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M3126

66 Channels Ultra High Sensitivity GPS Module

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The M3126 features high sensitivity, ultra low power consumption; compact size GPS module designed for a wide variety of OEM applications.

It is based on the latest MTK's MT3329 high sensitivity single chip all in one solution which equipped with the most up to date signal processing technique, such as anti-jamming and multi-path error correction.

With 66 search channels and 22 simultaneous tracking channels, it acquires and tracks satellites in the shortest time even at low signal levels and offers up to 5Hz navigation updates. The M3126 meets the sensitivity and accuracy requirements of car navigation as well as other location based applications, such as AVL system, handheld navigator, or any battery operated navigation systems.

This superior hardware capability combined with software intelligence makes the board easy to be integrated and used in all kinds of navigation applications or portable products.

MAIN FEATURES

- Built-in the latest MTK MT3329 GPS single chip
- ARM7 based application processor
- High sensitivity: -165dBm tracking
- Channels: 66 acquisition/22 simultaneous tracking
- Cold/Warm/Hot Start time: <35/<34/<1.5 seconds (Autonomous)
- Low power consumption (~40mA typ. @3.3V in tracking mode)
- Multi-path detection and correction for accurate navigation in harsh urban canyon
- Support SBAS WAAS, EGNOS, and MSAS (optional)
- Up to 5Hz update rate (optional)
- 1PPS GPS time reference (optional)
- Compact board size: 31.0x26.0x4.0mm (wafer connector not included)
- Support standard NMEA-0183 V3.01 and backward compliance
- Ceramic patch antenna (2mm) on top
- Support patch antenna only
- RoHS compliant

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Chipset Characteristics

General

Frequency L1, 1575.42 MHz C/A code 1.023 MHz chip rate

Channels 66 acquisition/22 simultaneous tracking

Sensitivity

Tracking -165dBm
Autonomous Acquisition -148dBm
Reacquisition -157dBm

Accuracy

Position Without aid: 3m 2D-RMS; DGPS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, RTCM): 2.5m Velocity Without aid: 0.1m/s; DGPS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, RTCM): 0.05m/s Acceleration Without aid: 0.1m/s²; DGPS (WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, RTCM): 0.05m/s²

Time <100ns

Datum

Default WGS-84 (default)

Other TOY-A, TOY-M, User Define, ...total 223 datum

Acquisition Rate (Open sky,

stationary requirements)

Hot start <1.5sec, average
Warm start <34sec, average
Cold start <35sec, average

Re-acquisition <1sec

Update rate 5Hz (optional); default setting 1Hz

Dynamic Conditions

Altitude 18,000m max.

Velocity 515m/s max.

Acceleration 4g, max.

Jerk 4m/s³, max.

Power

Main power input voltage 3.3±10% VDC input

Backup voltage $1.5 \sim 4.2 \text{ VDC}$ Current consumption in acquisition $\sim 50 \text{mA}$ (@3.3V) Current consumption in tracking $\sim 40 \text{mA}$ (@3.3V)

Backup current consumption@1.5V 2µA at 25°C

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (CONT.)

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Signal output One full duplex serial communication, TTL interface

Available baud rates 4800/9600/19200/38400/57600/115200bps

Protocols NMEA-0183 V3.01; RTCM; MTK NMEA command; Network Assistance

Messages

Default NMEA GGA, GLL, GSA, GSV, RMC, VTC and ZDA

1PPS 2.8V CMOS level

Recommended External

Antenna Specification

Gain 20dB (including cable loss)

Noise figure 1.5dB

Current $3 \sim 30 \text{mA}$ Operate Voltage $2.5 \sim 2.8 \text{V}$

Environmental Characteristics

Operating temperature range -30°C to $+65^{\circ}\text{C}$ Storage temperature range -40°C to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

Operating humidity 5% ~ 95% (non-condensing)

Physical Characteristics

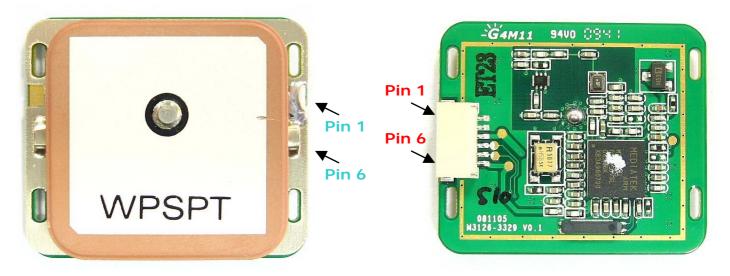
Dimension 31.0x26.0x4.0mm

Weight 8.2g (module only); cable: 0.4g

All specifications are subject to change without notice

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M3126 PINOUT

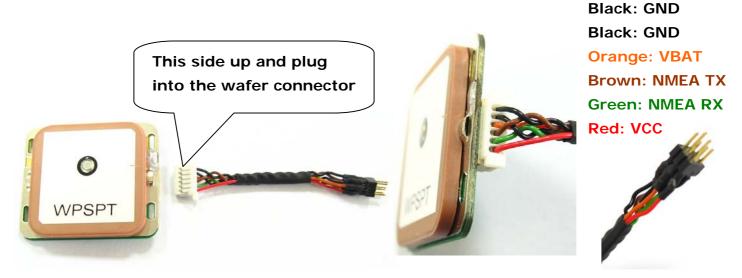


M3126 Pin out

Pin #	Description
1	GND
2	GND
3	RTC VCC (VBAT; backup)
4	NMEA TX
5	NMEA RX
6	VCC_IN

NOTE 1: The VBAT (Pin 3, Backup Battery Input) is needed otherwise the module can not start up properly.

NOTE 2: The module has equipped with a 2.5V reset IC, power up reset will be performed automatically every time when starting up.



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APPLICATIONS

The M3126 is a high performance, ultra low power consumption GPS module. The applications are as below:

- Car navigation
- GPS wrist watch
- Solar operated device
- Marine navigation
- Fleet management
- AVL and Location-Based Services
- Radar detector with GPS function
- Hand-held device for personal positioning and navigation
- Ideal for PDA, Pocket PC and other computing devices for GPS application

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SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS

M3126 NMEA Protocol

The M3126 software is capable of supporting the following NMEA message formats:

NMEA Message Prefix	Format	Direction
GGA	GPS fix data	Out
GLL	Geographic position Latitude / Longitude	Out
GSA	GNSS DOP and actives satellites	Out
GSV	Satellites in view	Out
RMC	Recommended minimum specific GNSS data	Out
VTG	Velocity and track over ground	Out
ZDA	Date and time	Out

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GENERAL NMEA FORMAT

The general NMEA format consists of an ASCII string commencing with a '\$' character and terminating with a <CR><LF> sequence. NMEA standard messages commence with 'GP' then a 3-letter message identifier. The message header is followed by a comma delimited list of fields optionally terminated with a checksum consisting of an asterisk '*' and a 2 digit hex value representing the checksum. There is no comma preceding the checksum field. When present, the checksum is calculated as a bitwise exclusive of the characters between the '\$' and '*'. As an ASCII representation, the number of digits in each number will vary depending on the number and precision, hence the record length will vary. Certain fields may be omitted if they are not used, in which case the field position is reserved using commas to ensure correct interpretation of subsequent fields.

The tables below indicate the maximum and minimum widths of the fields to allow for buffer size allocation.

\$GPGGA

This message transfers global positioning system fix data. The \$GPGGA message structure is shown below:

Field	Format	Min chars	Max chars	Notes
Message	\$GPGGA	6	6	GGA protocol header.
ID				
UTC Time	hhmmss.sss	2,2,2.3	2,2,2.3	Fix time to 1ms accuracy.
Latitude	float	3,2.4	3,2.4	Degrees * 100 + minutes.
N/S	char	1	1	N=north or S=south
Indicator				
Longitude	float	3,2.4	3,2.4	Degree * 100 + minutes.
E/W	Char	1	1	E=east or W=west
indicator				
Position Fix	Int	1	1	0: Fix not available or invalid.
Indictor				1: GPS SPS mode. Fix available.
Satellites	Int	2	2	Number of satellites used to calculate fix.
Used		_	_	
HDOP	Float	1.1	3.1	Horizontal Dilution of Precision.

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MSL	Float	1.1	5.1	Altitude above mean seal level
Altitude				
Units	Char	1	1	M Stands for "meters".
Geoid	Int	(0) 1	4	Separation from Geoids can be blank.
Separation				
Units	Char	1	1	M Stands for "meters".
Age of	int	(0) 1	5	Age in seconds Blank (Null) fields when DGPS is
Differential				not used.
Corrections				
Diff	int	4	4	0000.
Reference				
Corrections				
Checksum	*XX	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message	<cr> <lf></lf></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.
terminator				

\$GPGLL

This message transfers Geographic position, Latitude, Longitude, and time. The \$GPGLL message structure is shown below:

Field	Format	Min chars	Max chars	Notes
Message ID	\$GPGLL	6	6	GLL protocol header.
Latitude	Float	1,2.1	3,2.4	Degree * 100 + minutes.
N/S Indicator	Char	1	1	N=north or S=south.
Longitude	Float	1,2.1	3,2.4	Degree * 100 + minutes.
E/W indicator	Character	1	1	E=east or W=west.
UTC Time	hhmmss.sss	1,2,2.1	2,2,2.3	Fix time to 1ms accuracy.
Status	Char	1	1	A Data Valid.
				V Data invalid.
Mode Indicator	Char	1	1	A Autonomous
Checksum	*xx	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message terminator	<cr><lf></lf></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.

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\$GPGSA

This message transfers DOP and active satellites information. The \$GPGSA message structure is shown

Field	Format	Min	Max chars	Notes
		chars		
Message ID	\$GPGSA	6	6	GSA protocol header.
Mode	Char	1	1	M Manual, forced to operate in selected
				mode.
				An Automatic switching between modes.
Mode	Int	1	1	1 Fix not available.
				2 2D position fix.
				3 3D position fix.
Satellites Used	Int	2	2	SV on channel 1.
Satellites Used	Int	2	2	SV on channel 2.
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Satellites Used	Int	2	2	SV on channel 12.
PDOP	Float	1.1	3.1	
HDOP	Float	1.1	3.1	
VDOP	Float	1.1	3.1	
Checksum	*xx	0	3	2 digits
Message	<cr></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10
terminator	<lf></lf>			

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\$GPGSV

This message transfers information about satellites in view. The \$GPGSV message structure is shown below. Each record contains the information for up to 4 channels, allowing up to 12 satellites in view. In the final record of the sequence the unused channel fields are left blank with commas to indicate that a field has been omitted.

Field	Format	Min	Max chars	Notes
		chars		
Message ID	\$GPGSV	6	6	GSA protocol header.
Number of	Int	1	1	Number of messages in the message
messages				sequence from 1 to 3.
Message number	Int	1	1	Sequence number of this message in
				current sequence, form 1 to 3.
Satellites in view	Int	1	2	Number of satellites currently in view.
Satellite Id	Int	2	2	Satellite vehicle 1.
Elevation	Int	1	3	Elevation of satellite in degrees.
Azimuth	Int	1	3	Azimuth of satellite in degrees.
SNR	Int	(0) 1	2	Signal to noise ration in dBHz, null if the
				sv is not in tracking.
Satellite Id	Int	2	2	Satellite vehicle 2.
Elevation	Int	1	3	Elevation of satellite in degrees.
Azimuth	Int	1	3	Azimuth of satellite in degrees.
SNR	Int	(0) 1	2	Signal to noise ration in dBHz, null if the
				sv is not in tracking.
Satellite Id	Int	2	2	Satellite vehicle 3.
Elevation	Int	1	3	Elevation of satellite in degrees.
Azimuth	Int	1	3	Azimuth of satellite in degrees.
SNR	Int	(0) 1	2	Signal to noise ration in dBHz, null if the
				sv is not in tracking.
Satellite Id	Int	2	2	Satellite vehicle 4.
Elevation	Int	1	3	Elevation of satellite in degrees.
Azimuth	Int	1	3	Azimuth of satellite in degrees.
SNR	Int	(0) 1	2	Signal to noise ration in dBHz, null if the
				sv is not in tracking.
Checksum	*xx	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message	<cr></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.
terminator	<lf></lf>			

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\$GPRMC

This message transfers recommended minimum specific GNSS data. The \$GPRMC message format is shown below.

Field	Format	Min chars	Max chars	Notes
Message ID	\$GPRMC	6	6	RMC protocol header.
UTC Time	hhmmss.sss	1,2,2.1	2,2,2.3	Fix time to 1ms accuracy.
Status	char	1	1	A Data Valid.
				V Data invalid.
Latitude	Float	1,2.1	3,2.4	Degrees * 100 + minutes.
N/S Indicator	Char	1	1	N=north or S=south.
Longitude	Float	1,2.1	3,2.4	Degrees * 100 + minutes.
E/W indicator	Char	1	1	E=east or W=west.
Speed over	Float	1,1	5.3	Speed over ground in knots.
ground				
Course over	Float	1.1	3.2	Course over ground in degrees.
ground				
Date	ddmmyy	2,2,2	2,2,2	Current date.
Magnetic	Blank	(0)	(0)	Not used.
variation				
E/W indicator	Blank	(0)	(0)	Not used.
Mode	Char	1	1	A Autonomous
Checksum	*xx	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message	<cr> <lf></lf></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.
terminator				

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\$GPVTG

This message transfers Velocity, course over ground, and ground speed. The \$GPVTG message format is shown below.

Field	Format	Min	Max	Notes
		chars	chars	
Message ID	\$GPVTG	6	6	VTG protocol header.
Course (true)	Float	1.1	3.2	Measured heading in degrees.
Reference	Char	1	1	T = true heading.
Course	Float	1.1	3.2	Measured heading (blank).
(magnetic)				
Reference	Char	1	1	M = magnetic heading.
Speed	Float	1.1	4.2	Speed in knots.
Units	Char	1	1	N = knots.
Speed	Float	1.1	4.2	Speed
units	Char	1	1	K = Km/h.
Mode	Char	1	1	A Autonomous
Checksum	*xx	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message	<cr></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.
terminator	<lf></lf>			

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\$GPZDA

This message transfers UTC Time and Date. Since the latency of preparing and transferring the message is variable, and the time does not refer to a particular position fix, the second precision is reduced to 2 decimal places. The \$GPZGA message format is shown below.

Field	Format	Min chars	Max chars	Notes
Message ID	\$GPZDA	6	6	ZDA protocol header.
Wessage 1D		O	0	ZDA protocor neader.
UTC time	hhmmss.SS	2,2,2.2	2,2,2.2	00000000.00 to 235959.99
UTC day	dd	2	2	01 to 31, day of month.
UTC month	mm	2	2	01 to 12.
UTC Year	уууу	4	4	1989-9999.
Local zone hours	Int	(-)2	(-)2	Offset of local time zone (-13) to 13.
Local zone	Unsigned	2	2	
minutes				
Checksum	*xx	(0) 3	3	2 digits.
Message	<cr></cr>	2	2	ASCII 13, ASCII 10.
terminator	<lf></lf>			

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