GPS10e3: GPS Disciplined Frequency Standard



Key Features

- 10 MHz Sine & Square Outputs
- 1 pps Output aligned to UTC
- All outputs locked to GPS Satellites
- Accuracy to parts in 10⁻¹² (1 week)
- Never needs calibration
- 19" Rack Mount Case

- Low Price and High Quality Construction
- 5 or 10 sinewave outputs
- Locking to GPS, external 10 MHz or 1 pps
- RS232 port with NMEA-0183 output
- Many Options Available
- Supplied with GPS Antenna and 5m of cable.

General Description

TEST SYSTEMS

The GPS10e3 is a low cost 10 MHz, GPS disciplined, frequency standard. The above picture shows the 19" rack mount version, but a smaller bench mount case is also available. The GPS10e3 uses the Global Positioning Service (GPS) set of satellites to discipline a TXCO or OXCO crystal oscillator. Long-term frequency accuracy of parts in 10^{-12} is achieved.

Applications

- Calibration of Frequency Counters and other test equipment
- Frequency Reference for DTV, DAB, VHF, UHF, CDMA, Tetra etc
- Production frequency reference
- Network Time Protocol in Banks, Financial companies, utilities, 2 way radio workshops, TV studios.

Outputs

There are five 10 MHz, sinewave outputs, a 10 MHz CMOS squarewave output, a switchable squarewave output and a 1 pps (pulse per second) output. The 1 pps output is aligned to UTC time within \pm 20 ns (typical). Options to increase the outputs to ten are available.

RS232 and USB Interface

A RS232 interface allows interrogation of the GPS10e3. Optional USB or Ethernet converters are available. Software is available to display the GPS receiver's status. The GPS10e3 outputs the NMEA-0183 protocol.

External Locking

The GPS10e3 can either lock to the GPS satellite system, an external 10 MHz signal or an external 1 pps signal. A mode switch selects what locking method to use. A "Multi" mode allows the GPS10e3 to automatically lock to any of the

external references signals, selecting the GPS signal first, then if that's not available the external 10 MHz, then if that's not available, the external 1 pps signal.

Options

- Antenna Amplifier allowing the GPS antenna to be placed up to 350 m away from the GPS10e3.
- Fixed or variables frequency outputs, up to 10 GHz. E.g. 0 1640 MHz in 0.01 Hz steps.
- USB Interfaces, Ethernet Interface and Alarm Relay Output.
- Redundancy. Two units operate together with automatic switchover if one unit fails.
- Higher stability oscillators. TXCO is standard. OXCO or rubidium is optional.

Software

Free window software is available to continuously monitor the GPS10e3. A screen print-out of the software is shown below



GPS10e3 Specifications			
Description	Specification	Remarks	
Outputs			
Sinewave Output Frequency	10 MHz	Other frequencies optionally available	
Squarewave Output Frequency 1	10 MHz	Other frequencies optionally available	
Squarewave Output Frequency 2	1 pps	Aligned to UTC time \pm 30 ns.	
Squarewave Output Frequency 3	10, 5, 2, 1, 0.1 MHz and 1 pps	Switchable by front panel switch	
Allan Deviation when locked to GPS Satellites (typical TXCO / OXCO)			
Observation Time 1 seconds	$< 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ / $< 5 \times 10^{-11}$	GPS10E3 in full lock for > 1 week. > 3	
Observation Time 10 seconds	$< 6 \times 10^{-11}$ / $< 3 \times 10^{-11}$	satellites in view. Ambient temperature	
Observation Time 100 seconds	$<2 \times 10^{-11}$ / $<1 \times 10^{-11}$	0 °C to +40 °C. Temperature change less	
Observation Time 1 week	$< 1 \times 10^{-12}$ / $< 1 \times 10^{-12}$	than 1 °C per hour	
Output Drift when GPS10E3 NOT Locked to GPS Satellites (Holdover TXCO / OXCO)			
Drift due to aging	$< 5 \times 10^{-7}$ per day / $< 2 \times 10^{-9}$ per day	Optional to $2 \ge 10^{-10}$ per day available	
	$< 2 \times 10^{-6}$ per year / $< 8 \times 10^{-8}$ per year		
Drift due to temperature	$< 5 \times 10^{-7}$ / $< 2 \times 10^{-8}$	Relative to 25 °C	
GPS Receiver			
Number of Channels / Frequency	12 parallel @ 1575.42 MHz	Simultaneous operation. L1 Frequency	
Acquisition Time / Positioning Accuracy	< 50 s typical / < 25 m	With current position / time data. No SA	
Jamming Immunity	-79 dBm @ 1575.42 MHz	Measured at active antenna input	
Antenna	Active micro strip patch	Powered by GPS10e3. Waterproof	
Datum	WGS-84		
Miscellaneous			
Operating Temperature	0 °C to +50 °C		
Storage Temperature	-20 °C to +60°C		
Power Inlet	9 - 12 VDC		
Interface	RS232 @ 38400 baud	NMEA-0183 output message	
Dimensions (rack mount version)	483 mm wide x 300 mm deep x 44 mm high	Battery backup optionally available	
Supplied Accessories	Antenna, AC Power Adapter, Manual	19" Rack Mount Case, 1U height	
Options			
Option 01B	Additional five sinewave outputs		
Option 03:	Redundancy		
Option 04:	Upgrade oscillator from TXCO to OXCO		
Option 05:	LCD Display and switchboard.		
Option 09A/ Option 09B	IRIG-B Output / IRIG-B Input		
Option 38:	NTP Server		
Consult Precision Test Systems	for further details of other options. Not all optio	ns can be fitted at the same time.	

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