91: Bluetooth Serial Port Connection](image)

If the PC requests a Bluetooth passcode, click OK. There is no passcode for the SF-3050 Bluetooth device; use the BTSET command on the Input Terminal to create or delete a passcode in the receiver over the serial port if the computer requires a passcode. Refer to the BTSET command in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual.
Not all Bluetooth devices are compatible with the SF-3050. Refer to NavCom’s Support/Troubleshooting Guides Web page for additional information.

8. Double-click the Bluetooth serial port icon shown in Figure 91 to display the Bluetooth Serial Port dialog box (see Figure 92), which confirms the configured COM port.

9. Click OK.

![Figure 92: Bluetooth Serial Port](image)

10. To verify the assigned COM port, right-click the Bluetooth serial port icon (refer to Figure 91) and select Properties on the pop-up menu (the Bluetooth Properties dialog box opens).

The Bluetooth Properties dialog box (refer to Figure 93) displays the Bluetooth virtual COM port assigned to the Bluetooth dongle. (Notate the COM port number for use in step 15, below.)

![Figure 93: Bluetooth Properties](image)

11. Click OK on the Bluetooth Properties dialog box.

12. Open StarUtil 3000 on the PC.

13. Click the Connections button on the Shortcut bar to open the Port Configuration dialog box (see Figure 94).
The Bluetooth module can be in one of two modes:

- **Command mode.** It has no active connection. It can receive commands from any other port via an onboard processor (Atmel).
- **Data Mode.** Once another device has been connected to the receiver via Bluetooth, an active connection has been established and Bluetooth is in data mode, meaning it maintains an active connection and can receive/send data via the Bluetooth port. (An example would be a user creating a serial port using Bluetooth management software on his laptop and then using StarUtil 3000 to connect to the receiver via that serial port.) In this mode, the module has an active data connection with a connected device; it does not receive commands because commands would be interpreted as data that need to be passed to the connected device.

The only way to return Bluetooth to command mode once it is in data mode is to issue a [BTSET]DISCONNECT command, but keep in mind that issuing this command drops any active connection.

When the Bluetooth module is in “data mode,” the keywords are ON/OFF/DISCONNECT. The remaining keywords return NAK - “BT module in data mode”.

Turning on Bluetooth is associated with a software reset of the Bluetooth firmware, so the system returns the same output as when the [RESET] command is issued (see details on the use of the [RESET] command in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual). When Bluetooth is ON, another in-range Bluetooth electronic device should be able to detect the existence of the system.

![Port Configuration - Bluetooth](image)

**Figure 94: Port Configuration – Bluetooth**

Refer to Figure 94 for the steps below:
14. Select Bluetooth as the Connection Type.
15. Under **COM Port Settings**, select the appropriate COM Port (refer to Figure 92, above).
16. Click **Connect** to connect to the SF-3050.
17. Verify Bluetooth connectivity:
   - View the Bluetooth LED on the SF-3050 front panel (refer to Table 12).

   **Table 12: Bluetooth Connectivity LED Indication**

<table>
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<th>Icon</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>![Bluetooth Icon]</td>
<td><strong>Bluetooth</strong></td>
<td><strong>Off</strong></td>
<td>Bluetooth off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Blue Blinking Icon]</td>
<td><strong>Blue Blinking</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bluetooth on, no connection</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>![Blue Icon]</td>
<td><strong>Blue</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bluetooth connected</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

   - Type [PING] in the **Input Terminal** and click the **Send** button. If properly connected, the response is [PING] BT (see Figure 95).

   **Figure 95: Input Terminal – PING Command and Response**

   ☀️ To use an input terminal to determine the Bluetooth Virtual COM port on a PC and connect to the SF-3050 via Bluetooth, refer to the BTSET message in the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* and to the section “Establish Bluetooth via the Input Terminal” in the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide*. 
Accessories

Optional Data Cables

Figure 96: SF-3050 Optional Data Cables

Table 13: Optional Data Cables

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<th>Description</th>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Positronic 9-Pin Male to USB 2.0 Host Receptacle, 6 ft</td>
<td>P/N 94-310271-3006LF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Positronic 9-Pin Male to Ethernet RJ45 Plug, 6 ft</td>
<td>P/N 94-310265-3006LF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Y-Cable, Positronic 9-Pin Male to USB 2.0 Device Plug &amp; DB9S (RS-232/RS-422), 6 ft</td>
<td>P/N 94-310273-3006LF</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Y-Cable, Positronic 9-Pin Male to Ethernet RJ45 Plug &amp; DB9S (RS-232/1PPS), 6 ft</td>
<td>P/N 94-310272-3006LF</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Refer to Table 5 for the list of supplied equipment.

USB Host Cable (Option)

P/N 94-310271-3006LF is an optional 6ft (1.83m) data cable fitted with a Positronic plug type and a USB A receptacle type, used to connect as Host directly to a USB 2.0 connector. The pin assignments are provided below.

- COM2 – USB is the only USB-compliant port.

Refer to the section below, *Unused pins are commonly missing from cables.* This is a typical cost-saving practice of cable manufacturers.
Logging to USB Flash Drive via USB Host Cable, for setup and logging instructions.

### Table 14: Optional USB Host Cable Pin Assignment

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<th>USB Pins</th>
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<td>USB PWR</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>USB D-</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>USB D+</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>GND/SHIELD</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 97: Optional USB Host Cable Pin Assignment**

### Ethernet Cable (Option)

P/N 94-310265-3006LF is an optional 6ft (1.83m) data cable fitted with a Positronic plug type and a Ethernet RJ45 plug type, used to connect directly to an Ethernet connector. The pin assignments are provided below.

- COM1 - LAN is the only Ethernet (LAN) compliant port.
- Refer to the section below, *Direct Ethernet Connection via Static IP Address*, for setup instructions.

### Table 15: Optional Ethernet Cable Pin Assignment

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<th>Signal</th>
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<td>TX+</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>TX-</td>
<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>RX+</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>RX-</td>
<td>1</td>
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</table>
USB Device/RS-232/RS-422 Y-Cable (Option)

P/N 94-310273-3006LF is an optional 6ft (1.83m) Y-cable fitted with a Positronic plug type on one end. A USB A plug type and a DB9S female RS-232/RS-422 connector are fitted on the ends of the Y-cable. It is used to connect as Device directly to a USB 2.0 connector or to a DB9S male connector. The pin assignments are provided below.

*** COM2 - USB is the only USB compliant port.

Table 16: Optional USB Device/RS-232/RS-422 Y-Cable Pin Assignment

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<th>USB Pins</th>
<th>Positronic Pins</th>
<th>DB9S Pins</th>
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<td>COM2 RXD+</td>
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<td>COM2 RXD-</td>
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<td>GND/Shield</td>
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**Figure 99: Optional USB Device/RS-232/RS-422 Y-Cable Pin Assignment**

**Ethernet/RS-232/1PPS Y-Cable (Option)**

P/N 94-310272-3006LF is an optional 6ft (1.83m) Y-cable fitted with a Positronic plug type on one end. An Ethernet RJ45 plug type and a DB9S female RS-232 connector are fitted on the ends of the Y-cable. It is used to connect directly to an Ethernet connector or to a DB9S male connector. The pin assignments are provided below.

- COM1 - LAN is the only Ethernet (LAN) compliant port.
- Refer to the section below, *Direct Ethernet Connection via Static IP Address*, for setup instructions.

**Table 17: Optional Ethernet (LAN)/RS-232/1PPS Y-Cable Pin Assignment**

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Figure 100: Optional Ethernet/RS-232/1PPS Y-Cable Pin Assignment

Unused pins are commonly missing from cables. This is a typical cost-saving practice of cable manufacturers.

Logging to USB Flash Drive via USB Host Cable

Refer to the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for details on the commands used in this section (see Related Documents in the forematter).

The [LOGFILE] command used in this procedure does not work with USB flash drives that have a write-protected primary partition. The partition will not mount properly. The most common examples of this are drives with U3 software installed. In order to log using these drives, this partition must be removed. Reformatting the drive is not sufficient. According to the U3 website:

“Most U3 smart drives come with an uninstall utility that converts the U3 smart drive into a regular USB flash drive. This utility can be accessed from the U3 Launchpad. Open the U3 Launchpad and click on Settings, then select U3 Launchpad Settings and click on the Uninstall tab. Some devices have a link to the Uninstall utility under Help and Support.”
The [LOGFILE] command requires that at least 10% of the drive be free before it begins logging, and it automatically stops logging when free space drops below 1 MByte.

To view the directory structure and logged files, the USB drive must be dismounted and moved to a PC.

To connect as Host directly to a USB flash drive requires the following:

- StarUtil 3000: NavCom’s Windows™ based control program, included on the supplied USB Flash Drive (P/N 82-043000-0001). It is also available on NavCom’s Web site or via Customer Support.
- Supplied Positronic 9-Pin Male to DB9S Data Cable (P/N 94-310260-3006LF)
- Positronic 9-Pin Male to USB 2.0 Host Receptacle Data Cable (P/N 94-310271-3006LF). This cable is not supplied with the SF-3050.

The USB Host Data Cable is available via a NavCom authorized representative, or by contacting the NavCom Sales Department.

Refer to the section above, *USB Host Cable (Option)*, for a detailed description of the cable.

**Setup**

The SF-3050 must be configured in USB Host Mode to log data to a USB flash drive.

1. Connect the Positronic connector of the supplied DB9S cable (P/N 94-310260-3006LF) to COM1 - LAN of the SF-3050. Connect the DB9S end to the computer.
2. Connect the Positronic connector of the USB Host cable (P/N 94-310271-3006LF) to COM 2 - USB of the SF-3050. Plug a USB flash drive into the USB Host end of the cable.
3. Open StarUtil 3000 on the PC.
4. Locate the *Input Terminal* window on the bottom right.
5. Type the command [USBMODE] in the field at the bottom of the window (see Figure 101).

![Figure 101: Input Terminal – USBMODE](image)

6. Click the *Send* button. The receiver returns the current USB Mode, Device or Host.
7. If the SF-3050 is not in USB Host Mode, type the command [USBMODE]host.
8. Click the *Send* button.
9. Type the command [USBMODE] to verify that the receiver is in USB Host Mode. Click the Send button. The receiver returns Host as the current USB Mode.

Data Logging

To log data to the USB flash drive, the messages to be logged are first scheduled on a special port, fh1. “fh” means “file handler”. The command [OUTPUT] is used to schedule the messages.

1. Open StarUtil 3000, if not already open.
2. Schedule a message to be logged:
3. Type the appropriate [OUTPUT] command string in the field at the bottom of the Input Terminal window:

[OUTPUT](message), (timing), (interval), fh1

For example, to output PVT1B at 10Hz, the command is:

[OUTPUT]PVT1B, ontime, 0.1, fh1
4. Click the Send button.
5. Repeat Step 2 to schedule all necessary messages.

   To simplify this process, a profile can be configured to begin and end data logging to the USB flash drive.
6. Type the command [LOGFILE]start’.
7. Click the Send button to start logging the scheduled messages. Messages are logged in .dat format to the USB flash drive.

   If an error message appears, it may be related to the compatibility of the USB flash drive. Contact NavCom Customer Support:

http://www.navcomtech.com/Contact/ContactSupport.cfm

The logging commands are: [LOGFILE]start, [LOGFILE]stop, [LOGFILE]pause, [LOGFILE]resume, [LOGFILE]forcestart, and [LOGFILE] (returns current logging status). After power cycle, the file logging is in Stopped status.

For detailed instructions on logging data to the SF-3050 internal memory device via an Input Terminal, see Appendix C of the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual.

To avoid file system corruption on the USB flash drive, always stop file logging before removing the drive.

Direct Ethernet Connection via Static IP Address

The SF-3050 supports both UDP and TCP connections. This section provides only the basic configuration for a direct Ethernet connection between the SF-3050 and a PC. Refer to Chapter 2 of the StarUtil 3000
User Guide for detailed instructions on configuring and establishing Ethernet communications.

Ethernet cables are not supplied with the SF-3050. These cables are available via a NavCom authorized representative, or by contacting the NavCom Sales Department:

- Positronic 9-Pin Male to Ethernet RJ45 Plug (P/N 94-310265-3006LF). This cable is used in the setup described below.
- Y-Cable, Positronic 9-Pin Male to Ethernet RJ45 Plug & DB9S (RS-232/1PPS) (P/N 94-310272-3006LF)

Refer to the sections above, Ethernet Cable (Option) and Ethernet/RS-232/1PPS Y-Cable (Option), for detailed descriptions of the cables.

Setup

This setup uses the factory default IP address of the SF-3050:

```
192.168.0.2, 255.255.255.0, 0, 0, 0, 0
```

The PC IP address is set manually in Windows.

1. Connect the Positronic 9-Pin connector of the Ethernet cable (P/N 94-310265-3006LF) to COM1 - LAN of the SF-3050. Connect the RJ45 plug end to the computer.
2. In Windows, right-click My Network Places and select Properties from the pop-up menu. The Network Connections window opens.
3. Right-click Local Area Connection (or the equivalent) and click Properties from the pop-up menu. The Local Area Connection window opens.
4. Click on Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). See Figure 102.

![Figure 102: Local Area Connection Window](image)

5. Click the Properties button. The Internet Protocol window opens.
6. Select the option, Use the following IP address (see Figure 103).
7. Enter the IP address for the PC. In this case, enter 192.168.0.100

   The first part of the IP address, 192.168.0, is the same for both the SF-3050 and the PC. The last part of the IP address must be unique for every device. In this case, it is 100 for the PC.

8. Press the Tab button on the keyboard. The Subnet mask is automatically populated.

9. Click the OK button in this window and also in the Local Area Connection window.

10. Continue to the next section for connection instructions.

Connect SF-3050 to PC

1. Open StarUtil 3000 on the PC.

2. Click the Connections button to establish communications between the PC and the SF-3050. The Port Configuration dialog box opens.

Refer to Figure 104 for the steps below:

3. Select Ethernet as the Connection Type.

   Do not change the default Ethernet Settings: 192.168.0.2 is the factory default IP address of the SF-3050. The default virtual COM port is 4361.
4. Click the Connect button.

5. Verify that the SF-3050 is connected to the PC. Messages scrolling in the Communication window indicate that the connection is established (see Figure 5).

   If an Ethernet connection is not established, use StarUtil 3000 to verify the IP address of the SF-3050. A serial connection must be used to determine the receiver’s IP address.

Event

The SF-3050 accepts an event input pulse to synchronize external incidents requiring precise GNSS time tagging, such as aerial photography. For example, the action of a camera’s shutter creates an input pulse to the Event port. The SF-3050M outputs position and time information relative to each event received.

The Event is input on Pin 3 of the 9-pin male Positronic connector power port on the rear of the sensor (refer to Table 7).

Specifications:

- Selectable Input Voltage, 5V or 12V
- Minimum pulse width, 100nS
- Rising or Falling edge Synchronization

Detailed specifications of the Event Input, cable wiring, and configuration may be found in Appendix D of this User Guide.
1 PPS

A pulse is available from the SF-3050 at an output rate of once per second. This pulse can be used for a variety of Time/Mark applications where relative timing is required.

Specifications:
- 25ns relative accuracy
- Better than 100ns absolute accuracy
- 5V TTL Logic level output
- 1 PPS Output Impedance > 50 Ohms
- Pulse width, default 1mS
- Pulse delay, default 0mS
- Rising or Falling Edge Synchronization

Indicator Panel

![Figure 105: SF-3050 Indicator Panel](image)

The indicator panel provides a quick status view of the GNSS navigation/operating mode, StarFire signal strength, the On/Off (I/O) switch, data I/O and logging, and Bluetooth connectivity, respectively.

To power the unit on or off, depress the I/O switch for more than 2 seconds. All LEDs illuminate for a period of 3-5 seconds during power-up of the GNSS sensor.

In this chapter, refer to the section, *Proper Shutdown of SF-3050*, for details on powering off the unit.

### GNSS LEDs

*Table 18: GNSS LED Indication*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><img src="image" alt="GNSS" /></td>
<td>Power/GNSS</td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Power off</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>Power on but not tracking</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Green Blinking</td>
<td>Acquiring or tracking GNSS satellites (no position fix yet)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Using GNSS satellites (position fix)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
StarFire Link LEDs

*Table 19: StarFire Link LED Indication*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![StarFire Link Icon]</td>
<td><em>StarFire Link</em></td>
<td>Red</td>
<td>No StarFire signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Red Blinking</strong></td>
<td>No StarFire License (or expired)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Green Blinking</td>
<td>Acquiring StarFire signal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Tracking StarFire signal</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Data I/O Active LEDs

*Table 20: Data I/O Active LED Indication*

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>![Data Icon]</td>
<td><em>Data</em></td>
<td>Off</td>
<td>Data I/O inactive</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Green Blinking</strong></td>
<td>Data I/O active</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Green</td>
<td>Logging data to internal memory</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The LEDs do not indicate the status of Data I/O via Ethernet or USB connections.

Bluetooth Connectivity LEDs

Refer to Table 12.
Chapter 5............................................................................Installation

This chapter provides guidance on hardware installation for optimum performance.

Antennae

The 5/8 inch BSW threaded antenna mount has a depth of 16mm (0.63 inch).

It is possible to remove the 5/8 inch BSW threaded alloy insert to reveal a secondary means of mounting the antenna, a 1-14UNS-2B thread with a depth of 16mm (0.63 inch). This is a typical marine industry mount for navigation antennas. See Table 6 for P/Ns.

The BSW insert is secured in-place with an adhesive, and its removal will change the shock and vibration sustainability characteristics of the antenna mount.

![Figure 106: Rover, Base, Airborne GNSS Antennae](image)

Do not loosen or remove the Phillips screws on the base of the antenna for mounting purposes. This will VOID the warranty and compromise the environmental seal of the antenna, leading to internal damage.

Antenna placement is critical to good system performance. Avoid antenna shading by buildings, rooftop structures, foliage, hills/mountains, etc.

Locate the antenna where it has a clear view of the sky, to an elevation angle of 7° if possible. Obstructions below 15° elevation generally are not a problem, though this is dependent on satellite availability for the local region.

Avoid placing the antenna where more than 90° azimuth of the sky is obstructed. When more than 90° of azimuth is shaded, it is often still possible for the receiver to navigate; however, poor satellite geometry (due to satellite shading) will provide poor positioning results. Even 10° of shading can have a negative effect on performance, though this generally is not the case.

Avoid placing the antenna on or near metal or other electrically reflective surfaces.

Do not paint the antenna enclosure with a metallic-based paint.

Avoid placing the antenna near electrical motors (elevator, air conditioner, compressor, etc.)
Do not place the antenna too close to other active antennas. The wavelength of L5 is 0.255m and G1 is 0.187m. The minimum acceptable separation between antennas is 1m (39 in), which provides 5.9dB of isolation. For 10 dB of isolation, separate the GNSS antennas by 2.55m, and for 13dB of isolation (recommended) separate the antennas by 5.1m.

Active antennas (those with LNA’s or amplifiers) create an electrical field around the antenna. These radiated emissions can interfere with other nearby antennas. Multiple GNSS antennas in close proximity to each other can create multipath and oscillations between the antennas. These add to position error or the inability to process the satellite signals.

Most antenna’s have better gain when the satellite is high in elevation. Expect tracking performance to fade as the satellite lowers in elevation. It is not unusual to see 10dB difference in antenna gain (which translates into signal strength) throughout the entire elevation tracking path.

Map obstructions above the horizon using a compass and inclinometer. Use satellite prediction software with a recent satellite almanac to assess the impact on satellite visibility at that location (available on NavCom’s web site).

A clear line of sight between the antenna and the local INMARSAT satellite is required to track the StarFire signal. INMARSAT satellites are geo-synchronized 35,768kms above the Equator, currently at Longitudes 15.5° West, 97.65° West, 142° West, 025° East, 109° East, and 178° East. An inclination and bearing estimation tool is available on NavCom’s website to aid in determining potential obstructions to StarFire signal.

**GNSS Sensor**

Mount the SF-3050 GNSS sensor on a flat surface. Shock isolators suitable for 0.50kg (1.1 lbs) may be necessary for environments with high vibration, i.e., earth-moving equipment or aircraft.

Do not place the sensor in a confined space or where it may be exposed to excessive heat, moisture, or humidity.

- **MED Compass Safe Distance:** The SF-3050 receiver may not be installed closer than 250mm to the ship’s compass.

The SF-3050 can be installed in a backpack for mobile surveying applications.

- There are no user serviceable parts inside the SF-3050 GNSS sensor. Removing the screws that secure the front end and rear end plates will void the equipment warranty.

- If the receiver will be used or transported above 40,000 ft (12.2. km), it must be located in a pressurized compartment.
Communication Port Connectivity

There is no default control port or data port on the receiver. COM1 - LAN is the only Ethernet (LAN) compliant port. COM2 - USB is the only USB compliant port.

Establish communications via Bluetooth or a data cable:

- Setup Bluetooth communications via either the supplied StarUtil 3000 utility or a third party software/utility.
- Connect the Positronic 9-Pin connector of the supplied DB9S cable (P/N 94-310260-3006LF) to COM1 - LAN (RS-232/1PPS) or COM2 - USB (RS-232/RS-422) of the SF-3050. Connect the DB9S end to the control device.
- Connect the Positronic 9-Pin connector of the supplied USB 2.0 Device cable (P/N 94-310266-3006LF) to COM2 - USB of the SF-3050. Connect the USB plug end to the control device.
Figure 109 shows a common configuration with the control device connected to COM1 - LAN and an auxiliary device connected to COM2 - USB for data logging.

Some devices may require an additional adapter. The optional interface data cables support USB 2.0 Device and Host, Ethernet, and RS-232 and RS-422 (refer to Table 13). The receiver is configured as a DCE device.

![Communication Port Connections](09-00010-A)

**Figure 109: Communication Port Connections**

**GNSS Antenna Connector**

The connector used on the SF-3050 is a TNC female, labeled ANT on the rear panel of the sensor as shown in Figure 83.

- The GNSS antenna connector provides $+5V \pm 0.5V$ at 100mA. Do not disconnect the antenna when the GNSS unit is powered on.

- The system is supplied with 12ft (3.6m) of RG58/U cable (P/N 94-310261-3012LF). The cable is fitted with two straight male TNC connectors.

The cable length between the antenna and SF-3050 should not exceed 7dB loss at 1.575GHz for optimum performance, though the system may tolerate up to 10dB of cable loss with minimal performance. Lower elevation satellite tracking suffers the most with more than 7dB insertion loss.
### Table 21: Acceptable Cable Lengths

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Cable Type</th>
<th>Attenu. (dB) per 100 Ft.</th>
<th>Cable Length in Feet</th>
<th>Loss in dB</th>
<th>Attenu. (dB) per 100 m</th>
<th>Cable Length in Meters</th>
<th>Loss in dB</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>RG-58C</td>
<td>19.605</td>
<td>36.00</td>
<td>7.06</td>
<td>64.32</td>
<td>11.00</td>
<td>7.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RG-142</td>
<td>16.494</td>
<td>43.00</td>
<td>7.09</td>
<td>54.12</td>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>7.04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RG-213</td>
<td>9.564</td>
<td>74.00</td>
<td>7.08</td>
<td>31.38</td>
<td>22.50</td>
<td>7.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RG-223</td>
<td>17.224</td>
<td>41.00</td>
<td>7.06</td>
<td>56.51</td>
<td>12.50</td>
<td>7.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LMR600</td>
<td>3.407</td>
<td>207.00</td>
<td>7.05</td>
<td>11.18</td>
<td>63.00</td>
<td>7.04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LMR400</td>
<td>5.262</td>
<td>133.00</td>
<td>7.00</td>
<td>17.26</td>
<td>41.00</td>
<td>7.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LMR240</td>
<td>10.127</td>
<td>70.00</td>
<td>7.09</td>
<td>33.23</td>
<td>21.00</td>
<td>6.98</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LMR195</td>
<td>14.902</td>
<td>47.00</td>
<td>7.00</td>
<td>48.89</td>
<td>14.00</td>
<td>6.85</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In-line amplifiers suitable for all GNSS frequencies may be used to increase the length of the antenna cable, but care should be exercised that tracking performance is not degraded due to multiple connections, noise from the amplifier, and possible ingress of moisture and dust to the in-line amplifier. In-line amplifier or splitter devices must pass DC power from the receiver to the antenna, or source the appropriate voltage and current to the antenna (see Antenna Specifications). In-line amplifiers may also over-saturate the receiver front-end if improperly used.

⚠️ The antenna cable can degrade signal quality if incorrectly installed, or the cable loss exceeds NavCom specifications. Take care not to kink, stretch, distort, or damage the antenna cable. Do not place the cable adjacent to cables carrying electrical power or radio frequencies. In these instances, attempt to cross cables at 90° angles in an effort to reduce cross-coupling of RF signals.

⚠️ Where the GNSS antenna is exposed to sources of electromagnetic discharge such as lightning, install a properly grounded in-line electrical surge suppressor between the GNSS sensor and antenna. Install protective devices in compliance with local regulatory codes and practices. Protective devices must pass DC power from the receiver to the antenna.
Basics of RTK Surveying

RTK (Real-Time Kinematic) is a GNSS system that yields very accurate 3D position fixes immediately in real-time.

A reference station (base station) transmits its GNSS position to roving receivers as the base receiver generates them. The roving receivers use the reference station readings to differentially correct their own positions. Accuracies of a few centimeters in all three dimensions are possible. RTK requires multi-frequency GNSS receivers and high speed radio modems.

Proper setup of a reference station minimizes GNSS errors in the rover. The reference GNSS sensor is set up at a known surveyed location. With this position locked in, it transmits its code, clock, and reference station coordinate information to the roving sensor(s). The roving sensor(s) uses this information to correct each GNSS measurement it receives.

The SF-3050S, when configured as a reference station, can transmit corrections to any number of roving receivers capable of picking up the radio signal and decoding one of these correction formats: NavCom proprietary, RTCM 2.3/3.1 for Network RTK¹, CMR, or CMR+. The signal can be received in less than ideal environments, though some data loss may occur.

Setup of the reference station sensor above the roving sensors is recommended to enable transmission to all rovers in all directions with minimal obstruction. High frequency radio signals generally travel a shorter distance than lower frequency signals, and do not penetrate obstructions as well over distance. Figure 110 and Figure 111 illustrate proper and improper RTK reference station installation.

¹Network RTK is not supported in software version 1.0. The Network RTK software option allows the receiver to generate and receive RTCM 1000-series messages. The navigation algorithms are designed to support single-base correction configurations. Network adjusted RTK formats are not currently supported.
Refer to Chapter 8, RTK Setup, in the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for detailed instructions.
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Chapter 6.................................Configuration

The SF-3050 has a rich interface and detailed control language, allowing each unit to be individually programmed to a specific application.

There are essentially three methods available to configure and control the SF-3050:

✓ StarUtil 3000 – This program is a NavCom-developed utility designed to configure and view many (but not all) of the SF-3050 functions. In addition to its setup capabilities, StarUtil 3000 can capture and log data, upload new software and licenses to the internal processor, and query and display various receiver performance functions. Though it is developed as an Engineering tool, it has its own place in the commercial market as well. The program is provided on the SF-3050 Product USB Flash Drive.

✓ 3rd party controller – Some manufacturers have already integrated NavCom’s control features in their bundled hardware and software solution kits in a variety of applications including GIS, Machine Control, Aerial Photogrammetry, Land & Oceanographic Survey, Agriculture, and Military products. Information on these applications is available from the NavCom web site and customer service.

✓ User Program – Users may develop unique operating programs to control the SF-3050 (potentially in conjunction with other devices or utilities). To facilitate this effort, NavCom provides the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual (TRM). Information on this tool is available from the NavCom web site and customer service.

There is no default control port on the receiver. When either port is connected to control software, such as StarUtil 3000, that port becomes the control port.

■ COM1 - LAN

✓ Configuration – Control or Data Port
✓ Rate – RS-232: 9.6 to 115.2kbps
Ethernet: 10 to 100Mbps

This port is normally used to input and output proprietary messages used for navigation and receiver setup. Table 22 describes the default messages needed to best initiate surveying with minimal effort.

The user has full control over the utilized message types and their associated rates via either StarUtil 3000 or a third party software/utility.

■ COM2 - USB

✓ Configuration – Control or Data Port
✓ Rate – RS-232/RS-422: 9.6 to 115.2kbps
USB 2.0: 12Mbps

This port is normally used to output data to other devices or machines that can make immediate use of the precise positioning data available from the SF-3050. The data port outputs NCT Binary Messages and NMEA Messages, and when applying external dGNSS corrections, also serves as the dGNSS correction input port.
**BLUETOOTH VIRTUAL COM PORT**

- Configuration – Control Port
- Rate – 230.4kbps

The PC's virtual COM port is used to input and output proprietary messages used for navigation and receiver setup. Table 22 describes the default messages needed to best initiate surveying with minimal effort.

- The user has full control over the utilized message types and their associated rates via either StarUtil 3000 or a third-party software/utility.

**Factory Default Output Messages**

- **NCT Messages**

  *Table 22: Factory Default NCT Messages/Responses*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Rate</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ALM1B</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Satellite Almanac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHNLSTATUS1B</td>
<td>On Time 1Hz</td>
<td>ASIC &amp; StarFire Channel Status</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EPHEM1B</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Satellite Ephemeris</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MEAS1B</td>
<td>On Time 1Hz</td>
<td>Raw Satellite Measurement Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSGPRODUCTINFO</td>
<td>On Time 600 Sec</td>
<td>Product Type, Digital Serial Number, and System Revision Number</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MSGVERSION</td>
<td>On Time 600 Sec</td>
<td>Firmware Identification Block</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PVT1B</td>
<td>On Time 1Hz</td>
<td>Position, Velocity, and Time (PVT) Solution</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PANICA</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Factory Use</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Message</th>
<th>Rate</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OK (mnemonic)</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Ack (“Acknowledged”). Ack indicates a successful input message operation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>?? (mnemonic) {argument error}</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Nak (“Not Acknowledged”). NAK indicates a failure in executing a command.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PANICA</td>
<td>On Change</td>
<td>Factory Use</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
These settings indicate the following:

- **On Change:** The receiver outputs the specified message at the highest rate the system can output. The rate must be purchased. For example, if the receiver has a purchased rate of 25 Hz, the messages set at On Change are output at 25 Hz. (This rate applies only to MEAS1B and PVT1B.) Some messages, like satellite almanac, are output after an update is received over the air.

- **On Time:** The receiver outputs the specified message at a rate ≤ the purchased rate. For example, if the receiver has a purchased rate of 25 Hz, a message may be set at a lower output rate, such as On Time, 10 Hz, or 0.1 seconds.

**Message Descriptions**

The following message descriptions are fully defined in the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* (see *Related Documents* in the fore-matter).

- **ALM1B Packed Almanac:**
  
  Data corresponding to each satellite in the GPS constellation, including: GPS Week number of collected almanac, GPS Time of week [in seconds] of collected almanac, almanac reference week, almanac reference time, almanac source, almanac health, pages 1-25, and sub-frames 4 and 5. Packed almanac data for 32 GPS or 24 GLONASS satellites.

- **CHNLSTATUS1B Channel Status:**
  
  Receiver channel status information containing: Sapphire engine status, number of satellites viewed/tracked, PDOP, tracked satellite identity, satellite elevation and azimuth, C/No for the track signals, and correction age for each satellite.

- **EPHEM1B Packed Ephemeris:**
  
  Individual satellite tracking information including: GPS Week number of collected ephemeris, GPS Time of week [in seconds] of collected ephemeris, IODC, and sub-frame 1, 2, and 3 data. Packed ephemeris data for 32 GPS or 24 GLONASS satellites.

- **MEAS1B Raw Measurement Data:**
  
  Raw Measurement Data Block containing: Raw measurements from satellites so measurements can be post-processed to achieve precise point positions, the GPS Week, GPS Time of Week, Time Slew Indicator, Status, Channel Status, CA Pseudorange, L1 Phase, P1-CA Pseudorange, P2-CA Pseudorange, L2 Phase, GPS L5, GLONASS G1 and G1 Code and Phase, and SBAS Code and Phase. This data stream is repeated for each individual tracked satellite.

- **MSGPRODUCTINFO Product Information:**
  
  Product type, digital serial number, and system revision number (incremented at every hardware change).

- **MSGVERSION Firmware Version:**
  
  Version number, date and time stamp for the requested firmware component.

- **PVT1B (Position, Velocity, and Time):**
  
  Provides: GPS Week number, GNSS satellites used, latitude, longitude, navigation
mode, and DOP information.

- PANICA Alert Text Message:
  Details message receipt and processing.

## NMEA Messages

The SF-3050 provides support both for selected standard NMEA messages and for nonstandard proprietary NMEA-type messages. These messages must be scheduled by the user.

### Base and Rover Navigation Setup

NavCom’s StarUtil 3000 provides Base and Rover setup capabilities. Refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for details. The guide is included on the supplied SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive and is also available on the NavCom web site.

### User Profiles

The SF-3050 utilizes commands or groups of commands, known as User Profiles, to set the various port assignments/parameters, navigation parameters, and output message lists. The SF-3050 provides for storage of up to 20 user profiles. A file with commonly used user profiles is included on the supplied USB flash drive.

- The SF-3050 provides for storage of up to 20 user profiles. Profiles may also be stored on a PC. Each user profile is stored with a name. The user profile extension is *.*npt.
- StarUtil 3000, or another controller solution, is used to upload a user profile by its name.
- The SF-3050 may be initially configured with the factory default user profile or a profile customized for the user by an authorized dealer.
- Predefined, commonly used profiles are included on the supplied SF-3050 Product Configuration USB Flash Drive or available by email.
- To save the current configuration settings in the receiver for future use, the user creates a profile and assigns it a name.
  - The user may reset all of the user-controlled configuration parameters to the factory default values (see the next section, *Profile NONE*).
  - A new profile sent to the receiver replaces the currently used profile, but it does not necessarily replace all of the current parameter settings. The new profile replaces only those parameter settings that it specifies.

For example:

The default navigation elevation mask is $7^\circ$. 

The user changes the elevation mask to 12° in a profile named “Test”. The user subsequently sends profile “RTK” to the receiver. It replaces “Test” and changes navigation mode settings and port assignments.

But profile “RTK” does not specify a setting for the navigation elevation mask. So, the elevation mask remains at 12°, as previously set by the “Test” profile.

Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed information on the [PROFILE] and [USEPROFILE] commands (see *Related Documents* in the fore-matter).

**Profile NONE**

The command [USEPROFILE] NONE resets all of the user-controlled configuration parameters to the factory default values. The receiver’s profile remains set to NONE until another profile is successfully input.

The profile NONE is subject to change.

**Avoiding User Profile Loading Errors**

StarUtil 3000 v.1.0.0 and later scans user profiles before loading them to adjust port settings and reduce the likelihood of communication errors. Communication errors still occur, and this section aids in resolving common issues.

As a user profile is loaded into the receiver, each command line is acted upon as it is received. A profile loading error occurs if the communication link between the PC and the receiver is broken before all command lines are received. To avoid this loading error, the best practice is to preview the control port baud rate in a user profile before loading the profile. Refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide* for detailed instructions.

**Third-Party Controller Configuration Settings**

Refer to the third-party controller solution manual/user guide if your SF-3050 GNSS sensor is part of an integrated solution.

**Over the Air StarFire Licensing**

Over the Air (OTA) StarFire Licensing is the easiest way to install a StarFire license. The installation of a purchased license is accomplished via radio broadcast. Over the Air StarFire Licensing is especially convenient for receivers in remote locations in the field.

These are the requirements for obtaining a StarFire license:

- Valid Purchase Order
- Signed License Agreement
- Appropriate Credit Terms with NavCom Technology or an Authorized Dealer; including a valid P.O.
NavCom recommends that customers process new StarFire license requests through an authorized dealer or NavCom Sales 15 to 30 days before the expiration of the current license.

The customer selects the date and time in GMT for the Over the Air broadcast of the StarFire License.

✓ The scheduled broadcast must occur at least 3 business days after a valid P.O. is received by NavCom Sales.
✓ Specify broadcast date and time in GMT on the P.O.
✓ NavCom confirms the date & time of broadcast via email.

**Over the Air Broadcast**

The StarFire license is broadcast at the scheduled time and 5 minutes later as a backup.

- To ensure reception, turn on the receiver before the specified broadcast time. Do not turn off the receiver until verifying that the license is saved.
- The receiver must be tracking StarFire satellites at the broadcast times, though the receiver is not required to be operating in StarFire mode during the broadcasts.

**Verify License Is Saved**

There are two ways to view StarFire license data to verify that the license is saved:

✓ StarUtil 3000

✓ Sapphire Message SFLICENSEB (described in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual)

(Refer to Related Documents in the fore-matter.)

Verify this StarFire license data:

✓ The StarFire license is saved as one of these license types:
  - Primary StarFire License: Currently active license
  - Secondary (Backup) StarFire License: Inactive license that becomes active at the expiration of the Primary StarFire license

✓ Duration of the saved license and the valid areas of operation

For special-case scenarios, customers may request to receive the StarFire license via email to manually upload via StarUtil 3000. The request must be specified in the P.O.

- The broadcast procedure for Over the Air StarFire Licensing is subject to change.
Setting Up a StarFire Priority Network

The SF-3050 defaults to using the highest available satellite between both networks. If multiple receivers are used on one platform, the user may force one to use Net1 and the other to use Net2.

1. On the Input Terminal, type [SFNETPRIORITY] to view the current priority net settings.

2. Perform one of the following:
   - Type [SFNETPRIORITY]DEFAULT to command the system to automatically select the StarFire satellite with the highest elevation angle, regardless of Net1 or Net2, but subject to authorized nets.
   - Type [SFNETPRIORITY]NET1 to set Net1 as the priority net, which commands the receiver to select the Net1 StarFire satellite with the highest elevation angle.
   - Type [SFNETPRIORITY]NET2 to set Net1 as the priority net, which commands the receiver to select the Net2 StarFire satellite with the highest elevation angle.

If there are no visible Net1 satellites, or if the receiver is licensed as Net2 only, the receiver will select the Net2 StarFire satellite with the highest elevation angle.

If there are no visible Net2 satellites, or if the receiver is licensed as Net1 only, the receiver will select the Net1 satellite with the highest elevation angle.


RapidRecovery

The Rapid Recovery feature provides a way to more quickly recover from the loss of StarFire corrected positioning after loss and recovery of navigation. The receiver starts using these corrections when the link to the navigation satellites has been lost, or has degraded to a specified quality value called Figure of Merit (FOM) which represents the best-guess accuracy of the horizontal position. Convergence time in StarFire mode is virtually eliminated under certain conditions following a very brief navigational outage.

- NavCom recommends using a FOM value in the range of 5-10.
- This feature is available only on the GPS portion of the StarFire correction, which constitutes the larger weighted component of the correction.

RapidRecovery with QuickStart

StarFire QuickStart enables Rapid Recovery when an accurately known ITRF08 position is used to initialize StarFire navigation. This is typically a position previously surveyed and converted to ITRF08 prior to initialization.

- This feature is available for StarFire GNSS only.
- The receiver must have a StarFire Dual Frequency solution prior to initiating
QuickStart

- RapidRecovery is available only on the GPS portion of the StarFire correction, which constitutes the larger weighted component of the correction.
- RapidRecovery is not available for the first 5 minutes after a successful quick start is completed.
- When a lower FOM_limit value is input, the receiver is more constrained in completing a Rapid Recovery process.
- In order for RapidRecovery to function, the outages must not exceed 2 minutes.
- Requires one minute to complete.
- Option to manually enter coordinates to initiate feature.

Failed Search

Whether from loss of reception or lack of initial acquisition, after a 5-minute failed search for a StarFire satellite, the receiver automatically searches for another available StarFire satellite.

This functionality only applies to:
- Receivers licensed for both StarFire Net 1 and Net 2.
- Receivers only licensed for StarFire Net 1 in areas where signals from 2 StarFire satellites overlap and may be available.

Reassignment of StarFire Network List

Satellites 609 and 643 have been reassigned to provide improved reception. Satellite 609, which was in Net1, is now in Net2, and satellite 643, which was in Net2, is now in Net1 (See Tables 23, 24 and 25).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Network</th>
<th>Satellite ID</th>
<th>Longitude</th>
<th>Satellite Name</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Net 1</td>
<td>402</td>
<td>97.65W</td>
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<td>Auckland</td>
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<td>484</td>
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Table 23: StarFire Satellites v.1.0.1.5 and Earlier
### Table 24: StarFire Satellites v.2.0.15.0 and Later

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### Table 25: StarFire Satellites v.3.0.12.0 and Later

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</table>
Chapter 7................................................................. Safety Instructions

The SF-3050 GNSS sensor is designed for precise navigation and positioning using the Global Positioning System, GLONASS. Users must be familiar with the use of portable GNSS equipment, the limitations thereof and these safety instructions prior to use of this equipment.

Transport

Always carry the NavCom equipment in either the original packing material or packaging which provides protection to the receiver and antenna against shock and vibration.

Utilize all original packaging when transporting via rail, ship, or air.

Maintenance

The NavCom equipment may be cleaned using a new lint free cloth moistened with pure alcohol.

Connectors must be inspected, and if necessary cleaned before use. Always use the provided connector protective caps to minimize moisture and dirt ingress.

Inspect cables regularly for kinks and cuts as these may cause interference and equipment failure.

Damp equipment must be dried at a temperature less than +40°C (104°F), but greater than 5°C (41°F) at the earliest opportunity.

External Power Source

Early SF-3050 production units are supplied with an external power cable without a filter (P/N 94-310262-3010LF). Later SF-3050 production units are supplied with an external power cable with a filter (P/N 94-310274-3010LF)

The power cable must be connected to the chosen external power solution in accordance with Chapter 3 Interfacing/Electrical Power. It is important that the external power source allow sufficient current draw for proper operation. Insufficient supplied current will cause damage to your external power source.

If your chosen external power source is a disposable battery, please dispose of the battery in accordance with your local regulations.

Safety First

The owner of this equipment must ensure that all users are properly trained prior to using the equipment and are aware of the potential hazards and how to avoid them.

Other manufacturer’s equipment must be used in accordance with the safety instructions issued by that manufacturer. This includes other manufacturer’s equipment that may be attached to NavCom Technology, Inc. manufactured equipment.

Always use the equipment in accordance with local regulatory practices for safety and health at work.
There are no user serviceable parts inside the SF-3050 GNSS sensor. Accessing the inside of the equipment will void the equipment warranty.

Take care to ensure the SF-3050 does not come into contact with electrical power installations, the unit is securely fastened and there is protection against electromagnetic discharge in accordance with local regulations.
A ............................................................ GNSS Module Specifications

The technical specifications of this unit are detailed below. NavCom Technology, Inc. is constantly improving, and updating our technology. For the latest technical specifications for all products go to: http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/

This GNSS sensor is fitted with an internal Lithium cell battery used to maintain GNSS time when power is removed from the unit. This allows faster satellite acquisition upon unit power up. The cell has been designed to meet over 5 years of service life before requiring replacement at a NavCom approved maintenance facility.

Features

✓ Full constellation coverage with up to 66 signals tracked simultaneously, plus the StarFire channel
✓ SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN) tracking
✓ Built in StarFire receiver and demodulator
✓ L1, L2, L2C, L5, G1, G2, E1, E5A (GPS/ GLONASS) code and full wavelength carrier phase tracking
✓ High sensitivity/low signal level tracking
✓ Fast acquisition/re-acquisition
✓ Superior interference suppression (both in-band & out-of-band)
✓ Patented multipath rejection
✓ Minimal data latency
✓ 2 GB of internal memory (Not supported in version 1.0 software)
✓ NavCom Ultra Compact RTK format, RTCM 2.3 and 3.0 (code & carrier), and CMR/CMR+.
✓ Output NMEA 0183, NavCom Binary, NavCom ASCII formats
✓ Configurable as RTK base or rover
✓ MBRTK
✓ RTK Extend
✓ Heading
✓ Programmable output rates
✓ Event Marker input
✓ 1PPS Output
✓ Communications Ports: RS-232, RS-422, USB 2.0 (Device & Host), Bluetooth, and Ethernet
✓ StarFire over IP corrections via the Internet
Performance

SF-3050 performance is dependent on location, satellite geometry, atmospheric conditions, and GNSS correction.

Tracking Characteristics

The SF-3050 engine has 67 signal channels with the required flexibility to track all civilian GNSS and SBAS signals. The SF-3050 engine is also capable of tracking the code and carrier from all GNSS signals.

L5 and G2 are not available simultaneously due to hardware resource sharing. Select a signal according to these environmental considerations:

- Shade: G2 provides the best results, though positioning is less accurate in shade.
- Open Sky: L5 provides the best positioning accuracy.

Refer to the TRACKINGMODE command in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for details (see Related Documents in the fore-matter).

Signals Tracked

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Navigation &amp; Public Correction Signals</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Services include: GPS L1, and SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN); all at the same frequency:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services include: GPS (L2, L2C); all at the same frequency:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Services include: GPS L5</td>
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<tr>
<td>G1 services include: GLONASS</td>
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<tr>
<td>G2 services include: GLONASS</td>
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<tr>
<td>StarFire Signals</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tracking of newer navigation satellite signals (L2C and L5) is subject to:

- The availability of the signals from newer satellites
- The "health bit" set to "healthy"
- The SF-3050 navigation software updated to a version compatible with the signals
Receiver Noise Figure

17.0dB +0.5dB @ 290º Kelvin; 1Hz RBW

Time-to-First-Fix

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<tr>
<td>Cold Start:</td>
<td>&lt; 60 seconds</td>
<td>No valid Almanac or Ephemeris data available</td>
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<tr>
<td>Warm Start:</td>
<td>&lt; 50 seconds</td>
<td>Valid Almanac available (less than one year old)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hot Start:</td>
<td>&lt; 20 seconds</td>
<td>Valid Ephemeris available (less than 4 hours old)</td>
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Typical values measured per ION-STD 101

Signal Reacquisition

< 30 second loss: < 2 seconds

Dynamics

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<tr>
<td>Acceleration:</td>
<td>Up to 6g</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Speed:</td>
<td>&lt; 515m/s¹ (1,000 knots)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Altitude:</td>
<td>&lt; 18.3km¹² (60,000 ft)</td>
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¹Restricted by USA export laws
²Supported in software. The receiver hardware must be placed in a pressurized environment for altitudes >12.2km (40,000 ft.)
## Measurement Performance

### Measurement Precision (RMS)

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<th>Measurement</th>
<th>H Position</th>
<th>V Position</th>
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<td>Raw C/A code:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Raw Carrier Phase Noise:</td>
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<td>7.50cm</td>
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<td>L1: 0.7mm</td>
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<td>&lt;40kms (RMS)</td>
<td>± 1 cm</td>
<td>+0.5ppm</td>
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<td>± 2 cm</td>
<td>+1 ppm</td>
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<td>(see note below)</td>
<td>± 5 cm</td>
<td>+2 ppm</td>
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<td>± 10 cm</td>
<td>+2 ppm</td>
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<th>RTK Extend (see note below)</th>
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<td>± 3 cm</td>
<td>+1 ppm</td>
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<td></td>
<td>± 6 cm</td>
<td>+2 ppm</td>
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<th>RTK Float</th>
<th>H Position</th>
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<td>± 20 cm</td>
<td>+3 ppm</td>
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<td></td>
<td>± 40 cm</td>
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<th>StarFire-LP</th>
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<td></td>
<td>50cm</td>
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<th>StarFire (multi)</th>
<th>H Position</th>
<th>V Position</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>± 5 cm GNSS, ± 10 cm GPS</td>
<td>± 10 cm GNSS, ± 15 cm GPS</td>
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<th>Code Differential GPS &lt;200kms (RMS)</th>
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<td>+3 ppm</td>
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<td></td>
<td>± 90 cm</td>
<td>+3 ppm</td>
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### Heading – Multi-Frequency

- .1 degrees
- Requires 10Hz update rate

### Velocity (for all DGPS described above)

- Velocity: 0.01m/s

### Enhanced SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/MSAS/GAGAN) Position Accuracy (RMS)

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<td>± 60 cm</td>
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The specifications herein are based on the following: PDOP <4, 1-sigma (65%), 24-hour averaged set of data. Further, performance is dependent upon, but not limited to location, satellite geometry, atmospheric conditions (i.e., solar storm activity), local interference, DoD signal degradation (i.e., Selective Availability or similar techniques), satellite messaging or timing errors, and augmentation correction messages.

RTK WL is a positioning mode that is necessary for phase ambiguity resolution. However when this navigation mode is indicated, it is likely that the receiver is in a corner case navigation condition. As such, it is likely that the end user will not wish to use it as a valid navigation mode.

If the above conditions are met, then the receiver will not need to be put into RTK-WL mode.

RTK Extend is a purchased software option that uses StarFire to provide continuous RTK positioning during non-reception of RTK corrections. When a StarFire-enabled receiver with RTK Extend falls out of RTK mode, the system automatically transitions to RTK Extend mode. Positioning is maintained because of the close correlation in phase measurement corrections between RTK and StarFire.

Depending on how long the RTK base station has been running and is StarFire fixed, the duration of RTK Extend is limited to:
- 2 to 15 minutes for an NCT base station
- 2 to 15 minutes for a non-NCT base station

For RTK Extend to achieve maximum performance, the rover must be fully converged, which typically requires one (1) hour of operation.

The correlation between RTK and StarFire phase measurement corrections decreases over time, until the system automatically transitions out of RTK Extend mode to the next available dGPS mode.

This option is only required on the Rover receiver. If a Base receiver may be used as a Rover at a future date, it should be optioned for RTK Extend as well.

Refer to the *StarUtil 3000 User Guide*, Chapter 5, for more information on RTK Extend.

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User-Programmable Output Rates

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<td>G</td>
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<td>Position, Velocity, and Time</td>
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<td>1, 5*Hz</td>
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*5 Hz is the default PVT and Raw Data Rate for software bundles G and S. 25 Hz is the default PVT and Raw Data Rate for Bundle M.

Data Latency and Memory

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¹Not available for v1.0 software

1PPS

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<td>Pulse Width:</td>
<td>user defined from 25 to 1600000 nS inclusive; 1000000 default</td>
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Connector Assignments

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<td>TNC (female) RF Input, RF Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>COM 1 – LAN: (connector: FR11MP922LM0/AA pin: MC422N/AA)</td>
<td>Positronic (female) RS-232, from 9.6 to 115.2 kbps Ethernet, from 10 to 100 Mbps 1PPS</td>
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<td>COM 2 – USB: (connect same as COM1)</td>
<td>Positronic (female) RS-232/RS-422, from 9.6 to 115.2 kbps, USB 2.0, 12 Mbps max data rate</td>
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<tr>
<td>POWER: (connector: FR11FP922LM0/AA; pin: FC422N6/AA)</td>
<td>Positronic (male) Power port, from 9 to 32 VDC, 6 W typical, Power Input 1,2; Power Ground 1PPS / Event Marker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BLUETOOTH:</td>
<td>1 Serial Port Service, 230.4 kbps 10 m (32 ft) range</td>
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By default, the two female Positronic ports are available for command inputs and data input/output. Refer to Chapter 4, Interfacing, for I/O connector pin assignments.

Input/Output Data Messages

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<th>Control Commands (Input Only):</th>
<th>NavCom proprietary commands (refer to TRM)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Differential Correction (I/O):</td>
<td>RTCM 2.3 and 3.0, RTCM types 1, 3, and 9, SBAS (WAAS/EGNOS/ MSAS/ GAGAN), and StarFire</td>
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<tr>
<td>RTK Correction Data (I/O):</td>
<td>CMR/CMR+, RTCM types 3, 18-22, and 1001-1012, 1019-1020, 1033; NCT types 0x5B, 0x5C, and 0x5E (hex)</td>
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<tr>
<td>NMEA-0183 Messages (Output Only):</td>
<td>ALM, DTM, GFA, GNS, MLA, GBS, GGA, GLL, GRS, GSA, GST, GSV, HDT, RMC, RRE, ROT, TTM, VTG, ZDA</td>
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See Related Standards at the front of this manual for information on the various data formats.

In the most current version of the software, the DTM message will automatically display before the most frequently scheduled NAV message.

In older versions of the software (v3.0.13 and earlier), the DTM message must be manually scheduled to display at the same rate as the most frequent NAV message to meet IMO and MED certification requirements. v.3.0.14 and later software support NMEA-0183 v.1.4.1. See Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for details.
Satellite-Based Augmentation System Signals

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<th>Publicly broadcast services:</th>
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StarFire Rapid Recovery

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<tr>
<td>Outage duration</td>
<td>Up to 3 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maximum outage distance</td>
<td>10km</td>
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<tr>
<td>PDOP Limit</td>
<td>&lt;4</td>
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<tr>
<td>HDOP Limit</td>
<td>&lt;3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recovery time</td>
<td>&lt;2 minutes after re-entering StarFire navigation mode</td>
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Physical and Environmental

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<td>Size (L x W x H):</td>
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<tr>
<td>Without Mounting Brackets:</td>
<td>164 x 117 x 60mm (6.47 x 4.60 x 2.37in)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>With Mounting Brackets:</td>
<td>164 x 166 x 62mm (6.47 x 6.52 x 2.46in)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight:</td>
<td>1.1 lbs (0.50 kg)</td>
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<td>External Power:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Input Voltage:</td>
<td>9 to 32VDC, 6W typical</td>
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<tr>
<td>Output Voltage:</td>
<td>+5V ± 0.5V (up to 100mA available for antenna bias via RF connector)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Temperature(ambient):</td>
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<td>Operating:</td>
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<td>Storage:</td>
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<td>IEC 61162-1, IEC 61162-2</td>
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**MED Compass Safe Distance:** 250mm

* Compliant only when cables are connected

**LED Display Functions**

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<td>Bluetooth Connectivity</td>
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# Antenna Specifications

## Table 26: Rover, Base, and Airborne GNSS Antenna

| Part Numbers       | Rover: 82-001020-3001LF  
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<td></td>
<td>Airborne: 82-001022-3001LF</td>
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| Frequency          | GPS L1: 1575.42MHz, ±16MHz  
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| (Frequency is dependent on software bundle options.) | GPS L2: 1227.60MHz, ±16MHz  
|                    | GPS L2C: 1227.60MHz, ±16MHz  
|                    | GPS L5: 1176.45MHz, ±16MHz  
|                    | StarFire L-Band: 1525 -1585 MHz  
|                    | GLONASS G1: 1603.00MHz, ±6.5MHz  
|                    | GLONASS G2: 1247.00MHz, ±5MHz  

| Phase Center (see Figure 112) | GPS L1: 66mm (2.60in)  
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                | GPS L2: 65mm (2.56in)  

| Polarization                  | Right Hand Circular (RHCP)  
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|

| Pre–Amplifier                 | 39dB gain (+/-2dB)  
|--------------------------------|---------------------|

| Noise Figure                  | 2.6dB max  
|--------------------------------|----------|

| Impedance                     | 50 Ohms  
|--------------------------------|----------|

| VSWR / RL                     | ≤ 2.0:1 (14dB return loss)  
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

| Band Rejection                | 20dB @ 250MHz  
|--------------------------------|------------------|

| RF Power Handling             | 1 Watt  
|--------------------------------|---------|

| Input Voltage                 | 4.2 to 15.0 VDC  
|--------------------------------|---------------|

| Power Consumption             | 0.3W 46mA typical, 50mA max @ 5VDC  
|--------------------------------|----------------------|

| Vibration                     | RTCA D0-160 E, Section 8, Curve D  
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

| Immersion                     | MIL-STD-810F, Method 512.4  
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

| Cable Connector               | TNC Female  
|--------------------------------|------------|

| Antenna Operating Temperature | -55°C to +85°C  
|--------------------------------|---------------|

| Altitude                      | 70,000ft; 21,336m  
|--------------------------------|------------------|

| Rover/Airborne Antenna Finish | Fluid resistant Ultem, UV stable  
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

- Designed to DO-160D Standard
- NavCom P/N 82-001022-3001LF is the aircraft mount antenna, also rated to 70,000 feet (21,336m), and is TSO-C144 certified.
Figure 112: Rover GNSS Antenna Offset

Figure 112 is a drawing of the label on the Rover GNSS antenna (P/N 82-001020-3001LF). The phase center provided is based on NGS test results. NGS does not currently provide GLONASS calibrated values.

Figure 113: Rover (P/N 82-001020-3001) Antenna Dimensions
To achieve the greatest level of accuracy, the absolute phase center values must be incorporated into your processing. Phase center information on this antenna is found on our web site: http://www.navcomtech.com/Support/DownloadCenter.cfm?category=antenna

Figure 114: Airborne (P/N 82-001022-3001LF) Antenna Dimensions
Rover/Airborne Antennae Radiation Pattern

Optimal antenna performance is realized at elevations greater than 25°. There is a 10dB variation between 0° and 90° elevation (factor 10x); therefore, lower elevation satellites are always more difficult to track. There is a 5dB variation between ~35° and 0° elevation (factor >3x)

Figure 115: Rover/Airborne GNSS Antenna Radiation Pattern

Figure 116: Base (P/N 82-001021-3001LF) Antenna Dimensions
Base Antenna Radiation Pattern

![Base GNSS Antenna Radiation Pattern](image)

**Figure 117: Base GNSS Antenna Radiation Pattern**

Optimal antenna performance is realized at elevations greater than 35º. There is an 11dB variation between 15º and 90º elevation (factor >10x); therefore, lower elevation satellites are always more difficult to track. There is a 9dB variation between ~35º and 0º elevation (factor >8x)
Description

The StarFire Network is a global system for the distribution of SBAS corrections giving the user the ability to measure their position anywhere in the world with exceptional reliability and unprecedented accuracy of better than 5cm (2 inches). Because the SBAS corrections are broadcast via INMARSAT geo-stationary satellites, the user needs no local reference stations or post-processing to get this exceptional accuracy. Furthermore, the same accuracy is available virtually anywhere on the earth's surface on land or sea from a 10 degree look angle, due to the worldwide coverage of these geo-stationary satellites.

Infrastructure

The system utilizes the GPS satellite system, L-Band communication satellites, and a worldwide network of reference stations, to deliver real-time high-precision positioning.

To provide this unique service, NavCom has built a global network of dual-frequency reference stations, which constantly receive signals from the GPS satellites as they orbit the earth. Data from these reference stations is fed to two USA processing centers, in Torrance, California and Moline, Illinois, where they are processed to generate the differential corrections.

From the two processing centers, the correction data is fed via redundant and independent communication links to satellite uplink stations at Laurentides, Canada; Perth, Australia; Burum, The Netherlands; Santa Paula, California; Auckland, New Zealand; and Southbury, Connecticut for rebroadcast via the geo-stationary satellites.

The key to the accuracy and convenience of the StarFire system is the source of SBAS corrections. GPS satellites transmit navigation data on several L-Band frequencies. The StarFire reference stations are all equipped with geodetic-quality, multi-frequency receivers. These reference receivers decode GPS signals and send precise, high quality,
multi-frequency pseudorange and carrier phase measurements back to the processing
centers together with the data messages, which all GPS satellites broadcast.

At the processing centers, NavCom’s proprietary differential processing techniques are
used to generate real-time precise orbits and clock correction data for each satellite in the
GPS constellation. This proprietary Wide Area DGPS (WADGPS) algorithm is optimized
for a multi-frequency system such as StarFire, in which multi-frequency ionospheric
measurements are available at both the reference receivers and the user receivers. It is
the use of multi-frequency receivers at both the reference stations and the user
equipment, together with the advanced processing algorithms, which makes the
exceptional accuracy of the StarFire system possible.

Creating the corrections is just the first part. From our two processing centers, the
differential corrections are then sent to the Land Earth Station (LES) for uplink to L-Band
communications satellites. The uplink sites for the network are equipped with NavCom-
built modulation equipment, which interfaces with the satellite system transmitter and
uplinks the correction data stream to the satellite that broadcasts it over the coverage
area. Each L-Band satellite covers more than a third of the earth.

Users equipped with a StarFire precision GPS receiver actually have two receivers in a
single package, a GPS receiver and an L-Band communications receiver, both designed
by NavCom for this system. The GPS receiver tracks all the satellites in view and makes
pseudorange measurements to the GPS satellites. Simultaneously, the L-Band receiver
receives the correction messages broadcast via the L-Band satellite. When the
corrections are applied to the GPS measurements, a position measurement of
unprecedented real-time accuracy is produced.

The StarFire network ground reference frame transitioned from the ITRF-2005 to the
ITRF-2008 system on January 21, 2014 at 0900 hours UTC. The back-up systems
provide fully redundant transition as of January 27, 2014 at 00:00 hours UTC. For
information on this transition, please consult the Troubleshooting Guide StarFire GPS
Transition to ITRF2008 Ground Reference Network located on the NavCom website.

Reliability

The entire system meets or exceeds a target availability of 99.99%. To achieve this,
every part of the infrastructure has a built-in backup system.

All of the reference stations are built with duplicate receivers, processors, and
communication interfaces, which switch automatically or in response to a remote control
signal from the processing centers. The data links from the reference stations use the
Internet as the primary data link and are backed up by dedicated communications lines,
but in fact the network is sufficiently dense that the reference stations effectively act as
backup for each other. If one or several fail, the net effect on the correction accuracy is
not impaired.

There are two continuously running processing centers, each receiving all of the
reference site inputs and each with redundant communications links to the uplink LES.
The LESs are equipped with two complete and continuously operating sets of uplink
equipment arbitrated by an automatic fail over switch. Finally, a comprehensive team of
support engineers maintains round the clock monitoring and control of the system.
The network is a fully automated self-monitoring system. To ensure overall system integrity, an independent integrity monitor receiver, similar to a standard StarFire user receiver, is installed at every reference station to monitor service quality. Data from these integrity monitors is sent to the two independent processing hubs in Torrance, California and Moline, Illinois. Through these integrity monitors, the network is continuously checked for overall SBAS positioning accuracy, L-Band signal strength, data integrity, and other essential operational parameters.

StarFire Satellites

**Table 27: StarFire Satellites v. 1.0.1.5 and Earlier**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Network</th>
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<th>Longitude</th>
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<td>Auckland</td>
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Satellites 609 and 643 have been reassigned to provide improved reception. Satellite 609, which was in Net1, is now in Net2, and satellite 643, which was in Net2, is now in Net1.

**Table 28: StarFire Satellites v. 2.0.15.0 and Later**

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**Table 29: StarFire Satellites v.3.0.12.0 and Later**

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How to Access the StarFire Service

StarFire is a subscription service. The user pays a subscription, which licenses the use of the service for a predetermined period of time. In addition to the StarFire license, the SF-3050 receiver requires a StarFire Software Option\(^1\). This is not a requirement for other NavCom receivers.

StarFire subscriptions can be purchased for quarterly, biannual, or annual periods and are available via a NavCom authorized representative, or by contacting NavCom Sales Department.

An authorized subscription will provide an encrypted keyword, which is specific to the Serial Number of the NavCom receiver to be authorized. This is entered into the receiver using the provided controller solution.

For the SF-3050 receiver only, the initial StarFire license and StarFire Software Option are installed by an authorized dealer or the user.

Former NavCom receivers were delivered with the initial StarFire license preinstalled at the factory, and subsequent licenses were installed by the user. NavCom’s order fulfillment center has changed, necessitating a change in initial license installation as detailed above.

For the SF-3050 receiver only, subsequent renewals of the license can be transmitted to the receiver via satellite.

The only piece of equipment needed to use the StarFire system is a StarFire receiver. NavCom offers a variety of receivers configured for different applications. Details of all the StarFire receivers are available from the NavCom authorized local representative or the NavCom website at: www.NavComtech.com

StarFire receivers include a multi-frequency GNSS receiver and an L-Band receiver integrated into a single unit to provide the exceptional precise positioning capability of the StarFire Network, anywhere, anytime.

\(^1\) Dependent on Bundle Options: Standard or Optional
Figure 118: StarFire Network
Event Input Configuration

Figure 119 details the wiring of the supplied Event cable assembly. NavCom part number P/N 94-310262-3010LF is supplied with earlier SF-3050 production units. P/N 94-310274-3010LF is supplied with later SF-3050 production units.

Refer to Chapter 3/Event for detailed electrical specifications.

Table 30 details the wiring configuration required for Event pulse sensing.

Table 30: Event Wiring Connections

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<td>3</td>
<td>Event</td>
<td>Tie Event to Ground</td>
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<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Ground</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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</table>

Once the cable is wired to correspond with the event pulse requirements, configure the receiver to output the message containing a time mark – referenced to the time kept within the receiver indicating when the event is sensed (EVENTLATCH, EVENTLATCHA).

The EVENTLATCH and EVENTLATCHA messages are described in the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual (see Related Documents in the fore-matter).

The Event Input can be triggered on the Rising or Falling edge of the input pulse. Configuration is possible through the StarUtil 3000 program.
E. Networked Transport of RTCM Internet Protocol (NTRIP) Setup

Configure the SF-3050 for Wireless Connection

Perform these steps:

1. Connect the SF-3050 to the computer either on the USB port or the COM1 port.
2. Start StarUtil 3000 or another application that provides an Input Terminal.
3. Configure the SF-3050 as a rover:
   [RTKMODE] ROVER, RTCM, 1
4. Schedule the following messages:
   [OUTPUT] PVT1B, ONTIME, 1, USB1
   [OUTPUT] ECHODGPSB, ONCHANGE, ,,USB1
   [OUTPUT] RTKSTATUS1B, ONTIME, 1, USB1

   1. Configure the modem control parameters; for example, assuming T-Mobile as service provider, enter the following command on the Input Terminal
      [MODEMCONFIG] "", "", "1", 'IP', 'internet2.voicestream.com'"

         For providers other than T-Mobile, the APN 'internet2.voicestream.com' should be changed to the appropriate APN. If in doubt, sometimes a blank APN works.

Configure the NTRIP Server

Perform these steps:

1. Configure the SF-3050 to send corrections to the caster via the modem.
2. Connect to the caster:
   [NTRIPSERVER] CONNECT
3. Set RTKMODE to use the NTRIP virtual port as the port for sending the corrections:
   [RTKMODE] BASERTCM1004, ,,1,NTRIP, STATIC, AUTO

         BASERTCM1004 indicates the type of corrections to send.
4. Enter the following command to disconnect from the caster:
   [NTRIPSERVER] DISCONNECT

Refer to the Sapphire Technical Reference Manual for detailed instructions on the [ECHODGPSB], [MODEMCONFIG], [NTRIPSERVER], [NTRIPCLIENT], [OUTPUT], and [RTKMODE] commands.

Configure the NTRIP Client

Perform these steps:
1. Configure the SF-3050 to receive corrections from the caster via the modem.
2. Connect to the caster:
   \[\text{[NTRIPCLIENT]CONNECT}\]
3. Verify that the ECHODGPSB message indicates that RTCM 3.0 corrections are being received.
4. Verify that both the PVT1B and RTKSTATUS1B screens indicate that the navigation status achieves “RTK Dual Fixed: RTCM3-Dual Full”. This may take several seconds.
5. Enter the following command to disconnect from the caster:
   \[\text{[NTRIPCLIENT]DISCONNECT}\]

Refer to the *Sapphire Technical Reference Manual* for detailed instructions on the [ECHODGPSB], [MODEMCONFIG], [NTRIPCLIENT], [NTRIPSERVER], [OUTPUT], and [RTKMODE] commands.

- The NTRIP client and server cannot both be active at the same time. An error message will be displayed if any keyword other than a status request or DISCONNECT is issued to one while the other is active.

- To send or receive corrections via Ethernet instead of a modem, configure the SF-3050 for Ethernet.
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RoHS Certification

Description

RoHS (Restriction of Use of Hazardous Substances) regulations limit or ban specific substances – lead, cadmium, polybrominated biphenyl (PBB), mercury, hexavalent chromium, and polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants – in new electronic and electric equipment.

For Cadmium and Hexavalent chromium, there must be less than 0.01% of the substance by weight at raw homogeneous materials level. For Lead, PBB, and PBDE, there must be no more than 0.1% of the material, when calculated by weight at raw homogeneous materials. Any RoHS compliant component must have 100 ppm or less of mercury and the mercury must not have been intentionally added to the component.

The following components are RoHS compliant. They have been tested for RoHS controlled substances and found to be in accordance with RoHS regulations.

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RoHS 认证

说明

RoHS (危险物质的使用限制) 法规限制或禁止在新的电气和电子设备中使用特定物质，这些物质包括铅、镉、多溴二苯醚 (PBB)、汞、六价铬和多溴代二苯醚 (PBDE) 阻燃剂。

对于镉和六价铬，在原材料均匀级别下按重量计算物质含量必须低于 0.01%。对于铅、PBB 和 PBDE，在均匀的原材料水平下，按材料重量计算时的不能超过 0.1%。任何符合 RoHS 的部件汞含量必须小于等于 100 ppm，并且不能将汞故意添加到部件中。

下列部件符合 RoHS 技术规格。这些物质的测试结果显示它们是 RoHS 受控物质，并且符合 RoHS 法规的要求。

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Glossary

.yy files see meteorological files (where yy = two-digit year data was collected).
.yy files see navigation files (where yy = two digit year data was collected).
.yy files see observation files (where yy = two digit year data was collected).

almanac files an almanac file contains orbit information, clock corrections, and atmospheric delay parameters for all satellites tracked. It is transmitted to a receiver from a satellite and is used by mission planning software.

alt see altitude.

altitude vertical distance above the ellipsoid or geoid. It is always stored as height above ellipsoid in the GPS receiver but can be displayed as height above ellipsoid (HAE) or height above mean sea level (MSL).

Antenna Phase Center (APC) The point in an antenna where the GPS signal from the satellites is received. The height above ground of the APC must be measured accurately to ensure accurate GPS readings. The APC height can be calculated by adding the height to an easily measured point, such as the base of the antenna mount, to the known distance between this point and the APC.

APC see antenna phase center or phase center.

Autonomous positioning (GPS/GLONASS) a mode of operation in which a GNSS receiver computes position fixes in real time from satellite data alone, without reference to data supplied by a reference station or orbital clock corrections. Autonomous positioning is typically the least precise positioning procedure a GNSS receiver can perform, yielding position fixes that are precise to 100 meters with Selective Availability on, and 30 meters with S/A off.

azimuth the azimuth of a line is its direction as given by the angle between the meridian and the line measured in a clockwise direction from the north branch of the meridian.

base station see reference station.

baud rate (bits per second) the number of bits sent or received each second. For example, a baud rate of 9600 means there is a data flow of 9600 bits each second. One character roughly equals 10 bits.

bits per second see baud rate.

bps see baud rate.

BSW (British Standard Whitworth) a type of coarse screw thread. A 5/8" diameter BSW is the standard mount for survey instruments.

C/A code see Coarse Acquisition code.

CAN BUS a balanced (differential) 2-wire interface that uses an asynchronous transmission scheme. Often used for communications in vehicular applications.

channel a channel of a GPS receiver consists of the circuitry necessary to receive the signal for a single GPS satellite.

civilian code see Coarse Acquisition code.
Coarse Acquisition code (C/A or Civilian code) the pseudo-random code generated by GPS satellites. It is intended for civilian use and the accuracy of readings using this code can be degraded if selective availability (S/A) is introduced by the US Department of Defense.

COM# shortened form of the word Communications. Indicates a data communications port to/from the GPS sensor to a controller or data collection device.

Compact Measurement Record (CMR) a standard format for DGPS corrections used to transmit corrections from a reference station to rover sensors. See Related Standards in Notices.

camera a device consisting of hardware and software used to communicate and manipulate the I/O functions of the GPS sensor.

convergence period (StarFire) is the time necessary for the received StarFire signal corrections to be applied and the position filtered to optimal performance. The convergence period is typically 30 to 45 minutes to achieve <decimeter accuracy. This period may be overcome using the Quick Start method.

data files files that contain Proprietary, GPS, NMEA, RTCM, or any type of data logged from a GPS receiver.

datum A reference datum is a known and constant surface that can be used to describe the location of unknown points. Geodetic datums define the size and shape of the earth and the origin and orientation of the coordinate systems used to map the earth.

DB9P a type of electrical connector containing 9 contacts. The P indicates a plug pin (male).

DB9S a type of electrical connector containing 9 contacts. The S indicates a slot pin (female).

DCE Data Communications Equipment. Defined pin assignments based on the IEEE RS-232 signaling standard. See Figure 82:

![DTE to DCE RS-232 Pin Assignments](image)

Figure 120: DTE to DCE RS-232 Pin Assignments
DGPS see Differential GPS.

**Differential GPS (DGPS)** a positioning procedure that uses two receivers, a rover at an unknown location and a reference station at a known, fixed location. The reference station computes corrections based on the actual and observed ranges to the satellites being tracked. The coordinates of the unknown location can be computed with sub-meter level precision by applying these corrections to the satellite data received by the rover.

**Dilution of Precision (DOP)** a class of measures of the magnitude of error in GPS position fixes due to the orientation of the GPS satellites with respect to the GPS receiver. There are several DOPs to measure different components of the error. Note: this is a unitless value. see also PDOP.

DOP see *Dilution of Precision*.

**DTE** Data Terminal Equipment. See *DCE*.

**dual-frequency** a type of GPS receiver that uses both L1 and L2 signals from GPS satellites. A dual-frequency receiver can compute more precise position fixes over longer distances and under more adverse conditions because it compensates for ionospheric delays. The SF-3050 is a multi-frequency GNSS receiver.

**dynamic mode** when a GPS receiver operates in dynamic mode, it assumes that it is in motion and certain algorithms for GPS position fixing are enabled in order to calculate a tighter position fix.

**ECEF (Earth Centered Earth Fixed)** a Cartesian coordinate system used for GPS, sometimes known as a "conventional terrestrial" system.

**EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service)** a European satellite system used to augment the two military satellite navigation systems now operating, the US GPS and Russian GLONASS systems.

**elevation** distance above or below Local Vertical Datum.

**elevation mask** the lowest elevation, in degrees, at which a receiver can track a satellite. Measured from the horizon to zenith, 0° to 90°.

**ellipsoid** a mathematical figure approximating the Earth’s surface, generated by rotating an ellipse on its minor axis. GPS positions are computed relative to the WGS-84 ellipsoid. An ellipsoid has a smooth surface, which does not match the earth’s geoidal surface closely, so GPS altitude measurements can contain a large vertical error component. Conventionally surveyed positions usually reference a geoid, which has an undulating surface and approximates the earth’s surface more closely to minimize altitude errors.

**epoch** literally a period of time. This period of time is defined by the length of the said period.

**G1 carrier frequency** the primary L-Band carrier used by GLONASS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1603.00MHz.

**G2 carrier frequency** the secondary L-Band carrier used by GLONASS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1247.00MHz.
**GAGAN (GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation)** an Indian satellite system that provides a set of corrections for the GPS satellites, which are valid for the Indian region. They incorporate satellite orbit and clock corrections.

**geoid** the gravity-equipotential surface that best approximates mean sea level over the entire surface of the earth. The surface of a geoid is too irregular to use for GPS readings, which are measured relative to an ellipsoid. Conventionally surveyed positions reference a geoid. More accurate GPS readings can be obtained by calculating the distance between the geoid and ellipsoid at each position and subtracting this from the GPS altitude measurement.

**GIS (Geographical Information Systems)** a computer system capable of assembling, storing, manipulating, updating, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information, i.e. data identified according to their locations. GIS technology can be used for scientific investigations, resource management, and development planning. GIS software is used to display, edit, query and analyze all the graphical objects and their associated information.

**Global Positioning System (GPS)** geometrically, there can only be one point in space, which is the correct distance from each of four known points. GPS measures the distance from a point to at least four satellites from a constellation of 24 NAVSTAR satellites orbiting the earth at a very high altitude. These distances are used to calculate the point’s position.

**GLONASS (Global Orbiting Navigation Satellite System)** the Russian Federation’s GNSS system, managed by the Russian Space Forces (Russian: VKS). GLONASS uses the same concepts for positioning as GPS.

**GMT** see *Greenwich Mean Time*.

**GNSS** Global Navigation Satellite System.

**GPS** see *Global Positioning System*.

**GPS time** a measure of time. GPS time is based on UTC, but does not add periodic ‘leap seconds’ to correct for changes in the earth’s period of rotation. As of September 2002 GPS time is 13 seconds ahead of UTC.

**Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)** the local time of the 0° meridian passing through Greenwich, England.

**HAE** see *altitude*, and *ellipsoid*.

**IODC** Issue of Data, Clock - The IODC indicates the issue number of the data set and thereby provides the user with a convenient means of detecting any change in the correction parameters. The transmitted IODC will be different from any value transmitted by the satellite during the preceding seven days.

**JPL** Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

**Kbps** kilobits per second.

**L-Band** the group of radio frequencies extending from approximately 400MHz to approximately 1600MHz. The GPS carrier frequencies L1 (1575.4MHz) and L2 (1227.6 MHz) are in the L-Band range.
L1 carrier frequency the primary L-Band carrier used by GPS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1575.42MHz. It is modulated by C/A code, P-code, or Y-code, and a 50 bit/second navigation message. The bandwidth of this signal is 1.023MHz.

L2 carrier frequency the secondary L-Band carrier used by GPS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1227.6MHz. It is modulated by P-code, or Y-code, and a 50 bit/second navigation message. The bandwidth of this signal is 10.23MHz.

L2C carrier frequency a L-Band carrier used by GPS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1227.6MHz. It is identical to L2 carrier frequency except that it is also modulated by C/A code, which provides a narrower band and is easier to track.

L5 carrier frequency a L-Band carrier used by GPS satellites to transmit satellite data. The frequency is 1176.45MHz. Like L2, L5 better characterizes the ionosphere and the atmosphere.

lat see latitude.

latitude (lat) the north/south component of the coordinate of a point on the surface on the earth; expressed in angular measurement from the plane of the equator to a line from the center of the earth to the point of interest. Often abbreviated as Lat.

LED acronym for Light Emitting Diode.

LEMO a type of data or power connector.

LES Land Earth Station the point on the earth’s surface where data is up linked to a satellite.

logging interval the frequency at which positions generated by the receiver are logged to data files.

lon see longitude.

longitude (long) the east/west component of the coordinate of a point on the surface of the earth; expressed as an angular measurement from the plane that passes through the earth’s axis of rotation and the 0° meridian and the plane that passes through the axis of rotation and the point of interest. Often abbreviated as Long.

Mean Sea Level (MSL) a vertical surface that represents sea level.

meridian one of the lines joining the north and south poles at right angles to the equator, designated by degrees of longitude, from 0° at Greenwich to 180°.

meteorological (YYm) files one of the three file types that make up the RINEX file format. Where YY indicates the last two digits of the year the data was collected. A meteorological file contains atmospheric information.

MSAS (MTSAT Satellite-based Augmentation System) a Japanese satellite system that provides a set of corrections for the GPS satellites, which are valid for the Japanese region. They incorporate satellite orbit and clock corrections.

MSL see Mean Sea Level.

Multi-Frequency-GNSS Receiver a type of receiver that is capable of using multiple signals, for example, GPS (L1, L2, L2C, L5), GLONASS (G1, G2), StarFire L-band, SBAS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN), and QZSS signals. The use of multiple signals
provides compensation for ionospheric effects. In addition, reception of multiple signals provides redundancy that results in a more stable navigation solution during adverse conditions.

**multipath error** a positioning error resulting from interference between radio waves that has traveled between the transmitter and the receiver by two paths of different electrical lengths.

**navigation (.YYn) files** one of the three file types that make up the *RINEX* file format. Where YY indicates the last two digits of the year the data was collected. A navigation file contains satellite position and time information.

**OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer)** is typically a company that uses a component made by a second company in its own product, or sells the product of the second company under its own brand. The specific meaning of the term varies in different contexts.

**observation (.YYo) files** one of the three file types that make up the *RINEX* file format. Where YY indicates the last two digits of the year the data was collected. An observation file contains raw GPS position information.

**P/N** Part Number.

**P-code** the extremely long pseudo-random code generated by a *GPS* satellite. It is intended for use only by the U.S. military, so it can be encrypted to Y-code deny unauthorized users access.

**parity** a method of detecting communication errors by adding an extra parity bit to a group of bits. The parity bit can be a 0 or 1 value so that every byte will add up to an odd or even number (depending on whether odd or even parity is chosen).

**PDA** Personal Digital Assistant.

**PDOP** see *Position Dilution of Precision*.

**PDOP mask** the highest PDOP value at which a receiver computes positions.

**phase center** the point in an antenna where the GPS signal from the satellites is received. The height above ground of the phase center must be measured accurately to ensure accurate GPS readings. The phase center height can be calculated by adding the height to an easily measured point, such as the base of the antenna mount, to the known distance between this point and the phase center.

**Position** the latitude, longitude, and *altitude* of a point. An estimate of error is often associated with a position.

**Position Dilution of Precision (PDOP)** a measure of the magnitude of Dilution of Position (DOP) errors in the x, y, and z coordinates.

**Positronic** a type of data or power connector.

**Post-processing** a method of differential data correction, which compares data logged from a known reference point to data logged by a roving receiver over the same period of time. Variations in the position reported by the reference station can be used to correct the positions logged by the roving receiver. Post-processing is performed after you have
collected the data and returned to the office, rather than in real time as you log the data, so it can use complex calculations to achieve greater accuracy.

**Precise code** see *P-code.*

**PRN (Uppercase)** typically indicates a *GPS* satellite number sequence from 1 – 32. **prn (Lower Case)** see Pseudorandom Noise.

**Protected code** see *P-code.*

**Proprietary commands** those messages sent to and received from GPS equipment produced by NavCom Technology, Inc. own copyrighted binary language.

**pseudo-random noise (prn)** a sequence of data that appears to be randomly distributed but can be exactly reproduced. Each GPS satellite transmits a unique PRN in its signals. GPS receivers use PRNs to identify and lock onto satellites and to compute their pseudoranges.

**Pseudorange** the apparent distance from the reference station’s antenna to a satellite, calculated by multiplying the time the signal takes to reach the antenna by the speed of light (radio waves travel at the speed of light). The actual distance, or range, is not exactly the same because various factors cause errors in the measurement.

**PVT** GNSS information depicting Position, Velocity, Time in the NCT proprietary message format.

**Quick Start** (StarFire) a startup mode that allows instant <decimeter accuracy with received StarFire signals, allowing the convergence period to be waived. The Quick Start (user input) position should have an accuracy of better <decimeter to achieve maximum results. Any error in the user input position will bias the StarFire position error accordingly, until convergence can correct the bias. In this scenario, convergence may take longer than the typical startup convergence period.

**QZSS** Quasi Zenith Satellite System.

**Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services** see *RTCM.*

**range** the distance between a satellite and a GPS receiver’s antenna. The range is approximately equal to the pseudorange. However, errors can be introduced by atmospheric conditions which slow down the radio waves, clock errors, irregularities in the satellite’s orbit, and other factors. A GPS receiver’s location can be determined if you know the ranges from the receiver to at least four GPS satellites. Geometrically, there can only be one point in space, which is the correct distance from each of four known points.

**RCP** a NavCom Technology, Inc. proprietary processing technique in which carrier phase measurements, free of Ionospheric and Troposphere effects are used for navigation.

**Real-Time Kinematic (RTK)** a GNSS system that yields very accurate 3D position fixes immediately in real-time. The base station transmits its GNSS position to roving receivers as the receiver generates them, and the roving receivers use the base station readings to differentially correct their own positions. Accuracies of a few centimeters in all three dimensions are possible. RTK requires multi-frequency GNSS receivers and high speed radio modems.
reference station a reference station collects GNSS data for a fixed, known location. Some of the errors in the GNSS positions for this location can be applied to positions recorded at the same time by roving receivers which are relatively close to the reference station. A reference station is used to improve the quality and accuracy of GNSS data collected by roving receivers.

RHCP Right Hand Circular Polarization used to discriminate satellite signals. GNSS signals are RHCP.

RINEX (Receiver Independent Exchange) is a file set of standard definitions and formats designed to be receiver or software manufacturer independent and to promote the free exchange of GNSS data. The RINEX file format consists of separate files, the three most commonly used are:

- the observation (.YYo) file,
- the navigation (.YYn) file,
- meteorological (.YYm) files; where YY indicates the last two digits of the year the data was collected.

rover any mobile GNSS receiver and field computer collecting data in the field. A roving receiver’s position can be differentially corrected relative to a stationary reference GNSS receiver or by using GNSS orbit and clock corrections from a SBAS such as StarFire.

roving receiver see rover.

RTCM (Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services) a standard format for Differential GNSS corrections used to transmit corrections from a base station to rovers. RTCM allows both real-time kinematic (RTK) data collection and post-processed differential data collection. RTCM SC-104 (RTCM Special Committee 104) is the most commonly used version of RTCM message.

RTK see Real-time kinematic.

RTG Real Time GIPSY, a processing technique developed by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory to provide a single set of real time global corrections for the GPS satellites.

S/A see Selective Availability.

SBAS (Satellite Based Augmentation System) this is a more general term, which encompasses WAAS, StarFire and EGNOS type corrections.

Selective Availability (S/A) is the deliberate degradation of the GPS signal by encrypting the P-code and dithering the satellite clock. When the US Department of Defense uses S/A, the signal contains errors, which can cause positions to be inaccurate by as much as 100 meters.

Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) is a measure of a satellite’s signal strength.

SNR see signal-to-noise Ratio.

StarFire a set of real-time global orbit and clock corrections for GPS satellites. StarFire equipped receivers are capable of real-time decimeter positioning (see Appendix C).
Spread Spectrum Radio (SSR)  a radio that uses wide band, noise like (pseudo-noise) signals that are hard to detect, intercept, jam, or demodulate making any data transmitted secure. Because spread spectrum signals are so wide, they can be transmitted at much lower spectral power density (Watts per Hertz), than narrow band signals.

**SV (Space Vehicle)** a GPS satellite.

**Universal Time Coordinated (UTC)** a time standard maintained by the US Naval Observatory, based on local solar mean time at the Greenwich meridian. GPS time is based on UTC.

**USB** Universal Serial Bus.

**UTC** see *Universal Time Coordinated*.

**WAAS** (Wide Area Augmentation System) a US satellite system that provides a set of corrections for the GPS satellites, which are valid for the North American region. They incorporate satellite orbit and clock corrections.

**WADGPS** (Wide Area Differential GPS) a set of corrections for the GPS satellites, which are valid for a wide geographic area.

**WGS-84 (World Geodetic System 1984)** the current standard datum for global positioning and surveying. The WGS-84 is based on the GRS-80 ellipsoid.

**Y-code** the name given to encrypted P-code when the U.S. Department of Defense uses selective availability.