

# TIM-EK, SAM-EK

## **GPS Evaluation Unit**

## SiRFstar™ II Positioning Engine

The TIM-EK and SAM-EK are ready-to-go starter kits that allows fast and easy evaluation of the SiRFstar™ II based TIM GPS receiver and SAM Smart Antenna. Get a feel for the capabilities of the innovative u-blox GPS technology.

## TIM-EK:



## SAM-EK:



#### Overview

The evaluation kit provides everything you need to evaluate, test and configure the SiRFstar™ II based TIM products in your application. It is equally suitable for real-time testing in the field or static testing on the laboratory.

The TIM-EK includes an Evaluation Unit that contains the TIM macro-component GPS receiver and the powerful evaluation software u-center. The SAM-EK comes with a SAM Smart Antenna. The Evaluation Unit provides two serial ports to connect to a PC to allow easy monitoring of the current status of the GPS receiver. A variety of visualization and configuration functions allow quick and easy evaluation of the receiver.

#### Hardware (TIM-EK and SAM-EK)

- Evaluation Unit containing u-blox TIM GPS receiver
  - TIM GPS receiver
  - Dual RS-232 serial line transceivers
  - Lithium battery to deliver lifetime battery backup
  - DB9 serial connectors
  - Suitable for use with 12 V car battery system
- Active GPS antenna with SMA connector
- 100-240 VAC power adapter

## Hardware (TIM-EK only)

• TIM GPS receiver inside Evaluation Unit

## Hardware (SAM-EK only)

- SAM Smart Antenna module
- Adapter kit to connect SAM to the Evaluation Unit

#### Software

- · u-center GPS Evaluation Software for Windows
- Firmware upgrade utility to configure firmware parameters and download firmware to the TIM
- u-Logger2 to configure data logger and carry out uploads

#### **Documentation**

- TIM-EK User's Guide
  - Getting started
  - Description of Evaluation Kit (external and internal interfaces and features)
- Firmware updates
- u-center User's Guide
- Protocol Specification
- GPS Basics Introductory manual about GPS

your position is our focus



## **Specifications**

### **Evaluation Unit**



#### **Receiver Performance Data**

**Receiver Type** 12 channel,

L1 frequency, C/A code

Max. Update Rate 1 Hz

Accuracy Position 4 m CEP DGPS 2 m CEP 1

Start-up Times Hot start 2-8 s Warm start 38 s

Cold start 45 s

**Signal reacquisition** 100 ms

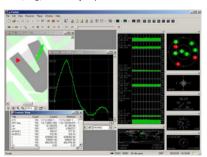
**Dynamics** < 4 g

Operational Limits COCOM restrictions apply

Serial Interfaces 2 x RS-232 Power Supply 9 – 18V

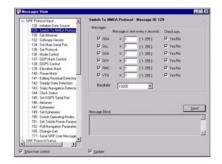
## u-center

The u-center GPS Evaluation Software provides system integrators and end users with a quick and simple way to interface with a u-blox OEM board or sensor product in order to test performance and develop an integrated system. u-center allows easy connection to u-blox products and provides a suite of features to view, log, and analyze performance.



## Configuration

u-center lets you configure the GPS receiver easily. All supported input/output protocols (NMEA and SiRE® binary) can be observed and edited in the Message View.



#### Visualization

A quick look at a trace on a map tells us a lot about the GPS receiver's performance. u-center lets you put your position on a map. Take a picture file of a map and calibrate it.



## **Testing**

A variety of statistics are calculated by u-center, these can be visualized in histograms or tabular views.



#### **Ordering Information**

TEK-ST-0-000-0 TIM-EK – TIM Evaluation Kit

SEK-ST-0-000-0 SAM-EK – SAM Evaluation Kit

SAB-ST-0-000-0 SAM Adapter Kit to connect SAM to TIM Evaluation Kit

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